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India-Kuwait friendship to flourish more after elevating ties to strategic partnership: PM

Kuwait City, Dec 22 (IANS) Expanding cooperation in several areas, India and Kuwait on Sunday opened a new chapter in their longstanding relationship by becoming strategic partners during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's historic visit to the West Asian nation.

PM Modi announced the decision to elevate India-Kuwait ties to the level of strategic partnership following an "excellent meeting" with the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al Sabah at the Bayan Palace.

"We discussed cooperation in key sectors like pharmaceuticals, IT, FinTech, Infrastructure and security. In line with the close ties between our nations, we have elevated our partnership to a strategic one and I am optimistic that our friendship will flourish even more in the times to come," the PM posted on X. The discussions focused on exploring ways to take India-Kuwait bilateral ties to new heights with PM Modi also expressing his gratitude to the Amir for the welfare of the Indian community in Kuwait. At the start of the meeting, the Amir also bestowed Kuwait's highest honour 'The Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer' to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in appreciation of his distinguished achievements and the efforts made to strengthen the relations between the two countries. 'The Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer' is a knighthood order of Kuwait and is named after the seventh ruler of Kuwait, Mubarak bin Sabah Al-Sabah, who assumed power in 1896 and took Kuwait to new heights during his reign. The Order is awarded to Heads of State and foreign Sovereigns and to members of foreign royal families in sign of friendship. Quite significantly, it is the 20th international honour given to PM Modi by a country.

The occasion marked a significant moment in PM Modi's two-day visit to the Gulf nation, the first by an Indian Prime Minister in 43 years.



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'The Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer' takes the number of civilian honours received by PM Modi to a record 20, highlighting his leadership and India's growing stature on the global stage.

Allu Arjun's house vandalised by Osmania University panel members, 8 detained



Hyderabad, Dec 22 (IANS) Several members of Osmania University on Sunday stormed into Telugu actor Allu Arjun's Jubilee Hills residence in Hyderabad and damaged the property, officials said.

Cops intervened and detained eight members of the university's Joint Action Committee (JAC), who were subsequently taken to the Jubilee Hills Police Station.

The group, comprising several leaders of the Osmania University JAC, attempted to force entry into the actor's house, demanding one crore as compensation to the family of the 35-year-old woman who died on December 4 during a stampede at a cinema hall in Hyderabad where the actor arrived for the premiere of his recent release "Pushpa 2: The Rule".

A video of the incident showed several men storming inside the actor's house and causing damage to the property. Flower pots inside the compound were also destroyed by the group.

Notably, Allu Arjun was not present at his residence when the incident occurred.

The attack came hours after Telugu cinema star urged his fans to refrain from abusive language or behaviour, both online and offline, amid new allegations against him related to the Sandhya Theatre stampede case.

Neighbour killed over land dispute in Mango

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Dec 22: A land dispute in Kumrum Basti, under the Mango police station area, led to a brutal murder on Friday. Rasik Majhi, 48, was allegedly beaten to death by his neighbors, Dhananjay Kumar and Mrityunjay Kumar. The police have detained both accused for questioning. According to Sukrumani Majhi, Rasik's sister-in-law, the accused were digging on their property, which led Rasik to object. This provoked the two brothers, who attacked him with sticks, leaving him critically injured. After the assault, the accused fled the scene, leaving Rasik on a cot.

Sukrumani further revealed that Rasik's wife and children are at her maternal home, and other family members were away in the village during the incident. The land dispute had reportedly caused tension between the families in the past.

Upon receiving the information, the police arrived at the scene, sent the body for post-mortem, and launched an investigation into the matter. The authorities are currently probing the case to uncover further details. (W-pb)



CM Hemant, Kalpana visit Ranchi Archbishop ahead of Christmas

Mail News Service

Ranchi, Dec 22: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren along with his wife and JMM leader Kalpana Soren visited Archbishop Vincent Aind's residence here on Sunday ahead of Christmas. The Chief Minister extended his best wishes to the people for the Christmas celebration.

"The Christmas festival is going on. People celebrate this festival with immense joy in Ranchi. I extend my best wishes to the people of the state and the country," Hemant Soren said after visiting the Archbishop.

Kalpana Soren said that they came to seek the blessings of the Bishop

"Today, we came here to seek the blessings of the Bishop… To bid adieu 2024 and to welcome a new year, I extend my best wishes to all," she said. (W-mb)



Orchestra dancer shot dead in broad daylight in Palamu

Medininaga, Dec 22 (IANS): A 30-year-old orchestra dancer was shot dead by an unidentified assailant in Jharkhand's Palamu district on Sunday afternoon, police said. The dancer, identified as Pooja Kumari, was shot in the head at her home in Nartaki Mohalla near Harihar Chowk in Hussainabad police station area. She was taken to a hospital, where doctors declared her dead, a police officer said.

Six people have been detained in connection with the incident and their interrogation is underway, Hussainabad police station officer-in-charge Sanjay Kumar Yadav said, adding police suspect the culprit is among those detained. Hussainabad Sub-divisional Police Officer Mohammad Yaqub also visited the spot.

The statement of the deceased's family was being recorded. Enraged over the incident, locals blocked the Japla-Dangwar Road demanding immediate arrest of the culprit. The stir, which was underway, disrupted traffic movement. The body has been sent for post-mortem examination.

13 criminals from two gangs arrested in Ramgarh for extortion

Ramgarh, Dec 22 (IANS) In a major crackdown on organised crime in Jharkhand, the Ramgarh district police have arrested 13 members of the notorious Pandey and Srivastava gangs, who were involved in extorting money from transporters, mine operators, contractors, and businessmen. The arrests were made through coordinated raids across the Ranchi, Hazaribagh, and Ramgarh districts of the state. At a press conference on Sunday, Patratu SDPO Pawan Kumar revealed that the police recovered two firearms, live cartridges, extorted cash, mobile phones used for issuing threats, lists of targeted businessmen, and incriminating photographs during the operation. Both gangs were found to have employed young men on a monthly salary basis to carry out threats and extortion. Police interrogation revealed that the Pandey gang recently extorted Rs 13 lakh from their victims.

The Srivastava gang, operating under the direction of jailed leaders Aman Srivastava and Shiv Sharma, primarily targeted people in the coal sector.

'Udaan Yatri cafe' at airports soon

New Delhi, Dec 22 (IANS) In a major relief for fliers and air passengers, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has announced the launch of "Udaan Yatri Cafe", an eatery outlet at the airport for providing basic essentials like food and water at affordable and reasonable rates. The one-of-its kind initiative is being launched at Kolkata airport on a pilot basis and if it turns successful, it will be replicated at other airports across the country, managed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

With the launch of first "Udaan Yatri Cafe" at Kolkata's Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, air passengers will have access to essential items like water bottles, tea, coffee, and snacks at reasonable prices.

The Rajya Sabha MP has welcomed the move and also expressed hope that such facility would be extended to other airports of the country.

"Finally, the government has heard the voice of the common man. While the initiative begins with Kolkata Airport, I hope it is extended to all airports nationwide. This will ensure that air travelers don't have to pay Rs 100-250 for basic items like water, tea, or coffee," Chadha said.

He emphasized that affordable amenities at airports are crucial for the convenience of the general public.

UP court summons Rahul Gandhi

Lucknow, Dec 22 (IANS): A court in Uttar Pradesh has summoned Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his alleged remarks related to the Economic Survey during the Lok Sabha elections campaign. Gandhi has been asked to appear before the court on January 7. District and Sessions Judge Sudhir Kumar issued the summons on a petition filed by All India Hindu Mahasangh president Pankaj Pathak.

PM Modi to distribute 71,000 appointment letters today

New Delhi, Dec 22 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi will distribute more than 71,000 appointment letters to newly appointed recruits on Monday (December 23). The event will be held at around 10.30 a.m. through video conferencing. He will also address the gathering on the occasion. The Rozgar Mela will be held at 45 locations across the country. The recruitments will take place for various Ministries and Departments of the Central government. The recruits, selected from across the country will be joining various Ministries/Departments, including the Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Posts, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and Department of Financial Services, among others. According to a government media release, the Rozgar Mela is a step towards the fulfilment of the commitment of the Prime Minister to accord the highest priority to employment generation.

BJP launches statewide membership drive at 5,628 centres in Jharkhand

Ranchi, Dec 22 (IANS) The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Sunday launched its statewide membership drive, Sangathan Mahaparv, in Jharkhand at 5,628 centres across the state, where a large number of people joined the party.

Hundreds of new members were also registered online at each centre.

BJP state President Babulal Marandi participated in the event at Khoro village in his Dhanwar Assembly constituency. In his remarks on the occasion, he said the public response is overwhelming. "People are enthusiastic about the campaign, which aims to strengthen the party's grassroots presence," he added.



State convener of the membership drive, Rakesh Prasad, expressed satisfaction over the turnout, stating, "A large number of people reached every centre on the very first day of Sangathan Mahaparv. This overwhelming response reflects the faith people have in the BJP's policies."

Prasad added that the BJP received over 84 lakh votes in this year's Lok Sabha elections and more than 59 lakh votes in the state Assembly elections, stressing the party's growing support in Jharkhand.

As part of the campaign, BJP workers will engage with people at the grassroots level by visiting villages and households to enrol lakhs of new members.

The drive saw participation from top leaders and office bearers across the state. BJP's state Working President Dr Ravindra Kumar Ray attended the event at Panchamba in Giridih district, while state General Secretary, Organisation, Karmveer Singh was present in Harmu, Ranchi.

Other prominent leaders, including Rajya Sabha MP Pradeep Kumar Verma, MP Aditya Prasad Sahu, and Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi, also actively participated at various centres.

Annapurna Devi, who renewed her party membership by using the BJP's toll-free number, appealed to supporters and well-wishers to join the campaign. She emphasised the importance of public participation in strengthening the organization.

The BJP has made it convenient for people to join the party through both online and offline methods. Membership can be obtained via the party's toll-free number or through the NaMo app.

Jam@Street in Telco draws 25,000 enthusiasts for fun and fitness extravaganza

Mail News Service





Jamshedpur, Dec 22: The second edition of Jam@Street unfolded with great enthusiasm at Telco today, drawing over 25,000 participants from across the city. Organized by Tata Steel UISL in collaboration with Tata Motors and Tata Cummins, the event transformed the stretch between the Labour Bureau Roundabout and the Dealers Hostel into a vibrant hotspot of recreation, fitness, and entertainment.

The event was graced by prominent figures, including ChanakyaChaudhary, Vice President of Corporate Services, Tata Steel; Ritu Raj Sinha, Managing Director of Tata Steel UISL; Sunil Tiwary, Plant Head of Tata Motors; and RamphalNehra, Plant Head of Tata Cummins. Their active participation added to the day's excitement. Deputy Commissioner of Jamshedpur, Ananya Mittal, along with his wife, also attended and honored the program, enjoying the various activities on offer.

Jam@Street offered a diverse range of attractions for all age groups. Fitness enthusiasts engaged in Zumba workouts, badminton matches, and basketball games, while families enjoyed live music performances, healthy food stalls, and adventure sports. Other highlights included karate demonstrations, painting sessions, temporary tattoo booths, and energetic Jumba dance sessions. The event brought together people from all walks of life, fostering a spirit of community and shared celebration. Participation was free, underscoring the organizers' commitment to inclusivity and community bonding.

With its mix of fun and fitness, Jam@Street 2.0 successfully highlighted the vibrant spirit of Jamshedpur, leaving participants eagerly looking forward to future editions. (w/pb)

Veteran journalist inspires people at Press Club lecture series



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Jamshedpur, Dec 22: The Press Club of Jamshedpur hosted the inaugural session of its lecture series at Sakchi, featuring veteran journalist and writer Anuj Kumar Sinha. In a thought-provoking address, Sinha shared insights from his 40-year journalistic journey, emphasizing that the end of one phase in life often marks the beginning of another, much like the transition from "Pushpa One" to "Pushpa Two."

Sinha, set to retire from Prabhat Khabar on December 31, described his upcoming retirement as the start of a new chapter. "As long as the breath flows and the mind, eyes, and hands function, the journalist and writer within me will remain alive," he affirmed, encouraging his peers to embrace transitions with renewed vigor and purpose.

Highlighting the importance of preserving history, Sinha stressed the need for documenting the achievements of individuals and organizations that have contributed meaningfully to society. He noted that while Jharkhand played a pivotal role in India's independence, much of its history was overshadowed by documentation in Bihar. He credited Prabhat Khabar for shedding light on significant events, including Mahatma Gandhi's Jharkhand tours, Shibu Soren's anti-usury movement, and the unnamed heroes of the Jharkhand Nirman movement.

Sinha lauded the cosmopolitan culture of Jamshedpur, calling it unparalleled. "Those who leave Jamshedpur always long to return," he said, reflecting the city's deep emotional connection with its residents. Addressing his journalist peers, Sinha underscored the importance of ethical integrity in their profession. "Personal friendships should never interfere with professional duties," he advised. Drawing from his experiences, he recounted moments like the BDO Naxalite kidnapping and the tragic accident of journalist Sanjay Ojha, emphasizing the role of journalists in saving lives and driving meaningful change.

The event began with Press Club General Secretary Vikas Kumar Srivastava presenting a biography of Sinha, followed by a warm welcome from Prabhat Khabar's senior editor Sanjay Mishra. Former Health Minister Dr. Dinesh Sarangi highlighted Sinha's deep attachment to Jharkhand, while Press Club President Sanjeev Bhardwaj expressed gratitude in his vote of thanks. The lecture was attended by prominent figures, including former MP Shailendra Mahato, BJP State Spokesperson Amarpreet Singh Kale, Jharkhand State Bar Council Vice President Rajesh Kumar Shukla, and representatives from various social organizations. Social worker Dr. Vinni Sarangi, Advocate Sudhir Kumar Pappu, and several journalists were also present in large numbers, making the event a memorable gathering of intellectuals and changemakers. (w/pb)

All India Ex-Servicemen Service Council focuses on empowering veterans

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Jamshedpur, Dec 22: The All India Ex-Servicemen Service Council, Jamshedpur, reaffirmed its commitment to promoting patriotism, respect, and employment for ex-servicemen during a military conference held at Agrico today.

The event, which witnessed the participation of 85 ex-servicemen, highlighted the council's ongoing efforts to integrate veterans into society by addressing their employment needs and advocating for their rights. The conference began with a solemn remembrance of Bharat Mata and tributes to martyrs and their families. The session was inaugurated with an organization song presented by Satya Prakash, followed by an introductory address led by Manoj Kumar Singh.

In his address, Council President Vinay Kumar Yadav emphasized the importance of unity in building a strong military organization capable of securing quality employment for ex-servicemen. "Our priority is to ensure that the lifestyle of ex-servicemen aligns with societal norms while preserving their dignity and contributions," he said. General Secretary Jitendra Kumar Singh highlighted the council's longstanding presence since 2008 as the largest ex-servicemen organization in Jharkhand.

However, he lamented the lack of recognition from the state government and armed forces. "This lack of acknowledgment hinders our ability to address community concerns effectively and advocate for their rightful entitlements," he stated. Senior Vice President Awadhesh Kumar underscored the need for demonstrating collective strength. "If the government and society recognize the potential and reliability of ex-servicemen in disaster management and other critical scenarios, it will lead to a positive shift in their perception and policies towards us," he remarked.

Founder Rajkum Sharma announced the council's plans to organize a "Military Mahasammelan" in Ranchi on January 11-12, 2025. The event aims to amplify the voices of ex-servicemen and present a memorandum of demands to the state government, urging their inclusion in decision-making processes concerning veteran affairs. The conference featured a review of the council's activities over the past month, presented by Sukhwinder Singh, who also shared a detailed account of income and expenditure. The event concluded with the resounding slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Ex-Servicemen Service Council Zindabad," reflecting the patriotic fervor of the attendees.

Prominent ex-servicemen in attendance included Subedar SS Road, Havaldar Awadhesh Kumar Rai, Sergeant Sameer Dutta, Satyendra Singh, Vishwajeet, Pawan Kumar, and Deepak Sharma, among others. (w/pb)

Two members of Amarnath gang sentenced to three years rigorous imprisonment

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Dec 22: In a significant verdict, the court of ADJ-3 Nishant Kumar sentenced Raj Kishore Rajak and Kunal Goswami, members of the notorious Amarnath gang, to three years of rigorous imprisonment.

The case involved an incident where the duo, along with other accomplices, orchestrated an attack on five young men using a German Shepherd dog.

The victims, identified as Niranjan Kumar Mahato, Rajiv Kumar of Mango Kunwar Singh Basti, Sushant Chaki of Shankosai Gurudwara Basti, Mukesh Kumar, and Shubham Kumar of Post Office Road Mango, were returning from Jubilee Park on two motorcycles. As Shubham was about to reach his home, the accused stopped them, forcibly took their motorcycle keys, and led them to a house. There, a German Shepherd dog was set upon them under the pretext of questioning their presence in the colony.

The attack was interrupted when the police patrolling jeep arrived, causing the accused to flee. The victims managed to escape with their lives.

The case involved a total of seven witnesses, whose testimonies were instrumental in the conviction. Two other accused, Shantilal Singh (now deceased) and Ranjit Giri, will face separate proceedings. (w/pb)

Rape accused sentenced to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment

Jamshedpur, Dec 22: The local court has sentenced Dhananjay Singh to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment for raping a 14-year-old minor and taking her obscene photographs in the year 2020 in Galudih police station area. Along with this, a fine of one thousand rupees was also imposed. While the accused other Narendra Singh was acquitted due to lack of evidence. Nine people have testified in this case. The case was heard by the court of Special POCSO Judge Sirish Dutt Tripathi. In connection with the incident, the victim's mother had lodged an FIR against Dhananjay and his partner Narendra in Galudih police station. In which she told the police that her daughter was scared and nervous a week before the incident. When asked the reason, she told that when she was returning home from the village shop at 2 pm, Dhananjay forcibly took her to his semi-constructed building and raped her, meanwhile he also took her obscene photographs on his mobile which he sent to Narendra's mobile. (w/pb)

Bang Bandhu's Milan Samaroh celebrates unity and achievements

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Jamshedpur, Dec 22: A grand Milan Samaroh was organized by the social organization Bang Bandhu.

The event was inaugurated with tree plantation by the organization's president Aparna Guha, social worker Pralay Dutta, Bulbul Dutta, Prakash Mukherjee, Kankana Singharoy, and members from all four zones. During the event, newly elected member of the Telco Workers Union Uttam Guha, social worker Subhankar Chatterjee, and senior member Kishore Bhowmik were honoured with robes and mementoes.

The organization's General Secretary Uttam Guha presented a report on the activities of the year, while Treasurer Subhash Singharoy shared details of the annual income and expenditure. Special awards were given to Rupa Sarkar, Sujata Bhowmik, and Ana Mukherjee for their achievements in various competitions.

The cultural program featured a mesmerizing dance performance by Kanishka Dhar and a musical performance by Pankaj Bhattacharjee, captivating the audience.

The event strengthened the spirit of mutual harmony and cooperation among all members. (w/gsd)

Grand convention of All India Bairagi Vaishnav Samiti at Domjuri Village





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Jamshedpur, Dec 22: A grand one-day convention of the All India Bairagi Vaishnav Samiti was organized in Domjuri village near Narwa Pahad.

The event began with a Nagar Kirtan, where devotees danced and sang, filling the entire village with devotional fervour. The procession led to the venue of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's program, creating a vibrant atmosphere of faith and unity.

The program commenced with the worship of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. It was inaugurated by the lighting of the lamp by committee president Chittaranjan Das, Fakir Chandra Das, and other esteemed guests.

Addressing the gathering, Chittaranjan Das and Fakir Chandra Das emphasized the organization's commitment to uniting Vaishnav communities across India and working for their uplift.

They announced plans to expand the organization's reach, currently active in four states, to a national level. They also stated the forthcoming formation of a new committee to further their mission. The convention witnessed massive participation, with lakhs of devotees from Jharkhand, Bengal, Odisha, and areas including Ghatshila, Jadugora, Potka, Chakulia, Baharagora, and Jamshedpur.

The Narwa Pahad Uranium Project Management of USIL provided ambulance services to handle any emergencies, addressing safety concerns raised after an incident in 2022 when a devotee's life was lost due to delayed medical attention. Baba Vinay Das of Galudih graced the event as a special guest. His arrival drew a wave of devotion, with attendees eagerly seeking his blessings. The event was attended by Potka MLA Sanjeev Sardar, Central Committee President Chittaranjan Das (Chito Das), Fakir Chandra Das, and a host of Vaishnav leaders, including Samir Kumar Das, Anand Das, Ram Ratan Das, and others. Their presence, along with representatives of the Vaishnav community from across the region, added to the convention's significance. The event highlighted the unity and cultural richness of the Vaishnav community, marking another milestone in its spiritual and organizational journey. (w/gsd)

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I, **RIMA KUMARI**, D/o. Hiraman Singh and Chinta Devi, resident of Vill-Garikhas, P.O.-Garikhas, P.S.-Pandwa, Dist.-Palamu-822124, Jharkhand, do hereby solemnly affirm and declares as follows:-

1. That I am a permanent resident of above mention address.
2. That my actual and correct name is Rima Kumari and the same has been recorded in my all educational Certificate.
3. That in my Aadhar Card No.-4818 6924 7379 has been recorded "Sima Kumari" instead of "Rima Kumari".
4. That my actual and recorded date of birth is 20.04.2000, but in my Aadhar Card my Date of Birth has been recorded as 01.01.2001, which is wrong and incorrect.
5. That I swear this Affidavit to make necessary correction in my Aadhar Card and to recorded my actual name "Rima Kumari" and my actual and recorded Date of Birth 20/04/2000.

And, hence this Affidavit to necessary correction. **Advocate**

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Churches decked up, Police on high alert for peaceful Christmas

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Jamshedpur, Dec 22: The Steel City is alive with the spirit of Christmas as residents prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with joy and fervor. Streets are adorned with festive lights, churches are bustling with activity, and security measures have been ramped up to ensure peaceful celebrations on December 25.

The city's traffic police have imposed restrictions on heavy vehicles, barring their entry from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm on Christmas Day to ease traffic congestion and ensure smooth movement. Police officials have also been directed to maintain heightened vigilance near churches and other public gathering spots.

An estimated 300 police personnel, including officers in plain clothes, will be deployed across the city, particularly near major churches. Local police stations have been tasked with coordinating directly with church authorities regarding service timings to streamline security arrangements.

"Our focus is on ensuring a safe and joyous Christmas for everyone. All traffic police outposts, including those in Bistupur, Sakchi, Golmuri, Mango, and Jugsalai, are on alert to check reckless driving and other violations," said a senior traffic official.

Churches across Jamshedpur are gearing up to welcome thousands of worshippers for Christmas services. Early morning services, starting from 8:00 am, are expected to draw large crowds at prominent churches like Beldih Baptist Church and St. George's Church in Northern Town, GEL Church in Sonari and Sitaramdera, St. Mark Church in Mango, and Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Telco.

Midnight mass, a central part of Christmas Eve celebrations, will be held with grandeur at various churches, including St. Mary's Church in Bistupur, Beldih Baptist Church, and St. Anthony's Church in Pursudih. At St. Joseph's Cathedral, the midnight holy mass will feature a symbolic procession where an image of baby Jesus was carried by the priest, preceded by children holding lighted candles. The candles were placed in the beautifully decorated cribs, adding to the divine ambiance.

Special prayers are offered, and pastors deliver sermons urging people to embrace the teachings of Jesus Christ. Chapters from the Holy Bible are read, emphasizing peace, kindness, and unity.

"Jesus Christ was an apostle of peace who taught us to coexist harmoniously and spread love and brotherhood. The Christmas festival brings a message of hope and peace to the world," said John Mohan, a resident of Northern Town.

The festive fervor is evident across the city, with homes and streets illuminated with Christmas lights and decorations. Markets are bustling with shoppers purchasing gifts, sweets, and decorations, while children eagerly await Santa's arrival. Community groups and organizations are hosting Christmas carols and charity events, spreading cheer to the underprivileged. The spirit of giving and sharing is palpable as residents come together to celebrate the festival with unity and joy.

As the Steel City revels in the Christmas frenzy, the seamless blend of festive celebration and tight security ensures that the occasion remains joyous, safe, and memorable for all. (w/pb)

Christmas cheer in Jamshedpur: Festive market brim with cakes and gifts



Jamshedpur, December 22: As Christmas is near, Jamshedpur's markets are alive with vibrant displays of festive cakes and gifts, shoppers are eager to celebrate the day with joy and excitement.

Local bakeries are showcasing an impressive range of Christmas cakes, from classic fruit cakes to decadent chocolate and red velvet options. Unique flavors like tiramisu and caramel are also in high demand, appealing to a wide array of palates.

Prices for these delightful treats start at around Rs. 350 for smaller cakes, while larger, fondent designed cakes can reach up to Rs. 3,000 or more. Gift shops are filled with an assortment of holiday offerings, including beautifully packaged chocolates and dry fruits, handmade ornaments, and personalized gifts. Shoppers can find items ranging from Rs. 100 for small tokens to over Rs 5,000 or more for premium selections, ensuring that there is something for everyone's budget. Aashi, a shopper said, "The excitement for Christmas is on next level, that we have started christmas shopping 15 days before.

The decorative pieces, cakes and gifts are so attractive that I could not stop myself from buying it."With the festive season is up, local businesses are witnessing a significant uptick in sales as families prepare to celebrate together. Many shops are introducing special discounts and promotions to attract more customers. "Cakes, pasteries and handmade chocolates are high in demand as buyers have given their orders before hand, personalised gifts, including cards, chocolates, dry fruits, and many other items are also in vogue", said a bakery owner, Amit. (W-sk)

Dr Ajoy condemns BJP for insulting Dalits



Jamshedpur, Dec 22: Senior Congress leader and former MP Dr. Ajoy Kumar launched a scathing attack on the BJP, accusing it of having an anti-Dalit ideology rooted in the principles of Manu Smriti. He called for Union Home Minister Amit Shah to apologize for his recent comments in Parliament, which, according to Dr. Kumar, insulted Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar and the Dalit community at large.

In a press statement issued on Sunday, Dr. Kumar stated, "Insulting Dalits is ingrained in the character of the BJP. The recent statement by Amit Shah against the great constitution-maker, Dr. Ambedkar, is a glaring example of their disrespect towards Dalits and their contributions to the nation." Dr. Kumar criticized the BJP's reluctance to conduct a caste census, calling it a reflection of their anti-Dalit policies. He noted that this incident was not isolated and highlighted a series of actions by the BJP that, he claimed, revealed their discriminatory mindset. He further said, "The Congress party, guided by leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru, has always stood for the upliftment and respect of Dalits. Unlike the BJP, Congress has a history of honoring the contributions of Baba Saheb Ambedkar and ensuring equality for all communities." Dr. Kumar accused the BJP of using divisive tactics to distract the public from pressing issues such as the Adani case. "The country demands answers about the government's involvement in the Adani case, but instead, BJP leaders are resorting to polarizing narratives.

NIT Jamshedpur: Global experts brainstorm to tackle industrial challenges

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, Dec 22: The Department of Mechanical Engineering, NIT Jamshedpur organised a Three Day International Conference (3rd International and 15th National conference on Industrial Problems on Machine and Mechanisms (IPRoMM-2024) during 19 - 21 December 2024. It was started on 19th December with the Industrial Visit to TATA Steel, TATA Motors and RSB Global. The Industrial visit was a lifetime achievement for many participants as they witnessed molten steel coming out from blast furnaces, testing of trucks on difficult conditions (testing tracks), and precision testing facilities and development of products at RSB to name a few. The delegates were also honoured with a memento by the company they visited. The delegates gave a 5-star rating of this visit including excellent hospitality.

Prof. Shalendra Kumar, Chairman, welcomed attendees, while Prof. Sandipan Bandyopadhyay, Vice President of Association of Machines & Mechanisms and Dr. Rakesh Bhargava, Guest of Honor, delivered addresses. Prof. Chitranjan Sahay, another Guest of Honor, and Prof. R. V. Sharma, Deputy Director of NIT Jamshedpur, shared their perspectives.

Inauguration ceremony, Chief Guest Probal Ghosh, Vice-President at Tata Steel, also addressed the gathering. Prof. Sanjay, HoD and Organizing Chairman, expressed gratitude to the institute Director Dr Goutam Sutradhar for his support and encouragement in the vote of thanks.

The prestigious conference brought together global experts, academicians, and industry leaders to discuss advancements and challenges in mechanical and industrial engineering.

The three-day conference featured keynote addresses from renowned speakers, providing a comprehensive perspective on pressing industrial topics.

The first keynote lecture was delivered by Prof. Chitranjan Sahay from the University of Hartford, USA, on "Designing for Harsh Environments". His insights into the innovative strategies for product design in extreme conditions captivated the audience, setting the tone for the event.

Another notable address came from Dr. Rakesh Bhargava, an expert from Innovative Turbomachinery Technologies, Katy, TX, USA. He presented on the "Evolution of Gas Turbine Technology and its Impact on the Global Power Generation and Aviation Industry", providing a historical perspective and future outlook on this pivotal technology.

Dr. Madhusudan Pal, Director of COE at FIDDI, Noida, spoke on "Footwear Tool Design and Development", emphasizing the integration of technology and design in an evolving industry.

Additionally, Dinesh Kumar Ranjan, Regional Deputy Director at Jharkhand Industrial Area Development Authority, highlighted "Industrial Problems Faced by SMEs", offering practical insights for small and medium enterprises. The final day featured a thought-provoking lecture by N. Rajesh Kumar, Chief of One Shared Services Technology Group, Tata Steel, Jamshedpur, on "Current Challenges in Industries".

The event also saw the presence of industry leaders like Ravi Prasad, Vice President of RSB Transmission Pvt. Ltd., Jamshedpur, who discussed "Approaches to Solve Machinery-Related Problems in Industry." This session underscored the importance of industry-academic collaboration. (w/pb)

Mango water crisis must be solved within a week: Saryu Roy

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Jamshedpur, Dec 22: Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy has demanded that the Mango Municipal Corporation address the lingering issue of drinking water supply in the Mango area within a week. After tackling garbage management, Roy emphasized that the next priority is ensuring clean drinking water for all residents.

In a statement, Roy expressed disappointment over the persistent water scarcity in several localities, including Ramnagar, Shyamnagar, Jaiguru Nagar, Khadia Basti, and Bagan Shahi. He revealed that he had a telephonic discussion with the Deputy Municipal Commissioner of Mango Municipal Corporation and urged an immediate meeting with the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation and the project's contractor to identify the bottlenecks in the water supply system.

Roy highlighted that a water tank project initiated five years ago on land acquired from the Forest Department remains non-functional. Despite successful trials showing the system is operational, the tank is yet to be connected to the main pipeline. "Connecting this tank to the main line will ensure adequate water supply to areas like Shantinagar and Krishna Nagar," Roy said.

He also pointed out that pumps at the intake well and water tanks must remain functional, with additional pumps kept in reserve to avoid interruptions. A previous meeting at his residence with officials outlined these measures, stressing the need for immediate repairs to water pipelines in affected areas.

Work on streamlining the Mango drinking water project is scheduled to begin on Monday, with the goal of resolving all issues and restoring supply within a week. Roy expressed optimism, stating, "I hope that all areas where pipelines have been laid will receive water soon." (w/pb)

Accused of demanding extortion arrested with firearm

Jamshedpur, Dec 22: The Kadma police have arrested Bunty Guha, a resident of Parsudih Golpahari, for allegedly demanding extortion money from several city businesses in the name of Sonu Singh, a convicted criminal involved in the murder of JMM leader Upendra Singh. The police recovered a country-made pistol, two live bullets, and a mobile phone used for making extortion calls from the arrested accused. Bunty Guha is accused of demanding Rs 50,000 in extortion money from Vaishnavi Jewellers located in Kadma. He is also believed to have targeted multiple other businesses, including Jamshedpur Furniture and Jalaram Jewelers, with similar threats. SSP Kishore Kaushal, while addressing the media at the SSP office, stated that Bunty Guha is a notorious criminal with a history of involvement in extortion and robbery. He was previously imprisoned for similar offenses and had recently been released on bail.

Champai participates in Saraikela BJP Membership Campaign



Saraikela, Dec 22: As part of the ongoing membership campaign by the Bharatia Janata Party, a special program was organized at the marriage hall in Booth Number 351, Indratandi Mohalla, within the Saraikela Nagar Panchayat area. Former Jharkhand Chief Minister and BJP MLA Champai Soren attended the event and provided information about the party's ideals, focusing on national and public interest, encouraging local residents to join the BJP.

Soren emphasized that the membership drive aimed to strengthen the party and spread its ideology. He highlighted the party's commitment to the country's development under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and BJP National President JP Nadda. He further noted that the campaign was active in every panchayat, with a growing number of people joining the BJP.

Several local BJP workers, including Meenakshi Patnaik, Badri Narayan Daroga, Sumit Chaudhary, Michael Mahato, and Balaal Hussain, were also present at the event. (w/gsd)

CCTV, flying squads and surprise checks: Chowkidar exam held smoothly

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Jamshedpur, Dec 22: Deputy Commissioner Ananya Mittal conducted a surprise inspection of various examination centers on Sunday to ensure smooth and malpractice-free administration of the written examination for Chowkidar recruitment. The examination was held across 13 centers in the district under strict security arrangements.

As part of the inspection, Mittal visited Jamshedpur High School and Tata Workers Union School, Ulian, where he reviewed the arrangements and monitored law and order. He emphasized the importance of maintaining discipline and ensuring a fair examination process. At the centers, he inspected the CCTV surveillance rooms and checked the real-time monitoring systems to ensure no irregularities occurred.

"Strict measures have been implemented to ensure a malpractice-free examination. The deputed magistrates, police officers, and flying squads have been instructed to uphold order and discipline throughout the examination," Mittal stated.

The written examination was conducted from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm under tight surveillance. Security protocols included mandatory frisking of candidates at entry points to prevent the use of unauthorized materials. Electronic gadgets such as mobile phones and smartwatches were strictly prohibited inside the examination halls.

In addition to CCTV cameras installed at all centers, videographers were assigned to record activities, ensuring transparency and accountability. The presence of Executive Magistrate Mrityunjay Kumar during the inspection further underscored the administration's commitment to a fair examination process.

During his visit, Mittal interacted with the invigilators and administrative staff, reviewing the implementation of guidelines. He appreciated the efforts of the staff and reiterated the importance of vigilance to prevent any form of malpractice.

Candidates at various centers commended the smooth organization of the examination, with many expressing satisfaction over the strict measures that assured fairness.

The district administration has pledged to take stringent action against any individual found engaging in unethical practices. A control room was also set up to monitor the centers in real-time, ensuring immediate response to any untoward incidents.

Mittal concluded his inspection with a message to the examination officials, "Our priority is to ensure a peaceful, systematic, and transparent recruitment process. Let us uphold the trust of the candidates and the community." (w/pb)

CM to start his 15th public outreach program 'Pragati Yatra' today

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Patna, Dec 22: Ahead of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's Pragati Yatra which is all set to start from December 23, the Janata Dal -United on Sunday came down heavily on senior RJD leader and former deputy chief minister Tejashwi Yadav for his remark on yatra and came out in support of chief minister, saying his journey would usher in new hope and desire to take the state new horizon.

Neeraj Kumar, a senior Janata Dal-U leader slammed Yadav for calling CM's Nitish Kumar's scheduled Pragati Yatra, to be precise, the 15th political journey of the state, as 'Alvida Yatra' and misuse of public money. "Alvida! He made him to bid a good-bye when we wished so," said Kumar, reacting sharply to Yadav's Alvida comment. On questioning CM Nitish Kumar's wisdom behind making the expenditure on his 'Pragati Yatra', the JD-U leader sasai Bihar CM Nitish Kumar has a track record of directly interacting with the public. "Women play a big role in the development of Bihar and there will be positive results of the 'Pragati Yatra'...," he said. Bihar cabinet had in November sanctioned Rs. 225 crore for his proposed Mahila Samvad Programme, which was later renamed as 'Pragati Yatra.'

Questioning as to why he preferred to maintain a silence and participate in Nishchay Yatra and Samadhan Yatra which were undertaken with JD-U led Mahagathbandhan government in the state in which RJD was a key constituent, he asked, "Wasn't it the misuse of public money then?"

Meanwhile, CM Nitish Kumar is scheduled visit to two villages on the very first day of his Pragati Yatra in West Champaran district on Monday. At Ghotwatola, a sleepy village near Valmikinagar, CM Nitish is learned to inspect various government schemes undertaken by the state government. However, at Shikarpur in Majhauliya block of the district, CM Kumar is to inaugurate the district emergency response faculty-cum- training centre, built at the cost of Rs. 8.6 crore, in West Champaran district. Besides, he will also inaugurate the MNREGA Park and lay the foundation of other schemes during his Yatra. Some of the yatras taken by Kumar so far have been Nyaya Yatra, Vikas Yatra, Sewa Yatra, Dhanyavad Yatra, Adhikar Yatra, Sampark Yatra, Jal Jeevan Haryali Yatra, Vikas ki Samiksha Yatra, Samaj Sudhar Yatra, etc., to name a few. Before the elections to be held next year, all parties the mainline political parties including JD(U) and RJD are trying to woo half the population of the state by reaching out to them via such yatras, or making promises for them. Leader of opposition last week had announced to provide ?2,500 to support economically weaker women in the state under the 'Maai Behan Maan Yojana', if his government is formed after 2025 assembly polls. Among his other promises was also an increase in widow pension.

For CM Kumar, as it is believed that half of Bihar's population i.e. about 48% of women voters are the core voters and he is likely to promise more such programmes during his yatra and also assemble their feedback on current schemes.

However, it is here the Bihar Congress president Akhilesh Singh, who participated in Congress workers meeting at Valmikinagar, singled out both BJP and JD-U for attack. "BJP is trying to usurp the wqaf board's land and CM Nitish has been reduced to a puppet into the hands of BJP," Singh said.

Jharkhand Police Association election held, office bearers elected unopposed



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Seraikela, Dec 22: The general election for the Jharkhand Police Association's Seraikela branch was held on Sunday at the Dugni police line, where the office bearers were elected unopposed. The elected office bearers include President SI Dilip Khalko, Secretary SI Kumud Prasad Rana, Vice President SI Ramnath Banra, Treasurer SI Ashok Kumar Sharma, and Joint Secretary SI Rakesh Pandey. The election process saw only one nomination for each post, and no competition emerged due to the short campaign period following the announcement of election dates. Chief Election Officer Moti Lal, Assistant Election Officer Jitendra Kindo, and Angad Kumar Singh were present during the election.

The newly elected officials have pledged to strengthen the association and safeguard the interests of police personnel. (w/gsd)

33rd Annual Athletics Meet at Vidya Jyoti School

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Gamharia, Dec 22: The 33rd Annual Athletics Meet of Vidya Jyoti School, located in TGS Colony, Gamharia, was held with great enthusiasm. A large number of students participated in the event, which began with the sports oath administered by Principal Sunil Kumar Jha.

The alumni too joined the festivities, participating in a tug-of-war competition that added to the excitement. After the athletic events, the best performers were honoured with medals and certificates. The Best Athlete awards were presented to Aditya Kumar, Sagar Murmu, and Milan Shekhar Gope in the boys' category, and to Radha Kumari, Rani Kumari, and Jhanvi Pramanik in the girls' category.

The event was conducted under the guidance of the school's sports teachers, with support from Vice Principal Anand Kumar Singh. Teachers Karamu Mandal, Asha Das, Jagdish Kumar, and others played leading roles in successfully organization the entire proceedings. (w/gsd)

15-year-old boy missing, family seeks public help

Gamharia, Dec 22: Akshat Kumar Mahato, a 15-year-old resident of Tayo Colony, Gamharia, has been missing for the past four days, leaving his family deeply worried.

On Monday, Akshat left home and has not been seen since. He was last seen wearing brown pants, an orange T-shirt, and a black-green jacket. His height is approximately 5 feet 5 inches.

Family members suspect that a person took Akshat with him, after which his mobile phone remained switched off. The family members have appealed to the public to share any information about Akshat's whereabouts by contacting mobile phone number 8210131015 or 8102086058. (w/gsd)

Legal Awareness Camp held in Saraikela

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Saraikela, Dec 22: A legal awareness and empowerment camp was organized in the auditorium of Community Bhawan, Saraikela, under the guidance of Principal District and Sessions Judge Ramashankar Singh, in collaboration with DLSA and the District Administration. The event was attended by District and Additional Sessions Judge First Chaudhary Ehsan Moiz, DLSA Secretary Tausif Meraj, SDO Sadanand Mahato, BDO Yasmita Singh, Trainee IAS Rajat Kumar, DSP Headquarters Pradeep Oraon, and members of the Saraikela Bar Association.

The Chief Guest, Principal District and Sessions Judge Ramashankar Singh, emphasized the importance of legal awareness, informing the public about various government schemes, Victim Schemes, and MACT-related programs. SDO Sadanand Mahato highlighted the administration's efforts to ensure people benefitted from developmental programs and access to justice.

Tausif Meraj, Secretary of DLSA, stated that such camps were organized twice a year, and this initiative was now being expanded to block-level locations for greater public reach. He also encouraged people to avail of the services provided by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA).

During the program, various government departments, including Health, Agriculture, and Labor, set up stalls to inform the public about available schemes. Assets worth approximately Rs 16 crore were distributed to beneficiaries across five blocks. Later, the dignitaries visited the Old Age Home in Saraikela Sahebganj, where they distributed sweaters and warm clothes to the elderly. DLSA Secretary Tausif Meraj ensured immediate medical attention to an elderly woman in poor health, providing her with necessary treatment. (w/gsd)

Anand Marg blood donation camp collects 70 units

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Jamshedpur, Dec 22: The Anand Marg Universal Relief Team Global, in collaboration with the late Kalavati Devi and the Srivastava family of Adityapur Colony, organized the 119th monthly blood donation camp. The camp collected 70 units of blood and distributed 150 plants to promote environmental awareness. To honour the blood donors, plants and certificates were distributed by Gyan Ranjan Srivastava from Tube Division Technology Services, Ajit Sarkar of Pratik Sangharsh Foundation, Dr. LB Singh, and Sunil Anand of Anand Marg. Participants included Madan Prasad Srivastava, Sameer Sarkar, Sanjay Srivastava, Manoj Srivastava, Rahul Srivastava, Shubham Prasad, Kavyansh, Divyansh, and Gyanvi, among others. (w/gsd)

Enumerators and Supervisors trained for 21st Livestock Census

Gamharia, Dec 22: A one-day training session was conducted at the Block Animal Husbandry Office for enumerators and supervisors in preparation for the 21st livestock census. Block Animal Husbandry Officer Dr. Anand Kumar Anand provided detailed instructions on data collection methods for the census, emphasizing its importance as it was conducted every five years. The census was scheduled to begin in December and will continue until February next year. Ten enumerators and two supervisors from the Gamharia block participated in the training session. (w/gsd)

Woman dies of burn injuries

Gamharia, Dec 22: Parvati Gope (25), a resident of Bolaydih, Gamharia, succumbed to burn injuries at MGM Hospital on Saturday morning.

According to reports, Parvati had visited Birsanagar, Jamshedpur, last Sunday to see her ailing father, Manohar Gope. On Tuesday morning, while warming herself by a bonfire, her saree accidentally caught fire, causing severe burns. She was rushed to MGM Hospital for treatment by her family with the assistance of nearby residents. (w/gsd)

Technomac Solutions celebrates winter picnic



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Jamshedpur, Dec 22: The rooftop of Techno Tower came alive with laughter and joy as Technomac Solutions Private Limited hosted its annual winter picnic. The event saw enthusiastic participation from around 80 employees and their families, turning the pleasant winter afternoon into a memorable celebration of togetherness and camaraderie. The picnic was graced by the presence of the company's Managing Director, Sunil Bagrodia, along with Directors Seema Bagrodia and Archit Bagrodia. They organized a variety of games and activities, adding excitement and cheer to the day. Winners of the games were delighted to receive prizes, making the event even more rewarding and fun-filled.

The atmosphere was vibrant with music, dancing, and photo sessions as employees and their families enjoyed the festivities. Some took leisurely strolls around the rooftop, while others swayed to the beats and captured memories with their loved ones. Sunil Bagrodia expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the employees, calling the event a gesture of gratitude and joy. “This is a small token of love to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our Technomac family,” he said. The sentiment was echoed by the attendees, whose smiles reflected their happiness and sense of belonging. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Parth Mandal, who acknowledged the efforts of the organizing team, including Kanhu, Mahesh, Dilip, and Aman, for their significant contribution to the program's success.

Technomac Solutions continues to foster a culture of unity and appreciation, creating moments like these that strengthen bonds within its vibrant community. (w/pb)

Bank of India Manifit Branch provides fast-track insurance settlement



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Jamshedpur, Dec 22: Neha Kumari, Branch Manager of Bank of India's Manifit branch, handed over an insurance check of Rs. 3.30 lakhs to Naresh Kumar Rajak, nominee of the insured Sunita Devi. The Bank Manager highlighted that the insurance claim was processed and settled within just three days, referring to it as a "fast track settlement."

Naresh Kumar Rajak had deposited Rs. 94,000 over three years at the bank. On the occasion, the Branch Manager also informed all present about various banking schemes. The event was attended by Rambha Kumari, Territory Manager of Bank's Insurance partner Star Union Dai Chi, and other customers. (w/gsd)

Tailik Sahu Mahasabha annual conference on January 12



Jamshedpur, Dec 22: The Akhil Bharatia Tailik Sahu Mahasabha (ABTSM) convened a meeting on Sunday at the Sakchi Aam Bagan Maidan office under the leadership of District President Rakesh Sahu. It was decided that the annual conference will be held on January 12, 2025, at the Sakchi Bari Maidan Club House. The conference will focus on key issues including education, healthcare, and societal unity. District President Rakesh Sahu urged members to work collectively to strengthen the community, emphasizing the importance of unity similar to collective efforts seen in wedding ceremonies. Prominent attendees included District Senior Vice Presidents Ranjit Kumar Sahu and Shivlochan Sah, Youth President Aditya Dhanraj Sah, District Secretary Ashok Sahu, and regional leaders Santosh Gupta, Rakesh Gupta, Vidyanand Sahu, and Sagar Sahu, among others. (w/gsd)



The annual picnic of Front Axle Assembly was organized today by committee member YL Karan. Tata Motors Workers Union General Secretary RK Singh and ER Head Soumik Roy attended as special guests, adding to the event's significance.

Suryanshi, Shiksha bag versatile student award



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Jamshedpur, Dec 22: The 10th annual day of D.S.M School for Excellence, Kashidih was celebrated on 21st December with great fervour. Chief Guest for the occasion was deputy municipal commissionerParul Singh.

Students who excelled in academics and extracurricular activities were awarded. Versatile Student award was won by SuryanshiJha and Shiksha Kumari.

Second day of Srinath International Hindi Mahotsav highlights cultural unity, linguistic discussions

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Jamshedpur, Dec 22: The second day of the 8th Srinath International Hindi Mahotsav being hosted at Srinath University, featured key discussions and cultural events. Deputy Commissioners Ravi Shankar Shukla (Seraikela-Kharsawan) and Ananya Mittal (East Singhbhum) were the keynote speakers, moderated by Srinath University's Senior Advisor Kaushik Mishra and JIADA Deputy Director Dinesh Ranjan.

Ravi Shankar Shukla emphasized adapting language based on the audience, ensuring effective communication with the public. He urged individuals to read and write in Hindi to elevate its global status, acknowledging the need for community effort. Both Ravi Shankar Shukla and Ananya Mittal advocated inclusivity, blending local dialects while maintaining the integrity of Hindi. Mittal refuted claims of reduced opportunities for Hindi-medium students, citing the need for contextual analysis. Both speakers highlighted the practicality of Hindi as a national language while respecting regional linguistic diversity. Cultural and Celebrity Appearances:

Renowned guests, including Bollywood singer Sapna Awasthi, actor Mukesh S. Bhatt, and director Mudit Chandra, inspired students with motivational speeches. Mukesh Bhatt encouraged dreaming big, while Mudit Chandra advised early career planning to tackle challenges effectively. Colleges such as Kazi Nazrul University, Karim City College, Women's College Chaibasa, and others participated in the event.

Events included reels communication, folk songs, Hindi typing, blog writing, and the quiz finals. The "Startup Shrinath" and short play rounds also witnessed enthusiastic participation.The festival continued to celebrate Hindi's cultural richness and its role in uniting diverse communities. (w/gsd)

BJP warns of protests over law and order, illegal activities

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Jamshedpur, Dec 22: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has raised serious concerns over the deteriorating law and order situation and the rise of illegal activities in Jamshedpur. The party has blamed the district administration and police for their inaction and has issued a stern warning that if corrective measures are not taken within 10 days, BJP workers, along with the public, will stage protests and gherao police stations.

On Saturday, BJP leaders from the Jamshedpur East Assembly constituency submitted a memorandum to the Senior Deputy Superintendent of Police, demanding immediate resolution of various public concerns in the region. The memorandum highlighted several pressing issues, including the rapid proliferation of illegal drug activities affecting the youth, illegal sand mining in the Sidgora and Birsanagar areas, and the open sale of government land in Birsanagar without any intervention from the authorities.

The BJP highlighted that drug trafficking is rampant across almost all police station areas in Jamshedpur, adversely impacting the youth.

Sidgora and Birsanagar have become hubs for sand mafia operations, posing a severe threat to the environment.

In Birsanagar, government land is being sold openly, with no action from the administration.

The party expressed concern over the increasing incidents of snatching and the unchecked presence of anti-social elements at public places, causing fear and insecurity among women and students.

The BJP alleged that prior complaints and memorandums regarding these issues were ignored by the administration, indicating a lack of concern for public welfare.

BJP General Secretary Sanjeev Singh stated that if the administration fails to resolve these issues within 10 days, the party will mobilize public support and stage protests. "We will have no choice but to take to the streets and hold the administration accountable for its inaction," Singh said.

The meeting and memorandum submission were attended by several BJP leaders and workers, including Mithilesh Singh Yadav, Babu Singh, Sanjeev Singh, Pappu Singh, Khem Lal Choudhary, Pawan Agarwal, Binod Singh, Amit Singh, Sagar Roy, Yuvraj Singh, Bablu Gop, Vikas Sharma, Suraj Singh, Appa Rao, Probir Chatterjee Rana, Santosh Thakur, Pappu Mishra, Ruby Jha, Boltu Sarkar, Ashok Samant, Rajesh Singh Pappu, Amish Agarwal, and others.

Jadugora student Akash Kumar secures Rs 30 Lakh package

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Jadugora, Dec 22: Demonstrating that with determination no goal is out of reach, Akash Kumar, son of UCIL employee Umesh Chandra Kumar from Jadugora Mines Mechanical, has achieved a remarkable milestone. A 2015 alumnus of Nuclear Energy Central School, Akash pursued higher education abroad and earned an MSE in Environment (MTech) from Queen's University, Belfast, UK, in 2023-2024. His exceptional performance led to his recruitment by a UK-based company with an impressive annual package of Rs. 30 lakh.

This achievement has sparked joy in Jadugora, with numerous well-wishers congratulating Umesh Chandra Kumar on his son's success. (w/gsd)

Jharkhand Pradesh Pan Tanti Swasi Kalyan Samiti West Singhbhum unit holds meeting

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Chaibasa, Dec 22: A meeting of the Jharkhand Pradesh Pan Tanti Swasi Kalyan Samiti West Singhbhum unit was held on Sunday, December 22 at Lal Bahadur Shastri Bhawan, Dungri, Chaibasa, under the chairmanship of District President Rahul Das. During the meeting, it was decided to organize the annual conference and get-together program on the banks of the Kuju River on 9th February 2025. Additionally, the district committee will be expanded and fully constituted on 29th December 2024.

The meeting was attended by General Secretary Vijay Kumar Das, Sunil Malik, Vikas Kesari, Mohan Kesari, Duryodhan Pan, Vishwanath Das, Shekhar Das, Madan Das, Jaiprakash Das, Ranjit Das, Duryodhan Das, Chandraprabha, Munna Das, Ashok Das, Pankaj Kesari, and several other community members. (w/gsd)

Induction meeting held for IGNOU learners to welcome new students

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Seraikela, December 22: An introductory seminar was organized for the newly enrolled learners of the IGNOU Study Centre-3630 at Kashi Sahu College, located in Seraikela, for the July 2024 session. Dr. Binita Oraon, the Head of the Philosophy Department at Kashi Sahu College, attended the event as the chief guest.

The seminar commenced with a warm welcome extended to the students and guests by Prakash Kumar, the Assistant Coordinator of the study center. The event aimed to provide new students with essential information about their courses and the resources available at the study center. The program kicked off with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. The chief guest shed light on the significance of IGNOU in their address, praising the active involvement of center officials and counselors. They also expressed best wishes for the bright future of the students. Assistant Coordinator Prakash Kumar briefed the students on various aspects of open and distance learning systems, keeping them informed about different aspects. He appealed to the students to stay connected with the center regularly.Chandrashekhar Rai, the counselor of IGNOU, gave a detailed presentation on the various activities conducted by the center. The program was conducted by Amlesh Kumar Sinha. The students expressed various queries related to studying at IGNOU, which Amlesh Kumar Sinha answered in great detail. The program was primarily attended by dozens of students, including Sanjay Uraw, Shriram Tiyu, and Vikas Jamuda.

UCIL employees enjoy year-end picnic at Jadugora Rankini Temple

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Jadugora, Dec 22: As the year draws to a close, UCIL employees are celebrating vibrant picnic gatherings. Every Sunday, the Rankini Temple in Jadugora comes alive with festivities.

On Sunday, the Jadugora Mines Time Office organized a family picnic filled with merry making. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from many, including Chief Time Keeper Mangal Singh, former Union General Secretary Raja Ram Singh, Narayan Mahali, Rajendra Prasad, Bhola Nath, Dilip Mandal, Virendra Sharma, Ajit Haldhar, and Lakhindra Soren. The occasion provided a perfect opportunity for camaraderie and celebration among the participants.(w-gsd)

Second West Singhbhum District Level Cross Country Race held



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Chaibasa, Dec 22: The second West Singhbhum District Level Cross Country Race competition was organized by the West Singhbhum Athletics Association on the Sonuwa main road, starting from Shantinagar Sports Ground in Chakradharpur.

The event was inaugurated by Gaurishankar Mahato, Vice President of the District Olympic Association, along with other dignitaries including Balraj Hindwar, Vice President of the District Athletics Association, and local panchayat leaders. A total of 300 participants from various blocks of the district took part in the competition.

The winners will represent West Singhbhum in the Jharkhand State Level Cross Country Race Competition to be held in Jamshedpur on December 31. (w/gsd)

Young Jharkhand defeats Sersa, MCC reaches final

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Chaibasa, Dec 22: Young Jharkhand Cricket Club Chaibasa secured a massive 186-run victory over Sersa Chakradharpur, ensuring their place in the finalof the SR Rungta A-Division League. The result, however, proved fortunate for Meghahatuburu Cricket Club (MCC) Chaibasa, who advanced to the final due to a better net run rate, after Sersa's defeat.

Sersa, who were in second place on the points table before the match, needed a win to reach the final. However, despite having the same 6 points as MCC, Sersa's heavy defeat saw them slip to third place. Young Jharkhand, invited to bat first, posted a total of 296 runs in 34.2 overs. Raj Kumar top-scored with 78 runs, supported by Satyam Yadav (57) and Sandeep Gupta (44). Amit Das was the best bowler for Sersa, taking 4 wickets for 68 runs. In response, Sersa's chase faltered, and they were bowled out for just 110 runs in 20.5 overs. Sunny Mishra's 4-wicket haul and Ayan Kumar's 3 wickets guided Young Jharkhand to a dominant victory. With this win, Young Jharkhand avoided relegation, while Meghahatuburu Cricket Club was relegated to the B-Division. The final will be played between Larsen Club Chaibasa and Middlesex Cricket Club Chaibasa on 27 December.

National Ho Youth Meet Dokol-2024 concludes

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Seraikela, Dec 22: The "National Ho Youth Meet Dokol-2024," organized at the Town Hall in Seraikela, concluded on Sunday. Padma Shri Do Janum Singh Munda was the chief guest, with special guests including Dr. Sanjeev Budiuli, Archery Coach Maharishi Mahendra Sinku, Rita Sanvaiya, Ramesh Padeya, ACDO Electricity Department Seraikela Sanjay Sanvaiya, Deepak Tubid, Krishna Diggi, Gaurav Chandra Chatar, and Tupra Sundi.

On the final day, a seminar was held on the topic, "How do you want to see the Ho society in the next 10 years?" The youth participants, coming from various states, discussed and strategized on the topic.

The event concluded with a colourful cultural program and a collective resolve to preserve traditional costumes, culture, and customs. Subject matter experts Deepak Tubid, Sanjeev Kumar Billi, Krishna Diggi, and Sanjay Sanvaiya shared their insights.

The organizing committee included Chairman Saavan Soy, Secretary Manoj Soy, Treasurer Kailash Devgam, Patron Dr. Bablu Sundi, and others. (w/gsd)



150 athletes compete in 14th Seraikela-Kharsawan District Cross Country Race

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Seraikela, Dec 22: The 14th Seraikela-Kharsawan District Cross Country Race took place on Saturday at the Balidih football ground, Kandra Morh, under the organization of the Seraikela-Kharsawan District Athletics Association.

Around 150 athletes participated across multiple age groups. In the under-20 boys' category (8 km), Nara Hessa clinched first place, followed by Sauram Laguri in second and Mukesh Kumar in third. In the under-20 girls' category (6 km), Rani Mundri finished first, with Nisha Kumari taking the second place. In the under-18 boys' category (6 km), Sumit Hembram took the top spot, while Milan Soy and Shankar Mardi finished second and third, respectively.

Rita Majhi secured first place in the under-18 girls' category (4 km), with Poonam Mahato bagging the second spot.

In the under-16 boys' category (2 km), Suchand Mahato emerged first, and Madhusudan Singh Munda claimed the second spot.

The success of the event was credited to the technical officers, including Karamu Mandal, Sujit Kumar, Amit Kumar Mahato, Dibakar Soren, Guddu Kumar, Kamal Nayak, Damudar Jamuda, Shankar Mahato, Lakhan Sardar, and Vice President Laxman Mahato. (w/gsd)

Jharkhand Bengali Samiti celebrates Pandit Vidyasagar's 205th birth anniversary

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Jamshedpur, Dec 22: Jharkhand Bengali Samiti organized a painting and essay competition on the occasion of Pandit Vidyasagar's 205th birthday at Bhuiyadih Joda Mandir on December 21.

The event was graced by the Chief Guest social worker Shekhar Dey, along with NikhilDatta, Shyamal Sheel, Jharna Kar, Swapan Dasgupta. Shekhar Dey presented the prizes.

A total of 51 students were awarded for their participation in the competition, which was held in honor of Vidyasagar's legacy.

The program also featured performances by various artists, poets, and writers who recited songs, poems and recitations, filling the auditorium with an enthusiastic audience.(w/mb)

Utkarsh-2024 concludes at Cable Mukhi Samaj

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Jamshedpur, Dec 22: Cable Mukhi Samaj, Golmuri, organized 'Utkarsh-2024' to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Indian Constitution Day. The event, led by society secretary Gurucharan Mukhi, featured a drawing competition, face painting, and mehndi competition for children, with 350 participants from various schools.

The program began with a floral tribute and lamp lighting in front of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar's portrait. The chief guest, Jamshedpur East MLA Smt. Purnima Sahu, along with other notable guests, praised the educational initiatives of Cable Mukhi Samaj. The MLA encouraged children to focus more on their studies and reduce screen time. Secretary Gurucharan Mukhi also emphasized the importance of education.

Winners of the competitions were awarded certificates and trophies, and all participants received certificates. The program concluded with a vote of thanks from Rupesh. The event was made successful with the contributions of members including David Mukhi, Davesh Mukhi, Mihir Mukhi, Sahil Mukhi, and others. (w/gsd)

Winter Session of Parl: Conflict Overshadows Progress

The winter session of Parliament, which commenced on November 15, 2024, concluded amidst controversies and unresolved disputes likely to influence future parliamentary proceedings. While the session featured moments of meaningful debate, the recurring confrontation between the ruling party and the opposition overshadowed its productivity.

One of the key highlights was a sharp yet largely peaceful debate on the Constitution in both houses. Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi emphasized the enduring values of Indian traditions and lessons from the freedom struggle embedded in the Constitution. In response, the ruling party invoked the Emergency period, reiterating the nation's commitment to constitutional sanctity. Both sides advocated for loyalty to constitutional principles but failed to achieve consensus on broader issues.

A historic first occurred during this session with the submission of a proposal against the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. Although the Deputy Chairman rejected it on procedural grounds, the incident underscored the widening rift between the ruling party and the opposition.

The government also introduced a contentious bill without the requisite two-thirds majority for passage. While the bill was referred to a Joint Parliamentary Committee, signalling the government's commitment to its stance, it further fuelled the discord. Allegations and counter-allegations involving corporate figures like Adani and George Soros added to the hostility, leading to disruptions in parliamentary proceedings.

The session's final days witnessed unprecedented turmoil. A comment by the Home Minister on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar sparked outrage from the opposition, resulting in heated exchanges, physical altercations, and unfortunate incidents like hospitalizations and police complaints. These events painted a bleak picture of parliamentary decorum.

Most of the session's time was consumed by uproar, sloganeering, and debates on issues unrelated to public interest. The lack of constructive engagement left common citizens feeling disconnected from the proceedings. While the opposition's focus on disruption was apparent, the ruling party's decision to counter with equal intensity only exacerbated the situation.

As the Modi government prioritizes fulfilling public aspirations in its third term, the inability to ensure smooth parliamentary functioning could jeopardize critical reforms and decisions. The ruling party must introspect and recalibrate its approach to align parliamentary productivity with public expectations.

From the Editioral Desk

The constitution debate- a failed discourse



M.R.Lalu



The winter session of the parliament has been absolutely stormy - the constitution debate, to be precise. It exacerbated the frustration of those who performed poorly in the recently concluded state elections. The winners have all reasons to be jubilant while losers have to sit back and contemplate. Leaders of the Congress party seemed to have lost control over their behavior and its representative from the privileged clan of leaders from the party dynasty lost his intellectual lust to an unpardonable mimicry. Rahul Gandhi was visibly feeble while articulating his responsibility of being the Leader of Opposition. It could have been an amicable debate on the efficacy of the country's constitution on its 75th anniversary of adoption. But the leaders turned the proceedings in both the houses into an intolerable display of arrogance. Conceivably, both sides mostly focused on reasons to down size the other side.

As usual, Rahul Gandhi was once again candid, while giving an interesting stuff for laughter, a repetition of his defective understanding of the Indian epics. His reference on Eklavya with an undertone on the marginalized and youths in India landed him in a messed up terrain inviting sharp criticism from some Hindu acharyas. The version he narrated was of distorted taste and his story in the parliament was consumed to be an attempt to demean the essential values that Hinduism preserved, they critiqued. Whatever, one thing is clear, that Rahul Gandhi is intensely tutored by his close camaraderie but he, for some personal reasons, lacks true abilities to grasp the knowledge of the Indian spiritual tradition. The controversy erupted was not only about his falsified narration, but his convenient twisting of the crux. That guru Dronacharya chopped the thumb of Eklavya - an adivasi boy to connote in modern terms, a skilled archer, for eliminating his expertise permanently, was a well framed parallel to demean the government under Prime Minister Modi. It was Eklavya who shopped his thumb as his Gurudakshina to Dronacharya, a unique offering at least in his case, in tune with India's Guru-Shishya tradition. Gurudakshina was the tradition but thumb was quite unusual and an extreme offering. Rahul Gandhi's statement won him labels such as 'Hindu Virodhi' and' Rashtra Virodhi'.

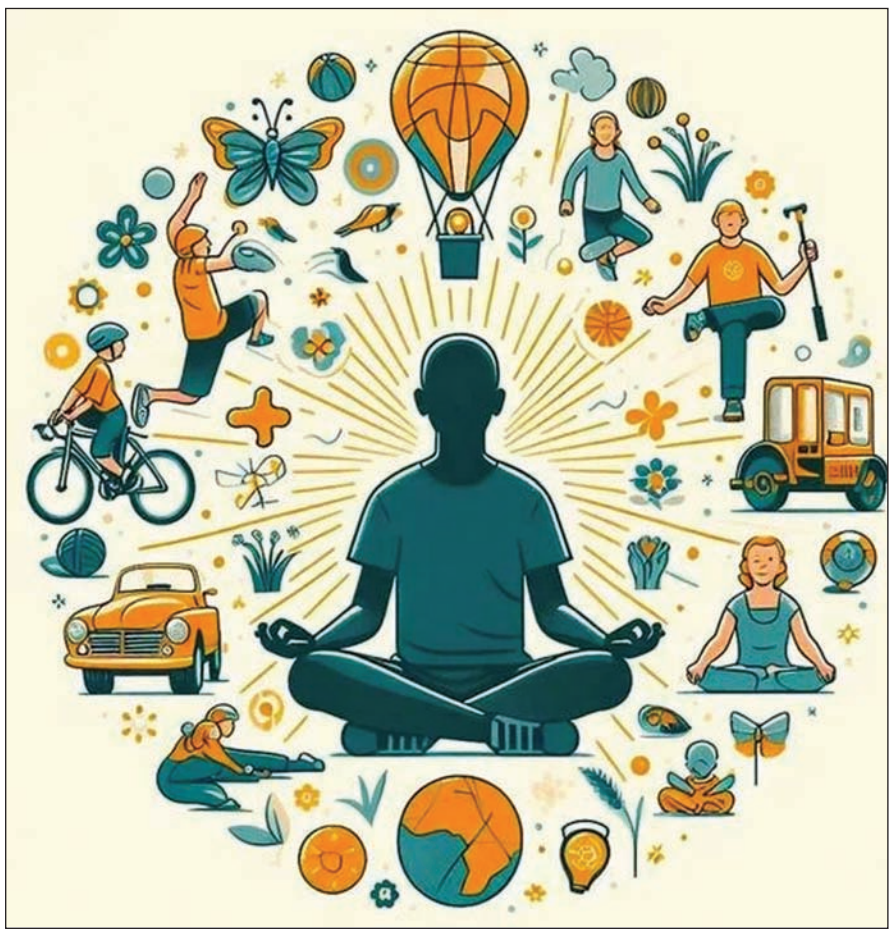
Addressing the Lok Sabha on the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was armed with facts that could substantiate the 'evils' of the Congress mostly exposing them chronologically starting from the country's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. Except registering their murmur of discontent, occasional tootles and the disruption of the parliamentary proceedings, the Congress and its clan of allies had been thoroughly disarmed by Modi as he spoke consistently with a challenging erudition. This session indeed experienced a renewed flavor of aggression at the Congress side as Priyanka Vadra's entry into the Lok Sabha gave it more power and stuff to recriminate the Modi regime. But the opposition's pandemonium once again exposed its predicaments sounding louder and the convulsion due to its defeat in the state of Maharashtra was eventually protruding. Priyanka's conscious depiction of a game-changing political upswing was visible when she entered the parliament with a Palestine print tote bag. Probably, this was an audacious attempt to redefine politics in her style and an ideal taunt on the ruling dispensation. Bag politics was unexpected. And the impact of such appeasing responses needs to wait until the moment of testimony arrives-the elections. But there was a planned balancing act by the same person who, certainly with some reluctance, reached the premises of the parliament again with another bag and a compassionate catchphrase printed on it. This time it was for the Hindus in Bangladesh. Remember, the Congress and its supreme leader Rahul Gandhi remained silent on the fate of the Hindus and other minorities throughout the episode of atrocities in India's neighborhood. Their devastatingly demoralizing torture by radicals was left unnoticed by the party that for obvious electoral reasons kept its principle, its stand of minority appeasement. Priyanka Vadra seems to have deciphered the direction of the wind that remains nationalistic ever since the Modi regime began its power-play in 2014. Grappling with the inefficient and fractured political sensibility of her brother, the lady, new in the parliamentary scenario, seems to have been overburdened to undo his political gimmicks.

Despite having a reinvigorated presence in the house, the Congress once again failed to enhance its importance in the parliament ensuring its meaningful presence. It deliberately pulled on the Adani blame-game. On the larger framework of democratic participation what it actually failed to shed were its pursuing narrow political interests. All this anger, desperation and aggression began with the party's realization of its shrinking vote share in Haryana and Maharashtra. Before those elections, the party apparatus predicted that the results would be the reason for a stunning jubilation but they turned out to be a terrific jolt. Amid multiple political missteps and his personal arrogance, the foremost leader of the party, Rahul Gandhi once again brought a bitter sense of suspicion on his leadership and there have been murmurs of disgruntlement in the INDI alliance with some members vociferously drumming for a leadership change. There have also been rattling remarks generously demanding a new savior and Mamata Banerjee being projected as a possible contender to check the political onslaught of the Modi regime.

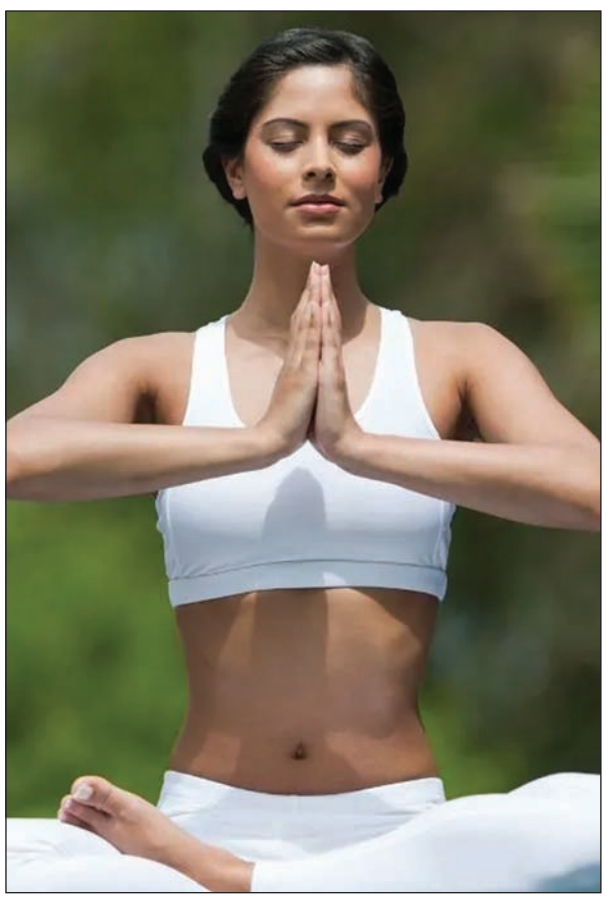
Breaking all possibilities of consensus, the country's parliament witnessed a mystified ruling dispensation and opposition wrestle out their enmity in an upsetting manner leaving two MPs from the BJP injured. All in the name of their commitment to Ambedkar, their tussle, the wild altercation, reanimated their deep-seated discomfort and distrust. The fresh squabbles in the parliament engraved Rahul Gandhi's disruptor image deeper. His party and the INDI alliance have sensible reasons to make him believe that his behavior would undoubtedly bless them with more vulnerabilities and disgraceful moments. Understandably, the discourse on the country's constitution and its glory was filled with vengeance and unaffordable apathy and the whole process did reprehensibly hurt the electorate.

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Meditation to facilitate emergence of more developed species in human frame



Madan Prasad Singh



Meditation is a transformative process. Meditation is concentrated thinking involving specific brain cells. It regulates the flow of vital energy. It makes the flow goalward effecting desired change in body and mind. However, many factors influence the flow of the energy generated by the body. Besides, we know little about self, environment and society and how to use the sophisticated brain and mind optimally resulting in under-utilization, many a time misutilization in crippling self by hammering mind with negative thoughts. This way we are not only harming self rather society also. People of negative and self-cantered predisposition influence adversely the value system. Hence to reverse the declining trend, meditation is a must as all the problems, physical, mental, social and environmental emanate from mind. We make our presence felt through thought. Meditation hones the mind.

Meditation is powerful change medium. This has been proven by an impressive number of studies. Mental states can markedly alter physiological functions. For example, stressful situations result in a hypermetabolic state, with increased oxygen consumption, heart rate, and blood pressure. Contrastingly, meditation causes decrease in body metabolism manifesting as decreased breathing pattern, decreased heart rate and blood pressure. There is also marked decrease in level of oxygen consumption. The metabolic charges due to meditation arise from change in flow of vital energy(prana) and not due to forced reduction of breathing. That is how mantra regulated pranayam is more effective.

Study shows change in blood flow pattern of meditators. The redistribution of blood flows by meditation; although hypo-metabolic overall, it appears likely that there is a concomitant increase in the metabolism of certain tissues, which is evident from the growth observed in the brain of meditators. The desired change takes place in the targeted areas, not random.

Meditation causes widespread and lasting changes down to genetic levels. It changes cellular structure and its solidarity is enhanced by making up the shortfall in telomeric length by silencing inimical genes and activating friendly ones. The mind also undergoes change. Mental boundaries loosen. Limitations wane making one feel more connected, comfortable in difficult situations. All these changes come about almost effortlessly when one is established in Dhayana (meditation). Meditation will help in our evolutionary giant leap forward resulting in the emergence of a more evolved species in human frame.

Sin Tax proposal: Turning 'harm into hope' for a healthier Bharat

Mukesh Kejriwal



Imagine this - What if your child's school notebooks could cost less, or health and life insurance premiums became more affordable? Wouldn't that bring relief to every household? Now, here's the catch-what if achieving this required us to pay a little more for harmful products like cigarettes, bidis, and gutkha? Isn't that a fair trade for a healthier and more secure future for our families?

This is the essence of the recent proposal from the Group of Ministers (GoM), which is reportedly considering introducing a 'sin tax' on demerit goods such as tobacco and aerated drinks. The idea is simple: these products harm public health and burden society, so taxing them more heavily can discourage their consumption while generating additional revenue for crucial sectors like health and education.

Currently, there is no specific 'sin goods' category under the GST structure. The creation of such a category would send a strong message that India prioritizes the well-being of its people over the profits of industries that thrive on unhealthy habits. Tobacco alone kills over 13 lakh Indians annually, yet it remains surprisingly affordable due to inadequate taxation.

The ruling government and the Union Finance Ministry deserve recognition for considering this long-overdue measure. By ensuring harmful products bear their fair share of taxes, they are paving the way for much-needed reforms. For instance, the GoM is reportedly proposing changes that could make school essentials like notebooks cheaper, and plans to lower GST on health and life insurance premiums. These steps reflect a balanced approach-offering relief to common people while funding these initiatives through increased taxes on demerit goods.

But this is easier said than done. The tobacco industry, notorious for its deep pockets and aggressive lobbying, will resist tooth and nail. They may claim that higher taxes lead to illegal trade or harm farmers, but countless studies show otherwise. Taxing tobacco products effectively reduces their affordability, curbs consumption, and leads to better public health outcomes. It is critical that these addictive and killer products be made increasingly unaffordable through regular and consistent taxation hikes, ensuring that taxes keep pace with inflation.

Globally, over 40 countries levy taxes on tobacco that constitute more than 75% of its retail price, yet in India, the burden is far lower. The WHO and other health organizations have long recommended significant tax increases on tobacco to counter its devastating impact. It's worth noting that every ?100 earned in tobacco tax imposes a societal cost of ?816 in health and productivity losses.

This is also a chance to address inequities within the existing tax structure. For instance, bidis are taxed at far lower rates than cigarettes, even though they are equally harmful. Ensuring that all tobacco products face higher taxes can create a level playing field and maximize public health benefits.

If the GST Council adopts the GoM's recommendations during its December 21 meeting, it will mark a turning point for India. The revenue from sin taxes can be funneled into health and education programs, easing the financial strain on families and creating a healthier, more productive society.

Ultimately, the question is simple: Do we want our children to have a better future? If yes, then it's time to let harmful products like tobacco pay the price for the harm they cause. Let's hope the GST Council seizes this opportunity to prioritize the nation's well-being over vested interests. A well-structured 'sin goods' category could serve as a cornerstone of India's fiscal policy, ensuring sustainable revenues while curbing harmful consumption.

By acting decisively, the government can silence the tobacco industry's lobbying and prove that it values the lives and well-being of its citizens above all else. This is not just a policy adjustment; it's a bold step toward a healthier, more educated, and prosperous India.

India stands at a crossroads. Let us seize this moment to make history-not just for revenue charts but for the lives of 1.4 billion people who deserve a healthier future.

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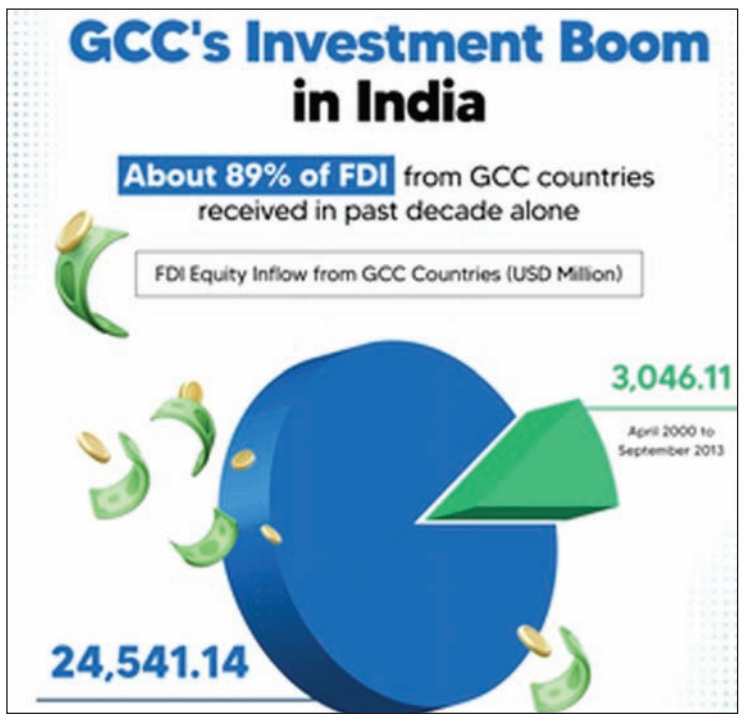
FDI flow into India from Gulf countries surges to $24.54 bn in 12 years

New Delhi, Dec 22 (IANS) FDI flows into India from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries between September 2013 to September 2024 surged to over $24.54 billion, which is an 8-fold increase compared to the corresponding figure of $3.046 billion FDI that came from these countries during the period between April 2000 and September 2013, according to data compiled by the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

The figures also show that as much as 89 per cent of the FDI flows into India from the GCC countries came in the last 10 years, reflecting the strengthening economic ties between India and the Gulf region.

With Kuwait currently chairing the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the emirate is expected to bolster India's engagement with the influential bloc, comprising Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Kuwait.

PM Modi on Saturday afternoon arrived in Kuwait, becoming the first Indian Prime Minister to visit the Gulf nation in 43 years.



He said the Kuwait Investment Authority has invested more than $10 billion in India, reinforcing the financial ties between the two nations.

The Prime Minister also mentioned that the Kuwait Investment Authority, which is the sovereign wealth fund, has made substantial investments in India and there is a growing interest in investing in India now.

In an interview with Kuwait News Agency (Kuna), PM Modi said that trade and commerce have been important pillars of the bilateral relationship between Kuwait and India, with two-way trade on the rise.

"Trade and commerce have been important pillars of our bilateral relationship. Our bilateral trade has been on an upswing. Our energy partnership adds a unique value to our bilateral trade," the Prime Minister told Kuna Director General Fatma Al-Salem.

Kuwait is a critical partner for India, ranking as the sixth-largest supplier of crude oil and meeting 3 per cent of India's energy needs.

Bilateral trade between the two countries reached $10.47 billion in 2023-24, with Indian exports growing 34.7 per cent (year-on-year).

Meanwhile, India's trade with GCC countries stood at a robust $184.46 billion in 2022-23.

PM Modi told Kuna news agency that "we are happy to see 'Made in India' products, particularly in automobile, electrical and mechanical machinery, and telecom segments making new inroads in Kuwait".

"India today is manufacturing world-class products at the most affordable cost. Diversification to non-oil trade is key to achieving greater bilateral trade," PM Modi was quoted as saying.

Govt launching 3 apps to protect consumers in digital marketplace

New Delhi, Dec 22 (IANS) The Department of Consumer Affairs will launch the 'Jago Grahak Jago App,' 'Jagriti App,' and 'Jagriti Dashboard" for public use on Tuesday to mark National Consumers Day.



An official statement on Sunday said that through these initiatives, the Department endeavours to create a transparent and fair digital marketplace where consumers can make informed decisions without being tricked or coerced. Consumers will also be educated about their rights.

"The Apps would considerably enhance the capability of the CCPA in taking suo motu action to protect consumers against dark patterns," the statement explained.

The 'Jago Grahak Jago App,' provides essential e-commerce information about all URLs during a consumer's online activities, alerting them if any URL may be unsafe and requires caution. Meanwhile, the 'Jagriti App,' allows users to report URLs where they suspect the presence of one or more dark patterns declared illegal. These reports are then registered as complaints to the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) for possible redressal and subsequent action.

Additionally, the CCPA is being strengthened with the 'Jagriti Dashboard' which is used to generate real-time reports on e-commerce URLs for the presence of dark patterns, enhancing the capability to monitor and regulate online consumer interactions effectively.

This solution will aid the CCPA in identifying dark patterns, speeding up the resolution of consumer disputes and go a long way in curbing practices that are detrimental to consumer interests, it said.

Kia to launch compact SUV 'Syros' in India next year

Seoul, Dec 22 (IANS) Kia, South Korea's second-biggest carmaker by sales, said on Sunday it will launch the compact SUV "Syros" in India next year to boost sales.



Kia, the maker of K5 sedans and Sorento SUVs, unveiled the new model for the first time in India on Sunday. The Syros SUV will be released in two trims, one with a 1.0-liter gasoline turbocharged engine and the other with a 1.5-litre diesel engine, the company said in a press release.

Starting with sales in India, Kia plans to introduce the compact car in the Asia-Pacific region, Latin America and the Middle East, it said, reports Yonhap news agency.

The new model is equipped with safety features such as the front collision avoidance, lane-keeping assistance, surround view monitor and driver awareness warning systems. The company didn't provide the vehicle's price.

Meanwhile, Kia India has announced up to 2 per cent price hike across its entire lineup, effective from January 1, "primarily due to rising commodity prices and escalating supply chain-related costs".

"At Kia, we are committed to delivering exceptional, technologically advanced vehicles of the highest quality to our valued customers. However, due to the persistent rise in commodity prices, unfavourable exchange rates, and increased input costs, a necessary price adjustment has become unavoidable," said Hardeep Singh Brar, senior vice president, sales and marketing, Kia India.

CII seeks priority sector lending for new and emerging sectors

New Delhi, Dec 22 (IANS) The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has sought reforms in India's Priority Sector Lending (PSL) framework to enable the setting up of more Development Finance Institutions (DFI) to provide funds to new and emerging sectors such as digital infrastructure, green initiatives, healthcare, and innovative manufacturing.



"The current Development Finance Institutions like SIDBI and NABFID have their roles cut out as they have earmarked sectors to finance. Therefore, CII has suggested setting up of a high-level committee to look at the revision of Priority Sector Lending norms and also explore the need for any new DFIs to cater to some of the new and emerging sectors," the CII said in a statement on Sunday.

Despite its massive success, the PSL framework requires regular recalibration to remain relevant. This recalibration is essential to ensure that the financial resources are optimally distributed, in harmony with our vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, the statement said.

For instance, while agriculture contributes 14 per cent of the GDP today, its PSL allocation remains at 18 per cent, unchanged from when its GDP share exceeded 30 per cent. Similarly, sectors like infrastructure and innovative manufacturing lack adequate PSL focus despite their potential to drive economic growth, it added.

India's economy has evolved rapidly over the past few decades, with employment focus shifting to newer sectors because of increased education levels in the society and higher disposable incomes, the statement said.

The PSL is a vital policy tool in India, aimed at ensuring that key sectors crucial to the nation's development receive adequate financial support. Mandated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), PSL obligates banks to allocate a specified proportion of their loans to sectors such as agriculture, education, housing, and small industries. The framework ensures equitable credit distribution, contributing to the socio-economic growth of underserved areas.

Founders of 28 Indian new-age startups took home Rs 284 crore as salary in FY24

New Delhi, Dec 22 (IANS) A total of 51 founders of 28 Indian new-age startup companies in the country took home Rs 283.5 crore as an annual salary in FY24.

According to the Inc42 report, "The average salary of startup founders in India declined by 26.9 per cent on year-on-year (YoY) basis to Rs 5.55 crore in FY 24 from Rs 7.6 crore in FY23."

These new-age startups are from across all sectors.

Among all these startups, Supam Maheshwari, founder of e-commerce startup FirstCry, took home the highest salary of Rs 103.8 crore in FY24. However, this is about 50 per cent less than the salary of Rs 200.7 crore taken in FY23.

FirstCry's operating income in FY24 was Rs 6,480 crore and the company suffered a loss of Rs 321.5 crore during this period.

Zerodha founders Nikhil and Nithin Kamath were second on this list in FY24. Each of the two brothers took an annual salary of Rs 33.8 crore in the last financial year. In FY23, each took a salary of Rs 48 crore.



Zerodha's operating income in FY24 was Rs 9,372.1 crore and the company made a profit of Rs 5,496.3 crore during this period.

Capillary Technologies founder Aneesh Reddy was third on this list. He took a salary of Rs 13.3 crore in FY24. This is 1,480 per cent more than the salary of Rs 84 lakh in FY23.

Hotel software company RateGain founder Bhanu Chopra received a salary of Rs 5.8 crore in FY24 from Rs 6.1 crore in FY23.

RateGain's operating income grew 69 per cent to Rs 957 crore in FY24 and the company posted a profit of Rs 146.3 crore during this period.

Paytm, MD and CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma were fifth on the list. He took an annual salary of Rs 4.4 crore in FY24, up 10 per cent from the annual salary of Rs 4 crore taken in FY23.

Mamaearth CEO Varun Alagh's annual salary in FY24 was Rs 3.97 crore, up 166.9 per cent from the annual salary of Rs 1.49 crore in FY23.

At the same time, his wife and co-founder of the startup received a salary of Rs 1.79 crore in FY24, which is 80.8 per cent more than Rs 99 lakh in FY23.

Mamaearth's operating income in FY24 was Rs 1,919.9 crore and the company made a profit of Rs 110.5 crore during this period.

Central PSUs record 47 per cent jump in net profit for 2023-24, market cap doubles

New Delhi, Dec 22 (IANS) Overall Net Profit of operating Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) rose to Rs 3.22 lakh crore in FY24 as against Rs 2.18 lakh crore in FY23 showing an increase of over 47 per cent, according to an official report.



The market capitalisation of CPSEs more than doubled in Fiscal Year 2024-25 as compared to Fiscal Year 2023-24, the report said.

The major contributors to the increase in market cap are NTPC Ltd, Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd, Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, Coal India Ltd and Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd.

A major proportion of the increase in profit of Rs 0.89 lakh crore was contributed by the Petroleum (Refinery & Marketing) group, according to the report compiled by the Public Enterprises Department of the Finance Ministry.

"Within the Petroleum (Refinery & Marketing) group, the major contribution towards the increase in Overall Net Profit is contributed by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (Rs 0.31 lakh crore). The profitability of the Petroleum (Refinery & Marketing) group has impacted the overall profitability," the survey said.

Net Loss of loss-incurring CPSEs was Rs 0.21 lakh crore as against Rs 0.29 lakh crore showing a decrease of over 27 per cent.

Monthly 5G traffic in South Korea likely to surpass 1 mn TB for 1st time

Seoul, Dec 22 (IANS) The monthly mobile data traffic running on fifth-generation (5G) networks is expected to surpass 1 million terabytes for the first time this month, industry officials said on Sunday, as news viewership soared following President Yoon Suk Yeol's surprise martial law declaration.



Should it exceed the 1 million TB mark, it would be the first time since South Korea rolled out the world's first commercial 5G network in April 2019 with the nation's three carriers -- SK Telecom Co., KT Corp. and LG Uplus Corp.

The usage of the high-speed network has remained above 900,000 TB since April, reaching 996,782 TB in October, according to data from the Ministry of Science and ICT, reports Yonhap news agency.

The amount of data used per user through 5G networks is also expected to exceed 30 gigabytes for the first time this month, the data showed. The per-person usage has hovered around 24 to 29 GB over the past five years.

"The 5G data traffic per person was deadlocked at around 29 GB in recent years, but it will likely surpass the 30 GB mark as the number of people watching news on YouTube soared amid the impeachment process against President Yoon," an industry official said.

GST recommendations to create business-friendly environment, ensure fairness: Experts

New Delhi, Dec 22 (IANS) The 55th GST Council meeting has unveiled a series of pivotal recommendations designed to deliver targeted relief, streamline compliance processes, resolve industry ambiguities and promote trade facilitation, experts said on Sunday.



Among the key proposals is a retrospective amendment to the blocked credit provisions, which now replaces the term "plant or machinery" with "plant and machinery" in line with the Supreme Court's ruling in the Safari Retreats case.

"This distinction clarifies the eligibility for Input Tax Credit (ITC) based on the usage of the two terms. Furthermore, the amendment to the Input Service Distributor (ISD) provisions will incorporate inter-state reverse charge mechanism (RCM) transactions, providing much-needed clarity within the ISD framework," said Krishan Arora, Partner, Grant Thornton Bharat.

Addressing long-standing uncertainties, the Council has clarified that vouchers are neither to be classified as goods nor services. Similarly, goods stored in a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) or Free Trade and Warehousing Zone (FTWZ) prior to export clearance or supply to the Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) will not be considered as a supply of goods or services, aligning the treatment of SEZ/FTWZ and customs bonded warehouses.

In a bid to enhance accessibility to appellate mechanisms without undue financial burden, the Council has also proposed reducing the pre-deposit requirement from 25 per cent to 10 per cent, specifically in cases involving penalties.

"Additionally, the introduction of a track and trace mechanism for commodities prone to evasion signals a significant step toward bolstering transparency within the GST regime," said Arora.

Other noteworthy recommendations include a reduction in the GST rate on fortified rice kernels to 5 per cent, and the full exemption of gene therapy from GST, making essential goods and advanced medical treatments more affordable.

"The exemption on gene therapy for life-saving measures is welcome since the costs associated with such therapy are significant and sometimes out of reach of the person, who needs it. The GST exemption would bring it within reach of more people," said Gyanendra Tripathi, Partner and Leader (West), Indirect Tax, BDO India.

The clarification that no GST is applicable to penal charges levied by banks and Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) for non-compliance with loan terms will ease the financial burden on borrowers.

Similarly, the exemption of GST on contributions made by general insurance companies to the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund is expected to lead to lower motor insurance premiums, benefitting vehicle owners.

Judge tells story of 2 lawyers, one became President, other Chief Justice



New Delhi : In a rare display of emotion in public, Supreme Court judge Justice BV Nagarathna fought back tears while remembering her parents and her mother's lifelong support for her father, former Chief Justice of India ES Venkataramiah.

Justice Nagarathna, who is in line to be the country's first women chief justice, was addressing a gathering at the National Law School of India University in Bengaluru. The prestigious law school is hosting a lecture to mark the birth centenary of Chief Justice Venkataramiah, who taught there following his retirement. Justice PS Narasimha, also a Supreme Court judge, addressed the memorial lecture at the law school.

Addressing the event, Justice Nagarathna said she considers it her good fortune that she found life's important lessons in her father's multifaceted personality. "I have always remained a student of law under his guidance. I have observed in him a strength of personality, which has only fortified my personal belief that fighting a good cause is most rewarding," she said. Justice Nagarathna said that her father's love for literature and Indian culture and his thirst for knowledge exposed her to varied subjects.

Known for her sharp observations, Justice Nagarathna fought back tears while remembering her mother's support to her father. "My mother, Smt Padma was quick to appreciate what my father's true calling was. And left no stone unturned in supporting and enabling him to realise his dreams. importantly, she knew what it took to remain a conscientious and hard-working judge and always support him. She was known for her pragmatism and her patience," she said before inviting her top court colleague to deliver the lecture.

Justice Nagarathna could be seen wiping her eyes after she resumed her seat on the stage.

In her address, Justice Nagarathna also recounted her father's words when he was elevated as a judge. "A judge is always on trial and I hope to be acquitted honourably at the end of my tenure."

She also narrated an interesting anecdote about two lawyers meeting on the train -- one would go on to become the President, the other Chief Justice of India.

"In December 1946, the All India Lawyers' conference was held in Nagpur. Since there was no direct train between Bangalore and Nagpur, one had to go to Madras i.e. Chennai to take the Grand Trunk Express. In the railway compartment, there were a few lawyers travelling from Bangalore as well as Madras and everybody became friendly owing to shared interests," she said.

"Forty-three years later, in June 1989, two gentlemen from the railway compartment met at the Ashoka Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan, one as the president of India, Shri R Venkataraman who was to swear in the other, Justice ES Venkataramaiah as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India. When my father mentioned this to President R Venkataraman after the oath ceremony, he too recollected the train journey to Nagpur," Justice Nagarathna narrated.

From Timothee Chalamet to Ajay Devgn, lookalike contest craze hits India



Mumbai : The lookalike contest craze, sparked by a Timothee Chalamet event in New York, has now reached India, with the northeastern city of Guwahati, Assam hosting a contest to find actor Ajay Devgn's doppelganger. The event is slated to take place on Saturday (Dec 28) and is open to all age groups with participants required to dress up, act and mimic the Bollywood star, who recently delivered a smash hit with his third instalment of Singham.

"Inspired by Timothee Chalamet's fans, who initiated the trend in October this year, Guwahati is gearing up for its first celebrity lookalike contest," read a post on the Instagram page of Guwahatiplus.

"An Ajay "DeVegan" Lookalike Contest will be held on December 28 where participants will step into their inner "Singham" by dressing like the Bollywood star, performing viral memes in his iconic style, showcasing signature dance moves, and demonstrating their trivia knowledge about the actor," it added.

The winner of the contest will take home a Rs 3000 cash prize, a jar of pickles and an exclusive Ajay Devgn poster.

"The event will be held at Lush Cafe, Lamb Road, Ambari, Guwahati at 4 PM, promising an action-packed evening filled with fun, fanfare, and fierce competition."

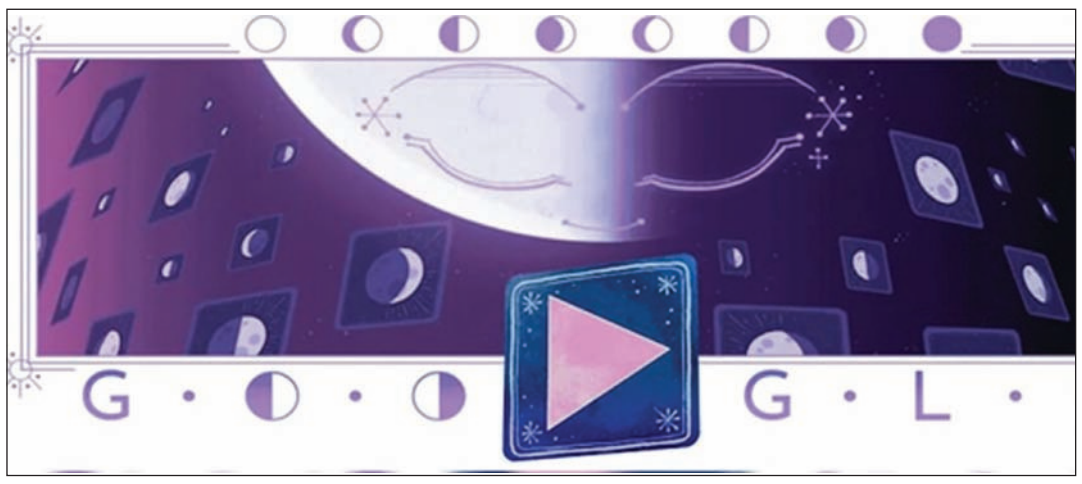
Notably, this is not the first time when such a competition has been organised in India. Earlier this month, an Abhay Deol lookalike contest was held in New Delhi which saw the participation of dozens of contenders.

What started the lookalike trend?

In October, after weeks of social media chatter, a Timothee Chalamet contest was held at the Washington Square Park in Lower Manhattan. The event gained international popularity after the actor made a surprise appearance at the event, much to the shock of the participants as well as the onlookers.

Surrounded by bodyguards, Mr Chalamet briefly posed for photos with his high-cheeked, curly-haired doppelgangers. The majority had dressed up as him from his characters in the movies such as Wonka, Call Me By Your Name and the Dune movies. Before the event could grow chaotic, the police ordered the large group to disperse, slapping organisers with a $500 fine for an "unpermitted costume contest".

Google Doodle marks December's final half moon with special interactive game



Mumbai : Google has once again brought creativity to its homepage with an interactive doodle game to celebrate December's final Half Moon on Sunday, December 22. This game marks the halfway point between the new and full moon phases, offering users a fun way to learn about lunar cycles. The doodle game requires participants to match different phases of the moon to make a full moon pair, phase pair or lunar cycle of three. It also features a brief introductory segment explaining the importance of December's Half Moon before leading users into the playful challenge.

"This interactive Doodle celebrates December's final Half Moon! This monthly recurring card game invites you to play against the moon to test your knowledge of the lunar cycle," Google wrote in the description of the lunar phase doodle.

"You'll be over the (half) moon about this new Doodle game series! Join the celestial card game where players must connect the phases of the lunar cycle to earn points and against the December Half Moon," Google added.

Notably, the eight lunar phases in order are: new moon, waxing crescent, first quarter, waxing gibbous, full moon, waning gibbous, third quarter, and waning crescent. The cycle repeats once a month (every 29.5 days).

The Google Doodle is visible across the globe with users also having access to download Half Moon Rises wallpaper from the website. Notably, Google had offered similar games in October and November this year, titled Rise Of The Half Moon.

Where to play Google Doodle Half Moon game?

To play the Google Doodle game, the users simply need to open the search engine on their web browser, be it a smartphone or a computer. After visiting the search engine page, users will see an improvised Google icon featuring the image of the Moon. Clicking on the icon will lead to the game.

What is Google Doodle and its history?

A Google Doodle is a thematic motif that is used by the search engine on its homepage to mark special occasions. Google has also used doodles to celebrate prominent people, their achievements, and more.

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The first Google Doodle was published in 1998 as a quick way for Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin to let people know they would be out of office for Burning Man. In 2000, Google launched the first international doodle to celebrate Bastille Day in France. The first interactive game Doodle was launched on May 21, 2010, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the popular game, Pac-Man.

"Tea is Healthy": India's favourite beverage gets US FDA's approval



Mumbai : The North Eastern Tea Association (NETA) and the Indian Tea Association (ITA) have welcomed the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) recognition of tea from Camellia sinensis as a healthy beverage. This landmark decision affirms the global tea industry's claims regarding the beverage's numerous health benefits.

On December 19, the FDA announced a final rule updating the "healthy" nutrient content claim to help consumers identify foods that align with dietary recommendations. As part of this update, tea made from Camellia sinensis is now eligible for the "healthy" designation.

Peter F. Goggi, President of the Tea Association of the USA, called the recognition "fantastic news" for the global tea industry, highlighting its potential to market tea as a health-promoting beverage. Similarly, Bidyananda Borkakoty, NETA advisor and former Vice-Chairman of the Tea Board of India, expressed his excitement. "We are delighted with the FDA's recognition. Research worldwide underscores the health benefits of tea. We urge the Indian government to promote tea as a wellness and lifestyle beverage," he said.

In a statement shared by NETA, the FDA acknowledged prior findings linking Camellia sinensis to potential health benefits, such as its relationship with certain cancers. However, the agency clarified that the "healthy" claim does not extend to herbal teas made from other plants, including chamomile, peppermint, ginger, lavender, hibiscus, butterfly pea flower, or masala tea.

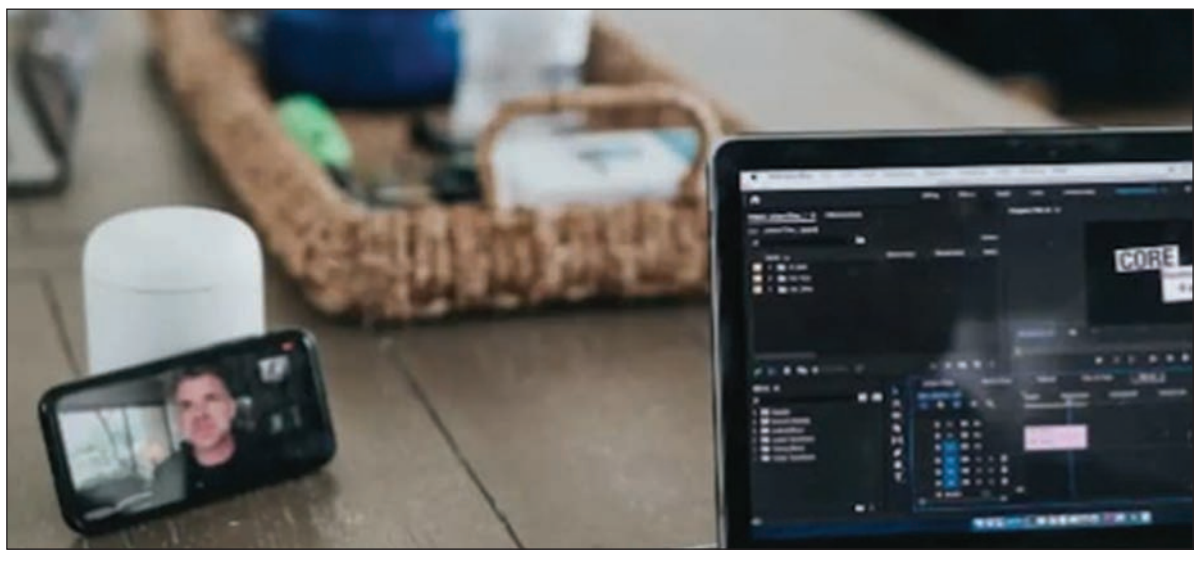
"At this time, we lack sufficient evidence to automatically qualify herbal infusions for the 'healthy' claim," the FDA noted. "This designation applies solely to tea derived from Camellia sinensis."

The Indian Tea Association (ITA), the country's oldest organization of tea producers, welcomed the FDA's decision as a landmark for the industry."The Indian Tea Association is pleased that the FDA has officially recognized tea as a 'healthy' beverage under its updated criteria. This allows manufacturers to voluntarily label tea products with the 'healthy' claim, provided they meet the specified standards," the ITA stated.

The association also highlighted the FDA's Executive Summary, which noted that beverages like water, tea, and coffee with fewer than five calories per Reference Amount Customarily Consumed (RACC) and per labelled serving automatically qualify for the "healthy" designation.

"This decision validates the nutritional value of tea and enables consumers to make informed choices," the ITA added. "Tea's richness in antioxidants and its association with numerous health benefits make this recognition especially sig-

15-hour shift, no training and verbal abuse: Indian techie exposes Startup's toxic work culture



Mumbai : Reddit has become a popular platform for employees to share their job struggles, office experiences, and workplace concerns. Various subreddits have emerged where employees can anonymously share their stories, seek advice, and connect with others who face similar challenges. Now, a Redditor shared his account of a toxic workplace culture at a startup company in India. In the post, the employee accused one of the company's co-founders, who also acts as the tech lead, of verbal abuse and humiliation. He also detailed how the mistreatment reduced him to tears during a Google Meet session.

"I cried on Google Meet in front of the tech lead. I do not know how to face it now," the title of the Reddit post read. The techie explained that he works at a startup, and one of the three founders of the company also acts as the tech lead. In the following lines, the Redditor accused the person of deliberately misbehaving with the employees on different occasions. He also revealed the harsh realities of life at the startup, where employees endure 12-15 hours long shifts without proper guidance or training.

In the post, the employee shared that in one of the Google Meet sessions, he conveyed that the instructions for a specific project were inadequate. However, instead of receiving guidance, the co-founder verbally abused him. "I could not hold my tears and started crying, and I was not in the mental zone to work, so I told him I am taking leave after a few hours of Google Meet," the techie wrote.

The Reddit post was shared the post a few days back. Since then, it has accumulated more than 700 upvotes. In the comments section, users extended their support for the techie.

"Hey bud, listen, you are all good. In life, you judge yourself by your own standards and don't let anybody else make you feel bad about your emotions. You are allowed to feel whatever you feel like, and you are allowed to express it (until it doesn't hurt others). Cry your heart out, kid, and then move on. Crying is healthy, and if someone doesn't understand that, who gives a damn. You are brave. You'll thrive no matter what! Best of luck!" wrote one user.

"There's a saying. You don't cry because you are weak but because you tried to be strong for too long. It is fine, hopefully that a**e understands that his behaviour is hurting others," commented another.

"I feel bad for you, sorry op. Remember it's okay to breakdown especially when you have toxic colleagues it's even more difficult," expressed a third user.

"Only 2 employee and 3 founders? Leave this LALA company ASAP! Indian startup are shit, these type of founders are full of ego, it's better to join TCS, Infosys, etc. You can also do freelancing," suggested another.

"The day your manager disrespects you or behaves unprofessionally with you should be your last "mentally engaged" day at that company. And I am saying this as someone who has employed 100+ over the last 3 decades. Irrespective of how well you perform, this thing is going to get worse. Start looking. Switch even if you have to take a pay cut. No money is worth your self-respect," commented one user.

Your contributions to nation's progress are invaluable: PM to Indian workers



Kuwait

Kuwait City, Dec 22 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised Indian workers abroad during his visit to a labour camp in Mina Abdullah, Kuwait, marking the first official program of his historic visit to the West Asian nation.

The labour camp houses approximately 1,500 Indian nationals from various states across India.

During the interaction, PM Modi inquired about the well-being of the workers and highlighted several welfare initiatives undertaken by the Indian government over the last decade.

Speaking to a worker from Tamil Nadu, he asked whether he talked to his family regularly through video calls, pointing out that affordable internet in India has made such communication possible.

The Prime Minister reiterated his commitment to 'Viksit Bharat 2047,' emphasising that the initiative aims to enhance connectivity and commuting for Indian workers abroad.

A worker from Bihar, employed as a welder in Kuwait, thanked the Prime Minister for inaugurating the new Nalanda University campus in Bihar and working tirelessly for the nation's betterment.

PM Modi responded by saying, "You work hard for your family. I, too, work for my family -- 140 crore Indians."

He further mentioned significant government schemes, including PM Awas Yojana, Har Ghar Nal Yojana, and the Swachh Bharat Mission, which have improved the lives of many Indians. Interacting with a Gujarati worker employed as a technician, the Prime Minister stressed the contribution of Indians working abroad to the country's development.

"Even though you have lived here for years, your contributions to India's progress are invaluable. The money you send home every month has made India one of the top countries in the world," he said, addressing the workers at the labour camp.

PM Modi also acknowledged the respect Indian workers have earned globally.

"Indian workers are trusted worldwide for their honesty, diligence, and dedication. This reputation is not built overnight but through years of hard work. That is why today, India's youth are in demand worldwide," he added.

He congratulated the workers for their contributions and stated, "Whenever something good happens in India, your happiness multiplies. I am here to honour all of you for your dedication and hard work."

PM Modi accorded Guard of Honour at Kuwait's Bayan Palace



Kuwait City, Dec 22 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Sunday, received a ceremonial Guard of Honour at Bayan Palace, Kuwait, in the presence of Kuwaiti Prime Minister Mohammed Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah.

The occasion marked a significant moment in PM Modi's two-day visit to the Gulf nation, the first by an Indian Prime Minister in 43 years.

This landmark visit is poised to fortify India's partnership with Kuwait, enhancing cooperation in political and economic sectors while reinforcing cultural and people-to-people ties.

In special gesture, Kuwait's PM sees-off Modi at airport



Kuwait City, Dec 22 (IANS) In a special gesture, Kuwait's Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah came to see off PM Modi at the airport Sunday evening as he wrapped up his historic two-day visit to the West Asian country and left for India.

"Thank you Kuwait! This visit was historic and will greatly enhance our bilateral relations. I thank the Government and people of Kuwait for their warmth. I also thank the PM of Kuwait for the special gesture of coming to the airport for the see-off," PM Modi posted on X just before his departure.

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Modi held back-to-back meetings with the country's Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah besides holding bilateral discussions with the country's PM Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

"Held fruitful discussions with HH Sheikh Ahmed Abdullah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, the Prime Minister of Kuwait. Our talks covered the full range of India-Kuwait relations, including trade, commerce, people-to-people ties and more. Key MoUs and Agreements were also exchanged, which will add strength to bilateral relations," said PM Modi.

Seven Indians injured in deadly Christmas market attack in Germany



Berlin, Dec 22 (IANS) Seven Indian nationals were among those injured in a horrifying attack at a Christmas market in Magdeburg, Germany, that left five dead, including a 9-year-old child, and nearly 200 injured, according to official sources.

Three of the injured Indians have been discharged from the hospital, the sources said. The Indian Embassy is in contact with the affected individuals and their families and is offering assistance.

Earlier, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) condemned the incident, describing it as a "horrific and senseless attack."

In a statement, the MEA said, "Several precious lives have been lost, and many have been injured. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims."

The Ministry confirmed that the Indian mission in Germany is coordinating with the injured and their families to ensure support and aid.

On Friday evening, a 50-year-old Saudi national, identified as Taleb A., drove a black BMW through the crowded Christmas market near Magdeburg's city hall. The car travelled approximately 400 metres in a zigzag pattern, causing widespread panic before being stopped by police.

Taleb, a doctor who has resided in Germany since 2006, was arrested at the scene. CCTV footage showed the suspect lying on the ground near the heavily damaged vehicle as police detained him.

Emergency services, including ambulances and firefighters, responded swiftly to aid victims. The bustling Christmas market was closed indefinitely following the attack, and local authorities have ramped up security in public spaces. Authorities have revealed that Taleb held "Islamophobic" views and expressed dissatisfaction with Germany's treatment of Saudi Arabian refugees.

Interior Minister Nancy Fraser noted his ideological leanings, while prosecutors suggested his grievances against the refugee system could have motivated the attack.

Taleb was known for his activism as a "Saudi atheist" who helped women escape the conservative kingdom. He was vocal about his opposition to Islam and Germany's refugee policies.

At least nine people killed in Israeli shelling on Gaza

Gaza, Dec 22 (IANS) At least nine people were killed in Israeli shelling on the Gaza Strip, according to Palestinian sources.

Israeli warplanes targeted in the morning a gathering of Palestinians west of the al-Shati refugee camp on Saturday, said Mahmoud Basal, spokesman for Civil Defence in Gaza.

Basal told Xinhua that seven people were killed and some others injured in the strike, all of whom were taken to the Baptist Hospital in Gaza City.

Medical workers also recovered a body and a number of wounded persons after an Israeli airstrike on a house in the vicinity of al-Ta'min school in central Gaza, according to Basal.

Meanwhile, in southern Gaza's Rafah, medics said that a Palestinian was killed by an Israeli drone in the Khirbet al-Adas area, north of the city, Xinhua news agency reported.

Local sources and eyewitnesses reported the Israeli army has been blowing up residential buildings in the al-Janinaneighborhood, east of Rafah, since morning hours. The Israeli army has not commented on these incidents.

Also on Saturday, Hussam Abu Safiya, director of Kamal Adwan Hospital in BeitLahia, northern Gaza, warned of the seriousness of the situation inside the hospital.

"Shells landed Friday on the third floor and at the doors. Fortunately, there were no casualties reported. However, it caused terror and fear among the wounded and children," Abu Safiya said.

"Until now, we have not received all the necessary electricity, water, and oxygen supplies," he complained. Abu Safiya noted that the Israeli army "has not agreed to allow the entry of all the required medical supplies, and medical staff are prevented from entering."

US warplane shot down by 'friendly fire' over Red Sea

Aden, Dec 22 (IANS) Two US Navy pilots ejected safely after their fighter jet was shot down Sunday over the Red Sea in an apparent "friendly fire" incident, said the US military.

"The guided-missile cruiser USS Gettysburg, which is part of the USS Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group, mistakenly fired on and hit the F/A-18," US Central Command (CENTCOM) said in a statement.

Both pilots were recovered alive after ejecting from their stricken aircraft, with one suffering minor injuries, according to the statement.

The apparent friendly fire incident came the same day US forces conducted airstrikes on a missile storage facility and a command-and-control facility reportedly operated by the Houthis group within Sanaa, Yemen.

"CENTCOM forces conducted the deliberate strikes to disrupt and degrade Houthi operations, such as attacks against U.S. Navy warships and merchant vessels in the Southern Red Sea, Bab al-Mandeb and Gulf of Aden," CENTCOM said in a separate statement.

US forces also shot down multiple Houthi one-way attack drones and an anti-ship cruise missile over the Red Sea, it said, Xinhua news agency reported.

The US military operations came hours after the Houthis claimed responsibility for a ballistic missile attack on central Israel, which injured at least 20 Israelis in Tel Aviv.

Since November 2023, the Houthis have been carrying out rocket and drone attacks on Israeli cities and disrupting "Israeli-linked" shipping in the Red Sea.

In response, the US-led navy coalition stationed in the area has been conducting regular air raids on Houthi targets since January in a bid to deter the armed group.

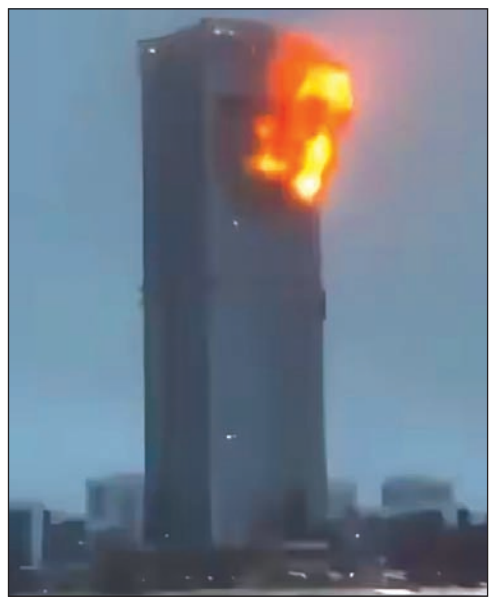
Russia's Tatarstan declares emergency after Ukrainian drone attacks

Moscow, Dec 22 (IANS) Russia's Tatarstan Republic declared a state of emergency for government bodies and emergency response units to manage the aftermath of Ukrainian drone attacks.

"The head of Tatarstan has signed an order imposing a special emergency mode for government agencies and the Ministry of Emergency Situations. This status is necessary to swiftly handle the consequences of the attacks in accordance with the law," the press service of Tatarstan President Rustam Minnikhanov said on Saturday. "The order applies exclusively to those involved in the response efforts and does not affect the general population."

On Saturday, eight drone strikes were reported in Tatarstan's capital city of Kazan, six of which targeted residential buildings. Preliminary reports indicated there were no injuries, Xinhua news agency reported.

Tatarstan's governor, Rustam Minnikhanov,



confirmed six drones struck residential buildings, one hit an industrial site, and another was shot down over a river.

The attacks, which Ukraine didn't acknowledge in keeping with its security policy, come after a Ukrainian attack on Friday on a town in Russia's Kursk border region using US-supplied missiles killed six people, including a child.

Moscow sent 113 drones into Ukraine overnight into Saturday, Ukrainian officials said. According to Ukraine's Air Force, 57 drones were shot down during the attacks. A further 56 drones were "lost," likely having been electronically jammed.

Following the attack, operations at Izhevsk Airport near Kazan were temporarily restricted. The restrictions were lifted by 15:00 local time (1100 GMT) on Saturday, Russia's TASS news agency quoted Alexander Sinelnikov, general director of Izhevsk-based aviation company Izhavia, as saying.

Blake Lively sues 'It Ends with Us' co-star Justin Baldoni for sexual harassment



New york: Actress Blake Lively has made serious allegations of sexual harassment against her 'It Ends with Us' co-star and director, Justin Baldoni. The lawsuit claims she suffered severe emotional distress as a result of Baldoni's actions, TMZ reported.

The lawsuit comes months after reports of tension on the set of the film adaptation of Colleen Hoover's popular novel, It Ends with Us, according to TMZ.

Filed by Lively, 37, the lawsuit includes several claims regarding Baldoni's alleged behaviour during production.

TMZ reports that Lively detailed incidents including inappropriate comments about weight, discussions of sexual topics, and references to Baldoni's "pornography addiction" in front of her and other cast members. She also accused Baldoni of showing her explicit images and making comments about the genitalia of the cast and crew.

The suit further claims that Lively set boundaries during a meeting attended by figures such as her husband, Ryan Reynolds. The lawsuit, cited by TMZ, says that her requests included "no more showing nude videos or images to Blake," "no more adding sex scenes outside the approved script," and "no further comments about Blake's late father."

According to TMZ, Sony Pictures, the film's distributor, approved Lively's requests. However, Lively alleges that Baldoni later initiated a "social manipulation" campaign to harm her reputation.

In response, Bryan Freedman, Baldoni's attorney, issued a statement to People calling Lively's allegations "false, outrageous, and intentionally salacious." He also accused Lively of being "difficult" on set, alleging she threatened to refuse filming or promotion of the movie, which he claimed impacted its release.

Representatives for Lively, Baldoni, and Sony have not commented on the matter.

US egg prices soar to yearly high amid bird flu, holiday demand

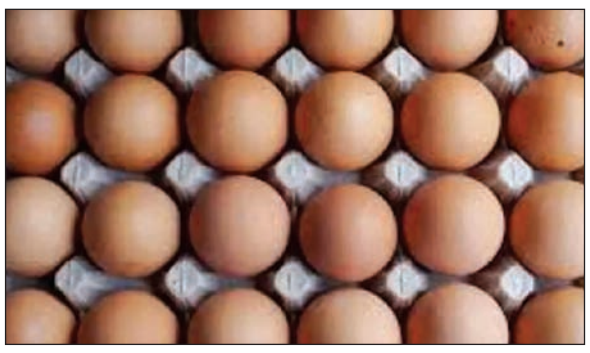
Sacramento, Dec 22 (IANS) Egg prices across the United States have surged to their highest levels of the year, driven by widespread bird flu outbreaks and increased demand during the holiday season.

National wholesale prices for large eggs reached 4.07 US dollars per dozen on Friday, marking a dramatic increase from 1.1 dollars early this year, according to data from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The price surge, driven by the impact of highly pathogenic avian influenza on commercial egg layer flocks, has been particularly severe in coastal markets, with California and New York experiencing the most significant increases.

The industry has seen devastating losses in laying hens, with 36.8 million table egg layers lost across 12 states in 2024 alone due to bird flu and facility fires, according to the USDA, Xinhua news agency reported.

The timing of these losses has also been particularly concerning, with 38 per cent of total losses occurring since



November 1, and 28 per cent in December, coinciding with the peak annual demand period for eggs.

Egg demand traditionally peaks during the holiday season when baking and cooking activities increase. The USDA noted that demand had strengthened as consumers finalised their holiday preparations, putting additional pressure on an already strained supply chain.

Earlier this week, California Governor Gavin Newsom had declared a state of emergency in response to the outbreak of Avian influenza A (H5N1), commonly known as bird flu, which has infected 34 people in the Golden State.

According to the governor's office, this action came on Wednesday as cases were detected in dairy cows on farms in Southern California, "signaling the need to further expand monitoring and build on the coordinated statewide approach to contain and mitigate the spread of the virus." To date, no person-to-person spread of bird flu has been detected in California and nearly all infected individuals had exposure to infected cattle, a press release from the office said, adding the state had already established the largest testing and monitoring system in the country to respond to the outbreak.

As of Wednesday, the H5N1 virus had spread in 16 states among dairy cattle, following its first confirmed detection in Texas and Kansas in March 2024, data from the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) showed.

Bird flu was first detected in the US in the wild bird population in South Carolina in January 2022, and in the wild bird population in California in July 2022.

Health

Heart muscle can regenerate after failure in some people with artificial hearts: Study



New York, Dec 22 (IANS) Heart muscle can regenerate after failure in some people with artificial hearts, an international research team has found.

The team co-led by a physician-scientist at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson's Sarver Heart Center in the US found that a subset of artificial heart patients can regenerate heart muscle, which may open the door to new ways to treat and perhaps someday cure heart failure.

There is no cure for heart failure, though medications can slow its progression. The only treatment for advanced heart failure, other than a transplant, is pump replacement through an artificial heart, called a left ventricular assist device, which can help the heart pump blood.

"Skeletal muscle has a significant ability to regenerate after injury. If you're playing soccer and you tear a muscle, you need to rest it, and it heals," said Hesham Sadek, chief of the Division of Cardiology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson's Department of Medicine.

"When a heart muscle is injured, it doesn't grow back. We have nothing to reverse heart muscle loss," Sadek said in a paper published in the journal Circulation.

Sadek led a collaboration between international experts to investigate whether heart muscles can regenerate.The project began with tissue from artificial heart patients provided by colleagues at the University of Utah Health and School of Medicine led by Stavros Drakos, a pioneer in left ventricular assist device-mediated recovery.

The investigators found that patients with artificial hearts regenerated muscle cells at more than six times the rate of healthy hearts.

"This is the strongest evidence we have, so far, that human heart muscle cells can actually regenerate, which really is exciting, because it solidifies the notion that there is an intrinsic capacity of the human heart to regenerate," Sadek said.

It also strongly supports the hypothesis that the inability of the heart muscle to 'rest' is a major driver of the heart's lost ability to regenerate shortly after birth. It may be possible to target the molecular pathways involved in cell division to enhance the heart's ability to regenerate, said the study authors.

Kareena Kapoor Khan shares special moments ahead of Christmas

Mumbai, Dec 22 (IANS) As the year draws to a close, Bollywood stars have already set in the festive mood with their vacations abroad. On Sunday, Bollywood star Kareena Kapoor Khan shared pictures from her vacation on her social media.



The actress took to the Stories section of her Instagram, and shared several pictures from her vacations as she prepares to ring in Christmas. The pictures feature her husband, actor Saif Ali Khan, and her elder son Taimur.

One of the pictures shows Taimur standing in front of a huge Christmas tree.

Earlier, the actress, who belongs to the first film dynasty of Bollywood, and has seen what works and what doesn't at the box-office, shared her insights on what makes a movie truly successful in today's cinematic landscape.

The actress said that the only successful formula for a film to work is that it has to create magic, as she said, "The formula for a movie to work is simple: create magic. Whether it's through powerful emotions, gripping action, or unforgettable music, if it leaves you inspired and moved in those 2-2.5 hours, it's a success".

She emphasised that the essence of a memorable film lies in its ability to create magic during the 2-2.5 hours it occupies the audience's attention. "In a movie, there has to be magic. In those 2-2.5 hours, something needs to touch you—whether it's the action, the music, or the story. That's what makes it all unforgettable", she added.

Kareena's words capture the heart of Bollywood's storytelling tradition where films are not just entertainment but transformative experiences that resonate long after the credits roll. The actress also took to her Instagram, and dropped several pictures from her visit to the Red Sea Film Festival.

Abhijeet Bhattacharya gives controversial remark on Mahatma Gandhi

Mumbai, Dec 22 (IANS) Playback singer Abhijeet Bhattacharya, who once was the voice of Bollywood icon Shah Rukh Khan in film music, is back to doing what he does best: stirring up controversies.



This time, the singer is on the radar for his comments on Mahatma Gandhi, who is known as one of the founding fathers of independent India. The singer told Shubhankar Mishra on his podcast, "Music composer R. D. Burman was bigger than Mahatma Gandhi. Like Mahatma Gandhi was the father of the nation, R. D. Burman was the father of the nation in the world of music".

If this wasn't enough, the singer went on to launch a more scathing attack on Gandhi as he called him the father of nation for Pakistan.

"Mahatma Gandhi was the father of the nation for Pakistan and not India. India already existed, Pakistan was carved out of India later. Gandhi has been mistakenly called the father of nation for India. He was the one responsible behind the existence of Pakistan", he added.

Timothee Chalamet says on playing Bob Dylan: I really worship at the church of Bob

Los Angeles, Dec 22 (IANS) Hollywood star Timothee Chalamet, who is best known for his roles in 'Call Me By Your Name', 'Dune' and 'Little Women', will swap fiction and focus on real life in his project.



The actor bagged the role of playing a young Bob Dylan in his upcoming biopic which will document his astronomic rise to stardom, reports 'Mirror.co.uk'.

The actor had earlier said that he was completely unaware of Bob Dylan's career, and his cultural impact including his iconic 1965 performance at the Newport Folk Festival. But while Timothee admitted he had no idea just how much of an impact Bob had on the industry until he accepted the job, he has now admitted that despite his previous achievements, he's most proud of this role. He said on 'The Graham Norton Show', "I didn't know much about Dylan but now, having worked on it for so long, I really worship at the church of Bob. I am deeply passionate about this man and his work. My friends are tired of hearing me talk about him ad nauseam. This man has been so impactful on culture, and this film and this role are the ones I am most proud of".

As per 'Mirror.co.uk', Timothee is, however, yet to meet Bob who is described as an "elusive mysterious figure", as well as a "man of few words".

Karan Aujla breaks down in tears after Vicky Kaushal says 'Your parents are right here'

Mumbai, Dec 22 (IANS) Actor Vicky Kaushal's heartfelt words left singer Karan Aujla in tears during the latter's Mumbai concert.



As the actor delivered a powerful speech, he touched the singer's heart with the emotional line, "I know tere ma-pyo itthhe hee aa..."—a gesture that deeply moved Aujla into tears. During Karan Aujla's Mumbai show, Vicky Kaushal and Parineeti Chopra joined the singer on the stage. One of the most emotional moments of the concert went viral when Vicky took the stage to praise the Punjabi singer. In a heartfelt speech, the Uri actor praised Karan's talent and dedication, bringing the Softly hitmaker to tears.

Kaushal said, "Karan, my brother, is a little younger to me in age, but he has seen more struggles than me in life and the journey that this man has had, he truly deserves to shine like a star like he is shining today, and I am so proud, so proud of him. I know tere ma-pyo itthhe hee aa, they're blessing us, they are giving us love, and I want you to know that Mumbai loves you, Punjab loves you."

Vicky and Karan also set the stage on fire with an electrifying performance of their hit song "Tauba Tauba." Several videos of them dancing together have surfaced online.

Karan Aujla also delighted fans by inviting his "sister," actor-singer Parineeti Chopra, to join him on stage. The duo then performed a heartfelt duet from her film "Chamkila," honouring the legendary Punjabi artist Amar Singh Chamkila.

Speaking about the late singer, Aujla shared, "Chamkila's music shaped my childhood, and his influence is a big part of who I am today." Parineeti, sharing her strong connection with Aujla, said, "Karan is family. No matter the hour, if I need support, he's the one I'd call—though chances are, he's already awake!"

The following surprise came from the Norwegian hip-hop dance group Quick Style, who joined Aujla on stage for an explosive performance of the Punjabi musician's hit song "Antidote."

Varun Dhawan: Bollywood needs new voices, artists from across India

Mumbai, Dec 22 (IANS) Bollywood star Varun Dhawan, who is gearing up for his upcoming film 'Baby John', has spoken about what needs to change in the Hindi film industry.



The actor feels that Bollywood currently is dominated by people whose thinking is not pan-India but caters to Mumbai.

While it's relatively easy to be influenced by the city given it is the entertainment capital of India, and all decisions of producers and directors may come from the Mumbai based perspective, Varun feels it's important for voices from across India to join Bollywood to render a certain depth in storytelling.

The actor said on the podcast, 'The Ranveer Show', "I think some voices need to come from different places, besides Bombay, some voices need to come in. Besides cities, metropolitan cities, besides the big 4-5 cities, tier 2 and tier 3, some voices need to come in. They have to come from there. We definitely need it".He further mentioned. "It used to happen earlier. I think it has become a little difficult now. To enter. Not to enter. Now you are thinking that should I enter the film industry? Should I become an influencer? Should I direct some shorts there itself? Or should I go on OTT? Options have come in".

Varun also said that people in positions of power in Bollywood need to understand the need to change with time, and if they can't then they should be willing to let go of some power to collectively uplift the industry.

Sanyam Sharma explains why portraying Vicky Bhaiyya in 'Swipe Crime' was challenging

Mumbai, Dec 22 (IANS) Actor Sanyam Sharma has opened up about the challenges he faced while portraying the character of Vicky Bhaiyya in the series "Swipe Crime."



The actor shared his thoughts on the challenges and enjoyment of portraying the character. He commended the show's writing and direction, emphasizing how the role pushed him outside of his comfort zone. Sanyam stated, "Playing Vicky Bhaiyya was a challenging but enjoyable experience," he said. "The character is far removed from my real-life personality, but that's what made it so exciting to play."

Directed by Harsh Mainra, "Swipe Crime" delves into college life intertwined with a dark and sinister digital scam and features an ensemble cast including Abhishek Singh Rajput, Faisal Malik, and Rishab Chadha, among others.

The show is streaming on MX Player and was produced by Jyoti Chouhan, Prashant Shinde, Upendra Sharma, Lalit Kshatriya, and Harsh Mainra under Versatile Motion Pictures.

The show follows a group of college students who find themselves ensnared in a web of fraud and blackmail. Caught in the grip of deceitful online scams, they struggle to break free. It also highlights how cybercrime has ruined countless lives in the country, while lawmakers continue to fail in providing support to the victims. This leaves those affected feeling helpless and pushed to the brink.

Earlier, in a statement, Abhishek Singh Rajput described Swipe Crime as a mirror to modern relationships. Speaking about the series, Abhishek shared, "Swipe Crime is not just a story of crime; it's a mirror to modern relationships and the choices we make in the digital age. Being a part of such a layered and gripping project has been incredibly rewarding, and I'm thrilled for audiences to experience it."

"Swipe Crime," which blends college life with a dark and deceptive digital scam, was released on Amazon MX Player on December 20.

Ram Charan and Kiara Advani showcase energetic moves in Game Changer's song 'Dhop'

Mumbai, Dec 22 (IANS) Ram Charan and Kiara Advani showed off their electrifying dance moves in the latest song "Dhop" from the upcoming film "Game Changer."



The makers have released the teaser of "Dhop," the fourth single from the album on producer Dil Raju's birthday. The teasera gave a sneak peek into the song's vibrant visuals and refreshing energy. Sung by Thaman, Roshini JKV, and Prudhvi Sruthi Ranjani, with lyrics by Saraswathi Puthra Rama Jogayya Sastry, the foot-tapping number shows Ram and Kiara flaunting their dance moves.

The Tamil version, penned by Vivek, features vocals by Thaman S, Aditi Shankar, and Prudhvi Sruthi Ranjani, while the Hindi rendition, written by Raqueeb Alam, comes alive with the voices of Thaman S, Raja Kumari, and Prudhvi Sruthi Ranjani.

"Dhop" was launched with great excitement in Dallas, where a thrilling countdown took place. The Game Changer team was welcomed by hundreds of fans who had the opportunity to interact with Ram Charan during an intimate meet-and-greet session. The event escalated into a grand affair, featuring impressive star entrances, engaging conversations, and fascinating anecdotes about the track.

On a related note, Ram Charan collaborated with director Shankar for the much-awaited film "Game Changer." The project showcases Charan in a dual role, alongside a stellar cast including Kiara Advani, Anjali, SJ Suryah, Srikanth, and Samuthirakani, who play key roles.

"Game Changer" marks the highly anticipated return of director S. Shankar, renowned for his expertise in crafting gripping political thrillers.

In this film, Ram plays the role of an IAS officer who challenges a corrupt system, using both intellect and strength. The over-one-minute teaser highlights his transformation from a determined student preparing for his UPSC exams to a fearless government officer ready to take on powerful adversaries. Ram Charan's character delivers impactful line, saying, "I am unpredictable," teasing the complex depth of his role.

Produced by Dil Raju and Sirish under the banners of Sri Venkateswara Creations, Dil Raju Productions, and Zee Studios, the film is set to release on January 10, 2025, in Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi.

Champions Trophy deadlock resolved: Dubai to host India's matches

Mumbai: Dubai has been locked in as the neutral venue to host India's matches in the Champions Trophy with a semi-final and the final also to be staged in the UAE if Rohit Sharma and Co qualify for the knockouts.

A reliable source in the Pakistan Cricket Board confirmed that Dubai was chosen as the neutral venue after a meeting between PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi and his UAE counterpart Sheikh Nahyan Al Mubarak on Saturday night.

Sheikh Nahyan, who is currently vacationing in the Ghotki region of Sindh and Naqvi, who is also the country's interior minister, met and finalised the logistical and administrative matters for the mega-event hosted by Pakistan.

On Thursday, the deadlock over the hosting of Champions Trophy finally ended when the



ICC announced that India will play their matches of the 50-over event at a neutral venue instead of host country Pakistan, which will get a similar arrangement for tournaments to be held in India till 2027.

The ICC is now expected to announce the final schedule of the event with Pakistan expected to host 9 to 10 matches.

The final will be in Lahore If India doesn't qualify for the final, the source said.

The hybrid arrangement will apply to the Champions Trophy 2025 (Pakistan), next year's women's Cricket World Cup in India and the T20 World Cup in 2026 in India and Sri Lanka.

India boycotts media match with Australia amid Jadeja press conference row: Report



Melbourne, Dec 22 (IANS) The scheduled press match between the Indian and Australian media was cancelled after the Indian media reportedly boycotted a pre-arranged game, following a press conference row involving allrounder Ravindra Jadeja.

The T20 game scheduled for Sunday at Junction Oval in Melbourne was cancelled after the Indian team's media manager decided not to participate. This decision prompted several members of the travelling media contingent to withdraw as well, making it impossible to organise a formal match, a report in The Age quoted multiple sources.

This incident was followed on Saturday by a press conference involving Jadeja, where the spinner answered questions in Hindi.

After a half-hour delay in the scheduled media appearance after India completed a training session at the ground. Jadeja began taking questions from Indian journalists. Following nine minutes of discussion in Hindi, the presser was ended as the team bus had to depart. Hence, the player couldn't stay any longer, according to India's media manager.

JFC to start box office ticket sales for Kerala match today



Jamshedpur, December 22: Jamshedpur FC has announced the start of ticket sales for their five home matches in the second phase of the Indian Super League. Fans can now secure their tickets online through ticketgenie.in to witness encounters against Bengaluru FC, Mohun Bagan SG, FC Goa, North East United FC, and Odisha FC at the JRD Tata Sports Complex. Additionally, offline box office sales for the highly-anticipated clash against Kerala Blasters FC on December 29 will commence on December 23. Fans can purchase tickets from Gate No. 1 on Straight Mile Road from 10 AM till 7 PM.

Jamshedpur FC currently sits seventh on the league table with 18 points and boasts an impressive home record, having won five out of six matches at the JRD Tata Sports Complex, including their recent victory over Punjab FC. Ticket prices range from Rs 50 for the North and South Stands, Rs 150 for the East Upper and West Upper Stands, Rs 250 for the East and West Lower Stands, Rs 499 for VIP seats, and Rs 3,000 for Hospitality tickets. Fans opting for online booking will receive their digital tickets via email or phone.

10th MYM badminton and carrom tournament concludes

Chaibasa, Dec 22: The closing ceremony of the 10th Marwari Yuva Manch (MYM) Inter-School Badminton and Carrom Tournament was held today at Birsa Munda Indore Stadium, Chaibasa. The tournament, organized by Marwari Yuva Manch Chaibasa Branch and sponsored by Rungta Steel TMT, saw the participation of 164 badminton players and 52 carrom players from various schools.

The chief guest at the ceremony was West Singhbhum Superintendent of Police Ashutosh Shekhar, with Sohanlal Mundhra as the special guest. In the girls' badminton competition for classes 5 to 8, Samridhi Hembram and Amrita Kujur claimed first place, while Anu Bandra and



Subhani Badi took second, and Tulsi Tirki and Sheesham Devgan secured third. In the class 9 to 12 category, Mahi Kashyap and Anushka won first place, followed by Sneha Munda and Alia Khatoon in second and Anokhi Gupta and Samridhi Sahu in third. In the carrom competition, Sonu Kudada took first place , with Gurucharan Tiriya and Shyam Tiyu securing second and third places.

During the ceremony, Shekhar praised the organizing committee and Rungta Steel TMT for hosting such a successful event. He highlighted the importance of these competitions in nurturing future athletes who could represent Jharkhand at state and national levels. Marwari Yuva Manch Chaibasa Branch President Kanhaiya Garg expressed gratitude to the sponsor and the West Singhbhum District Badminton Association for their support. Also present were Rajkumar Ojha, Basant Khandelwal, Nishan Choubey, Ashok Joshi and other local dignitaries.

SS Academy hosts Annual Sports Day



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Dec 22: SS Academy in Mango organized its Annual Sports Day, with the school's Chairman Mathura Singh, Vice Chairman Anita Singh, Secretary Prince Singh, Trustee Satyam Singh, and Principal Dr. Lata Mankar attending as chief guests. The event commenced with the lighting of lamps, followed by an impressive parade and a drill performance by primary students, accompanied by a welcome song.

Secretary Prince Singh, in his address, emphasized the importance of sports alongside academics for children's physical and mental development. The event featured a variety of games, including 'Not the Hanky,' Jump the Balloon,' 'Leg Race,' 'Pittu Race,' 'Balance the Balloon Race' and Kho-Kho. Red House secured the first place, while Blue House claimed the second spot.

The program concluded with the rendition of the National Anthem. Sports teacher Neeraj Singh, along with Pratima Kumari, Rajiv Kumar, and the teaching staff, played a significant role in making the event a success. (w/mb)

State Level Vanvasi Krida competition kicks-off in Jsr



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, December 22: The State-Level Vanvasi Krida Competition, organized by Vanvasi Kalyan Kendra, was inaugurated today at JRD Tata Sports Complex. The ceremony was graced by Padma Shri and Dronacharya Awardee Purnima Mahato; Prafulla Akant, Secretary Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram; Mukul Chaudhari, Tata Steel Sports Chief; social worker Muralidhar Kedia; and Riju Kachhap, General Secretary of Vanvasi Kalyan Kendra, who lit the ceremonial lamp together.

Teams and players from various districts of Jharkhand are participating in the two-day football competition. The winning team will represent Jharkhand at the 24th National Vanvasi Krida Competition, which will be held from 28 to 31 December in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Players from across India, including the north eastern states and Andaman and Nicobar Islands, will compete in this national event. Notably, tribal players from Nepal will also participate. Prafulla Akant, in his address, emphasized that the players were selected not from sports academies but through rural and district-level competitions organized by Vanvasi Kalyan Kendra, which aims to discover and nurture tribal talent for national recognition. He also highlighted the inclusion of sports in the National Education Policy, which now allows students to take special exams if sports sessions overlap with regular examinations.

22nd Jharkhand Senior Ball Badminton C'ship kicks off

Jamshedpur, Dec 22: The 22nd Jharkhand Senior State Ball Badminton Championship was held on 22 December, with K. Ram Mohan Rao, Vice President of Jharkhand State Ball Badminton, as the Chief Guest and Harpreet Kaur, a teacher at Vidya Bharti Chinmaya Vidyalaya, as the Guest of Honor.

In the men's category, Saraikela Kharsawan and East Singhbhum districts reached the final, while in the women's category, East Singhbhum and West Singhbhum advanced to the final. The placing matches for both categories will be held on 29 December. In the men's category, the placing match will feature Giridih, Jamtara, West Singhbhum and Dhanbad. In the women's category, the placing match will include Godda, Jamtara, Bokaro and Giridih.

The championship, which began on 15 December, will conclude with the final match to be scheduled after the placing matches on 29 December. The final date will be decided following these matches. The event's details were shared by sports promoter Birendra Kumar Mishra, who highlighted the significance of the competition for the participating districts.

JFC players Kartik and Lalhriatpuia light up Jam@Street festivities



Jamshedpur, Dec 22: Jamshedpur FC players Kartik Choudhary and Lalhriatpuia Chawngthu brought excitement and joy to the streets as they joined the festivities at Jam@Street held at Telco on Sunday. The event, known for its vibrant atmosphere and community spirit, was enlivened further by the presence of the two players.

Kartik and Lalhriatpuia participated in various activities such as badminton and basketball. They also played fun games that had the crowd cheering for their every move. Adding to the festive spirit, the players enjoyed live music and dance performances, soaking in the lively ambiance of the event.

The highlight of the day was their interaction with fans. From taking selfies to engaging in heartwarming conversations, Kartik and Lalhriatpuia made the event memorable for everyone present.

Jam@Street once again proved to be a unique platform for bridging the gap between Jamshedpur FC and its passionate supporters. The presence of Kartik Choudhary and Lalhriatpuia Chawngthu underscored the club's commitment to fostering community engagement beyond the football pitch. (w/pb)

Loyola alumni beat XLRI alumni by 3 wickets

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, December 22: XLRI Jamshedpur, commenced "Play for a Cause", Fr. Enright Memorial Cricket Tournament in honor of its founding director, Fr. Quinn Enright, S.J. on December 21. Sachidanand Mishra, Second Command Officer, 106 battalion RAF, along with Fr S. George, S.J., Director of XLRI and Fr Donald D'Silva, Dean of Administration and Finance, inaugurated the event by hoisting flag and unveiling Tournament Trophy. Mishra also distributed shoes and caps to the players.

The tournament features 10 teams consisting of XLRI Alumni, Faculty, Staff, Research Scholars, Security Staff, Outsourced Staff, regular vendors of XLRI and Tata Steel Foundation. Fr. Enright Cricket

XLRI connects Cricket to Society by Play for a Cause 'mantra'



Tournament is not just a sporting event; it is a celebration of community, inclusivity, and responsibility. By uniting teams from diverse backgrounds and committing them to charitable goals, it aims to set a benchmark for meaningful engagements through sports. The tournament will be played by 150 players in 26 matches, finals being played on February o1, 2025. The inaugural match was played between Vintage Warriors (DTDC) and Tata Steel Foundation (TSF); where Vintage Warriors won by 125 runs. Vikas Yadav was awarded Man of the Match for his outstanding performance: 30 ball 68 runs and 4 wickets in 3 overs. The second match of the day was played between XL Alums and Loyola Alumni Association, where Loyola Alumni Association won by 3 wickets. Bating first XL Alums scored 143 runs losing 7 wickets. Utkarsh of Loyola Alumni Association with his 33 ball 81 runs guided his team to victory and bagged Man of the Match award.

Peace House shines in Model English School sports meet



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Dec 22: Model English School, Jawahar Nagar, Mango, organized 24th annual sports day at JRD Tata Sports Complex on December 21. The event was graced by Dr. Amar Singh, Principal of Jamshedpur Co-operative College, as the Chief Guest. Shihan L. Nageswara Rao, Chief Coach of Tata Steel Karate Training Centre and Dr. Hassan Imam Mallick from Tata Steel's Sports Division attended as Guests of Honour.

The day featured a variety of exciting sporting events. Junior students participated in fun races like the boat race, octopus race, sack race, crab race, and umbrella race, while seniors showcased their skills in obstacle races, relay races, and hurdle races.

Akash, Area Manager of the Sports Academy and Adventure Program, felicitated the participants for their spirited performances. Peace House emerged as the overall winner, with Faith House securing the runner-up position. Earlier, Headmaster, Swami Dayanand, delivered the welcome address, while Secretary Abdur Rashid gave the vote of thanks. The titles of Best Athlete were awarded to Md. Ayaz Khan of Class IX and Adeen Uzma of Class X for their outstanding performances. (w-mb)

Veer Ahlawat bags title after gritty playoff win against Amardeep Malik

Gurugram golfer crowned PGTI Ranking champion with record season's earnings

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, December 22: It was double delight for Gurugram's Veer Ahlawat on Sunday. The 28-year-old Veer, who had already sealed the No. 1 spot in the TATA Steel PGTI Ranking before the final event of the 2024 PGTI season, also stole the show with the day's best score of seven-under 64 and a playoff victory against Amardeep Malik to clinch the season-ending TATA Steel Tour Championship 2024, an INR 3 crore event, played at the Beldih and Golmuri Golf Courses in Jamshedpur.

Veer Ahlawat (67-68-68-64) prevailed over Amardeep Malik (67-64-71-65) on the second playoff hole after the two players were tied in first position at 17-under 267 at the end of the regulation 72 holes.

Sri Lankan N Thangaraja (67) claimed third place at 16-under 268 while Chandigarh's Yuvraj Sandhu (67) and two-time Tour Championship winner Udayan Mane (70) of Pune finished tied fourth at 14-under 270.

Indian star and two-time Tour

Tata Steel Tour Championship



Championship winner Gaganjeet Bhullar (69) took ninth place at 10-under 274.

Veer Ahlawat picked up the winning cheque worth INR 45 lakh to take his season's earnings to a whopping INR 1,56,35,724, thus smashing the previous record for season's earnings on the PGTI set at INR 1,18,26,059, by Om Prakash Chouhan in 2023.

All four rounds of the event saw one half of the field play their first nine holes at Golmuri Golf Course and second nine at Beldih Golf Course while the other half of the field played Beldih first followed by Golmuri. The par for the round was 71. The leading groups started at Golmuri and finished at Beldih.

Veer Ahlawat, who was overnight tied sixth and four shots off the lead, came out firing on all cylinders on the front-nine, picking up an eagle and two birdies before the turn, as he landed it within four feet on two occasions and also sank a 20-footer. After a bogey on the 11th, Veer got his game back on track with four birdies, not leaving himself anything longer than 10 feet on the greens.

When the playoff began on the 18th hole, Amardeep enjoyed the better playoff record having won one out of two encounters while Veer had lost both his previous playoffs. On the first playoff hole, Amardeep had a heart-breaking lip-out from 20 feet that could've sealed a birdie and perhaps the match for him.

On the second extra hole, Amardeep hit it over the green and missed the chip-putt for par while Veer continued to play steady and made the decisive par to lift his fourth professional trophy. Amardeep's runner-up finish earned him INR 30 lakh and thus propelled him from 23rd to sixth place in the PGTI Order of Merit. Jamshedpur-based professionals Karan Taunk (four-over 288) and Kurush Heerjee (10-over 294) finished tied 47th and tied 54th respectively.

Shaurya Bhattacharya is PGTI Emerging Player of the Year



Twenty-one-year-old rookie Shaurya Bhattacharya of Delhi won the PGTI Emerging Player of the Year title with season's earnings of INR 23,14,017, the highest among the rookies. Shaurya, who secured tied 45th place at three-over 287 at the season-ending event, secured a creditable 28th position on the PGTI Order of Merit as a result of his win and four other top-20s in the season.

SEBI takes strict action in front running case, bars 9 entities, seizes over Rs 21 cr

Mumbai, Dec 22 (IANS) Market regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has taken strict action in a front-running case, banning PNB Met Life Insurance Company's equity dealer Sachin Bakul Dagli and eight other entities from the stock market.

According to the SEBI, front running was being done by Dagli and eight entities for more than three years and during this period, all of them collectively earned illegal profits of Rs 21.16 crore.



The market regulator banned Dagli and the eight entities from the stock market and seized the unlawful gains.

The SEBI had investigated some suspicious front-running trades related to PNB MetLife India Insurance before this action.

The focus of this investigation was to find out whether the suspicious entities were doing front running in the trade of PNB MetLife India Insurance with the help of other people, including dealers and fund managers. It also sought to find whether SEBI rules have been violated or not.

The investigation, which was conducted from January 1, 2021, to July 19, 2024, revealed that most of the trading decisions at PNB MetLife were assigned to Dagli for execution.

The investigation found that Dagli, the equity dealer of PNB MetLife, and his brother Tejas Dagli, an equity sales trader at Investec, obtained confidential, non-public information about the upcoming trading decisions of PNB MetLife and Investec.

This information was further used to make trading decisions and shared with Sandeep Shambharkar, who executed front-running trades through the accounts of Dhanmata Realty Private Ltd (DRPL), Worthy Distributors Private Ltd (WDPL), and Pragnesh Sanghvi.

DRPL and WDPL Directors Arpan Kirtikumar Shah, Kabita Saha, and Jignesh Nikulbhai Dabhi were also involved in carrying out this task.

The SEBI said that 6,766 front-running trades have been executed.

Rahul, Priyanka and family relish Chole Bhature at Kwality restaurant,Sonia Gandhi joins them



New Delhi, Dec 22 (IANS) After months of gruelling election campaigns from Lok Sabha polls 2024 to Assembly elections, Sunday marked a relaxing and refreshing weekend for the Gandhi family. Rahul and Priyanka, both Congress MPs from Rae Bareli and Wayanad Lok Sabha constituencies, respectively, took a break from their official engagements and assembled at the city's iconic Kwality restaurant, to spend some 'family time' together.

They were accompanied by mother Sonia Gandhi, Priyanka's husband Robert Varda, daughter Miraya Vadra and also her mother-in-law.

The whole Gandhi family gathered at the Kwality restaurant to gorge on chole-bhature and other lip-smacking dishes.

Rahul also shared some photos of the family sitting and dining together, on his WhatsApp status. The images, as landed on social media, also elicited many likes and comments from the netizens, many of whom hailed the family sharing some special moments on the dining table.

In the photos, Rahul and family could be seen sitting in a cozy space of the restaurant and flaunting broad smiles on their faces. Sonia Gandhi is also seen sharing a smile while Robert Vadra flaunting a fully-bloated bhatura.

Putting the photos on his status, Rahul wrote, "Family lunch at the iconic Kwality Restaurant."

"Try the Chole Bhature if you go," he said further in an advice to the foodies.

CCPA fines coaching institute for misleading ads on UPSC exam results

New Delhi, Dec 22 (IANS) The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has imposed a penalty of Rs 2 lakh for misleading advertisement on Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study regarding the UPSC Civil Service Exam 2023 and has directed the coaching institute to discontinue the misleading advertisements with immediate effect "The decision was taken to protect and promote the rights of consumers as a class and ensure that no false or misleading advertisement is made of any goods or services which contravenes the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act," according to an official statement issued on Sunday. "In view of the violation of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, the CCPA, headed by Chief Commissioner Nidhi Khare, and Commissioner Anupam Mishra has issued an Order against Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study for misleading advertisement regarding UPSC Civil Service Exam 2023," the statement said. Coaching Institutes and online edtech platforms use pictures and names of successful candidates to influence prospective aspirants, without disclosing the courses opted by such candidates or the fees paid by them and the length of the course so attended, the statement pointed out.

Punjab building collapse: 23-hour rescue operation over, two found dead

Chandigarh, Dec 22 (IANS) Two people were found dead as the 23-hour rescue operation involving the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the Indian Army, besides civil authorities, to locate missing people trapped in a collapsed four-storey building in Punjab's Mohali ended on Sunday.

The body of a male was recovered on Sunday, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Damandeep Kaur said, adding the victim has been identified as Abhishek Dhanwal, hailing from Haryana's Ambala. Earlier, a woman, identified as Drishti Verma, 20, from Himachal Pradesh, died in the incident.



Officiating Deputy Commissioner Viraj S. Tidke along with Senior Superintendent of Police Deepak Pareek, told the media the search and rescue operation to evacuate the trapped people whose exact number was not ascertained initially, got a boost when a critically injured woman was rescued from the wreckage.

After that, the operation continued the entire night and onwards till 4.30 pm on Sunday when it was made clear by the NDRF that there was no more possibility of any person being trapped under the debris.

Tidke said the debris had been checked by the NDRF thoroughly before declaring the operation over.

He said that a total of 600 NDRF, Army, and police personnel were roped in for the round-the-clock operation. He said about 140 NDRF team members, 167 from the Army's 57 Engineers Regiment, over 300 local police personnel and the rest from allied departments were involved in the operation.

During the operation, requisite machinery was provided to the NDRF in addition to what they already had.

He said that a magisterial probe had been ordered in this incident to fix the responsibility. SDM Damandeep Kaur has been entrusted with the probe and she has been asked to submit the report within three weeks.

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कोई भी राष्ट्र किसान के बिना पूरी तरह से प्रगति नहीं कर सकता। और हमारा झारखण्ड भी एक कृषि प्रधान राज्य है। आपकी कड़ी मेहनत के बदौलत आज झारखण्ड ही नहीं पूरा भारत प्रगति कर रहा है।

झारखण्ड सरकार की उपलब्धियां :-

- झारखंड राज्य दलहन उत्पादकता में भारत में ही नहीं विश्व में अव्वल है।
- मत्स्य उत्पादन में आत्मनिर्भर एवं केज कल्चर विधि से मत्स्य उत्पादन में अगुआ है।
- झारखण्ड सब्जियों के उत्पादन में भी आज आत्मनिर्भर एवं सब्जिओं का निर्यात दूसरे राज्यों में और विदेशों में भी।
- झारखण्ड राज्य सुकर उत्पादन एवं लाह उत्पादन में भी पुरे भारत में अव्वल है।
- आने वाले वर्षो हमारा राज्य मोटे अनाज के उत्पादन में, दुग्ध उत्पादन में तथा पशुधन उत्पादन में भी अव्वल स्थान पर होगा।

झारखण्ड सरकार द्वारा चलायी जा रही मुख्य कल्याणकारी योजनाएं :-

- कृषि ऋण माफी योजना
- समेकित बिरसा ग्राम सह कृषक पाठशाला
- सब्सीडी दर पर बीज वितरण
- उद्यान विकास, शीत एवं कोल्ड रूम का निर्माण
- टपक सिंचाई, तालाबों का निर्माण एवं जीर्णोद्धार
- किसान समृद्धि योजना
- FPO को सहायता अनुदान
- झारखण्ड मिलेट मिशन,
- मुख्यमंत्री पशुधन विकास योजना
- ग्रामीण गोदामों का निर्माण
- कृषि ऋण पर ब्याज की माफी
- दुग्ध उत्पादकों को 5 रूपए प्रति लीटर की प्रोत्साहन राशि
- मत्स्य कृषकों के लिए केज कल्चर
- Bioflock विधि से मत्स्य पालन
- मत्स्य विपणन की सुविधा
- मछली बीज वितरण इत्यादि।

आप सभी को कृषि पशुपालन एवं सहकारिता विभाग की ओर से किसान दिवस की बहुत-बहुत शुभकामनाएं।

आप अपने किसी भी कृषि से संबधित समस्या के समाधान के लिए मुख्यमंत्री कृषक सहायता हेल्प लाइन नंबर 0651-2490542/ 2491642 या किसान कॉल सेण्टर टोल फ्री नंबर–18001231136 कॉल करें तथा पशुधन स्वास्थ्य समस्या या पशु चलंत क्लिनिक सेवा के लिए टोल फ्री नंबर 1962 पर कॉल करें।

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