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BJP, Congress lodge complaints with EC over Ansari's comment on Sita



Ranchi, October 26: A major controversy arose over comments made by Jharkhand Minister and Congress candidate for Jamtara, Irfan Ansari. Both the BJP and Congress on Saturday have filed complaints with the Election Commission, with the BJP accusing Ansari of using derogatory language against Sita Soren, the party's candidate from Jamtara.

The Congress, in turn, has accused the BJP of misrepresenting Ansari's statements. On October 24, after filing his nomination papers, Ansari allegedly made disparaging remarks about BJP candidate Sita Soren, calling her a "borrowed player" and "rejected," while suggesting that the BJP "hijacks" such candidates. Following the viral spread of his comments, Sita Soren demanded an apology, accusing Ansari of crossing all bounds with his language.

She stated, "Candidate Irfan Ansari will have to apologize for the indecent language he used towards me in front of the media immediately after nomination. He has previously made personal remarks about me, but this time he has truly crossed all limits."

BJP leaders, including state president and former Chief Minister Babulal Marandi, condemned Ansari's remarks, further escalating the controversy.

In response to the growing uproar, Ansari claimed his words had been misrepresented, alleging that the video had been edited to create a misleading narrative. "An edited video has been circulated among the public. In the original video, I didn't even mention Sita Soren's name. This cropped version is meant to spread lies against me. This is BJP's machination. After she joined the BJP, she has stooped to this level to mislead the people of Jamtara and tarnish my reputation," he stated.

Ansari has threatened to file a defamation suit of Rs100 crore against the BJP and Sita Soren.

The BJP, led by Sudhir Srivastava, filed a formal complaint with the Chief Electoral Officer in Ranchi on Saturday, demanding Ansari's expulsion from the state until the assembly elections, the cancellation of his nomination, and the registration of a criminal case. Shortly after, a Congress delegation, including Kishore Nath Shahdev, Rajesh Gupta, and Imran Ansari, submitted a letter to the Chief Electoral Officer, accusing the BJP of defamation and requesting appropriate action.

Israeli military launches strikes on military targets in Iran



Dubai, Oct 26 (IANS) Israel launched airstrikes early Saturday targeting what it described as military targets in Iran in retaliation for a ballistic missile assault on October 1, officials said.

There was no immediate information on damage in Iran.

Israel's military described the attack as "precise strikes on military targets in Iran," without immediately elaborating.

"The regime in Iran and its proxies in the region have been relentlessly attacking Israel since October 7 -- on seven fronts -- including direct attacks from Iranian soil," an Israeli military statement said.

"Like every other sovereign country in the world, the State of Israel has the right and the duty to respond."

In Tehran, the Iranian capital, the sound of explosions could be heard, with state-run media there initially acknowledging the blasts and saying some of the sounds came from air defence systems around the city.

Meanwhile, state media in Syria described its air defences as targeting "hostile targets" there as well.

Iran has launched two ballistic missile attacks on Israel in recent months amid the ongoing Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip that began with the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, 2023.

BJP appoints Ravindra Kumar Ray as Jharkhand working president



Ranchi, October 26: As the Jharkhand Assembly election campaign intensifies, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has announced a significant organizational change within the state. On Saturday, the party high command appointed former MP Dr. Ravindra Kumar Ray as the Working President of the BJP's Jharkhand unit.

The appointment was confirmed by BJP National General Secretary and headquarters in-charge Arun Singh in an official release. Singh stated, "BJP National President Jagat Prakash Nadda has appointed Dr. Ravindra Kumar Ray, former MP, as the Working President of BJP Jharkhand State. This appointment takes effect immediately."

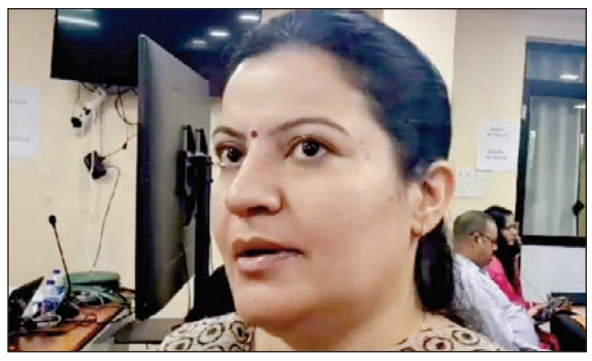
Dr. Ray is a well-known figure within the Jharkhand BJP, having previously served as an MLA, MP, and Minister in the state government. His political journey began as a member of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. He has also worked as a college lecturer and previously held the position of state president of Jharkhand.

After the formation of Jharkhand, he served as a Minister in the government led by Babulal Marandi. His new role as Working President is seen as a strategic move by the BJP leadership to convey a strong message to supporters, voters, and veteran party members.

This appointment is expected to enhance the state unit's daily operations, especially with current state President Babulal Marandi contesting the Dhanwar Assembly seat.

Jharkhand's Assembly elections are set to be held in two phases: the first phase, covering 43 seats, is scheduled for November 13, while the second phase, covering 38 seats, will take place on November 20. Vote counting is planned for November 23. The filing of nominations for the first phase concluded on Friday, with 868 candidates submitting their papers, according to the Election Commission's website.

Additional chief electoral officer warns candidates against statements hurting sentiments



Ranchi, October 26: Jharkhand's Additional Chief Electoral Officer (ACEO) Neha Arora has cautioned political party candidates against making statements to hurt anyone's sentiments.

Addressing the media at Ranchi on Saturday, Neha Arora said that political parties and candidates should avoid making statements that hurt anyone's sentiments. Such statements are a violation of the Model Code of Conduct.

"FIR will be lodged against it and action will be taken. An advisory has already been issued in this regard. These guidelines of the Election Commission are being made available to political parties and candidates again," said Arora at Election House in Dhurwa Ranchi.

Neha Arora said that the Election Commission's guidelines mainly state that no appeal will be made on the basis of caste/communal sentiments of voters. Political parties and workers will not make any false statements without factual basis with the aim of misleading voters. Other parties or workers of other parties should not be criticized by distorting facts without proven allegations. Any aspect of the personal life of leaders or workers, which is not related to public activities, will not be criticized.

"This is a violation of the Model Code of Conduct," said Neha Arora.

She further said that the lowest level of personal attack will not be used to insult one's opponent.

She said that places of worship will not be used for election campaigning. Especially references to religious ridicule and condemnation cannot be made.

"Political parties and candidates have to refrain from any such act/action/statement, which can be considered against the honor and dignity of women. Unverified and misleading advertisements will not be given in the media. Advertisements will not be given in a disguised manner as news content. Putting/sharing posts on social media that insult or disrespect opponents, hurting their dignity will be considered a violation of the Model Code of Conduct," she said.

The statement assumes significance after BJP alleged cabinet minister and Congress Jamtara seat candidate Irfan Ansari of making derogatory statements against tribal woman candidate of BJP Sita Soren.

805 candidates file nomination for 1st phase polls

Ranchi, October 26: Jharkhand's Additional Chief Electoral Officer (ACEO) Neha Arora said that a total of 805 nominations have been registered in 43 assembly constituencies in the first phase of Jharkhand Assembly Elections-2024.

Among them, the highest number of 32-32 nominations have been made in East and West Jamshedpur. The lowest number of nominations have been registered in Simaria and Khunti, 11-11. So far, 19 FIRs have been registered against violation of the Model Code of Conduct and action is being taken. Since the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct, illegal material and cash worth Rs 57.66 crore have been seized in the state.

India's development incomplete without tribal community's involvement: Prez Murmu



Raipur, Oct 26 (IANS) President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday emphasised the essential role of the tribal community in India's progress, highlighting that the nation's development would be incomplete without their active involvement in it.

Speaking at the third and fourth joint convocation of IIT Bhilai in Chhattisgarh on Saturday, the President praised the contributions of IIT graduates through their innovative thinking and far-reaching vision, which she said had significantly propelled both India and the world forward.

Commending IIT Bhilai for its innovative facilities and use of natural resources, she said, "This is the first convocation at this newly-developed campus with state-of-the-art teaching and research amenities. Its design integrates natural resources in a forward-thinking way."

She stressed the importance of learning from the tribal community's knowledge-rich, nature-centred lifestyle, noting, "Our tribal brothers and sisters are a reservoir of knowledge. Their natural way of life holds invaluable insights for sustainable development, and understanding and it can make significant contributions to India's growth."

President Murmu lauded IIT Bhilai's dedication to agri-tech, health-tech, and fintech initiatives for tribal development.

She highlighted an innovative mobile health app developed by IIT Bhilai in collaboration with AIIMS-Raipur, which offers health advice to villagers directly in their homes.

Reflecting on the six-decade legacy of IITs, the President noted, "IITians have established a unique identity worldwide, leading major companies and shaping the global technology landscape. With fresh ideas and the latest technologies, IIT Bhilai and its students are poised to enhance India's global standing."

Chouhan urges CM to sack Ansari over remarks on Sita Soren



Ranchi, Oct 26: Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Saturday has urged Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren to remove Minister Irfan Ansari from his cabinet due to his alleged derogatory remarks against BJP candidate Sita Soren. Chouhan questioned how someone who "cannot use respectful language towards a woman" could continue to serve as a Minister.

Highlighting Sita Soren's esteemed family background-being the wife of Jharkhand movement leader Durga Soren, daughter-in-law of JMM President Shibu Soren, and sister-in-law of Chief Minister Hemant Soren-Chouhan stated, "Irfan Ansari's comments are not just an insult to Sita Soren but to all women of Jharkhand and India. If CM Hemant Soren has any shame left, he should immediately sack Ansari," urging the Chief Minister to act if he values respect for women.

Union Minister Annapurna Devi also condemned Ansari's remarks, accusing the Congress party of harboring an anti-women mentality. "Irfan Ansari's statement exposes the Congress party's true views on women. It's an anti-women party," she remarked, demanding that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi withdraw Ansari's candidature if he truly respects women.

Following the controversy surrounding Ansari's remarks, a BJP team led by Sudhir Srivastava filed a formal complaint with the Chief Electoral Officer in Ranchi on Saturday. They demanded Ansari's expulsion from the state until the Assembly elections, the cancellation of his nomination, and the registration of a criminal case.

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India's ties with west asian countries transformed under PM Modi, says EAM Jaishankar

New Delhi, Oct 26 (IANS) External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday emphasised the remarkable transformation in India's relations with West Asian countries since Prime Minister Narendra Modi took office in 2014.

Addressing the gathering at Flame University, Pune, EAM Jaishankar highlighted the proactive diplomatic efforts that have strengthened ties with nations that were historically less engaged with India. One notable example is the United Arab Emirates (UAE), where PM Modi's visit in 2015 marked only the second time an Indian Prime Minister had travelled there, following late PM Indira Gandhi. EAM Jaishankar pointed out that before this, there was minimal effort to engage the UAE, despite its proximity.

He explained that while India shares a complex history with its neighbours, recent developments have prompted countries to reassess their relationships with New Delhi, particularly in light of China's growing influence.

"Countries are looking to optimise their relationships," Jaishankar noted, acknowledging that many neighbours have turned to China for advantages.

He emphasised India's emerging status as a competitive economic power, poised to become the third-largest economy in the coming years. Focussing on the Maldives, EAM Jaishankar stated that India plays a crucial role in meeting the island nation's essential needs, offering special trade concessions that are unique to the Maldives.

India loses Test series at home for first time in 12 years



Pune, Oct 26 (IANS) India's 12-year unbeaten streak in home Test series came to a stunning end as New Zealand clinched a historic 2-0 lead with a 113-run victory at the Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) Stadium here on Saturday.

This loss marks India's first home Test series defeat since England's Alastair Cook-led squad overcame the hosts 2-1 back in 2012.

Across these 12 years, India played 18 Test series, figuring in 52 Test matches, winning 42 of them, losing four, and drawing six.

The series against New Zealand ended the fairytale as the series opener in Bengaluru set the tone. Dismissed for a meagre 46 in overcast conditions in the first innings, India found themselves under early pressure. New Zealand capitalised on their advantage with Rachin Ravindra's steady century and a timely contribution from Tim Southee, establishing control despite a fighting century by Sarfaraz Khan and Rishabh Pant's 99 in a counter-attack.

The modest 107-run target was chased down comfortably by New Zealand, securing the first win.

The second Test in Pune saw a similar story unfold. New Zealand's bowlers restricted India to 156 in the first innings, creating a 103-run lead that skipper Tom Latham built on with a composed 86, setting India a daunting 359 to chase. India's chase began promisingly with Yashasvi Jaiswal's brisk start, but the middle-order faltered, sealing India's series defeat on home soil.

India's reign of 18 consecutive home series wins, starting from a 2013 whitewash of Australia, ended as New Zealand's clinical performance redefined the landscape.

Naxal threat looms over assembly polls, security heightened

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Jamshedpur, October 26: In view of the assembly elections, the district administrations in East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum, and Seraikela Kharsawan have intensified efforts to address security in Naxal-prone regions. With heightened activity from Maoist insurgents, particularly in Seraikela Kharsawan, police and civil authorities are prioritizing coordinated security measures, aiming to safeguard candidates, election workers, and voters.

The resurgence of Maoist activity in certain pockets has been a persistent challenge for the police. Over recent weeks, combing operations have been initiated across dense forested areas such as the Saranda Forest in West Singhbhum, known for its history of Naxal presence. Despite these operations, concerns linger over potential threats posed to candidates campaigning in rural constituencies, as well as to voters on election day.

State's history with Maoist insurgency is extensive, with Jamshedpur and its surrounding areas witnessing notable episodes of violence. A stark reminder of the threat posed by Naxalites is the tragic assassination of Jamshedpur's former MP Sunil Mahto in 2007, who was fatally attacked during a public event. The impact of his assassination has lingered, creating a sense of vulnerability among politicians and residents alike during election seasons.

The issue is further compounded by limited campaign efforts in high-risk areas. Political parties have previously shown reluctance to campaign in what are considered "Naxalite dens," fearing for the safety of their candidates and staff. "Security of political leaders and voters is a serious concern this election," an official from the district administration remarked. "We are mobilizing resources to ensure these elections proceed safely."

Recent upticks in Maoist activities in Seraikela Kharsawan have heightened concerns, spurring authorities to increase surveillance, road checks, and area patrols. The district's bordering forest zones, including Chakradharpur and Chaibasa, have witnessed incidents that indicate a resurgence of insurgent movement. Despite the deployment of additional forces, Naxals have managed to stage sporadic attacks and hold covert meetings aimed at consolidating their influence. In response, authorities have ramped up patrolling in critical areas, especially across the Ghatshila sub-division, which covers regions like Dumaria, Musaboni, Chakulia, Baharagora, and Ghatshila. These areas have seen intermittent insurgent activities despite a decline in Naxalism in past years. According to sources within the police force, patrols have been increased around suspected Maoist hideouts and meeting points, with particular emphasis on night surveillance and intelligence gathering.

Jharkhand's fight against Naxalism has had some success. Regions like Dumaria in Ghatshila and Patamda, once considered Maoist strongholds, have seen a significant decline in insurgent activity. Following brutal atrocities against villagers, local communities in these areas organized against Naxal dominance, substantially reducing Maoist influence.

"Naxal activities have increased in the district over the years, however, government agencies will take care of it but campaigning will not suffer due to Maoist threat, hopefully," said a leader.(W-pb)

Candidates to make public their criminal records

Jamshedpur, October 26: District Election Officer Ananya Mittal has said that candidates for the assembly elections will have to make public their criminal records, if any. Political parties will also have to put information about criminal cases of their candidates on their party's official website. Also, in the period after nomination, the candidate and the political party will have to make public the information about criminal cases at least 3 times in newspapers and TV channels so that voters get enough time to know about the background of such candidates. (W-pb)

ADM reviews preparation at Dumria Block



Jamshedpur, October 26: In anticipation of the upcoming Assembly Elections 2024, Additional District Magistrate (ADM) for Law and Order, Aniket Sachan, held a comprehensive review meeting at Dumria block headquarters. The meeting focused on administrative preparations, security arrangements, and infrastructural assessments necessary for ensuring smooth, fair, and transparent elections in the region. ADM Sachan meticulously reviewed various critical aspects, including the transportation routes, inter-state check posts, and the cluster sites where polling teams would be stationed. Following the meeting, he visited the designated clusters and the Bhitaramda inter-state check post on the Odisha-Jharkhand border to assess the readiness of the election infrastructure and inspect facilities for polling teams and security forces. (W-pb)

Did Raghubar Das deliver on ownership rights Dr Ajoy question

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Jamshedpur, Oct 26: Congress candidate from Jamshedpur East, Dr. Ajoy Kumar, raised critical questions about former Chief Minister Raghubar Das's commitment to securing ownership rights for the people of Jamshedpur.

Speaking to the media on Saturday, Dr. Ajoy pointed out that despite holding the MLA seat from Jamshedpur East for 25 years and eventually becoming Chief Minister, Raghubar Das failed to fulfill his long-standing promise of granting ownership rights to residents.

According to Dr. Ajoy , Raghubar Das misled the public, using the promise of ownership rights as a political tool without taking meaningful steps to address the issue. "Raghubar Das, who rose to power with the support of the people, prioritized his own political interests over the well-being of Jamshedpur's residents," he said, adding that displacement due to "encroachment" became common during Das's tenure, undermining the rights and security of local communities.

Dr. Ajoy further accused Das of working in favor of corporate interests, particularly Tata, rather than as a true representative of the people. He questioned the former Chief Minister's motives, highlighting a controversial decision to grant sublease rights rather than full ownership. "If the intention was to grant sublease rights, why were certain colonies taken off lease?" he asked.

The congress candidate also criticized a decision from Das's administration, which limited lease rights to 10 decimals of land, calling it "the biggest hurdle in the path to ownership rights." He argued that this measure kept genuine ownership out of reach for many residents, leaving them without lasting security over their properties. Dr. Ajoy emphasized that the ownership issue extends beyond Jamshedpur, affecting the entire state. He promised to form a dedicated commission to pursue ownership rights if elected, assuring residents of Jamshedpur and Jharkhand that, with public support, he would work toward a lasting solution to this pressing issue. (W-pb)

Shiv Shankar boosts morale with public outreach campaign

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Jamshedpur, Oct 26: Independent candidate Shiv Shankar Singh is actively campaigning for the Jamshedpur East constituency visiting several locations to connect with local residents. On Saturday, he met with people from various communities receiving overwhelming support from all groups.

"I never imagined such support in politics. This is beyond my expectations," Singh said. He further added, "When I decided to take this step, hundreds joined me to strengthen my resolve.

My vision for Jamshedpur East is not just my own, it's a collective understanding that can only be achieved together."During his outreach campaign Singh emphasized the importance of thinking and moving in the right direction, stating, "Everything is possible if we have the right mindset." He held several meetings, including a Sandhya Aarti in Baridih Nirala, a gathering at the Shishu Sangh Boys Club on Birsa Nagar Hill and another meeting at Balle Complex in Bhuiyandiha to seek support for his candidacy.

While engaging with the residents of Jamshedpur East, Singh conveyed his commitment to active social service assuring them that he has been involved in community service for years and will continue to do so.

Will continue to fight for workers' rights: Banna Gupta

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Jamshedpur, October 26: Jamshedpur West candidate, Banna Gupta, reaffirmed his dedication to workers' welfare, expressing pride in his long-standing commitment to their interests. Speaking at a meeting organized by the Jusco Labour Union, Gupta highlighted Jamshedpur's unique legacy as an industry-based city where Labour and management share a harmonious relationship. "For nearly a century, Tata Steel's Jamshedpur plants have seen no strikes, thanks to mutual respect and cooperation between management and workers," he remarked, emphasizing the rare balance achieved in the city.

Gupta underscored his own journey, sharing that his career began by advocating for unorganized workers and that he remains resolute in supporting their rights. He voiced confidence that the workers of Jamshedpur, who have backed him in the past, would continue to stand by him.

Jusco Labour Union President Raghunath Pandey echoed Gupta's sentiments, criticizing the NDA government for its perceived anti-Labour policies. Pandey condemned the government's recent Labour law reforms, claiming they have weakened job security, enabling employers to dismiss workers without cause. He also highlighted the ongoing protests at Delhi's Jantar Mantar over EPS 95, where Labour groups have demanded a minimum pension of ?7500 plus DA and free medical aid for over eight years with no response from the government. Pandey urged labour leaders to rally for Gupta's victory, suggesting a win for the India Alliance would empower workers' voices from the state to the national level. The meeting was attended by several Labour leaders, including Amarnath Tiwari, E Satish Kumar, Triveni Prasad, Parshuram Mishra, Kamal Kishore Agarwal, and many others, all united in their call for workers' rights. (W-pb)

Saryu Roy vows to resolve drain water issue with new wall if elected



Jamshedpur, October 26: NDA candidate from Jamshedpur West, Saryu Roy, announced on Saturday that if elected, he would urge the Municipal Corporation to redirect drainage water from the upper areas near Deshbandhu Line. Roy stated that if the Municipal Corporation failed to act, he would personally ensure the construction of a wall in the drain to prevent water from flowing into the area. During a discussion with residents of Deshbandhu Line, Roy acknowledged the long-standing issues of waterlogging and unsanitary conditions. He reminded them that he had previously proposed a solution as an MLA, which was not implemented, and assured that stopping the water flow from Azadnagar remained the only viable solution. He had even provided a plan to municipal officers for diverting the drainage water, but action was not taken. (w/gsd)

Allocation of election symbols to candidates on October 30

Jamshedpur Oct 26: The election process is set to gain momentum with the completion of the first phase of the Assembly election nominations. According to the official notification, nomination papers will be inspected on October 28. A list of approved candidates will be published based on successfully verified nominations. Candidates may withdraw their names until October 29 and on October 30 symbols will be assigned to candidates' constituency-wise.National and recognized party candidates will receive symbols allotted by the Election Commission while independent candidates will be given symbols based on available options. Additionally, candidates will undergo training on November 2 on maintaining election expense records.

BJP's Purnima Sahu engages with Jamshedpur East constituents

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Jamshedpur, October 26: Purnima Sahu, BJP's candidate for Jamshedpur East Assembly, commenced her public outreach campaign on Saturday by visiting areas like Agrico, Bhuinyadih, and Amal Sangh Park. Starting early, she met with morning walkers, inquired about their well-being, and received blessings and good-wishes from residents. Bhuinyadih Park Committee members Bhola Yadav, Suresh Prajapati, Kishun Tiwari, and Satyendra Singh welcomed her warmly. Sahu also visited the Kanwaria Dham temple in Sidgora, where she offered prayers and interacted with shopkeepers and vendors, assuring them that she would address local business concerns. Additionally, she met her former teacher, Lalbabu Singh of Adivasi High School, to seek his blessings. She pledged to reinvigorate development and public welfare initiatives in Jamshedpur East, with strong support from the community and a BJP-led government.

BJP workers amplify campaign efforts : BJP workers have also mobilized support for Sahu's campaign, with door-to-door outreach in Indranagar and JP Nagar in Sitaramdera Mandal, led by Basti Vikas Samiti President Pawan Agarwal. They addressed resident concerns, including clogged drains, which Agarwal promised to resolve. Leaders Naveen Mishra, Harishankar Pandit, Ashok Kumar Singh, and others participated actively, sharing the BJP's development agenda across various mandals to garner strong public support.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **RAKHI KUMARI VERMA,** D/o. Sunil Kumar Verma, resident of H.No.03, Road No.12, Krishna Road, Daiguttu, Mango, Near Purana Shiv Mandir, P.O. Mango, P.S. Mango, Jamshedpur, District East Singhbhum, Jharkhand, at present residing at Aambagan, Hansadungri, Kapali, Dobo, Chandil, District Seraikela-Kharsawan, Pin : 831012, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows (Aadhar No.3767 8479 8643) :

1. That I am an Indian citizen by birth and my date of birth is 12-08-2003.
2. That I have converted my religion from Hinduism to Islam, after uttering Kalma Taiyaba, in presence of the witnesses, on 04-06-2024.
3. That I have converted my religion as per my own choice as I have read Islamic book and I am interested in Islam without any pressure from anybody.
4. That after conversion I have changed my name as Noori Perween, as per Islam.
5. That I swear this affidavit to confirm the above facts, for producing before the authority concerned for doing the needful.

Advocate

BJP criticizes Dr Ajoy, lauds Raghubar for securing land rights for slum dwellers



Jamshedpur, October 26: BJP's Jamshedpur District General Secretary, Sanjeev Singh, reacted strongly to Congress leader Dr. Ajay Kumar's recent comments calling them "frustrated" and highlighted the achievements of the previous Raghubar Das-led government. Singh challenged Ajay Kumar to explain why, despite Congress and JMM's five-year rule, no efforts were made to secure ownership rights for Jamshedpur's slum dwellers.

Singh noted that, in 2018, under former Chief Minister Raghubar Das, the BJP government had enacted a law to directly lease land to slum residents, offering them greater security and rights. The move freed slum residents from eviction fears, unlike those living on sub-lease land under Tata Steel in areas like Sonari and Kadma. Singh also highlighted improvements in infrastructure and essential services, such as water, electricity, roads, and waste management, made under Das' leadership.

Street plays encourage voter participation

Seraikela, Oct 26: To raise awareness about the upcoming assembly elections, street plays were organized in various parts of the Seraikela-Kharsawan district. The performances, held in areas like Patkum, Dewaltand, and Krishnapur Panchayats, aimed to encourage maximum voter turnout. Artists from Chhavi Dramatic Art and Society, Lok Kala Manch, and Path People's Association delivered powerful messages through their street plays, urging people to exercise their right to vote.

The performances emphasized the importance of thoughtful voting, free from external influence. "Voting is a right and a responsibility. It's a festival of democracy," said one of the performers during the play.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **PRACHI AGARWAL,** W/o DINESH KUMAR AGARWAL, D/O PURSHOTTAM GARG by faith Hindu, by nationality Indian, by occupation Service, Residence of H.No-532 Line No-1, First Floor Garabasa Near Community Centre, P.O.& P.S-Golmuri Jamshedpur, District East Singhbhum, Jharkhand-831003 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows: -

1. That I am an Indian citizen by birth and residing at the above mentioned address.
2. That I am legally married wife of Dinesh Kumar Agarwal vide marriage certificate No.302 dt 13/4/2022.
3. That my actual name before marriage was PRACHI GARG as mentioned in my relevant documents such as aadhar card vide aadhar no-995215226972, and my all educational certificates and also in Passport vide Passport No-Z3780139 issued by concerned authorities but after marriage my surname changed as Prachi Garg to Prachi Agarwal as per my husband surname.
4. That both the names "PRACHI AGARWAL" and "PRACHI GARG" is the one and same person that is myself.
5. That I swear this affidavit to confirm my above statements and to produce the same before the authority concerned for all intents and purpose.

Advocate

AFFIDAVIT

I, **GOPAL AGRAWAL,** son of Kanhaiya Lal Agarwal, by faith Hindu, by Nationality Indian, resident of H. No-193, D. Road, Sonari West Lay Out, P.O-Sonari, Jamshedpur, District East Singhbhum, Jharkhand-831011, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:-

1. That I am an Indian citizen by birth and residing at mentioned above address.
2. That my son's actual and correct name is **"HARSH AGARWAL"** and his date of birth is 04/01/2008 which has been recorded on his Education Certificates and Aadhaar Card being Aadhaar Card No. 6837 1278 0926.
3. That, my said son's some of the documents name has been recorded as "HARSH KUMAR AGARWAL" in place of actual name i.e. "HARSH AGARWAL".
4. That "HARSH AGARWAL" and "HARSH KUMAR AGARWAL" both name are same and one person, that is my son.
5. That, my son will be known as "HARSH AGARWAL" for all future purposes.
6. I swear this affidavit to confirm the above declaration or fact and produce the same to authority concerned for rectification of my son's name for needful purpose and future reference.

Advocate

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Battle For Jharkhand

Eight parties award only 25 tickets to women candidates

BJP 12, Congress 6, JMM 4, and AJSU fields 2 women candidates



Shankar Agrawal

Jamshedpur, October 26: In Jharkhand's upcoming assembly elections, women have received only 25 out of 157 candidate slots from the state's eight major political parties, representing just 16% of total tickets. This low representation comes despite recent legislation for a 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha, set to be implemented from 2029. Hopes that parties would use this election as a trial for greater female participation have not materialized, with most tickets allocated to women from political families.

As Jharkhand's political landscape continues to sway towards female voters-women outnumber men in 31 constituencies-parties have introduced various schemes to appeal to them. The Maiyan Samman Yojana and the BJP's Gogo-Didi scheme offer financial incentives, as does Chief Minister Hemant Soren's Rs. 2500 monthly support plan. Yet, when it comes to granting candidacies, women's representation remains limited, with many of these 25 women being closely related to male politicians.

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and India Block parties awarded tickets to women as follows: BJP, 12; JMM, 4; Congress, 6; and AJSU, 2. While this reflects an increase over previous years, female candidates remain a minority. Political experts argue that higher women's participation could strengthen democracy and reduce corruption, adding that most women running for office hail from political families, potentially sidelining grassroots candidates.

Vasavi Kido, former member of the Jharkhand Women's Commission, stated, "Women deserve equal representation. They tend to be less corrupt, and their growing participation will reinforce democracy. We must also consider those women who advocate for change on the streets but remain politically marginalized."

Graduate transgender throws her hat in poll ring from Hatia



Ranchi, October 26: A transgender candidate, Nagma Rani, once aspired to become a police officer and even applied for recruitment, but the opportunity slipped by as she aged out of the eligibility criteria. Under the guidance of her mentor, Sangeeta Nag Kinnar, Nagma completed her graduation at Sogara College in Nalanda, Bihar. Now, Nagma has chosen to enter politics and has filed her nomination from the Hatia Assembly constituency.

Nagma's entry into politics is driven by a desire to support economically weaker sections of society and to improve basic facilities. She believes that being amidst the people allows her to genuinely understand their struggles.

"I have witnessed and understood people's difficulties closely, and addressing them requires joining politics," she says.

Having spent the past 30 years in Ranchi, Nagma has made a living performing traditional songs and dances. Through her interactions with people across various places, she observed that many still lack basic amenities that should be easily accessible. This realization inspired her to pursue politics.

Advocating for opportunities for the transgender community, Nagma emphasizes that they, too, are a part of society.

"After a long struggle, we have started making our mark. A few transgender individuals have received jobs, but many still lack access to education and basic resources. I aim to work for their welfare," she added.

Nagma aspires to ensure education, housing, and job opportunities for transgenders and hopes to secure a respected position for them within society.

Additionally, she wants to support the underprivileged segments of society and believes that politics will enable her to create meaningful change. Nagma asks for the public's love and trust, urging voters to cast their votes with honesty and integrity, as she steps into politics with a mission to serve.

Candidates above 60 years who have achieved success in elections

Jamshedpur, October 26: In the upcoming 2024 Jharkhand Assembly Elections, the influence of experience continues to resonate strongly among voters, as history shows a trend of successful candidates over 60 years of age.

Since the formation of Jharkhand, elections have seen both young leaders and seasoned candidates making significant contributions.

According to the Election Commission data, in 2005, 18 candidates over 60years had contested the elections, of whom five emerged victorious. The notable winners from this age group included veterans like Kariya Munda, Inder Singh Namdhari, and Loknath Mahto, while some prominent figures, such as Rajendra Prasad Singh, Yamuna Singh, and Samaresh Singh, faced a defeat.

In 2009, the appeal of experienced leaders grew further, with eight out of 20 candidates aged above 60years and above won their seats. This marked an increase from 2005 when only five in this age group won.



Returning candidates Rajendra Singh and Samaresh Singh were victorious, representing the Bermo and Bokaro constituencies, respectively. The former Speaker, Inder Singh Namdhari, also achieved success in the 2007 by-elections at age 63 and later transitioned to parliamentary politics in 2009.

By 2014, the trend continued with an equal split, as 10 out of 20 senior candidates over 60years won, and 10 were defeated. The oldest winner in the election was Phoolchand Mandal, aged 71.

Other successful candidates over 60 included leaders like Saryu Roy, Ramchandra Chandravanshi, Raj Kishore Mahto, and Stephen Marandi. Notable candidates who lost included Haji Hussain Ansari and Samaresh Singh, reflecting the mixed but growing support for experienced leaders.

In the 2019 Jharkhand Assembly Elections, candidates aged 60 and above achieved their highest success rate to date. Out of the 27 candidates in this age bracket, an impressive 17 won. Key winners included Rajendra Prasad Singh (73), Ramchandra Chandravanshi (72), Dr. Rameshwar Oraon (72), and Haji Hussain Ansari (70). This election saw strong support for senior leaders, with other successful candidates like Alamgir Alam, Saryu Roy, and Baboolal Marandi securing seats.

As Jharkhand heads into the 2024 Assembly Elections, the legacy of experience-driven leadership remains influential. This historical perspective highlights voters' trust in leaders who bring years of expertise to the table, balancing youthful leadership with seasoned guidance.

No woman candidate has ever won an election in Jamshedpur East

Shankar Agrawal

Jamshedpur, October 26: Jamshedpur, October 26: Since the formation of Jharkhand, no woman candidate has ever won the Jamshedpur East constituency, a seat historically dominated by male candidates in past assembly elections. However, the upcoming 2024 election may change this trend, as Purnima Das, daughter-in-law of former Jharkhand Chief Minister and long-time MLA Raghubar Das, is contesting as the BJP candidate. If she succeeds, Purnima will become the first woman to secure this seat, making a significant mark in the constituency's history.

In the past four elections, several women from different parties attempted to challenge the status quo but failed to gain the necessary public support. Notable figures include Alpana Das from the Jharkhand People's Party, who received just 908 votes (0.7%) in 2005. Other female contenders that year included Shashi Thakur, an independent candidate, who managed only 453 votes (0.2%).



The 2009 election saw Alpana Das contesting again, this time under the Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (Democratic) banner, but she garnered only 328 votes (0.3%). Independent candidate Madhulika Mehta secured 603 votes (0.5%). Despite these attempts, Raghubar Das maintained his hold on the constituency with 56,165 votes (50.3%) for BJP.

In 2014, Alpana Bose from the Rashtriya Jandhikar Suraksha Party earned 684 votes (0.4%), while Kamaljeet Kaur Gill from the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) did slightly better with 3,987 votes (2.41%). Another candidate, Pushpa Boypai of the Amra Bengali party, received 209 votes (0.1%). Yet again, Raghubar Das emerged victorious, securing a strong lead with 1,03,427 votes (61.5%).

The 2019 elections saw a major contest between Raghubar Das and independent candidate Saryu Roy. While Das received 58,112 votes (33.7%) on a BJP ticket, Roy emerged as the winner with 73,945 votes (42.9%).

With Purnima Das running on a BJP ticket in 2024, all eyes are on the Jamshedpur East constituency. Her success could signal a new era for female representation in this traditionally male-dominated seat. Voters now face a pivotal decision: whether to continue with male leadership or elect their first woman representative, challenging the long-standing norm.

'I have been walking electoral path since 2000, it's a pride being Arjun Munda's wife'

In an exclusive interview, BJP's Potka candidate Dr. Meera Munda spoke about her political involvements, her inspiration, husband's legacy and her hopes for Jharkhand's future

In the rugged political landscape of Jharkhand, Dr. Meera Munda stands out as a compelling figure, embodying dedication, resilience, and an unyielding commitment to public service. As the BJP's candidate for the Potka constituency, Dr. Munda steps into the electoral arena with more than just the support of her party - she brings with her the strength of a seasoned activist, the depth of an academic with a doctorate in Hindi, and the unwavering support of her husband, veteran tribal leader and former Chief Minister Arjun Munda. Balancing household responsibilities, party duties, and academic pursuits, Dr. Munda exemplifies the possibilities of disciplined perseverance.In this exclusive interview, she opens up about her journey, her pride in representing BJP in Potka, and her unwavering commitment to empowering her community, particularly the youth. With confidence and humility, Dr. Munda reflects on her political motivations, the influence of her family legacy, and her hopes for the future of Jharkhand.

Deepak Mahato / Suniti Singh

The Avenue Mail Interview



This is your first step into politics. How does it feel, and how prepared do you feel for this new journey?

Dr. Meera Munda: This may look like my first step to some, but the truth is, I've been walking this path since 2000, standing alongside the BJP as a dedicated worker. As a candidate, yes, it's the first time I'll be contesting an election, and I am deeply grateful that the party's senior leaders have entrusted me with this responsibility. I've been out in the field for over two decades, campaigning in Kolhan and across the state for the party. This role is no different-it's simply a new form of the same devotion. Alongside this, I've been closely associated with the Saraikela Archery Association, nurturing talent in the community. You may recognize names like Deepika Mahto, who picked up her first bow with us, and Paltan Hansda, whose victory first put our center in the spotlight. It's this same commitment I bring to the people of Potka.

You are the wife of Arjun Munda - does the weight of his legacy feel like a challenge, or perhaps a responsibility?

Dr. Meera Munda: It's an honor beyond words to be Arjun Munda's wife. He's been a pillar of support in every way, standing by me as I've grown and stepped forward to serve. The prestige attached to his name doesn't intimidate me; it inspires me. This isn't a contest about names but about giving my best for the people of Potka. The BJP has given me the chance, and with his and the people's support, I am more than ready.

With the election date fast approaching, do you feel nervous or confident?

Dr. Meera Munda: Confidence fills my heart. Everywhere I go, I am welcomed with warmth and support. The outpouring of love and encouragement is overwhelming. My days are packed with meetings and interactions with party workers and beloved constituents-every encounter reinforces my dedication to Potka.

Did you ever imagine one day you'd be contesting as a candidate? Was this decision a surprise?

Dr. Meera Munda: My journey in the BJP was always driven by my commitment as a loyal worker. For over two decades, I've worked to fulfill any responsibility the party placed on my shoulders. This time, they've given me the honor of contesting for Potka, and I take this task just as seriously as any other. It's not a question of a sudden decision but of embracing the next step with all I have.

In your constituency, there are some who reportedly feel disappointed with the party's choice of candidate. How do you respond to this?

Dr. Meera Munda: This is nothing more than the opposition's attempt to sow discord. Our party, the BJP, stands on a foundation of unity and strength. We're a family, and every single worker is deeply committed to the party's mission. This election isn't about individual names-it's about challenging the current JMM-Congress alliance government and safeguarding our state's future. I see everyone's support, and I am honored to serve all of Potka.

This election sees a significant number of women candidates representing the BJP. How do you view this change?

Dr. Meera Munda: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision has always been to empower women, and we're seeing his words turn into action. With the Women's Reservation Bill, the BJP is proving its commitment to giving women a strong foothold in every field. Our candidates in the Jharkhand assembly are part of a larger movement, setting an example that the BJP keeps its promises. This is a new era for women in politics, and I'm proud to be a part of it.

Balancing household duties, party work, and still completing your PhD-how did you manage it all?

Dr. Meera Munda: It was no easy feat. I completed my PhD in Hindi from Kolhan University, and every step was a test of determination and resilience. There were long pauses in my studies, but I kept my father's words close to my heart-he encouraged me to reach for more, no matter the obstacles. Today, I can say with pride that I have fulfilled his dream. My message to all is simple: education has no age limit, and it only adds to your strength.

What suggestion do you have for the youth of today who often seek shortcuts to achieve their goals?

Dr. Meera Munda: To the youth, I say this: there are no shortcuts to real success. True achievement comes from perseverance, dedication, and the willingness to face challenges head-on. My own journey-from balancing family responsibilities to being actively involved in the BJP and pursuing my PhD-has taught me that every hurdle is an opportunity to grow stronger. Shortcuts may bring quick results, but they often lack depth and lasting impact. When you put in the effort and stay committed, you build not just a career but a legacy. Embrace patience, seek knowledge, and let hard work shape your path. Remember, true accomplishment is a journey, not a destination.

Over 400 gallstones removed from 5-year-old child in rare surgery

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Jamshedpur, October 26: In rare medical case, more than 400 stones were removed from the gall bladder of a five-year-old child. The surgery, performed at Ganga Memorial Hospital on Mango-Dimna Road, left even the experienced doctors astonished, as such cases were extremely rare.

Dr. Nagendra Singh, a surgeon with 35 years of experience, stated that he has encountered only four similar cases throughout his career, including two involving patients as young as two years old. The patient, AnkushShyan, a resident of Baharagora, had been suffering from persistent stomach pain for about a year. Initially, his parents consulted local doctors who prescribed medications, providing temporary relief. However, the pain would recur within days, leading to increasing distress. Eventually, when Ankush's pain became unbearable, he was taken to Ganga Memorial Hospital for further evaluation. Tests revealed the presence of gallstones, shocking both the family and medical staff, as the occurrence of gallstones in such young children is highly unusual. The surgery revealed over 400 stones in Ankush's gall bladder, prompting further discussion about the causes of gallstones in children. Dr. Singh explained that while the exact reasons remain unclear, factors such as improper maternal diet during pregnancy, frequent infections, excessive stress, and the use of contraceptive pills could potentially contribute to this condition. Typically, gallstones were more common in individuals aged 20 to 40 years.

Dr. Singh performed the surgery using a laparoscopic technique, which was more complex. The procedure involved introducing gas into the patient's abdomen to facilitate the operation, requiring careful management to avoid complications, such as affecting the lungs due to prolonged gas retention. (w/gsd)

Tata Steel women & trans employees honored



Jamshedpur, October 26: Tata Steel has been recognised for inclusion of women and transpersons as Heavy Earth Moving Machinery (HEMM) operators in mining operations, during an event held at Kolkata organised by "Women in Mining India" on October 24.

Industry body "Women in Mining India" collaborated with Australian Trade and Investment Commission for this symposium on the theme "Future ready mining: Balancing People, Planet & Profits".

"Mosaic - Diversity & Inclusion initiative by Tata Steel" was awarded in the Hall of Fame for championing diversity & inclusion and transforming the face of mining sector. Through this initiative, Tata Steel has not only integrated transperson employees into its mining operations but has also set a benchmark for inclusivity in the industry, by becoming the first company in India to do so. In his remarks, D.B. SundaraRamam, Vice President Raw Materials, Tata Steel, stated, "At Tata Steel, we believe that diversity & inclusion is a key driver of innovation and success. Our commitment to fostering an inclusive environment empowers all our employees to reach their full potential, and we are proud to see our efforts recognized at such a prestigious platform."

DBMS College hosts Diwali mela



Jamshedpur, Oct 26: The Rotaract Club of D.B.M.S. College of Education organized its annual Diwali Mela, continuing a cherished tradition. The event was inaugurated by Bhanumathi Neelkanthan, Patron of D.B.M.S. Trust, alongside President B. Chandrasekhar, Lalitha Chandrasekhar, College Secretary Sripriya Dharmarajan, Joint Secretary Sudha Dilip, Governing Body Secretary Satish Singh, college principal Dr. Juhi Samarpita and and Vice-Principal Dr Monica Uppal

Highlight of the fair was display of diyas, candles, resin art, jewellery, and vibrant torans, crafted by specially abled children and their parents. Twenty stalls showcased local, handmade products, while homemade bakery items, chocolates, and food were also available for sale. Popular attractions included a mehendi corner, lucky draw, and a live home decor art workshop.

College Secretary SripriyaDharmarajan praised Rotaract Moderator Anjali Ganesan and the club members for successfully organizing the event.

Festival Special Train announced

Jamshedpur, October 26: To make festive travel easier and more comfortable, the Coimbatore -Barauni Festival Special (Train No. 06065) will run from October 26 to November 16, departing Coimbatore at 11:50 hrs and arriving in Barauni on the third day at 14:30 hrs. The return Barauni-Coimbatore Festival Special (Train No. 06056) will operate from October 29 to November 19, leaving Barauni at 23:45 hrs and reaching Coimbatore on the fourth day at 03:45 hrs. Key stoppages in the SER jurisdiction include Jharsuguda, Rourkela, Nuagaon, Hatia, Ranchi, Muri, and Bokaro Steel City. (w/gsd)

Rs 6.40 lakh cash, 13 kg silver seized from car in Dhanbad



Dhanbad, Oct 26: Dhanbad district assembly elections wing has seized Rs 6.40 lakh cash , 13 KG silver ornaments and its utensil at Jharkhand- Bengal inter-state check post around 45 km away from district headquarter on Friday late night. The official said during the checking of vehicles at check post at around 2.30 am of Saturday Maithon OP police team recovered over 13 KG silver ornaments and its utensil from a Mercedes car.

The car was going from Kolkata to Begusarai district of Bihar. Maithon OP in-charge Akristi Aman told media persons that the car owner Keshav Kumar claimed he had purchased the silver items in Kolkata and going to Begusarai. However he failed to produce the purchase papers of goods. Maithon police seized the silver ornaments and utensil along with car and handed to enforcement officials to screen. Two-day ago Maithon police had seized 3 KG silver at inter-state check post from a car during checking. Rs 6.40 lakh cash seizedDeputy commissioner District Returning Officer Madhvi Mishra and senior superintendent of police (SSP) HP Janardhan in joint statement said that during search operations of vehicles total Rs 6.40 lak cash meant for influencing the elections was seized in different parts of the district.The officials said that Rs 3 lakh cash was seized in Sindri police station area, Rs 2 lakh in Bhowra OP area and Rs 1.40 lakh was seized in Katras police station area. The officials said so far over Rs 1.65 crore has been seized in district after election notification.

Mars Petcare's adoption weekend aims to find homes for homeless pets



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Ranchi, Oct 26: Mars Petcare, a renowned leader in pet care and nutrition, conducted its highly anticipated adoption weekend, to find forever homes for homeless and abandoned pets on Saturday. Conducted in various Indian cities alongside key partner NGOs, including Street Dogs of Ranchi, this initiative highlighted Mars Petcare's commitment to improving the lives of pets in the country.

Mars Petcare and Street Dogs of Ranchi came together for the first time to work hand-in-hand to improve the lives of homeless pets. Through this collaboration, they launched initiatives that provided shelter, care, and permanent homes for pets in need. Held during the festive season, the event highlighted the joy, warmth, and companionship that pet adoption brings, encouraging the community to welcome pets into their lives.

Salil Murthy, Managing Director of Mars Petcare India, emphasized the importance of the adoption initiative and the collective efforts to tackle pet homelessness: "The State of Pet Homelessness Project has shed light on the massive scale of pet homelessness in India-69.3 million pets, including 60.5 million dogs and 8.8 million cats, remain homeless, making up 19% of the global homeless pet population. At Mars Petcare, we are working to address pet homelessness by doing what we can-whether it's through the global State of Pet Homelessness Project, adoption drives, partnerships with welfare organizations, or collaborations with partners in our pet care ecosystem.

Son donates mother's eyes at TMH



Jamshedpur, October 26: The corneas of late Anju Chatterjee (78) were successfully retrieved today at Tata Main Hospital (TMH) for eye donation, following her passing at her residence in Nildih. Due to the unavailability of a doctor at the time of her death, her son, AmitavChatterjee, who is an administrator at Meherbai Tata Memorial Hospital (MTMH), made the decision to transport her body to TMH to ensure the eye donation could be completed promptly. The cornea harvesting was performed by Dr.RashiVerma, Dr.Anshuman, and TMH technician Draupadi. Parvinder Singh Kapoor from Roshni Jamshedpur accompanied the team, while Taru Gandhi, President of Roshni Jamshedpur, coordinated the transfer of the corneas to Kashyap Eye Hospital in Ranchi for transplantation. The dedication of Mr.Chatterjee and the prompt action by the medical team were commended, ensuring that the donor's wish for eye donation was fulfilled in time.

Govind Vidyalaya Tamolia concludes Spell Bee and Face Painting competitions

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Jamshedpur, October 26: The junior and senior wings of Govind Vidyalaya Tamolia recently wrapped up an engaging Spell Bee and Face Painting competition. Students from classes 1 to 5 paticipated in the Spell Bee, while students from classes 6 to 8 participated in the Face Painting competition, themed, "Your Vote, Your Choice, Your Future."

The event, coordinated by Mohammad Irfan with support from teachers Rita Ghosh, Shazia Sultan, Rumpa Sarkar, and Khushboo Kumari, saw students showcase their talents in spelling and creative expression. Judges Ranjan Roy and Aziza Parveen reviewed the outstanding performances.

The Spell Bee Winners in Group A included (1st Place) Shayan Hussain of class 2 A, (2nd Place) Iqra Akhtar & Yusuf IbneYasir of Class 2B and

(3rd Place) Ayat Fatima Khan of Class 2A. " In Group B the winners were (1st Place)Geeta Kumari &Mahira Bilal (Class 5A)

2nd Place - Anaya Afrin (Class 3A) &Areeba Fatima (Class 4A)

3rd Place - Riya Kashyap (Class 5B)

Face Painting Winners: 1st Place - Vishnu Kumar &Vansh Sharma (ClassB), 2nd Place - Ilma Firdous & Nuzhat Parveen (Class 7A)

3rd Place - Tiya Poddar & Radhika Kumari (Class 6A)

The events highlighted the students' dedication and creativity in both competitions. (w/gsd)

JH Tarapore School hosts vibrant intra-school youth fest 'YUVA 2024'

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Jamshedpur, Oct 26: "Where passion meets purpose, youth rise to shine." With this spirit, J.H. Tarapore School held its Intra-School Youth Fest, YUVA 2024, on October 26. The day was filled with excitement, learning, and creativity, offering students an engaging platform to showcase their talents and build confidence.

Balloons were released by Director Rubina Bodhanwala, Principal Lata Sharat, and Vice-Principal Rukshana H. Gardin to mark the commencement of the event. A diverse lineup of activities gave students a chance to express themselves and exhibit their innovative skills and ideas.

These activities included Punch (One Word, Multiple Actions), Pixelopedia (Photography Contest), Ikebana (Flower Arrangement), Fireless Feast, Artistic Arms (Arm Painting), Treasure Hunt (Expedition Unknown), Rangoli Rush, Jewel Jester (Jewellery Designing), Art from the Heart (Canvas Painting), Action Replay (Movie with a Twist), Mathbeats (Rap with Maths), Medley, Groove 'N Glam (Group Dance) and Runway Revolution (Fashion Show).

With every student participating in at least one event, the day was a showcase of teamwork, creativity, and innovation, highlighting the diverse talents and vibrant energy of youth. The atmosphere was one of joyful learning, making YUVA 2024 a celebration of talent and creativity. (w/gsd)

Hill Top School hosts Annual Exhibition-2024

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Jamshedpur, Oct 26: Hill Top School hosted its Annual Exhibition-2024, with Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, Associate Professor in the Department of Physics at NIT Jamshedpur, as the Chief Guest. The exhibition displayed over 250 impressive exhibits across Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science, Robotics & Artificial Intelligence, History, Geography, and Arts, reflecting students' hard work, creativity, and innovative thinking.

With the inauguration, parents and students had the opportunity to interact with young exhibitors and witness the talent and potential of future leaders. (w/gsd)

Four migrant workers from Bihar charred to death in Gurugram

Patna, October 26: Migrant worker Nur Alam who had promised to send extra money for his father's medicine along with his three relatives were charred to death in a fire broke out at a place in Haryana's Gurugram on Friday night. According to officials, the incident occurred when the four migrant workers, all relatives, who belonged to East Champaran's Ghodasahan block in Bihar were asleep at their rented out at Saraswati Enclave at Gurugram, which caught fire on Friday late evening.

"The identity of the deceased has been established and that bodies have been sent for the postmortem," said Singh, a sub inspector of Sector 10 police station in Gurugram. The sub inspector said, "Prima facie, the fire looks to be caused due to short circuit. However, further investigation into the incident is on," the police officer said, who is also the investigating Victims have been identified as Noor Alam (28) and his brother Mustaq Alam (22), sons of Saqur Alam, residents of Sherwariya village in Ghodasahan block of East Champaran. Other victims are Md. Aman (17) and Md. Sahil (20), residents of Senwariya village in Chirraiya block of the district. Victim Noor Alam's father Sakur Miyan said that his son had promised to send his additional ?500 for him medicines.

Zindagi Fest 2024: Celebrating visionaries and change at Kavyapta Global School

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Jamshedpur, Oct 26: Kavyapta Global School, Jamshedpur, hosted its annual Zindagi Fest on October 26, 2024, uniting students, teachers, and guests for an evening dedicated to change-makers. This year's theme, "Architects of Change," celebrated four monumental figures Chanakya, Aryabhatta, Swami Vivekananda, and JRD Tata whose contributions continue to inspire generations. The fest began at 5 p.m., featuring a series of student performances symbolizing creativity, leadership, and transformation. The event was graced by dignitaries, including Shri Banna Gupta, Jharkhand's Health and Food Supply Minister; Mrs. Seema Sapru, Principal of The Heritage School, Kolkata; Dr. A Senthil Kumaran, Co-Founder of The Learners Confluence, Bangalore; and Mr. Deepak Kamath, CEO of Tata Steel Support Services Ltd. Other notable attendees included Dr. Joohi Samarpita, Principal of DBMS School of Education; Dr. Ashwini Jaiswal, Director of Saket Hospital; and Dr. Lovely Anand. Director/Principal Mrs. Kabita Agrawal warmly welcomed the guests, emphasizing the importance of visionary change. She remarked, "When we envision positive change, our commitment, skills, and values drive progress. Change guided by vision illuminates a path to a brighter future."

The highlight of Zindagi Fest 2024 was the students' dynamic performances, choreographed by Creative Director Mrs. Sunita Sinha. Class 1 and 2 students performed a play on Chanakya, illustrating his wisdom in governance. Class 3 celebrated Aryabhatta's contributions to mathematics, Class 4 focused on Swami Vivekananda's message of youth empowerment, and Class 5 honored JRD Tata's role in modern India's development. Each performance was complemented by eco-friendly costumes, symbolizing the school's commitment to sustainability.

Commending the event, the School Management stated, "The success of Zindagi Fest is a testament to the dedication and teamwork of our entire community." Zindagi Fest 2024 concluded with a powerful message, inspiring attendees to embrace life's challenges as opportunities for meaningful change and reminding them that they, too, can be architects of a better tomorrow.

Pathway to zero harm: CII focuses on achieving a safer future

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Jamshedpur, Oct 10: Two-day CII Jharkhand conference on Safety Talk with the theme of "Equitable and sustainable strategies: Building a safer future for all" concluded at Adityapur hotel on Saturday.

Ranjot Singh, Chairman of the CII Jharkhand State Council and Managing Director of Emdet Jamshedpur Pvt. Ltd., praised participants for their active engagement and thanked the speakers for their contributions during the CII Jharkhand Safety Talk. He emphasized the collective commitment to improving safety standards in MSMEs and fostering



collaboration for continuous improvement.

Malcom Dunbar, Corporate Safety at Levy, highlighted the importance of adopting a "zero harm" approach to protect lives and reduce financial risks for businesses. He discussed the moral responsibility of ensuring employee safety and compliance with regulations. Dunbar also addressed key challenges like complacency, underreporting of incidents, and operational complexities that hinder the development of a strong safety culture.

Jaspal Singh, Partner at Abreast Engineering, focused on safety in MSMEs, stressing the importance of awareness, accountability, and availability. He introduced an online Behavior Safety Violation Card to encourage employees to discreetly report unsafe practices, helping to build a safer work environment. Singh also emphasized the need for policies that prevent child labor and sexual harassment in the workplace.

Hemaleka Balu, Senior Manager of Projects at Tata Chemicals Ltd., shared strategies for process safety in dynamic environments. She advocated for integrating safety management into daily operations, conducting risk assessments, and using advanced technologies to detect hazards early. Balu also stressed the importance of employee engagement in fostering a safety culture.

Neeraj Kumar Sinha, Convenor of the CII Jharkhand Safety Panel and Chief of Safety at Tata Steel Ltd., along with other experts, shared best practices and effective protocols to promote continuous improvement.

CGPC leader assaults the shopkeeper over financial dispute

Jamshedpur, Oct 26: A case has been filed against a former CGPC leader who allegedly entered a shoe store in Gamharia and assaulted the shopkeeper over a financial dispute. Adityapur police began investigating after receiving a report of the altercation. CCTV footage reportedly shows former CGPC head Gurmukh Singh Mukhe entering the store with companions on Friday night and assaulting the shopkeeper over a money dispute linked to a shop in Golmuri.Shopkeeper Rishi, whose father Trilochan Singh Loji had been involved in a financial dispute with Mukhe, filed a formal complaint with Adityapur police stating, “Mukhe entered my shop and assaulted me due to an ongoing dispute over payments.” Police are currently investigating the case.

Voter awareness programs in industrial area

Seraikela, Oct 23: Under the guidance of District Election Officer Ravi Shankar Shukla, voter awareness oath programs were conducted across industrial establishments in the district, including Rungta Mines, Protective General Engineer Pvt. Ltd., and Ashiana Housing Ltd.

To boost participation Chaibasa organises voter awareness activities



Chaibasa, October 26: Officials and election observers visited the Chaibasa District Collectorate on Saturday to review voter awareness activities organized by the SVEEP (Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation) cell. The event featured a poster gallery, rangoli displays, signature campaign and other SVEEP initiatives to encourage public participation in the upcoming elections. During the event, officials took selfies and signed a campaign board to set an example for voter participation. “We urge all voters to visit their polling stations on election day to ensure cent per cent turnout and actively participate in our democracy,” said the officials collectively.General Observers Ambalagan P Manuj Goyal, Prabal Sepaha S. Prabhakar and Dinesh Jain along with district election officials and police observers such as Deputy Commissioner Kuldeep Chaudhary, Superintendent of Police Ashutosh Shekhar and SVEEP Nodal Officer Arnav Mishra were present at the event.

Workshop on voter ID awareness at Adityapur Municipal Corporation

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Gamharia, Oct 26: A Voter ID Awareness Workshop was organized at the Auto Cluster auditorium by the District Election Officer and officials from the Adityapur Municipal Corporation on Saturday.

The session was held in the afternoon and aimed to inform and empower local voters regarding their rights and ensure smooth voting procedures. Several concerned citizens shared their grievances with the municipal authorities, highlighting issues like poor road conditions, late delivery of voter slips and other issues that prevent timely voting.In response, Deputy Municipal Commissioner Parul Singh assured the attendees that the corporation is actively working to address these



issues. “We are dedicated to resolving every obstacle preventing voters from reaching their polling stations,” she said. “This year, we’ll make every effort to improve conditions and we’ll need the support of representatives and the public to succeed.”

Singh announced that each polling station would be equipped with essential facilities, including water, electricity, sanitation and first-aid kits. Wheelchair support and additional volunteers would be available for disabled voters and special “pink voting booths” would be set up by the municipal corporation. BLOs (Booth Level Officers) were directed to carry out door-to-door campaigns to raise awareness.Citizens suggested holding similar workshops in every ward to further increase voter participation. The Municipal Commissioner proposed creating WhatsApp groups for each ward with one resident representative per apartment complex to ease communications and resolve election-related issues.

The workshop concluded with a pledge ceremony, where all attendees vowed to exercise their voting rights responsibly.

Stickers promoting voter awareness were distributed with attendees encouraged to display them on their mobile phones to spread the message.

Deputy Commissioner Ravishankar, Parul Singh, Pankaj Jha, Devashish Pradhan and other prominent members of the Municipal Corporation, along with ward representatives and local citizens were present at the event.

Officials conduct meeting for Jharkhand Assembly Elections 2024

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Seraikela, Oct 26: A meeting was held at the District Collectorate auditorium to ensure smooth and fair electoral procedures across Seraikela-Kharsawan district in preparation for the Jharkhand Assembly Elections 2024.

The observers were provided with an in-depth briefing on the district's geography, border regions, polling stations, available resources and security measures.

The presentation, delivered by ITDA Project Director Ashish Agrawal (IAS), included an overview of polling infrastructure, resource allocation, checkpoints and the management of sensitive polling stations. Observer C.N. Langfai emphasized the importance of a “clean, fair and fear-free” election process, saying, “Everyone must perform their duties with full dedication to ensure a transparent and peaceful election environment.”

The meeting led by the Election Commission-appointed observers including Police Observer A.G. Chauhan (IPS), Expenditure Observer Digvijay Kumar Chaudhary (IRS) and General Observers C.N. Langfai (IAS) for Seraikela constituency, D. Sagar Dattasare (IAS) for Ichagarh constituency and Upkar Singh (IAS) for Kharsawan constituency was attended by District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Ravishankar Shukla and Superintendent of Police Mukesh Kumar Lunayat.

Observers were also briefed on the progress across key departments including Personnel, Training, Permissions, Vehicle Coordination, Welfare and Ballot Management.

Plans for postal ballot services, security staff route charts and logistics for sensitive polling stations were reviewed.All senior and nodal officials were urged to coordinate effectively and ensure full compliance with the Election Commission’s guidelines, with Langfai advising, “Strict action must be taken against any individuals attempting to disrupt the electoral process, and all polling stations must be fully equipped to serve voters effectively.” The meeting reinforced the commitment to a smooth, impartial and safe election process for the upcoming Assembly elections.

Srinath University concludes international conference

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Jamshedpur, October 26: Srinath University concluded its two-day international conference, "Emerging Ideas on Sustainable Development Goals," which drew participation from scholars, researchers, and assistant professors from various countries. The event featured insightful presentations and discussions on topics related to sustainable development.

The keynote address by Narendra Kumar, Commodity Leader at Tata Communications Limited, emphasized the importance of strong supplier relationships in supply chain management. Dr. Bharat Kumar Mehar from Purnea University spoke on the critical need for skill development. Dr. Meenu Verma from the Graduate College of



Women and Narendra Kumar Lal from BSK College, Maithan, presented solutions for uranium pollution using bioremediation. Dr. Manish Kumar Jha from NIT Jamshedpur discussed microfinance's role in sustainable development. Additionally, Assistant Professor MayarGamal from Ahmadi Canadian University, Egypt, shared her research on brand identity in digital marketing.

The conference included a technical session for young researchers to present their findings. The success of the event was attributed to the efforts of Dr. Mrityunjay Mahato, Head of the Commerce and Management Department, and his team. An awards ceremony concluded the event, recognizing exceptional research presentations and contributions from participants. (w/gsd)

IDTR's 'Smart Village Model' clinches second place at Tech Fest 2024

Mail News Service

Gamharia, Oct 26: A village that boasts essential facilities such as cleanliness, internal roads, a dual power generation system, automatic street lights, and a water conservation system can be considered a 'Villeti,' or the vision of a city in a village.

The second-year Mechatronics students of IDTR showcased such a model at Tech Fest 2024, held at the Tata Steel Technical Institute, themed 'Technical Knowledge Makes Life Easy.'



Their innovative model received widespread appreciation and secured second place among entries from various institutions. The students were honored by the chief guest of the event, Bhupendra Lodhi, CHRO of RKFL.

On this occasion, participant Diya emphasized the alarming trend of migration from villages to cities, warning that the existence of villages could soon be at risk. Key contributors to the project included Mechatronics students Diya Champiya, Sahil Kumar, Anik Sarkar, and Risika Singh, under the guidance of placement officer Pankaj Kumar.

In a separate achievement, third-year Mechatronics students from IDTR also secured second place in an environmental protection competition at Tata Cummins Jamshedpur.

Their model, a solar-operated smart irrigation system, received high praise. Students Aditi Kumari, Bhumika Pandey, Pragya Rai, and Shreya Jha were instrumental in creating this innovative project. (w/gsd)

Observers hold meeting with representatives of all registered Political parties

Seraikela, Oct 26: In a meeting held at the District Collectorate auditorium for the upcoming Jharkhand Assembly Elections 2024, election observers, appointed by the Election Commission of India, addressed representatives from all registered political parties. The meeting emphasized strict adherence to the Model Code of Conduct and encouraged cooperation from all political parties for a smooth electoral process.Police Observer A.G. Chauhan (IPS), Expenditure Observer Digvijay Kumar Chaudhary (IRS) for Seraikela-Kharsawan and General Observers C.N. Langfai (IAS) for Seraikela constituency, D. Sagar Dattasare (IAS) for Ichagarh and Upkar Singh (IAS) for Kharsawan, along with District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Ravishankar Shukla and Superintendent of Police Mukesh Kumar Lunayat were present at the meeting. During the meeting, observers introduced themselves and shared contact details for further support and inquiries. They also provided information on reporting any violations through the district control room or the C-VIGIL app. "Ensuring a fair election process is our top priority, and your cooperation is crucial for that,” said C.N. Langfai, the observer for the Seraikela constituency.The District Election Officer detailed polling logistics, especially in remote areas, noting that voting hours would be from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 21 polling stations in Ichagarh constituency, 2 in Seraikela and 14 in Kharsawan.

Voter awareness campaign to encourage voting on November 13

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Chaibasa, October 26: In line with instructions from District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Kuldeep Chaudhary, an extensive voter awareness drive was conducted on Saturday in the 55-Manoharpur Assembly constituency under the supervision of SVEEP Nodal Officer and Assistant Commissioner Arnav Mishra.

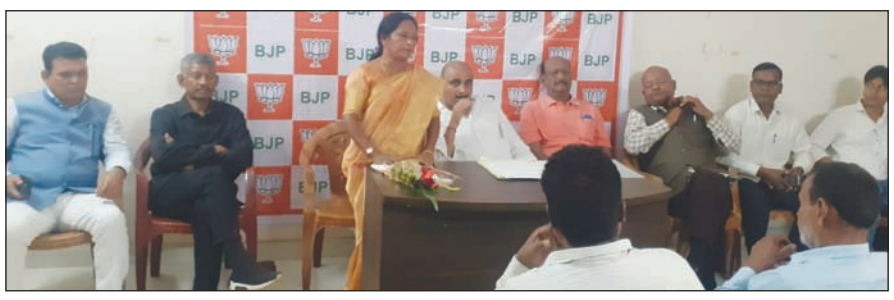
The event, held in the presence of Rupa Rani Tirkey District Sports Officer and SVEEP Program Officer, organised a friendly football match, march-past, tug-of-war and other engaging activities to encourage local voters to cast their votes on November 13.

Addressing the attendees, organizers emphasized the importance of voting as a foundation of democracy. “Every voter plays a crucial role in strengthening democracy. We urge everyone to visit their polling stations on November 13 and actively participate in building a strong, democratic society,” said a spokesperson.

Aditya Sahu: NDA poised to form government in Jharkhand

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Chaibasa, October 26: District BJP President Sanjay Pandey welcomed the party's State General Secretary and Rajya Sabha MP Aditya Sahu at the Bharatiya Janata Party District Office for a meeting of the Chaibasa Vidhan Sabha Election Management Committee.



Addressing party workers, Sahu stated that there was a wave of change sweeping across Jharkhand, with the public growing disillusioned with Hemant Soren's government after five years marked by corruption. He emphasized that the enthusiastic turnout at the nomination of BJP candidates reflected the commitment to ensure their victory, calling for strong electoral management and preparation.

Sahu outlined the Bharatiya Janata Party's "Panchpran" initiative, which included sending Rs 2,100 monthly to all women under the 'Gogo Didi Yojna,' providing pucca houses for 21 lakh residents, free sand and water connections, a monthly incentive of Rs 2,000 for graduate and postgraduate youths, subsidized gas cylinders, recruitment for 287,000 government posts, and the promise of self-employment for 500,000 youth annually.

He urged party workers to unite and support their candidate, Geeta Balmuchu, to secure victory in the Chaibasa Legislative Assembly. Sahu praised Balmuchu for her dedication to the party and her strong connection with rural communities, asserting that her victory was assured.

Candidate Geeta Balmuchu addressed the meeting, expressing enthusiasm for the election campaign and emphasized the importance of informing the public about the Panchpran initiative. She criticized the incumbent MLA for neglecting the constituency's basic needs and assured workers that the electorate was determined to defeat him.

State spokesperson JB Tubid also spoke about the election action plan, with contributions from former MLA Jawahar Lal Banra, Satish Puri, former Nagar Parishad Chairperson Neela Nag, District Council Member Rajshree Banra, and other senior party members present at the meeting. (w/gsd)

Hidden cost of small change

Consumers are quietly losing money in small amounts every day as loose change is increasingly withheld or replaced with unnecessary items. While it might seem trivial to let go of a rupee or two, the cumulative effect of this “small change” phenomenon affects millions of customers and adds up to significant amounts daily. For many, the issue goes unnoticed, as one or two rupees might not feel impactful in the moment. However, this casual disregard for returning exact change has become routine in markets across the country, ultimately reflecting a notable gap in accountability within the economy.

Occasionally, cases of aware customers demanding their due lead to corrective action, as seen in a recent Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission case from Chennai. Here, a customer was awarded Rs 15,000 in compensation when a post office failed to return 50 paise, citing technical limitations. This incident underscores a rare moment of justice achieved, but most people do not pursue redressal for these minor losses. The transaction patterns for certain products or services are even set up in ways that make it impossible to return exact change, forcing consumers to leave small amounts behind.

With digital payment options expanding, there is hope that some of these issues might be mitigated. Online transactions allow consumers to pay precise amounts without worrying about missing change, and many have turned to this convenience for exactly that reason. However, this doesn’t fully resolve the issue, as millions still rely on cash transactions, particularly in rural and underserved areas, where digital infrastructure is limited or unreliable.

The loss of small change does not only inconvenience individuals but also reflects an unaccounted loss within the economy. When thousands or even lakhs of transactions skip out on minor amounts daily, the collective loss is far from trivial. In reality, this consistent “shortchanging” subtly erodes consumer rights and adds an avoidable burden on citizens’ hard-earned money.

It’s time for the government and regulatory bodies to recognize this persistent issue. While consumers can make conscious choices to hold businesses accountable, a broader systemic change would help protect consumer interests more effectively. Practical steps—such as promoting cashless payment systems, encouraging vendors to keep small denominations available, or introducing policies that safeguard exact returns—would respect consumers’ rights and benefit the economy. With a little more attention, we can reduce the silent loss of change that currently fills no one’s pockets but leaves consumers at a quiet, daily disadvantage.

From the Editorial Desk

India's manufacturing industry regains growth momentum, hiring up in services sector



India's manufacturing industry regained growth momentum in October and the acceleration was supported by quicker increases in factory production and services activity, according to a new report.

India's private sector economy continued to showcase robust growth in October, according to the latest HSBC 'flash' PMI survey compiled by S&P Global.

Meanwhile, hiring was stronger in the service sector. The latest increase in employment was sharp and the quickest in 18-and-a-half years. Nevertheless, jobs still rose at a marked pace in the manufacturing industry, supporting the best upturn in payroll numbers at the composite level since February 2006.

Anecdotal evidence indicated that part and full-time workers had been taken on, with both permanent and temporary contracts offered. "Several components accelerated after a modest slowdown over the past two to three months. New orders and new export orders expanded at faster rates, providing a good omen for industrial production for the remaining months of 2024," said PranjulBhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC. A quicker upturn in new work intakes encouraged companies to scale up business activity and recruit additional workers. In October, the uptick in growth momentum was accompanied by an intensification of price pressures. Manufacturers outperformed service providers regarding rates of expansion for output and sales, and also recorded faster increases in input costs and selling charges.

India's manufacturing and service sectors was inside growth territory (above 50.0) for the thirty-ninth successive month.

"Indian businesses indicated a sharp increase in new order intakes during October. The expansion, which was mostly linked to positive demand trends, was also stronger than that recorded in September," said the survey. Latest data revealed that part of the upturn in total new orders was fuelled by an improvement in international demand for Indian goods and services. Rates of expansion in export sales accelerated at manufacturing firms and their services counterparts, it added.

US acts as global arbiter of democratic legitimacy, but its election system won't pass muster in many countries



By Arul Louis



The US takes on the mantle of global arbiter of democratic legitimacy, but its own chaotic electoral system won't pass muster in many countries, including India, due to its shortcomings ranging from disparate procedures to using different voting machines.

The root of the problem is that even though there is some basic national legislation, most election rules and procedures are set by states, and sometimes by local entities, because there is no equivalent of the Election Commission of India.

There isn't even a national Model Code of Conduct for elections.

The problems start with the US Federal Election Commission, which is tasked with enforcing federal campaign finance laws, but not with conducting the elections, which is left to the states.

Therefore, election procedures, even the most mundane like voter identification, and penalties for violating election laws and regulations vary by states.

Unlike in India where there is a 48-hour quiet period before election day, in the US the din of campaigning can continue right through the election day.

Take voter identification, which in most countries would be considered fundamental to ensuring election integrity.

In 14 states, including large ones like California and New York, voters are not required to produce identification to vote, and in some others, just an electricity, phone, or water bill will suffice.

California has gone a step further passing a law that would make asking for voter identification illegal, although that law would come into force only after the current elections.

Democrats oppose requiring identification to vote claiming it discriminates against minorities and the poor who would face difficulties in getting IDs because among other things, they lack transportation to go to offices for them, although the poor have to have identification to get subsidised or free food.

Some states with strict voter ID rules, however, give out free voter IDs - like India does.

States follow different timetables for the elections, although the official election day across the country is the first Tuesday in November - this year, the 5th.

Pennsylvania began early in-person voting on September 16, allowing voters to vote at the local boards of elections, but in other states like New York, it begins on Saturday.

As of Thursday evening, nearly 31 million voters - about 16 per cent of the total electorate of 186.5 million - had voted either in person or through absentee ballots, which can be posted or dropped off at local election offices.

States also have different rules on who can get postal ballots and how they are collected.

Because of the danger of "vote harvesting" - party activists or sympathisers collecting postal ballots from voters and marking them up before depositing them - some states have imposed limitations -- like Florida limiting the number of ballots a person can collect to two, while others have no restrictions.

Who can vote is itself a matter of controversy.

Criminals serving their sentences can vote from their prisons in Maine and Vermont, but in some others, they can only vote after they complete their sentences, while in some like Florida, those convicted of murder and serious sexual crimes are barred even after they complete their sentences.

There is a move to give voting rights to non-citizens and although it hasn't yet made headway at federal and state levels, Washington and some places in Maryland and Vermont allow non-citizens to vote in local elections.

New York City passed a law giving non-citizens voting rights, but a judge declared it unconstitutional. The US follows the electoral college system under which the President is elected not directly by voters, but indirectly through the electoral college made up of 538 people for whom the citizens vote.

(The members of the electoral college are committed to candidates and on the ballots it is the name of the candidate that will appear.)

How the electoral college votes are distributed depends on the states: Nebraska and Maine split them up in proportion to the votes polled by the candidates, but the others transfer all the votes to the party getting the majority.

The US doesn't have a common voting machine, and even within a state, the machines could vary by jurisdiction.

In New York state, the city and some counties use machines from a company called Election Systems & Software, while others deploy machines from Dominion Voting Systems, a company founded in Canada and has headquarters in Toronto and Denver.

The systems in most states use paper ballots that are inserted by voters into the voting machines, which read and count them.

In a controversy involving the system, a judge in Georgia blocked an order by the state election board to require the number of paper ballots to be counted manually before the results are certified.

There are differences in how recounts are conducted. In at least some places in Pennsylvania, the representatives of the candidates have to stand behind a barrier, away from the table where the counting is done.

The biggest surprise is in how election results are announced. Without an effective national election commission, it is the Associated Press news agency that first announces the election results by having its staff and temporary workers - said to total about 5,000 on election day - collect vote counting data and call the winner.

The official announcements are delayed to varying degrees, again because of the rules for certifying the results can go down to the local levels and then to the state levels.

Another factor is the different procedures followed for counting postal, absentee, and early ballots that can hold up the announcements of results even by the AP or other media in tight contests where a few hundred or thousand votes can make a difference.

In 2020, the election was held on November 3, but it took four more days for the AP and other media to declare Joe Biden the winner when the results from Pennsylvania could finally be tallied taking him over the 270 electoral college vote-mark, even as results from some other states were pending.

Differences between systems come into play in the internal elections held by parties to nominate their presidential candidates.

Some follow the primary system of registered party members casting secret ballots.

Others adopt the caucus system where party members gather in person at a place and time and line up according to their preferences to get counted.

That does away with secrecy in voting and forces attendance at a given time, rather than letting party members vote at their convenience.

The one area where the Federal Election Commission is effective is in imposing uniform rules for campaign contributions for national elections.

Contributions made in cash by individuals are limited to $100 and anonymous contributions cannot exceed $50.

Otherwise, an individual can only donate directly to a candidate $3,300, and there are also limits on contributions to political action and other committees, and by those bodies to candidates.

Sometimes these are undercut by the use of "straw donors" - a person giving money to others to donate to a candidate as if it is their own contribution.

The so-called Super PACs (Political Action Committees) leap through the biggest loophole in the system to help the election of their preferred candidates.

There are no limits on how much a person or an organisation or a company can contribute to Super PACs.

Tesla CEO Elon Musk has given $120 million to a Super PAC to support Republican candidate Donald Trump, while Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates is reported to have sent $50 million to Super PACs backing Democrat candidate Kamala Harris.

While the Super PACs are forbidden from giving money directly to a candidate or a party or from coordinating directly with them, they can spend any amount on campaigns to help a candidate.

For example, they can run a TV ad campaign to promote a candidate if they do it on their own.

There is also the phenomenon of "walking money" -- funds provided with scant accounting to party members on election day to mobilise voters and can be freely spent on anything.

Finally, it is horses for courses in World Cricket



By Yajurvindra Singh

The phrase "horses for courses" is synonymous with the way Test cricket is progressing around the world. The garnering of points for the World Test Championship has added extra spice to the contents. Countries are gradually realizing the importance of point accumulation and of winning at home.

GautamGambhir, head coach of the Indian men's team, made a relevant statement recently. A draw will give a side four points, whereas, a win 12 points. Therefore, ensuring a result has become essential for a team to succeed in qualification into the final. This, unfortunately, will lead to the doctrine of pitches to suit the home side, one that has been the bone of contention in the past.

In the present ongoing series, Pakistan as well as India in the 2nd Test match have realized that the old traditional saying of "spin is king" is true and that spin is their forte. A turning track bare of any grass is on offer at both the Asian venues and England and New Zealand respectively, and will need to adapt to these conditions to be successful.

India, in the 1st Test match versus New Zealand in Bangalore, were stunned at how incompetent they were while playing the swinging ball. Winning the toss and batting first turned out to be a horrendous decision. The Indian batters looked dazed and totally at sea and succumbed to a total of 46 runs in their first innings. A similar trend resulted when New Zealand took the second new ball in the second innings and both Rishabh Pant and Sarfaraz Khan, with runs under their belt, looked well out of sorts even then.

India in the past have been victim to such performances, especially, when conditions assist swing bowling. However, with a battery of experienced batters and superstars in their midst, one felt the past was buried for good. The reality of this miserable performance was a wake-up call that had the Indian think tank run towards ensuring that helpful swing conditions were kept at bay. Manipulating the playing conditions will be the order of the day in every country and venue, henceforth. A series win has no relevance as points from each match played have become far more important.

This takes one back to the old Indian domestic Ranji Trophy point system played in a three-day encounter. An outright victory was essential to get the maximum points and so conditions were doctored to do so. A placid wicket was offered by the home team if they were required not to lose.

The present point system in the ICC World Championship is heading in that direction. This definitely needs to be looked at very thoroughly. The only redeeming factor that has arisen from the ICC Cricket Committee's recent meeting is to ensure that a three-match series is played in order to consider it for the World Test Championship next year.

One cannot blame the present cricketers for not being mentally and technically equipped to play Test cricket in conditions alien to them. The popular limited overs versions are the bread and butter of a modern cricketer. Patience is passe and the run-rate equation has become more significant and important to a batsman.

One does not want to be equated as a slow plodder. Being established as one could result in a player not getting a lucrative T20 franchise offer. The art of defensive tactics is in the present cricketing world a thing of the past. The famous saying "prevail or perish" is more significant than "retreat to recover".

The wonderful fallout of the World Test Championship is that Test cricket has once again come into prominence. Gradually, the newfound fans and followers, brought about through the limited-overs format are realizing the inner depth and seriousness of it.

One is happy to see the positive attitude of teams going full tilt to get a result, however, creating conditions that make Test cricket into a farce must be seriously controlled. After all, it is a 5-day encounter and having matches finish in four days or less at most venues being the trend in recent times will just not augur well for the ethos of Test cricket. Let us hope the ICC reworks the point system or controls the playing conditions to make the Championship more of an even contest in the future.

(Yajurvindra Singh is a former India cricketer. The views expressed are personal)

Silver may touch Rs 1.25 lakh a kg in next 12-15 months, outperform gold



Mumbai, Oct 26 (IANS) Silver could either match or outperform gold in the medium to long term, and is likely to reach Rs 1,25,000 per kg on MCX and $40 on COMEX in the next 12 to 15 months, a report showed on Saturday.

Recently, silver has shown impressive performance, gaining more than 40 per cent (year-to-date) and breaching Rs 100,000 on the domestic front, fuelled by safe-haven buying and robust industrial demand, according to the report by MotilalOswal Financial Services Ltd (MOFSL).

MOFSL has also set targets for gold of Rs 81,000 in the medium term and Rs 86,000 in the long term. It expects gold to reach $2,830 on COMEX in the medium term and $3,000 in the long term.

"2024 has experienced a significant price rally fuelled by market uncertainties, expectations of rate cuts, rising demand, and a depreciating rupee. The months following the US presidential election will be critical in shaping gold's near-term trajectory," said ManavModi, analyst, commodity research, MotilalOswal Financial Services.

Two key factors underpinning this year's rally in precious metals are expectations of rate cuts from the Federal Reserve and rising geopolitical tensions, particularly in the Middle East.

"Overall, the sentiment for this Diwali is projected to be positive, raising optimism for bullion," Modi said.

Regardless of shifting narratives or market volatility, one constant remains -- gold has historically served as a reliable store of value during uncertain times. According to the report, if one had invested in gold during Diwali 2019, they would be enjoying 103 per cent returns on their domestic gold investments by this Diwali. Since 2011, there have only been two instances (2015 and 2016) where the 30 days leading up to Diwali recorded negative returns.

Aside from 2022, pre-Diwali gains have consistently outpaced post-Diwali gains. "We continue to believe that gold has further upside potential wherein any dips could present buying opportunities. According to our recent quarterly report, a correction of 5-7 per cent is plausible and could serve as an accumulation zone," said Modi.

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ICICI Bank clocks 14.5 pc net profit growth at Rs 11,746 crore in Q2 FY25

Mumbai, Oct 26 (IANS) ICICI Bank on Saturday reported a 14.5 per cent growth in net profit at Rs 11,746 crore (year-on-year) in Q2 FY25, from Rs 10,261 crore in the year-ago quarter.

The private sector lender's net interest income (NII) increased by 9.5 per cent to Rs 20,048 crore, in Q2 2025 from Rs 18,308 crore in the same quarter last year.

Average deposits grew by 15.6 per cent year-on-year to Rs 14,28,095crore (as on September 30). Net NPA ratio was 0.42 per cent at September 30, compared to 0.43 per cent at June 30, the bank said in its financial results. The net additions to gross NPAs, excluding write-offs and sales, were Rs 1,754 crore in Q2 2025 compared to Rs 2,624 crore in Q1 2025.

The ICICI Bank has written off gross NPAs amounting to Rs 3,336 crore in Q2 2025. The provisioning coverage ratio on nonperforming loans was 78.5 per cent on September 30.

According to the ICICI Bank, the domestic loan portfolio grew by 15.7 per cent (year-on-year) Rs 12,43,090crore. Total period-end deposits increased by 15.7 per cent (year-on-year) and 5.0 per cent sequentially to Rs 14,97,761crore (on September 30, 2024). Period-end term deposits increased by 15.9 per cent year-on-year and 5.5 per cent sequentially to Rs 8,89,038crore. The annualised premium equivalent of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance (ICICI Life) was Rs 4,467 crore in H1 FY25 as compared to Rs 3,523 crore in H1 FY24, according to the ICICI Bank.

The profit after tax of ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company, increased to Rs 694 crore in Q2 2025 from Rs 501 crore in Q2 2024. The profit after tax of ICICI Securities, on a consolidated basis, increased to Rs 529 crore in Q2 from Rs 424 crore in Q2 last year.

With the addition of 90 branches during H1-2025, the Bank had a network of 6,613 branches and 16,120 ATMs and cash recycling machines.

Jwala Suzuki Showroom opens in Bistupur, Festival deals offer



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Oct 26: The new Jwala Suzuki two-wheeler showroom, an authorized dealership of Suzuki Motorcycle India Pvt. Ltd., was inaugurated today at Bistupur's Diagonal Road in Sonthalia Bhawan. The opening ceremony included Anupam Singh, Zonal Manager Service (East), who cut the ribbon and lit the lamp to mark the occasion. Known models like Access 125, Avenis, and Burgman Street in scooters and Gixxer 150, Gixxer 250 in motorcycles will be available with premium facilities at the showroom. To celebrate the festive season, Jwala Suzuki is offering special schemes, low down payments, competitive interest rates, and instant financing options.

A Lucky Draw Scheme will give customers a chance to win a Maruti car, Gixxer 250 bike, iPhone, and cash-back offers ranging from Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 20,000 on motorcycle purchases. Sixteen vehicles were delivered during the opening ceremony, which was attended by distinguished guests, directors, and staff. Jwala Suzuki expressed sincere gratitude to all guests, customers, and visitors. (w/gsd)

Bharat AI mission advancing with strong ties among industry, government: Ashwini Vaishnaw

New Delhi, Oct 26 (IANS) Union Minister for Electronics and IT and Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw, on Saturday said the country's AI mission is advancing with strong collaborations among industry, government and academia.

In a post on X, Vaishnaw said he met Meta's Chief AI Scientist Dr YannLeCun and discussed the country's potential in AI and skilling the youth.

"Met @ylecun of Meta to discuss Bharat's AI potential. Our AI mission is advancing with strong collaborations among industry, government, and academia: GenAI Centre of Excellence (CoE) with IIT Jodhpur and Meta, and YuvAI Skilling with AICTE and Meta to train 1,00,000 students on LLM (large language models)," the minister said.



LeCun said it was "a pleasure discussing the important role Bharat plays today and can play tomorrow in the ecosystem of AI open platforms".

On Friday, Meta announced a strategic collaboration with IndiaAI at the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), including the establishment of the Center for Generative AI called 'Shrijan' at IIT Jodhpur and the launch of the "AI for Skilling and Capacity Building" initiative, in partnership with All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

Meta has committed to investing up to Rs 7.5 crore over the next three years to ensure the successful establishment and operation of the centre.

Additional Secretary, MeitY, Abhishek Singh, said the government is supporting the vision of AI innovation, skilling and technological advancement to drive inclusive growth under the 'IndiaAI' initiative.

"By fostering a culture of open-source innovation in AI, advancing research and skill development in emerging technologies, we are bridging the talent gap and ensuring that our youth are equipped to lead in the AI revolution, ultimately securing India's position as a global leader in responsible development and contributing to a robust AI ecosystem," said Singh.

Citroën and Jeep bolster presence in Thrissur, Asansol and Meerut

Asansol, Oct 26 : Citroën and Jeep® have bolstered their presence with the inauguration of three new dealerships in Thrissur, Asansol and Meerut. The multi-brand dealerships mark a significant step forward, bringing together offers the widest range of SUVs under one roof consisting of both Citroën and Jeep® products. With a diverse array of offerings for various segments, including traditional ICE and EVs, the dealerships are strategically located in the region to cater to the growing demand in these markets.

Moreover, the inauguration of this multi-brand dealership reflects the strong affinity for both brands. Offering comprehensive 3S facilities, the new dealerships showcase the full range of Jeep® models-Grand Cherokee, Wrangler, Meridian and Compass-alongside the enticing Citroën portfolio-C3, eC3, Basalt, Aircross SUV, and the C5 Aircross SUV.

Finance Minister Sitharaman expresses frustration with slow FDI inflow

Washington, Oct 26 (IANS) Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday expressed frustration with the slow crawl of foreign investments to India despite its textbook appeal as a dynamic and robust economy.

"What is holding the investors back?" Sitharaman said responding to a question at a think-tank event about what's holding India back.

"Going by the textbook, where economic activities are good and robust and dynamic, money flows, that's is the normal textbook assumption. I want to ask, Where are the investable funds? Where are the investors? What are they looking at? What's holding them back?"



The Union Finance Minister went on to temper her frustration adding, "India has received quite an appreciable number of FDI. So that's not to say nothing comes to India. Yes, it is coming. I still think there's more opportunity."

Foreign Direct Investment in India has been declining in recent years as a percentage of its Gross Domestic Product, coming in at 0.8 per cent in 2023, according to the World Bank. It's down from the PM Narendra Modi government's peak of 2.4 per cent in 2020 and considerably down from the all-time high of 3.6 per cent in 2008, which was Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's first term. The Finance Minister, who is in Washington D.C. for the autumn meetings of the World Bank Group, which included the International Monetary Fund, expressed consternation that India would be ignored by global investors despite the conditions.

"With all the conversation of China Plus One, shared values, democracies, English speaking, demographic dividend, with skill sets of Indian young being so good that they are manning the GCCs of the world located in India and GCCs of the world located outside," she said referring to the business strategy of large corporations to diversify their foreign investments in one or more other countries than in China during and after the 2019-2020 Covid-19 pandemic.

Indian Equity Market faces volatility amid global uncertainties



New Delhi / Jamshedpur, Oct 26: After a prolonged bull-run, the Indian equity market is witnessing heightened volatility and bouts of selling pressure owing to global uncertainties, valuation concerns, besides muted corporate earnings show for the second quarter. Despite these headwinds, benchmark Sensex has delivered about 10% returns in the last six months, while the BSE midcap and small-cap indices have given double-digit returns of 17% and 24%, respectively, in the same period. (Source: BSE website). This suggests that the structure of the Indian equity market is still intact with minor headwinds, which could be challenging for investors in the near term.

"Business cycle funds are like investors who try to predict whether a seesaw will go up or down next. If the economy is likely to go up, the fund invests in things that usually do well when the economy is strong, like building houses or starting new businesses. On the contrary, if there is likely to be a slowdown, the fund would invest in companies/sectors that are less likely to be affected, like essential goods or services that people always need, no matter what," said Satish Mishra, Fund Manager, Tata Mutual Fund.

As on 30th September 2024, the Tata Business Cycle fund has given approximateannualized return of 47% in one year, and 27% in three years as compared with benchmark return of approximately 41% & 18% in one & three years respectively.) Tata Business Cycle fund has received cumulative inflows of INR 700 crore between April and September 2024. From a regional standpoint, the fund has garnered about INR 13.7 crore from Nagpur city during the same period.(Source: Internal data). The mutual fund industry in India has experienced significant growth, driven by increasing awareness and the popularity of SIPs. As the middle class expands, more individuals are likely to seek higher returns through equity investments, further fueling the demand for mutual fund products.

Adani Power's bid for KSK Mahanadi Power forces other bidders to raise offers



Mumbai, Oct 25 (IANS) After Adani Power, which submitted a bid of Rs 12,500 crore for the acquisition of the KSK Mahanadi Power plant in Chhattisgarh, other bidders have revised their offers upwards and the final number could be much higher, according to reports. Following the implementation of the Committee of Creditors (CoC) Challenge Mechanism, lenders to the distressed power plant are now hopeful of a full recovery from the non-performing asset, an extremely rare feat in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) proceedings.

Sources within the IBC framework have credited Adani Power's initial high bid of Rs 12,500 crore, which was 62 per cent or Rs 4,800 crore higher than the second bidder, for reigniting interest in KSK Mahanadi. Six of the original 10 bidders, including NTPC, have now submitted revised offers close to Adani's bid, demonstrating strong competition and driving up the asset's value, sources said. This reflects the IBC's emphasis on value maximisation, industry insiders noted.

Britannia Gobbles cake honors West Bengal's rich culture

Durgapur, Oct 26 : Cakes have long been a symbol of joy-whether it's a grand celebration or a quiet moment with loved ones. Britannia Gobbles Cake has built on this tradition with the launch of its special Heritage Pack, paying tribute to the cultural pride of West Bengal. These new packs are designed to celebrate the region's vibrant heritage and rekindle fond memories of Britannia's deep-rooted connection with its consumers.

Britannia Gobbles Cake has been "Shonar Banglar, Moner Khabar." Speaking about the launch, Yudhishter Shringi, Chief Business Officer, Adjacency Businesses at Britannia Industries, said, "West Bengal has always been a region with deep-rooted cultural pride, and Britannia has been fortunate to be part of that legacy for so many years.

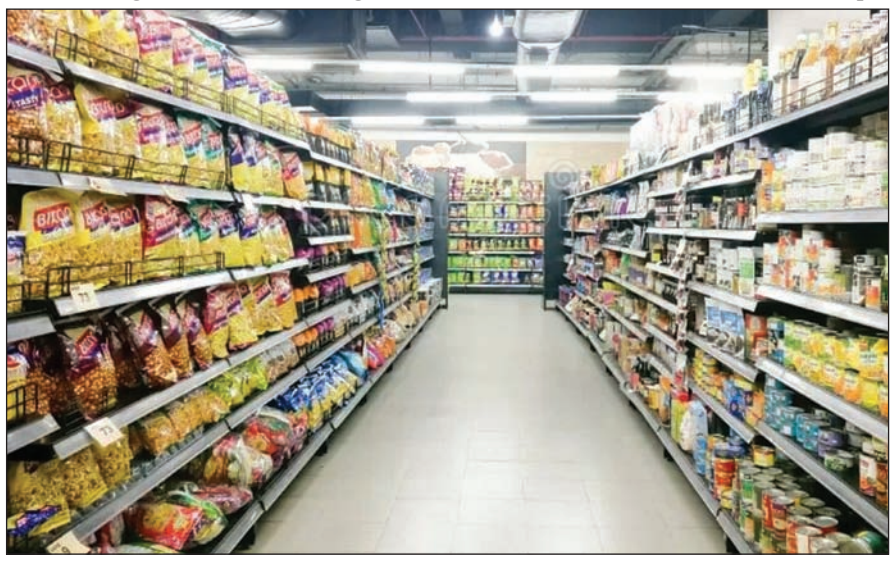
Premium FMCG brands see growth surge in India, constitute 50 pc of e-commerce sales

Mumbai, Oct 26 (IANS) As private consumption surges especially in the rural parts of the country, premium brands in FMCG are consistently growing -- approximately twice as fast as their non-premium counterparts -- and 50 per cent of e-commerce sales stem from the premium and luxury segment, according to a new report.

Similar trends are observed in the tech and durables sector, driven by increasing income levels, urbanisation, smartphone penetration and a more aspirational consumer base, as per findings by NielsenIQ (NIQ), a leading consumer intelligence company.

Notably, smaller manufacturers or emerging brands in this space are registering faster growth in premium and luxury products compared to larger industry players.

Roosevelt Dsouza, Commercial Head-India, NielsenIQ, said they are observing an increasing convergence of aspirational consumer preferences with higher disposable incomes, as well as the presence and access to premium products.



"This shift is driven by digital platforms, contributing to nearly half of the sales. Market mix, channel diversity, and new entrants will further drive the adoption of premiumisation in the future," Dsouza mentioned.

Tier 1 and 2 cities are emerging as the fastest-growing markets, reflecting rising aspirations and greater availability of premium brands.

According to the report, the growth in premium FMCG is more organic than price-driven, with consumption volumes rising at almost twice the pace of price increases.

Home care and processed foods have seen particularly strong growth, with consumers gravitating towards premium brands in these categories.

"Despite overall FMCG in India facing challenges to achieve double-digit growth, the premium segment consistently grows at double-digit rates across all markets and categories, driving half of the incremental sales for the Indian FMCG industry. The trend is visible particularly in the South and West zones," the report mentioned.

According to NIQ, modern trade is playing a key role in introducing premium and luxury products to the Indian consumer. Of all new product launches in modern trade, 58 per cent are from premium+ segment -- significantly higher compared to traditional trade, where premium launches account for 38 per cent of new products.

Centre joins HCLSoftware to boost startup manufacturing ecosystem

New Delhi, Oct 26 (IANS) In a bid to transform the startup manufacturing ecosystem, the government has formed a strategic partnership with HCLSoftware, a global leader in software solutions.

Under the 'Manufacturing Incubation Initiative,' startups will have access to the 'HCL SYNC programme for global market exposure, allowing them to showcase their products and services worldwide, thus taking Indian innovation to an international audience.

The collaboration marks a substantial step forward in advancing the Indian manufacturing sector, supporting the nation's goal of establishing itself as a national production hub, said the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

"Through this collaboration, innovation will flourish and Indian businesses will gain a stronger foothold on the global stage," said DPIIT Joint Secretary Sanjiv Singh.

He reaffirmed DPIIT's commitment to fostering and promoting the nation's manufacturing ecosystem by motivating and supporting product startups, innovators and entrepreneurs.

This collaboration will significantly contribute to the realisation of India's 'Make in India' initiative and position India as a global manufacturing hub.

Dharavi lights up Diwali with 1 million handcrafted diyas



Mumbai, Oct 26 (IANS) In an inspiring collaboration of tradition, community, and hope driven by Dharavi Social Mission, the Mumbai Airport too will light up this Diwali.

Dharavi Social Mission, an initiative of Dharavi Redevelopment Project Private Limited (DRPPL), has facilitated the sale of nearly one million diyas from Dharavi's Kumbharwada for this Diwali. The diyas will be used by Mumbai International Airport Ltd in its passenger engagement programme and the Adani Foundation for its awareness drives during the festive season.

Around 500 artisans and allied people, representing generations of artistry, benefitted through this initiative of creating one million handcrafted diyas. For these people, this is more than just a work order - it's a lifeline. It's a moment of pride, where their heritage is not only preserved but celebrated on a grand scale. HanifGalwani, a dedicated member of the Kumbharwada Potters' Association, captured the essence of this moment: "This is the largest order we have ever received. The support from DRPPL has empowered us to keep our traditions alive. It's not just about selling diyas, it's about passing down a legacy."

Behind each diya lies the story of intergenerational collaboration, where young hands work alongside seasoned artisans, bringing to life the essence of Diwali. From the soft clay of Dharavi's streets to the glow of homes across the city, these diyas carry with them the love, skill, and spirit of a community that has long been the heartbeat of Mumbai.

The initiative is part of a larger vision by DRPPL to empower local businesses and preserve traditional craftsmanship in Dharavi. In an age where machine-made and imported goods dominate the market, this large-scale order of handcrafted earthen lamps promotes Indian artisans and their creations.

A DRPPL spokesperson shared the broader vision: "Dharavi is a symbol of resilience and entrepreneurship. Through initiatives like this, we are not only supporting local industries but also strengthening the fabric of our community.

The potential for growth, collaboration, and innovation within Dharavi is immense, and this is just the beginning."

Dharavi Social Mission (DSM) is a flagship initiative of DRPPL, dedicated to fostering the wholesome development of Dharavi residents encompassing social, economic and infrastructure dimensions.

The Mission has special emphasis towards youth, women, industries and underprivileged groups within Dharavi. The focus of efforts is to enhance skill-based employment, education, healthcare & hygiene, social engagement and community welfare.

DSM is committed to improving the total quality of life of the community, empowering individuals, grow sustainable livelihoods, thereby creating a brighter, more resilient and inclusive future for all. The purpose-oriented mission strives to work towards growing long-term and sustainable, socio-economic capabilities of individuals and groups for a self-reliant ecosystem

India must close gender gap in workforce to reach $30 trn economy by 2047



New Delhi, Oct 26 (IANS) India must close the gender gap by integrating 145 million 'missing' women into the workforce by 2047 to reach its ambitious $30 trillion GDP target by 2047, according to a new report.

The report by Magic Bus India Foundation, an NGO working in the education and skilling space, in collaboration with Bain & Company, a management-consulting firm, showed India must double the female labour force participation rate (FLFPR) from its current 35 per cent-40 per cent to 70 per cent by 2047.

Despite favourable socio-economic conditions, including a positive demographic dividend and supportive policies, India's workforce is projected to add only 110 million women to its workforce by 2047, reaching an FLFPR of 45 per cent, that is, 255 million women.

This leaves a staggering gap of 145 million 'missing women' who need to be integrated into the workforce to meet the country's economic goals. This initiative is critical not only for economic growth but also for achieving gender equality in the job market. These are among the findings from this latest joint report.

"Empowering women is more than a moral choice; it is also an economic lifeline. To meet our $30 trillion GDP target by 2047, we must address the challenge of increasing female labour force participation to 70 per cent, which means bringing 400 million women into the workforce," said JayantRastogi, Global CEO, Magic Bus India Foundation.

"India's growth story is unlikely to play out fully without enhanced women's participation in the labour force, yet their participation remains far below its potential. Whether it's empowering rural women through an ecologically embedded entrepreneurship ecosystem (E4) model that solves for skill building, mentorship, market linkages, and access to capital, or, enabling professional readiness, growth, and resilience (PROGRES) for urban women through tailored skills training, flexible work environment and childcare support, India can unlock $14 trillion in economic value from women alone, making a significant impact on India's journey to becoming a $30 trillion economy by 2047," added co-author NavneetChahal, Partner at Bain & Company.

Furthermore, the report highlights that approximately 70 per cent of the women out of the workforce by 2047 are expected to reside in rural areas, where limited job opportunities and unstable work environments reduce workforce participation.

On the other hand, urban women face challenges such as job-skill mismatches, undervaluation of domestic work compared to market jobs, and wage disparities.

The report also noted that aspirational homemakers (about 86 million), high-potential youth (about 37 million) home-based and nano entrepreneurs (about 39 million), casual labour, including gig workers (about 26 million) -- are key segments for immediate action to close the gender participation gap.

The report calls for a cohesive and collective effort from the government, private sector, nonprofits, and investors to create the necessary infrastructure, policies, and funding to support women's integration into the workforce.

It advocates for gender-inclusive policies, financial literacy programmes, and improved market access for women entrepreneurs.

OpenAI plans to launch new powerful AI model 'Orion' by December



San Francisco, Oct 26 (IANS) ChatGPT maker OpenAI is reportedly planning to launch its next AI model called 'Orion' in December this year which is potentially up to 100 times more powerful than GPT-4.

According to a report in The Verge, unlike the release of OpenAI's last two models - GPT-4o and o1 - Orion won't initially be released widely through ChatGPT.

The report mentioned, citing sources, that the Sam Altman-run AI company is planning to grant access to companies first, in order to help them build their own products and features.

OpenAI or its CEO Altman were yet to react to the report.

According to the report, Microsoft is "preparing to host Orion on Azure as early as November". Microsoft also declined to comment.

"The company's goal is to combine its LLMs over time to create an even more capable model that could eventually be called artificial general intelligence, or AGI," the report mentioned.

The release of Orion comes as OpenAI, which has secured a historic $6.6 billion funding at a $157 billion valuation, is restructuring itself as a for-profit entity.

Last month, three top executives - including Chief Technical Officer Mira Murati - left the ChatGPT developer. Of the 13 people who helped found OpenAI in 2015, only three now remain at the company.

According to reports, Murati is raising money from venture capitalists to finance her own AI startup.

The new funding in OpenAI was led by previous investor Thrive Capital.

The VC firm invested around $1.3 billion. Microsoft reportedly invested a little less than $1 billion, while Nvidia pledged $100 million and SoftBank reportedly put in $500 million.

"The new funding will allow us to double down on our leadership in frontier AI research, increase compute capacity, and continue building tools that help people solve hard problems," the company wrote in a blog post.

YouTube Shopping expanded in India to empower creators, viewers



New Delhi, Oct 26 (IANS) Google-owned YouTube on Friday announced to expand YouTube Shopping in India, offering new opportunities for creators to diversify their earnings and for viewers to discover products from their favourite channels.

The YouTube Shopping affiliate programme offers Indian creators a unique opportunity to diversify their revenue streams and deepen their connection with their audiences, said Travis Katz, General Manager and Vice President, Shopping, YouTube.

The programme will allow eligible creators to tag products in their videos and earn revenue when viewers purchase them on the retailers site.

According to Katz, the incredible global success of YouTube Shopping, with over 30 billion hours of shopping-related content watched in 2023 alone, demonstrates the power of connecting creators, viewers, and brands in exciting new ways.

"We're now bringing this same momentum to India with the launch of the YouTube Shopping affiliate programme starting with Flipkart and Myntra. We're unlocking a new phase of product discovery, powered by the strong connections between creators and their viewers," Katz added.

Digital video is unlocking new possibilities for brands to showcase products and build relationships with customers.

Ravi Iyer, Senior Vice President and Head-Corporate Development and Strategic Partnerships, Flipkart Group, said with more than 500 million registered customers, Flipkart and Myntra understand the evolving and nuanced shopping needs of a diverse customer base.

The recent 'e-Conomy India' report found that as the country's digital boom continues, with household consumption expected to double by 2030, digital commerce will become even more entrenched in Indians' everyday experience.

Over 110,000 YouTube channels in India have more than 100,000 subscribers, exemplifying the trust and authenticity fostered by YouTube's diverse creator ecosystem.

More than 65 per cent of consumers in India trust YouTube creators more than traditional celebrities, driving purchase decisions through authentic connection, the report showed.

"With Indian consumers increasingly embracing digital platforms, YouTube is evolving to meet those needs by connecting creators, viewers, and brands in seamless and engaging ways," said Ajay Vidyasagar, Regional Director, APAC, YouTube.

Average GDP growth for 21 Indian states projected at 11.2 pc in FY25

Mumbai, Oct 26 (IANS) The capital spending by 21 key states is expected to moderate in FY25, growing by a modest 6.5 per cent to Rs 6.5 lakh crore, with an average GDP growth for these states projected at 11.2 per cent, an analysis by the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) revealed on Friday.

These 21 states together represent over 95 per cent of India's GDP (Rs 326 lakh crore in FY25BE).

Punjab has the lowest capital spending ratio at 6.2 per cent, while Gujarat leads at 36.2 per cent.

States' reliance on market loans has dropped in recent years, thanks to higher loans from the Centre.

"The average GDP growth for these states is projected at 11.2 per cent, down from 11.8 per cent in FY24RE, with significant inter-state variation (0.6 per cent for MP to 22.1 per cent for Mizoram), exceeding India's budgeted growth of 10.5 per cent," according to the NSE's 'State of States' report.

Total receipts are expected to rise by a four-year low of 10.2 per cent to Rs 43.4 lakh crore (+16.7 per cent in FY24RE), with revenue receipts (99 per cent of total receipts) rising by 10.6 per cent, the report mentioned.

This growth is primarily driven by a strong, albeit sequentially lower, 15 per cent rise in states' own revenues (tax and non-tax) to Rs 25.8 lakh crore, partly offset by lower devolution and grants from the Centre.

"Tax buoyancy for these states is expected to remain steady at 1.3x in FY25BE, surpassing the Centre's 1.0x," the NSE analysis showed.

On the other hand, committed expenditure (interest payments and pensions) remains high, comprising about 24 per cent of total revenue expenditure and consuming nearly a quarter of revenue receipts.



Punjab, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu have allocated over 35 per cent of their revenue receipts to committed expenditure in FY25.

"The overall fiscal deficit of these 21 states is pegged at Rs 10 lakh crore or 3.2 per cent of their GSDP in FY25BE vs. 3.5 per cent in FY24RE, above the recommended 3.0 per cent by the 15th Finance Commission," the report mentioned.

It further stated that with states contributing only 30 per cent of total tax revenues but accounting for over 60 per cent of total general government expenditure, improving their financial positions has become increasingly critical.

"Our analysis highlights the need for a clear fiscal consolidation roadmap for fiscally strained states, a gradual reduction in contingent liabilities to enhance transparency, improved fiscal credibility, and risk-based pricing for State Development Loans (SDLs)," said the NSE analysis.

These measures are essential for the long-term fiscal health of states, ensuring they are adequately equipped to address exigencies and emerging priorities in an ever-changing landscape, it added.

Will respond if Iran initiates new escalation: Israel



Tel Aviv, Oct 26 (IANS) The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) announced on Saturday the successful completion of "precise and targeted strikes" against multiple military targets in Iran that posed an immediate threat to Israel.

These strikes, conducted in three waves in collaboration with the Israeli Air Force (IAF), took place early Saturday in response to a ballistic missile attack on October 1, according to the IDF.

"The IDF has fulfilled its mission. Should the Iranian regime make the mistake of initiating a new escalation, we will respond," the IDF stated, adding that IAF planes had safely returned from the operation.

In a stern message, the IDF said, "Those who threaten Israel and attempt to escalate tensions in the region will face severe consequences. Today's actions showcase our ability and commitment to decisively defend the State of Israel and its citizens both offensively and defensively."

The IDF reported that, based on Intelligence, the IAF targeted missile manufacturing sites in Iran used to produce the missiles fired at Israel over the past year.

These missiles posed a "direct and immediate threat" to Israeli citizens, the IDF added. Additionally, the operation struck Iranian surface-to-air missile arrays and other aerial capabilities that aimed to limit Israel's operational freedom in Iranian airspace.

Iran has launched hundreds of missiles toward Israel during two attacks in April and October. The IDF accused Iran of "funding and directing terrorist activities" through proxies across the Middle East to target Israel and destabilise the region.

The IDF confirmed the use of advanced offensive operational capabilities during the strikes on Iranian strategic assets and reiterated Israel's "right to defend its citizens" if Iranian aggression continues.

In Tehran, explosions were reportedly heard, with Iranian state media attributing some of the sounds to air defence systems. Meanwhile, Syrian state media reported the targeting of "hostile targets" by Syrian air defences.

Separately, Israeli ground forces have initiated an incursion into Lebanon. The strike coincided with the return of US Secretary of State Antony Blinken from a Middle East tour, where he had urged Israeli officials to avoid escalating the conflict and to exclude nuclear facilities in any Iranian operation.

White House National Security Council spokesman Sean Savett acknowledged Israel's targeted strikes on Iranian military targets, referring further inquiries to the Israeli government.

US awaits India's inquiry into Khalistani activist's killing plot



Washington, Oct 26 (IANS) The US expects India's inquiry into the foiled plot to kill a Khalistani activist to nail those "responsible" for it and not merely, by implication, those who tried to carry it out.

Nikhil Gupta, an Indian businessman accused by the US of implementing the plot by trying to hire a killer, is already in US custody after extradition from Poland, where authorities had stopped him.

We have indicted VikasYadav, a former RAW operative in the same case and the FBI has put up "Wanted" posters for information leading to his arrest.

"We expect India's Enquiry Committee to conduct a thorough investigation that ultimately holds accountable those found responsible for lethal plotting in the US," said Vedant Patel, a State Department spokesperson.

"This issue remains the subject of both US and Indian investigations."

The statement came in response to a request seeking clarification from the US State Department about remarks by its spokesperson Vedant Patel at a daily briefing in which he had said the US expects "meaningful accountability" from India. India had set up an inquiry committee to investigate charges filed by federal US prosecutors in New York in 2023 in a murder-for-hire case accusing Gupta of hiring a man to kill the activist and making an advance payment of $15,000 for the job.

Illnesses linked to McDonald's E. coli outbreak rise to 75: CDC

Los Angeles, Oct 26 (IANS) With more cases being reported, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed that at least 75 people in the country have been sickened by the E. coli outbreak linked to McDonald's Quarter Pounder hamburgers.

The latest tally, up from 49, including one death, earlier this week, has been reported in 13 states, Xinhua news agency reported.

The most recent illness started on October 10, according to the CDC on Friday.

Of 61 people with information available, 22 have been hospitalised, and two people developed hemolytic uremic syndrome, a serious condition that can cause kidney failure.

The CDC said in an update that McDonald's is collaborating with investigation partners to determine what food ingredient in Quarter Pounders is making people sick.

McDonald's stopped using fresh slivered onions and quarter-pound beef patties in several states while the investigation is ongoing to identify the ingredient causing illness.

"The true number of sick people in this outbreak is likely much higher than the number reported, and the outbreak may not be limited to the states with known illnesses.

Russia says North Korean leader Kim's visit to Moscow possible next year



Seoul, Oct 26 (IANS) Russia said Friday that North Korean leader Kim Jong-un visiting Moscow next year is a possibility, noting that high-level exchanges are always taking place as Pyongyang is its "close neighbour."

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov made the comment to reporters asking about the possibility of the North Korean leader's visit, Yonhap news agency reported quoting Russia's TASS and Sputnik news agencies.

"Of course, close neighbours constantly exchange visits at the highest levels," Peskov was quoted by the media as saying.

Peskov also said Russia is developing "strong ties" with North Korea in "all areas."

The spokesperson's comment came after Russian President Vladimir Putin effectively acknowledged the North's deployment of its troops to Russia in support of its war in Ukraine.

In response to a question about the troop dispatch at a multilateral summit in Kazan, Putin did not deny or confirm the deployment, but said that his government takes the recently signed mutual treaty with North Korea seriously and what Russia does with the North within that framework is "our business".

India shows mirror to Pak at UNSC meet on despicable condition of minority women



United Nations, Oct 26 (IANS) India rebuked Pakistan for raising the Kashmir issue during a United Nations Security Council (UNSC) debate, condemning the move as "despicable" and a "mischievous provocation" rooted in Pakistan's "tried and tested tactic of spreading misinformation." It also showed the mirror to Pakistan on the despicable condition of minority women in the country.

During the UNSC debate on "Women Building Peace in a Changing Environment," Parvathaneni Harish, India's Permanent Representative to the UN, delivered a strong Right of Reply against Pakistan.

He criticised Pakistan's attempt to bring up Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) at the forum, accusing it of "political propaganda" in an inappropriate setting.

"It is despicable yet entirely predictable that one delegation has indulged in mischievous provocation based on their tried and tested tactic of spreading misinformation and disinformation. It's completely misplaced to indulge in such political propaganda at this important annual debate," Harish remarked. The exchange followed Pakistan's remarks referring to J&K, which Harish dismissed while shifting focus onto the conditions of minority women in Pakistan.

"We are well aware that the condition of women belonging to minority communities, notably Hindus, Sikhs, and Christians in that country, remains deplorable," he said.

Citing data from Pakistan's Human Rights Commission, he continued, "An estimated thousand women from these minority communities are subject to abduction, forced religious conversions, and forced marriages every year. I could go on, but I end here," he said, underscoring Pakistan's lack of action.

India also expressed gratitude to Switzerland for organising the debate, reaffirming its commitment to the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda.

"As we approach the 25th anniversary of Council Resolution 1325, India reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda," Harish noted.

"We recognise that sustainable peace requires women's full, equal, meaningful, and safe participation at all levels of decision-making, including politics, governance, institution-building, rule of law, the security sector, and economic recovery," Harish said.

Harish highlighted India's historical role in supporting women in peacekeeping missions.

Pakistan world's third worst country in managing law and order



Islamabad, Oct 26 (IANS) The World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2024 has ranked Pakistan as the world's third worst nation among 142 countries, when it comes to maintaining the law and order situation.

According to the report, Pakistan was ranked 140th along with Mali (141) and Nigeria (142) in terms of order and security.

Pakistan is referred to as a state where the military might is supreme and stands above all, thus putting the rights of people and the rule of law on an extremely poor footing, especially in the areas of civil and criminal justice.

Among the areas most affected by the poor justice system include civil and criminal justice, fundamental rights, open government, corruption, regulatory enforcement and order and security.

The WJP index rated Pakistan's global ranking at 129 out of a total of 142 countries assessed.

Over 50,000 in China's Hainan evacuated as Typhoon Trami grows

Haikou, Oct 26 (IANS) All the fishing vessels in Hainan, China's southernmost island province, have returned to port, and more than 50,000 people working on them have been evacuated to the land as Typhoon Trami strengthens, the provincial meteorological bureau said on Saturday.

Trami, designated as this year's 20th typhoon, has intensified to a force of 12 (approximately 119 km per hour). It is expected to rotate over the waters off the southern coast of Hainan and the Xisha Islands starting Sunday night.

The city of Sansha has elevated its warning level and activated the emergency response in light of the typhoon, Xinhua news agency reported.

In response to the increasing intensity of the typhoon, Hainan's high-speed railway services and trains in Haikou, the provincial capital, have extended their suspension. All services will be halted starting from 6 p.m. on Saturday, with plans to resume at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Australia: Three dead after light planes collide in Sydney

Sydney, Oct 26 (IANS) Three people were dead after two light planes collided in mid-air before crashing in Sydney's southwest on Saturday.

Emergency crews were called to Belimbla Park, approximately 65 kilometres southwest of central Sydney, just before midday local time following reports that two aircraft had collided and crashed, reports Xinhua news agency.

Police in the state of New South Wales (NSW) confirmed on Saturday afternoon that three men were found dead at the scene. Two crime scenes in close proximity were established at the sites where the two planes crashed into the ground.

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अतः यदि किसी को उल्लेखित भूमि हस्तान्तरण में कोई आपत्ति हो तो दिनांक– 12.11.2024 को 1:00 बजे अपराह्न में उपायुक्त, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ के न्यायालय में लिखित/मौखिक आपत्ति पत्र दाखिल करना सुनिश्चित करें। निर्धारित तिथि के पश्चात किसी प्रकार की आपत्ति पर कोई विचार नही किया जाएगा।

मेरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय के मुहर से दिनांक 23.10.2024 को सूचना निर्गत किया गया।

उप समाहर्त्ता
विधि शाखा
सरायकेला–खरसावाँ

PR 339579 Law(24-25).D

कार्यालय : असैनिक शल्य चिकित्सक सह मुख्य चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी, पूर्वी सिंहभूम,जमशेदपुर।

पत्रांक 2028/ जमशेदपुर, दिनांक 25.10.2024/

अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

आगामी विधानसभा (आम) निर्वाचन 2024 के लिए दवा/रसायन सामग्री (मेडिकल कीट) के क्रय हेतु प्रतिश्ठित एवं इच्छुक प्रतिष्ठानों/अधिकृत निर्माताओं/वितरकों से दिनांक 02.11.2024 के अपराह्न 12:00 बजे तक मुहरबंद लिफाफे में निविदा शर्त्तो के अधीन निबंधित डाक/स्पीड पोस्ट के माध्यम से स्वीकार किये जायेंगें एवं दिनांक 02.11.2024 के अपराह्न 02:00 बजे सिविल सर्जन कार्यालय, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर के सभकक्ष में जिला क्रय समिति के समक्ष निविदा खोले जायेंगें। निविदादाता स्वंय या अपने प्रतिनिधि के माध्यम से इस अवसर पर उपस्थित रह सकते हैं। निविदा विवरणी एवं शर्त्तो सिविल सर्जन कार्यालय, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर के सूचना पटट् एवं जमशेदपुर NIC के Website – www.jamshedpur.nic.in पर देख जा सकता है।

असैनिक शल्य चिकित्सक सह मुख्य चिकित्सा
पदाधिकारी, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर।

PR 339552 (Health Med Edu and Family Welfare) 24-25 (D)

जिला दण्डाधिकारी-सह-उपायुक्त का कार्यालय, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ
(विधि शाखा)

T.A. Mise Case No. 87/2024-25

आवेदक 1. कोड़ा मांझी, पिता–स्व0 मडे मांझी, 2. श्री डोमन टुडू, पिता–स्व0 मंडे मांझी उर्फ मडे मांझी 3. मंगल मांझी, पिता–स्व0 मरे मांझी उर्फ मडे मांझी, 4. नारायण टुडू, पिता–स्व0 मडे टुडू उर्फ मडे मांझी 5. हाड़ीराम मांझी, पिता–स्व0 मड़े मांझी उर्फ मडे मांझी सभी निवासी ग्राम––रायपुर, पंचायत–डुमरा, पो0–कान्ड्रा, जिला–सरायकेला–खरसावाँ (वादी)।

बनाम

M/S OCL IRON STEEL LIMTIED (प्रतिवादी)

:: आम सुचना ::

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि आवेदक 1. कोड़ा मांझी, पिता–स्व0 मडे मांझी, 2. श्री डोमन टुडू, पिता–स्व0 मंडे मांझी उर्फ मडे मांझी 3. मंगल मांझी, पिता–स्व0 मरे मांझी उर्फ मडे मांझी, 4. नारायण टुडू, पिता–स्व0 मडे टुडू उर्फ मडे मांझी 5. हाड़ीराम मांझी, पिता–स्व0 मड़े मांझी उर्फ मडे मांझी सभी निवासी ग्राम––रायपुर, पंचायत–डुमरा, पो0–कान्ड्रा, जिला–सरायकेला–खरसावाँ के मौजा–रतनपुर थाना नं0–06/0015 के अन्तर्गत :–

खाता	प्लॉट	रकवा
06	276	0.07
	280	0.13
	कुल	0.20 डी0

अतः यदि किसी को उल्लेखित भूमि हस्तान्तरण में कोई आपत्ति हो तो दिनांक– 05.11.2024 को 1:00 बजे अपराह्न में उपायुक्त, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ के न्यायालय में लिखित/मौखिक आपत्ति पत्र दाखिल करना सुनिश्चित करें। निर्धारित तिथि के पश्चात किसी प्रकार की आपत्ति पर कोई विचार नही किया जाएगा।

मेरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय के मुहर से दिनांक 23.10.2024 को सूचना निर्गत किया गया।

उप समाहर्त्ता, विधि शाखा
सरायकेला–खरसावाँ

PR 339585 Law (24-25)_D

जिला दण्डाधिकारी-सह-उपायुक्त का कार्यालय, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ
(विधि शाखा)

T.A. Mise Case No. 90/2024-25

आवेदक 1. मन सिंह सरदार, पिता–स्व0 लखन सरदार 2. मोहन सिंह सरदार, पिता –स्व0 लखन सिंह सरदार 3. धन सिंह पिता–स्व0 लखन सरदार, सभी का पता गॉव–साहेबगंज, पो0–मधुपुर, थाना–सरायकेला जिला–सरायकेला–खरसावाँ (वादी)।

बनाम

M/S ARTI UDYOG (प्रतिवादी)

:: आम सुचना ::

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है आवेदक 1. मन सिंह सरदार, पिता–स्व0 लखन सरदार 2. मोहन सिंह सरदार, पिता –स्व0 लखन सिंह सरदार 3. धन सिंह पिता–स्व0 लखन सरदार, सभी का पता गॉव–साहेबगंज, पो0–मधुपुर, थाना–सरायकेला जिला–सरायकेला–खरसावाँ के मौजा–साहेबगंज थाना नं0–228 के अन्तर्गत :–

खाता	प्लॉट	रकवा
73	183	0.20
	कुल	0.20 डी0

अतः यदि किसी को उल्लेखित भूमि हस्तान्तरण में कोई आपत्ति हो तो दिनांक– 12.11.2024 को 1:00 बजे अपराह्न में उपायुक्त, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ के न्यायालय में लिखित/मौखिक आपत्ति पत्र दाखिल करना सुनिश्चित करें। निर्धारित तिथि के पश्चात किसी प्रकार की आपत्ति पर कोई विचार नही किया जाएगा।

मेरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय के मुहर से दिनांक 23.10.2024 को सूचना निर्गत किया गया।

उप समाहर्त्ता, विधि शाखा
सरायकेला–खरसावाँ

PR 339581 Law (24-25)_D

सुदृढ़ प्रजातंत्र हेतु वृहत्तर सहभागिता
जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी–सह–उपायुक्त का कार्यालय, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ
(प्रेक्षक कोषांग)

:: संशोधित आम सूचना ::

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि विधानसभा (आम) निर्वाचन 2024 के निमित्त 50–ईचागढ़, 51–सरायकेला (अ0ज0जा0) एवं 57–खरसावाँ (अ0ज0जा0) विधानसभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों के लिए निवार्चन आयोग के द्वारा प्रतिनियुक्त प्रेक्षकों का आगमन हो गया है। जिनकी विवरणी निम्नवत् है –

क्र०	प्रेक्षक का नाम	विधानसभा क्षेत्र	मोबाईल संख्या	मिलने का स्थान	मिलने का समय	सम्पर्क पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं मोबाईल संख्या
1.	**Sri C N Longphai, IAS**	51 Seraikella (ST)	9905050968	परिसदन, सरायकेला	पूर्वाह्न 09:30 बजे से 10:30 बजे तक	**Sumit Suman** City Manager, Seraikella Nagar Panchayat Mob # 7992313767
2.	**Sri Upkar Singh, IAS**	57 Kharsawan (ST)	9905053771	परिसदन, सरायकेला	पूर्वाह्न 09:00 बजे से 10:00 बजे तक	**Niraj Nayan** DPM, JTDS Seraikella-Kharsawan Mob # 9155702645
3.	**Sri Doifode Sagar Dattatray, IAS**	50 Ichagarh	9905082074	सुवर्णरेखा बहुउद्देशीय नया आई०बी० भवन, चांडिल	पूर्वाह्न 09:00 बजे से 10:30 बजे तक	**Sourav Verma** City Manager, Adityapur Nagar Nigam Mob # 7488840585
4.	**Sri A G Chauhan, IPS**	50 Ichagarh 51 Seraikella (ST) 57 Kharsawan (ST)	9508541776	परिसदन, सरायकेला	पूर्वाह्न 09:00 बजे से 10:30 बजे तक	**Santosh Kumar Morya SI** Mob # 8409545779
5.	**Sri Digvijai Kumar Chaudhary, IRS**	50 Ichagarh 51 Seraikella (ST) 57 Kharsawan (ST)	6201173567	परिसदन, सरायकेला	पूर्वाह्न 10:30 बजे से 12:00 बजे तक	**Ravi Shankar Bharti** City Manager, Adityapur Nagar Nigam **Mob #** 7004787828

अतएव 50–ईचागढ़, 51–सरायकेला (अ0ज0जा0) एवं 57–खरसावाँ (अ0ज0जा0) विधानसभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्र के सभी आम नागरिकों/ राजनीतिक दलों के जिलाध्यक्ष/ प्रतिनिधियों से अपील है कि निर्वाचन से संबंधित किसी भी प्रकार के शिकायत/सूचना उपरोक्त मोबाईल संख्या पर दी जा सकती है तथा संपर्क पदाधिकारियों से समय प्राप्त कर प्रत्येक दिन प्रेक्षकों से मिलकर शिकायत दर्ज कराया जा सकता है।

वरीय पदाधिकारी, प्रेक्षक कोषांग –सह–
परियोजना निदेशक, ITDA
सरायकेला–खरसावाँ।

जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी–सह–
उपायुक्त, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ।

PR 339561 (Election)24-25*D

जिला दण्डाधिकारी–सह–उपायुक्त का कार्यालय, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ। (विधि शाखा)

T.A. Mise Case No. 92/2024-25

आवेदक 1. मन सिंह सरदार, पिता–स्व0 लखन सरदार 2. मोहन सिंह सरदार, पिता –स्व0 लखन सिंह सरदार 3. धन सिंह पिता–स्व0 लखन सरदार, सभी का पता गॉव–साहेबगंज, पो0–मधुपुर, थाना–सरायकेला जिला–सरायकेला–खरसावाँ (वादी)।

बनाम

M/S ARTI UDYOG (प्रतिवादी) ।

:: आम सुचना ::

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है आवेदक 1. मन सिंह सरदार, पिता–स्व0 लखन सरदार 2. मोहन सिंह सरदार, पिता –स्व0 लखन सिंह सरदार 3. धन सिंह पिता–स्व0 लखन सरदार, सभी का पता गॉव–साहेबगंज, पो0–मधुपुर, थाना–सरायकेला जिला–सरायकेला–खरसावाँ के मौजा–साहेबगंज थाना नं0–228 के अन्तर्गत :–

खाता	प्लॉट	रकवा
11	315	0.20
	323	0.17
	325	0.32
13	322	0.05
	कुल	0.74 डी0

अतः यदि किसी को उल्लेखित भूमि हस्तान्तरण में कोई आपत्ति हो तो दिनांक– 12.11.2024 को 1:00 बजे अपराह्न में उपायुक्त, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ के न्यायालय में लिखित/मौखिक आपत्ति पत्र दाखिल करना सुनिश्चित करें। निर्धारित तिथि के पश्चात किसी प्रकार की आपत्ति पर कोई विचार नही किया जाएगा।

मेरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय के मुहर से दिनांक 23.10.2024 को सूचना निर्गत किया गया।

उप समाहर्त्ता
विधि शाखा
सरायकेला–खरसावाँ।

PR 339583 (Law) 24-25 (D)

Health

Fat-derived cellular concentrate a promising treatment for diabetes



New Delhi, Oct 26 (IANS) Fat-derived cellular concentrate is a promising treatment for people with uncontrolled diabetes who are dependent on insulin, said experts on Wednesday.

Diabetes is a metabolic disorder that has become a global concern. In India, roughly 10 per cent of adults, or 10 crore people suffer from it while 13.5 crore people are in a prediabetic state.

A government hospital in Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur in 2022 became the first in the country to perform the first fat-derived stem cell transplant.

"A cellular concentrate made from fat tissue is proving more than useful in the management of uncontrolled Type-2 diabetes," Prof (Dr) B S Rajput, Visiting Professor at GSVM Medical College, which conducted the trial, told IANS.

In this method, stem cells are extracted from waist and abdominal fat and injected into the patient's muscles and blood cells, enabling the patient's pancreas (beta cells) to release normal amounts of insulin.

A 50-year-old man became the first recipient of an adipose-derived stem cell transplant. He had been suffering from type 2 diabetes for the past five years.

"The patient's HbA1C levels decline from 10 to 6.5 in just 6 months without changing lifestyle and dietary habits or even drugs," the doctor added. The HbA1c test is used to evaluate a person's level of glucose control.

The trial "has come as good news for all the patients with type 2 diabetes who have to take insulin frequently," Rajput said.

"Fat-derived cellular concentrate, a promising treatment for diabetes, involves using stem cells from a patient's fat tissue," Dr Manisha Arora, Director - Internal Medicine, Diabetes Specialist at the CK Birla Hospital(R), Delhi, told IANS.

"These cells help regenerate damaged insulin-producing cells in the pancreas, potentially improving insulin sensitivity and blood sugar regulation," he added.

Rajput noted that fat-derived cellular concentrate transplant is "suitable in the management of uncontrolled diabetes; diabetic complications like nerve and kidney damage; and also for diabetes with cardiac complications".

He stressed that this "is a minimal manipulation tissue transplant technique with a very high success rate in the management of diabetes using Australian patented technique of processing".

However, Rajput said that the beta cells transplanted were made from induced pluripotent potent stem cells, whose "production is prohibitively expensive".

"Also the inherent nature of autoimmunity in the body would ultimately destroy these cells, so diabetologists are still sceptical about its long-term efficacy".

'Singham Again' beats 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3' in advance bookings



Mumbai, Oct 26 (IANS) In anticipation of the highly awaited Diwali 2024 box office clash between major franchise films, Ajay Devgn's 'Singham Again' has already surged ahead of Kartik Aaryan's 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3'.

Directed by Rohit Shetty, the upcoming cop drama has captured significant attention with its high-energy teasers and franchise legacy, giving it a clear advantage over 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3', which stars Kartik Aaryan in the lead role. According to the latest reports, advance booking for 'Singham Again' has opened in the UAE, generating solid interest. Notably, the pre-sales are nearly 84% higher than those of its competitor, 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3.' It is reported that the Ajay Devgn starrer has generated pre-sales of INR 6.6 lakhs from 64 shows at VOX Cinemas, with approximately 505 tickets sold so far. This marks a promising start, and anticipation is expected to build as the release date nears.

Meanwhile, Anees Bazmee's film trails in the pre-sales race, bringing in INR 35.93 lakhs with 269 tickets sold across 64 shows at VOX Cinemas in the UAE. 'Singham Again' is reportedly outperforming 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3' in advance sales, boasting 84% higher pre-sales overall. In ticket sales specifically, the cop drama holds a solid lead, with nearly 87% more tickets sold than its competitor. The trailer for 'Singham Again' was released on October 7 and garnered a significant response. Rohit Shetty's 'Singham Again' showcases a star-studded ensemble cast that includes Ajay Devgn, Kareena Kapoor Khan, Ranveer Singh, Akshay Kumar, Deepika Padukone, Arjun Kapoor, Tiger Shroff, and Jackie Shroff. It is the fifth entry in the cop universe and the third film in the Singham series.On the other hand, 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3', co-written and directed by Anees Bazmee, stars Kartik Aaryan, Vidya Balan, Triptii Dimri, Madhuri Dixit, Vijay Raaz, Rajpal Yadav, and Sanjay Mishra. Both movies will lock horns on November 1 at the box office.

Preity Zinta talks about how much work, sacrifice parents put in for their children



Mumbai, Oct 26 (IANS) Actress Preity Zinta revealed that her last two weeks have been difficult as her husband Gene Goodenough was travelling for work and she was holding fort doing mama duties. She also talked about "how much work, sacrifice parents put in for their children" and gave a shout out to all. Preity took to Instagram, where she shared a picture of her walking with her twins Jai and Gia.

The actress captioned: "Walking towards the weekend… The last two weeks have been particularly difficult as Gene was travelling for work and I was holding fort doing mama duties which include - waking up the kids, getting them ready for school, packing their lunch box, dropping and picking them up from school, dinner and finally putting them to bed."

Preity said that she "was so excited about our solo time together"

She added: "cuz I want to spend as much time as I can with the kids before I'm off to another shoot. Although this time together has been so rewarding, so full of love, it's also been very stressful. (sic)."

Preity revealed that she has "hardly had a moment to myself or ended up doing any work except looking after them. This made me realise how much work and sacrifice all parents put in for their children specially single mothers and fathers !"

Rashmika Mandanna: 'Naruto' was my first introduction to Anime



Mumbai, Oct 26 (IANS) Actress Rashmika Mandanna revealed that 'Naruto' was her first introduction to Anime and that she was 12, when she got close to the genre.

Rashmika took to her YouTuber channel, where she was seen talking about her love for Anime. The actress talked about the genre in her vanity van, while she was getting her hair and make-up done to dress up as an Anime character.

Talking about when she was first introduced to the genre, Rashmika recalled: "That was that one year in my schooling that I was a day boarder. When I used to come back home I did not have friends in my neighborhood to play with… So, I remember going back to my room and sitting and watching TV."

The "Animal" actress shared that she used to really enjoy watching "Dragon Ball Z" and "Pokemon" at that time.

"So, when I was changing the channel I found Animax and it was the time they were playing 'Naruto'. So, Naruto was my first introduction to anime. Cut to I watched season 1 I think and on TV then they stopped."

After it stopped airing on television, the actress did her research and watched over 600 episodes of "Naruto," a Japanese manga series written and illustrated by Masashi Kishimoto.

It tells the story of Naruto Uzumaki, a young ninja who seeks recognition from his peers and dreams of becoming the Hokage, the leader of his village.

"I started googling about it and I read about it and I found a website which had all the episodes and they were some 600-800 episodes," she added.

Mrunal Thakur gives a glimpse of 'best vatavaran' in Rishikesh



Mumbai, Oct 26 (IANS) Bollywood actress Mrunal Thakur went trekking in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand and gave a glimpse of the "best vatavaran." Mrunal took to Instagram, where she shared a string of pictures from her early morning trek. The photographs had Mrunal enjoying the sun, greens and the view of the mountains along with a few friends.

"Best vatavaran… Jab aap ghode bech kar soo rahe the #tichkitrek #trekking #himalayas #rishikesh #travel," she wrote. Mrunal is currently shooting in Uttarakhand for a yet-untitled film, which also features actor Siddhant Chaturvedi. The actress at the 24th edition of IIFA shared that the genre of the movie is romance. Earlier, Mrunal took to Instagram, where she shared a video of her playing around with puppies and cats on the sets. The actress used the song "Nadaan Parindey" by A. R. Rahman and Mohit Chauhan from the 2011 film "Rockstar" starring Ranbir Kapoor.

"Mumma Can I PLEASE take these Nadan parindeys home ???? Please please pleaseeee #furryfriends #cats #dogs #love #pets #uttarakhand," she wrote as the caption. Mrunal will be next seen with Bollywood superstar Ajay Devgn in "Son of Sardaar". The film is directed by Vijay Kumar Arora. She also has David Dhawan's comedy film with Varun Dhawan, and "Pooja Meri Jaan" in the pipeline.

Sanjay Dutt shares glimpse of 'most powerful Marathi film' 'Raanti' starring Sharad Kelkar



Mumbai, Oct 26 (IANS) Bollywood star Sanjay Dutt on Saturday shared a glimpse of the high-octane Marathi entertainer "Raanti" starring Sharad Kelkar and the teaser of the film promised to be every bit "powerful."

Sanjay on Saturday morning shared the red and yellow tinted teaser of the film, which has been directed by Samit Kakkad and is slated to release on November 22.

The teaser of the upcoming movie, which is set in Patalpur, talks about one rule: "killing or getting killed". It also showcases Sharad's character, who is forced to pick up weapons and compelled to be violent.

Sharad is heard talking in Marathi, which is translated to English: "The breeze is calm. Not the storm. I am a hurricane. I have taken this avatar only to seek revenge."

In the teaser, Sharad, who will be playing the role of "Raanti", is seen performing high-octane action sequences and going on a killing spree for revenge.

For the caption, Sanjay wrote: "Presenting the Official Teaser of #RAANTI THE MOST POWERFUL MARATHI FILM OF THE DECADE! Directed by @samitkakkad Produced by @punitbalan Starring @sharadkelkar | @officialsanjaynarvekar | @santoshjuvekar12 | @shanvisri Releasing #22ndNovember.

The film also stars Sanjay Narvekar, Santosh Juvekar and actress Shanvi Srivastava. Other details about the film are under wraps.

Talking about Sanjay, earlier this month, he exchanged wedding vows for the fourth time



Galaxy full of stars attend Ayushmann, Tahira Kashyap's Diwali party

Mumbai, Oct 26 (IANS) A string of Bollywood personalities including Karan Johar, Huma Qureshi, Sharvari, Ali Fazal and Richa Chadha among others attended actor Ayushmann Khurrana and his wife Tahira Kashyap's Diwali bash.

Others who were seen soaking in the festive fervor included names such as Sanya Malhotra, Bhumi Pednekar, Sonali Bendre, Angad Bedi, Surveen Chawla and Nushrratt Bharuccha.

Ayushmann took to his Instagram stories, where he shared a string of pictures posing with his "Dum Laga Ke Haisha" co-star Bhumi, who looked every inch beautiful as she dressed in an earthy coloured saree paired with a mirror work blouse. Ayushmann looked dapper in black Indian wear.

He also re-shared a picture posing with his wife and his "Dream Girl" co-star Nushratt for a selfie at the gathering that took place at Ayushmann and Tahira's Mumbai home.

On the work front, Ayushmann has started working on his next film directed by Amar Kaushik. The film, which is being shot in Himachal Pradesh, also stars Sara Ali Khan and is touted to be a "spy comedy". Sara on October 25 took to Instagram stories, where she shared a string of pictures. The first featured her posing with the director and the actor as they sat next to a bonfire. In the image, the actress was seen in a black and white graffiti hoodie paired with dark jeans and earmuffs. Keeping the colour code in check, Kaushik and Ayushmann too were dressed in black. Ayushmann was last seen in the 2023 comedy drama film "Dream Girl 2",a spiritual sequel to the 2019 film "Dream Girl." The film also stars Ananya Panday, Paresh Rawal, Annu Kapoor, Rajpal Yadav, Vijay Raaz, Asrani, Abhishek Banerjee, Manjot Singh and Seema Pahwa.

Kate Winslet: If we don't make mistakes, we can never learn

Los Angeles, Oct 26 (IANS) Oscar winning-actress Kate Winslet has shared some advice for young and aspiring actresses and said that they should not worry too much about making mistakes.

Asked about the advice she has for younger women coming up in the industry, Winslet told people.com: "It's such an interesting question, because I give it a lot of advice all the time. The main thing I say is that mistakes are not only celebrated, but they're important. Because if we don't make mistakes, we can absolutely never learn."

"And we all make mistakes, and there is no such thing as perfect. And just to completely be themselves. Because if they can be themselves, they've always got that to hang on to and to keep them grounded."

Asked how she's managed to overcome her own mistakes, Kate replied: "Honestly, dig deep, keep going, and just believe in myself. I mean, that's honestly what I do. And try not to be hard on myself. I think women in general, we're hard on ourselves all the time." "It's a terrible waste of energy, and I don't ever want to look back at my life and think to myself, 'I wish I had been kinder on myself.' I want to do that now, and always be doing that. So that's what I do." Earlier this year, Shailene Woodley praised Winslet for helping her to remain grounded.

2nd Test: Santner stars as New Zealand do the impossible with a historic series win in India



Pune, Oct 26 (IANS) Left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner weaved magic with his 6-104 as New Zealand did the unimaginable by clinching a historic Test series win in India for the first time with a 113-run victory over the hosts on Day Three of the second Test at the Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) Stadium here on Saturday.

Not many had thought New Zealand would go on to get their first Test series win in India, especially after losing 2-0 in Sri Lanka, having a new captain in Tom Latham and ace batter Kane Williamson not being available due to a groin injury.

But New Zealand upstaged India by winning key moments in Pune to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. Santner, who took 7-53 in the first innings, rattled India yet again with a remarkable spell of 6-104 to end up with match figures of 13/157, the third-best match figures for a bowler from his country in Tests.

Despite nursing pain on his right side, Santner varied his pace, and trajectory and found enough help from a spin-friendly pitch to bamboozle the Indian batters and play a major hand in New Zealand doing the impossible in a convincing fashion.

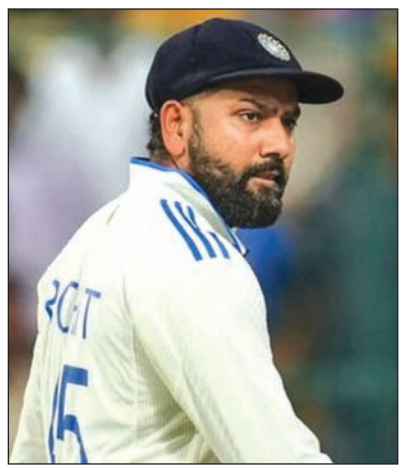
The result also means that India have lost a Test series at home for the first time since December 2012. The defeat to a tough and solid New Zealand side, after being bowled out for 245 in an uphill pursuit of 359, brings their unbeaten 18-series streak in Tests at home to an end. After reducing India to 178/7 at tea, the final session began with RavichandranAshwin and Ravindra Jadeja defending for nine overs before the former was lured into a drive on a ball from Santner which dipped and then turned to take the edge to slip.

Despite a few boundaries from Jadeja delaying the inevitable, New Zealand continued to strike as Akash Deep holed out to long-on, giving left-arm spinner Ajaz Patel his first wicket of the match. Jadeja became the fourth player to enter a rare club of 2000-plus runs and 200-plus wickets in Tests at home through his knock of 42. But him holing out to long-on off Patel made the way for an unforgettable moment in New Zealand's cricketing history.

Brief scores:

New Zealand 259 and 255 beat India 156 and 245 all out in 60.2 overs (YashasviJaiswal 77, Ravindra Jadeja 42; Mitchell Santner 6-104, Ajaz Patel 2-43) by 113 runs

When you win a lot, there will be a series where you don't execute things well: Rohit



Pune, Oct 26 (IANS) After India's 12-year unbeaten streak in the home Test series came to a stunning end as New Zealand clinched a historic 2-0 lead with a 113-run victory at the Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) Stadium skipper Rohit Sharma acknowledged his team's shortcomings saying, "we failed to respond to the pressure".

Left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner weaved magic with his 6-104 in the second innings on Saturday as New Zealand did the unimaginable by clinching a historic Test series win in India for the first time with a 113-run victory over the hosts. Santner, who took 7-53 in the first innings, rattled India yet again with a remarkable spell of 6-104 to end up with match figures of 13-157, the third-best match figures for a bowler from his country in Tests. Reflecting on the series, Rohit said, "We didn't bat well in the first innings. The pitch wasn't bad enough. We just didn't get close to their first innings score. As the game went on, the pitch started behaving differently. We wanted to get those runs. We lost wickets after that Gill-Yashasvi partnership. We failed to respond to the pressure," the India skipper said in the post-match press conference.

The defeat is India's first home Test series loss since Alastair Cook's England side won 2-1 in 2012. The recent series opener in Bengaluru set the tone when India, bowled out for a mere 46 in the first innings, struggled to recover as New Zealand's Rachin Ravindra struck a steady century, complemented by Tim Southee's late-order hitting. Although Sarfaraz Khan scored a maiden hundred, and Rishabh Pant added a counter-attacking 99, India suffered a lower-order collapse, setting New Zealand a modest 107-run target that they chased easily, securing the first win.

"In the last two Test matches, things have gone wrong. We won 18 series before it so we had done a lot of things right. We have played on challenging pitches in India. Things happen. When you win a lot, there will be a series where you don't execute things well. "I am not doubting anyone's ability. I don't want to do too much post-mortem. Batters need to trust their plans. The NZ batters showed us that if you play in a certain method it will work. They were ahead so they were high on confidence," he added.

Really special feeling, proud to be in this position, says Tom Latham



Pune, Oct 26 (IANS) Six days after New Zealand gave immense joy to a country of over five million residents by winning the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup silverware, it was the turn of Tom Latham-led Test team to add more happiness with a 113-run win over India giving them their first-ever series win in the country.

After New Zealand got the historic triumph at Pune and take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series, Latham was understandably jubilant. "Really special feeling. Proud to be in this position.Whole team effort and a clear example of everyone pitching in. When you come over here you want to put your best foot forward. Putting runs on the board at the start was really important," he said after the match ended.

The chief architect of New Zealand's win was left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner, who took 7-53 in the first innings and rattled the Indian chase by picking 6-104 in a relentless and uninterrupted spell of 29 overs to finish with match figures of 13-157, the third-best match figures for a bowler from his country in Tests.

"Have to mention Mitch Santner. He was fantastic. Has been around the group a long time, and to finally get a break and bowl the way he has - credit to him. It was about trying to stick to our basics and play the long game."

"Both surfaces have been different, we've needed to adapt and we've done that very well. The method we played with last night - to put ourselves on the front foot - was terrific. The way Glenn Phillips played this morning was really important," added Latham.

Opener YashasviJaiswal was blazing in his 65-ball 77 to raise hopes for a miraculous Indian win, but New Zealand held their calm to conjure up the unthinkable and give the hosts' their first series loss at home since December 2012.

"We knew India were going to come out hot. Didn't realise they were going to come that hot, but we managed to get the breakthroughs in the middle session. Those last two wickets took an age but when Tim took that catch we were really happy," concluded Latham.

WTC Standings: India retain top spot but suffer dent in points percentage; NZ climb to fourth

Pune, Oct 26 (IANS) India's massive 113-run loss against New Zealand in the second Test gave a huge blow to their World Test Championship final (WTC) hopes as they hold a very slim edge over second-placed Australia in the standings.

Despite loss in the first two Tests against New Zealand, India continue to lead the standings with 98 points after 13 matches while Australia have 90 points to claim the second place. However, India's points percentage dropped to 62.82 after the first series loss at home in over a decade. On the other hand, Australia are not that behind in points percentage with 62.50.

With the three-match series already in their kitty, New Zealand have climbed to the fourth spot in the WTC standings with back-to-back wins over India. They have 60 points same as third-placed Sri Lanka but fall behind in the points percentage.

Currently, South Africa are placed fifth with 40 points in seven Tests above England, Pakistan Bangladesh and West Indies, respectively.

India's road to the WTC final will face an uphill task with six Tests remaining including five against Australia in Down Under. India need to win at least four matches in the remaining games to bolster their case for the third consecutive WTC final. However, anything short of that will make them depend on other teams for the summit clash.

Apart from Australia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka and South Africa are in contention for the top two finish in the current WTC cycle.

After the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series against India, Australia will host Sri Lanka for two Tests while South Africa will play one more Test against Bangladesh before hosting Sri Lanka and Pakistan for a two-Test home series.

Whereas, New Zealand will play a three-Test home series against England after the third Test against India at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, starting on November 1.

New Zealand won the inaugural WTC title while Australia are the defending champions in the format. Both teams won against India in the finals.

Birsa Munda All India Open FIDE Rapid and Blitz Chess Competition commences in Gamharia



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Gamharia, October 26: The first Birsa Munda All India Open FIDE Rapid and Blitz Rating Chess Competition was inaugurated on Saturday in Gamharia by the Saraikela Kharsawan District Chess Association. The event was jointly inaugurated by Adityapur Municipal Corporation Commissioner Ravi Prakash, the chief guest, and NMC's Additional Municipal Commissioner Parul Singh, the special guest.

The inauguration ceremony included the presence of entrepreneur RK Sinha, Arun Pathak, senior journalist Uttam Nath Pathak, Grandmaster Mitra Guha, Grandmaster Shaptashree Roy Choudhary, and Jharkhand's only International Master Neeraj Kumar Mishra, along with other industrialists. The program commenced with the guests receiving bouquets and shawls in honor of their contributions to chess.

More than 300 participants from nine states were competing in this tournament, with about 140 rated players among them. International Arbiter Vishal Kumar Minj served as the chief judge, while FIDE Arbiter Anish Ansari operated the live board, broadcasting the games of players on the top 10 boards. (w/gsd)

DAV Bistupur, SDSM School win JOGGA Football C'ship



Jamshedpur, Oct 26: The JOGGA Interschool Football Championship concluded on Saturday with an exciting closing ceremony. The event saw Mukul Vinayak Chaudhari, CEO of Jamshedpur FC, as the chief guest, while Jamshedpur FC players Nikhil Barla and Kartik Choudhary were the guests of honour. Firoz Khan, Vice President of JOGGA, was also present at the occasion.

In the Junior girls -1st - R.K.M.S, 2nd- K.P.S. Gamharia, 3rd- J.P.S. Junior Boys -1st- D.B.M.S. Kadma, 2nd- Kashidih High school , 3rd- JUSCO School Kadma. Senior Girls -1st- D.A.V. Bistupur, 2nd- S.D.S.M, 3rd- J.P.S. Senior Boys - 1st- S.D.S.M School of Excellence, 2nd- A.I.W.C, 3rd- D.B.M.S Kadma.

The championship showcased high levels of talent and sportsmanship among the participating schools.

MS Dhoni will play in IPL 2025, confirms CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan

Chennai: MS Dhoni will play in the IPL 2025, Chennai Super Kings (CSK) CEO Kasi Viswanathan confirmed on Saturday, October 26. The declaration from Viswanathan comes a day after the former India captain expressed his desire to enjoy playing in his "last few years" of his career.

"When he is ready, what else (do) we want. We are happy," franchise CEO Kasi Viswanathan told Cricbuzz on Saturday. CSK management had been waiting for a confirmation from there former captain since the last few months.

"I just want to enjoy whatever last few years of cricket I am able to play. When you play cricket like a professional sport, it becomes difficult to enjoy it just like a game. That's what I want to do. It's not easy," Dhoni was quoted as saying to a leading



English daily. "The emotions keep coming, the commitments are there. I want to enjoy the game for the next few years. I have to keep myself fit for nine months, so that I can play two and a half months of IPL. You need to plan it out, but at the same time chill a bit," he added.

Kasi Viswanathan also confirmed that MS Dhoni would be calling CSK owner N Srinivasan to finalise the final list of players to be retained. As per the rule brought back by the IPL governing council, Dhoni would be retained as an uncapped player for Rs 4 crore only. Ravindra Jadeja is likely to be CSK's number one retention followed by captain Ruturaj Gaikwad. Sri Lanka pacer Matheesha Pathirana, a find of CSK, has reportedly agreed to be the No.3 retention, and his deal with CSK has already been finalised.

Shivam Dube, Devon Conway, Rachin Ravindra and uncapped Sameer Rizvi are four other players. who could be discussed in Dhoni's call to Srinivasan.

10-man Jamshedpur FC take 5-0 blasting from NorthEast United

Guwahati, October 26: Jamshedpur FC faced a heavy 5-0 defeat against NorthEast United FC in the Indian Super League match played at Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Guwahati on Saturday. The game proved challenging for Jamshedpur, especially after being reduced to ten men early in the second half.

NorthEast United capitalized on their numerical advantage, showcasing a dominant performance throughout the match. The team struck early, setting the tone for a commanding display. Jamshedpur struggled to respond and failed to find the back of the net, leaving them with a disappointing result.

The match began on a difficult note for the Men of Steel, with NorthEast United FC's



Alaaeddine Ajaraie finding the net in the 5th minute. Adding to the setback, Jamshedpur FC defender Stephen Eze was shown a second yellow card in the 29th minute, leaving the team down a player for the remainder of the game.

Head Coach Khalid Jamil quickly brought in Yamboi Muirang for winger Mohammed Sanan, but the absence of Eze at the back left gaps that NorthEast United FC exploited.

Despite the scoreline, Jamshedpur FC showed resilience, creating chances to get back into the game. Rei Tachikawa was a threat, coming close to scoring twice, while Jordan Murray and Seminlen Doungel also had promising moments.

However, the team was unable to convert these chances, and NorthEast United FC continued to capitalize on their opportunities, with Alaaeddine Ajaraie making it a brace, Parthib Gogol adding two more goals and Macarton Nickson scoring in the 82nd minute.

Jamshedpur FC will look to bounce back at home, taking on Chennaiyin FC at the JRD Tata Sports Complex in their next fixture on November 4.

NTHA Jamshedpur clinches silver at 52nd Nehru Junior Hockey Tournament



Jamshedpur, October 26: Naval Tata Hockey Academy, Jamshedpur (NTHA) secured the silver medal at the prestigious 52nd Nehru Junior Hockey Tournament Under-17, held at the Shivaji Hockey Stadium in New Delhi.

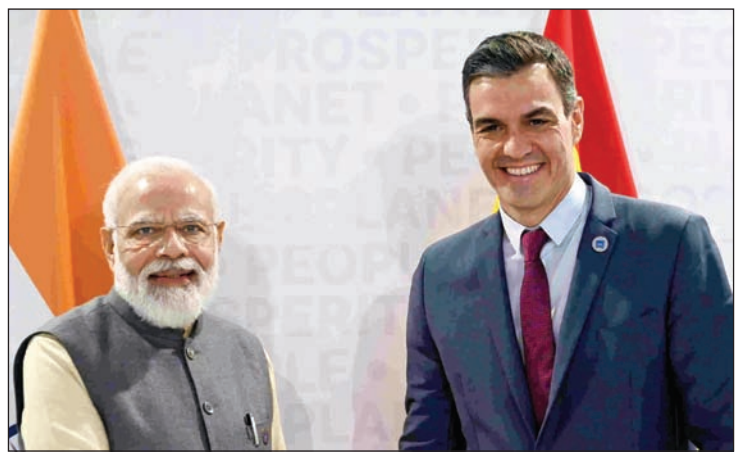
In a gripping final match, NTHA emerged as a formidable competitor against Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy, finishing with a score of 3-1. Twelve elite teams from across India competed in this national tournament. In the final match Amit of Naval Tata Hockey Academy was the Player of the Match.

Under the expert guidance of Coach Vikas Pant and Manager Vikas Joshi, NTHA's players delivered an impressive performance. The players' dedication and the strategic leadership of their coach and manager were evident as they fought their way to the podium.

PM Modi, Spanish counterpart to launch C-295 aircraft facility in Vadodara on Monday

Gandhinagar, Oct 26 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez will jointly inaugurate the TATA Aircraft Complex for manufacturing the C-295 aircraft, during his visit to Gujarat's Vadodara on Monday.

It will be the first private sector final assembly line for military aircraft in the country. It will involve the full development of a complete ecosystem from the manufacture to assembly, test and qualification, to delivery and maintenance of the complete lifecycle of the aircraft.



Under the C-295 programme, a total of 56 aircraft will become part of the fleet, out of which 16 will be delivered directly by Airbus from Spain and the remaining 40 will be Made in India. The manufacturing of aircraft will be done at the TATA Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) Campus.Apart from Tata, leading defence public sectors such as Bharat Electronics Ltd and Bharat Dynamics Ltd, as well as private Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), will also contribute to this programme.

PM Modi will also inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of various development projects worth over Rs 4,900 crore in Amreli. The key focus of these projects would be rail, road, water development and tourism sectors.

PM Modi is also slated to inaugurate Bharat Mata Sarovar in Amreli's Dudhala, developed on the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. The dam, which could hold 4.5 crore litres of water till now, will see its capacity enhanced to 24.5 crore litres of water after the deepening and widening of the huge reservoir.

The PM will also inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of various road projects worth more than Rs 2,800 crore, which include four-laning of various sections of NH 151, NH 151A and NH 51 and the Junagadh bypass. The foundation stone for a four-laning project of the remaining section from the Dhrol bypass in Jamnagar district to Amran in Morbi district will also be laid.PM Modi will dedicate to the nation, the Bhuj-Naliya rail gauge conversion project, completed at a cost of around Rs 1,100 crore.

After nomination, Priyanka Gandhi writes intimate letter to people of Wayanad

Wayanad, Oct 26 (IANS) With less than three weeks to go for the Wayanad Lok Sabha bye-election, Congress candidate Priyanka Gandhi has written a passionate letter to the people of Wayanad wherein she states that it was after returning from visiting landslide-hit villages in the district that she felt it would be an honour for her to represent them in Parliament.



Earlier on Wednesday, at a massive roadshow Priyanka Gandhi submitted three sets of nomination papers for the bypolls to be held on November 13.

In her letter she points out that "it would be an honour to learn from you, to understand your lives and the challenges you face and to become part of this courageous community that knows how to respect each other and stand tall even in the most trying times."

"A few months ago I visited Chooralmala and Mundakkai with my brother and saw the devastation with my eyes. I saw children who lost their entire family, mothers who lost their children, met people whose entire things had been washed away in the landslide. I was struck by one thing, each and every person was trying to help one another," said Priyanka Gandhi in the heartfelt letter.

"They supported each other without grief and with commitment and empathy. Your spirit of bravery has deeply touched me. To be part of your community to be part of your family is a great privilege and honour for me," the Congress leader said.

BJP announces second list of 22 nominees for Nov 20 Maharashtra polls

Mumbai, Oct 26 (IANS) The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday released its second list of 22 candidates for the November 20 Maharashtra Assembly elections, six days after the party announced the names of 99 nominees in its first list.

The BJP has re-nominated Devayanai Pharande from Nashik Central constituency, Prakash Bharsakle from Akot, Kumar Ailani from Ulhasnagar, Ravindra Patil from Pen, Bhimrao Tapkir from Khadakwasla, Sunil Kamble from Pune Cantonment and Samadhan Awatade from Pandharpur.

The party, however, denied tickets to sitting legislator Deorao Holi from the Maoist-infested Gadchiroli (ST) seat. The BJP has fielded Milind Narode in place of Holi.

The party has also dropped sitting legislator Lakhan Malik and nominated Shyam Khode from Washim SC.

With the announcement of 22 fresh names, the BJP has so far named a total of 121 candidates for the upcoming elections to the 288-member Maharashtra Assembly. The party expects to contest about 150 seats.



The second list also includes names of Ram Bhadane (Dhule Rural), former legislator Chainsukh Sancheti (Malkapur), Vijay Agarwal (Akola West), Kevalram Kale (Melghat (ST), Deorao Bhongle (Rajura), Krishnalal Sahare (Brahmapuri), Kiran Deotale (Warora), Harishchandra Bhoye (Vikramgad ST), Hemant Rasane (Kasba Peth), Ramesh Karad (Latur Rural), Devendra Kothe (Solapur City Central), Satyajit Deshmukh, who is the son of former Congress leader and former chairperson of Maharashtra Legislative Council Shivajirao Deshmukh (Shirala) and state council member Gopichand Padalkar (Jat Assembly seat).

Leopard sighted on KV premises in Patna's Bihta

Patna, Oct 26 (IANS) A leopard was spotted on the Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) premises located at the Air Force station in Patna's Bihta, prompting immediate closure of the school until further notice.

The leopard was captured on the school's CCTV camera on Thursday night.

The Air Force station, which spans thousands of acres, provides ample cover for wildlife, complicating efforts to locate and safely capture the wild cat.

The Forest Department, in coordination with Indian Air Force (IAF) officials, has deployed a team with extensive resources to locate the leopard. However, despite extensive efforts, the team has not yet succeeded in locating the wild cat.

"We have been using nets and cages strategically placed around the area to facilitate a safe capture. The Forest Department is taking precautions to ensure the leopard's capture with minimal risk to residents, staff, and the animal itself," a Forest Department official said on Saturday.

The school remained closed as a safety measure, and search efforts are ongoing to address the situation quickly and ensure the safety of all involved, the official added.

This isn't the first time that a leopard has been spotted in the area.

In 2020, a leopard was seen on a CCTV camera at the same location. At that time, a 15-member team of the Forest Department, working closely with IAF officials, managed to capture the wild cat.

Nationalist Congress Party-SP, Shiv Sena-UBT name more candidates for Maha polls

Mumbai, Oct 26 (IANS) Hours after the Congress on Saturday released its second list for the November 20 Maharashtra Assembly polls, its Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) allies, the Nationalist Congress Party-SP and the Shiv Sena-UBT announced the names of more candidates.

The NCP-SP has fielded 22 more contenders including several bigwigs, sitting MLAs, and defectors from other parties from different parts of the state, taking the total in the fray to 67 so far, its state President Jayant R. Patil said.

Its candidates include Omi Kalani from Ulhasnagar, Satish Anna Patil from Erandol, Satish Chavan from Gangapur, Pandurang Barora from Shahapur, Rahul Mote from Paranda, Sandeep Kshirsagar from Beed, Mayura Kale from Arvi, Deepika Chavan from Baghlan, Manikrao Shinde from Yeola, Uday Sangle from Sinnar, and Sunita Charoskar from Dindori.

Ganesh Geete will contest from Nashik East, Satyashee Sherkar from Junnar, Sulakshana Sheelvant from Pimpri, Sachin Dodke from Khadakwasla, Ashwini Kadam from Parvati, Amit Bhandgre from Akole, Abhishek Kalambkar from Ahilyanagar City, Uttamrao Jankar from Malshiras, Deepak Chavan from Phaltan, Nandini B. Kupekar from Chandgarh, and Madan Karande from Ichalkaranji.



The SS-UBT has announced the names of three candidates from Mumbai, including the sole Muslim, Harun Khan who will contest from Versova, as well as Sanjay Bhalerao from Ghatkopar West and Sandeep Naik from Vile Parle, signalling the end of a tug-of-war on these constituencies with the Congress.

As per the new tentative formula, the Congress-NCP-SP-SS-UBT will be contesting 90 seats each, making 270 of the total 288, and the remaining 18 shall be allotted to other smaller allies.

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