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Father, son hacked to death in Bengal as Waqf protest turns violent

118 arrested, three killed, HC orders deployment of central forces

Kolkata, April 12 (IANS): Three people were killed as violent protests continued in West Bengal's Murshidabad district on Saturday against the controversial Waqf Amendment Act.

The victims—reportedly a father and son—were found with multiple stab wounds inside their home in Jafrabad in Samsarganj area. Their family alleged that miscreants looted their house and stabbed the two before leaving.

Another person, who had sustained a bullet wound at Dhulian in Samsarganj block earlier in the day, died in the evening.

Violence broke out in the Muslim-majority district on Friday, days after the contentious bill was passed by the parliament and got the approval of the President.

At least 118 people have been arrested so far in connection with the violence. Police reportedly fired four rounds to bring the mob under control.

HC seeks report
Meanwhile, the Calcutta High Court



ordered deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) in Murshidabad district to assist in restoring normalcy.

A division bench, presided over by Justice Soumen Sen, also instructed both the state government and the Centre to submit detailed reports on the situation.

The matter is scheduled for further hearing on April 17.

During the hearing on Saturday, the government told the court that seven companies of BSF have been deployed in strife-hit Suti, Dhuliyani and Samsarganj areas of Murshidabad.

Mamata's appeal for peace
As violence raged, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee took to social media urged people to maintain calm and not fall prey to provocation.

"My sincere appeal to people of all religions, please remain calm, remain restrained. Do not engage in any irreligious behaviour in the name of religion. Every human life is precious; do not incite riots for the sake of politics. Those who are inciting riots are harming society," she said.

In a long post on X, she reiterated her opposition to the law and said it wouldn't be implemented in West Bengal.

"Remember, we did not make the law over which many are agitated. The law was made by the central government. So the answer you want should be sought from the central government," the CM said. "We have made our position clear on this matter -- we do not support this law. This law will not be implemented in our state. So what is the riot about," she asked.

Ukraine alleges Russian missile attack on Indian pharma firm's warehouse



New Delhi, April 12: A Russian missile struck the warehouse of an Indian pharmaceutical company in Ukraine's Kusum, Kyiv said in a post on X today. Ukraine's embassy in India alleged Russia "deliberately" targeted Indian businesses in Ukraine.

"Today, a Russian missile struck the warehouse of Indian pharmaceutical company Kusum in Ukraine. While claiming 'special friendship' with India, Moscow deliberately targets Indian businesses - destroying medicines meant for children and the elderly," Ukraine's embassy said.

Kusum, owned by Indian businessman Rajiv Gupta, is among the largest pharma firms in Ukraine. The company's products are critical across Ukraine as they ensure availability of basic medicines, sources said. They said a drone, not a missile, made a direct hit on the warehouse.

Before Kyiv's post, Britain's ambassador to Ukraine Martin Harris said Russian strikes destroyed a major pharma's warehouse in Kyiv. Mr Martin, however, also said the attack was carried out by Russian drones, not a missile.

Smartphones, laptops exempted from Trump's reciprocal tariffs

New Delhi, April 12: The Donald Trump administration has announced a range of electronic products, including smartphones, laptops, and semiconductor chips, will be exempt from the reciprocal tariffs. These products will not be subject to the current 145 per cent tariffs levied on China or the 10 per cent baseline tariffs elsewhere, according to a

notice from US Customs and Border Protection. According to the notice issued on Friday, the exemptions apply to products entering the US or removed from warehouses as early as April 5. The announcement, which would benefit companies like Apple, Samsung and chipmakers like Nvidia, came reportedly after con-

cerns from the tech giants that the price of gadgets could skyrocket.

However, the notice did not provide an explanation for the Trump administration's move. A US agency estimate suggests that around 80 per cent of Apple's iPhone production and assembly takes place in China and the remaining 20 per cent are made in India.

National Herald case: ED begins possession of assets linked to Sonia, Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi, April 12: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has initiated proceedings to take possession of properties linked to Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi in the National Herald money laundering case.

On April 11, the central probe agency issued notices to property regis-

trars in Delhi, Mumbai, and Lucknow, where the assets of Associated Journals Limited (AJL), -- acquired by Young Indian Limited (YIL), a company beneficially owned by Sonia and Rahul Gandhi -- are located.

The case pertains to allegations of financial irregularities and misappropriation of funds



involving the acquisition of AJL, which once published the National Herald newspaper, by YIL. BJP leader Subramanian Swamy, who filed the initial complaint, alleges that Young Indian took over AJL's assets in a "malicious manner" to gain control of properties worth over Rs 2,000 crore. According to the ED,

the attachment follows investigations that revealed the alleged laundering of proceeds of crime amounting to Rs 988 crore, linked to AJL's assets.

The proceedings were initiated after an Adjudicating Authority recently confirmed the earlier provisional attachment of the properties.

Electronic Voting Machines safe, tamper-proof: CEC

Ramgarh, April 12: Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar on Saturday said the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) are "safe" and "tamper-proof".

He said that EVMs used in India cannot be connected to internet, Bluetooth or infrared and it is not possible anyway to tamper with it.

"In India, EVMs are used for polling exercise. Legal scrutiny has been done on EVMs. The EVMs used in India can neither be connected to internet nor Bluetooth nor



CEC Gyanesh Kumar along with wife offers tribute to Freedom Fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda at Patratu Lake Resort in Ramgarh, on Saturday.

infrared. The EVMs cannot be connected to anything in any way. Therefore, it is not possible to tamper with it. So, India's EVMs are tamper-proof," Kumar said addressing media persons in Jharkhand's Ramgarh district.

He said over five crore VVPAT (voter-variable paper audit trail) slips have been counted and no discrepancies have been reported so far.

Kumar arrived in Ranchi on Friday evening on a three-day visit to Jharkhand. The CECon Saturday interacted with election officials in

Ramgarh. "I interacted with returning officers and volunteers here. After meeting them, I felt that there is a strong foundation of democracy in Jharkhand," he said.

He said every citizen of India, who has completed 18 years of age, must become an elector.

Kumar added no appeal (related to EPIC cards) is pending either with district election officer or chief electoral officer (CEO), which means the voter list in Jharkhand is close to 100 per cent satisfactory for voters and others.

NIA grills Rana for second consecutive day

Mumbai, April 12: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) questioned Mumbai attacks conspirator Tahawwur Hussain Rana for the second consecutive day to probe larger conspiracy behind the dastardly terror strikes of 2008, sources said Saturday.

They said Rana is being probed by a team of NIA officials to ascertain his exact role behind the attacks that shook the nation over 16 years ago.

Rana is said to be grilled on the basis of various leads gathered by the probe agency during the course of its investigation including a large number of phone calls between him and his co-conspirator David Coleman Headley alias Daood Gilani, a US citizen currently in prisons in that country. He would also be quizzed about individuals he met, especially an alleged key contact in Dubai who is said to be aware about the plans on carrying out Mumbai terror strikes, the sources said.

Jharkhand Jaguar constable killed, another injured in IED blast



Chaibasa, April 12: A Jharkhand Jaguar constable was killed, while a CRPF jawan was injured in an IED blast in Jharkhand's West Singhbhum district on Saturday, a police officer said. The incident took place at Radhapora area under Jaraikela police station limits, he said. "Two jawans - one from CoBRA 203 battalion and another from Jharkhand Jaguar - were injured in the incident. Both were airlifted to Ranchi for better treatment," Kolhan DIG Manoj Ratan Chothe said.

They were identified as Vishnu Saini from CoBRA and Sunil Dhan from Jharkhand Jaguar. Dhan succumbed to his injuries during treatment at a hospital in Ranchi, according to a police statement. The condition of Saini is stated to be critical, it added. "In a forested area located between the border of Chhotanagra

Six Naxals of TSPC nabbed in Latehar

Latehar, April 12: Six Naxals belonging to the banned Tritiya Sammelan Prastuti Committee (TSPC) outfit have been arrested in Jharkhand's Latehar district, police said on Saturday.

Those arrested include self-styled 'sub-zonal commanders' Narayan Bhokta alia Aadit and Alok Yadav alias Amresh Yadav, besides 'area commander' Amit Dubey alias Chote Baba and cadres Mahendra Thakur, Imran Ansari and Sanjay Oraon. The members of

TSPC, a Maoist splinter group, were nabbed during an operation in Hesabar-Bhang forest area under the jurisdiction of Balumath police station on Friday. Latehar Superintendent of Police Kumar Gaurav said. Acting on a tip-off, a team was formed under the leadership of Balumath SDPO and the red rebels were surrounded and arrested, he said. Four rifles, a revolver and 1,102 cartridges were seized from their possession, he added.

Two jawans injured in Gumla IED blast

Gumla, April 12: Two security personnel were injured today in an IED blast planted by Naxalites in the forest area under Toklo police station in Gumla district of Jharkhand. The incident took place when the security forces were conducting a search operation in the area under the joint anti-Naxal operation. According to the information received, head constable (RO) Faujul Hasan of COBRA 203 Battalion and constable Sunil Dhanu of Jharkhand Jaguar were caught in the blast. The condition of both the soldiers is now said to be stable.

This joint operation was being carried out by several battalions of security forces—such as CRPF's 26, 60, 134, 174, 193 and 197 battalions, COBRA, Jharkhand Jaguar and district police teams.

After first aid, the injured jawans were sent to Ranchi through helicopter for better treatment.

and Jaraikela police stations, Naxalites opened fire and triggered an IED targeting security forces during an operation on Saturday. In response, security forces retaliated. However, the Maoists took advan-

tage of the dense forests to escape," the statement added. Chothe said an anti-Maoist operation has been underway in the region and security forces have defused several IEDs during the operation.

Digital payments via UPI back to life after technical glitch

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) Digital payments via Unified Payments Interface (UPI) returned for most users on Saturday after the popular service suffered a nationwide outage affecting millions of users.

Although the National Payments Corporation of

India (NPCI) was yet to confirm the restoration of UPI services, users in Delhi-NCR reported successful digital payments via smartphone apps.

Earlier in the day, digital services on several online payment platforms were disrupted across the country, hindering local

shopping, bill payments and business transactions. According to the outage tracking platform Down Detector, there were 2,358 complaints by 1 pm. Most reported problems were for payments (81 per cent) and fund transfers (17 per cent).

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Task force formed to tackle drinking water crisis in Mango

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: In a significant step toward resolving the ongoing drinking water issues in the Mango Municipal Corporation area, Deputy Commissioner Ananya Mittal has constituted a four-member task force to ensure timely resolution of complaints and improve inter-departmental coordination.

The task force will function under the leadership of Dipankar Chaudhary, Project Director of the Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA), and includes key officials from relevant civic and technical departments. These include the Deputy Municipal Commissioner of Mango Municipal Corporation, the Executive Engineer from the Drinking Water and Sanitation Department (Mechanical



Division), Jamshedpur, and the Executive Engineer from the Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Adityapur. This proactive initiative has been taken in light of increasing complaints and challenges related to the availability and distribution of drinking water in the Mango region, especially during peak

summer months when water scarcity becomes a pressing concern. Deputy Commissioner Ananya Mittal has specifically instructed the team to work in close coordination, ensuring that grievances are not only registered swiftly but also resolved within a clearly defined timeframe. The emphasis is on streamlin-

ing operations, eliminating delays caused by inter-departmental gaps, and ultimately restoring confidence among residents of the Mango area. "This task force will act as a bridge between the public and government departments to make sure that complaints related to drinking water are addressed effectively and with

urgency," said a district official familiar with the development. In addition to forming the task force, the administration has issued dedicated helpline numbers for the public to register complaints or report water-related concerns. Residents facing drinking water problems can contact

the Assistant Engineer (AE) on 8603533700. If this number is unreachable, complaints can be escalated to a senior officer on 9263531141. These helplines are expected to serve as a direct channel of communication, ensuring that public grievances are promptly acknowledged and routed to the task force for

immediate attention. With temperatures soaring and summer intensifying, the need for an uninterrupted water supply has become critical. The Mango Municipal Corporation area, with its dense population and aging water infrastructure, often faces disruptions during this season. The formation of this task force is seen as a timely and decisive intervention by the district administration. Civic activists and residents have welcomed the move, expressing hope that the structured response mechanism will bring long-term solutions and reduce the hardships faced by the people. The administration has urged citizens to cooperate with field officials, report issues responsibly, and refrain from damaging water supply infrastructure. (W-pb)

Immediate action ordered against drug sales near schools



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: Immediate action against the sale of drugs within 100 yards of educational institutions and the installation of 'No Tobacco Zone' boards in all school campuses have been ordered as key directives emerging from the Narcotics Coordination Committee (NCORD) meeting held at the Collectorate Auditorium, Jamshedpur. The meeting was chaired by District Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner Ananya Mittal, with a strong focus on safeguarding youth from the dangers of drug abuse. The meeting witnessed the presence of Senior Superintendent of Police Kishore Kaushal, ADM (Law and Order) Aniket Sachan, SDM Dhalbhum Shatabdi Majumdar, SDM

Ghatsila Sunil Chandra, and officials from departments such as Education, Social Welfare, Drug Control, Agriculture, Municipal Corporations, and Legal Services. Education department officials were directed to hold meetings with principals of all private and government schools at police station levels. The focus is to integrate anti-drug awareness into parent-teacher meetings and launch a three-month-long intensive awareness campaign across all educational institutions. Bars and public establishments will also be required to display clear signage discouraging drug consumption, reinforcing the administration's efforts to create a drug-free social environment. A review of ongoing cases under the NDPS Act, and strategies to curb narcotic production, processing, and smuggling,

formed a major part of the discussion. The DC instructed inter-departmental coordination to ensure swift and effective action against drug-related activities. Medical shop operators have been directed to publicly display lists of medicines prohibited from being sold without prescription, with warnings of strict enforcement and penalties for violations. The District Agriculture Officer has been tasked with submitting monthly reports to identify and monitor areas suspected of illegal drug cultivation. Surveillance on inter-district and inter-state trafficking routes will be stepped up in coordination with law enforcement. The meeting also called for launching a Drug Control Helpline, enabling the general public to share information anonymously. Provisions for

counseling services for addicts and their families and linking rehabilitated individuals with government schemes and self-employment opportunities through rehabilitation centers were also discussed. Officials present included the District Social Welfare Officer, Deputy Superintendent of Police, District Superintendent of Education, Assistant Municipal Commissioners from Jamshedpur, Mango, and Jugsalai, Drug Inspector, and DLSA representative, reflecting a collective approach to combat the drug menace. The District Magistrate reiterated that tackling drug abuse requires not only enforcement but community engagement, education, and rehabilitation, urging all stakeholders to take sustained and coordinated action. (W-pb)

New 33/6.6 kV power substations inaugurated at Tinsplate and Sakchi

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: Tata Steel UISL inaugurated two new 33/6.6 kV power substations at Tinsplate and Sakchi today, further reinforcing its commitment to delivering robust and reliable power infrastructure across Jamshedpur.

The facilities were inaugurated by Chanakya Chaudhary, Vice President, Corporate Services, Tata Steel, and Ritu Raj Sinha, Managing Director, Tata Steel UISL. The inauguration ceremony was graced by the presence of senior leaders including Vijay Prakash Singh, Sr. General Manager, Power Service Division, Tata Steel UISL, Raghunath Pandey, President, Tata Steel Utilities and Services Shramik Union, Varun Bajaj, Chief, Town Infrastructure, Tata Steel, Harinder Verma, Chief,



Electrical T&D, along with other senior officials of Tata Steel UISL. The Tinsplate Substation will supply power to the densely populated eastern region of Jamshedpur, covering key localities such as Agrico, Bhuiyadih, Baridih, Sidhgora, Bhalubasa, Sitaramerda, Garabasa, Tuiladungri, Golmuri, Vidyapatnagar, Vijaya Garden, and surrounding areas benefiting a population of approximately 2.5 to 3 lakh residents.

The Sakchi Substation will cater to areas including Kasidih, Baradawari, and Aambagan, ensuring stable and enhanced electricity distribution in these urban pockets. These substations have been developed to meet the rising power demands of the city. The newly commissioned substations will address this challenge by improving load distribution and enhancing reliability for consumers. (W-mb)

Vijaya Homes showcases dream properties at housing expo

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: Vijaya Homes Group, one of the leading real estate developers in Jamshedpur, inaugurated its two-day housing exhibition - Dream Home Exhibition - at Hotel Vivanta, Golmuri, on Saturday. The exhibition will continue till Sunday, April 13, from 11 am to 8 pm.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Rajeev Ranjan, Regional Manager, RBO, State Bank of India, Jamshedpur. The event showcases a wide range of residential options offered by Vijaya Homes, including 2/3 BHK flats



and 3/4 BHK G+2 storied buildings and duplexes in Hurlung, as well as similar configurations in the Vijaya Gardens area, Baridih. To assist potential buyers with housing finance, dedicated counters from leading banks and financial

institutions such as SBI, HDFC Bank, Canara Bank, and UCO Bank have been set up at the venue. Visitors can avail detailed information on pricing, floor plans, loan options, and booking procedures. The exhibition witnessed a strong turnout

on the first day, with several visitors showing keen interest in the available housing options. The event aims to help homebuyers turn their dream of owning a home into reality by offering attractive options under one roof. (W-mb)

13 cyber criminals arrested

Deoghar, Apr 12 (IANS): Thirteen cybercriminals were arrested in Jharkhand's Deoghar district, police said on Saturday. They were arrested from Ghorpara forest within Sarwan police station limits on Friday. "These cybercriminals were involved in online fraud. They deceived innocent people and siphoned off money from their accounts by posing as bank officials and customer care representatives," Deoghar DSP and district police spokesperson Laxman Prasad said. In all, 13 mobile phones and several SIM cards were recovered from their possession, he said.

Young social worker Yash meets Jugsalai PS in-charge



Jamshedpur, April 12: Young social worker Yash Durga paid a courtesy visit to the newly appointed Jugsalai Police Station In-Charge Sanjay Kumar Singh, where he honored him with a shawl in a gesture of welcome and respect. Present during the meeting were Lucky Kumar, Harsh Singh, and other dignitaries from the community. During the interaction, Sanjay Kumar Singh assured that he would address all public grievances with seriousness and ensure timely resolution. He emphasized the importance of strengthening coordination with local residents to build greater trust in law enforcement and foster mutual cooperation between the police and the community.

AFFIDAVIT

I, MENJO SUNDI, W/o. Late Ramayan Sundi, resident of Village Paramasai, Karkatta, P.O. Barkella, P.S. Muffasil, Dist - West Singhbhum, Jharkhand - 833 201 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:

- That I am Indian Citizen by birth and I am permanent resident of village Paramasai, Karkatta, P.O. Barkella, P.S. Muffasil, Dist - West Singhbhum, Jharkhand.
- That my actual and correct name is Menjo Sundi, which is written in my Voter Card, vide No. FYD5311261.
- That due to some inadvertence of mistake, in my Aadhar Card, vide No. 2522 9006 4181, in which my name has been written as Menja Shundhi, in place of correct name Menjo Sundi.
- That Menjo Sundi and Menja Shundhi, both names are same and one person i.e. myself.
- That I am swearing this Affidavit to produce before the authority concern for Rectification or correction in my correct name as Menjo Sundi, in my Aadhar Card.

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Tatanagar to Varanasi Vande Bharat train coming soon

Railway upgrades in full swing

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: Preparations are in full swing to launch the Vande Bharat Express between Tatanagar and Varanasi, likely from July 2025. Tatanagar railway station is witnessing significant infrastructural upgrades to facilitate maintenance and operation of the new service. To support the Vande Bharat Express, the high-tension electric facility has been introduced on

Washing Line No. 3 at Tatanagar station. This line will be used for cleaning and maintenance of the train coaches. Additionally, the installation of GI pipes has also commenced, marking another phase of the ongoing development work. While railway officials at Tatanagar have refrained from confirming these developments publicly, sources indicate that the Railway Board had initiated planning for a sleeper model Vande Bharat Express on the Tatanagar-Varanasi route (approximately 600 km) in September 2024. A trial run of the upgraded washing line is expected



soon. This is not the first upgrade of its kind at Tatanagar. In August 2024, a high-tension wire was installed on Washing Line No. 1 for Vande Bharat train services. Presently, Vande Bharat Express trains are operational from Tatanagar to Patna (Bihar) and Berhampur (Odisha). Additionally, Vande Bharat is operational between Ranchi and

Rourkela to Howrah via Tatanagar six days a week - Ranchi since September 2023 and Rourkela since September 2024. The proposed Tatanagar-Varanasi Vande Bharat train is expected to operate during nighttime, offering much-needed connectivity for passengers from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Currently, there is no daily train between Tatanagar and Varanasi, making this route highly anticipated. In another development, the Railways is planning to construct a new sick line in Loco Colony for the exclusive repair and maintenance of

Vande Bharat trains. A survey for this was conducted in June 2024, and a proposal has already been submitted by the Chakradharpur division to the South Eastern Railway zone. Work will begin once approval is granted. Earlier, plans were in place to build a maintenance center at Kudaha, but they were shelved due to its distance from Tatanagar station. The proposed sick line is expected to accommodate maintenance of two Vande Bharat trains simultaneously, helping ease congestion and ensuring better upkeep of other trains as well.

ENGAGEMENT OF 04 DOCTORS AS FULL TIME CONTRACT MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (GDMO) OVER CHAKRADHARPUR DIVISION

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE NO. 01/2025 (MED)/GDMO-CMP/CKP-25

South Eastern Railway, Chakradharpur Division, Govt. of India, Ministry of Railway intends to engage 04 (Four) post (UR-03, OBC-01, SC-00, ST-00 & EWS-00) of full time Contract Medical Practitioner (CMP-GDMO) over Chakradharpur Division purely on contract basis for a period of one year. The contract shall be for one year from the date of entering into contract. The contract is not extendable on any grounds. However, the Railway Administration reserves the right to enter into fresh contract with the CMP up to 12 consecutive terms on year to year basis or till the regular incumbent joins or attaining the age of 65 yrs, whichever is earlier. Candidates shall be selected through a 'Walk-in-Interview'. Remuneration (i) Rs. 95,000/- PM for General Duty Medical Officer & (ii) Rs. 95,000/- PM for retired Govt. Doctors (Railway/Central/State) subject to the condition that Contractual Remuneration + Pension drawn by the Retired Doctor should not exceed the last Pay drawn at the time of retirement. The "Walk in interview" shall be held on 17.04.2025 at 10.00 Hrs. to 17.00 Hrs. at Office of the Chief Medical Superintendent, South Eastern Railway, Chakradharpur, P.O. Chakradharpur, Dist. West Singhbhum, PIN-833102 (Jharkhand). Desirous Candidates may visit our website www.ser.indianrailways.gov.in (go to Division>Chakradharpur>personnel>notification) for details. Moreover, corrigendum or addendum or cancellation if any, shall be published on the above website only, please follow our website periodically. Willing candidates may appear for "Walk-In-Interview" at the above Time and Venue.

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Whispers of progress beneath the mountains

New Delhi, April 12: Amidst the towering heights of the Himalayas, where clouds kiss the earth and valleys whisper secrets, the dream of Indian Railways has taken full shape in the form of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL). The grandeur of this project is reflected in its tunnels-hidden corridors that not only conquer geography but also pave the way for the speed of the future. Out of the 272-kilometre USBRL railway route, 36 major tunnels cover nearly 119 kilometres. Some of these tunnels are so long and complex that they have become milestones in engineering excellence.



1. T-50 - India's Longest Transport Tunnel

Length: 12.77 km | Location: Sumer-Khari

Tunnel T-50, India's longest transport tunnel, stands as a vital lifeline, seamlessly linking the Kashmir Valley with the rest of the nation. Constructed using the New Tunneling Method, it navigates through formidable rock formations such as quartzite, gneiss and phyllite. The tunnel features a main passage alongside a parallel escape tunnel, interconnected by cross-passages at every 375-metre interval. Its construction was fraught with challenges, including landslides, high water ingress, shear zones and jointed volcanic rock structures. To counter these obstacles, engineers strategically developed three adits (access tunnels), allowing simultaneous excavation from multiple points and significantly expediting progress.

Through resilience and innovation, India's longest transport tunnel emerged a true marvel of engineering excellence.

2. T-80 - The Backbone of Kashmir in the Pir Panjal Range

Length: 11.2 km | Location: Banihal-Qazigund

Built under the Pir Panjal range, T-80 tunnel ensures year-round connectivity between Jammu and Kashmir. Overcoming barriers of snowfall and altitude, it significantly enhances transportation and trade and can be termed as 'the backbone of USBRL'.

3. T-34 - Dual-Passage Ingenuity

Length: 5.099 km | Location: Pai-Khad to Anji Khad

Tunnel T-34, a crucial link in the USBRL Project, stands as a testament to engineering ingenuity, seamlessly connecting Pai-Khad to Anji Khad. Spanning 5.099 km, it features a twin-tube design-a Main Tunnel for train operations and a parallel Escape Tunnel for safety, interconnected by cross-passages at 375-metre intervals.

This twin tunnel system, carved through the Sirban Dolomite rock formations, is connected to Anji Khad Bridge, India's first cable-stayed railway bridge, with cross-passages every 375 metres, ensuring both safety and operational efficiency.

4. T-33 - A Challenging Route Beneath Trikuta's Shadow

Length: 3.2 km | Location: Katra-Banihal section

Tunnel T-33, the most challenging section of the Katra-Banihal stretch, spans 3.209 km at the base of the Trikuta Hills, forming a crucial link to the Kashmir Valley. Navigating highly fractured dolomite and the Main Boundary Thrust zone, it faced severe geological challenges, including a major collapse in October 2017 that halted progress for months.

The project adopted the I-System of Tunneling in March 2022, incorporating deep drainage, umbrella pipe roofing, chemical grouting and reinforced supports to stabilise the structure. After years of perseverance, a breakthrough was achieved on 20 December 2023, marking a key milestone in this vital railway corridor.

5. T-23 - A Testament to Technical Innovation

Length: 3.15 km | Location: Udhampur-Chak Rakhwal

Tunnel T-23 is the longest on this section, featuring a ballast-less track between Udhampur and Chak Rakhwal railway stations. In 2008, severe squeezing, swelling and bottom heaving caused major setbacks, requiring expert intervention. Overcoming these challenges, the tunnel was successfully completed, marking a significant milestone in the project.

6. T-1 - A Tunnel Built Using Cutting-Edge Techniques

Length: 3.209 km

T-1, unfortunately, also faced the relentless challenges posed by the Main Boundary Thrust, including severe mud and water ingress. To counter these issues, the advanced "I-System of Tunneling" was successfully deployed, integrating deep drainage pipes, umbrella pipe roofing and chemical grouting to ensure structural stability and safety.

7. T-25 - The Battle Against an Underground Water Stream

Length: 3 km

The construction of Tunnel T-25 spanned six years, marked by the formidable challenge of an unexpected underground water stream discovered during excavation in 2006. This stream discharged between 500 and 2000 litres of water per second, posing significant hurdles. Overcoming this natural obstacle demanded unwavering determination, innovative engineering, and relentless effort from the project team.

The tunnels of USBRL are the lifelines embedded within the Himalayas, connecting Kashmir to the heart of India. Each tunnel tells a story of struggle, innovation and triumph. With the echoes of rock-breaking machines, they herald the dawn of a new era. These tunnels through the Himalayas symbolise not just connectivity but India's unwavering resolve.

Centre and Bihar working together for a developed India: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Patna, April 12 (IANS) Union Minister of Agriculture Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Saturday said that building a "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) is the firm resolve of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

To achieve this vision, both NDA governments - at the Centre and in Bihar -- are working together towards building a "Viksit Bihar" (Developed Bihar). He stated that under the leadership of PM Modi, Bihar has received and continues to receive numerous development projects and welfare initiatives. Simultaneously, various public welfare schemes are being implemented under the leadership of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, he said.



Shivraj Singh Chouhan further said: "April 24 marks Panchayati Raj Day. On this occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will once again visit Bihar to present several new development projects to the people. Union Minister Rajeev Ranjan Singh, who heads the Panchayati Raj Ministry, will also be part of the event. A national-level conference of elected Panchayati Raj representatives will be held, connecting participants from across the country."

He added that the conference will not only see participation from Panchayati Raj representatives from all states, but it will also include the inauguration and foundation laying of various schemes. People in rural Bihar will also benefit from several rural development initiatives.

Highlighting achievements, the Union Minister noted that under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, 7.90 lakh houses were provided to people in Bihar last year. "This year, another 5.30 lakh houses will be given. Moreover, those who have already received homes will take part in a 'Griha Pravesh' (housewarming) ceremony," he said.

Bauri alleges Bangladeshi roaming in Chandankiyari

Ranchi, April 12: Former Leader of Opposition and BJP leader Amar Bauri has given information about the arrest of a Bangladeshi in Chandankiyari through a social media post.

He has also shared the picture of the Bangladeshi in the post. He has said that this is the same horrific situation, which was expected, is now becoming a reality. The danger is increasing continuously. It is now necessary to be alert.

In Chandankiyari, villagers caught a suspicious Bangladeshi citizen and handed him over to the police. It is being told that many people were seen roaming in suspicious circumstances at night, but only one could be caught. The rest all fled.

Bauri has written that during medical examination the person told that he is a resident of Dhaka (Bangladesh). This is not just an incident, but a direct attack on the existence of our "Mati-Beti-Roti".

"Now is not the time to remain silent. This is a fight for the identity of Jharkhand. We will not compromise with the honor of our own people. Bharatiya Janata Party will stand firm on every front against this challenge," he claimed.

Minister claims VLWs to do major work of agriculture dept

Ranchi, April 12: VLW (village level workers) of Jharkhand will now do 90 percent of the work of the Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative Department.

Now the role of VLW in other departments including Panchayat Raj Department will be negligible.

State agriculture minister Shilpi Neha Tirkey has made this announcement while addressing the state level Jan Sevak Sammelan in Lalgutuwa, Ranchi.

Shilpi Neha Tirkey said that VLW has been appointed by Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative Department, while they are working in other departments including Panchayat Raj Department.

"Today in this Sammelan, the eagerness of VLW to work for the Agriculture Department was seen. It felt good. Ever since assuming the charge of minister, I have been continuously getting information related



to VLW. The surprising thing is that even the BDO of the state does not know what the work of VLW is," she said.

Shilpi Neha Tirkey claimed that she had taken concrete steps.

"During the departmental review meeting, I have directed that 90 percent of the work of VLWs across the

state should be done by the Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative Department. Along with this, I have also asked to change the name of Jan Sevak and associate it with Agriculture. In order to provide timely information about the schemes related to the department, instructions have been given to conduct two training programs in a year," she said.

Shilpi Neha Tirkey said that the department will also take other demands including promotion seriously. She said that when VLWs will be associated with the schemes of the department, the speed of work will increase.

Departmental orders have been issued to withdraw the establishment of VLWs from the Panchayat Raj Department.

Minister Shilpi Neha Tirkey asked the VLWs to make an identity on the basis of their work.

New liquor product policy likely from June 1

Ranchi, April 12: The new product policy can be implemented from June 1. The draft of the new product policy has been sent to the Revenue Board, Finance Department and Law Department after the approval of the departmental minister. According to the information, the Finance Department has sought information from the Product Department on some points of the proposed policy. The product policy will be sent for cabinet approval after getting approval from the concerned departments.

Under the new product policy, retail liquor shops will be allotted through e-lottery. For this, a software has been prepared by NIC, which is being tested at the departmental level. After the implementation of the new product policy, the prices of liquor in Jharkhand are likely to come down. This may provide relief to the people of the state in buying liquor. At the moment the prices of different types of liquor in Jharkhand are different.

BJP wants to weaken the Constitution: Akhilesh Yadav

Etawah, April 12 (IANS) Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday unveiled a statue of Dr B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution, at the Mahewa block in Etawah, Uttar Pradesh.

MLA lays foundation for six development projects in Birsanagar

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: In a continued effort to strengthen infrastructure and improve civic amenities, Jamshedpur East MLA Purnima Sahu on Saturday laid the foundation stone for six development schemes totaling over Rs 34 lakh in the Birsanagar Mandal area. The projects have been sanctioned under the MLA Local Area Development Fund, focusing primarily on road and drainage improvements to enhance public convenience in key residential zones.



commitment to development in every street and locality.

While addressing the gathering, MLA Purnima Sahu emphasized that ensuring basic infrastructure such as roads, drains, drainage systems, and cleanliness in every neighborhood is her top priority. She affirmed her commitment

to the holistic development of the constituency and assured that no problem would be ignored.

"We have not only initiated work today but also identified several other urgent needs of the people in the Mandal area. These projects will begin soon to address all developmental

gaps," she said.

She added that her focus remains on delivering timely and effective development and that every locality under the Jamshedpur East constituency will witness visible improvements under her leadership.

The event saw a strong show of support from both

the community and party workers. MLA representative Gunjan Yadav, Mandal President Bablu Gop, and several senior BJP leaders and local influencers were present to mark the occasion.

Prominent attendees included Jitendra Mishra, Boltu Sarkar, Chandu Das, Anoop Toppo, Sunil Singh, Satyanarayan Pal, Khokhan Pandey, Manish Pandey, Sujit Dhara, Anoop Pandey, Tapas Karmakar, Avinash Vikas De, Nirmal Hembram, Mohan Pandey, and Suman Banerjee, among others. A significant number of local women leaders, including Urmila Das, Sushila Sahu, Krishna Paswan, Mamta Bhumij, and Chitralka, were also present, demonstrating widespread support for the initiatives.



Chief Election Commissioner of India Gyanesh Kumar offer prayers at Chinmastika Temple, Shakti Peeth Dham in Rajrapa in Ramgarh, on Saturday. Pic : Rajesh Kumar

Cong appoints Saathi Kendra incharge

Ranchi, April 12: State Congress president Keshav Mahato Kamlesh has appointed Sunil Sharma as in-charge of state level connect center (Saathi Kendra). State Congress spokesperson Sonal Shanti said that the connect center has been established in Jharkhand by the central leadership, the purpose of which is to establish direct communication with the workers and to convey the information of the organization to the national leadership. He said that for

the successful operation of the connect center, the state in-charge will cooperate with the national office bearer. Through this center, on the one hand, the workers will be able to connect directly with the central leadership, on the other hand, the central leadership will also be able to take necessary information from the ground workers and decide the program on the same basis and ensure their effective implementation.

Underwater Acoustic Test Facility a 'critical national asset': Dr Jitendra Singh

Chennai, April 12 (IANS) Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Saturday hailed the global recognition and international certification of the Underwater Acoustic Test Facility (ATF) at the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai.

Describing it as a proud milestone in India's journey towards scientific self-reliance in underwater acoustics and ocean technology, the minister said the facility is a "critical national asset".

The minister highlighted its pivotal role in strengthening India's self-reliance in ocean technology.

"The Acoustic Test Facility enhances our ocean observation capabilities, supports tsunami detection systems, and reinforces national security through its strategic applications," he said.

In a significant milestone, the facility



was recently recognized as India's "Designated Laboratory" in the field of underwater acoustics under the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM), Paris, through CSIR-NPL, effective January 30, 2024. This means NIOT now holds the national standards for measurements in underwater acoustics -- a crucial responsibility for ensuring measurement accuracy across strategic sectors.

Renowned Kathak dancer Kumudini Lakhia passes away, PM Modi condoles her demise

Ahmedabad, April 12 (IANS) Eminent Kathak exponent and founder of the Kadamb Centre for Dance, Kumudini Lakhia, passed away at the age of 95 on Saturday in Ahmedabad.

A towering figure in Indian classical dance, Lakhia was living with her daughter, acclaimed dancer Maitreyi Hattangadi.

Lakhia was recently conferred with the Padma Vibhushan on Republic Day this year in recognition of her lifelong dedication to Kathak.

She had earlier been awarded the Padma Shri in 1987 and the Padma Bhushan in 2010, along with several other prestigious honours throughout her illustrious career.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to the dance legend, stating, "Deeply saddened by the passing of Kumudini Lakhia ji, who made a mark as an outstanding cultural icon. Her passion towards Kathak and Indian classical dances was reflected in her remarkable work over the years."



"A true pioneer, she also nurtured generations of dancers. Her contributions will continue to be cherished. Condolences to her family, students and admirers. Om Shanti," he added. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel also

expressed his grief, calling her "the pride of Gujarat and India in the field of classical art".

"She trained many disciples in classical dance and exposed the glory of Kathak dance in the country and the world. May God grant peace to her soul and give strength to her relatives and countless disciples and admirers to bear this grief. Om Shanti," he posted on X.

Lakhia was born in 1929. She began her career dancing with Ram Gopal and toured internationally, bringing Indian classical dance forms to global audiences.

She later trained under maestros of the Jaipur Gharana and Pandit Shambhu Maharaj. Over time, she evolved from a solo performer into a pioneering choreographer.

After more than two decades of solo performances, in 1967, Lakhia established the Kadamb Centre for Dance in Ahmedabad. By 1973, she transitioned into full-time choreography, often innovating with group compositions that broke the traditional solo Kathak format.

Vibrant performances mark second day of Chaitra Parva cum Chhau Mahotsav 2025 in Seraikela

Seraikela, April 12: The second evening of the State Chaitra Parva cum Chhau Mahotsav 2025, held at Birsa Munda Stadium, came alive with a rich tapestry of cultural performances, showcasing the diversity and artistic heritage of Jharkhand and other Indian states. The event is being jointly organized by the Department of Tourism, Art, Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Jharkhand, the District Administration, and the State Chhau Dance Art Center.

The evening began with stage worship at 7:00 PM, followed by Mangalcharan and Aaradhana music by the artists of the Art Center. The formal inauguration of the day's cultural program was done by Additional Deputy Commissioner Jaivardhan



Kumar, in the presence of dignitaries.

From 7:50 PM onwards, audiences were treated to a spectacular sequence of performances: Seraikela-style Chhau dance

by artists of the Art Center. Manbhumi Chhau Dance Group, winners of the rural dance competition, performed at 8:00 PM. Kharsawan Chhau Group, second prize winners,

performed at 8:10 PM. Bhorthal folk dance by Prasanjit Kar and group from Assam at 8:20 PM. Sangh dance by Gangeshwar Yugal from Ganjam, Odisha at 8:30 PM.



Felicitation of senior and child Chhau artists at 8:40 PM. **The night continued with:** Saraikela Chhau by Sangam Performance Art Foundation at 9:00 PM. Performance by the

Saraikela Chhau Group (third prize winners) at 9:10 PM. Mohini Natyam by Momita Pal from Kolkata at 9:20 PM. Jhumar dance by Gopal Mahato from Jhargram, West Bengal at 9:30 PM, which

captivated the audience and got many dancing in their seats.

Later, art groups were felicitated at 9:40 PM, followed by:

Saraikela Chhau by Guru Vijay Kumar Sahu and team at 9:55 PM. Odissi dance by Naveen Kala Kendra, Kadma, Jamshedpur at 10:05 PM.

A performance by Kharsawan artists who secured third place in the rural competition at 10:20 PM.

The evening concluded with a powerful Manbhumi Chhau performance by Sushil Mahato and team from Ranchi at 10:30 PM.

The second day of the Mahotsav highlighted the cultural vibrancy of Jharkhand while offering a platform for folk and classical art forms from across India.

MYMSCSS celebrates Hanuman Janmotsav with deep utsav



Jamshedpur, April 12: The Steel City Surbhi Branch of Marwari Yuva Manch celebrated Deep Utsav on the occasion of Hanuman Janmotsav at Hanuman Mandir, Jammu Akhara in Sitaram Dera on Saturday. As part of the celebration, the branch distributed shabat, gram, and jaggery to devotees. The event was organized with the support of Sanwamal Agarwal from Ghatshila. The celebration was made successful through the efforts of Branch President Jyoti Agarwal, along with Mamta Agarwal, Suman Jhaharia, Shruti Agarwal, Megha Jain, and Jammu Akhara worker Bunty Agarwal.

Congress protests alleged tampering of plaques

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: The East Singhbhum District Congress Committee staged a protest on Friday outside the Deputy Commissioner's office, expressing strong opposition to the non-installation and alleged removal of foundation stone plaques laid by former Jamshedpur West MLA and outgoing minister Banna Gupta. The protest was led by District Congress President Anand Bihari Dubey, and attended by senior party leaders and workers, demanding a judicial inquiry into the incident. The protest centered around development projects sanctioned under the Urban Development and Housing Department and the MLA Fund, for which Banna Gupta had laid the foundation stones before the enforcement of the



Model Code of Conduct. According to the Congress delegation, the Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee (JNAC) and Mango Municipal Corporation, the executing agencies, have either not installed or have removed the foundation plaques from the work sites-allegedly under the influence of the current MLA. Following the protest, a del-

egation of Congress leaders, led by Dubey, submitted a written demand letter addressed to the Deputy Commissioner. In the absence of the DC, the letter was handed over to the Deputy Development Commissioner, who assured the party that the matter would be looked into seriously and appropriate action would be taken.

Dubey stated that the schemes in question involve civic amenities, road transport improvement, road widening, and water purification projects, for which foundation stones were officially laid by the then co-minister Banna Gupta. However, due to the implementation of the election Model Code of Conduct, the physical execution of the proj-

ects was delayed. Now, as work resumes, the plaques commemorating the foundation laid by Gupta are either missing or being deliberately removed, sparking allegations of political vendetta. District Congress leaders have accused the executive agencies of acting under political pressure from the current leadership and termed the act a disrespect to the democratic process. They claimed that attempts are being made to erase the contribution of the outgoing MLA in the name of a "rival former MLA." "This is not just an insult to Banna Gupta, but to the people of Jamshedpur West who elected him. If the plaques are not reinstalled immediately, Congress workers along with local residents will be forced to launch a street agitation," warned Dubey, holding the district administration responsible for any unrest. (W-pb)

Sakchi Gurudwara Election: SDO court summons Nishan Singh and Mantu groups

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: Tensions are rising ahead of Baisakhi celebrations and the upcoming election for the head of the Sakchi Gurudwara Managing Committee, as the matter has now reached the court of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDO), Jamshedpur. The dispute between the current Gurudwara Pradhan Nishan Singh and former Pradhan Harvinder Singh Mantu has prompted legal intervention to prevent any breach of peace.

Following FIR No. 14/2025 filed at Sakchi Police Station, a case has been registered under Section 126 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS)-corresponding to

Section 107 of the CrPC, as Case No. 119/2025. The action comes after police reports suggested that the situation surrounding the April 13 Baisakhi festival and the election discussions could lead to a law and order issue.

The SDO court has issued summons to a total of 39 individuals, including 19 from the group of current Pradhan Nishan Singh, and 19 from the faction of former Pradhan Harvinder Singh Mantu. This preventive step aims to ensure peace in light of the escalating rivalry.

Harvinder Singh Mantu, Ajit Singh Gambhir, Hardayal Singh Randhawa, Dalbir Singh, Devendra Singh Raju Marwah, Joginder Singh Jogi, Avtar Singh, Mahendra Singh



Pehalwan, Satvir Singh Goldu, Harbhajan Singh Pappu, Amrik Singh Jakhmi, Puran Singh, Taranpreet Singh Banni, Krijit Singh Kandiyyar, Rikhranj Singh Ricky, Balbir Singh Kaku, Sarabjit Singh Toby, Wazir Singh, Trilochan Singh Pappi Baba, and Deepak Singh Gill. Nishan Singh, Shamsher



Singh Soni, Paramjit Singh Kale, Jaimal Singh, Ajaib Singh, Sunny Singh, Sukhvinder Singh Nikku, Satinder Singh Romi, Baljit Singh Sansoa, Satnam Singh Sidhu, Harpal Singh Sidhu, Sarabjit Singh, Trilochan Singh, Jaspal Kandiyyar, Lucky Singh, Balbir Singh, Amarपाल Singh, Jagwinder Singh, and

Surjit Singh Chhitte.

The dispute centers around the upcoming election for the post of Pradhan of the Sakchi Gurudwara Managing Committee. Nishan Singh, the current Pradhan, has announced his intent to contest again, while former Pradhan Harvinder Singh Mantu, supported by leaders like Joginder Singh Jogi and Hardayal Singh Randhawa, has also staked his claim to the position. With the stakes high and tensions building, the administration has taken preemptive legal steps to prevent any outbreak of disorder during the festival and the Gurudwara committee election process. The police have confirmed receipt of the summons for individuals from both groups.

Illicit liquor being smuggled from Goa to Bhutan seized in Jharkhand, 1 arrested

Medininagar, Apr 12

(IANS): Illicit foreign liquor being smuggled to Bhutan from Goa was seized in Jharkhand's Palamu district and one person was arrested, police said on Saturday. Acting on a tip-off, a UP-registered truck was intercepted at Mangardaha Ghati in Chainpur police station area on Friday, they said. A huge consignment of foreign liquor was found in the truck, but the driver could not provide any valid documents, they added. "A total of 1,200 cartons, having 1,44,000 bottles of foreign liquor, were seized. The liquor was being smuggled to Bhutan from Goa via Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand," Superintendent of Police Reshma Ramesan said. The truck driver, identified as Jitendra Yadav (28) of Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh, was arrested, she said. Police said they were searching for two men -- one from Bihar's Gaya and another from Jharkhand's Jamshedpur -- in connection with the seizure.



Chinmaya students recite Hanuman Chalisa 7 times

Jamshedpur, April 12:

On the auspicious occasion of Hanuman Janmotsav, 1,200 students of Chinmaya Vidyalaya, South Park, Bistupur came together to recite the Hanuman Chalisa seven times in succession on the school campus.

Teachers also joined the students in the recitation, fostering a spiritual and devotional atmosphere. A special Puja and Aarti and devotion.



of Lord Hanuman was performed in the school's temple premises. The event was organized under the guidance of Principal Mikki Singh and Vice Chairman Mr. B. Surendranath, whose support was instrumental in making the celebration a success. Students participated with great enthusiasm

BIT Mesra celebrates 'Bharat Mahotsav' showcasing India's rich cultural diversity

Ranchi, April 12:

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Value Education Cell of Birla Institute of Technology (BIT), Mesra organized a grand cultural event titled 'Bharat Mahotsav' at the NCC Ground to celebrate the rich and diverse heritage of India.

The program commenced at 4:30 PM with a welcome address by Dr. Rohit Pandey, Assistant Professor, followed by an introduction to the

event by Mrinal Pathak, who highlighted the cultural beauty and diversity across different regions of India.

Dr. Sanjay Kumar and Dr. Bhaskar Karna, Dean of Student Affairs, also addressed the gathering, sharing their inspirational thoughts on India's unity in diversity.

The cultural program featured a mesmerizing Kathak performance by Rava National Awardee Aditi Palit, which captivated the audience. This was followed by a soulful

jugalbandi of violin by Indrajit Dutta and tabla by Srijit Chatterjee.

Students from the Creative Arts group then presented vibrant depictions of South and West Indian culture, including regional folk music and art forms. The second day of the festival is set to showcase the cultural richness of North and East India.

Through Bharat Mahotsav, BIT Mesra successfully celebrated the spirit of cultural unity and diversity in India.

US exempts smartphones, computers from latest tariffs

Washington/New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) In a cheer for the global electronics industry, including in India, the US government on Saturday announced to exempt smartphones and computers imported to the country from the latest tariffs.

According to a US Customs and Border Protection notice, the smartphones and computers would be excluded from US President Donald Trump's 10 per cent global tariff on most countries, and the much larger Chinese tariffs of 145 per cent.

The exemption applies to products entering the US or removed from warehouses as early as April 5, according to the notice.

The exemptions also include other electronic devices and components, including semiconductors, solar cells, and memory cards.

The move will help tech giants like Apple, which make iPhones and other products in China. The announcement comes after the Trump administration imposed a minimum tariff rate of 145 per cent on Chinese goods imported to the United States.

Earlier, President Trump said he could offer some exemptions to his 10 per cent tariff on most US trading partners. "There could be a couple of exceptions for obvious reasons, but I would say 10 per cent is a floor," Trump told reporters on Friday aboard Air Force One en route to Florida.

Assam Rifles, DRI seize drugs worth Rs 6 crore in Tripura, two held

Agartala, April 12 (IANS) The Assam Rifles in a joint operation with the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), on Saturday, recovered 60,000 highly addictive methamphetamine tablets valued at more than Rs 6 crore, defence sources said.

A Defence spokesman said that the Assam Rifles intercepted a WagonR at Teliamura in Western Tripura's Khowai district and recovered the methamphetamine tablets, also known as Yaba or party tablets, contained in six packets.

Two drug peddlers identified as Dilbar Hussain and Md. Juber Ahmad were apprehended during the operation.

Hussain is a resident of Hailakandi and Md. Juber Ahmad is a resident of Karimganj in southern Assam.

The apprehended individuals, along with the recovered narcotics, were handed over to the DRI for further investigation and legal proceedings.

This operation underscores Assam



Rifles' continued efforts in combating drug trafficking, the spokesman said. A police official said that the drugs were smuggled from Myanmar and through Mizoram and southern Assam these contrabands ferried to Tripura to further smuggle to neighbouring Bangladesh.

Myanmar's Chin state is a hub for

drug smuggling through six Mizoram districts -- Champhai, Siaha, Lawngtlai, Hnahthial, Saitual, and Serchhip.

Champhai is a hotspot for the smuggling of various drugs, foreign cigarettes, areca nuts, arms and ammunition, and exotic animals and their parts.

Tiger Triumph 2025: Indian, US forces conclude amphibious disaster relief exercise

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) Strengthening operational synergies, the fourth edition of bilateral tri-service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) amphibious Exercise Tiger Triumph 2025 between India and the US culminated with a Distinguished Visitors' (DV) Day at Kakinada, an official said on Saturday.

Conducted from April 1 to 11, the exercise provided valuable training in HADR operations and familiarised participants with each other's capabilities, techniques, and procedures. The DV Day on Friday was attended by the Flag Officer Commanding Tamil Nadu & Puducherry Naval Area (FOTNA), US Consul General, Commander US Navy Strike Group Five and Deputy General Officer Commanding 54 Infantry Division, along with other senior dignitaries. Exercise Tiger Triumph, launched in 2019 with the primary aim of strengthening operational synergies, facilitated logistics exchange under the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) and integrated emerging technologies between the two militaries. The DV Day witnessed the seamless execution of complex operations at and off the coast of Kakinada including Standoff and Hard Beaching, Slithering Operations by Special Operations Forces from SC and Mi-17 V5 helicopters, participation of C-130 aircraft and integrated air operations by the Indian Navy, Indian Army, Indian Air Force, US Navy, US Army, and US Marine Corps.

Election for JPMS presidency today: A call for honest leadership

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12 : The Jharkhand Prantiya Marwari Sammelan, (JPMS) a cornerstone of social unity and cultural preservation in the state, is set to hold its presidential election today, Sunday, April 13, 2025. Known for its longstanding commitment to uniting the community and fostering social awareness, the organization now stands at a defining crossroads.

Two candidates are contesting for the post of president - Suresh Chandra Agarwal and Basant Kumar Mittal, the current incumbent. However, this election is being seen as more than just a race between two individuals; it represents a deeper choice between principle and self-interest, honesty and political ambition.

In what many are calling an



Basant Kumar Mittal

election for the soul of the organization, several districts including Ranchi, Dhanbad, East Singhbhum, Chas-Bokaro, Deoghar, West Singhbhum, Koderma, and Hazaribagh have pledged their support to Suresh Chandra Agarwal. Their united message: "If we unite, we are strong; if we divide, we fall."



Suresh Chandra Agarwal

The society is now yearning for leadership that is honest, transparent, hardworking, and truly committed to community service. In this crucial moment, the members have the power to steer the organization back to its core values of culture, service, and unity. A sincere appeal to all voters: "Vote first, refreshments

Voting for today at Chamber Bhawan

Jamshedpur, April 12 : The election for the post of Provincial President of the Jharkhand Prantiya Marwari Sammelan (Session 2025-27) will take place today, Sunday, April 13. Voting in Jamshedpur will be conducted at Chamber Bhawan, Bistupur, from 9 AM to 4 PM. The counting of votes and declaration of results will be held on Tuesday, April 15, in Ranchi.

Chief Election Officer Vinay Saraogi informed that co-election officers Rajkumar Maru, Pradeep Bakrewal, and Ashok Purohit have been appointed to ensure the smooth conduct of the election process. Two candidates are contesting for the presidential post - Suresh Chandra Agarwal and Basant Kumar Mittal, the current president. Both candidates and their supporters are actively working to secure votes. Out of a total 5106 voters across Jharkhand, 926 voters are from Jamshedpur. Santosh Agarwal has been appointed as the Presiding Officer for East Singhbhum (Jamshedpur). Similar arrangements have been made with presiding officers appointed for other districts as well. The election is being closely watched as it will determine the future leadership of one of Jharkhand's most influential social organizations.

later." Visit your polling booth, make an informed and thoughtful choice, and vote in the interest of the community. Let us

come together to ensure a bright and united future for the Jharkhand Prantiya Marwari Sammelan.

SNSVM student Avinash wins INSPIRE award for innovative science project

Ghatshila, April 12: Avinash Kumar Saw, a student of Sant Nandlal Smriti Vidya Mandir (SNSVM), has been honored with the prestigious



INSPIRE (Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research) Award, organized by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. Avinash participated in the 2024-25 edition of the program with his innovative project titled "Conversion of Pollution to Ink", which qualified at the district level and earned him an award of Rs. 10,000. His project stood out for its creative approach to addressing environmental issues through scientific innovation. The INSPIRE scheme aims to foster a passion for science among students by encouraging creativity and early engagement with research-based learning. SNSVM has been actively participating in this program for the past three years, and its students have consistently been recognized at various levels. On this proud occasion, Principal Smt. Neelkamal Sinha congratulated Avinash for his achievement and lauded his dedication to science. She expressed that the school is immensely proud of his success and wished him a bright and promising future.

Complaint against scrap trader for online abuse and illegal activities

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 12: A formal complaint has been lodged at the Cyber Police Station, Jamshedpur against Gopal Yadav, a known supporter of former



Jharkhand minister and Congress leader Banna Gupta, by Janata Dal (United) leader Rajan Singh Rajput, a resident of Pardih. The complaint alleges persistent online abuse, threats, and defamation targeting Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy and his supporters.

In his complaint, Rajan Rajput stated that Gopal Yadav has been using his Facebook account to post provocative, indecent, and objectionable content against Saryu Roy ever since the last assembly elections. He accused Yadav of intimidating and attempting to incite tensions through his social media activities.

Rajput submitted screenshots and copies of objectionable Facebook posts allegedly made by Gopal Yadav as evidence to the cyber police. He emphasized that Yadav has been using the platform to deliberately malign the image of public representatives and their supporters.

In addition to the online misconduct, Rajput also alleged that Gopal Yadav has a history of involvement in illegal activities. According to the complaint, Yadav is allegedly operating an illegal scrap yard in Pardih, and is reportedly engaged in the illegal trade and dismantling of stolen vehicles. Rajput mentioned that Ulidih Police had previously raided Yadav's scrap yard and confiscated unlawful scrap materials.

He further claimed that Yadav has been linked to other criminal activities, including alleged involvement in the satta (illegal gambling) market.

Demanding strict action, Rajput urged the Cyber Police to thoroughly investigate Gopal Yadav's social media accounts and take appropriate legal measures based on the findings. (W-pb)

Rakesh appointed co-incharge of West Singhbhum district YC

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 12: Rakesh Sahu, a resident of Kashidih, Jamshedpur and Youth Congress State General Secretary, has been appointed as the Co-Incharge of West Singhbhum District Youth Congress. The announcement was made with the approval of Indian Youth Congress National Incharge Krishna Aloe Vera and National President Uday Bhanu Chib, under the leadership of Jharkhand Youth Congress State Incharge Shashi Singh and State President Abhijeet Raj. Rakesh Sahu expressed his gratitude to the party leadership for entrusting him with this responsibility and assured that he would fulfill his duties with dedication and honesty. Sahu is scheduled to attend the District Youth Congress Executive Meeting and Membership Campaign Program on Sunday, April 13 at the Congress Office in Chaibasa, West Singhbhum. He will depart from Jamshedpur at 10 a.m. for a one-day tour to gather insights about the organization's functioning in the region.

Chib, under the leadership of Jharkhand Youth Congress State Incharge Shashi Singh and State President Abhijeet Raj. Rakesh Sahu expressed his gratitude to the party leadership for entrusting him with this responsibility and assured that he would fulfill his duties with dedication and honesty. Sahu is scheduled to attend the District Youth Congress Executive Meeting and Membership Campaign Program on Sunday, April 13 at the Congress Office in Chaibasa, West Singhbhum. He will depart from Jamshedpur at 10 a.m. for a one-day tour to gather insights about the organization's functioning in the region.

Dr Pooja Mohanty urges Loyola students to prioritize mental health

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Jamshedpur, April 12: Loyola School, Telco, organized an impactful session on mental health and emotional well-being for students of Classes 9 and 10, aimed at equipping them with essential tools to manage emotional challenges and build psychological resilience.

The session was led by Dr. Pooja Mohanty, Head Clinical Psychotherapist at XLRI, Jamshedpur, and Barkha Gabri, Assistant Psychiatrist. Both experts brought valuable insights and compassionate perspectives, leaving a lasting impression on the young audience.

Dr. Mohanty, an alumna of



NIMHANS, Bangalore, and a certified specialist in Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy from Oxford University, addressed key issues such as suicide prevention, academic stress, and adolescent

mental well-being. "Understand and prioritize mental health," she urged students, emphasizing emotional awareness, empathy, and inner strength as foundations for a balanced life.

Barkha Gabri, known for her

work in stress management, depression, addiction, and adolescent issues, shared practical coping strategies specifically designed for teenagers. She also highlighted the importance of inclusivity, stressing the need for

a safe and supportive school environment for LGBTQ students.

The interactive session encouraged open dialogue, self-reflection, and emotional insight, allowing students to freely express their thoughts in a non-judgmental atmosphere.

Principal Charanjeet Ohson, Administrator Fr Gerry, Coordinators Reshma and Zeenat Maria, and the entire teaching staff expressed heartfelt gratitude to the speakers for their dedication to promoting mental wellness. The session marked a significant step in Loyola School's ongoing efforts to create a more emotionally resilient and empathetic student community. (W-mb)

Tarapore hosts transformative workshop on educator well-being



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Jamshedpur, April 12: Tarapore School, in collaboration with Initiatives of Change (IoC), Jamshedpur, organized a two-day transformative workshop focused on Compassion, Empathy, and Mindfulness for educators across the city. The event aimed at empowering teachers and school leaders with essential life skills to promote emotional well-being and values-based education.

In today's fast-paced and high-pressure academic environment, the need to balance intellectual pursuits with emotional and ethical development is more important than ever. Recognizing this, the workshop offered an immersive experience designed to encourage introspection, emotional intelli-

gence, and the adoption of inclusive and compassionate teaching practices.

The event was inaugurated in the presence of Chief Guest Colonel Vinay Ahuja, Commanding Officer, 37 Jharkhand Battalion NCC, and Guest of Honour Sourav Roy, CEO of Tata Steel Foundation. Both dignitaries emphasized the critical role of such initiatives in shaping responsible and emotionally resilient citizens.

A panel of distinguished speakers conducted interactive sessions, including: Vijayam Kartha, a renowned educationist and pioneer in innovative learning methods, Dr. Sangeeta Srivastava, eminent educationist and passionate leader, Dr. Amit Mukherjee, a visionary medical professional and Saloni

Priya, psychologist and founder of the Ummeed Foundation, which supports underprivileged children. Participants engaged in reflective activities, group discussions, and practical exercises aimed at fostering a positive and mindful approach in schools and the wider community.

The workshop was convened by Salil Roy of IoC and Ishita Dey, Principal of Tarapore School. The event was generously supported by Young Indians, Rotary Club-West, Udit Vani, and Viral Company.

With this initiative, Tarapore School reaffirmed its dedication to nurturing not only academic growth but also the emotional and ethical development of educators and students, striving toward a more compassionate and inclusive educational environment. (W-mb)

Sanjeev Netralaya to celebrate 6th foundation day with live surgeries

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Jamshedpur, April 12: Sanjeev Netralaya, a leading eye care institution in the Kolhan division, will celebrate its 6th Foundation Day with a grand event on April 13, 2025, at its Jamshedpur premises. The day-long event will feature live surgeries and a Continuing Medical Education (CME) session focusing on the latest advancements in ophthalmology, said Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Tiriya, Director of Sanjeev Netralaya.

Addressing a press meet on Saturday, Dr. Sanjeev informed that Dr. Sahil Pall, Civil Surgeon of East Singhbhum, Jharkhand, will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The highlight of the celebration will be live eye surgeries conducted by eminent ophthalmologists from across India.

The CME session will feature expert talks and presentations by nationally acclaimed eye specialists. Speakers include Dr. Partha Biswas, President of the All India Ophthalmological Society and Director of Trinetra Eye Hospital, Kolkata among others.

Dr. Rajeev Priyadarshi, Vitreo Retina Surgeon at Sanjeev Netralaya, will also be among the key presenters. Senior ophthalmologists from Jamshedpur and surrounding areas are expected to attend.

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Tiriya emphasized, "Our mission is to provide the best and most advanced eye care services to every section of society. This Foundation Day reflects our commitment to clinical excellence, continuous learning, and community service."



Loyola School champions road safety awareness



Jamshedpur, April 12: Loyola School, Jamshedpur observed safety week with a series of engaging and educational activities organized by the SAFE Club. The week-long initiative aimed to raise awareness among students about road safety and emergency preparedness.

The event kicked off with a special assembly conducted by Plus Two students, who conveyed safety messages through a humorous stand-up comedy act. The performance shed light on common traffic violations such as riding without helmets, using mobile phones while driving, and ignoring traffic signals-

highlighting the importance of adhering to safety rules in a relatable manner. To promote creative expression, a poster-making and slogan-writing competition was held for students from Classes 6 to 12. Selected entries, themed around road safety, were displayed at the school gates, attracting the attention of parents, staff, and even passers-by. A key highlight of the week was an emergency evacuation drill that taught students how to respond effectively during disasters like fires or earthquakes. The drill was executed in a disciplined and orderly manner, helping students under-

stand safe exit strategies and assembly points. The week concluded with a thought-provoking talk show hosted by Sakshi Gupta, Siddharth Agarwal, Bayneet Kaur, and Sunil Parekh from the Young Indians Foundation. The session focused on the Good Samaritan Law, which protects individuals who help accident victims. A quiz followed to assess students' understanding of road safety rules.

Through these activities, Loyola students gained practical knowledge and a heightened sense of responsibility towards personal and community safety. (W-mb)

State Government committed to women empowerment: Sanjib

Jamshedpur, April 12: In a grand event held at the Dumaria Block Office auditorium in East Singhbhum district, Potka MLA Sanjib Sardar distributed smartphones among 97 Anganwadi workers. During the occasion, various assets and sanction letters under different government schemes were also handed over to beneficiaries.

Speaking at the event, MLA Sanjib Sardar said, "This is the age of technology, and our government is committed to empowering women. These smartphones will not only simplify your work but will also help in collecting and utilizing data related to women and children."

Under the Chief Minister Employment Generation Scheme, sanction letters were provided to eligible beneficiaries. Newly appointed Anganwadi workers also received their appointment letters. Through JSLPS, cheques worth lakhs of rupees were distributed to women's self-help groups to promote financial independence. In addition, school-

Smartphones distributed among 97 Anganwadi workers



girls were given sanction letters and bicycles under the Kishori Samridhi Yojana. The MLA also performed traditional rituals like Godh Bharai (baby shower) by presenting fruits to pregnant women and conducted Annaprashan ceremonies by feeding sweet porridge (kheer) to infants. Circle Officer Pawan Kumar highlighted the importance of smartphones, stating, "Their use will speed up monitoring and implementation of welfare schemes, ensuring timely benefits to the people." The event began with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony.

Anganwadi workers and JSLPS women welcomed MLA Sanjib Sardar with garlands and crowns made of leaves, following tribal customs. Present at the event were Block Development Officer Nilesh Kumar Murmu, Circle Officer and Acting Child Development Officer Pawan Kumar, JMM Block President Mirza Soren, Twenty-Point Programme Chairman Bhagat Baske, Bhagat Hansda, Arjun Murmu, Uday Murmu, panchayat representatives, Anganwadi workers, and several block and circle office staff. (W-pb)

More Indian women taking up high-demand roles in tech

As India's tech industry continues to grow at a rapid pace, more and more women are stepping into high-demand roles and making a strong impact, a new report said on Thursday.

Women are increasingly taking up key positions in technology and business, especially in areas that offer high salaries and strong career growth.

"From fresh graduates to experienced professionals, women are climbing the ladder in fields like data science, product management, cloud engineering, cybersecurity, and project management," according to the report by TeamLease Digital.

These roles are not just offering good salaries but are also helping women build strong careers in the digital economy.

The report highlights that product management is one of the most attractive roles for women. While freshers can earn up to Rs 22.1 lakh per annum, senior product leaders with over eight years of experience can draw salaries as high as Rs 1.6 crore per annum.

Similarly, data scientists with a few years of experience can earn up to Rs 18 lakh, and senior professionals in this field can go on to make Rs 1.5 crore annually.

Cloud engineering is another area where demand is growing. Entry-level cloud engineers can earn up to Rs 14 lakh, while experienced cloud architects can make up to Rs 1 crore.

In project management office (PMO) roles, women are increasingly getting hired to handle complex projects.

Freshers can earn up to Rs 15 lakh per year, and senior professionals in the PMO field can go up to Rs 80 lakh per annum.

Cybersecurity is also becoming a preferred choice for women, especially as companies invest more in digital safety.

Entry-level roles can offer Rs 12 lakh per year, and those with more than eight years of experience can earn up to Rs 90 lakh annually.

These roles are not only well-paying but also give women the chance to take leadership positions and shape the future of digital businesses.

According to the report, women are making a visible shift in the tech industry and are contributing strongly to innovation and strategic growth.

From the Editorial Desk

Why Jharkhand needs grassroots sports investment, not just cricket stadiums



S K Nag

When we think of sports in India, the spotlight almost always shines on cricket. Grand stadiums, prime-time coverage, brand endorsements—cricket dominates every inch of the field. But in a state like Jharkhand, where natural talent in sports like archery, hockey, and athletics springs from the heart of rural and tribal communities, it's time we ask a deeper question: Are we investing in the sports that truly matter to our people?

Jharkhand has produced international champions like Deepika Kumari, a world-renowned archer who rose from humble beginnings in Ranchi. We've seen hockey stars from Simdega and football prodigies from tribal villages. These are not isolated cases but signs of an underlying culture of sporting talent that is deeply rooted in the soil of this land.

Yet, the reality on the ground remains sobering. The focus of



sports infrastructure in Jharkhand is often skewed towards building flashy cricket stadiums or hosting one-off events, rather than nurturing young talent from the grassroots. Villages with passionate young archers still struggle with a lack of proper training equipment. Coaches are either unavailable or underqualified. Basic amenities—like a flat patch of land or a proper diet—are luxuries for many

aspiring athletes.

This top-heavy model of sports development misses the point. A Rs. 300 crore stadium in an urban center may win headlines, but it will not create champions. What will, is a Rs. 3 lakh investment in a rural school that builds a proper hockey ground or provides quality coaching to a group of tribal girls learning to run barefoot through forests.

We must understand that in Jharkhand, sports is not just recreation—it's a tool for social mobility. It is a passport out of poverty for many children in marginalized communities. It instills confidence, discipline, and a sense of identity. But to unlock this potential, we need more than token schemes and headline-grabbing announcements. We need a shift in policy and mindset.

The Jharkhand government, along with corporate stakeholders through their CSR initiatives, must invest systematically in grassroots-level sports ecosystems. Local clubs need support. Schools should be incentivized to offer sports scholarships. Coaches from villages should be trained and paid fairly. And above all, young athletes must see a pathway—not just to state or national glory—but to sustainable careers through sports.

Jharkhand has the heart of a champion. What it needs now is a level playing field.

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UPI transactions grow 42 pc, mobile payments reach 88.5 bn in 2nd half of 2024

The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions soared by 42 per cent year-on-year (YoY) in the second half of 2024, totalling a remarkable 93.23 billion transactions, a new report said on Wednesday.

India's digital payments ecosystem continues to experience rapid growth, with significant milestones reached in the second half last year, according to a report by Worldline, a financial service provider.

The total value of UPI transactions also saw a notable increase, rising by 31 per cent to Rs 130.19 trillion.

Mobile payments have also seen a major boost, with the number of mobile transactions reaching 88.54 billion in the same period, which is a 41 per cent annual increase.

This surge reflects the growing preference among consumers for mobile-first financial solutions, driven by the convenience and accessibility of mobile wallets and apps, the report noted.

One of the key drivers of this growth has been the expansion of UPI QR code adoption, which saw an



This technology is reshaping merchant payments, particularly for small businesses, as it eliminates the need for expensive traditional POS hardware.

The implementation of MPoC (mobile payment on contactless) security standards ensures that these transactions are safe and secure, including for higher-value payments.

Additionally, the report highlights shifts in consumer spending preferences. Credit card transactions saw a 36 per cent increase, underscoring their growing role in high-value purchases.

Prepaid card usage also grew by 35 per cent, reflecting a rise in flexible payment options. Electronic toll collections, such as FASTag, grew by 12 per cent, with over 103 million tags issued, the report said.

In terms of spending patterns, grocery stores, restaurants, pharmacies and government services emerged as the top categories for in-store transactions, accounting for 68 per cent of the transaction volume and 53 per cent of the total transaction value.

impressive 126 per cent jump, reaching 633.44 million QR codes across the country.

This development has strengthened digital payments for merchants, enabling more small businesses and local shops to embrace cashless transactions.

"India's digital payments ecosystem is evolving at an unprecedented pace, driven by UPI's widespread adoption, the expansion of POS infrastructure and the growing preference for mobile transactions," said Ramesh Narasimhan, CEO, Worldline India.

Another major trend highlighted was the continued growth of Point of Sale (POS) terminals, which crossed the 10 million mark.

With a 23 per cent increase in deployment compared to the previous year, POS terminals are becoming increasingly widespread, especially in rural and semi-urban areas.

The report also emphasises the rise of SoftPOS (software point of sale) technology, which allows merchants to use their smartphones as secure contactless payment terminals.

India's city gas distribution to reach 25 pc by 2030

As the government aims to transform the nation into a gas-based economy, the contribution of city gas distribution (CGD) is projected to increase to 25 per cent by 2030, from 20 per cent in FY24, according to a report released on Monday.

Gas consumption volumes for the sector are likely to grow at a cumulative average growth rate (CAGR) of 10 per cent during FY25-FY30, supported by capital expenditure (capex) of Rs 30,000 crore during FY25-FY27.

The CGD sector ranked as the second-largest consumer after the fertiliser industry in India's overall natural gas consumption in FY24, according to the report by CareEdge Ratings.

Historically, CGD consumption has demonstrated steady growth, with a temporary decline in FY23 amid a sharp rise in natural gas prices following the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

However, demand recovered in FY24.

"In the CGD consumption mix, CNG is expected to continue dominating volumes, supported by growth in CNG-powered



vehicles and complemented by an increase in refuelling stations," CareEdge Ratings Assistant Director Tej Kiran Ghattamaneni said.

The PNG-D penetration has enormous potential, with its share compared to LPG at only 1.5 per cent-2 per cent in the South, East, and North-East parts of the country.

While the targets set for PNG-D connections appear optimistic, even partial delivery would drive rapid growth in gas demand.

"Addressing challenges related to timely

approvals, trunk pipeline expansion, and connection to the national grid, as well as last-mile connectivity, shall be a pre-requisite for the successful augmentation of the planned infrastructure in the sector," said Ghattamaneni.

The government aims to transform the nation into a gas-based economy and achieve a 15 per cent share of natural gas in the primary energy mix by 2030, an increase from its current level of 6.5 per cent (as of 2024).

In this context, the city gas distribution industry

plays a crucial role in enhancing the contribution of natural gas to India's energy mix by ensuring efficient last-mile connectivity to consumers, said the report.

The government's push towards increased access to cleaner fuels, along with favourable policy decisions such as the establishment of the Indian Gas Exchange (IGX) and the implementation of gas pricing changes based on the Kirit Parikh Committee's recommendations, are some of the prominent regulatory enablers for the sector.

An untold story of Global Hindu Pluralism and universal harmony

Sadhu Brahmaviharidas

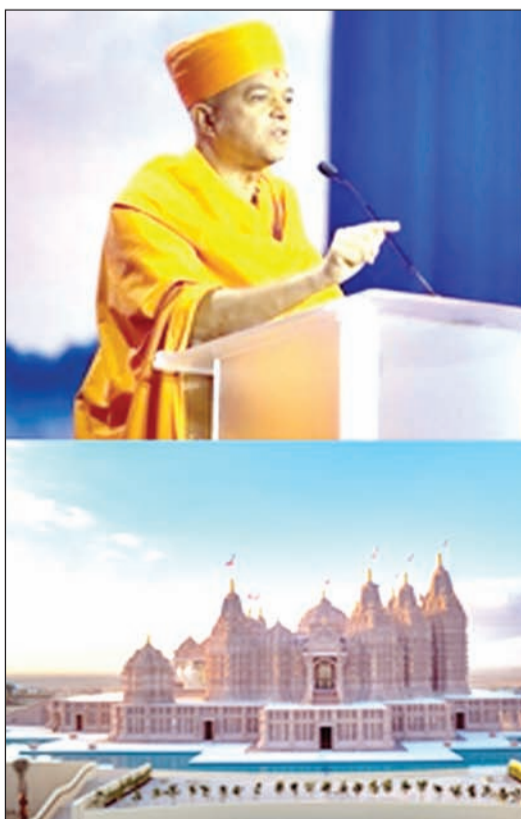
Some may dismiss religion for being divisive. I, however, have experienced the Hindu tradition as a unifier. On the morning of 22 January 2024, I chanted Siya-Rama and Swaminarayan intermittently while watching Prime Minister Narendra Modi perform the inauguration of the Rama Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya.

I observed around me not only the diversity of the flock, but its solidarity. Shaivas, Shaktas, Vaishnavas, Swaminarayan, Jains, Sikhs, Christians and Muslims all experienced themselves as Bharatiya. This focus on similarities is the way of Bharat—a land of diverse religions, sects, manifestations of the Divine (deities), languages, foods, and people.

As Hindus around the world prepared to celebrate Ramanavami and Swaminarayan Jayanti on Chaitra Shukla Navami, I found that morning in Ayodhya at the forefront of my consciousness even as I sat here in Abu Dhabi.

It heartens me to briefly reflect on the plurality of deities in India through the lives of Shri Rama and Shri Swaminarayan.

The plurality of lineages or sampradays, have been an asset to the Hindu Sanatan tradition for nearly two millennia. These sampradays typically worship different manifestations of the divine and believe



in distinct theological principles or dar'ans. Despite these differences and diversities, Hinduism has flourished as one identity.

This variability reiterated the universal lessons of Hinduism for different regional communities in disparate languages and eras. Shri Rama is celebrated for his discipline, dignity (maryada), and respect for individuals irrespective of their social class and gender.

These stories are well known and well told. I first encountered them before my



initiation as a youth while reading the Amar Chitra Katha series. I later retold them several times in sermons across India, Europe, and the Middle East.

Not too far from Ayodhya, just across the Saryu River, is Chhapaiya, a small village in the Gonda District of Uttar Pradesh, which is celebrated as Shri Swaminarayan's birth-place.

Millions flock annually to this small town to honour the teachings of Shri Swaminarayan.

Swaminarayan left home at the age of eleven, travelled across the Indian subcontinent from the Himalayas to Kanyakumari, and later settled in Gujarat.

Swaminarayan's sabha in Gujarat became a place for open conversation among devotees, theologians, and political emissaries, but also the performance of music and literature representing various cultural streams from across India.

These conversations were compiled in a text of 273

teachings called the Vachanamrut. The proliferation of these lessons amplified the earlier teachings of Maryada Purushottam Shri Rama and Lila Purushottam Shri Krishna, both of whom Shri Swaminarayan revered.

The relevance of Swaminarayan's teachings is why the Hindu concept of manifestation (avtara) is important -- not to alienate and separate Hindu believers through reverence for different manifestations of Divinity, but rather to unite them by sharing

these same lessons in various tones and registers for diverse communities after a few thousand years.

Shri Swaminarayan's social reform work embodies these same Hindu values and promotes spiritual excellence. His emphasis on empowering women's status in the home as well as in society has been appreciated by notable scholars and historians such as Kanaiyalal M. Munshi.

His subtle yet impressive reform of class-oppressive practices and superstitious ritualistic behavior has been lauded by his contemporaries and subsequent Hindu leaders.

It can be argued that his teachings paved the way for an articulation of Hinduism that spoke to a changing Colonial India and later a grand global Hindu identity.

Most importantly, Shri Swaminarayan's community resonated the Vedic Hindu Sanatan teachings outside of India in an impactful manner.

BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham in New Jersey, USA, BAPS Hindu Mandir in Abu Dhabi, and the most recently inaugurated BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir and Cultural Complex in Johannesburg, South Africa make accessible the universal teachings of Hinduism to tens of millions outside of India.

Again, I reflect on Shri Swaminarayan's work and teachings as a celebration of the collectiveness and commonality found in all of Hinduism -- as a continuation

or reverberation and not an amendment or restructuring of the work of those who preceded him.

I write this final thought while sitting under the central dome of the BAPS Hindu Mandir in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

In such mandirs and cultural complexes, Shri Rama and Shri Swaminarayan, along with several other deities, grace all. Here, the benedictions are not limited to those who identify as Swaminarayan, or even more broadly Hindu.

There are no conversations of superiority or hierarchy—only blessings for all those who come with curiosity, spiritual thirst, or a quest for personal betterment or cultural belonging. These are the lessons of love, peace and harmony, which are the need of the hour for all countries, communities, cultures and religions.

No wonder, the universal ideal of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' - the whole world is one family - which is one of the core values of the Hindu Sanatan Dharma is felt here, on the Day of Ram Navmi.

(Sadhu Brahmaviharidas is a Hindu monk initiated into the Swaminarayan Sampraday by His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj in 1981. He currently serves as the head monk responsible for the design, creation, and management of the BAPS Hindu Mandir in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates)

63 nations, including India, support first-ever global carbon tax on shipping

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) Sixty-three countries, including India, have voted in favour of the world's first-ever global carbon tax imposed on the shipping industry by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO).

The draft regulations will set mandatory marine fuel standard and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions pricing for shipping to address climate change.

Approved by the Marine Environment Protection Committee during its 83rd session (MEPC 83) from April 7-11, the measures include a new fuel standard for ships and a global pricing mechanism for emissions.

Starting 2028, ships will either have to shift to lower-emission fuels or pay a fee for the pollution they generate. The tax could generate up to \$40 billion by 2030.

The IMO Net-zero Framework is the first in the world to combine mandatory emissions limits and GHG pricing across an entire industry sector.



These measures, set to be formally adopted in October 2025 before entry into force in 2027, will become mandatory for large ocean-going ships over 5,000

gross tonnage, which emit 85 per cent of the total CO2 emissions from international shipping, according to an IMP statement.

IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez commended the spirit of cooperation and commitment demonstrated by Member States.

"The approval of draft amendments to MARPOL Annex VI mandating the IMO net-zero framework represents another significant step in our collective efforts to combat climate change, to modernise shipping and demonstrates that IMO delivers on its commitments," said Dominguez.

"Now, it is important to continue working together, engaging in dialogue and listening to one another, if we are to create the conditions for successful adoption," Dominguez added.

The goal is to achieve the climate targets set out in the 2023 IMO strategy on the reduction of GHG emissions from ships, accelerate the introduction of zero and near zero GHG fuels, technologies and energy sources, and support a just and equitable transition.

TCS delays salary hikes amid global uncertainty



Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) IT services major Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has delayed salary hikes, as the management remained unclear on the increment cycle amid global uncertainty arising due to US tariffs.

TCS typically revises the wages of its staff in April every year. The employee count at the end of fiscal 2025 stood at 6,07,979, as the company added 625 employees in the fourth quarter. In the entire financial year, the company hired 42,000 freshers.

The IT major now plans to make the salary revision decision based on the evolving business environment as uncertainty looms the sector.

The attrition rate in the fourth quarter for TCS increased to 13.3 per cent from 13 per cent in the last quarter.

According to Milind Lakkad, chief human resources officer at TCS, "We have onboarded 42,000 trainees in FY25 and the FY26 number will be similar or a little higher. Regarding the wage hikes, we will decide during the year, considering the uncertain business environment."

Lakkad further stated that while hiring from the campus remains strategic for the company, the new net additions will depend on the overall business environment and the skill requirements.

TCS is also looking to hire talent for niche and newer technology skills and plans to scout talent from across geographies, even international.

Lakkad also said that the company doesn't see AI impacting hiring, as more people would be required with AI for business programmes bringing in new opportunities.

In the December quarter (Q3 FY25), TCS reported a reduction of 5,370 employees in its workforce.

The company's overall headcount had declined in FY24 – the first such drop since it was listed in 2004. In contrast, TCS had added 22,600 employees in FY23 and over 1.03 lakh in FY22.

The IT major's consolidated net profit for Q4 fell nearly 2 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to Rs 12,293 crore.

WhatsApp suffers outage in India, users unable to send messages



New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) Meta-owned popular messaging app WhatsApp on Saturday went down for users in India, who were unable to send messages and upload status.

According to app outage tracking platform Down Detector, at least 81 per cent users reported problems with sending messages while 16 per cent with overall app experience.

"Is it just me or your WhatsApp is down as well? I am trying to upload status and it's taking forever to do so," said a user on X.

There was no immediate statement from WhatsApp on the outage.

Some users reported similar outage on Facebook and Instagram as well, both owned by Meta.

"Hey @WhatsApp, is the app down? I'm having trouble sending messages - they're just not going through. Anyone else facing this?" posted one user.

In late February, WhatsApp experienced a massive outage, leaving many users across the world unable to use the app properly.

Users were unable to connect or send messages via the WhatsApp app or WhatsApp Web or make any calls. Down Detector reported over 9,000 complaints on that day. Earlier in the day, digital payments via Unified Payments Interface (UPI) returned for most users after the popular service suffered a nationwide outage affecting millions of users.

Digital services on several online payment platforms were disrupted across the country, hindering local shopping, bill payments and business transactions.

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), which operates the UPI services, posted on X social media platform that the disruptions were due to technical issues.

"NPCI is currently facing intermittent technical issues, leading to partial UPI transaction declines," the NPCI, shared in a post on social media platform X.

"We are working to resolve the issue and will keep you updated. We regret the inconvenience caused," it added.

WAVES 2025: One global stage for boundless creativity, says Ashwini Vaishnav

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) Union Minister for Railways and Electronics and IT, Ashwini Vaishnav, on Saturday called upon all creators to join the World Audio-Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES 2025), scheduled in Mumbai from May 1 to 4 which will be the world's largest event in the creative entertainment sector.

Calling 'WAVES 2025' a global stage for creativity, tech and opportunity, the minister said that from Mumbai to the world, this will be "One global stage for boundless creativity".

"Built for YOU, the creators! Creatosphere is being shaped as a launchpad for creators to showcase their talent and pushing the orange economy further," said the minister



in a post on X social media platform.

Startups in gaming, XR, metaverse, GenAI and more can pitch to top investors and celebs.

'WAVES Bazaar' is an ultimate business hub for the media and entertainment industry.

It's an online marketplace designed to connect

professionals, businesses, and creators across the global entertainment ecosystem.

More than 100 countries are expected to participate, with more than 5,000 delegates registering for the event.

The summit is proposed to be held annually in Mumbai, which will significantly boost the city's

position globally.

Meanwhile, 'Resonate: The EDM Challenge', a marquee competition under the 'Create in India' Challenge in run up to the WAVES 2025, brought together global talent in Electronic Dance Music (EDM) to celebrate innovation, creativity, and collaboration in music production and live performance.

The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (I&B) in collaboration with the Indian Music Industry (IMI) announced the names of the top 10 shortlisted participants for 'Resonate: The EDM Challenge'.

The success of this challenge also strengthens India's positions as a global centre for music fusion, electronic music, and DJing artistry.

Centre approves record 6 hydro pumped storage projects worth 7.5 GW in FY25

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) approved a record number of detailed project reports (DPRs) of six hydro pumped storage projects (PSPs) of about 7.5 GW during FY2024-25, the Ministry of Power said on Saturday, marking a key milestone in India's ongoing commitment to developing advanced and long-term energy storage solutions.

These six projects are Upper Indravati (600 MW) in Odisha; Sharavathy (2,000 MW) in Karnataka; Bhivpuri (1,000 MW) in Maharashtra; Bhavali (1,500 MW) in Maharashtra; MP-30 (1,920 MW) in Madhya Pradesh and Chitravathi (500 MW) in Andhra Pradesh.

The participation of private



sector in this segment is quite encouraging and with the help of self-identified PSP, potential in the country has crossed 200 GW and it is further increasing almost every month.

Further, CEA has made ambitious plan to concur minimum 13 PSPs of about 22 GW during 2025-26. Most of these PSPs are targeted to be commissioned in 4 years and latest by 2030.

The development of these projects will boost energy storage capacity drastically in the country, making a major contribution to grid reliability and supporting India's ambitious renewable energy goals.

Hydro PSPs are vital for the energy transition, as they allow excess electricity generated during off-peak hours to be stored in the form of water in elevated reservoirs.

This stored energy can then be used back during non-solar hours peak demand periods, ensuring a

reliable, consistent, and flexible power supply.

"From a meagre 3.5 GW of operational hydro PSP capacity in the country, the development needs to be taken up in an accelerated mission mode to harness this potential. This year, two PSPs around 3,000 MW will get commissioned and by 2032, we expect around 50 GW," said the ministry.

At present, eight projects of 10 GW are under construction and DPR has been concluded for 3 projects of around 3 GW.

In addition, 49 projects of 66 GW are under survey and investigation. All these DPRs are expected to be finalised by the developers in two years, the ministry informed.

APEDA, Arunachal govt promote agri, processed food product exports

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) To promote agricultural and processed food product exports from the northeast region, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh government, hosted an international conclave cum buyer-seller meet (IBSM), the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said on Saturday.

Organised at Kalawangpo Convention Hall in Tawang, the event enabled direct interactions between 11



international buyers from three countries – the UAE, Nepal and Bhutan – with 17 Indian exporters from seven states and union territories (UTs) including Assam, Maharashtra, Delhi, Hyderabad, Karnataka, Gujarat and West Bengal.

The exporters from across the country also interacted with over 50 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and 200 farmers from Arunachal Pradesh who participated in the event to understand the agri produce

quality, availability and production quantities.

At the event, State Chief Minister Pema Khandu committed to developing the agricultural and allied sectors, enhancing farmer's livelihoods, empowering self-help groups and encouraged women-led development.

He envisions enhancing agri-exports of GI-tagged Khaw Tai Rice (known as Khanti Rice), Mandarin Orange, Kiwi, Apple, Persimmon, Yak Cheese (Churpi), among others, to South East Asian and ASEAN countries.

Electronic permits register 20 pc growth at record 124.5 million in March

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) Electronic permits in India reached a record 124.5 million in the month of March, a 20 per cent increase on an annual basis, showing robust factory activity.

The sharp rise in India's goods movement, which is 11.5 per cent more than February, means the domestic economy remains resilient, showed government data.

Electronic permits or e-way bills are used to ship goods within and across states. E-way bills are mandatory for the move-



ment of consignments worth Rs 50,000 and more. A hike in E-way bills indicates higher movement of goods.

E-way bill generation has maintained an upward trajectory for 25 months, with March setting a new record. The electronic per-

mits are mandatory for tracking the movement of goods across the country.

According to experts, the robust recovery in e-way bill generation suggests stabilisation of goods movement in the last quarter of last fiscal (FY25) underscores several positive developments, including increased manufacturing output, improved infrastructure and logistics efficiencies.

This also shows greater formalisation in the economy as compliance levels rise under the GST regime, they noted.

SEBI warns of securities market frauds via YouTube, Facebook, X and more

Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) Alarmed at frauds related to securities market on various social media platforms, capital markets regulator SEBI has issued an advisory for investors to exercise caution and due diligence to verify the genuineness of social media handles of SEBI-registered entities while accessing them.

SEBI noticed an increase in frauds related to securities market on various social media platforms such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, X



(previously Twitter), WhatsApp, Telegram, Google Play Store and Apple Store, etc.

"With increasing adoption of digital communication platforms, it is observed that scamsters are enticing victims by

giving trading calls in the name of providing education. They also provide misleading or deceptive testimonials, promise or guarantee of assured or risk-free return etc. through various social media platforms," according to a SEBI statement.

SEBI noticed unregistered investment advisory services being provided by entities that falsely claim to be registered intermediaries with SEBI or by showcasing fake certificates purportedly issued by the regulator.

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) The domestic startup ecosystem continued the funding momentum this week, with raising more than \$180 million by 24 new-age companies.

The fintech sector remained the most funded sector. This week saw six growth-stage and 13 early-stage deals.

Among the biggest growth-stage deals, digital payment technology company Juspay secured \$60 million in its Series D round led by Kedaara



Capital, with participation from existing investors Softbank and Accel.

Another digital payment company Easebuzz raised \$30 million in a funding round led by Bessemer Venture Partners.

Homegrown wearables brand Noise secured \$20 million in funding from US-based audio equip-

ment giant Bose Corporation, marking its second investment round and reaffirming investor confidence despite a sluggish market.

Among early-stage deals, cross-border logistics startup Xindus led with \$10 million Series A round.

The average funding in the last eight weeks stood at nearly \$246.87 million with 24 deals per week. Meanwhile, Urban Company board approved Rs 528 crore primary fundraise via IPO and

Delhi CM Rekha Gupta stops car after spotting man tossing roti on street, says 'it's not just food, it's culture'

New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta today said she saw a man in a car throwing a 'roti' at a cow to feed it and requested him not to do it as it forces the stray cattle to come onto the road, endangering their lives and the people on the road. She said that 'roti' is not just food but a "symbol of our culture, faith and respect".

Ms Gupta posted the video of her interaction with the man on X and requested Delhiites not to throw 'roti' or any food on the road.

The video shows the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, a first-time MLA, approaching the man and introducing herself. She then requested him, with folded hands, not to feed stray cattle.

"Throwing roti on the road forces cows and other animals to come there to eat, which not only endangers their lives but also endangers the safety of people and vehicles walking on the road," Ms Gupta wrote in Hindi.



"Food should not be disrespectful. If you want to feed animals, please do so at a gaushala (cow shelter) or a designated place. This is a sign of our sensitivity, responsibility and values," she added.

Ms Gupta's appeal comes weeks after her convoy was halted for nearly 15 minutes on the Haiderpur flyover after a group of cattle strayed onto the road. The chief minister was seen stepping out of her car to check on the animals. Her security personnel then intervened to ensure they were safely moved aside.

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An allocation of Rs 40 crore has also been made for setting up a 'Model Gaushala' (modern cow shelter) in Delhi's annual budget.

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Tariff war turns comical: AI memes feature trump and musk in sneaker factory

New York: In response to President Donald Trump's recent tariff policies, Chinese social media users have created AI-generated memes and videos satirising the potential impact on American manufacturing. One notable video depicts Trump and Elon Musk working on a Nike sneaker production line, highlighting concerns over increased manufacturing costs due to tariffs.

Another portrays Vice President JD Vance assembling an iPhone, further emphasising the anticipated rise in consumer prices. In the videos, Trump and Musk are sitting side by side wearing blue jumpsuits and working on the Nike shoes, while Vice President JD Vance pieces together an iPhone, sporting denim and a red hat conspicuously missing its MAGA letters.

These satirical posts, amplified by Chinese media and government officials, mock Trump's "Make America Great Again" slogan by illustrating the possible consequences of his trade policies. They suggest that the tariffs may lead to higher prices for goods produced domestically or imported under the new 125% tariff rate.



Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning has criticised the US tariffs, stating, "We are Chinese. We are not afraid of provocations. We don't back down."

The trolling videos and memes have been widely shared, amassing millions of views on TikTok, X, and other platforms. Meanwhile, China's Commerce Minister Wang Wentao told the head of the World Trade Organization that US tariffs will "inflict serious harm" on poor nations, according to a ministry statement released Saturday.

"These US 'reciprocal tariffs' will inflict serious harm on developing countries, especially the least developed countries, and could even trigger a humanitarian crisis," Wang told WTO chief Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala in a call on Friday, the statement said. "The United States has continuously introduced tariff measures, bringing enormous uncertainty and instability to the world, causing chaos both internationally and domestically within the US," Wang added.

Scientists reveal top diets proven to support healthy ageing

London: A recent 30-year study involving over 100,000 participants has found that diets rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts, legumes, unsaturated fats, and low-fat dairy, while minimising sodium, sugary drinks, trans fats, red meat, and processed meats, are linked to healthier ageing. The study conducted by researchers at Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, University of Copenhagen, and University of Montreal was published in Nature Medicine.

"Studies have previously investigated dietary patterns in the context of specific diseases or how long people live. Ours takes a multifaceted view, asking, How does diet impact people's ability to live independently and enjoy a good quality of life as they age?" said co-corresponding author Frank Hu, Fredrick J. Stare Professor of Nutrition and Epidemiology and chair of the Department of Nutrition at Harvard Chan School.



The researchers used data from the Nurses' Health Study and the Health Professionals Follow-Up Study to examine the midlife diets and eventual health outcomes of more than 105,000 women and men ages 39-69 over 30 years. Participants regularly completed dietary questionnaires, which the researchers scored on how well participants adhered to eight healthy dietary patterns: the Alternative Healthy Eating Index (AHEI), the Alternative Mediterranean Index (aMED),

the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH), the Mediterranean-DASH Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay (MIND), the healthful plant-

based diet (hPDI), the Planetary Health Diet Index (PHDI), the empirically inflammatory dietary pattern (EDIP), and the empirical dietary index for hyperinsulinemia (EDIH). Each of these diets emphasises high intake of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, unsaturated fats, nuts, and legumes, and some also include low to moderate intake of healthy animal-based foods such as fish and certain dairy products. The researchers also assessed participants' intake of ultra-processed foods, which are industrially manufactured, often containing artificial ingredients, added sugars, sodium, and unhealthy fats.

The study found that 9,771 participants-9.3% of the study population-aged healthfully. Adhering to any one of the healthy dietary patterns was linked to overall healthy ageing and its domains, including cognitive, physical, and mental health.

The leading healthy diet was the AHEI, which was developed to prevent chronic diseases. Participants in the highest quintile of the AHEI score had an 86% greater likelihood of healthy ageing at 70 years and a 2.2-fold higher likelihood of healthy ageing at 75 years compared to those in the lowest quintile of the AHEI score. The AHEI diet reflects a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts, legumes, and healthy fats and low in red and processed meats, sugar-sweetened beverages, sodium, and refined grains. Another leading diet for healthy ageing was the PHDI, which considers both human and environmental health by emphasising plant-based foods and minimising animal-based foods.

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Zerodha CEO Nikhil Kamath tells bill gates "you're always in hurry"



New Delhi: Microsoft co-founder and billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates believes that people need to be "pretty hard on" themselves if they wish to work hard and not fool themselves.

Last year, Mr Gates appeared in Zerodha co-founder Nikhil Kamath's podcast series 'People by WTF.' The two discussed a variety of subjects ranging from artificial intelligence (AI) to special relationship with India. The second part of their conversation was released on YouTube on Friday, April 11.

In the show, Nikhil Kamath told Mr Gates that he always seems in a

hurry whenever he is in India and asked whether he is hard on himself. He questioned the billionaire as to why he keeps running around "so much" and meeting politicians and others.

To this, Mr Gates said, "It is a lot of fun. No, I think if you want to work hard and not fool yourself, you better be pretty hard on yourself."

The Microsoft co-founder has paid several visits to India, where he has held discussions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Ministers JP Nadda, Hardeep Singh Puri and Jitendra Singh among others. His most recent

visit to the country was in March this year.

Elsewhere in the podcast, Nikhil Kamath sought Bill Gates' views on whether a huge population is a boon or a bane from a "very capitalistic lens."

In reply, the 69-year-old said that artificial intelligence would have "changed things enough" about two decades from now that it will "free up a lot of time"

"You know, you can retire early, you can work shorter work weeks. It's gonna require almost a philosophical rethink about, okay, how should time be spent?" he added.

On being asked what people will do if they don't have to work, he added, "I don't have to work. I choose to work."

Mr Gates thinks that it may not be that radical to think about whether people could retire at 40. "But if you said you never need to work at least to me... What? That is so different," he stated.

Adding to this, Nikhil Kamath said that people can look forward to figuring out a hierarchy that might not look like the current one but is "another way to segregate ourselves."

Mr Gates stated that the idea of pure communism, which is that everybody is totally the same, is a "pretty unnatural behaviour for humans."

On his podcast, Nikhil Kamath even sought Bill Gates' views on his philanthropic works, asking how it "make sense to want to make money while you want to also give away money?"

The podcast series was launched by Kamath on his YouTube channel last year, with Bill Gates being the first guest.

In the maiden episode, Bill Gates talked about his "fantastic relationship" with India and the "amazing people" he works with.

Rare lizards seized in Assam, 3 men were trying to sell them for Rs 60 lakh each



Guwahati: The police in Assam's Dibrugarh seized 11 rare tokay gecko lizards and arrested three smugglers on Friday. The export of tokay geckos is banned as they are listed as highly endangered under the Wildlife Protection Act 1972.

If found guilty, there is a maximum punishment of seven years of rigorous imprisonment.

In India, these species are found only in a few pockets in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, but they are highly demanded

in the grey market in Southeast Asia. The arrested persons were identified as Debashish Dohutia (34), Manash Dohutia (28) and Dipankar Gharphalia (40).

During interrogation, they told the police that they brought the tokay geckos from Arunachal Pradesh and were trying to sell each of them for Rs 60 lakh.

The police said they acted on a tip-off regarding the smuggling of the tokay gecko lizards in Dibrugarh and formed a



team of Special Task Force (STF).

"Accordingly, the STF team set up a trap at the Mohanbari area with the help of Dibrugarh district police and close operational and intelligence support from the Wildlife Justice Commission, South Asia Office. The team spotted three suspected smugglers at Sun Feast Dhaba at Mohanbari Tiniali. Two of them came in a white car bearing registration number AS-23W-5506, and one came in a motorcycle bearing registration

number AS-06AF-0276," the Assam Police said in a statement.

"The three persons assembled and entered into the Sun Feast dhaba. After some time, one among them who was driving the aforesaid car came out, took out a red coloured backpack bag from the car and entered into the dhaba. At that moment, the STF team rushed to the dhaba and apprehended three persons who were found with the red coloured backpack," the statement added.

Iran and US hold high-stakes nuke talks in Oman amid Trump threats

Tehran, April 12 (IANS): Iran and the US began talks in Oman on Saturday over Tehran's rapidly advancing nuclear programme, a first since US President Donald Trump returned to power in January. Trump has threatened military action on Iran if no deal was reached.

Iranian and American delegations arrived in Muscat for the talks, with Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi leading Tehran's side while talks from Washington's end were handled by Trump's Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff, Iranian media reported.



Trump issued a stern warning to Iran, saying there will be "all hell to pay" if Tehran did not abandon its nuclear programme, his press secretary told reporters. Araghchi met with his Omani counterpart, Badr al-Busaidi,

according to Iranian state television. According to Iran's state-run IRNA news agency, Araghchi provided Tehran's "stance and key points for the talks to be conveyed to the US side".

Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, who has the final say on key state matters, has given Araghchi "full authority" for the talks, an Iranian official told Reuters.

"The duration of the talks, which will only be about the nuclear issue, will depend on the US side's seriousness and goodwill," said the official, who asked not to be named.

Russia launches drone attack on Ukraine, 4 injured, buildings damaged



Kyiv, April 12 (IANS): Russia launched a barrage of drones in an overnight attack on Ukraine, injuring four people and damaging residential and commercial buildings in Kyiv and other parts of the country, Ukrainian officials said on Saturday.

Ukraine's air defences shot down 56 of 88 Russian drones, its air force said. It added that 24 drones were "lost" as the military used electronic warfare to redirect them. Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko said that three people were injured in the capital as a result of the

drone attacks. Drone debris also destroyed a private house and damaged several commercial buildings, causing large fires in different parts of Kyiv, city officials said. One more person was wounded in the city of Kharkiv in the northeast, Kharkiv's mayor, Ihor Terekhov, said.

Regional officials also said that residential and commercial buildings were damaged in the central Dnipropetrovsk region, and the military reported damage in the Odesa region in the south

वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक का कार्यालय पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर

लापता: आवश्यक सूचना

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Israeli army says encircled Rafah, intercepted three rockets from Gaza

Jerusalem, April 12 (IANS) The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) announced in a statement on Saturday that it had completed the encirclement of the southern Gaza Strip city of Rafah.

According to the statement, an IDF armoured division carried out the encirclement by completing the establishment of the 'Morag Corridor', a route in southern Gaza intended to separate Rafah and Khan Younis. It said that during operations in the past week and a half, IDF troops killed dozens of militants and dismantled Hamas military infrastructure, including underground tunnel routes. The IDF noted that it will extend operational control over the 'Morag Corridor' and carry out 'counter-terrorism' operations in the area.

Later on Saturday, the IDF said its Air Force intercepted three rockets fired from Gaza towards southern Israel. The rocket launches triggered sirens in open spaces bordering Gaza, with no casualties reported, according to the IDF.

On Friday, the IDF issued an urgent evacuation order for residents in several neighbourhoods of eastern Gaza City as military operations intensified in the area.

UN launches 275-million-USD appeal for Myanmar's earthquake response

United Nations, April 12 (IANS) The United Nations and its partners launched an appeal worth \$275 million to support Myanmar's response to the devastating earthquakes.

The fund is an addendum to the 2025 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan to reach 1.1 million people with urgent aid and assistance, Stephanie Dujarric, spokesman for the UN secretary-general, said at a daily briefing.

UN agencies, with its partners, have rapidly mobilised aid, including medical care, shelter, water, and food, to help people affected.

To further strengthen efforts on the ground, the UN Central Emergency Response Fund has allocated an additional \$5 million for the earthquake response, on top of the 5 million dollars already provided a few weeks ago, Dujarric said.

Haj 2025: Indian officials review arrangements in Saudi Arabia



New Delhi/Riyadh, April 12 (IANS) Setting the tone for Haj 2025, Secretary of the Ministry of Minority Affairs Dr Chandra Shekhar Kumar is currently on a visit to Saudi Arabia to review preparations for this year's pilgrimage, an official said on Saturday.

Dr Kumar expressed satisfaction over the hygienic, stress-free stay facilities being ensured for a smooth pilgrimage experience, the official said in a statement. The Ministry uploaded the Secretary's photos and wrote on its social media handle, "Leaving no stone unturned for a comfortable #Haj2025 - Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs, GoI, Dr Chandra Shekhar Kumar, is on a visit to Saudi Arabia to review arrangements for Indian #HajPilgrims."

For the welfare of Indian pilgrims, the Government establishes several temporary healthcare facilities in Saudi Arabia during the Haj period. The necessary support with respect to the treatment of Haj pilgrims is provided through the Indian Haj Mission in accordance with Saudi law for tertiary care.

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| | | | अंक में | अक्षर में | | |
| 1. | RWD/JAMSHEDPUR/65/2024-25 | पावड़ा पंचायत के रूईआई मोड से लेकर अमाईनगर पुल तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (लं-0.900 कि०मी०) | 57,30,900.00 | सत्तारवा लाख तीस हजार नौ सौ रु० मात्र | 6 माह | द्वितीय |

2. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :- 13.04.2025।
3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- 29.04.2025 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
4. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि jharkhandtenders.gov.in के माध्यम से ऑनलाइन मोड में स्वीकार की जाएगी।
5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- 30.04.2025 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।
6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर, ब्लॉक-करनडीह, थाना-परसुडीह, जमशेदपुर, झारखण्ड, पिन-831002।
7. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं-0657-2298902।
8. विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर
PR 350263 (REO)25-26*D

झारखण्ड सरकार कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना :-
ई-निविदा संख्या :- 01/2025-26/EE/RWD/SRK दिनांक 11.04.2025

1. कार्य का नाम

| क्र. सं. | ID No. / पैकेज संख्या | प्रखण्ड का नाम | कार्य का नाम | प्राक्कलित राशि | | कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि |
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| | | | | अंक में | अक्षर में | |
| 1. | RWD/EE/SRK/01/2025-26 | गम्हरिया | रानी तलाव, सरायकेला-काण्डा मुख्य पथ से निमाईडीह तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। | 3,00,08,212.00 | तीन करोड़ आठ हजार दो सौ बारह रु० मात्र। | 15 माह |
| 2. | RWD/EE/SRK/02/2025-26 | खरसावाँ | सोनी आकरसिनी पी०डब्ल्यू०डी० रोड से सांवेरु होते हुए बुरुयुट तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 1.92 कि०मी०) | 2,38,24,800.00 | दो करोड़ अड़तीस लाख चौबीस हजार आठ सौ रु० मात्र। | 12 माह |

2. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :- 17.04.2025
3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- 07.05.2025 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- 09.05.2025 को अपराह्न 03:30 बजे।
5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ।
6. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष संख्या :- 7209661815
विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jharkhandtender.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ
PR 350278 (Rural Work Department)25-26*D

जिला दण्डाधिकारी-सह-उपायुक्त का कार्यालय, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा।
(समेकित जनजाति विकास अमिकरण)
(E.mail- itda.chaibasa14@gmail.com)

अल्पकालीन निविदा
ग्रामीण कल्याण अस्पताल, बड़ाचौर खुंटपानी एवं ग्रामीण कल्याण अस्पताल, लोदोडीह, चक्रधरपुर में मशीन/उपकरण एवं अन्य आवश्यक सामग्रियों की क्रय हेतु दिनांक 28.04.2025 को 11.30 बजे पूर्वानुमति तर्क निबंधित एवं प्रतिष्ठित चिकित्सीय उपकरण एवं अन्य आवश्यक सामग्रियों के विक्रेता/एजेन्सियों से मुहरबन्द निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।
प्राप्त निविदा का निष्पान दिनांक 28.04.2025 को 2.30 बजे अपराह्न में परियोजना निदेशक, आई०टी०डी०ए०,चाईबासा के अध्यक्षता में गठित क्रय समिति के द्वारा उनके कार्यालय कक्ष में किया जायेगा। निविदा में निविदादाता या उनके द्वारा प्राधिकृत प्रतिनिधि उपस्थित रह सकते हैं। निविदा शर्त एवं मशीन उपकरण तथा अन्य आवश्यक सामग्रियों की सूची कार्यालय सूचना पट्ट या जिला के वेबसाईट www.chaibasa.nic.in पर देखी जा सकती है।
जिला कल्याण पदाधिकारी पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा।
परियोजना निदेशक, ITDA पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा।
PR 350229 (West Singhbhum) 25-26 (D)

कार्यालय, आदित्यपुर नगर निगम (अभियंत्रण शाखा)
कल्पनापुरी, आदित्यपुर इन्डस्ट्रियल एरिया, आदित्यपुर
e-mail : mcadityapur2@gmail.com

VERY SHORT NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST E.O.I NO. 01/2025-26
Sealed EOI are invited from any individual agencies/Registered firm for supplying of electrical items used in street light repair under AMC and UDH.

A) Date of Publishing Tender : 11/04/2025
B) Date and Time of receiving of Sealed EOI : 18/04/2025 till 2.00 pm
C) Date and Time of Opening of EOI : 19/04/2025 till 3.00 pm
D) Place of receiving and opening of EOI : Office of the Adityapur Municipal Corporation Adityapur

| Sl. No. | Name of Work | Product Detail | Unit |
|---------|---|---|-----------|
| 1 | Repairing and Maintenance of LED Street Light | Safety and Personal Protective Equipment | 10 Nos. |
| 2 | Repairing and Maintenance of LED Street Light | Wire (Wire 1.5 sq. mm Single Core PVC aluminium wire) | 3000 Mtr. |
| 3 | Repairing and Maintenance of LED Street Light | Switch with gang box 6 Amp | 3000 Nos. |
| 4 | Repairing and Maintenance of LED Street Light | Electric Tape | 1500 Nos. |

Formate for Financial Quotation

| Sl No. | Name of Work | Product Details | Rate (In Rs.) (Including all Taxes) |
|--------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Repairing and Maintenance of LED Street Light | Safety and Personal Protective Equipment | |
| 2 | Repairing and Maintenance of LED Street Light | Wire (Wire 1.5 sq. mm Single Core PVC aluminium wire) | |
| 3 | Repairing and Maintenance of LED Street Light | Switch with gang box 6 Amp | |
| 4 | Repairing and Maintenance of LED Street Light | Electric Tape | |

Cost of Tender - Rs. 1000.00 (Non Refundable) should be submitted in the shape of D/D of any Nationalized bank Payable at Adityapur in favor of Additional Municipal commissioner AMC.
Additional Municipal Commissioner Adityapur Municipal Corporation
PR 350242 (Urban Development) 25-26 (D)

झारखण्ड सरकार ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर
ई-अल्पकालिन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
ई-अल्पकालिन पुनर्निविदा संख्या:- 09/2024-25/RI/STPKG/RWD/EE/JSR दिनांक :- 12.04.2025
कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

| क्र. सं. | आईडीटीफिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या | कार्य का नाम | प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपये में) | | कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि | टेण्डर कॉल संख्या |
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| | | | अंक में | अक्षर में | | |
| 1. | RWD/EE/JSR/STPKG/07/2024-25 | निकोडी से पसरवाली तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई-1.700 कि०मी०) | 77,06,600.00 | सत्तारवा लाख छः हजार छः सौ रु० मात्र | 15 माह | चतुर्थ |
| | | आण्डोओ रोड से कोलबरीया तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई-1.350 कि०मी०) | 1,26,95,800.00 | एक करोड़ छबीस लाख नब्बान्ने हजार आठ सौ रु० मात्र | | |
| | | बाबूसावडी से बटनीपानी तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई-7.000 कि०मी०) | 4,80,48,500.00 | चार करोड़ अस्सी लाख अठ्ठातीस हजार पाँच सौ रु० मात्र | | |
| | | आण्डोओ रोड से शिगा तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई-1.850 कि०मी०) | 1,39,61,200.00 | एक करोड़ उन्नातीस लाख एकसठ हजार दो सौ रु० मात्र | | |
| | | LO63 आण्डोओ पथ से धामनी तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई-1.825 कि०मी०) | 94,72,500.00 | नौ करोड़ साठ हजार और पाँच सौ रु० मात्र | | |
| कुल | | | 9,18,84,600.00 | नौ करोड़अठ्ठासठ लाख चौंसती हजार छः सौ रु० मात्र | | |

2. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:- 13.04.2025।
3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- 29.04.2025 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
4. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि jharkhandtenders.gov.in के माध्यम से ऑनलाइन मोड में स्वीकार की जाएगी।
5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- 30.04.2025 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।
6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर, ब्लॉक-करनडीह, थाना-परसुडीह, जमशेदपुर, झारखण्ड, पिन-831002।
7. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं-0657-2298902।
8. विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर
PR 350261 REO(25-26)D

स्वास्थ्य विकित्सा शिक्षा एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार।
कार्यालय
जिला आयुश विकित्सा पदाधिकारी, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर।
Email- damojamshedpur2006@gmail.com

(जिला आयुश समिति पूर्वी सिंहभूम)
पारिश्रमिक के आधार पर योग्य प्रशिक्षकों के चयन हेतु विज्ञापन
विज्ञापन सं० 01/आयुश/2025

पूर्वी सिंहभूम जिला आयुश समिति के अधिनस्थ संचालित आयुश्मान आरोग्य मंदिर(आयुश)/राजकीय आयुर्वेदिक, होमियोपैथिक, यूनानी एवं जिला संयुक्त औषधालय हेतु पारिश्रमिक के आधार पर योग्य प्रशिक्षकों के चयन हेतु दिनांक 13.05.2025 एवं दिनांक 14.05.2025 को पूर्वाह्न 10.30 बजे से Walk-In- Interview सिविल सर्जन कार्यालय जमशेदपुर के समीपार में निर्धारित किया गया है। इच्छुक अभ्यर्थियों से निम्नलिखित शर्तों के अधीन विज्ञापन की तिथि से दिनांक 26.04.2025 स्थानीय प्रमाण पत्र एवं अनुभव प्रमाण पत्र उपलब्ध कराना आवश्यक होगा। पूर्वी सिंहभूम जिले के स्थानीय अभ्यर्थी को आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं।

| क्रम सं० | पद का नाम | पदों की सं० | आवश्यक अर्हता | पारिश्रमिक |
|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| 01 | योग प्रशिक्षक (पुरुष/महिला) | पुरुष- 24 महिला-24 | किसी मान्यता प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालय/संस्थान से योग के विषय पर डिग्री/डिप्लोमा /सर्टिफिकेट बोर्ड का होना या योगा सर्टिफिकेशन बोर्ड/प्रधानमंत्री कोशल विकास योजना से सर्टिफाईड योग प्रशिक्षक | योग प्रशिक्षक को प्रत्येक सत्र के लिए रुपये 250/- देय होगा। |

योग प्रशिक्षक के Walk-In-Interview की प्रखण्डवार सूची:-

| क्रम सं० | साक्षात्कार की तिथि | प्रखण्ड का नाम |
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| 01 | 13.05.2025 | पोटका,जुगसलाई-सह-गोलमुरी,मानगो,पटमदा,घाटभिला |
| 02 | 14.05.2025 | बहरागोडा,धालभूमगढ़,चकुलिया,झूमरिया, गुडान्धा,मुसाबनी, |

सामान्य निर्देश:-
1. साक्षात्कार के दिन संबंधित सभी तरह के प्रमाण पत्रों की स्वहस्ताक्षरित छाया प्रति, मूल प्रति एवं पासपोर्ट साईज फोटो की एक प्रति अपने साथ लाएं।
2. वांछित विहित आवेदन विहित प्रपत्र में आयुश्मान आरोग्य मंदिर आयुश कार्यस्थल चयन हेतु वरीयता के आधार पर तीन स्थल चयन करना अनिवार्य होगा।
3. भर्ती के किसी भी चरण में यदि यह पाया जाता है कि अभ्यर्थी पात्रता मापदण्ड/तथ्यों को पूरा नहीं करता है, तो उसकी उम्मीदवारी रद्द कर दी जाएगी।
4. साक्षात्कार में उपस्थित होने के लिए उम्मीदवार को कोई भी यात्रा भत्ता देय नहीं होगा।
5. नियुक्ति के उपरान्त नौकरी के नियमितोकरण के संबंध में किसी भी दावे पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा,अगर भविष्य में नियमितोकरण का दावा करते हैं तो वैसी स्थिति में उनकी उम्मीदवारी समाप्त कर दी जाएगी।
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UK researchers find promising biomarker for early sepsis detection



New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) A team of UK researchers has found the potential of interleukin-6 (IL-6) as a powerful diagnostic biomarker for the early detection of sepsis in high-risk patient groups, including neonates, children, and pregnant women.

Sepsis, a life-threatening condition resulting from the immune system's overreaction to infection, remains a leading global cause of mortality, accounting for an estimated 11 million deaths annually.

Young children, especially those under five, and pregnant women are highly vulnerable due to immunological changes and increased susceptibility.

The study analysed serial blood samples from 252 patients (111 paediatric, 72 maternity, and 69 neonatal cases) with suspected sepsis.

The results showed that IL-6 consistently outperformed traditional biomarkers in distinguishing bacterial from non-bacterial infections.

"IL-6 also effectively stratified sepsis severity, distinguishing between mild infection, sepsis, and septic shock, a critical capability for guiding timely and appropriate treatment," the study showed.

The team explained how IL-6 has significant advantages over traditional biomarkers.

"IL-6 secretion rises within one to two hours, peaks at six hours, and decreases by 24 hours, whereas CRP and PCT peak much later at 48 and 24 hours, respectively. This faster, steeper response makes IL-6 a promising biomarker for earlier sepsis detection," said lead author Dr. Sean Whelan.

C-reactive protein (CRP) is a protein in the blood that indicates inflammation. PCT refers to Procalcitonin -- a biomarker for bacterial infections.

"Our findings reinforce the potential of IL-6 as a promising biomarker in sepsis diagnosis," Whelan said.

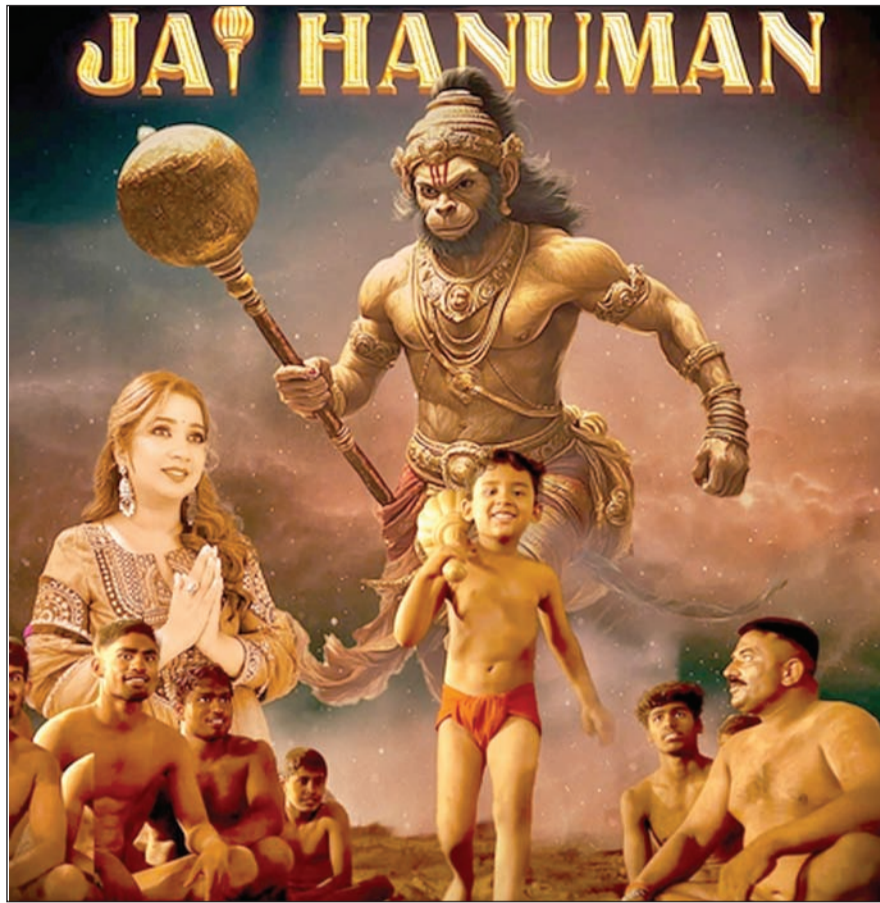
Shreya Ghoshal says song 'Jai Hanuman' is a celebration of 'courage, innocence'

Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) On the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti on Saturday, renowned playback singer Shreya Ghoshal unveiled a new track christened "Jai Hanuman," which she said is a celebration of "courage, innocence, and grace."

Taking to Instagram, Shreya shared a poster, which features her and has "Out now. Jai Hanuman. Shreya Ghoshal" written on it.

Shreya wrote as the caption: "Hanuman Jayanti ke is pawan din par suniye 'Jai Hanuman' Song is out now!! A celebration of courage, innocence, and grace. It's a musical reminder that even the smallest heart can carry the mightiest light-when guided by faith! #FearNoBullies #JaiHanuman #BoloJaiHanuman."

The song is composed by Kinjal Chatterjee, and the lyrics are penned by Shradha Pandit. Ghoshal has lent her vocal prowess to the number, which is her most stripped-down, spiritual offering in recent times, and yet, it carries immense emotional weight.



Noted for her wide versatility, Ghoshal is touted to be one of the most prolific singers in India.

She has been feted with several accolades, including five National Film Awards, four Kerala

State Film Awards, two Tamil Nadu State Film Awards, one Maharashtra State Award, and BFJA Awards, to name a few.

The singer was just four years old when she began to learn music. Beginning

her training in classical music at the age of six, she made her singing debut with the 2002 romantic drama Devdas in 2002 after winning the television singing reality show Sa Re Ga Ma.

Preity Zinta: Always own who you are and be proud of your roots



Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) Actress Preity Zinta has urged to "be who you are" as she showcased traditional Phulkari Indian wear with simple needlework from Punjab.

Preity took to Instagram, where she shared a motley of images, flaunting the salwar kameez she wore at an Indian Premier League (IPL) match. The actress' white-hued outfit had multicolored floral embroideries made with intricate needlework.

To complete her look, she went for soft beach waves, natural makeup, and glossy lips. She added a black bindi to elevate her look.

For the caption, she wrote, "When in Punjab, dress in a Phulkari! Always own who you are and be proud of your roots, that's why I am flaunting the traditional Phulkari with simple yet exquisite needlework from Punjab."

On April 11, she shared some fun behind-the-scenes moments from her "fastest shoot of her career."

She shared on Instagram, "The fastest shoot I ever did, thanks to the incredible team around me. Flashback Friday."

On April 10, Preity heaped praise on Punjab Kings' Priyansh Arya and said that she witnessed an explosive game of cricket, the roar of a legend, and the birth of a bright star.

The actress said she is proud of him and added, "You are a shining example of how actions speak louder than words. Keep smiling and shining, and thank you for entertaining not just me but everyone that showed up to see the game... Here's to many more memorable moments on and off the field. Ting!"

Rasha Thadani looks like a princess straight out of 'fairytale' in icy blue gown

Mumbai, April 11 (IANS) Bollywood actress Rasha Thadani looked every inch Elsa from "Frozen" as she channeled her inner princess dressed in an icy blue gown.

Rasha took to Instagram, where she dropped a gamut of images of herself, where she channeled a dreamy yet vintage look.

In the pictures, the actress, who is the daughter of Bollywood star Raveena Tandon, is seen in a stunning icy blue off-shoulder gown. The ensemble features delicate ruffles and a corset-style lace-up back. Looking every inch gorgeous, Rasha's dress flows into many layers, giving it a



princess aesthetic. To complete the look, the actress chose to style it in

soft curls pinned up nicely, allowing a few tendrils to frame her face.

Kareena Kapoor finds hubby Saif Ali Khan guilty of this

Mumbai, April 11 (IANS) Kareena Kapoor revealed that she finds her husband Saif Ali Khan guilty of his good looks.

Taking to her IG, boss lady Bebo dropped a picture of herself posing on a couch, dressed as a police officer in a maroon shirt, black trousers, black shoes, and a cop belt.

This was followed by a picture of Saif Ali Khan doing house riding, looking all handsome in a white shirt, blue denim, and black sunglasses. The last image of the post was a close-up of Saif on the horse.

"Played a cop and found my husband guilty of his good looks...Same day. Different sets. Different cities. Very hardworking, as you can see," Kareena



wrote in the caption.

After recovering from the horrific stabbing incident, the 'Omkar' actor was recently spotted riding a horse in Mandawa, Jaipur.

In a video that circulated

on social media, Saif was seen enjoying his horse-riding session. After a few rounds, he dismounted and lovingly patted the horse.

A source close to the development revealed

IANS that Saif is presently busy shooting for a film near Mandawa, Jaipur, and during his free time, he took the opportunity to indulge in horse riding.

Talking about Kareena, she last graced the screen with the action drama "Singham Again", which reached the cinema halls in November last year. Made under the direction of Rohit Shetty, the film featured a stellar cast including Ajay Devgn, Deepika Padukone, Tiger Shroff, Arjun Kapoor, Ranveer Singh, Akshay Kumar, and Jackie Shroff.

If the reports are to be believed, she will be a part of director Meghna Gulzar's next, named "Daayra" for now. Meanwhile, an official announcement of the film is still awaited.

The project is also reported to have Mollywood actor Prithviraj Sukumaran in a key role. However, nothing has been announced till now.

Surbhi Chandna says 'Ishtam' was inspired by A.R. Rahman's 'Kehna Hi Kya'

Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) Actress and producer Surbhi Chandna is set to bring a soul-stirring musical experience with Ishtam, which she says she wanted to blend Hindi and Malayalam lyrics, something inspired by her love for Oscar-winning musician A.R. Rahman's track "Kehna Hi Kya."

"Ishtam" is releasing on April 14 under her banner Feel Good Originals. The song blends Malayalam and Rajasthani musical elements.

"When we launched Feel Good Originals, I really wanted to blend Hindi and Malayalam lyrics, something inspired by my love for Kerala and A.R. Rahman sir's Kehna Hi Kya," said Surbhi.

She added, "That spark of an idea eventually became Ishtam."

The journey of creating 'Ishtam' was as layered as the song itself. Tagging it as a "passion project," the actress said, "This has been a passion project since last year. Karan and I went to Kerala, learned some Malayalam, studied Kathakali, and immersed ourselves in the culture to bring authenticity to the sound. We even used live instruments like the violin and bagal bacha to capture the right emotion."

With Vivek Dahiya and Anaira Gupta featuring and Surbhi leading the charge with a powerful team behind her, Ishtam will drop on April 14.

Surbhi is widely known for her work in Ishqbaaz and in Naagin 5. She made her acting debut in 2009 with a cameo in Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah. She had her first major role in Qubool Hai.

The actress is also known for her work in Sanjivani and Sherdil Shergill. In 2024, Surbhi branched out to web shows with Amazon Mini TV's Rakshak-India's Braves. She was seen playing an army officer's wife, Alka Singh, opposite Barun Sobti.

The actress married her entrepreneur boyfriend, Karan Sharma, in March 2024 after 13 years of dating in Jaipur.



Meghan Trainor feels no regret using weight-loss drugs

Los Angeles, April 12 (IANS) Grammy winner Meghan Trainor and her husband Daryl have both turned to prescription medication in an effort to lose weight. The "All About That Bass" hitmaker said that she doesn't have any regrets about her decision.

Trainor, who has been married to Daryl since 2018, said on the 'Workin' On It' podcast: "We heard more and more of our friends - and even our doctors - were on Mounjaro and Ozempic."

The singer and Daryl decided to try the medication after learning that it has "less side effects" than other weight-loss drugs, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

The "Dear Future Husband" hitmaker quipped: "Daryl and I both do everything together."

Despite this, the singer stressed that it wasn't an easy fix, explaining that she still



needed to work hard in the gym in order to lose weight.

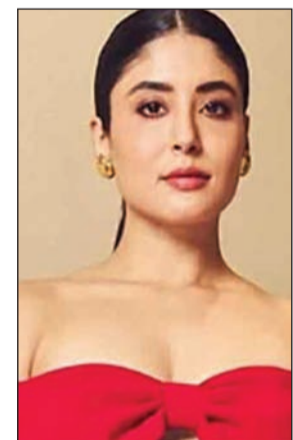
She said: "We were like, 'We have to make sure we don't lose muscle that we worked so hard gaining all those years.' We stay in the gym, we work out, we eat right, and we just noticed that we were less hungry."

Kritika Kamra: For me, happiness lies in the small things

New Delhi, April 11 (IANS) Actress Kritika Kamra has called herself a "realist" and said that for her, "happiness lies in the small things."

Asked if her life were a movie, what the title would be, Kritika told IANS, "Thoda hai Thode ki Zaroorat Hai." I think this is the story of my life. I'm a realist, and for me happiness lies in the small things. I'm grateful for what I have already and ambitious for more."

She added, "Life is a journey between what you have and what you want. And the pursuit so far has been very interesting."



Kritika gained the lime-light for essaying the role of Arohi Sharma in the show 'Kitani Mohabbat Hai.' She was then seen in

shows such as 'Kuch Toh Log Kahenge,' 'Reporters,' and 'Prem Ya Paheli - Chandrakanta.'

The actress has also participated in the dance reality show 'Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa 7' and showcased her talent in series such as 'Tandav' and 'Bambai Meri Jaan.' The 35-year-old actress made her film debut with 'Mitron,' which was released in 2018. She also has 'For Your Eyes Only' with Prateek Gandhi.

Talking about what she finds harder to play a character completely different from herself or one that closely resembles her, Kritika told IANS.

Hrithik heaps praise on Nick Jonas' performance, thanks Priyanka for 'fun and food'

Mumbai, April 12 (IANS) Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan went for Nick Jonas's play 'The Last Five Years' and said that he went in thinking it'll be a fun night out with friends and came out mind-blown. Hrithik attended Nick's play along with his girlfriend, Saba Azaad, and actress Priyanka. He even shared a picture on Instagram posing with Saba, Priyanka, Nick, actress Adrienne Warren, and director Whitney Young.

"We went in thinking it'll be a fun night out with friends and came out mind blown and inspired like never before. The @thelastfiveyears is an



unmissable experience! @nickjonasyou are simply incredible. What a performance. @adrienne-nelwarren you are fabulous. Such an amazing

show Thank you @priyankachopra for an amazing night of theatre, music, fun and food... My Congratulations to the director @yesimwhitney-

white," he wrote as the caption. The "War" actor also shared a few pictures of Nick and Adrienne from the play. In other news, Priyanka is all set

to star alongside Hrithik in 'Krrish 4.' The two have previously worked together in movies such as "Krrish," "Krrish 3," and "Agnepath."

"The excitement for Krrish 4 is building with each passing day, and the project is not even on the floors yet! This is one juggernaut of a project, and Hrithik seems to have grand plans to make it one of the biggest films ever made in Indian cinema," said a source.

Calling it a huge development, the source added, "There is a huge development that Hrithik Roshan has roped in Priyanka Chopra Jonas in the film! Hrithik and Priyanka are one of the most loved on-screen pairs in the history of Indian cinema, and they are back to entertain audiences again in Krrish 4! It is massive news!"

IPL 2025: Quickfire fifties by Pooran, Markram help LSG register six-wicket win over GT

Lucknow, April 12 (IANS) Half-centuries by Nicholas Pooran (61) and Aiden Markram (58) propelled Lucknow Super Giants to a six-wicket victory, with three balls to spare, over the table toppers Gujarat Titans at the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium here on Saturday.

After Gujarat Titans reached 180/6 in the first innings, powered by half-centuries by openers Shubman Gill's 60 and Sai Sudharsan's fourth half-century of the tournament, Markram walked out to bat with an unlikely opening partner in Rishabh Pant (21), with Mitchell Marsh not in the matchday squad due to personal reasons.

Pant, who has struggled through the course of the season, stayed on the backfoot as Markram took the fight to the GT bowlers in the opening exchanges. Mohammed Siraj was taken to the cleaners as they racked up 20 runs in the third over.

The duo were comfortably navigating as they reached 60 runs in the power-play before Pant was caught at deep third man off Prasidh Krishna, bringing to an end his innings. However, Lucknow remained in a comfortable position as Pooran, who reclaimed his



Orange Cap from Sudharsan, continued the carnage he had put on display this season.

He started his blistering knock by sending the ball straight down the ground off Rashid Khan, before the bowler put down a difficult catch off Pooran, two deliveries later. He then smashed a similar six off Washington Sundar in the next over.

Gill decided to deploy his most trusted spinner this season in Sai Kishore in the next over, but was met with the same fate. Pooran

smashed three sixes in the 10th over, with Markram adding a boundary, as they accumulated 24 runs off Kishore. Markram reached his second half-century of the season in 26 deliveries before falling to Prasidh Krishna.

Pooran, however, continued his hitting spree as he struck a six and a four off Siraj in the next over and went on to raise his fourth fifty of the tournament in 23 deliveries.

Pooran's innings, laced with one boundary and seven sixes, finally

came to an end through Rashid Khan, who was just his fourth wicket in the ongoing edition. With only 24 runs needed to chase down, off as many balls, Ayush Badoni (28*) and David Miller (7) almost took the side over the line, but the latter was castled over by Sundar in the penultimate over.

With six runs needed off the final over, Abdul Samad gave Badoni the strike off the first delivery and he obliged by hitting a four and a six to seal the victory off Sai Kishore as LSG reached 186/4 in 19.3 overs.

In the first innings, Shubman Gill and Sudharsan registered respective fifties, as the duo put up an opening stand of 120 runs to lay the foundation for a big total.

Gill went on to raise his 22nd IPL fifty in 31 deliveries as they reached the 100-run opening stand in 58 deliveries. Sudharsan, on the other hand, reached his fourth half-century of the tournament in 32 deliveries.

Just when it seemed the duo was ready to accelerate, a fuller delivery by Avesh Khan led to the dismissal of Gill. Ravi Bishnoi further pulled things back in his side's favour by striking twice in the very next over, removing both Sudharsan and Sundar to apply brakes on the run

Shubman Gill becomes first GT batter to reach 2000-run milestone

Lucknow, April 12 (IANS) Skipper Shubman Gill has become the first player to reach the 2000-run milestone for the Gujarat Titans franchise in the Indian Premier League. He achieved the feat while scoring 60 runs against the Lucknow Super Giants in the first innings on Saturday.

Gill joined the newly made franchise in 2022 and has played 51 games for the franchise. After the departure of Hardik Pandya in 2024, Gill was made skipper and is now in his second season as captain of the side. So far, he has scored 2007 runs for the team at an average of 44.60 and a strike rate of 147.89.

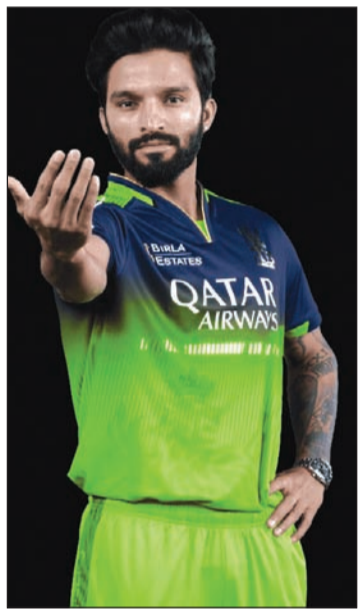


What once seemed to be a sure shot 200+ score for Gujarat was drastically reduced as the LSG bowlers did well to restrict the new batters on the crease.

Shardul dismissed Sherfane Rutherford and Rahul Tewatia off consecutive deliveries in the final over to restrict GT to 180/6

Brief scores: Gujarat Titans 180/6 in 20 overs (Shubman Gill 60, Sai Sudharsan 53, Sherfane Rutherford 22; Shardul Thakur 2-34, Ravi Bishnoi 2-36) lost to Lucknow Super Giants 186/4 in 19.3 overs (Nicholas Pooran 61, Aiden Markram 58, Ayush Badoni 28*; Prasidh Krishna 2-26, Washington Sundar 1-28) by six wickets.

IPL 2025: RCB and RR aim to bounce back in sunny Jaipur after recent defeats



Jaipur, April 12 (IANS) Rajasthan Royals will be hoping their homecoming at their

original turf, the Sawai Mansingh Stadium, brings them much-needed happiness and two vital points when they meet Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in a crucial clash on Sunday afternoon.

A win is on the minds of both RR and RCB, who come into Sunday's clash on the back of defeats in their respective last games. While RCB sits fourth in the standings with three wins out of five, RR is seventh with one less win coming in the same number of matches.

But everyone's eyes during the action in Jaipur will be the battle between RCB's opening pair of Phil Salt and Virat Kohli and RR's in-form express fast bowler Jofra Archer, who has rediscovered his fiery edge after a lean outing in first two games. Apart from Archer, veteran pacer Sandeep Sharma has been in

RCB to promote sustainability by sporting green jerseys against RR

Bengaluru, April 12 (IANS) In the Pink City, Royal Challengers Bengaluru will be turning green during their Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 match against Rajasthan Royals in continue in their mission to become a carbon positive organisation. Royal Challengers Bengaluru will once again sport

their iconic green jerseys when they take on Rajasthan Royals at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur on Sunday. The green jerseys, made from recycled fabric, highlight the franchise's broader sustainability initiatives, aiming to raise awareness about conservation and the need to protect the environment.

great form. But the rest of the RR bowling line-up needs to step up, especially after suffering a crushing 58-run loss to Gujarat Titans (GT), where their absence of a sixth bowling option stood out. RR will also need the likes of Sanju Samson, Riyan Parag, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Nitish Rana to bat aggressively for a longer period, so that a platform is set for Dhruv Jurel and Shimron

'Not even one per cent ashamed that I can't speak English': Mohammad Rizwan

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) Pakistan ODI captain Mohammad Rizwan said that he is not ashamed of his poor English speaking skills despite being trolled repeatedly for the same on social media.



The right-handed batter further urged junior cricketers to complete their education so that they could speak English when required.

The wicketkeeper-batter defended himself by saying that fluent English is not the demand of his job but cricket.

"I don't care. I am proud of one thing and that is whatever I say, I say from my heart. I don't know English. My only regret is that I did not get enough education, but I am not even one per cent ashamed that I can't speak English despite being the captain of the Pakistan cricket team," Rizwan during the Pakistan Super League (PSL) press

conference. "The demand from me is cricket, not English. There is a regret that I did not complete my education, which is why I struggle in speaking English. I tell my juniors to complete their education so that they are able to speak good English," Rizwan said. "At the moment, Pakistan is demanding cricket from me. Pakistan is not demanding English from me. When it does, I will leave cricket and become a professor - but I don't have that much time," he concluded.

Mohun Bagan clinch ISL crown, defeat Bengaluru FC 2-1



Kolkata, April 12 (IANS) Mohun Bagan are once again the champion of India. The Jose Molina side defeated Bengaluru FC 2-1 in the ISL 2024-25 final at the Salt Lake Stadium to be crowned the new winner. They defeated Bengaluru FC in the final of 2023 but suffered a humiliating 1-3 defeat to Mumbai City FC last year. This year, the Mariners defied all the odds and won the

ISL league shield and doubled it up with a sensational performance in the final.

In the first half, the Sunil Chhetri-led side produced multiple chances but they failed to convert those. The hosts weren't clinical either, having missed two key chances in the first half. However, they conceded an early goal in the second half, which shook things up for them. In the 49th minute of the game, Alberto Rodrigues turned one into his own net, which silenced the home crowd.

However, they scripted a sensational comeback. Even after conceding the goal, things weren't going too well for them but they managed to earn a penalty 72nd minute of the match, which gave Mohun Bagan the belief to go on and win the match. Notably, Jamie MacLaren's header hit Chinglensana Singh and the referee immediately called for a penalty. Jason Cummings stepped up and turned that one to bring Mohun Bagan to level terms.

IPL 2025: Dhoni flags CSK's batting issue after losing fifth game on the trot

Chennai, April 12 (IANS) Chennai Super Kings (CSK) veteran MS Dhoni, who took the charge of the side mid-season against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) on Friday, raised issues in their batting line-up following their fifth loss on the trot.

CSK lost to defending champions by eight wickets with 59 balls to spare after home team's batting order collapsed miserably and were restricted to 103/9 - their lowest total at Chepauk and third overall in IPL.

Sunil Narine returned with the figures of 3-13 while Harshit Rana and Varun Chakaravathy clinched two scalps apiece.

In reply, Narine slammed 18-ball 44 studded with five sixes and two fours to do the needful to guide his side over the line. He walked away with the Player of the Match accolade for his all-round prowess.

After the match, Dhoni said that they faltered in building partnerships and utilising the



powerplay to the fullest. "It has been quite a few nights that has not gone our way. The challenge has been there, we have to accept the challenge. Today I felt we did not have enough runs on the board. It has been the case over there, when we bowled in the 2nd innings it

stopped a bit, today it did in the first innings. When you lose too many wickets, there is pressure and with quality spinners it is difficult. We never got any partnerships and bit more partnerships, application and we would be fine," the wicketkeeper-batter said in the post-match presentation.

"What is important is to see the conditions, couple of games we have done decently well, back your strengths and play the shots you can play. Not match to someone's else play. Our openers are good openers, play authentic cricket shots, they don't slog or look to hit across the line.

It is important not to get desperate seeing the scorecard. If we start looking for 60 with our lineup it will be very difficult for us. Get partnerships going, maybe capitalise in the middle and later overs and if we lose wickets, the middle order has to do their job differently. And the slog will be delayed for quite a while," Dhoni added.

On return to home turf, unbeaten DC aim to extend winning juggernaut against MI

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) A lack of stability in the previous three-year IPL cycle prevented the Delhi Capitals (DC) from being considered as serious title contenders. But a near-complete overhaul before and during the mega-auction has resulted in DC emerging as the most balanced team in IPL 2025.

Moreover, the Axar Patel-led side holds the unique distinction of remaining undefeated in the competition. Now, on return to their original home turf, the Arun Jaitley Stadium, DC will be aiming to extend its winning juggernaut when it faces Mumbai Indians (MI) on Sunday evening.

What has worked wonders for DC has been the experienced players and youngsters complimenting each other to make the team win. While Axar and Kuldeep Yadav have been proficient, young leg-spin all-rounder Vipraj Nigam has been a great find for the franchise.

Someone like Mitchell Starc has chipped in with valuable contributions, while KL Rahul has undoubtedly been their best batter by smashing back-to-back fifties both as an opener and middle-order batter while finding good support from Tristan Stubbs.

ICC likely to delay two-tier Test proposal; WTC to continue in single-league format, claims report

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) The International Cricket Council (ICC) is set to delay its plans to introduce a divisive two-tier structure in Test cricket, with the upcoming cycle of the World Test Championship (WTC), starting this summer, expected to continue with its existing nine-team single-league format, says a report.

The proposed overhaul, led by Cricket Australia and backed in part by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), will not be put to a vote during a series of ICC meetings in Zimbabwe this weekend.

According to The Guardian, the ICC has concluded that more time is needed to evaluate the sporting and financial implications of the drastic restructuring, one of the most significant changes ever proposed in the 133-year history of Test cricket.

Cricket Australia had pushed for



International Cricket Council

the format to feature two divisions of six teams, incorporating Afghanistan, Ireland, and Zimbabwe into the WTC structure. The rationale was to allow powerhouses Australia, England, and India to play each other more frequently, twice every three years, potentially resulting in a major financial windfall. However, other full member nations have raised concerns about

widening the gap between the so-called "big three" and the rest, and are demanding clarity on financial redistribution and the mechanics of promotion and relegation before endorsing the move.

Instead, the next WTC cycle, spanning from this summer until 2027, will begin with England hosting India in a five-Test series starting just five days after the WTC 2025 final between Australia and South Africa at Lord's. While the two-tier model has been shelved for now, the ICC is expected to discuss other

potential changes to the WTC. These include a possible overhaul of the current points system.

Options on the table include awarding bonus points for winning by large margins (similar to rugby union), offering additional points for away victories, and weighting victories based on the strength of the opposition. The aim is to address concerns that top teams are penalised for playing each other more frequently, as all WTC matches currently carry the same weight: 12 points for a win, six for a tie, and four for a draw.

South Africa's qualification for the 2025 final, achieved without playing England or Australia, sparked some resentment under the current model. Their run to the final came through wins over West Indies, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka, alongside a draw and defeat to India.

26 teams to battle for 3 spots in A Division

JSA qualifying round to kick off April 25

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Apr 12: The Jamshedpur Sporting Association (JSA) has announced the schedule for the much-anticipated JSA Qualifying Round 2025, which is set to kick off on April 25, 2025. A total of 26 teams will compete fiercely for just three coveted spots in the prestigious A Division of the JSA League 2025. The tournament promises a thrilling showcase of local football talent and is expected to draw significant attention from fans and enthusiasts alike.

The participating teams have been divided into two groups of 13 each. Matches will be held at two prominent venues in Jamshedpur-Tinplate Stadium and Armoury Ground-ensuring a competitive and vibrant atmosphere throughout the tournament. Group A comprises Chhotanagpur MB Club (Old), Barsa Memorial Society, Bari Football Club, Burmamines Sporting Association,

Jaipal Sporting Club, Sehulee DAA Football Club, Marang Buru Marhal Gawta Football Club, Morning Star Matladih, Baba Tilka Memorial Club, KBS Football Club, Yuvak Jagrit Association, Young Hira Nagpur Athletic Club, and Youth Development Gorgorh.

Group B includes Super Boys Club, Marang Buru Football Club, Adivasi Boy's Club, Dev Nagar Football Club, Ganga Narayan Singh Football Club, Sendra 11 Sonari, Tudu Star Patamda, Jharkhand Soccer Foundation, S.S.M.M Mirzadih, Aruna Samity Club Junior, Junior Hunter Football Club, Sarna Marhal Club and Barah Disom Football Team (Old). The detailed match fixtures, along with the tournament's rules and regulations, have been shared in the official document released by JSA. With high stakes and strong contenders, the Qualifying Round 2025 is poised to deliver exciting football action as teams vie for a place in the elite A Division.

India working on at least 25 chipsets with indigenous IP

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) India, which is shifting its stance towards export-led growth in electronics, is currently working on at least 25 chipsets with indigenous intellectual property (IP).

Union Minister for Railways and Electronics and IT, Ashwini Vaishnaw, informed via a media interaction that 13 such projects are currently underway which are led by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Bengaluru.

Owning IP ensures security and transforms us from a services nation to a product nation, said the minister, adding that the upcoming semiconductor fabs will manufacture these chips locally.

Towards this goal, the government is in the process of systematic overhaul of semiconductor design approach at more than 300 organisations across the country -



including 250 academic institutions and 65 startups.

With graded and proactive steps, these steps aim to debut an era of creative enablement where

anyone with innate skills, anywhere in the country can get the semiconductor chips designed, according to the IT Ministry. In the process, chip design will be

democratised in line with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that 'Design in India is as important as 'Make in India'.

The 'Chips to Startup' (C2S) programme aims at addressing each entity of the electronics value chain via specialised manpower training, creation of reusable IPs repository, design of application-oriented systems/ASICs/FPGAs and deployment by academia/R&D organization by way of leveraging the expertise available at startups/MSMEs.

The C2S programme aims to generate 85,000 number of industry-ready manpower at B.Tech, M.Tech, and PhD levels specialised in semiconductor chip design. The programme takes a comprehensive approach by offering students complete hands-on experience in chip design, fabrication, and testing.

Tejashwi Yadav is running his MLA amok to defame Nitish govt: Sanjay Jaiswal

Patna, April 12: Ex-Bihar BJP state chief and Lok Sabha MP Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal on Saturday accused leader of opposition and RJD supreme Lalu Prasad Yadav's son Tejashwi Yadav of allowing his party legislators to take to crime to defame the DA government in the state ahead of assembly election.

Jaiswal's allegations came in the aftermath of STF raids on the locations of RJD legislator Ritalal Yadav in Bihar.

He alleged that Tejashwi Yadav has his feet deep in the swamp of allegations he often level against the state government, alleging a spurt in crime graph.

"...Tejashwi Yadav is allowing his MLAs to run wild in the state so that he could criticize the Nitish government," alleged



Jaiswal, a four time member of parliament (MP) from Pashchim Champaran Lok Sabha seat,

"This used to happen earlier as well. From 1990 to 2005, it was common to find weapons at the residences of RJD MLAs. All the murders and rapes that happened were linked to

the Chief Minister's residence. When Tejashwi Yadav repeatedly talks about the crime graph, it is clear that he has given a free hand to all his MLAs," Jaiswal alleged.

Now Tejashwi Yadav is the kingpin of criminals in the entire Bihar, he alleged further.

He took a jibe at Jan Suraaj sponsored rally which he dubbed as a "flop show."

"Forming a party as a strategist and then dreaming of becoming the Chief Minister, Prashant Kishor's dreams were dashed by the people yesterday. This shows that the people of Bihar have shattered Prashant Kishor's dreams. There is a difference between making an election strategy and going through the election journey as a worker," he said.

APEDA, Arunachal govt promote agri, processed food product exports

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) To promote agricultural and processed food product exports from the northeast region, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh government, hosted an international conclave cum buyer-seller meet (IBSM), the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said on Saturday.



Organised at Kalawangpo Convention Hall in Tawang, the event enabled direct interactions between 11 international buyers from three countries -- the UAE, Nepal and Bhutan -- with 17 Indian exporters from seven states and union territories (UTs) including Assam, Maharashtra, Delhi, Hyderabad, Karnataka, Gujarat and West Bengal. The exporters from across the country also interacted with over 50 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and 200 farmers from Arunachal Pradesh who participated in the event to understand the agri produce quality, availability and production quantities. At the event, State Chief Minister Pema Khandu committed to

developing the agricultural and allied sectors, enhancing farmer's livelihoods, empowering self-help groups and encouraged women-led development. He envisions enhancing agri-exports of GI-tagged Khaw Tai Rice (known as Khamti Rice), Mandarin Orange, Kiwi, Apple, Persimmon, Yak Cheese (Churpi), among others, to South East Asian and ASEAN countries.

Guv's conduct in TN case was driven by malintent, SC verdict a victory for Constitution: Advocate Rakesh Dwivedi

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) The standoff between the Tamil Nadu government and Governor R.N. Ravi over the delay in granting assent to bills has finally been resolved by the Supreme Court. In a landmark judgment, the top court of the country ruled that the ten bills withheld by the Governor since 2020 have now automatically become law.

The apex court also termed the Governor's conduct a violation of the Constitution and specifically of Article 200.

Senior Advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, who represented the Tamil Nadu government in the case, spoke exclusively to IANS and provided detailed insights into the developments and implications of the Supreme Court's decision.

He stated that the verdict was given considering the unique circumstances prevailing in Tamil Nadu. "Ten bills were passed by the state legislature and sent to the Governor for assent. However, he sat on them for more than a year without taking any action," Dwivedi explained.

During this period, a similar issue arose in Punjab, prompting the Supreme Court to clarify the interpretation of Article 200.

Dwivedi explained: "The court ruled that when a Governor receives a bill, and if they choose not to assent to it, they must return it to the legislature with a message for reconsideration. If the legislature passes the bill again, then it becomes mandatorily for the Governor to give assent. At that point, discretion is no longer applicable."



He added that the Tamil Nadu case was also pending before the Supreme Court at the same time. During the hearings, the Attorney General suggested resolving the issue amicably through dialogue with the Governor. However, the Governor neither approved the bills nor forwarded them to the President.

Instead, he returned them stating: "I do not give my assent."

Following this, the Tamil Nadu Assembly re-passed the Bills and sent them back to the Governor, who then forwarded them to the President for consideration. Dwivedi said "this sequence of actions clearly revealed the Governor's bad faith".

"Holding the files for a year, ignoring the Supreme Court's decision in the Punjab case, and blocking all ten bills without any stated reasoning reflect malintent," said Dwivedi.

"When the bills were passed again, the Governor should have given assent as required under Article 200. Forwarding them to the President was unconstitu-

tional," he added.

He further said: "A Governor cannot say, 'I will stop it again' or 'I will send it to the President again'. The Constitution mandates that if a bill is passed again, the Governor has no discretion left. The wording in Article 200 is clear -- 'assent shall not be withheld'. Hence, once re-passed, a bill cannot be refused."

Dwivedi noted that the Supreme Court found the Governor's actions to be in violation of Article 200 and struck them down.

"When the original action is invalidated, then any further steps-like sending the bills to the President-also lose validity. If the foundation is removed, the structure collapses."

Chhattisgarh: Maoist linked to Jan 2025 blast that killed 8 security personnel neutralised

Raipur, April 12 (IANS) In a significant anti-Maoist operation in Bijapur district's Indravati jungle, security forces have neutralised Anil Punem, a notorious Maoist commander linked to the January 2025 Ambeli village blast in which eight security personnel and a driver were killed, an official said on Saturday.



Punem was carrying a reward of Rs 5 lakh on his head. So far, the bodies of three uniformed Maoists have been recovered in the encounter.

The identity of the other two Maoists is being ascertained. Three pieces of 12 bore Rifle, Single shot Rifles and other weapons, explosives, and Maoist-related material were recovered

from the encounter site. A joint team comprising DRG (district reserve guard) Bijapur, DRG Dantewada, STF (Special Task Force), and Cobra battalions engaged in a decisive encounter with the Maoist insurgents.

Three Maoists, including Punem, were killed, with the identities of two others being confirmed. Weapons, explosives, and Maoist paraphernalia were recovered from the encounter site, including three rifles.

The security forces have launched operations of a sustained campaign against the outlawed CPI-Maoist group in the Bastar region, which has seen heightened insurgent activity. In the past 102 days alone, security forces in Bijapur district have recovered 86 bodies of hardcore Maoists, arrested 173 individuals, and facilitated the surrender of 179 insurgents. Across the Bastar Division, the number has climbed to 121 (Maoists who have been neutralised).

Five killed as car plunges into river in Uttarakhand's Devprayag

Devprayag, April 12 (IANS) In a tragic incident, five members of a family lost their lives after a car plunged into a river in Devprayag, located in Uttarakhand's Tehri district, on Saturday, officials said. The vehicle veered off the road and fell into a deep gorge, resulting in a fatal crash, they added. According to authorities, six people were travelling in the car at the time of the accident. One woman was miraculously rescued from the wreckage and is currently receiving medical treatment. She is still in shock. The remaining five occupants died on the spot. The State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) launched a rescue operation soon after being alerted. Teams used cranes and other heavy machinery to pull the mangled vehicle out of the river, a process that took several hours due to the difficult terrain. Officials said that all the bodies trapped under the vehicle had been recovered.

"The car has been pulled out. It took several hours. The bodies have also been retrieved. The police are examining how the accident took place," an SDRF official said.

All five victims are believed to be from the same family, according to the police. The deceased have been sent for postmortem examination to the nearest hospital.

There is a sense of shock and grief in the area as local residents gathered at the accident site. The local administration, police, and emergency personnel are present and coordinating relief and rescue efforts. While the exact cause of the accident is still under investigation, preliminary reports suggest that speeding may have led to the driver losing control of the vehicle which fell into the river killing five people on the spot.

On Ambedkar Jayanti, PM Modi to launch Haryana-Ayodhya flight during Haryana visit

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) On the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Haryana on April 14. He will travel to Hisar and at around 10:15 a.m., he will flag off a commercial flight from Hisar to Ayodhya and lay the foundation stone for the new terminal building of Hisar airport. He will also address a public meeting. Thereafter, at around 12:30 p.m., he will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of development projects in Yamunanagar and address the gathering on the occasion. In line with his commitment to make air travel safe, affordable, and accessible to all, the Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone of the new Terminal Building of the Maharaja Agrasen Airport in Hisar worth over Rs 410 crore. It will include a state-of-the-art passenger terminal, a cargo terminal and an ATC building. He will also flag off the first flight from Hisar to Ayodhya. With scheduled flights from Hisar to Ayodhya (twice weekly), three flights in a week to Jammu, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, and



Chandigarh, this development will mark a significant leap in Haryana's aviation connectivity. Boosting power infrastructure in the region, along with the vision of electricity reaching the last mile, Prime Minister Modi will lay the foundation stone for an 800 MW modern thermal power unit of Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram Thermal Power Plant at Yamunanagar. This unit, spread across 233 acres, costing around Rs 8,470 crore, will significantly boost Haryana's energy self-sufficiency and provide uninterrupted power supply across the state.

Preparations underway for 5th national marine fisheries census

Kochi, April 12 (IANS) Preparations are gaining momentum for the 5th National Marine Fisheries Census (MFC 2025), scheduled to be conducted in November and December this year. The census is expected to cover around 1.2 million fisher households across India's coastal states and union territories.



Funded and coordinated by the Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, the exercise is part of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).

The ICAR -- Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) will serve as the nodal agency for implementing the census across nine coastal states, while the Fishery Survey of India (FSI) will handle data collection in the union territories, including the islands.

The census aims to collect comprehensive demographic and livelihood data of marine fishing communities, as well as infrastructure details such as fishing vessels, gear, harbours, fish landing centres, processing units, and cold storage facilities.

'Stay calm, avoid protests': Maulana Sajid Rashidi to Muslims on Waqf Act

New Delhi, April 12 (IANS) Maulana Sajid Rashidi, President of the All India Imam Association (AIIA), on Saturday appealed to Muslims across the country not to protest against the recently passed Waqf (Amendment) Act, emphasising the importance of peace and education over unrest.

Talking to IANS, Maulana Sajid Rashidi said that the Waqf Bill has now become law. "I don't find anything in it that warrants taking to the streets. Yes, there are individuals who seem to want riots in the country, like Asaduddin Owaisi. His statements suggest that Muslims should rise and protest, warning of conspiracies to take away mosques. This kind of rhetoric, in my opinion, is aimed at inciting commu-

nal unrest," he said. He alleged that Owaisi's thinking is that there should be unrest in the country so that he can emerge as 'Jinnah' and form another country.

He further criticised leaders and organisations he believes are provoking unrest for personal or political gain.

"Some of these people who are protesting have vast properties. Be it Owaisi in Hyderabad or members of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board with land holdings in Rajasthan and Delhi - they are not representing the common Muslim. They are exploiting the situation for their benefit," he said.

Maulana Rashidi expressed concern over the recent violence in Murshidabad, West Bengal, where protests



turned violent, leading to arson and destruction of public property.

"Crowds are difficult to control once they are on the streets. We've seen what can happen - vehicles are burned, people get hurt, and chaos ensues. Protesting is a constitutional right, but it must be done peacefully. Taking to the streets only risks paint-

ing Muslims as troublemakers once again," he added. He further urged Muslims to shift focus toward progress and education. "This is not the time to get arrested or invite trouble. Instead, we should concentrate on education, business, and national development. Other communities don't

take to the streets every time they disagree with a government decision. Why should only Muslims be pushed to do so?" he asked. Reaffirming his support for the Waqf (Amendment) Act, Maulana Rashidi said: "I supported the Act then, and I support it now. Why should Muslims oppose it just because someone tells us to? We are citizens of this country and have contributed immensely to its freedom. Over 37,000 Muslims are named in the records of revolutionaries at the National Museum. Why should we be labeled as stone-pelters or terrorists?" He further reacted to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's recent statement that the Waqf Act would not be implemented in the state. "No Chief Minister or individual has the authority to reject a law passed by Parliament and signed by the President. Such defiance is unconstitutional and amounts to treason. These are just vote-bank politics aimed at inciting Muslims. The Opposition is playing a dangerous game by trying to bring Muslims onto the streets." Maulana Rashidi concluded by appealing for introspection within the community. "Why is the Opposition asking Muslims to protest? Have you seen any party saying, 'Let Hindus join us on the streets too'? No. They just want Muslims to protest, and we end up paying the price. The Constitution does not allow selective implementation of laws. Muslims must think wisely, stay calm, and look at the bigger picture," he said.