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Home Ministry asks states to conduct mock drills to prepare for 'hostile attack'

The last such drill was conducted in 1971, the year in which the two countries went to war

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) In a significant move amid growing tensions in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued directives to several states to conduct full-scale civil defence mock drills on May 7. The preparations come as India continues to weigh its response to the brutal attack that killed 26 civilians, including 25 tourists, in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22.

According to government sources, the mock drills will include the operationalisation of air raid warning sirens, a rare and telling step, typically associated with heightened threat perception and preparations for hostile engagement.



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Among the other key activities listed by the MHA are:

Training of civilians and students in key civil defence techniques to protect themselves during potential hostile attacks.

Provision for crash blackouts, an emergency protocol aimed at concealing cityscapes and infrastructure from potential aerial surveillance or strike.

Early camouflaging of vital plants and installations, a standard wartime measure to safeguard critical national assets.

Focus on blackout measures, camouflaging vital installations

Updation and rehearsal of evacuation plans, ensuring readiness for rapid civilian movement, if needed.

The timing and scale of the MHA issuing the directives on drills have raised eyebrows in defence and strategic circles. Combined with a flurry of recent high-level security meetings -- between PM Narendra Modi, Defence Secretary, and the three service chiefs -- the drills have added to speculation that India may be preparing for a fierce retaliatory strike in response to the Pahalgam massacre.

The decision also follows a series of consultations involving top political leaders, including Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, indicating a consensus on the gravity of the situation. While official statements have remained guarded, the stepped-up civil defence measures strongly suggest that India is entering a phase of elevated alert and operational readiness. The next 48 hours may prove critical as the country watches for the government's next move.

UN chief asks India, Pak to step back from the brink

United Nations, May 5: UN Secretary-General António Guterres Monday voiced concern over tensions between India and Pakistan being at "at their highest in years" and called for "maximum restraint and stepping back from the brink".

"Make no mistake: A military solution is no solution," Guterres said in a brief statement.

Guterres offered his "good offices" to both governments in the service of peace. "The United Nations stands ready to support any initiative that promotes de-escalation, diplomacy, and a renewed commitment to peace," he said. His remarks came hours before closed consultations of the UN Security Council on India-Pakistan tensions after Islamabad sought an emergency meeting.

"Tensions between India and Pakistan are at their highest in years. I deeply respect and am profoundly grateful to the Government and people of both countries - and their significant contributions to the work of the United Nations, not least UN peacekeeping," Guterres said.

"And so it pains me to see relations reaching a boiling point," he said.

Guterres said that he understands the "raw feelings" following the "awful terror attack" in Pahalgam on April 22 and again strongly condemned that attack, extending his condolences to the families of the

"Targeting civilians is unacceptable - and those responsible must be brought to justice through credible and lawful means," he said.

No consensus on CBI chief's successor in Modi-Rahul-CJI meet

New Delhi: The incumbent chief of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Praveen Sood, is likely to get a one-year extension, The Indian Express has learned. The possibility was discussed during a high-level meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to select Sood's successor, which was also attended by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi.

According to sources, the three-member selection panel, which met at the Prime Minister's official residence, deliberated on the names of a few senior IPS officers. However, no consensus could be reached on any of the suggested candidates, following which the members agreed to extend Sood's tenure by a year. The meeting began around 6:45 pm and concluded by 7:30 pm.

The decision is expected to be announced soon by way of a gazette notification.

SC frowns upon Jharkhand HC for not pronouncing verdict in criminal cases

Seeks report from all High Courts

Ranchi: The Supreme Court on Monday (May 5, 2025) expressed surprise that the Jharkhand High Court has not pronounced verdicts in 67 criminal appeals after reserving judgement and asked all High Courts to submit report in a month on cases where judgements are pending.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and N. Kotiswar Singh termed the development as "disturbing", and said it will law down some mandatory guidelines on the issue.

"This cannot be allowed to happen," the Bench said, as it sought reports from all the High Courts in four weeks on cases where judgement has been reserved on or before January 31, 2025 but verdict has not been pronounced till date.

The top court passed the directions after perusing the report filed by Registrar General of the Jharkhand High Court in which it said in 56 criminal appeals heard by division bench from January, 2022 till December, 2024, the verdict has not been pronounced despite order being reserved.

It also noted that before the single bench judge, judgement has not been pronounced in 11 criminal appeals despite order being reserved.

The top court was hearing a plea of four life convicts, who have approached through advocate Fauzia Shakil, claiming that the Jharkhand High Court had reserved orders on their appeals against conviction in 2022 but did not pronounce verdicts due to which they were not able to claim the benefit of remission.

SC dismisses contempt plea against Nishikant Dubey

New Delhi, May 5: The Supreme Court on Monday observed that it will not entertain a PIL seeking contempt action against BJP MP Nishikant Dubey for his alleged derogatory remarks against the top court and the chief justice of India. The BJP lawmaker sparked a row when he said, "(the) Supreme Court is taking the country towards anarchy" and that "Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna is responsible for the civil wars taking place in the country". "The dignity of the institution has to be protected. It cannot go on like this," PIL petitioner Vishal Tiwari told a bench comprising the CJI. He said bar leaders, including those of the SCBA (Supreme Court Bar Association), condemned the statement. "We will be passing a short order. We will give some reasons. We will not be entertaining it but we will give a short order," the CJI said.

Putin dials PM Modi, expresses 'full support' to India



Moscow/New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) Russian President Vladimir Putin called Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday and "strongly condemned" the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, offering "full support" to India in its ongoing fight against terrorism.

"He conveyed deepest condolences on the loss of innocent lives and expressed full support to India in the fight against terrorism. He emphasised that the perpetrators of the heinous attack and their supporters must be brought to justice," Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), stated after the call.

"Both leaders reiterated their commitment to further deepen India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership. PM Modi conveyed greetings to President Putin on the celebration of the 80th anniversary of Victory Day and invited him for the Annual Summit to be held in India later in the year," Jaiswal added.

The brutal assault on April 22, which resulted in the death of 26 innocent tourists and left several others critically injured, unfolded in the Baisaran Valley near Pahalgam when four heavily armed terrorists, two of them from Pakistan, emerged from the surrounding dense forests and opened indiscriminate fire on tourists. The attack has been described as one of the most horrific in the region in recent memory.

Monday's call between the two leaders took place before the Russian President hosts Chinese President Xi Jinping, who will be on an official visit to the Russian Federation from May 7-10 and take part in the ceremonial events dedicated to the 80th anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War.

Defence Secretary meets PM Modi amid tension with Pakistan

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday amid tension with Pakistan and ongoing preparations for the country's response to the Pahalgam terror attack.

During the meeting, Singh is believed to have briefed the Prime Minister about the latest security situation and military preparations, especially on the western frontier. Sources said that response in the event of a multi-front engagement and measures to ensure uninterrupted defence supplies have also come up for discussions that the PM Modi has held with the chiefs of forces and officials over the week.

PM Modi's discussion with the top defence official came on a day when Russian President Vladimir Putin called him and "strongly condemned" the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, offering "full support" to India in its ongoing fight against terrorism.

Security forces bust terrorists' hideout in J&K, recover IEDs

Srinagar: In a major breakthrough, security forces busted a terror hideout in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch and recovered explosives on Monday. The development comes amid heightened security in the Union territory in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack.



According to Jammu and Kashmir police, in a joint security operation with the Army and SOG in Poonch, security forces busted a terror hideout in Hari Marote village in the Surankot sector of the district. The security personnel reportedly recovered wireless headsets, IEDs, clothes and tiffin boxes from the hideout.

The major breakthrough comes as security forces are maintaining high vigil in the Union territory in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack. As many as 26 persons including 24 tourists, a Nepali citizen and a local horse rider were killed in the attack on April 22, the worst since the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir.

Pak hackers claim to have breached multiple Indian defence sites

New Delhi : Amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, a group of suspected hackers, named 'Pakistan Cyber Force' has claimed that they have gained access to sensitive data from the Indian Military Engineering Service and Manohar Parrikar Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis. The Pakistan Cyber Force handle, now withheld in India, had posted a list of names, reportedly of Indian defence personnel, with the caption: "Hacked. Your security is illusion. MES data owned." The group claimed that it had accessed more than 10 GB of data of 1,600 users on the Manohar Parrikar Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis website.

Father and son went to get diesel, die of electrocution in Palamu

Medininagar: A 45-year-old man and his son died of electrocution when their motorcycle came in contact with a live wire in Jharkhand's Palamu district on Monday morning, police said.

The incident occurred at Khargara village under Haider Nagar police station limits.

The police station in-charge Afzal Ansari said the father and his 12-year-old son were going to bring diesel for generator sets on a motorcycle.

"Their bike came in contact with a live wire of 11,000 volts, which snapped and fell on a canal covering a part of the road. Both of them received severe burns injuries and died," he said.

Ansari added their bodies have been sent for post-mortem. The deceased were identified as Bindu Mehta and his son Vipin Mehta.

Local residents said there was a wedding of Bindu's niece on Monday and he went to bring fuel for generator sets for the function.

The villagers alleged that the incident took place due to the "carelessness" of the electricity department officials.

Investors from Spain, Sweden keen to invest in Jharkhand: Industry Secretary

Ranchi, May 5: Investors from Spain and Sweden have shown interest in investing in Jharkhand, a senior state government official said on Monday.

He said the state received seven investment or partnership proposals following the visit of a delegation led by Chief Minister Hemant Soren to the two European countries.

Two of the prospective foreign investors were keen to set up projects worth around Euro 270 million (Rs 2,853 cr) in Jharkhand.

"Discussions are going on with these companies. The two companies that have provided investment figures are also in talks with other states, so we have to compete to attract their investment," Industry Secretary Arva Rajkamal told reporters while briefing the delegation's visit to Spain and Sweden.



The delegation discussed with industrial associations and companies involved in mining, infrastructure, construction, steel, renewable energy, automobile and food processing businesses.

The CM has announced that a dedicated desk will be set up for the European companies for the smooth facilitation of investment into Jharkhand, he said.

Soren led a senior government and industry delegation to Spain and Sweden from April 19 to April 27 to seek investment for the state.

"Within one week since the completion of the visit, we have already received investment or partnership proposals. Embassies of India in Spain and Sweden are also following up with companies who attended the investment roadshows to expedite their proposals," Rajkamal said.

He said they would also explore investment opportunities in Japan, Taiwan and Australia in near future.

"The purpose of the visit was to enhance Jharkhand's visibility in European countries and attract foreign direct investment (FDI), an area where the state lags behind others in the country," Rajkamal said.

Jharkhand's last international investor outreach through roadshows was conducted in 2016-17. The state has not been actively promoting investments on the global stage for almost nine years, which is one of the reasons for the minimal inflow of FDI to the state, he said.

Between 2016-17 and 2018-19, Jharkhand received FDI of approximately Dollars 20 million (around Rs 100 crore).

"In 2019-20 and 2020-21, FDI surged to around Rs 13,000 crore, primarily due to a major investment by a single company for a mining project. However, this project has not yet materialised due to forest clearance issues. Excluding this investment, Jharkhand has not received significant investment proposals from 2021-22 to 2023-24," Rajkamal said.

He said that the visit to European countries was the need of the hour to revamp FDI into the state.

Project Anveshan 2.0: 750 school students to visit leading companies on May 8

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 5: In a groundbreaking initiative to bridge the gap between classroom education and real-world exposure, the district administration of East Singhbhum is all set to roll out Project Anveshan 2.0—an extensive exposure visit program designed for students of government schools. The program, initiated under the direction of Deputy Commissioner Ananya Mittal, will see 750 meritorious students from Classes 9 to 12 of 25 government schools participate in guided educational tours of top-tier private companies and institutions in Jamshedpur and Adityapur on May 8.

To ensure merit-based participation, an internal assessment examination was conducted across the selected schools. Students who performed well in the evaluation were shortlisted to take part in this one-of-a-kind learning experience. The assessment focused on academic understanding, awareness, and aptitude, and was implemented under the supervision of the district education department.

Through Project Anveshan 2.0, students will be introduced to a wide range of domains, including sports science, research and development, technical education, urban infrastructure, automotive engineering, vocational training, and wildlife conservation. The aim is to help students expand their horizons, ignite curiosity, and gain insights into various career paths and sectors driving India's growth story.



Institutions identified for the educational visit include: JRD Tata Sports Complex – To learn about world-class sports infrastructure and the importance of physical fitness and teamwork. Tata Motors – For a detailed understanding of engine manufacturing and advancements in the automotive sector. CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory (NML) – To witness cutting-edge research in material science and metallurgy. Russi Modi Centre of Excellence – For exposure to industry leadership, heritage, and innovation. NTTF (Nettur Technical Training Foundation) and JN Tata Vocational Training Institute – To explore technical education and skill-building in the modern economy. IDTR-Cummins – For understanding technology in engine design and vocational excellence. Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Ltd. – To see how sustainable practices are integrated into urban service operations. Tata Zoological Park – To learn about wildlife conservation, biodiversity, and environmental stewardship. Taking into account the summer heat and logistical demands of the program, Ananya Mittal has issued clear directives to the education and transport departments to ensure proper arrangements for safe transportation, food, hydration, and health precautions for all participating students.

"Project Anveshan is not just a field trip; it is a carefully crafted educational experience designed to inspire, inform, and empower our students with real-world exposure," said Mittal during a recent review meeting. "This initiative is about planting the seeds of aspiration and giving students a vision of the future that lies beyond textbooks."

The program aligns with the National Education Policy's emphasis on experiential learning and career awareness, and is part of the district's larger strategy to reduce the aspiration gap between government and private school students. By bringing students face-to-face with excellence in industry and academia, Project Anveshan 2.0 is poised to become a catalyst for change in the educational journeys of these young minds. (w/pb)

Health Minister's remark on BJP MLA sparks political storm

Jamshedpur, May 5: Jharkhand Health Minister Irfan Ansari has come under fire from the BJP after making an allegedly disrespectful remark about BJP MLA Purnima Sahu during a TV interview. Referring to her presence at the MGM Hospital following a tragic incident that claimed three lives and left two injured, Ansari commented that "she had cake on her face," triggering outrage.

BJP Jamshedpur Mahanagar President Sudhanshu Ojha strongly condemned the statement, calling it an insult not only to a female public representative but also to the grieving families. Ojha said the minister's insensitive and misogynistic remark reveals his irresponsible attitude and lack of empathy. He further added that such statements from someone holding a constitutional position reflect the alarming state of Jharkhand's health system.

Ojha also recalled previous instances where Minister Ansari had made derogatory remarks about women and questioned the effectiveness of his tenure. He accused the Hemant Soren-led government of inaugurating an incomplete MGM hospital building merely for publicity while the hospital continues to lack basic infrastructure.

Citing health initiatives launched by the previous BJP government, Ojha demanded an apology from Irfan Ansari and called for a high-level inquiry into the MGM hospital incident. He insisted on accountability from the officials responsible for continuing treatment in a building already declared unsafe. (w/nkm)

Sreeleathers pays tribute to Pritilata Waddedar and Kiranmayee Dey

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, May 5: Popular footwear brand, Sreeleathers organized a motivational program to commemorate the birth anniversaries of two iconic women - Kiranmayee Dey, the brand's source of inspiration, and Pritilata Waddedar, the first female martyr of India's freedom struggle. The event took place at the Sreeleathers showroom in Bistupur and saw participation from several women's organizations across the city. Led by social worker Jyotsna Dey, participants paid floral tributes and lit lamps in front of portraits of the two inspirational figures, reflecting on their courage, vision, and legacy. Simran and Nisha presented a soulful musical tribute celebrating motherhood and sacrifice, resonating deeply with the audience. Sreeleathers partner and social activist Shekhar Dey emphasized that the program was not just an act of remembrance but a reaffirmation of the company's commitment to women's empowerment. "The courage and vision of Kiranmayee Dey continue to inspire us. This event reflects our social role in championing such values across the country," he said.

Members of various organizations including the Jharkhand Bengali Association, Jamshedpur Mahila Samiti, The Milani, and Netaji Subhash Manch joined in paying tribute alongside Sreeleathers team members like Shyamal Shri, Preetilekha Roy, Bhaskar Mitra, Surojit Chatterjee, Bulbul Ghosh, Meera Sharma, and Jharna. (w/gsd)

Rotaract Club inaugurated at Srinath University

Akshat Rathore appointed President

Jamshedpur, May 5: Srinath University marked a new chapter in student leadership and social responsibility with the launch of its Rotaract Club under the guidance of Rotary Club Femina Jamshedpur. The induction ceremony celebrated youth empowerment and community service.



The event was graced by Chief Guest Rotarian Ronnie D'Costa, who delivered an inspiring address on the values of Rotary and the transformative role of youth. "Leadership is recognized by action, not by position," he emphasized, urging the new office bearers to lead with dedication, empathy, and a commitment to service. The program began with a warm welcome of Srinath University students by Rotary Club Femina members, followed by an introduction to the principles and mission of the global Rotaract movement.

During the formal induction, members pledged to uphold the Rotaract ideals of friendship, honesty, and social responsibility. Key office bearers of the newly formed Rotaract Club included Akshat Rathore (President), Saurav Kumar Sahu (Vice President), Pushkar Singh (Chair), Rai Nandkishore Tiwari (Treasurer), Hridyansh Raj (Public Image Chair), Anurag Kumar (Service Project Chair), Diwakar Kumar (Rotary Foundation Chair) and Shalini Ojha (Club Moderator). The ceremony concluded with a strong message of unity and service, laying a solid foundation for the club's future initiatives aimed at community development and youth leadership. (w/gsd)

Thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds forecast for Jharkhand

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 5: India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a weather advisory for Jharkhand, warning of likely thunderstorm activity, lightning, and gusty winds in several parts of the state. According to the forecast, thunderstorms are expected to occur at isolated locations, barring the north-western districts which are likely to remain largely unaffected.

The IMD has cautioned that gusty winds with speeds ranging between 30 to 40 kmph may accompany the thunderstorms, potentially posing risks to life, infrastructure, and outdoor activities.

Residents in the affected regions are urged to take necessary precautions such as staying indoors during lightning, securing loose items, and avoiding shelter under trees or open fields during intense weather activity.

Meteorological experts attribute the sudden change in weather to the formation of two prominent trough systems and associated cyclonic circulations spread across parts of eastern, central, and southern India.

The first of these, a north-south trough, has developed from a cyclonic circulation located over northern Gangetic West Bengal and stretches down to north coastal Andhra Pradesh, traversing through coastal Odisha. This system exists at an altitude of approximately 0.9 kilometers above mean sea level and is facilitating moisture incursion into the region.

Simultaneously, a second trough is active from a cyclonic system situated over south-central Uttar Pradesh, extending all the way to southern Tamil Nadu, and passing through Madhya Pradesh, northern Marathwada, and Interior Karnataka. This trough also lies at around 0.9 kilometers above mean sea level, and in combination with the first, is intensifying atmospheric instability over central and eastern India. (w/pb)

AFFIDAVIT

I, **PANKAJ KUMAR MISHRA**, Son of - Om Prakash Mishra, resident of Plot no.16, Road no.15, Jawaharnagar, J.K.S. colony, New Delhi public school, PO. Azadnagar, Jamshedpur, Dist. Singhbhum East, Jharkhand-832110, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:-

1. That in school records of my daughter her name is written as- Bhumi.
2. That I want to joint surname of my family as- Mishra, with my daughter's name.
3. That my daughter's will be known as-Bhumi Mishra in place of Bhumi in all future respects and purposes.
4. That I am swearing this affidavit to confirm the above facts are true and same will be produced before concerning authority of school for rectification of my daughter name as-Bhumi Mishra in place of Bhumi, hence this affidavit.

Advocate

MP Mahato inspects MGM Hospital after roof collapse



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 5: In the aftermath of the tragic roof collapse in the medicine ward of MGM Hospital that resulted in three deaths, Jamshedpur MP Bidyut Baran Mahato visited the hospital on Monday to assess the damage and gather details of the incident. He was accompanied by BJP Jamshedpur Mahanagar President Sudhanshu Ojha and senior district officials.

During the inspection, MP Mahato interacted with the hospital administration and reviewed the condition of the infrastructure. He stressed the importance of immediate and long-term corrective measures to prevent such life-threatening incidents in public healthcare facilities.

Extending his condolences to the victims' families, Mahato demanded a high-level investigation and strict action against any officials responsible for negligence. He stated that laxity in maintaining public health institutions cannot be tolerated and called for improved safety and accountability in hospital management. (w/nkm)

ACB nabs computer operator

Mail News Service

Ranchi, May 5: Anti corruption bureau (ACB) team has taken a big action in DMO office. On Monday, the ACB Ranchi team took action.

The computer operator has been arrested taking bribe. The ACB team took action and arrested Vindesh Tirkey while taking a bribe of Rs 2000.

It is worth noting that the ACB had received information that the computer operator was demanding bribe in the name of mining related data entry. While the plaintiff was not ready to give bribe. After which a complaint was made to the ACB. After which the matter was verified by the ACB, in the verification the matter of demanding bribe was found to be true. After which the ACB took action and arrested the computer operator.

Jaiswal Samaj honours ICSE Class 10 national topper Shambhavee Jayaswaal

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 5: The Jaiswal Samaj, Jamshedpur, paid a special visit to congratulate and honour ShambhaveeJayaswaal, a student of Loyola School, who secured the first position in the entire country in the ICSE Class 10 examinations.

The community celebrated her remarkable achievement with pride and joy.

A delegation led by Nandji Prasad, BJP Jharkhand State Secretary Deepak Kumar Jaiswal, Youth President Ashok Jaiswal, Youth General Secretary Sunil Prasad, Vimal Prasad, and Poonam Jaiswal, visited Shambhavee's residence. They felicitated her with a trophy and a shawl on behalf of the Jaiswal Samaj. The community leaders expressed that Shambhavee's success had brought immense pride not only to the Jaiswal Samaj but also to Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, and the entire country. She was seen as a source of inspiration for all students, especially within the community. Belonging to a family with a legacy of 22 doctors, including her father Dr. Abhishek Jaiswal and mother Dr. Ojasvi Shankar,



Shambhavee had chosen a different path. Instead of pursuing medicine, she aspires to enter the technical field and is currently preparing for the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE).

The Jaiswal Samaj and the residents of Jamshedpur extended their best wishes to Shambhavee for her future endeavors.(w/gsd)

Loyola holds special ceremony for ICSE National Topper

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 5: In a proud and emotional moment for the city, Loyola School, Jamshedpur, celebrated an extraordinary academic milestone as it felicitated Shambhavee Jayaswaal, the National Topper of the ICSE 2024-25 examinations, who secured a perfect 100% average — a rare feat in the history of the board.

The special assembly, held in the school auditorium, began with a warm welcome extended to Shambhavee and her parents, Dr. Abhishek Jayaswaal, radiologist at Meherbai Tata Memorial Hospital, and Dr. Ojaswi Shankar, gynaecologist at Tata Manipal Hospital. Currently pursuing science at DAV, Shambhavee aspires to become a



computer science engineer and is determined to serve the nation through innovation and integrity.

In her heartfelt speech, Shambhavee credited her success to the unwavering support of her mother, the guidance of her teachers, and her own strong sense of self-belief. Her achievements were formally honoured by Father Rector K M Joseph, who presented her with a token of appreciation, and Father Principal Vinod Fernandes, who handed over a commemorative memento. The school also honoured her parents with saplings — a gesture symbolizing growth and legacy.

Speaking at the event, Father Principal Vinod Fernandes remarked, "Shambhavee has not only topped the nation but also set a new benchmark in academic excellence, grace, and humility. She is a role model for every Loyolean."

The celebration also recognized other meritorious students of the school. Awards were presented to winners of the Maths and Science Olympiads, Intraschool Debate Competitions for Standards IX and X, and achievers in various recent co-curricular activities.

The event concluded on an inspiring note with Father Principal's address to the student body. He urged students to pursue excellence with dedication, reminding them that "success is not a destination, but a journey shaped by perseverance and purpose." (w/pb)

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

e-Tenders are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD/Chakradharpur for & on behalf of the President of India as mentioned below. The Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Sl. No. & Tender Notice No.; Name of the work; Tender Value; EMD; Completion period : (1) CKP-D-632/SCADA-I/AMC, dated 02.05.2025;** Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of SCADA-I system including 35 Nos. RTUs of Salga Jhari-Jharsuguda & Rajkharsawan-Dangoaposi sections of Chakradharpur Division also including the TEMS & TDMS related activities for three (03) years; ₹ 1,03,83,712/-; ₹ 2,01,900/-; 36 months. **(2) CKP.D.648/SCADA/AMC, dated 02.05.2025;** Maintenance Contract (AMC) of ASHIDA make SCADA system at RCC/Chakradharpur for Energy Annual Management System (EMS) as well as RTU installed at different TSS in Chakradharpur Division for four years; ₹ 84,44,064/-; ₹ 1,68,900/-; 48 months. **(3) CKP.D.800-Mast-Leaning, dated 02.05.2025;** Balance work for Improvement of leaning mast locations over Chakradharpur Division; ₹ 51,58,267.25; ₹ 1,03,200/-; 6 months. **(4) CKP-D-681-NS-KZU-MIK, dated 02.05.2025;** Shifting of existing neutral section of Kunki-Manikul DN line from Location No. 384/225 to 384/30S in Chakradharpur Division; ₹ 52,66,159.96; ₹ 1,05,300/-; 6 months. **Date and time of closing of tender:** 15.00 hrs. of 26.05.2025 for each. **Date and time of opening of tender :** 15.30 hrs. of 26.05.2025 for each. **Place of opening of e-tender :** Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD/S.E. Railway for each. The e-Tender can be viewed at Website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate in e-tendering. **(PR-114)**

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Jsr outraged over Pahalgam attack, BJP seeks expulsion of Pakistanis

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, May 5: Massive protests erupted in Jamshedpur on Monday against the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) demanding the immediate expulsion of Pakistani nationals from East Singhbhum district. The protest, led by BJP Jamshedpur Mahanagar President Sudhanshu Ojha, saw participation from senior leaders including former Chief Minister Raghubar Das, MP Bidyut Baran Mahato, former state BJP president Dr. Dineshanand Goswami and State Minister Nandji Prasad, along with hundreds of party workers and citizens.

The demonstrators marched from the BJP district office in Sakchi to the Deputy Commissioner's office, shouting slogans such as "Pakistanis Quit India" and "Down with Pakistan," and carried placards condemning terrorism. A memorandum addressed to the Deputy Commissioner was submitted via the Additional Deputy Commissioner in his absence.

Speaking to the media, Raghubar Das condemned the brutal killing of 27 civilians in Pahalgam, calling it a "blot on humanity." He urged swift action as per the directives of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to expel both legal and illegal Pakistani nationals. He also raised serious concerns about the growing illegal Bangladeshi infiltration in Jharkhand, blaming vote-bank politics for endangering the region's tribal heritage and identity.

MP Bidyut Mahato said, "No Pakistani national will be tolerated in Jamshedpur. Terrorism has spilled innocent blood and India must act decisively." Echoing similar sentiments, Dr. Goswami insisted on immediate deportation of every Pakistani national residing in East Singhbhum.

Sudhanshu Ojha asserted that BJP would not allow laxity in enforcement. "If the administration hesitates, we'll take to the streets," he warned.

Numerous BJP leaders and workers, including Devendra Singh, Chandrashekhar Mishra, Abhay Singh and others, were present during the protest. (w/nkm)

Jharkhand BJP stages protest



Ranchi, May 5 : Protests by BJP workers are underway across Jharkhand on Monday against Pakistani citizens who are living in the state and other parts of India. The agitations come amid increasing tensions between India and Pakistan over the Pahalgam terror attack that claimed the lives of 26 people, mostly tourists.

After the terror incident, the Centre had announced a slew of measures, including suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty, downgrading diplomatic relations with Islamabad, and ordering all Pakistanis on short-term visas to leave India by April 27 or face action.

Party workers led by Jharkhand BJP president BabulalMarandi took out a march in the state's capital Ranchi. Local MLA CP Singh, Hatia legislator Naveen Jaiswal and former leader of opposition Amar Bauri were among the party leaders who participated in the rally that was taken out from the city's Zila School Ground. They raised the slogan 'Pakistani Bharat Chhodo' during the rally, which will culminate at the district collectorate office, where the party leaders will hand over a memorandum to the Ranchi deputy commissioner.

Protests are also underway in various parts of Jharkhand, a BJP leader said. Bauri said BJP workers demand that the HemantSoren-led government identify and drive out Pakistanis from Jharkhand, as they are "not only a threat to the state but also the national security". The Ranchi MLA said Pakistanis do not have any right to live in India. "After the Pahalgam incident, the Centre is taking strict action. Now, all Pakistanis who are living in India have to leave our country," BJP spokesperson PratulShahdeo added. (w-mb)

Timetable revised for Hatia–Jharsuguda MEMU, Several trains cancelled for development work

Ranchi, May 5: South Eastern Railway has announced changes to the timetable of Train No. 18175 Hatia–Jharsuguda MEMU, effective from May 9, 2025. The revised schedule includes departure from Hatia at 13:10 hrs, followed by stops at Balsiring (13:21/13:22), Lodhma (13:34/13:35), Karra (13:48/13:49), Gobindpur Road (14:01/14:02), Bakaspur (14:11/14:12), Pokla (14:20/14:21), Pakra (14:29/14:30), Kurkura (14:39/14:40), Mahbuang (14:46/14:47), Bano (14:55/14:56), Kanarowan (15:01/15:03), Tati (15:14/15:15), Parbatonia (15:21/15:22), Odga (15:35/15:36) and Nuagaon (16:39/16:40). The remaining route from Nuagaon to Jharsuguda will follow the previous schedule.

In a separate development, due to maintenance and infrastructure development work on the Sini–Kandra rail section under Chakradharpur Division, several trains will be cancelled on May 6, 2025. Affected services include Train No. 18602 Hatia–Tatanagar Express, Train No. 18601 Tatanagar–Hatia Express, Train No. 58023 Tatanagar–Barkakana Passenger (via Muri) and Train No. 58024 Barkakana–Tatanagar Passenger (via Muri). Additionally, the existing Tatanagar–Barkakana–Tatanagar Passenger trains (No. 58023/58024) will be renumbered and operated as MEMU services under new train numbers 68085 and 68086. Train No. 68085 Tatanagar–Barkakana MEMU Passenger will begin operations from May 9, 2025, while Train No. 68086 Barkakana–Tatanagar MEMU Passenger will start from May 10, 2025.

The revised schedule for Train No. 68085 includes departure from Tatanagar at 15:00 hrs, with subsequent halts at Adityapur (15:07/15:08), Gamharia (15:15/15:16), Birarajpur (15:36/15:37), Kandra (15:46/15:47), Kunki (15:42/15:43), Manikui (15:49/15:50) and Chandil (16:20/16:22). The train will run as per its existing schedule from Chandil to Barkakana. (w/nkm)

12 sheep killed by lightning in Manoharpur

Administration begins compensation process

Mail News Service



Manoharpur, May 5: A lightning strike in Lemre village under Gangda Panchayat of Manoharpur block claimed the lives of 12 sheep belonging to seven villagers. The incident occurred as the animals were grazing near an electricity pole, which reportedly caught fire during the lightning strike. In response, a team from the block administration and the Animal Husbandry Department visited the site on Monday to assess the situation and provide support. Among the officials present were Block Development Officer (BDO) Shakti Kunj, Circle Officer (CO) Pradeep Kumar, Block Welfare Officer Rajendra Bara, and Yogendra Kumar from the Animal Husbandry Department.

SukhramChampiya, a resident of Tola Uttaragutu in Lemre, recounted that his sheep were grazing near the pole when the lightning struck, resulting in their death.

CO Pradeep Kumar assured the villagers concerned of compensation and instructed them to submit photocopies of their Aadhaar cards and bank passbooks for processing.

BDO Shakti Kunj also took note of other local issues during the visit, including two non-functional hand pumps, and promised to inform the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) for repairs.

Other officials, including AE Manya Muduiya and Panchayat Samiti member Rameshwar Champiya, were also present. The administration has assured timely assistance to all affected families.(w/gsd)

RVS Academy Principal honoured with "Best Principal of the Year" award

Mail News Service



Ranchi, May 5: Veesha Mohindra, Principal of RVS Academy, has been awarded the "Best Principal of the Year" at the prestigious Global Apex Awards 2025. The award ceremony took place on May 3 at the Hyatt Centric Hotel, New Delhi.

The award was presented by Honourable Parshottam Rupala, Member of Parliament (Rajkot), in recognition of Mohindra's exceptional leadership, dedication and commitment to the holistic development of students.

With over 25 years of experience in the field of education, Veesha Mohindra has transformed RVS Academy into a hub of excellence. Her innovative initiatives, such as digital learning, wellness programs for students and teacher training workshops, have been widely appreciated. Binda Singh, Chairman of RVS Academy, expressed immense pride in Mohindra's achievement, stating, "Her leadership is visionary and value-based. This award is a testament to her tireless efforts and her vision for the progress of the school." In her acceptance speech, Mohindra humbly dedicated the award to the entire school community, saying, "This honour belongs to all of us—teachers who guide our students, students who work hard, parents who trust us and management who always supports our vision." (w/nkm)

Telco rape accused acquitted due to Lack of evidence

Jamshedpur, May 5: A local court on Monday acquitted Nilesh Kumar Pandey, a resident of Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh, who was accused of luring a young woman from the Telco area into a relationship under false pretences and allegedly exploiting her sexually.

The verdict was delivered by ADJ-5 Manju Kumari's court, which found insufficient evidence to convict the accused.

According to the FIR lodged at Telco police station, the incident began on April 20, 2019, when the victim, a resident of Barinagar in Telco, received a call from an unknown number. The caller introduced himself as Roshan Asad and claimed to have received her number from Tabrez Khan, her friend's husband. He further claimed to be living in Mumbai and soon began sending her pictures of luxury cars to impress her. Eventually, the woman fell for his claims of wealth and love. The accused convinced her to accompany him to Lucknow on the pretext of marriage, along with Tabrez. Later, she discovered his real identity — Nilesh Kumar Pandey, son of Kamlesh Pandey from Pratapgarh. Nilesh then took her to Mumbai but left her at a friend's house where she was treated like a maid. He later took her to Surat to his brother-in-law's home but never married her. (w/nkm)

Labourer dies in Jamshedpur mudslide during excavation work

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Jamshedpur, May 5: A 21-year-old labourer tragically lost his life after being buried under mud during excavation work for the Bagbera Rural Mega Drinking Water Supply Project near Kusum Ghat in Bagbera. The deceased, Krishna Baske, a resident of Pradhantola in Bagbera, was on his first day as a daily wage worker. Another worker, identified as Panchu, was injured and is receiving treatment at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical College and Hospital (MGM). The incident occurred while workers were digging trenches for pipeline installation. According to initial reports, both labourers slipped due to wet soil and the surrounding earth collapsed on them. Krishna died on the spot, while Panchu was rescued by local residents after considerable effort.

Local people have expressed anger, blaming the contractor for negligence and lack of safety measures. One resident said, "The accident was due to the contractor's carelessness. There were no safety protocols in place." Bagbera Police Station in-charge, Gopal Yadav, confirmed the incident and stated, "One worker died and another was injured in the accident. We are investigating the matter and will take necessary action based on findings." The incident has raised concerns about safety standards in government-funded projects and the well-being of workers. Authorities are conducting further inquiries into the circumstances surrounding the tragedy. (w/nkm)

MTMC, Jsr Police host cancer awareness & health camp

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, May 5: The Outreach Department of Manipal Tata Medical College (MTMC), Jamshedpur, in association with the East Singhbhum Police, organized Cervical and Breast Cancer Awareness Program and Health Camp at Police Line in Jamshedpur on Sunday.

This crucial initiative, conceived under the guidance of Dr. Astha Raman, a KMC Manipal alumna and spouse of SSP East Singhbhum, aimed to educate and provide essential health screenings to police personnel.

The awareness session saw enthusiastic participation from approximately 100 police personnel (both female and male), while the health camp extended its benefits to over 230 individuals who received free on-site screenings and medical consultations.

The awareness session featured insightful discussions led by experts on the risk factors, characteristic signs and symptoms, and effective prevention strategies for both cervical and breast cancers.

Dr. OjasviShanker, Associate Professor at MTMC, and Dr. ArunimaVerma, Chief Medical Superintendent & HOD Surgery at Tata Motors Hospital, placed significant emphasis on the critical role of HPV vaccination, the importance of regular screening methods such as Pap smears and VIA, and the practice of breast self-examination.

Complementing the educational component, MTMC conducted a comprehensive health screening camp, offering a range of fundamental diagnostic services.

These included vital blood pressure measurements, body mass index (BMI) assessments, random blood sugar testing, and hemoglobin (Hb) estimation.

Following their screenings, all individuals received personalized health advice tailored to their results.

Participants identified with abnormal values or elevated risk factors were promptly referred to advanced healthcare centers for thorough evaluation and appropriate treatment.

Kishore Kaushal (IPS), Senior Superintendent of Police, and the chief guest for the event, expressed his sincere appreciation to MTMC for organizing this impactful initiative. (w-mb)

Kharge to address rally in Ranchi today

Ranchi: Congress president MallikarjunKharge will address the party's ' 'SamvidhanBachao' rally here on May 6, a party spokesperson said on Sunday. The rally will be held at Old VidhanSabha ground in Ranchi around 10.30am."Kharge will attend three important events of the state Congress during his day-long stay in Ranchi.

Waqf Amendment Act will safeguard tribal land: Bajpai

Mail News Service

Ranchi, May 5: BJP's Jharkhand incharge Dr. Laxmikant Bajpai launched a strong attack on the Congress and the INDIA alliance, accusing them of double standards and appeasement politics. Addressing a press conference at the party's state office, he stated that the BJP organized demonstrations across all districts of Jharkhand, where memorandums were submitted to the Deputy Commissioners, demanding the identification and deportation of Pakistani nationals residing illegally in the state.

Dr. Bajpai highlighted that following the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, in which 26 Hindus were killed, the Central Government had canceled 14 categories of visas issued to Pakistanis, and opened the Attari border to facilitate deportation.

He said Congress leaders were contradicting themselves - supporting anti-terror measures in all-party meetings while simultaneously questioning the armed forces and central government's actions through public statements.



He cited remarks by Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and former Punjab CM Charanjit Singh Channi as examples of putting appeasement politics above national interest. Bajpai also criticized Uttar Pradesh Congress President Ajay Rai for belittling the Indian Air Force's capabilities by referring to Rafael fighter jets as "toys," even after their successful demonstration on Indian highways.

Dr. Bajpai further accused the Congress of disrespecting the Constitution, referencing the Emergency, retention of Article 370, and neglect of the Mandal Commission. He said that while Congress spoke of constitutional values from the land of tribal icon Birsa Munda, it had historically undermined Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's legacy and constitutional principles.

Defending the Waqf Amendment Act, Bajpai said it acted as a legal shield to protect tribal land in Scheduled Areas like Jharkhand. He accused the Congress of spreading misinformation about the Act as part of its vote-bank politics.

State BJP leaders Manoj Kumar Singh, Shiv Pujan Pathak, and Rafia Naz were also present at the press con-

Loyola School Telco conducts orientation to prepare Std. 10 students and parents for ICSE 2026

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 5: Loyola School Telco organized a comprehensive orientation program for the parents and students of Std. 10 to ensure readiness for the upcoming ICSE 2026 Board Examinations. Held in the school hall, the session began with a prayer song and introductions to the school's faculty and management, establishing a collaborative environment focused on academic excellence and student well-being.

In her opening remarks, Principal Charanjeet Ohson emphasized the need for strong coordination between parents and teachers to support students' academic journeys. The session provided valuable insights into examination requirements, curriculum updates, and the support systems in place.

Key Takeaways from the Orientation:

ICSE Guidelines: Emphasis on maintaining 75% minimum attendance, understanding grading criteria, and completing project work with diligence.

Revised Exam Pattern: Mathematics exam duration increased from 2.5 to 3 hours to enhance students' analytical abilities.



Higher-Order Thinking Focus: Assessments will prioritize critical reasoning, application-based questions, and practical integration in theory papers. Improvement Exams under NEP 2020: Students can reappear for up to two subjects in the same academic year to improve scores.

Parental Role: Encouraged to offer emotional support, enforce discipline, and foster open dialogue with their children.

Academic Assistance: The school will offer extra classes, mentoring sessions, and additional study resources for students needing help.

Student Conduct: Stress on regular attendance, proper grooming, timely submission of assignments, and communication in English.

Assessment Structure: Clarity provided on subject groupings, internal assessments, and project guidelines.

Fr. Gerald Ravi D'Souza SJ, the School Administrator, underlined the importance of moral values and holistic development. He urged parents to lead by example and highlighted the school's infrastructure and extracurricular opportunities.

The orientation concluded with a call for unity and shared responsibility between the school and parents to ensure the success and overall growth of students preparing for ICSE 2026. (w/gsd)

Meeting held for disposal of complaint related to pollution being caused by Bihar Foundry

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Ramgarh, May 5: On Monday, a meeting was organized in the Collectorate Assembly Hall under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Ramgarh, Chandan Kumar, for disposal of complaint related to pollution being caused by Bihar Foundry.

Deputy Commissioner, Ramgarh, Chandan Kumar heard the views of both the parties. After this, Bihar Foundry informed the Deputy Commissioner and others through PPT about the work being done by Bihar Foundry Company for pollution control. Also, he gave detailed information about the work being done by ESP installed for pollution control.



Deputy Commissioner, while listening to the views of both the parties, directed the GM of Bihar Foundry to use the total 5 ESP machines installed in the factory continuously to stop the pollution being caused by them, and also directed to install a separate electricity meter for its monitoring.

Also, instructions were given to provide a photocopy of the readings received at the end of the week in the office.

He directed to provide the data of the Air Quality Index Reader installed by Bihar Foundry to measure pollution, hourly, for the months of April and May in the office.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed the representative of Bihar Foundry management to install Air Quality Index Digital Meter at three places on the non-cultivated land under the affected area as soon as possible. Deputy Commissioner, after discussions with both the parties, gave several guidelines to prevent pollution, while Bihar Foundry was instructed not to be negligent.

Mainly Deputy Development Commissioner Robin Toppo, Sub-Divisional Officer Anurag Kumar Tiwari, General Branch In-charge Reena Kujur, circle Officer, Ramgarh ,Sudeep Ekka, Directors from Bihar Foundry and locals were present in the meeting. (w/ms)

DSM School celebrates Labour Day by honouring support staff



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 5: DSM School for Excellence organized a special function to mark Labour Day, paying tribute to the dedication and hard work of its supporting staff. The event aimed to recognize their invaluable contributions to the school community.

As part of the celebration, students from Classes 11 and 12 stepped into the roles of the supporting staff for the day, gaining firsthand experience of their responsibilities and expressing gratitude through action.

Director Saugandh Singh, in his address, highlighted the significance of Labour Day and proposed renaming it as 'Mahatma Diwas' to reflect the dignity of labour. Principal Geeta Nair concluded the program with a vote of thanks. The event served as a meaningful gesture of appreciation, strengthening the bond between students, staff, and school leadership.(w/gsd)

Jugsalai: JDU delegation demands immediate action on civic issues

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 5: A delegation of the Janata Dal (United), led by East Singhbhum District President Subodh Srivastava, met the Executive Officer of Jugsalai Municipality on Monday to address pressing public issues in the Jugsalai Assembly constituency.

The delegation submitted a memorandum outlining key concerns, including poor road conditions, lack of cleanliness, congested drains, irregular garbage collection, and the need for regular bleaching powder spraying and fogging to control mosquito breeding.

Responding promptly, the Executive Officer summoned the municipality's junior engineer and instructed immediate resolution of road issues in Rath Gali and other affected areas. He also assured the delegation that cleanliness drives in the Jugsalai region would be intensified and aligned with public expectations.

The delegation comprised JDU leaders Satyendra Singh, Adarsh Kumar, Suresh Prasad, Shailesh Singh, Sanjay Singh, Ravindra Kumar, L.V. Singh, Birendra Yadav, Manoj Singh, Shivam Kumar, and Sanjay Singh, among others.(w/gsd)

IIT ISM holds lecture on Environmental Issues in Food Processing

Mail News Service

Dhanbad, May 5 : IIT ISM on Monday held a key note lecture on Environmental Issues in Food Processing. Ashok Agarwal, director of KLA Food India Ltd was chief speaker and he shed light on the pressing environmental challenges posed by food processing industries and emphasized sustainable, resource-efficient solutions. The lecture was organized by Centre for Mining Environment at the Department of Environmental Science & Engineering (ESE), IIT ISM. The organizer said lecture was a part of ongoing Centenary Celebration of IIT ISM under 'Mission of LIFE". The institution is going to celebrate centenary year in 2026. Agarwal while speaking underlined he significant role of agro-industrial systems in environmental sustainability and climate resilience. He presented practical, scalable strategies for transforming food production and processing practices.



Prof. Sukumar Mishra, director, IIT ISM and Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, deputy director, helped in successfully conducted the programme. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Prof. Alok Sinha, Head of the Department of ESE & Coordinator, EIACP (PC-RP), along with Prof. Biswajit Paul, Professor, Department of ESE, and Prof. Suresh Pandian E., Associate Professor, Department of ESE & Co-coordinator, EIACP (PC-RP).

The organizer sai9d the session stimulated an engaging dialogue around SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), the need for sustainable industrial practices, and the growing importance of industry-academia collaboration in driving forward the Mission LiFE agenda. (w/sm)

Saryu assigns new responsibilities for better public service

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 5: In a move aimed at enhancing efficiency, transparency, and accessibility in public service delivery, Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy has appointed three individuals to specific representative roles within the constituency.

According to a press release, Sheshnath Pathak has been appointed as the Solar LED Light Representative for the Jamshedpur West Assembly Constituency. Pawan Kumar Singh, a resident of Mango, will serve as the Representative for Higher and Technical Education, while Amit Sharma of Birsanagar has been designated as the Area Representative for Unorganized Labourers.

These appointments have been made with immediate effect. MLA Roy has also forwarded the information to the Deputy Commissioner of East Singhbhum for necessary coordination and action.(w/gsd)

Coal minister praises BCCL for record production

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Dhanbad May 5: Union minister of state for coal and mines Satish Chandra Dubey praised Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) , a subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL), for registering record production of 3.39 million tonnes coal in month of April.



The minister advised the BCCL authorities to start working on strategy for achieving production target of 2025-26. In 2025-26 financial years Bharat Coal India Limited has production target of 46 MT while CIL has 875 MT.

The union minister of state, who arrived here from Ranchi on Sunday evening while chairing reviewing meeting highly appreciated community development , environment production and CSIR activities of BCCL. He advised the officials for increasing the area.

" Since BCCL produces coking coal which is most important for requirement of industry", said the minister. He also discussed on progress of Jharia Master Plan for rehabilitation of fire zone area residents.

The minister said that since CIL and its subsidiary companies (BCCL) are achieving the coal production target, power plant would not face any crisis of coal.

" The impact of CIL and BCCL performance would also be seen on activities of CSIR in the region", said the minister.

A senior official of BCCL said union minister took stock of coal production, dispatch and other activities in review meeting.

Earlier BCCL chairman cum managing director (CMD) Samiran Dutta informed the minister about the efforts of company for achieving coal production target and CSIR activities. He also informed that company (BCCL) registered record production in April month.

Director (human resources) Murli Krishna Ramaia, director (finance) Rakesh Kumar Sahay, director (technical) Sanjay Kumar Singh, director (project) Manoj Kumar Agrawal and chief vigilance officer of BCCL Aman Raj were also present at review meeting. (w/sm)

BJP demands immediate deportation of Pakistani nationals in protest rally

Chaibasa, May 5: In a strong protest organized by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in West Singhbhum district, party workers held a massive demonstration on Monday demanding the identification and immediate deportation of all Pakistani nationals residing in India, following the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir that killed 28 innocent tourists. The protest was held under the direction of BJP State President Babulal Marandi. Party workers, led by District President Sanjay Pandey (Sanju), gathered at Rungta Garden Chowk and marched to the Deputy Commissioner's office chanting slogans like "Pakistanis Quit India" and "Bharat Mata Ki Jai". A formal memorandum demanding urgent action was submitted to the administration. Former MP and state spokesperson Geeta Koda accused the state government of turning a blind eye toward illegal Pakistani and Bangladeshi immigrants who have allegedly created safe havens in Jharkhand. Former minister Barkunbar Gagrai and BJP leader JB Tubid also voiced concerns over national security threats posed by foreign nationals and urged strict enforcement of Home Ministry directives. (w/nkm)



BJP seeks support from Mithila community for NDA in Bihar polls

Jamshedpur, May 5: As part of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jamshedpur Mahanagar organized a 'Bihar Sammelan' on Sunday at Jamshedpur Circuit House. The event witnessed active participation from office bearers of the Mithila Sanskritik Parishad and prominent members of the Mithila community. The central objective of the meet was to rally support for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections. Led by Vijay Tiwari, city coordinator of the campaign and district BJP secretary, the event was attended by former Bihar BJP General Secretary Sushil Chaudhary and Jamshedpur Mahanagar BJP President Sudhanshu Ojha, along with several intellectuals and dignitaries from the Mithila community. The speakers highlighted the rich cultural legacy of Mithila, its social unity and its vital contribution to Bihar's progress. They emphasized that the unity and proactive involvement of the Mithila community could significantly bolster NDA's prospects in the elections. Representatives of the community pledged their unified support for NDA's victory. Prior to the speeches, Chaudhary was welcomed with traditional Mithila symbols—pag and angavastram.



Sushil Chaudhary urged the Mithila community to use their networks to share NDA's development-focused policies with Bihar voters. Similarly, District President Ojha appealed to the community to reach out to their family and friends in Bihar to encourage their support for NDA. Other attendees included Subodh Jha, Mohan Thakur, Shishir Jha, Dharmendra Jha and several community leaders. (w/nkm)

RIMS Ranchi central emergency plunges in mess, JDA sends SoS to Supt

Mail News Service

Dhanbad, May 5: Defunct infrastructure and lack of basic medicines in central emergency department of Rajendra Institute of Medical Science (RIMS) Ranchi has crippled treatment facilities in premier health institution of Jharkhand.

Plagued by condition, RIMS Junior Doctors Association (JDA) on Friday evening sent SoS to medical superintendent, demanding immediate address of defunct apparatus of central emergency so that patients as well as doctors do not suffer.

In a memorandum to RIMS medical superintendent, JDA has informed that for very long time RIMS central emergency department has been functioning in crippled manner and it requires immediate measurers for smooth operating.

The JDA memorandum, signed by president Dr Ankit Kumar, executive president Dr Abhishek Laguri, vice-presidents Dr Abhishek hansdak, Dr Amit Kumar, Dr Aradhna Kumari, Dr Kumari Kirti and secretary Dr OM Prakash has pointed out that more than half of the monitors in central emergency are non-functional.



The central emergency even lacks basic medicines such as Paracetamol, IV fluids are not available, non- supply of IV cannuala, IV set, blood transfusion potrays.

"It is very embarrassing to say that RIMS, which is called tertiary centre of Jharkhand, is devoid of such amenities which should be available at PHC. The patients come here with hope of getting proper treatment which should be provided at tertiary centre but do not get due to lack of basic facilities", said the memorandum. Lack of separate cabin in emergency department for fraternity members in need of emergency also land medicos in embarrassing situation and hamper treatment of patients.

JDA Demands: JDA in its memorandum has also served 5 points demand to RIMS superintendent for ensuring smooth functioning central emergency department. The demands are ensuring availability of medicines supply in all department, ban on purchasing of medical supply from private shop, deployment of separate store in-charge and fixing his accountability, establishment of separate cabin in emergency department for doctors, allocation of MPWs as per requirement in emergency department operation.

" JDA hopes necessary measures will be initiated earliest for smooth functioning of emergency department", said the memorandum. (w/sm)

JMM announces new central executive committee with 63 members



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Ranchi, May 5: After the 13th Central Convention of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) held at the Sports Village in Ranchi, the party announced its newly formed Central Executive Committee. At the convention, Shibu Soren was reappointed as the party's founding patron, while Hemant Soren was reaffirmed as the Central President of the JMM.

Among the key appointments, Nalin Soren, Professor Stephen Marandi and Rupai Soren were named as Vice Presidents. Additionally, Kalpana Soren was inducted as a member of the Executive Committee. In total, 63 individuals have been given positions within the committee.

Vinod Kumar Pandey and Supriyo Bhattacharya have been reappointed as General Secretaries and Spokespersons. Other notable appointments include Nand Kishore Mehta, Abhishek Prasad Pinto, Pankaj Mishra and Sameer Mohanti as secretaries. Hemlal Murmu, Kunal Sharangi and Manoj Kumar Pandey have been appointed as spokespersons, while several others, including Deepak Birua, Sudivya Kumar Sonu and Kamal Nayan Singh, have been made Executive

Speaker's role in JMM executive sparks ethical debate

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Ranchi, May 5: The recent appointment of Jharkhand Assembly Speaker Ravindra Nath Mahato as a member of the JMM Central Executive Committee has sparked ethical concerns. Critics argue that a Speaker, who holds a neutral constitutional position, should not remain an active member of any political party.

Former Assembly Speaker Inder Singh Namdhari also weighed in, stating that a Speaker must avoid any active political role to maintain impartiality. On the other hand, JMM General Secretary Vinod Kumar Pandey defended the move, stating that since the Speaker is elected from a party's ticket, it is not inappropriate for them to hold a position in the party's executive committee.

Speaker Mahato himself clarified that while there is no constitutional provision prohibiting such an appointment, he would step down from his party role if it causes any conflict of interest.

The controversy has raised questions about the balance between political affiliations and the neutrality expected from the Speaker's office. (w/nkm)

BJP stages protest, demands deportation of Pakistanis and infiltrators

Seraikela, May 5: Led by BJP District President Uday Singhdeo, members of the BJP in Seraikela-Kharsawan staged a strong protest outside the Deputy Commissioner's office. The protestors submitted a memorandum demanding that the district administration, through the Governor and the Chief Minister, issue immediate instructions to identify and deport all legal and illegal Pakistani nationals and infiltrators residing in the district.

The protest was sparked by the April 25 terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, where Pakistan-backed terrorists reportedly killed 26 innocent Hindus after confirming their religion. Following this, the central government imposed several restrictions on Pakistan and cancelled visas of all Pakistani nationals under Section 3(1) of the Foreigners Act.

The BJP leaders insisted that a similar stringent approach be adopted in the district. "We urge the administration to act swiftly and ensure that such elements are identified and removed from our soil," the memorandum stated.

Former MLA Anant Ram Tudu, Rakesh Singh, Ramesh Hansda, Madhu Gorai, Raja Singhdeo and many others were present during the protest, demonstrating strong organizational support for the demand. (w/nkm)

Inter-village football tournament kicks off in Murumdeeh



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Gamharia, May 5: The NBC Dugdha inaugurated an Inter-Village Long Football Tournament in Murumdeeh village, Gamharia. JMM Block President Bhomra Majhi inaugurated the event, which will run for nearly two months and feature 16 teams from nearby rural areas.

The winning team will receive Rs 22,000 and a trophy, while the runner-up will be awarded Rs 18,000 and a trophy. Outstanding individual players will also be recognised with special prizes.

The organizing committee includes Majhi Baba Duku Tudu, Committee President Suru Tudu, Bablu Pradhan, Debashish Pradhan, Motu Mardi and Raj Mardi. The event aims to promote sportsmanship and community bonding in the region. (w/nkm)

Solar-powered irrigation pumps distributed to 24 farmers

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Seraikela, May 5: In a significant move towards modernising agriculture and ensuring water access for irrigation, 24 farmers from Seraikela district received mobile surface solar-powered irrigation units on Monday. These 2 HP pump sets were distributed under the Jharkhand government's ambitious "Kisan Samriddhi Yojana." Speaking at the distribution event held at the District Agriculture Department premises, Zilla Parishad Chairman Sonaram Bodra said, "This initiative will greatly benefit our farmers by helping them irrigate their fields more effectively, especially during low rainfall."

ATMA Project Director Vijay Kumar Singh informed that the units are provided with a 90% subsidy, reducing the financial burden on the farmers. "Each unit costs Rs 1,81,075, but the farmers only pay 10%, amounting to Rs 18,175 via demand draft," he said. He added that 42 such units had already been distributed earlier and a total of 247 are planned for the district. The solar pump units can irrigate about one acre of land and are completely eco-friendly. They are also portable and can be safely stored after use. "These pumps are suitable for all water sources and farmers should take full advantage of this scheme," Singh added.

The event saw participation from ATMA official Mukesh Kumar and other beneficiaries, who welcomed the initiative with enthusiasm. (w/nkm)

Former employees demand dues from HCL before Rakha Copper Mines hearing



Jaduguda, May 5: A crucial meeting was held today, Sunday, at the Rakha Copper Puja Pandals, where former employees of Rakha Copper Mines gathered before the upcoming public hearing for the lease renewal of the mines. The meeting was presided over by Sanatan Bhakt, with Alok Kumar and Bhim Majhi conducting the proceedings.

During the meeting, the former employees made a significant decision to demand that Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) pay the outstanding dues. They stated that they would only welcome the public hearing scheduled for May 9-13 if the payment was made, otherwise, they would boycott the event.

Former employee leader Sanatan Bhakt expressed that they welcome the reopening of Rakha Copper Mines but stressed that HCL must first address their demands. These include the payment of outstanding salary revisions, employment for the nominees of deceased employees, job opportunities for the dependents of deceased workers and preferential hiring for local unemployed individuals.

Additionally, they called for vocational training for mine workers, along with the provision of essential services such as water, electricity, education and healthcare in the surrounding villages under HCL's CSR initiatives.

Among the attendees of the meeting were several former employees including Alok Kumar, Sanatan Bhakt, Bhim Majhi, Kamla Mukhi, Vijay Krishna Bhakt, Surjit Kumar Sahu, Ram Baske, Narayan Chandra Rai, Ravindra Mahto, Jayaram Murmu, Bhagwan Mandal, Parmeshwar Bhakt, Nivas Gop, Nirmal Chandra Medina, Sushil Soren, Hesi Majhi, Shankar Majhi and many others. It is worth noting that the Rakha Copper Mines were shut down in July 2001 under questionable circumstances and the salary revision payments for former employees remain pending even after 24 years. (w/nkm)

New Ayushman Arogya Mandir inaugurated at Dumardih Village

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Seraikela, May 5: A new Ayushman Arogya Mandir was inaugurated at Dumardih village under Rajnagar block on Monday, marking a major step forward in rural healthcare. Local Mukhiya Nimai Soren inaugurated the health centre by cutting the ceremonial ribbon. Speaking on the occasion, Soren stated, "This centre will significantly strengthen rural healthcare by providing accessible and free primary medical services."

Established under the Government of India's Ayushman Bharat scheme, the centre will offer maternal and child care, management of communicable and non-communicable diseases, dental, eye, ENT treatments, mental health counselling, emergency first aid and free essential medicines and diagnostic services. It embodies the "one-roof complete care" model, eliminating the need for villagers to travel long distances for treatment.

Efforts are also underway to integrate digital healthcare services by connecting the centre with the internet, thus enabling telemedicine and e-Sanjeevani consultations. Additionally, the centre will host regular yoga sessions and health awareness campaigns to promote disease prevention. Villagers have warmly welcomed the centre's opening. The inaugural event saw the presence of CHO Antarjami Kamila, ANM Seema Mardi, Sahiyas, local leaders and social workers including Akaliya Sardar and Mahadev Pati, among others. (w/nkm)

120th birth anniversary of Ol Chiki creator celebrated

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Seraikela, May 5: The 120th birth anniversary of Pandit Raghunath Murmu, the creator of the Ol Chiki script for the Santali language, was commemorated at Pandit Raghunath Murmu Chowk, Rola, Rajnagar. The event, organized by Adivasi Sengel Abhiyan, began with traditional rituals led by Nayke Baba Kade Murmu, followed by tributes and floral offerings.

Sugnath Hembram, Ponot Pargana of Jharkhand, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of Ol Chiki and Murmu's unfulfilled dream. "Although Ol Chiki was introduced in 1925 and 100 years have passed, the Santali language still lacks due recognition in its own state," he said. He criticized the Jharkhand government for not declaring Santali, included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution since 2003, as the state's first official language.

Pandit Murmu, born on May 5, 1905, in Dandbush village of Odisha's Mayurbhanj district, was not only a teacher but also a playwright and author. His notable works include plays like Vidhu-Chandan and Dare Ge Dhon. "It's not enough to celebrate his birth anniversary; we must walk the path he showed—'Ol menag tama, rod menag tama, dhorom menag tama, amahon menama,'" Hembram added, urging preservation and promotion of Santali culture and language.

The event saw participation from numerous community members including Parvati Hembram, John Murmu, Vijay Hansda and others. (w/nkm)

Frontline workers honoured for Gamharia's top rank in aspirational programme

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Gamharia, May 5: A felicitation ceremony was held at the Auto Cluster in the industrial area to honour the frontline workers who played a vital role in Gamharia block's outstanding performance under the Aspirational Block Programme. The block recently received the first prize in the Prime Minister's Awards 2024.

Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla, who graced the event as the chief guest, applauded the contributions of Anganwadi workers, Sahiyas, ANMs, CHOs, Panchayat Secretaries, Mukhiyas and other officials. "The visible development in Gamharia is the result of their tireless efforts. Their motivation is essential to sustain and improve performance," he said.

He urged all departments to continue working in coordination for even better outcomes and encouraged other blocks to follow Gamharia's example. Orientation sessions were also conducted to help the workers align with future indicators and maintain high standards under the Aspirational Block Programme.

The event saw participation from Deputy Development Commissioner Ashish Agarwal, BDO Abhay Kumar Dwivedi, CO Kumar Arvind Bedia, CDPO Durgesh Nandini and several health workers, education officials and local representatives. (w/nkm)

40 students from SSRVM explore retail industry at Mega Mart



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Ghatshila, May 5: On Monday, around 40 students from Class XI Arts and Commerce at Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir (SSRVM) visited Vishal Mega Mart as part of an educational tour. The objective of the visit was to give students practical insights into the functioning of the retail industry and consumer behaviour.

During the visit, the students toured various departments of the mega mart, learning about different clothing types, fabrics and their styling. They also explored food items, their packaging and branding.

Teachers Subhojit Ganguly and Debosmita Das accompanied the students during the visit. "It was an excellent opportunity for the students to understand how the retail market operates and how products are presented to consumers," said teacher Subhojit Ganguly. The tour gave students a hands-on understanding of the industry, making the experience both educational and valuable for their future career choices. (w/nkm)

'Dhulundi' web series premieres on OTT, showcases Ghatshila's struggle for justice

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Ghatshila, May 5: A new web series, Dhulundi, produced by Ghatshila resident and Bengali actor Shantanu Pani, premiered on May 3rd on the HIPPIIX OTT platform. The series, set against the rugged landscapes of Ghatshila, is a gripping portrayal of the Maoist movement and the battle for justice in a corrupt system.

Shantanu Pani not only stars in the series but also wrote the story, script and screenplay. He plays the role of an honest police superintendent who is transferred to the fictional town of Dhulundi. As he uncovers the exploitation of locals by powerful figures, he is forced to confront the deep-rooted corruption in the system. Produced on a lavish budget of over Rs 1 crore, Dhulundi has been a significant project for the region, bringing attention to Ghatshila's beauty and struggles. "It was a dream to bring this story to life and showcase the heart of Ghatshila," said Pani. The series also offered a platform for local talents, with auditions bringing them into the spotlight.

The series stars Poly Chatterjee, Tapas Chatterjee and Anand Agarwal in key roles. The breathtaking cinematography of Ghatshila's jungles, mountains and HCL company sites has drawn attention for its authenticity and raw storytelling. (w/nkm)

Economic blow most effective

India's response to the Pahalgam terror attack signals a shift towards a more calculated and comprehensive strategy against Pakistan. Beyond military retaliation, the government is now focusing on striking where it can hurt the most—Pakistan's already fragile economy. By imposing a complete ban on all imports from Pakistan, including third-country trade, India has delivered a significant economic jolt. This is a strong, strategic move in line with modern geopolitics, where economic sanctions and trade restrictions often achieve more than conventional warfare.

Following the brutal Pahalgam attack, which investigations reveal was orchestrated with the help of Pakistani infiltrators, India has taken several steps—suspending the Indus Water Treaty, stopping air routes and demolishing the homes of local terrorists involved. Intelligence inputs confirm the involvement of a Lashkar-e-Taiba proxy group, with support from Pakistan's army and its notorious intelligence agency, ISI. The NIA has unearthed critical evidence, reinforcing India's claim that Pakistani soil continues to be used for launching terror attacks.

Despite overwhelming evidence, Pakistan sticks to its pattern of denial. This consistent refusal to acknowledge the use of its territory for cross-border terrorism has lost it global credibility. In contrast, India is actively engaging with the international community, highlighting Pakistan's duplicity. Training camps in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, under the patronage of the military and ISI, remain operational. The world knows this, yet some nations still urge both countries to exercise restraint.

However, India's economic measures could prove to be more punishing than symbolic. Even though direct trade had already dwindled and borders were mostly closed, trade through third countries continued. By cutting off this lifeline, India targets the economic roots that sustain Pakistan's terror infrastructure. A weakened economy limits a nation's ability to fund subversive activities. This move sends a message that India is not just reacting emotionally but responding with strategic depth.

In today's world, economic power is as potent as military might. Guns may kill, but economic isolation bleeds a nation slowly and decisively. India's economic embargo, combined with diplomatic outreach and domestic counterterror operations, is a clear indicator that it will not tolerate terrorism in any form. It is a policy of sustained pressure—not impulsive retaliation—and might just be the most effective long-term weapon in this prolonged battle.

From the Editorial Desk

India sees sharp rise in GCCs focused on renewable energy

As global capability centres (GCCs) continue to surge in India, such centres focused on renewable energy, with significant offshoring opportunities across upstream, midstream and downstream, are also growing significantly in the country.

India is witnessing a sharp rise in GCCs focused on areas such as oil and gas, power and utilities, renewable energy, and mining.

The country is one of the leading GCC destinations globally and is the preferred destination for driving an organisation's GCC journey, with multiple options across Bengaluru, Mumbai, Pune, Delhi-NCR, Hyderabad, Chennai, and others.

"Bridging the gap between India's burgeoning GCC landscape and its comprehensive energy sector is a story of synergy and innovation. India hosts more than 30 energy sector GCCs, with centres spread across the country dedicated to driving innovation through digital transformation and automation," according to a latest EY report.



Energy industry leaders have established a considerable presence in Indian cities like Bengaluru, Chennai, and Pune.

These corporations are leveraging India's strengths to streamline their operations and improve their processes in energy production and distribution, making a significant contribution to the global energy infrastructure modernisation.

India's energy sector is powered by a diverse and skilled workforce with 2.5 million STEM graduates and 1.5 million engineering students graduating annually.

According to research conducted by EY, more than 20,000 people are employed in energy GCCs, which are pivotal for innovation and responding to increasing energy demands.

The renewable energy sector is witnessing substantial growth, with wind energy capacity reaching 42.8 GW as of April 2023 and projected to grow to 63 GW by 2030.

Also, Bengaluru is becoming a hub for professionals skilled in turbine micro-siting, GIS mapping, and aerodynamic modelling - expertise vital for advancing wind energy infrastructure.

Simultaneously, the hydrogen energy sector is gaining momentum, with key talent clusters in Mumbai, Pune, Ahmedabad, and Chennai. These regions are home to professionals specialising in hydrogen blending, storage solutions, and refinery operations, all critical to supporting India's transition to green hydrogen solutions.

"The outlook for GCCs in India's energy sector is promising, offering new entrants a chance to leverage a favourable business environment and skilled workforce. Existing GCCs can boost competitiveness and foster energy industry digital transformation by expanding service portfolios," said the report.

The GCC market in India has experienced remarkable growth, with the market size reaching $64 billion and a CAGR of approximately 9.8 per cent for FY2019-2024.

Currently, India hosts over 1,700 GCCs, employing more than 1.9 million people and accounting for 55 per cent of the global share.

By 2030, it is anticipated that India will have around 2,200 to 2,500 GCCs, with a market size projected to surge to $110 billion and total employment rising to 2.8 million.

Maa Janaki - The Epitome of Womanhood

Sita Navmi on May 6



Prabhat Kishore

Janaki Navami or Sita Navami has great significance in Sanatan Dharma and Indian culture. Janak Nandini and spouse of Bhagwan Ram was born or revealed on the Navami Tithi of Shukla Paksha of Vaishakh month. This day falls exactly one month after Sri Ram Navami and is celebrated with great pomp and gaiety all over the Indian Sub-continent.

Maa Sita was the adopted daughter of Raja Janak, the king of Mithila (also called Videh), hence she is also termed as Janaki or Janak Nandini or Vaidehi. According to Sanatan Dharma mythology, Raja Janak was ploughing the land during a Yagya ritual at present day Sitamarhi in Bihar, the border district of Nepal. He found a baby within a golden casket in the furrow of the field, whom the childless king accepted as the divine gift as his beloved daughter. Sri Ram was the Avtar of Bhagwan Vishnu and Maa Sita is regarded as the embodiment of his wife Devi Lakshmi. She is also called Bhumija as she appeared from the Bhumi i.e. the earth.

Prabhu Sri Ram and Maa Sita are considered as an ideal couple. Although several hurdles had come in their way, they were firm about their relationship. The character of Maa Sita is the epitome of an ideal woman in the human world and almost all families have the ambition for a daughter, a spouse, a daughter-in-law, a sister-in-law, or a mother like Sita. She is known for her dedication, sincerity, courage, purity and self-sacrifice. She was a princess, but she accompanied her husband as a Pativrata Stree (devoted wife) during his exile. She loved Lakshman and Hanuman as her brother and son.

She followed the traditions of helping the poor & Sant by providing Bhiksha (i.e. alms) to Ravan, who was disguised as Sadhu. She was intelligent and had the presence of mind to throw her jewels to the monkeys, which later helped Sri Ram-Sena to trace the abducted route. After her kidnapping, she warned Ravan for the debacle of his generation due to his misdeeds.

Sita was unhappy with her separation or informal divorce during her pregnancy, but she was courageous. She decided to give birth to children and equip them with all virtues. She lived as a single mother in the later part of her life. She didn't consider herself a victim and did not go back to Ayodhya to demand equal rights. She understood Sri Ram's internal struggle to choose the role between a king and a husband.

She performed her duty as the beloved daughter of Raja Janak's family, the daughter-in-law of Raja Dashrath's family, the spouse of Prabhu Ram, and lastly the mother of Maharaj Luv and Kush. When Luv and Kush were accepted by the Praja of Ayodhya and father Ram, her last role as mother was also completed and she returned to the womb of Dharati Mata (the earth) to seek solace from the cruel world, where purity needs proof from women.

On the auspicious day of Janaki Navami, the married women observe Upwas (a day-long fast) for the longevity and success of their husbands and worship Sri Ram and Maa Sita to seek their blessings. Along with deities of Ram, Sita and Lakshman, the plow representing Dharti Mata (Earth) is also worshipped with proper Puja-vidhi. Devotees chant the shlok of Rigveda (4.57.6) - "Arvachi Subhage Bhava Site Vandamahe Tva. Yatha Nah Subhagasasi Yathah Nah Sufalasasi." (O Maa Site, come in front of us. We bow before you. O Goddess, enriched with supreme treasure and vibes, please show your kindness and generosity and be the harbinger of auspicious outcomes for us).

Maa Sita, her character and life of struggle is part and parcel of the enriched culture of the Indian Sub-continent. It is believed that by performing the Puja rituals and Vrat on Janaki Navami bestows virtues like modesty, motherhood, sacrifice and dedication and blesses a joyful and prosperous married life..

(The Author is a technocrat and educationist, Views are personal.)

" Bhai Pragat Kumari Bhumi-Vidari Jan Hitkari Bhayahari.
Atulit Chhabi Bhari Muni-Manhari Janak Dulari Sukumari.
Sundar Sinhasan Tehi Par Aasan Koti Hutasan Dyutikari.
Sir Chhatra Birajai Sakhi Sang Bhajai Nij-Nij Karaj Kardhari.
Sur Siddh Sujana Hanai Nishana Chadhe Bimana Samudai,
Barsahin Bahuphula Mangal Moola Anukoola Siya Gun Gai.
Dampati Anurageu Prem Supageu Yah Sukh Layun Manlai,
Astuti Siya Keri Premlateri Barani Sucheri Sir Nai."

- Goswami Tulsidas

Asthma affects 30 million in India; 57,000 lives lost in 2022 alone

May 6 is World Asthma Day



Dr Rudra Prasad Samanta

World Asthma Day (WAD) is organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma, (GINA), a World Health Organization collaborative organization founded in 1993.

World Asthma day is a global event celebrated every year throughout the world on the first Tuesday in May to create awareness among the people regarding the prevalence and management of Bronchial Asthma

The first world asthma day was started in May 1998. This year it will be observed on 6th of May . This year the theme for world asthma day is "Asthma care for all " which means treatment and management for asthma should be accessible to all people irrespective of caste , creed , sect, color and financial status . It emphasizes the need to create treatment for asthma affordable even for poorer people, , asthma treatment accessible even in remote areas, and create awareness regarding asthma among all people both in urban and in rural areas

Bronchial Asthma is one of the major non communicable diseases seen in children as well as adults and it is the most chronic condition affecting children.

In 2021 as per the global burden of disease , it is estimated that asthma affected about 261 million people and caused 436,000 deaths globally. The global prevalence of asthma was 9.1% in children, 11.0% in adolescents, and 6.6% in adults, according to the Global Asthma Report .

Approximately 3% of India's population (around 30 million) have asthma , and about 57,000 deaths in India were attributed to asthma in 2022.

Around 10% to 15% of cases that we see in our Pulmonology OPD in Tata Main Hospital are of cases of Bronchial Asthma.



So it is quite prevalent not only globally , but also in India and here in Jamshedpur

What is asthma / Bronchial Asthma ?

Bronchial asthma or commonly known as "asthma" is a chronic lung inflammatory condition that causes narrowing of airway passages in the lungs resulting in symptoms like cough, wheezing , chest tightness and breathlessness. As the disease progresses , the airways become so narrow that sufficient oxygen does not reach the lungs for circulation in our body and this may cause death if not immediately treated .

Therefore the need of the hour is to diagnose asthma early , starting of correct treatment early and continuing treatment as per doctors advise.

As per the theme of this year's world asthma day " asthma care for all " , it is vital to educate everyone regarding the disease , its symptoms , treatment , misconceptions , prevention and when to consult a doctor , and make treatment affordable and accessible for all people irrespective of financial status and location

Symptoms usually include cough for a prolonged period with or without phlegm, wheezing (whistling sound during breathing) , chest tightness and breathlessness on activity.

Patients with asthma usually present with more than one symptom and the intensity of symptoms vary over time. These variations are often triggered by factors such as exercise, allergen or irritant exposure, change in weather, or viral respiratory infections. Symptoms are often worse at night or in the early morning. Symptoms may resolve spontaneously or in response to medication, and may sometimes be absent for weeks or months at a time. On the other hand, patients can experience episodic flare-ups (exacerbations) of asthma that may be life-threatening.

Allergy (eczema, allergic rhinitis, or food or drug allergy) is the most common cause of asthma in nearly 80% of cases and it runs in family (genetic predisposition)

Therefore commencement of respiratory symptoms in childhood, a history of allergic rhinitis or eczema, or a family history of asthma or allergy, increases the probability that the respiratory symptoms are due to asthma.

Diagnose of asthma is by symptoms and spirometry test, So if you have the above symptoms then kindly consult a doctor who may then advise you for a spirometry test and diagnose whether you have asthma or not.

Since the disease is because of narrowing of airways of the lungs , the most common medications that are prescribed help in dilating the airways (bronchodilators) and help in decreasing the inflammation in the lungs (anti-inflammatory drugs) . Inhalers are the mainstay of therapy as they act directly on the lungs so are quicker in action and as the drugs are not circulated in the body have minimal side effects.

Education is also required regarding overuse of reliever therapy (example salbutamol inhaler, which acts only for relieving the symptoms and does not control the progression of disease) and underuse of controller therapy (example inhalers containing the steroid agent , which controls the progression of the disease)

Measures to avoid progression of asthma:

1. Avoid exposure to asthma triggers like air pollution, dust and smoke cigarettes especially), cold air, strong smells, incense sticks.

2. Stay away from sick people who are coughing so as not to catch infection.

3. Keep yourself clean, hand hygiene is a must.

4.Keep your surroundings dust and smoke free

5.Take appropriate vaccinations at the right time

6. Do not stop or regulate your medications without doctors advice.

Some common myths and misconceptions surrounding asthma:

" Asthma is infectious : no it is not transmitted from person to person through contact

" Everyone grows out of their childhood asthma: no some may carry it into adolescent and adulthood.

" Asthma is only controllable with high dose steroids: inhalers are the mainstay of treatment. High dose steroids are only required in life threatening condition.

" people with asthma shouldn't exercise : yes they can , in fact they can do whatever a normal person can do , just ask Amitabh Bachchan , Jessica Alba or David Beckham.

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Current indicators show India's economy is doing well: CEA Nageswaran

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) V. Anantha Nageswaran has highlighted that current indicators show the Indian economy is continuing on a high growth path despite the global challenges.

Speaking at an event at Ashoka University, Nageswaran said, "India's economy is in good shape despite challenging global environment. While the final number for FY25 will be available in May, current indicators suggest we are progressing well."



The country's Chief Economic Advisor listed energy affordability and energy transition employment generation with the rise in manufacturing and small and medium enterprises as priority areas for the country. Besides, artificial intelligence, education and skilling of the country's workforce would drive growth, he added.

He emphasised on the need to maintain macroeconomic stability, which entails keeping inflation in check, while targeting inclusive growth as the country moves ahead.

NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery, in his address at the event, emphasised India's long-term vision of becoming a developed, high-income country by 2047.

"Over the last three decades, India has achieved a consistent annual growth rate of 6.5 per cent, and I think it's an impressive achievement. It showcases both institutional agility and a certain institutional maturity in India," he said.

Bery stated that the global turmoil could throw up opportunities for India. He highlighted the potential for India to leverage its demographic dividend, technology and geopolitical shifts to spur economic growth.

Opportunity to invest in India's long-term growth story is now: Morgan Stanley

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) Global brokerage Morgan Stanley has reaffirmed its positive long-term outlook on Indian equities, highlighting that India is likely to outperform in a global bear market scenario.

According to a note by the brokerage, the opportunity to invest in India's long-term structural growth story is now, though it will require patience, given the potential.

The global financial services major believes that while near-term volatility may persist, "the long-term reward outweighs short-term noise".

The firm advises investors to stay focused on India's domestic growth story and selectively build exposure - particularly in domestically driven sectors -during periods of market stress.

The macroeconomic environment remains challenging worldwide, with risks such as decelerating global growth, central bank policy shifts, and geopolitical tensions casting a shadow.

Morgan Stanley states that these very conditions present a compelling case for India, "supported by its robust domestic fundamentals and relative insulation from global volatility".

India offers a mix of macro stability, earnings growth, and a reliable domestic demand base that positions it as a relative safe haven in a bear market.

Morgan Stanley also favours domestic cyclicals over defensives and glob-

ADB fully supports India's development priorities under PM Modi: Masato Kanda



New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Masato Kanda, in his meeting with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, has expressed the Bank's full support to India's development priorities, guided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, the Finance Ministry said on Monday.

FM Sitharaman also reiterated that India focuses on private sector-led economic growth and has been consistently creating a conducive policy and regulatory ecosystem. The Finance Minister is leading an Indian delegation from the Department of Economic Affairs of the Ministry to attend the 58th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the ADB in Italy's Milan from May 4 to 7. In a post on social media platform X, the ministry said that she met ADB President Kanda in Milan.

"The Union Finance Minister reiterated that India focuses on private sector-led economic growth and has been consistently creating a conducive policy and regulatory ecosystem through bold initiatives such as the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, Corporate Tax Rate Reduction and GST implementation, Production-Linked Incentives, National Infrastructure Pipeline, GatiShakti National Master Plan and Startup India, among others, for greater Ease of Doing Business," the Ministry said.

Sitharaman also emphasised that India offers opportunities for ADB to pilot new, innovative financing products and models.

Apple likely to manufacture iPhones worth Rs 3.36 lakh crore in India by FY26

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) Apple is expected to ramp up its iPhone production in India to nearly $40 billion (about Rs 3,36,000 crore) by the end of FY26, as the tech giant continues to shift its global supply chain away from China amid growing geopolitical tensions and trade tariffs.

According to industry estimates, this move will enable Apple to meet 80 per cent of its iPhone demand in the US and cater fully to India's growing domestic market.

The development comes close on the heels of Apple CEO Tim Cook's



statement during the company's Q2 2025 earnings call, where he revealed that the majority of iPhones sold in the US in the current April-June quarter would be made in India.

"For June, we do expect the majority of iPhones sold in the US will have India as their country of origin," Cook said, citing reciprocal tariffs imposed by the US government that are reshaping production strategies.

This pivot is a strategic response to the tariffs that are tied to the country of origin of products.

While China will continue to be the origin for most Apple products sold outside the US, India and Vietnam are emerging as key manufacturing hubs.

For instance, almost all iPads, Macs, Apple Watches, and AirPods sold in the US will now come from Vietnam, Cook noted.

Apple anticipates a $900 million impact from US tariffs in the current quarter, though the exact long-term implications remain uncertain.

Moody's contrasts India's stable economy with cash-strapped Pakistan's as tensions rise

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) Global ratings agency Moody's on Monday said it sees India's macroeconomic conditions as remaining stable even if tensions with Pakistan rise after the horrific terror attack at Pahalgam in which 26 civilians were shot dead.

However, sustained escalation in tensions with India would likely hit Pakistan's economy and hamper the government's ongoing fiscal consolidation goals, the Moody's report states. The report points out that amid heightened geopolitical posturing, further flare-ups could impair access to external financing and put additional pressure on Pakistan's foreign-exchange reserves, which, at just over $15 billion, remain far below what is required to meet external debt obligations in the coming years.

In contrast, India's reserves are robust, exceeding $688 billion. The macroeconomic conditions in India, Moody's noted, remain stable due to strong public investment and resilient private consumption, despite the possibility of higher defence spending slowing its fiscal consolidation.

According to the report, comparatively, the macroeconomic conditions in India would be stable, bolstered by moderating but still high levels of growth amid strong public investment and healthy private consumption.

Anchor Oral Care appoints Subhashree Ganguly as brand ambassador

Asansol, May 5: Anchor Oral Care, a leading brand from Anchor Consumer Products, has strengthened its presence in West Bengal by appointing renowned actor Subhashree Ganguly as its brand ambassador. West Bengal remains a key market for Anchor since decades, and this strategic move underscores the brand's commitment to expanding its reach and reinforcing its market position in the region. With this initiative, Anchor Oral Care aims to enhance its presence and distribution network in the region and boost brand visibility, further growing its market share. As part of this expansion, Anchor Oral Care has launched two new campaigns in the state, highlighting its superior oral care range, including its flagship product, Anchor Red Toothpaste. New campaigns tailored for West Bengal include "Laal. Kamaal. Bemisaal." and "Naye Zamane Ki Nayi Suraksha".

Indian stock market closes higher; Adani Group shares surge

Mumbai, May 5 (IANS) The Indian equity markets opened the week with strong gains on Monday, supported by a rally in Adani Group stocks and strength in select auto and banking shares.

Sensex started the day around 160 points higher at 80,662 and climbed to an intra-day high of 81,049.

Although it gave up some of the gains later in the session, the index still ended 295 points up at 80,797.

The Nifty touched a high of 24,526 during the day and eventually closed with a gain of 114 points, or 0.5 per cent, at 24,461.

"Markets started the week on a firm footing, lifted by steady foreign inflows and optimism around an impending India-US trade deal," said Vikram Kasat of PL Capital.Strength in Asian currencies and easing global trade tensions added to the positive sentiment, even as activity remained muted in some global markets due to holidays, Kasat added.

India urges Asian Development Bank to discontinue financial support to Pakistan: Report



New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has taken up the issue of the Pahalgam terror attack and the involvement of Pakistan in the barbaric act with Asian Development Bank (ADB) chief Masato Kanda, reports said on Monday.

The diplomatic measures against Pakistan in the aftermath of the Pahalgam massacre have picked up again, with New Delhi requesting the Asian Development Bank to discontinue financial support to Pakistan.

According to NDTV, citing sources, FM Sitharaman took up the matter with ADB chief Kanda in Italy's Milan, during her visit to attend the 58th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the ADB.

Minister Sitharaman has already discussed the issue with her Italian counterpart and is engaging with several European nations, according to sources. The ADB's sovereign portfolio in Pakistan comprises 53 loans and 3 grants totalling $9.13 billion (as of 2024).

Hindu body in Canada flags Khalistani threats, cites misusing Nagar Kirtan

Ottawa, May 5 (IANS) The Hindu Canadian Foundation (HCF) on Monday strongly condemned the call by Khalistani extremists on Monday to send back 800,000 Hindus to India.

An anti-Hindu parade took place during the Malton and Etobicoke Nagar Kirtan at the Malton Gurdwara in Toronto, Canada.

A video capturing the event is circulating widely on social media, featuring a large truck displaying a replica of a jail that included effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.

The HCF said that such statements foster division and spread hate against Hindu Canadians.

"The silence of many political leaders in response to such hateful remarks must be recognised as implicit consent. It is the duty of all Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament, across party lines, to take a stand against this divisiveness and reaffirm Canada's commitment to religious harmony and inclusivity," the HCF said in a statement.

"A civilised society cannot tolerate hate-mongering and attempts to fracture our diverse communities. We urge Canadians to hold politicians accountable -- asking them what legacy they wish to leave for future generations," the statement added.

The foundation further stated that the Nagar Kirtan is "meant to unite people of all faiths, reflecting the teachings of Sikh Gurus, and should never be misused for political provocation or exclusionary rhetoric."

Israel approves plan to expand military operations, occupy Gaza

Jerusalem, May 5 (IANS) Israel's security cabinet has approved a plan to escalate the offensive in Gaza, including the occupation of the Gaza Strip and continued control over captured areas, a senior Israeli official said Monday.

The ministers "unanimously" approved the operational plan, the official said on condition of anonymity. The vote came hours after military chief Eyal Zamir announced that "tens of thousands" of call-up orders for reservists would be issued this week to intensify the offensive.

The cabinet also approved a framework for the possible future entry of



humanitarian aid to the devastated enclave, which Israel has completely blockaded since March 2 following the collapse of a ceasefire agreement. It was not immediately clear when aid deliveries might resume. Israel has defended the blockade, saying it aims to prevent Hamas from seizing control of supplies and to pressure the group into accepting a deal on Israel's terms, Xinhua news agency reported. However, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East warned Sunday that the blockade has triggered a humanitarian crisis in Gaza of catastrophic levels, describing the situation as "beyond imagination." During a meeting, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that the new plan marks a shift in strategy, "moving from tactical raids to the occupation and continued control of territory," according to a statement by his office.

Netanyahu also said he continues to promote a plan to facilitate the "voluntary departure" of Gazans and that talks are underway with several countries to receive refugees.

Iran rejects accusations of involvement in Houthi attacks on Israel



Tehran, May 5 (IANS) Iran on Monday rejected accusations by US and Israeli officials of its involvement in attacks on Israel by the Houthis in Yemen.

In a statement released early Monday, the Iranian Foreign Ministry described the repetition of such "baseless" claims as an "affront to the powerful but oppressed" Yemeni nation. The statement highlighted Iran's position on the necessity to respect countries' territorial integrity and national sovereignty, and condemned the US military attacks on Yemen as a "flagrant violation" of the UN Charter and international law. The statement was released after the Houthi group announced a comprehensive air blockade on Israel "in response to its decision to expand its aggression against Gaza."

Bangladesh should work towards reforms before holding polls: EU Ambassador

Dhaka, May 5 (IANS) Michael Miller, the European Union's Ambassador to Bangladesh, on Monday said that necessary reforms should be completed in the country before holding the national polls.

The EU Ambassador made these remarks during an interaction with members of the Diplomatic Correspondents' Association of Bangladesh (DCAB) held at the National Press Club in Dhaka, local media reported.

"We hope that the political parties and the interim government



will work together towards reforms," the EU Ambassador said.

Miller further said that the EU wanted the election to be held in a free, fair, and credible manner in keeping with the international standard.

Responding to a question, Miller said that the EU is also interested in providing assistance for elections, once the Bangladesh government decides when to hold it.

The EU Ambassador said that the interim government under Muhammad Yunus must ensure transparency in bringing to book those responsible for the deaths and injuries during the July Uprising of last year, the country's leading daily Prothom Alo reported.

Bangladesh: Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das now slapped with murder charge

Dhaka, May 5 (IANS) Prominent Hindu leader and spokesperson for the Bangladesh Sammilito Sanatani Jagaran Jot, Chinmoy Krishna Das, was shown arrested on charges of the murder of Chittagong court lawyer Saiful Islam Alif by a local court on Monday. The lawyer was allegedly hacked to death outside the court premises on November 7 last year.

Chittagong's Metropolitan Magistrate S



M Alauddin granted the police application for Das' arrest and passed the order during a virtual hearing.

"Investigating officers submitted applications on Sunday to show Chinmoy Krishna Das was arrested in four cases. The court on Monday granted shown arrest in the Alif murder case following a virtual hearing. The hearings on the other three applications will be held on Tuesday," Dhaka Tribune quoted Public Prosecutor of the Chittagong Metropolitan Sessions Judge Court, Mofizul Haque Bhuiyan as saying.

Earlier on April 30, the Appellate Division of the Bangladesh Supreme Court stayed the High Court order of granting bail to Das in a sedition case.

Reelected Australian PM pledges to deliver election promise



Canberra, May 5 (IANS) Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said on Monday that his government's first priority would be delivering its election promise to cut every Australian's higher education student debt by 20 per cent, followed by establishing a federal environmental protection agency and taking action to build more housing.

Albanese made the remarks at a press conference at Parliament House after he returned to Canberra following his ruling center-left Labor Party's landslide win in Saturday's General Election.

He also announced that his first overseas trip in his second term as Prime Minister would be to Indonesia.

Albanese's first bilateral visit as Prime Minister in 2022 was also to Indonesia, two weeks after that year's election.

He said he has also accepted an invitation from Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney to attend the G7 Leaders' Summit in Alberta in June.

Albanese said that he has spoken to several world leaders since Saturday's election, including US President Donald Trump earlier on Monday with whom he discussed tariffs, Xinhua news agency reported.

Travel Vlogger captures peacock's beautiful dance, internet reacts



New Delhi: Peacocks are amongst the most exquisite birds on the planet, and for good reason. Their iridescent feathers, fan-shaped tail and bright blue head and neck make them stand out. They are even more beautiful when their bright feathers are on full display while performing their dance ritual. Travel vlogger Isa Khan captured a similar once-in-a-lifetime moment on camera and shared it on Instagram. The video begins with Isa's wife Mariya spotting a peacock sitting on the roadside. Soon after, a peahen walked onto the scene, and the peacock started performing its courtship ritual. The bird then opened its feathers wide and displayed the iridescent tail. Meanwhile, the couple was left amazed by the beautiful moment unfolding before their eyes.

The side note read, "A peacock opens his feathers and dances to attract a peahen. It's part of their natural courtship display. Nature really knows how to put on a show. Sometimes, it's the smallest, most unexpected moments that stay with us the longest. Life is full of little wonders, if you're looking."

Since being shared, the video has accumulated more than 37 million views on Instagram. Several people shared their thoughts in the comment section.

One user wrote, "Camera wouldn't do justice for how those vibrant colours are."

Another added, "This is soooooo fascinating."

Someone commented, "MOST BEAUTIFUL THING I SAW TODAY!!"

"I am so glad this peacock was around good people, who just appreciated its beauty without harming it," read a comment.

A viewer remarked, "So glad you shot this. Watching on repeat."

"He's so pretty!!! I've never seen them lie down!" a person wrote.

"What an incredible moment, thankfully captured by you guys," added another.

Travel Vlogger hospitalised after "grossest" train journey in India



New York: An American content creator's trip to India turned traumatic after he was hospitalised with a severe respiratory infection. Nick Maddock claims it was a result of a 15-hour train journey, which he called one of the most unhygienic experiences in his six years of travelling. "Never again," he vowed.

Posting a video from a hospital with a display text, "Take the Indian sleeper train; it'll be an experience," Mr Maddock revealed he took a third AC coach to travel from Varanasi to New Jalpaiguri.

The Missouri-based vlogger wrote, "Listen, I love India. It has warm and generous people, endless scenic landscapes, and a rich and sacred history, I can acknowledge that while simultaneously saying that my 15-hour train (in 3rd-class AC) from Varanasi to New Jalpaiguri was one of the grossest things I've seen in my 6 years of travelling. No higher class was available. It doesn't have to be like that."

Mr Maddock is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in Bhutan. He wrote, "Three days later, in Bhutan I was diagnosed with a severe respiratory infection. I'm doing better now but it'll be a slow road to full recovery."

He also shared a video from the train's washroom, showing its poor condition and the lack of cleanliness. The on-screen text read, "He doesn't know it yet, but 72 hours from now he'll be in the hospital with a severe respiratory infection."

Mr Maddock, who has travelled to 120 countries in six years, claimed in the comment section that he was recommended by two people to take the train. He captioned the post, "Take the 15-hour Indian train, they said. It'll be fun, they said".

His video went viral in no time on Instagram. While some showed sympathy, many criticised him over his travel choices and accused him of showing India in a poor light for just views.

One user commented, "The majority of the tourists go to the poorest and bad areas of all countries in Asia and then proclaim that the entire country is like that. This is because these travellers are not financially able to go to well-to-do areas, then whining."

Another wrote, "Next time increase your budget and book a 1st class."

"Is there a law that stops foreigners from spending more than $2 a day when they travel to India?" commented another.One user wrote, "Want fame? Defame India when you visit!" Mr Maddock replied, "Is it too much to ask to clean up the piles of s**t off your train floors?"

Mr Maddock replied to one of the comments, saying, "He has never faced so much hatred and vitriol for calling out a bathroom with a literal s**t on the floor and vomit caked in the sink."

"It's actually surprising because people in India were so kind and warm and welcoming. I'll try not to let the keyboard warriors change my good perspective," he added.Earlier, in October, digital content creator Irina Moreno shared a video on her Instagram account showing the poor condition of a train's Western-style toilet while travelling in second class on the Udaipur City-Jaipur Intercity Express.

Sanjiv Goenka's reaction to yet another Rishabh Pant flop show breaks internet



Dharamsala: Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) captain Rishabh Pant wasn't able to bring an end to his poor run of form with the bat, falling for yet another underwhelming score in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 season. After the trio of Mitchell Marsh, Aiden Markram, and Nicholas Pooran fell early, the onus was on Pant, Ayush Badoni, and other middle-order batters to resurrect the team's position in the chase of 237 runs against Punjab. But, LSG could only reach 199/7, despite Badoni's 40-ball 74. Once again this season, Lucknow were let down by their captain, Pant, when they needed him the most, and owner Sanjiv Goenka's reaction summed up the feeling in the dugout. A fighting half-century by Ayush Badoni and his 81-run stand with Abdul Samad was the only highlight as LSG suffered a 37-run loss to PBKS after a top-order failure at the HPCA stadium in Dharmasala. Had skipper Pant shown more patience in the middle, things could've ended differently for the Super Giants.

Sanjiv Goenka, who has developed a reputation as a hard taskmaster after multiple on-field confrontations with his captains, was understandably not pleased to see Pant depart early. The wicket-keeper batter was bought by Goenka for a record fee of INR 27 crore in the mega auction last year. So far, it's fair to say, the money's worth hasn't been received.

After the game, Pant blamed the team's poor fielding as the reason behind the defeat.

"Definitely too many runs. When you're gonna drop crucial catches at the wrong time, it is going to hurt you badly. We thought it was going to do more. We didn't pick the length right at the start. That's part and parcel of the game. The dream is still alive. If we're gonna win the next three matches, we definitely can turn it around.

"It makes sense when your top order is batting really well. In every match, you can't hope they will come off nicely. It's part of the game. We need to take the game deep. Every time, they can't do the heavy job for us. Like you said in the first, we had too many to chase. That hurt us badly," Rishabh Pant said in the post-match presentation ceremony.

Thanks to the win, Punjab Kings have gone second in the points table, while Lucknow Super Giants have dropped down to the 7th spot.

Healthcare hiring in India sees surge in intent in H1 2025



New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) Expanding on the previous year's trends, healthcare hiring in India is set to increase in the first half (H1) of this year, a report said on Monday, adding that there is a 52 per cent hiring intent in the January-June period -- a 5 per cent increase from July-December 2024.

This is driven by advancements in digital health solutions, the expansion of diagnostic services, and the growing need for specialised care professionals, according to the report released by TeamLease Edtech.

The healthcare market is projected to reach $638 billion by 2025, creating abundant opportunities for job seekers.

Metropolitan cities such as Bengaluru, Delhi and Chennai are witnessing a significant surge in healthcare hiring, according to the report.

With hospitals and healthcare providers integrating AI-driven diagnostics, telemedicine, and data-driven treatment models, the demand for skilled professionals has intensified, said Shantanu Rooj, Founder and CEO, TeamLease Edtech.

Additionally, increased investments in research and medical infrastructure are fuelling opportunities in emerging healthcare hubs, Rooj added.

The demand for healthcare professionals in India is witnessing a significant shift, with the highest need for Medical Transcriptionists observed in Bengaluru, where demand stands at an impressive 65 per cent.

Delhi follows closely with a 60 per cent demand for clinical data analysts. Other key roles also show notable interest, such as pharmacy technicians in Gurugram at 58 per cent, phlebotomists at 55 per cent, and dieticians at 51 per cent.

Interestingly, tier 2 cities are emerging as vibrant hubs for the healthcare and pharmaceutical sectors.

As aspiring professionals consider pursuing careers in the healthcare industry, several certification courses are gaining prominence.

These in-demand programmes include Applied Clinical Data Analysis, Medical Reference Application, Pharmacy Technician Certification, Data Management, Clinical Documentation Software Training, Laboratory and Phlebotomy Software, and Automated Transcription Applications, among others.

These certifications are not only enhancing skill sets but also aligning industry professionals with the growing needs of the healthcare landscape, said the report.

Skype shutting down: Here's what will happen to your data



Mumbai: Over two decades after revolutionising the way people connected across the globe, Skype will be shutting down on Monday (May 5), marking the end of an era. Skype's parent company, Microsoft, announced the closure in February, stating that the free video-calling portal will be replaced by Microsoft Teams.

While the closure affects both free and paid Skype users, the Skype for Business users will be assimilated into Microsoft Teams, which offers many of the same core features and more.

Here's what will happen to your Skype account:

" Users simply need to log in to Teams with their existing Skype credentials, and their chats and contacts will be automatically available to them.

" If a user does not want to use Teams, they can opt to download their Skype data and transition to another video-calling service.

" Users will have until January 2026 to export or delete their Skype data.

" If users log in to Microsoft Teams Free by then, the Skype call and chat history will remain available to them.

" If the user does not take any action, the Skype data will be deleted in January 2026.

How to export Skype data?

" Sign in to the Skype Export page using your Microsoft account

" Select the option to download your conversations, files, or both.

" Select Submit request, then select Continue when prompted.

" When the export process is complete, click Download.

Also Read | From Slack To Zoom, Alternatives To Skype As It Shuts Down After 22 Years

Why did Skype shut down?

Such was Skype's meteoric rise that Microsoft integrated it across platforms such as Windows, smartphones and Xbox consoles. At one point, Microsoft was aiming to reach 1 billion users. However, frequent interface changes and bloated updates made it clunky. The arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic and competitors such as Zoom, Webex, Discord and Slack was the final death knell for the platform.

In 2025, Skype dwindled to about 23 million monthly users, down from its 150 million in 2011, and far from the 400 million registered users it once claimed.

Teachers trained under NEP 2020 in Manoharpur

Mail News Service

Manoharpur, May 5: A teacher training workshop under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 concluded on Monday at the auditorium of the Tribal Residential School, Tholkobad, Manoharpur. The event was inaugurated by Block Development Officer Shaktikunj, who lit the ceremonial lamp. The workshop was aimed at conducting a Teachers' Needs Assessment (TNA) via the CENTA App, as directed by the Jharkhand School



Education and Literacy Department.

Teachers were instructed on registering through the CENTA App issued by the Jharkhand Education Project Council. The goal was to assess and enhance teachers' professional capabilities to ensure quality education delivery under NEP 2020.The program was conducted under the guidance of Block Education Extension Officer Lakhindarnath Soren, Block Program Officer Santosh Gupta and BRPs Yashwant Katiyar and Pradeep Kumar. CRPs Subhash Mandal, Anju Kumari, Niranjan Gope, Sachin Kumar and MIS Coordinator Deepak Kumar Gupta provided technical and administrative support. Prominent attendees included Welfare Officer Rajendra Bada and Data Operator Suresh Kumar Sandil, alongside a large gathering of teachers. (w/nkm)

'Back to School' campaign launched in Seraikela

Mail News Service

Seraikela, May 5: The 'School Ruar-2025 – Back to School' campaign was launched on Monday at NRCM School of Excellence, Plus Two High School, Seraikela . The event aimed at re-enrolling drop-out students and spreading awareness about the importance of education.

Block Vice President Basudev Mahato, BDO Yasmita Singh, CO



Bholanath Mahato and BEEO Dinesh Kumar Dandapat attended the event. "No child should be deprived of education for any reason," said Dandapat, urging all schools to identify dropouts and ensure their return to classrooms.

The campaign concluded with the flagging off of the Education Awareness Van, which will tour villages to raise awareness. BPO Santona Jena, teachers Hare Krishna Mahato, Kamini Kant Mehta, Bimal Dogra and others were also present. Authorities hope the campaign will significantly reduce the dropout rate in the 2025 academic year. (w/nkm)

DAV Chaibasa secures second win in Inter-School Cricket Tournament

Mail News Service

Chaibasa, May 5: DAV Public School, Chaibasa earned a convincing second win in the 14th Gyanchand Jain Inter-School Cricket Tournament by defeating Ideal English School, Jagannathpur by 8 wickets on Monday.

The match was held at the Birsa Munda Cricket Stadium. Batting first, Ideal English School was bowled out for 56 runs in 12.3 overs, with only



wicketkeeper Junnu Purti reaching double digits. DAV's captain Hitesh Vaidya took 4 wickets for 9 runs, Divyansh Yadav claimed 3 wickets and Prince Kumar Yadav took 2.

Chasing the target, DAV scored 59 runs in just 5.4 overs, losing only two wickets. Captain Hitesh Vaidya led the charge with an unbeaten 40 off eight boundaries and was named Man of the Match for the second time in a row. (w/nkm)

Health insurance cards distributed among lawyers



Mail News Service

Chaibasa, May 5: Advocates in Chaibasa received health insurance cards under the Jharkhand Government's Employee Health Insurance Scheme on Monday. The distribution took place at the District Bar Association office, where General Secretary Father Agustin Kullu and Treasurer Duryodhan Gope handed out the cards.

Expressing gratitude, Father Agustin Kullu said, "The initiative shows the Chief Minister Hemant Soren's concern for the welfare of advocates across Jharkhand." Advocates expressed happiness after receiving the cards.

Senior advocates present included N. Bakhshi, Ankur Kumar Choudhary, Raja Ram Gupta, Sukumar Daripa, Pramod Prasad, Sarfaraz Khan, Sanjeev Thakur, Jayanti Kumari, Anamika Gope, Maggie Devgam, Madhumita Maity, Jayvrat Ghosh Choudhary and Basant Kesari. (w/nkm)

Rs 3.13 lakh approved for blood cancer patient's treatment



Mail News Service

Chaibasa, May 5: The Civil Surgeon's office approved Rs 3,13,520 on Monday for the treatment of 64-year-old Putul Sahu of Dungwaposi, who is battling blood cancer. A meeting of the Incurable Disease Committee was held under Civil Surgeon Dr. Sushanto Kumar Manjhi at the Sadar Hospital.

Putul Sahu is undergoing treatment at Meherbai Cancer Hospital, Jamshedpur. The fund was approved under the Chief Minister's Critical Illness Treatment Scheme. Advocate Rajaram Gupta, representing MLA Deepak Birua, stated, "There was a delay in fund disbursement due to depletion, but now Rs 1.5 crore has been received from the state on May 4, 2025."

Present at the meeting were Hospital Superintendent Dr. Shivcharan Hansda, Dr. Burial Mardi, Dr. Paulina Munda and Head Clerk Subhash Soren. (w/nkm)

कार्यालय, क्षेत्रीय शिक्षा संयुक्त निदेशक, कोल्हान प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा

खुली निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

विभागीय संकल्प संख्या 778 दिनांक 18.05.2017 के आलोक में कोल्हान आवासीय विद्यालय, मोजोडिम्बा, प0 सिंहभूम, चाईबासा (वर्त्तमान अस्थायी रूप से संचालित प्राथमिक शिक्षक शिक्षा महाविद्यालय, चैनपुर, प0 सिंहभूम परिसर) में आवश्यक सामग्रियों की आपूर्त्ति हेतु प्रतिष्ठत संस्थाओं / प्रतिष्ठानों से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा दो लिफाफे में (यथा तकनीकी एवं वित्तीय) अलग–अलग जमा किया जा सकेगा जिसके ऊपर स्पष्ट रूप से तकनीकी निविदा एवं वित्तीय निविदा अंकित किया जाना आवश्यक होगा। तकनीकी निविदा में सफल होने के उपरांत ही निविदादाता का वित्तीय निविदा नियमानुसार खोला जाएगा। क्रय की जानेवाली सामग्रियों की संख्या, विशिष्टताएँ एवं निविदा प्रपत्र **क्षेत्रीय शिक्षा संयुक्त निदेशक, कोल्हान प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा** के कार्यालय से दिनांक **06.05.2025 से 21.05.2025 (कार्यालय अवधि)** तक प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। निविदा जमा करने की **अंतिम तिथि 22.05.2025** के **अपराह्न 05:30 बजे** तक निर्धारित की जाती है। जिसे क्षेत्रीय शिक्षा संयुक्त निदेशक, कोल्हान प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा के कार्यालय में जमा किया जा सकेगा। **दिनांक 23.05.2025** को सभी प्राप्त निविदाओं को निविदादाताओं अथवा उनके प्रतिनिधियों के समक्ष **अपराह्न् 01:00 बजे** खोला जाएगा। निविदा में किसी भी प्रकार के संशोधन अथवा रद्द करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरी के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा। इस संबंध में किसी भी प्रकार की जानकारी क्षेत्रीय शिक्षा संयुक्त निदेशक, कोल्हान प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा के कार्यालय से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

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3	02	Construction of RCC Drain and laying of paver block from house of R. Jha to house of Shashi Keshri and construction of RCC drain from house of Binod Kumar to house of R.P. Singh at TISCO Society in ward No 02 and Construction of Paver block from house of sukumar to house of prakash weda in Ward No 02 and Constructio of Road and RCC drain from Tata Kandra Service Road to Hari Mandir at Shridungru in Ward No. 02 under AMC	1,34,34,366.00	2,69,000.00	10,000.00	6 माह
2	वेबसाईट पर निविदा अपलोड करने की तिथि		दिनांक– 05.05.2025 (अपराह्न 5.00 बजे से)			
3	निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि		दिनांक– 21.05.2025 (अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक)			
4	निविदा (तकनीकी बिड) खोलने की तिथि		दिनांक– 22.05.2025 (अपराह्न 03.00 बजे)			
5	निविदा आमंत्रण करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम		अपर नगर आयुक्त, नगर निगम आदित्यपुर			
6	निविदा से संबंधित जानकारी हेतु मोबाईल नम्बर		7488840585			
7	ई–प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाइन नंम्बर		7488840585			

- Only e-tenders are acceptable. Further details can be seen on website ***http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in***
- पथ निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार, राँची के संकल्प सं0 2146 दिनांक 09.09.2020 में निहित प्रावधानों से यह निविदा प्रक्रिया अच्छादित होगा।

प्रशासक
नगर निगम, आदित्यपुर

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स्वास्थ्य चिकित्सा शिक्षा एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग,
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कार्यालय आदेश

जिला आयुष समिति, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ के अधीनस्थ संचालित सभी आयुष्मान आरोग्य मंदिर (आयुष) / राजकीय आर्युदिक, होमियोपैथिक, युनानी एवं संयुक्त औषधालय / आयुष उत्कमित स्वास्थ्य उप केन्द्र हेतु पारिश्रमिक के आधार पर योग प्रशिक्षक रखा जाना है। इच्छुक अभ्यर्थीयों से निम्नलिखित शर्तों के अधीन विज्ञापन की तिथि से दिनांक 15.05.2025 संध्या 05 बजें तक जिला आयुष चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी सरायकेला–खरसावाँ के कार्यालय में निबंधित डाक के माध्यम से आवेदन पत्र अंमत्रित किये जाते है।

क्र	पद का नाम	पद की संख्या	आवश्यक आर्हता	पारिश्रमिक
01	योग प्रशिक्षक (पुरूष / महिला)	पुरूष – 33 महिला – 24	किसी मान्यता प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालय / संस्थान से योग के विषय पर डिग्री / डिप्लोमा / सर्टिफिकेट बोर्ड का होना या योगा सर्टिफिकेशन बोर्ड / प्रधानमंत्री कौशल विकास योजना से सर्टिफाईड योग प्रशिक्षक	योग प्रशिक्षक को प्रत्येक सत्र के लिए रू0 250 / – देय होगा।

1. आवेदन हेतु विहित प्रपत्र में वांछित सभी सूचना भरते हुए संबंधित सभी तरह के प्रमाण पत्रों की स्वहस्ताक्षरित छायाप्रति एवं पासपोर्ट साईज फोटो (02 प्रति) संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा।
2. वांछित विहित आवेदन प्रपत्र में आयुष्मान आरोग्य मंदिर (आयुष) / राजकीय आर्युदिक, होमियोपैथिक, युनानी एवं संयुक्त औषधालय / आयुष उत्कमित स्वास्थ्य उप केन्द्र कार्यस्थल चयन हेतु वरीयता के आधार पर तीन स्थल चयन अनिवार्य होगा।
3. प्रत्येक आयुष्मान आरोग्य मंदिर (**विज्ञापन के साथ सूची संलग्न**) में योग / अन्य wellness Activities का पुरूष **योग प्रशिक्षक** को कम से कम 10 एवं अधिकतम 32 एवं महिला योग प्रशिक्षक का कम से कम 10 एवं अधिकतम 20 सत्र निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय पर किया जायेगा।
4. प्रत्येक आयुष उतक्रमित स्वास्थ्य उप केन्द्र (**विज्ञापन के साथ सूची संलग्न**) में पुरूष **योग प्रशिक्षक** को कम से अधिकतम 10 सत्र निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय पर किया जायेगा।
5. कार्य दिवस / योग सत्र आयुष मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के द्वारा दिये गये मार्ग–दर्शिका के अनुरूप होगी।
6. स्थानीय प्रमाणित (Certified) योग प्रशिक्षक एवं अनुभवी योग प्रशिक्षक को सर्वप्रथम प्राथमिकता दी जायेगी। जिस हेतु स्थानीय प्रमाण पत्र एवं अनुभव प्रमाण पत्र उपलब्ध कराना अनिवार्य होगा। सरायकेला–खरसावाँ जिला के स्थानीय अभ्यर्थी को प्राथमिकता दी जायेगी।
7. यदि एक से अधिक अभ्यर्थी चयनित हो, तो वैसी स्थिति में योग कोर्स के प्राप्तांक दूसरा निर्णायक कारक होगा।
8. आयुष्मान आरोग्य मंदिर आयुष / राजकीय आयु**ष औष**धालय / आयुष उत्कमित स्वास्थ्य उप केन्द्र के 5–10 किलोमीटर की परिधि में रहने वाले योग प्रशिक्षक को प्राथमिकता दी जायेगी।
9. योग / अन्य Wellness Activities के लिए आयुष्मान आरोग्य मंदिर में निर्धारित जगह चिन्हित की जायेगी। यदि आयुष्मान आरोग्य मंदिर में जगह उपलब्ध नही होगी वैसी स्थिति में निकटतम स्कूल, पंचायत भवन, आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र या अन्य सरकारी सामुदायिक भवन में योग / अन्य Wellness Activities के लिए जगह निर्धारित किया जा सकता है।
10. 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 जायेगी।
11. उम्मीदवार को सूचित किया जाता है कि नौकरी के नियमितीकरण के संबंध में किसी भी दावे पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा अगर भविष्य में नियमितीकरण का दावा करते है तो वैसी स्थिति में उनकी उम्मीदवारी समाप्त कर दी जायगी।
12. आयुष्मान आरोग्य मंदिर आयुष / आयुष उत्कमित स्वास्थ्य उप केन्द्र / राजकीय आयु**ष औष**धालय की सूची एवं आवेदन हेतु विहित प्रपत्र कार्यालय सूचनापट एवं NIC Saraikella Portal https://seraikela.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।
13. प्राप्त आवेदनों की संवीक्षा (स्कूटनी) के पश्चात साक्षात्कार की तिथि प्रकाशित की जाएगी।
14. इस विज्ञापन में टंकण अशुद्धि / संशोधन / आवश्यकतानुसार रद्द करने का अधिकार जिला चयन समिति के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा।

प्रभारी जिला आयुष चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ।
सिविल सर्जन, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ।

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कार्यालय-जिला परिवहन पदाधिकारी, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर

आवश्यक सूचना

जिला परिवहन कार्यालय, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर में निबंधित Goods vehicle upto 3ton वाहनों का पथ कर का भुगतान नहीं किये जाने के कारण महालेखाकार, झारखण्ड, राँची के अंकेक्षण दल द्वारा निम्न वाहनों के विरूद्ध आपत्ति दर्शाया गया है।

अतः उपरोक्त वर्णित परिप्रेक्ष्य में निम्नांकित वाहनों के स्वामी को निर्देश दिया जाता है कि प्रकाशन की तिथि से 15 दिनों के अन्दर अपने वाहनों पर बकाया पथ कर का भुगतान किया जाना सुनिश्चित करेंगे अन्यथा निम्नांकित वाहनों पर मोटर वाहन अधिनियम के सुसंगत धाराओं के अन्तर्गत कार्रवाई की जायगी।

Non realisation of tax and one time tax on goods vehicles

Sl No	Regn No	DOR	DOP	Vehicle Class	Laden Wt.	Tax paid upto	Total
181	JH05AR7664	17-12-12	11-12-12	Goods Carrier	1550	10-12-23	15122
182	JH05AR7668	17-12-12	22-11-12	Goods Carrier	1550	21-11-23	15122
183	JH05AR7693	17-12-12	07-09-12	Goods Carrier	1550	06-09-23	15843
184	JH05AR9037	26-12-12	19-12-12	Goods Carrier	2950	18-12-23	22323
185	JH05AS0517	05-01-13	26-10-12	Goods Carrier	2450	25-10-23	23043
186	JH05AS1548	12-01-13	02-01-13	Goods Carrier	2450	01-01-24	22323
187	JH05AS2175	19-01-13	16-01-13	Goods Carrier	1550	15-01-24	14882
188	JH05AS2518	24-01-13	10-01-13	Goods Carrier	1550	09-01-24	14882
189	JH05AS3641	30-01-13	28-01-13	Goods Carrier	2180	27-01-24	21963
190	JH05AS3650	30-01-13	24-01-13	Goods Carrier	2180	23-01-24	21963
191	JH05AS4915	06-02-13	05-02-13	Goods Carrier	1550	04-02-24	14642
192	JH05AS6302	19-02-13	14-02-13	Goods Carrier	2180	13-02-24	21963
193	JH05AS7280	27-02-13	10-01-13	Goods Carrier	2880	09-01-24	22323
194	JH05AS8449	07-03-13	02-03-13	Goods Carrier	1550	01-03-24	14394
195	JH05AS9792	16-03-13	14-03-13	Goods Carrier	2880	13-03-24	21592
196	JH05AT0631	21-03-13	16-03-13	Goods Carrier	1285	15-03-24	14394
197	JH05AT1884	04-04-13	02-04-13	Goods Carrier	1800	01-04-23	21300
198	JH05AT2349	05-04-13	03-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	02-04-23	21300
199	JH05AT2591	06-04-13	04-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	03-04-23	21300
200	JH05AT2693	09-04-13	02-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	01-04-23	21300
201	JH05AT2707	09-04-13	04-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	03-04-23	21300
202	JH05AT2713	09-04-13	04-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	03-04-23	21300
203	JH05AT2753	10-04-13	10-04-13	Goods Carrier	2880	09-04-23	31950
204	JH05AT2888	11-04-13	04-04-13	Goods Carrier	2180	03-04-23	31950
205	JH05AT2897	11-04-13	09-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	08-04-23	21300
206	JH05AT3298	15-04-13	12-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	11-04-23	21300
207	JH05AT3299	15-04-13	12-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	11-04-23	21300
208	JH05AT3526	16-04-13	12-04-13	Goods Carrier	2510	11-04-23	31950
209	JH05AT3567	17-04-13	15-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	14-04-23	21000
210	JH05AT3568	17-04-13	09-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	08-04-23	21300
211	JH05AT3572	17-04-13	15-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	14-04-23	21000
212	JH05AT3582	17-04-13	15-04-13	Goods Carrier	2800	14-04-23	31500
213	JH05AT3933	20-04-13	17-04-13	Goods Carrier	1060	16-04-23	21000
214	JH05AT3936	20-04-13	17-04-13	Goods Carrier	2880	16-04-23	31500
215	JH05AT3962	20-04-13	17-04-13	Goods Carrier	2180	16-04-23	31500
216	JH05AT3966	20-04-13	16-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	15-04-23	21000
217	JH05AT4418	25-04-13	16-04-13	Goods Carrier	2510	15-04-23	31500
218	JH05AT4844	26-04-13	18-04-13	Goods Carrier	2450	17-04-23	31500
219	JH05AT5218	29-04-13	22-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	21-04-23	21000
220	JH05AT5239	29-04-13	27-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	26-04-23	21000
221	JH05AT5240	29-04-13	27-04-13	Goods Carrier	1285	26-04-23	21000
222	JH05AT5241	29-04-13	27-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	26-04-23	21000
223	JH05AT5249	29-04-13	26-04-13	Goods Carrier	2880	25-04-23	31500
224	JH05AT5671	02-05-13	29-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	28-04-23	21000
225	JH05AT5715	02-05-13	30-04-13	Goods Carrier	1285	29-04-23	21000
226	JH05AT5716	02-05-13	30-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	29-04-23	21000
227	JH05AT5802	02-05-13	25-04-13	Goods Carrier	2510	24-04-23	31500
228	JH05AT6347	07-05-13	04-05-13	Goods Carrier	1550	03-05-23	21000
229	JH05AT6367	07-05-13	30-04-13	Goods Carrier	1550	29-04-23	21000
230	JH05AT7380	14-05-13	09-05-13	Goods Carrier	1815	08-05-23	21000
231	JH05AT7684	16-05-13	10-05-13	Goods Carrier	1550	09-05-23	21000
232	JH05AT7686	16-05-13	11-05-13	Goods Carrier	1550	10-05-23	21000
233	JH05AT7689	16-05-13	11-05-13	Goods Carrier	1550	10-05-23	21000
234	JH05AT7713	16-05-13	13-05-13	Goods Carrier	2180	12-05-23	31500
235	JH05AT7720	16-05-13	14-05-13	Goods Carrier	1550	13-05-23	21000
236	JH05AT8365	20-05-13	16-05-13	Goods Carrier	1550	15-05-23	20700
237	JH05AT8366	20-05-13	14-05-13	Goods Carrier	1550	13-05-23	21000
238	JH05AT8501	22-05-13	06-03-13	Goods Carrier	2880	05-03-24	21592
239	JH05AT8619	22-05-13	20-05-13	Goods Carrier	2180	19-05-23	31050
240	JH05AT9247	01-06-13	28-05-13	Goods Carrier	1550	27-05-23	20700
241	JH05AT9676	05-06-13	22-05-13	Goods Carrier	1285	21-05-23	20700
242	JH05AT9893	06-06-13	01-06-13	Goods Carrier	2180	31-05-23	31050
243	JH05AT9897	06-06-13	04-06-13	Goods Carrier	2950	03-06-23	31050
244	JH05AT9934	07-06-13	06-06-13	Goods Carrier	1550	05-06-23	20700
245	JH05AU0148	08-06-13	04-06-13	Goods Carrier	1550	03-06-23	20700
246	JH05AU0284	08-06-13	04-06-13	Goods Carrier	1550	03-06-23	20700
247	JH05AU0552	13-06-13	06-06-13	Goods Carrier	1550	05-06-23	20700
248	JH05AU0582	13-06-13	12-06-13	Goods Carrier	1550	11-06-23	20700
249	JH05AU1288	17-06-13	12-06-13	Goods Carrier	2880	11-06-23	31050
250	JH05AU1664	19-06-13	15-06-13	Goods Carrier	1285	14-06-23	20400
251	JH05AU1797	20-06-13	12-06-13	Goods Carrier	1880	19-12-23	16656
252	JH05AU1873	20-06-13	18-06-13	Goods Carrier	1285	17-06-23	20400
253	JH05AU2019	22-06-13	21-06-13	Goods Carrier	2180	20-06-23	30600
254	JH05AU2383	24-06-13	18-06-13	Goods Carrier	1285	17-06-23	20400
255	JH05AU2783	27-06-13	26-06-13	Goods Carrier	2880	25-06-23	30600
256	JH05AU2788	27-06-13	24-06-13	Goods Carrier	1550	23-06-23	20400
257	JH05AU2789	27-06-13	24-06-13	Goods Carrier	1550	23-06-23	20400
258	JH05AU2790	27-06-13	24-06-13	Goods Carrier	1550	23-06-23	20400
259	JH05AU2792	27-06-13	03-05-13	Goods Carrier	1550	02-05-23	21000
260	JH05AU2793	27-06-13	03-05-13	Goods Carrier	1550	02-05-23	21000
261	JH05AU2794	27-06-13	03-05-13	Goods Carrier	1550	02-05-23	21000
262	JH05AU2795	27-06-13	24-06-13	Goods Carrier	1550	23-06-23	20400
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Kanika Mann and Binnu Dhillon bring zombies to Punjabi Cinema with 'Jombieland'



Mumbai, May 5 (IANS) Kanika Mann and Binnu Dhillon are set to shake things up in Punjabi cinema with "Jombieland" - India's first full-fledged Punjabi zombie comedy.

Joining them is Angira Dhar in this offbeat entertainer that blends horror with humour. The makers have unveiled the official first-look poster of the film, showcasing lead actors Kanika, Binnu, and Angira in an action-packed scene, fighting off zombies. The poster gives a thrilling preview of the unique blend of horror and comedy that awaits viewers in this groundbreaking Punjabi zom-com.

Speaking about the film, Binnu Dhillon shared, "Audience tastes are evolving fast - today, they crave fresh concepts, humour, and engaging storytelling. With Jombieland, we've created something truly unique - Punjabi cinema's first-ever zombie apocalypse film, a full-blown 'zom-com.' I'm always drawn to new challenges, and playing a character in a zombie-infested village was just that - wildly different and totally fun."

Kanika Mann added, "Jombieland is a wild ride - it's raw, emotional, and packed with edge-of-the-seat action. I've never seen a zombie apocalypse story told through the lens of Punjabi culture, and that's what makes this film so special. My character is a fighter, someone who evolves with every challenge, and portraying her was both liberating and intense."

Revealing what intrigued her about the project, Angira Dhar revealed, "From the moment I heard the concept - zombies in Punjab - I was hooked. Jombieland is more than just a horror-action film; it's a survival story rooted in emotion, community, and resilience. This genre is new territory for Punjabi films, and I'm thrilled we're the ones leading that charge. There's grit, there's heart, and there's a whole lot of mayhem. Audiences are in for a wild, unforgettable experience."

Samantha: My identity as a woman will naturally influence all of my creative choices



New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) Actress-producer Samantha Ruth Prabhu said that her identity as a woman naturally drives her to champion such narratives and emphasized the need for more female voices in Indian cinema.

As an actor, Samantha has portrayed strong, complex female characters in projects such as "The Family Man" Season 2, "Rangasthalam," "Majili," "Yashoda," " Mahanati," and "Eega" to name a few.

Asked if as a producer, she is consciously trying to create more space for layered female narratives in Indian cinema, Samantha told IANS: "My identity as a woman will naturally influence all of my creative choices and I'm proud of that."

"I believe that our industry needs more of the female perspective. It's still incredibly male-dominated. I'm not saying that as a bad thing," added Samantha, whose maiden production, "Subham," is all set to light up the silver screen on May 9.

She stressed that there is a need for more women filmmakers and storytellers to come to the forefront.

"It's just important to remember that women make up half the population and we need more women producers, directors, storytellers, bringing their voices and experiences to the forefront."

Samantha said that she does want to make stories that resonate with modern women.

Lauren Gottlieb breaks down Bollywood, Hollywood, and UK dance scenes



New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) Dancer-actress Lauren Gottlieb said that Bollywood is vibrant and fueled by natural talent and passion for dance, while Hollywood is highly professional. She finds the UK dance scene a "gritty mix" of both, offering its own raw and powerful energy. Asked about the key differences she has experienced in the dance and film industries of Bollywood and Hollywood, Lauren told IANS: " I've had the chance to work across Hollywood, Bollywood, and also in London. In India, there's so much raw, natural talent, and song and dance are such a central part of the culture."

"The second I land in Mumbai, I can literally feel the energy-like the whole city is running on Bollywood (and Cricket)."

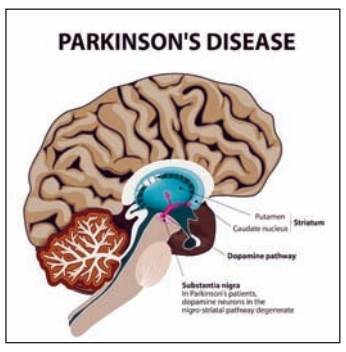
The industry is just so alive and buzzing, with endless events, shoots, and creativity happening all the time. It's colorful, vibrant, and my personal favorite," said Lauren, who has performed with globally known artists such as Rihanna, Mariah Carey, Shakira and Enrique Iglesias to name a few.Talking about Hollywood, where she has worked with Tom Cruise, Katie Holmes, and Tobey Maguire, Lauren said: "Hollywood, on the other hand, is much more structured. If something starts at 9 AM, it starts at 9 AM!" "There are clear schedules, rules, and systems in place, and training is taken incredibly seriously. It's a highly polished environment, and that structure can be really beneficial."

For her, the UK feels like a mix of both.

"The dancers there are gritty and grounded-they have this really raw, powerful style that I love. It's been so cool to see how each region brings its own rhythm and energy, and I've learned something unique from all of them." "Each industry has its own flavor, and I feel really lucky to have moved through all three," said the actress-dancer, who stepped into Bollywood with the 2013 film ABCD: Any Body Can Dance by Remo D'Souza.

Health

Study shows how impaired brain impacts cognitive function in Parkinson's patients



New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) Researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay have in a new study unravelled how disrupted brain activity impacts cognitive functions in Parkinson's patients.

The study focussed on altered reward processing in Parkinson's patients to decode why Parkinson's patients lack motivation and have impaired decision-making.

Parkinson's disease is a neurodegenerative disorder mainly causing shaky limbs, muscle stiffness, and slow movements. However, some Parkinson's patients also manifest symptoms such as a lack of motivation or disability in experiencing pleasure, attributed to a lack of dopamine hormone.

Commonly known as the 'feel-good' hormone, dopamine is generally produced when performing a pleasurable task or receiving a reward.

Lack of dopamine in individuals with Parkinson's leads to altered brain activity and impaired reward processing -- the brain's ability to recognise, value, and respond to rewarding stimuli.

To investigate reward processing in individuals with Parkinson's, the team used brain signals.

The results showed that reward positivity, was weaker in Parkinson's patients, indicating that their brains do not process rewards effectively. Reward positivity is essential for cognitive processes like attention, learning, and emotional responses.

Further, dopamine medication failed to restore the reward positivity.

"Normally, the brain releases dopamine as short bursts following a reward, but in Parkinson's, these bursts are weaker. Although dopamine medication replenishes the dopamine levels in the brain, it does not produce burst-like signals that mimic the natural process.

This could be the reason why dopamine is able to improve motor symptoms but not cognitive functions like reward processing," said Prof.

Nivethida Thirugnanasambandam, from the Human Motor Neurophysiology and Neuromodulation Lab, Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering, who led the study.

"Hence, adjunct treatment strategies may be required to restore cognitive impairments in Parkinson's," she added.

RUUH and JOH share how they built a soundscape that is 'lush and cinematic' for 'The Royals'



Mumbai, May 5 (IANS) In an exciting collaboration, music artists RUUH and JOH have come together to craft a soul-stirring album for "The Royals."

Pushing their creative boundaries, the duo promises a musical experience that blends innovation with emotion-marking a new high in their artistic journey. The brother duo has come up with a unique sound that mixes their smooth vocals with rich synth layers, drawing from indie pop and disco styles. Their track "Dil Deewana" is a heartfelt love song with emotional lyrics and a retro-disco vibe that wears its emotions proudly.

While it sets a romantic mood, "Aadayein Teri" brings a catchy, groovy feel-blending desire and mystery with poetic lines and a steady beat that speaks volumes without saying too much.

Talking about composing four magical tracks for "The Royals," RUUH said, "When we were brought on for The Royals, the brief was clear-they wanted bangers. Big, bold, royal energy. We pushed our limits, bringing in icons like Jubin, Jonita, Neeti, and more. Honestly, it's the most ambitious soundtrack we've done yet."

Adding to that, JOH, the co-composer, reflected on the creative process behind the album. He shared, "This wasn't just another project-it was our chance to go bigger than ever. We knew the ballroom scenes needed drama, sparkle, and that classic disco groove. So, we built a soundscape that's lush, cinematic, and totally new for us. Big risks, bigger rewards."

Notably, the sibling duo has been topping the music charts with their unique mix of styles, delivering one hit after another. Some of their recent popular songs include "Yaar Tere Bin", "Baatein," "Gumshudah," and more.

On a related note, "The Royals" is a modern-day love story between the successor of a fading riyasat, Aviraj Singh, played by Ishaan Khatter, and an ambitious startup whizz, Sophia Kanmani Shankar, played by Bhumi Pednekar.

Riddhima Kapoor shares first photo from the sets of her debut project with mom Neetu and Kapil Sharma



Mumbai, May 5 (IANS) Bollywood actor Ranbir Kapoor's sister, Riddhima Kapoor Sahni, has officially begun her acting journey.

The star daughter shared the first photo from the sets of her debut project, where she will be seen alongside her mother, Neetu Kapoor, and comedian-actor Kapil Sharma. On Monday, Riddhima took to her Instagram handle to drop the first glimpse from the set and wrote in the caption, "Happiness is contagious, spread it #shootdiaries #DKS #postpackupshenanigans."

In the cheerful group selfie, Riddhima Kapoor beams alongside her mother, Neetu Kapoor, comedian Kapil Sharma, his wife, Ginni Chatrath, director Ashish R. Mohan, actress Sadia Khateeb, and several others. All are seen sharing a hearty laugh together in the image. The behind-the-scenes glimpse has already sparked excitement among social media users eager to see Riddhima, Neetu, and Kapil together on screen.

Riddhima was shooting in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, for a Hindi film. A few days ago. actress Manju Walia had shared a picture on her Instagram feed, featuring Riddhima Kapoor along with two child artistes. For the caption, she wrote, "My Nephew shooting with these beautiful souls and specially Ridhima. We are so Glad to meet you @riddhimakapoorsahniofficial. We are excited and now waiting for the release right after the shoot wraps up."

In a recent interview, Neetu Kapoor's daughter confirmed her Bollywood debut, saying, "Yes, I am filming a movie in the hills." Riddhima chose not to reveal whether Neetu has a role in the film but mentioned that she is present on set and "thoroughly enjoying the process."

Things that seem insignificant are the ones that have the biggest impact, says Ritika Singh



Chennai, May 5 (IANS) Actress Ritika Singh, who shot to limelight with her stellar performance as a boxer in director Sudha Kongara's 'Irudhi Suttru' ('Saala Khadoos' in Hindi), has now put out an inspiring video on how she lost excess weight and got back into shape despite her nagging knee injuries.Taking to Instagram, the actress put out a video at the beginning of which she disclosed how she had gained weight and was weighing 72 kilogrammes. She then showed how she worked out to reduce weight and get back into shape.

She wrote, "The last three months have been absolutely transcendental for me. It wasn't just the fact that I had hit an all time high on the weighing scale, but the fact that my knee injuries got worse. The pain was terrible. I couldn't move, kick or dance effortlessly. That's when I looked at myself in the mirror and said enough, it's time to lock in and look the best you've ever looked. And here we are."Stating that this was a "very long topic" and that there was a lot to unpack, especially when it came to her relationship with food and how she finally got her bad habits under control, the actress disclosed, "I made some big lifestyle changes, but the ultimate game changer for me has been the attention to the small things. The things that seem too insignificant to matter but those are the ones that have had THE BIGGEST IMPACT!"

The actress concluded the post saying," I would love to talk about it coz I truly believe it could help so many of us look and most importantly feel better."

Ritika Singh, who has made a name for herself in Tamil cinema with her performances in films like 'Irudhi Suttru', 'Aandavan Kattalai', 'Oh My Kadavule' and 'Kolai', was last seen in the Rajinikanth-starrer 'Vettaiyan'.

Basil Joseph's 'Maranamass' to release on OTT on May 15



Chennai, May 5 (IANS) Director Sivaprasad's superhit Malayalam film, 'Maranamass', featuring Basil Joseph and Rajesh Madhavan in the lead, is to premiere on OTT from May 15 this year.

The quirky dark comedy, which made waves in theatres, is all set to be streamed exclusively on the platform, Sony LIV, from May 15.

This genre-bending film, which mixed satire, suspense, and absurdity into a riotous rollercoaster, came in for appreciation from various quarters.

Set in Kerala, 'Maranamass' follows two unsuspecting friends who think they've witnessed a murder. What unfolds next is a chain of increasingly bizarre events involving local politics, hidden agendas, and a whole lot of paranoia. As reality starts to blur, one question remains: Is everything as it seems, or is someone pulling the strings?

Talking about his film's release on OTT, actor and director Basil Joseph said, "Maranamass is a film that's close to my heart. Its quirky humor, eccentric characters, and unpredictable twists make it a wild ride. After the amazing response to 'Pravinkoodu Shappu', I'm thrilled to be back on Sony LIV with my second film. I genuinely believe audiences will have a blast watching this one from their living rooms!"

The film, which has been produced by actor Tovino Thomas along with Rapheal Pozholiparambil, Tingston Thomas and Thanzeer Salam, has music by JK and cinematography by Neeraj Revi. Editing for the film is by Chaman Chakko while stunts for the film have been choreographed by Kalai Kingson.

The film's story has been penned by Siju Sunny, who along with director Sivaprasad has also penned the film's dialogues. The film, which set the cash registers ringing at the box office, has been co-directed by Binu Narayan.

ICC annual rankings: India maintain pole position in white-ball formats

Australia retain top spot in Tests

Dubai, May 5 (IANS) India maintained number one position in the ICC Men's ODI and T20I rankings while Australia managed to retain their top place in the Test Team Rankings after the annual updates released by the premier cricket board on Monday.

The latest rankings, which rate all matches played since May 2024 at 100 per cent and those of the previous two years at 50 per cent, see a record 100 teams listed in T20Is after the annual update. In ODIs annual update, India have improved their lead from 12 to 15 points and are at 124 rating points.

India's victory in the 2025 ICC Men's Champions Trophy was the highlight of a successful



period over the past year, including a 3-0 home series win against England, coming after losing an away series against Sri Lanka in August 2024.

New Zealand, who were the runners-up in Champions Trophy, have edged ahead of Australia to second place. But Sri Lanka have emerged as the biggest improvers - up two places from sixth to fourth, leapfrogging Pakistan and South Africa. Afghanistan have gone past England while the West Indies have moved above Bangladesh to take ninth position.

In terms of T20Is, India are also staying clear at the top, even though their lead over Australia is reduced from 10 to nine points. The past year saw them win the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, followed by 3-0 series sweeps over Bangladesh and Sri Lanka and other series wins over England, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

There are no other changes in the top six with 2022 winners England, New Zealand, two-time champions West Indies and South Africa following in that order. 2014 winners Sri Lanka have overtaken 2009 champions Pakistan to be at seventh position while Ireland are now ahead of Zimbabwe in 11th position.

The biggest gain in terms of rating points is for Canada, whose nine-point surge lifts them into 19th position and ahead of Oman, who are the biggest losers in terms of ranking points, with an eight-point drop. Bahamas (up eight places to 51st) and Estonia (up seven places to 61st) are the biggest gainers in the annual update, which took 100 teams into account as they have all played at least eight T20Is in the past three years. When the global rankings were launched in 2019, there were 80 ranked teams.

IPL 2025: Chennai Super Kings sign Urvil Patel as replacement for injured Vansh Bedi



New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) Chennai Super Kings (CSK) have signed Gujarat wicketkeeper-batter Urvil Patel as a replacement for VanshBedi, who has been ruled out of the remainder of Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 due to a ligament tear in his left ankle.

Bedi was on the verge of making his IPL debut during CSK's last match against Royal Challengers Bengaluru. He was named in the playing XI but picked up the injury moments before the game and was replaced by Deepak Hooda. With Bedi ruled out of the season, CSK moved quickly to bring in Urvil Patel. Urvil, 26, represents Gujarat in domestic cricket. He gained nationwide attention during the 2024-25 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy when he smashed the joint-fastest T20 century by an Indian batter - a blistering 28-ball ton against Tripura. That innings helped him cement his place as one of the most exciting uncapped talents in the country.

Kagiso Rabada cleared to play again after completing 'substance abuse treatment program'



New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) South Africa pacer KagisoRabada has been cleared to play again after completing the 'substance abuse treatment program' following testing positive for a recreational drug during the SA20 competition earlier this year.

According to a statement from the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport (SAIDS), Rabada was tested following the SA20 match between MI Cape Town and Durban Super Giants on January 21.

He tested positive for a "Substance of Abuse" and was informed of the result on April 1, following which a provisional suspension was imposed.

"Mr. Rabada tested positive for a Substance of Abuse and was subsequently notified of the allegation of his doping offence on 1 April 2025.

A provisional suspension was imposed and Mr.Rabada returned immediately to South Africa from India," the release stated. While the specific drug was not named in the statement, Article 4.2.3 of the SAIDS Code lists cocaine, heroin, MDMA/ecstasy, and THC among the substances of abuse.

No Jasprit Bumrah? 3 vice-captaincy options for India on Test tour of England

Mumbai: India have a key decision to make ahead of their five-match Test series in England. According to The Indian Express, JaspritBumrah is unlikely to be given a leadership role for the series against the Three Lions.

Reports suggest that the team management is looking to groom a new face - someone who can eventually succeed Rohit Sharma when he steps away from international cricket. Bumrah previously captained India in the rescheduled fifth Test against England in 2022, and later led the team in matches against Australia in Perth and Sydney.

However, recurring injury concerns have limited Bumrah's availability, with his last international appearance coming in the New Year's Test at the SCG. Despite this, India have several promising options to consider for the role of vice-captain. Here are 3 vice-captaincy options India can look up to-



Rishabh Pant: Rishabh Pant made his international debut in 2017 and has been part of the national setup for the past eight years. The wicketkeeper-batter captained India in five T20Is during the home series against South Africa in June 2022.

In addition to his international experience, Pant has also led teams in 54 Indian Premier League (IPL) matches - 43 for Delhi Capitals (DC) and 11 for Lucknow Super Giants (LSG). This leadership exposure makes him a strong candidate to be considered a future captain of India.

Yashasvi Jaiswal: Yashasvi Jaiswal is a promising option India can consider for the vice-captaincy role. Although he has not yet captained a major team in any format, the southpaw has significantly grown in stature since making his debut during the West Indies tour in 2023. Jaiswal has seamlessly integrated into the Indian Test team and has also performed well in T20Is. He was initially part of India's preliminary squad for the Champions Trophy before being replaced by mystery spinner VarunChakravarthy.

Shubman Gill: Shubman Gill has gained substantial captaincy experience since rising through the ranks after the U19 World Cup in 2018, held in New Zealand. He has already led India in five T20Is during their tour of Zimbabwe last year, where India won the series 4-1.

Prabhsimran's father, undergoing dialysis, only smiles when son plays

Mohali: Prabhsimran's father, SardarSurjit Singh, isn't going through the best of times, needing to get dialysis done three times a week. In such complicated times, Prabhsimran's performances for PBKS on the pitch have somehow managed to bring a smile back on Surjit Singh's face. "The only time he smiles these days is when he sees Prabhsimran bat in the IPL," Surjit Singh's brother Satwinderpal Singh told the Times of India.

"He is going through dialysis thrice a week. As an elder brother, I can't see the pain he is enduring. I have to step out of the house when the doctors come home for the dialysis. Not a day has gone by that I have not prayed that it should not be my younger brother," said Satwinderpal Singh, who has worked as a mentor for Prabhsimran along with his own sons Anmolpreet Singh and Tejpreet Singh. While Prabhsimran is ruling the roost all across the country with his bat, his father and uncle enjoy his performances by sitting in front of the television in Patiala. In fact, when Surjit sees his son Prabhsimran hit a rash shot, he shouts in front of the TV, saying he should play cautiously.

Ruud beats Draper to claim maiden Masters 1000 title in Madrid



Madrid, May 5 (IANS) Casper Ruud defeated Jack Draper 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 to claim his first Masters 1000 title at the Madrid Open, after falling at the final hurdle in Miami in 2022 and Monte Carlo in 2024.

Ruud has more wins (125), finals (17) and titles (12) than any other player on clay since 2020. However, he arrived at this year's Mutua Madrid Open with a question mark hanging over his form having bowed out in the last sixteen in Monte Carlo and the quarters in Barcelona, where he was the defending champion.

Those results caused him to fall to 15th position in the ATP world rankings. With his two-hour, 29-minute triumph, Ruud became the first Norwegian to claim a Masters 1000 crown. A three-time Grand Slam finalist and former No. 2 in the PIF ATP Rankings, the 26-year-old is now a 13-time champion on the ATP Tour. In Madrid, he recorded three Top 10 wins in the same event for only the second time in his career: He downed World No. 4 Taylor Fritz, No. 10 Daniil Medvedev and No. 6 Draper en route to the title, ATP reports.

IPL 2025: An amazing experience, everybody's been really welcoming, says Southgate

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) Gareth Southgate, the former England men's football team manager who stepped down after the loss in the 2024 Euro finals, said the time of watching IPL 2025 in India has made for an amazing experience, adding that everyone in the country has been very welcoming towards him.

"I love the sport, so it's lovely to come here and I've loved coming to India, it's the first time I've been to India, (and) everybody's been really welcoming and it's been an amazing experience," said Southgate in a video posted on iplt20.com on Monday.

Southgate was seen in attendance for two of Rajasthan Royals' (RR) games -



against Mumbai Indians in Jaipur and against Kolkata Knight Riders in Kolkata. "Last year, Ben Stokes came and talked to the England (football) team and so, also with a lot of the coaches, you learn a lot across sports."

"So that's really why I am here. Manoj (Bedale, one of RR lead owners), is one of the advisors to the federation when I was there. So, I found him really helpful challenging my thinking and we struck up a good friendship," he added on his reason to be in India during the IPL.

Southgate, who also played football for England, reflected on the love he had for cricket in his growing-up years. "Very often when you play at Wembley, the crowd is a little bit quieter. I've always been a fan of cricket. When I was a young kid. I used to watch Test matches all day long."

"I mean, I am going back to the era of KapilDev and Sunil Gavaskar and players like that.

Then, over the years, got to know a lot of the players when I was playing for England and I knew a lot of the England team."

Southgate signed off by telling how being with RR has led to him spending time with legendary cricketers Rahul Dravid and Kumar Sangakkara, who are the franchise's head coach and director of cricket respectively.

Pacer Shami gets death threat in email

Amroha police lodges FIR on brother's complaint



New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) India pacer Mohammed Shami received a death threat via email on Sunday, and an FIR has been registered by the Cyber Crime Police Station of Uttar Pradesh's Amroha district.

The FIR, which is with IANS, was lodged on Monday on the orders of the Superintendent of Police (SP) and stated that the report was registered on behalf of Shami by his brother Haseeb and named Rajput Sindar as the sender of the threat email.

According to the FIR, the sender also demanded the ransom of Rs one crore from the cricketer who is busy playing the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 with Sunrisers Hyderabad. The FIR has been registered under the following sections: Indian Penal Code (BNS), 2023 Section 308(4), Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2008 Section 66d and Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2008 Section 66e and the police is investigating the matter.

Run-fest awaits as Mumbai Indians hosts Gujarat Titans in crucial fixture

Mumbai: Another run-fest could be on the cards when Mumbai Indians take on Gujarat Titans at the Wankhede Stadium on Tuesday.

MI head coach Mahela Jayawardene confirmed that the match will be played on the same pitch used in the high-scoring clash against Royal Challengers Bengaluru last month. On that occasion, both teams crossed 200, with RCB emerging victorious.

Mumbai comes into this game with six consecutive wins and a surge in momentum. With the best Net Run Rate in the league, MI needs just two wins from its remaining three matches to seal a playoff spot. Playing two of those games at home adds to its advantage.

The batting line-up is firing on all cylinders. SuryakumarYadav and Rohit Sharma are among the runs, and the unit looks settled. On the bowling front, JaspritBumrah continues to lead the charge, supported ably by Trent Boult, Deepak Chahar, and skipper HardikPandya. This attack has consistently delivered, and poses a serious threat to any opposition.

Gujarat's top order - Sai Sudharsan, Jos Buttler, and captain Shubman Gill - has held firm so far. But facing Mumbai's bowlers at Wankhede will be a different challenge. GT's bowling, meanwhile, has looked unconvincing. Rashid Khan's dip in form remains a concern. However, the return of KagisoRabada from suspension gives the unit a timely boost.

Cue Sport: Pankaj Advani bags title in CCI Billiards Classic

Mumbai, May 5 (IANS) Indian cue sport legend PankajAdvani completed a triple once again by prevailing over DhruvSitwala 5-2 in the final of the CCI Billiards Classic 2025. Sitwala described Advani as a strong character at the table, noting that he was "at it" throughout the final.

In a pulsating contest that ended late on Sunday, Advani - winner of 28 World Championship titles across cue sports - was far from his best in the first three frames. However, the champion cueist seized his opportunity when Sitwala, on a strong break of 94, faltered.

Advani capitalised with a visit of 145 to take the fourth frame and level the match at 2-2. After the break, Advani found the ball rolling his way and his rhythm took



control of the match and won the next three frames in a row to seal the title and the top prize of Rs. 2.5 lakh. Sitwala, for his efforts, took home Rs. 1.5 lakh.

Zuala'slate penalty sends 10-man JFC U-17 to top of Group D

Mail News Service

Guwahati, May 5: A dramatic 90th-minute penalty conversion by Lawmsangzuala helped 10-man Jamshedpur FC U-17 edge past Corbett FC 1-0 in AIFF U-17 Elite League Final Round Group 'D' clash at SAI Ground, Guwahati on Monday.

The match looked destined for a stalemate until forward Krishna Tudu was brought down in a one-on-one situation by Corbett FC goalkeeper Kunal in the final minute of regulation time. Zuala, showing nerves of steel, stepped up and calmly slotted the ball into the net, sealing a crucial win for the Young Men of Steel.



Jamshedpur FC were reduced to ten men in the 67th minute after defender Soumik Das received his second yellow card, leaving the side to battle the final stretch a man short. Despite the numerical disadvantage, the team remained was able to eke out victory and win crucial three points.

With this hard-fought victory, Jamshedpur FC now top Group D with four points from two games. They had earlier drawn 1-1 with Classic Football Academy in their opening fixture. Muthoot Football Academy, who also have four points, are second due to goal difference.

The group decider between Jamshedpur FC and Muthoot FA on May 7 will be a high-stakes encounter, where a draw would be enough for both teams to secure quarterfinal berths.

Classic Football Academy and Corbett FC have one point each after completion of two matches in the Group. (w-mb)

India's defence portals face cyber-attack, Pak group claims to have hacked many websites

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) While the relations between India and Pakistan hit rock bottom after the Pahalgam attack, a group of Pakistan-based hackers on Monday claimed to have breached the websites of multiple Indian defence institutions, leaving sensitive data compromised.



The hacker group, describing itself as the Pakistan Cyber Force, claimed that it has hacked the portals of leading defence establishments, including the Indian Military Engineering Services, the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, and other websites.

Pakistan Cyber Force, a handle on X, claimed that hackers got access to sensitive data pertaining to defence personnel and also their login details. The group also attempted to take control of the websites of Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Defence.

The Pakistan Cyber Force also posted images of the webpage from Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited, where an Indian tank's photograph has allegedly been replaced by a Pakistani tank.

"Your armoured factory is now owned by Pakistan, courtesy Pakistan Cyber Force," it wrote.

Meanwhile, the website of Armoured Vehicle Nigam Limited is understood to have been taken offline for a thorough audit to assess the extent of any potential damage due to hacking, said reports.

In another post, it claimed to have hacked data and details of Military Engineer Services personnel. It also wrote, "Hacked. Your security is an illusion. MES data owned."

'PoK is ours': AIMIM leader calls for invading, reclaiming the territory

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) leader Waris Pathan on Monday asked the government to allow the Indian armed forces to not just enter the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) but also capture it, as the land belongs to India.

The AIMIM national spokesperson, in a special interaction with IANS, said: "The whole nation wants punitive action against Pakistan for the brutal massacre of Pahalgam victims. It's time that India not just enters Pakistan-occupied Kashmir but stay seated there and also capture it as the territory belongs to us."

Pathan, quoting a survey, said that 75 per cent of the countrymen want decisive action against Pakistan, more aggressive than post-Uri and Pulwama retaliation, and therefore, the government should pull no punches in punishing the terror-sponsoring nation.

Japan Defence Minister assures full support to India's fight against terrorism



New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday held bilateral talks with his Japanese counterpart General Nakatani in New Delhi, with both leaders reaffirming their commitment to deepening Defence ties and countering regional security threats, including terrorism.

The meeting comes days after a brutal terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's (J&K) Pahalgam claimed 26 innocent lives.

General Nakatani expressed solidarity with India over the Pahalgam attack and extended Japan's full support.

After the meeting, Defence Minister Singh took to X and posted, "It was a delight to meet Japan's Defence Minister Gen Nakatani San in New Delhi. India shares a Special Strategic and Global Partnership with Japan. During the bilateral meeting, we discussed Defence cooperation and regional security."

"Both sides condemned terrorism in all forms and emphasised the need for enhanced collaboration and joint efforts to counter cross-border threats," he said.

"Nakatani San expressed solidarity with India in the wake of the Pahalgam attack and offered full support to India," Rajnath Singh added.

The bilateral discussion focussed on regional and international security challenges and explored avenues to bolster cooperation in Defence and strategic affairs.

Cash at judge's residence: SC 'in-house' panel submits probe report to CJI



New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) The Supreme Court-appointed enquiry panel formed to probe into cash discovery allegations against Justice Yashwant Verma has submitted its report to the Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sanjiv Khanna. Then Delhi HC judge, Justice Varma is embroiled in a controversy surrounding the alleged discovery of a huge pile of burnt cash in the storeroom attached to his bungalow in Delhi after the fire brigade had gone there to douse a blaze on March 14. "The three-member Committee consisting of Mr Justice Sheel Nagu, Chief Justice of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Mr Justice G.S. Sandhawalia, Chief Justice of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh. and Ms Justice Anu Sivaraman, Judge of the High Court of Karnataka, constituted for conducting an inquiry into the allegations against Mr Justice Yashwant Varma, a sitting Judge, has submitted its report dated 03.05.2025 to the Chief Justice of India on 04.05.2025," said a press released issued by the apex court on Monday.

CBI Director selection: Rahul Gandhi, CJI join PM at PMO amid ongoing security consultations

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) In a high-stakes meeting at the Prime Minister's Office in South Block, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna arrived on Monday to participate with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the selection process for the next Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

The current CBI chief, Praveen Sood, a 1986-batch IPS officer from the Karnataka cadre, is set to retire this month.

As per procedure, the appointment of the next CBI Director is decided by a three-member committee comprising the Prime Minister, who heads the panel, the Chief Justice of India, and the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha. The meeting is considered crucial for the future direction of the country's premier investigating agency.



While the primary agenda of the meeting was the selection of the new CBI chief, sources indicate that Rahul Gandhi is also expected to be briefed on the government's internal deliberations regarding the response to the recent Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 civilian lives.

Congress leader Gandhi's presence at the PMO, reportedly alongside Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and senior military officials, was also being seen as an important development as it came at a time when tensions with Pakistan are on the rise. Earlier, the Defence Secretary had also separately met the PM and reportedly discussed with him the military preparedness.

Iyer to represent India on IMF Board at key meet on Pakistan loan



New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) The Government has asked Parameswaran Iyer, Executive Director at the World Bank, to temporarily take up the additional responsibility as India's nominee director on the IMF Board, ahead of the crucial meeting on May 9 to consider Pakistan's case for a loan from the multilateral institution, according to reliable sources.

Iyer will represent India on the IMF Board as the slot has fallen vacant following the recall of K.V. Subramanian as the country's executive director, six months ahead of his three-year tenure.

The IMF Executive Board will meet on May 9, to take a decision on a fresh $1.3 billion loan to Pakistan under a climate resilience programme, along with the first review of the ongoing $7 billion bailout package that has been given to the neighbouring country.

India is staunchly opposed to extending financial assistance to Pakistan because of serious concerns over the neighbouring country's role in financing terrorism. The IMF meeting comes within days of the horrific terror attack in Pahalgam, sponsored by Pakistan, in which 26 people were killed.

EAM Jaishankar meets Japanese delegation, discusses Pahalgam terror attack with Latvian counterpart

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Monday met a visiting Japanese delegation led by Fukushiro Nukaga, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Japan, in New Delhi and extended gratitude for the support following the Pahalgam terrorist attack.



"Delighted to meet Speaker Fukushiro Nukaga of the House of Representatives of Japan today in Delhi, along with his Parliamentary colleagues and business delegation. Thank him for the expression of solidarity and support on the Pahalgam terrorist attack," EAM posted on X.

"Appreciate his leadership in developing this natural relationship between India and Japan. Agreed to develop the agenda of increasing talent exchanges, enhancing business linkages and building technology partnership," the post added.

EAM Jaishankar also held a conversation with Foreign Minister of Latvia, Baiba Braze on the Pahalgam terror attack and other global issues.

"A good conversation with FM Baiba Braze of Latvia this evening. Discussed the Pahalgam terrorist attack and its cross-border linkages. Also spoke about global issues and our bilateral cooperation," EAM posted on X.

Last week, EAM Jaishankar held a telephonic conversation with the Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov amid the escalating tensions between India and Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack which claimed 26 lives.

BSF seizes narcotics valued at Rs 3.38 crore along India-Bangladesh border

Kolkata, May 5 (IANS) The Border Security Force (BSF) has made a major seizure of narcotics valued at nearly Rs 3.38 crore along the Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB), in the Murshidabad district of West Bengal, an official said on Monday.

"Around 2.30 a.m. on Sunday, troops of the 71 Bn BSF, posted at Border Outpost Khandua, spotted the suspicious movement of two persons behind their Domination Line. The troops immediately focussed their torched beams on the two and ordered them to stop. Instead of doing so, the miscreants fled towards the Atrosia village, taking advantage of the dark and the cover provided by houses. The troops did not use weapons to avoid any collateral damage," said N K Pandey, DIG and spokesperson, South Bengal Frontier, BSF.

"Soon after the incident, BSF troops mounted a major search operation in the area. During the intensive sweep of the bushes and surrounding locations, the troops recovered a plastic bag. Upon opening the bag, they found two packets wrapped in brown tape. The first packet contained 10 small cellophane packets filled with a light yellow powder, which prima facie appeared to be a narcotic substance.

'Be more active in public interaction': Mamata tells party MLAs from strife-hit Murshidabad



Kolkata, May 5 (IANS) West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who is currently on a two-day tour to the state's Murshidabad district which was hit by communal violence and riot-like situation last month, on Monday advised her party legislators from the district in becoming more active in public interaction keeping in mind the crucial state assembly elections next year.

After reaching Baharampur, the administrative headquarters of Murshidabad district earlier in the day, the Chief Minister held a meeting with the elected Trinamool Congress legislators from the district, and in the meeting, she reportedly advised the party MLAs to be more active in public interaction henceforth.

"At the same time, she also advised us to ensure that the common party workers in the district become more active in the coming days. She also asked us to ensure that the district administration too becomes active so that under no circumstances the common people lose confidence in the administration," said a legislator from the district who refused to be named.

Earlier, speaking to the mediapersons, the Chief Minister claimed that the recent communal violence in Murshidabad, which happened over protests against the Waqf (Amendment) Act, turning violent, was instigated in a planned manner by just two to three persons.

"I will not blame any particular community. Some people are trying to pose as religious leaders.

Akali Dal accuses LoP Gandhi of subverting question on 1984 riots

Chandigarh, May 5 (IANS) Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader and Bathinda MP, Harsimrat Kaur Badal, on Monday condemned Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, for not offering an unequivocal apology for the attack on the Sri Darbar Sahib and Sri Akal Takht Sahib, as well as his party-sponsored riots in 1984.

"Despite knowing that his grandmother ordered the attack on Sri Darbar Sahib in 1984 and his father's cronies led mobs who murdered and burnt Sikhs in cold blood on the roads of Delhi, Rahul Gandhi tried his best to subvert a question which sought to question the role of the Congress in the aftermath of Indira Gandhi's assassination which led to the massacre of 3,000 Sikhs," she said in a statement here. She said when forced to answer the question at the Brown University in the US, the Congress leader did not apologise for either his grandmother or his father's actions.

Pahalgam attack: Lufthansa, Air France take longer routes to avoid Pak

New Delhi, May 5 (IANS) Leading global airlines Air France and Lufthansa have stopped flying over Pakistani airspace to ensure safety of the flights amid rising tensions in the region, after the Pakistan-sponsored terror attack claimed the lives of 26 people in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam.

Air France in a statement said that "due to recent tensions between India and Pakistan, the airline has decided to suspend overflight of Pakistan until further notice."



Similarly, German airline Lufthansa also said in that its aircraft are "avoiding Pakistani airspace until further notice".

Flight tracking data also indicates that international airlines have started avoiding Pakistani airspace and taking more circuitous routes to avoid the potential danger to the flights. Lufthansa said it was avoiding Pakistani airspace even though it means that will result in longer flight times on some routes to Asia. The airline also stated that it is closing monitoring developments in the region.

Flight tracking data showed flights of British Airways, Swiss International Air Lines and Emirates turning away from Pakistan airspace to take longer routes to their destinations despite the higher fuel burn.

Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train to explore Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's legacy

Mail News Service

Kolkata, May 5: Indian Railways is launching a unique heritage tour under the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Circuit, offering tourists an immersive journey through historical sites associated with the legendary Maratha leader. The Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train will commence on June 9, 2025, departing from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) in Mumbai and will traverse several iconic locations linked to Shivaji Maharaj's life.



The 5-night, 6-day journey will first take tourists to Mangaon, the closest station to Raigad Fort, where Shivaji Maharaj was crowned and established his capital. After exploring the fort, the train will proceed to Pune, where tourists will have dinner and stay overnight. In Pune, key attractions such as Lal Mahal, the Kasba Ganpati Temple and Shivsrushti - a theme park dedicated to Shivaji Maharaj's life - will be explored.

On Day 3, the tour will head to Shivneri Fort, the birthplace of Shivaji Maharaj, followed by a visit to the Bhimashankar Jyotirlinga Temple. The journey will continue toward Satara on Day 4, where Pratapgarh Fort, the site of the historic 1659 battle between Shivaji Maharaj and Afzal Khan, will be visited.

Day 5 will feature a visit to Kolhapur's Mahalakshmi Temple and Panhala Fort, where Shivaji Maharaj famously escaped siege. The return journey to Mumbai will conclude on the sixth day.

The Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train offers passengers a chance to experience these historical landmarks in a modern, comfortable setting, with Sleeper, Second AC and Third AC coaches. Tickets for this once-in-a-lifetime journey can be booked through the IRCTC website on a first-come-first-served basis. (w/nkm)