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Shubhanshu Shukla back on earth after historic space mission

New Delhi, July 15 (IANS) Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, who scripted history by becoming the first from the country to reach the International Space Station, returns safely back home on Tuesday.

SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft "Grace" carrying IAF Group Captain Shukla and three other astronauts, part of the Axiom Space Mission-4 (Ax-4) splashed down in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of California at 3:01 p.m. IST (4:31 AM CT).

"Splashdown of Dragon confirmed - welcome back to Earth, AstroPeggy, Shux, astro_slawosz, and Tibi!" SpaceX said in a post on social media platform X.

Shukla, along with fellow astronauts Peggy Whitson (US), Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski (Poland), and Tibor Kapu (Hungary), boarded



SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft "Grace" at 3:30 a.m. CT (2 PM IST) on Monday. Shukla flew to the ISS on June 26. He also became the second Indian astronaut to travel to space after Rakesh Sharma's 1984 odyssey.

The 18-minute-long deorbit burn took place over the Pacific Ocean as the spacecraft re-entered the Earth's atmosphere. The astronauts also had a blackout period, where the spacecraft lost communication signals for about seven minutes.

Final preparations included detaching the capsule's trunk and orienting the heat shield ahead of atmospheric entry, which exposed the spacecraft to temperatures nearing 1,600 degrees Celsius.

Parachutes deployed in two stages -- first stabilising chutes at about 5.7 km altitude at 2:57 pm IST, followed by the main parachutes at roughly two km before splashdown.

SpaceX noted that it is Dragon's second human spaceflight mission to splash down off the coast of California after Fram2 returned Dragon recovery operations to the West Coast in April. Previous SpaceX splashdowns took place in the Atlantic Ocean.

During his more than two weeks stay aboard the ISS, Shukla completed over 310 orbits, traversing an astounding 1.3 crore kilometres -- equivalent to travelling 33 times the distance between Earth and the Moon.

The crew also witnessed over 300 sunrises and sunsets from the orbital lab.

Shubhanshu Shukla inspired billion dreams, says PM Modi

New Delhi, July 15 (IANS) Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla inspired a billion dreams and his safe return to Earth marks another milestone towards Gaganyaan, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday.

"I join the nation in welcoming Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla as he returns to Earth from his historic mission to Space," PM Modi, said in a post on social media platform X.

"As India's first astronaut to have visited the International Space Station, he has inspired a billion dreams through his dedication, courage, and pioneering spirit. It marks another milestone towards our own Human Space Flight Mission - Gaganyaan," he added.

Big relief for Kerala nurse in Yemen

Nimisha Priya's execution 'postponed', say govt sources

New Delhi/Kerala, July 15 (IANS) It was a race against time, and after a lengthy period of multipronged negotiations, the execution of Kerala nurse Nimisha Priya, which was to happen on Wednesday, has been kept in abeyance.

Numerous efforts from several quarters, which included full support of the Indian government, besides agencies based in Saudi Arabia and religious intervention from the Grand Mufti, Kanthapuram A.P. Aboobacker Musliyar, who reportedly reached out to a friend in Yemen's Shoora Council to help mediate, all led to the decision.

According to the fresh order that came out soon after negotiations ended on Tuesday, the execution of Priya, which was fixed for Wednesday, has been



kept in abeyance until further orders.

The order has been signed by the Prison Execution officer and the local judge of the court in Yemen.

The Indian diplomatic officials, who were part of the negotiation that took place, said talks will continue, and the officials said the Indian government has stretched maximum for this relief.

Meanwhile, it has been reliably learned that the next part of the negotiation will centre around the blood money that will be given.

Expressing happiness was Priya's husband, Tomy Thomas, who said, "We are all happy and we also know there are a lot more things to happen. Local person Sabu M. Jerome, who coordinated all the conciliation meetings, said he wishes to thank the Governments of Yemen, the Indian government and the top people who got involved from Saudi Arabia."

"All other news which is being heard in the media is not true. The role played by the Indian government is huge," said Jerome.

Priya is currently lodged in a jail in Yemen, facing the death penalty for the alleged murder of her former business partner, Talal Abdo Mehdi, in 2017.

Tesla finally rolls into India

Opens first showroom in Mumbai



Mumbai, July 15 (IANS): Tesla is finally in India with the launch of its first showroom in Mumbai. Located in the heart of the city, Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), the 4,000-square-foot space marks the beginning of the electric vehicle giant's long-awaited entry into the Indian market.

This flagship showroom, also referred to as a Tesla Experience Centre, is expected to be followed by more outlets in major metros, including New Delhi. The move comes as Tesla looks to explore new growth markets amid slowing demand in its established territories.

For the Indian market, Tesla is reportedly offering the refreshed Model Y, finished in dark grey with black alloy wheels and a sleek, coupe-like silhouette. It will be available in two variants: Long Range RWD and Long Range AWD.

Jaishankar urges SCO to take firm stand on terrorism

Tianjin (China), July 15 (IANS) Highlighting the dastardly April 22 terrorist attack in Pahalgam, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar on Tuesday said that it is imperative that the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) should remain true to its founding objectives of tackling terrorism, separatism and extremism and take an uncompromising position on the challenge.

"The three evils that SCO was founded to combat were terrorism, separatism and extremism. Not surprisingly, they often occur together. Recently, we in India witnessed a graphic example in the terrorist attack in Pahalgam on 22 April 2025. It was deliberately conducted to undermine the tourism economy of Jammu and Kashmir,



while sowing a religious divide," said EAM Jaishankar while addressing the gathering - which also included Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar - at the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting in China's Tianjin."The UN Security Council, of which some of us are currently members, issued a statement that condemned it in the strongest terms and 'underlined the need to hold perpetrators, organisers, financiers and sponsors of this reprehensible act of terrorism accountable and bring them to justice'. We have since done exactly that and will continue doing so. It is imperative that the SCO, to remain true to its founding objectives, take an uncompromising position on this challenge," he added.

In his address, EAM Jaishankar spotlighted that the meeting is taking place at a time of "considerable disorder" in the international system.

"In the last few years, we have seen more conflicts, competition and coercion. Economic instability is also visibly on the rise. The challenge before us is to stabilize the global order, de-risk various dimensions and through it all, address longstanding challenges that threaten our collective interests," he said.India, he mentioned, has taken several initiatives in the SCO in domains ranging from startup and innovation to traditional medicine and digital public infrastructure."We will continue to positively approach new ideas and proposals that are genuinely for our collective good. It is essential that such cooperation is based on mutual respect, sovereign equality and in accordance with territorial integrity and sovereignty of member states," the EAM stated.

Gadkari visits Delhi hospital to inquire about Shibu Soren's health



Ranchi, July 15 : Former Chief Minister and Dishom Guru Shibu Soren is currently undergoing treatment at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in New Delhi. His son and current Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren, is in Delhi and has been attending closely to his father's care.

On Tuesday, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari visited the hospital to inquire about Shibu Soren's condition. Both leaders met Hemant Soren and the attending doctors to get an update on the senior leader's health.

Several prominent figures from across the country have visited Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in recent days to check on Shibu Soren's condition. President Droupadi Murmu and Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, have both paid visits to the ailing leader.

CBI arrests manager of CCL for alleged bribery

New Delhi, July 15 (IANS) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested four individuals, including a Manager and two clerks of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), Giddi-A Colliery Project Office, Hazaribagh, in connection with a corruption case involving alleged irregularities in coal transportation.

The arrests were made based on a Joint Surprise Check conducted on March 6, 2025, by the CBI at the Giddi-A Colliery.

The accused officials were allegedly found accepting undue advantage from private coal lifters in exchange for facilitating the unauthorised lifting and transportation of coal.

The case also names unknown public servants and private individuals who are suspected to be involved in the racket. According to the CBI, the four arrested individuals include: Ayodhya Karmali, Manager, Mukesh Kumar, Clerk, Prakash Mahli, Clerk, and Vijay Kumar Singh, a private individual allegedly acting as a middleman in the operation.

The first three accused were working at the Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), Giddi-A Colliery Project Office, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, while the fourth is a private individual. The arrested persons are being produced before the Special CBI Court in Ranchi on Tuesday for judicial custody.

Centre urges Aadhaar biometric update for kids aged 5–7

New Delhi, July 15 (IANS) The government on Tuesday urged parents and guardians to update their children's Aadhaar biometrics who have reached age seven. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) reiterated the importance of completing the Mandatory Biometric Update (MBU) for children who have attained the age of seven but have not yet updated their biometrics in Aadhaar. UIDAI said it has started sending SMS messages to the mobile numbers registered in the Aadhaar of such children for completing the MBU exercise.

Rahul appears in Lucknow court, granted bail in defamation case

Lucknow, July 15 (IANS) Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and Raebareli Member of Parliament, Rahul Gandhi, appeared before the MP-MLA court in Lucknow on Tuesday in connection with a defamation case filed against him for allegedly making objectionable remarks about Indian soldiers during the Bharat Jodo Yatra. The court promptly granted him bail on the condition of furnishing his personal bond of Rs 20,000 with two sureties of the like amount. The next date of hearing is August 13.Rahul Gandhi surrendered before the MP-MLA court, following which his legal team filed a bail application. The court accepted the bail plea and granted him relief. He remained in the court premises for about an hour.

The Congress leader had earlier moved the Allahabad High Court seeking to quash the summons, but his plea was dismissed last Thursday.The trial court had issued several summonses to Rahul Gandhi in this case, but he did not appear. His continued absence prompted the complainant to seek the issuance of a non-bailable warrant.Congress' Uttar Pradesh spokesperson and legal cell official, Advocate Pradeep Singh, stated that Rahul Gandhi "respects the judiciary and the rule of law." During the hearing, Gandhi submitted an affidavit, assuring the court of his regular appearance in subsequent proceedings.

Top Maoist carrying Rs 5 lakh reward surrenders in Latehar



Latehar (Jharkhand), July 15 (IANS) Senior commander of the banned Maoist outfit Jharkhand Janmukti Parishad (JJMP), Lovelesh Ganjhu, surrendered before the Latehar police on Tuesday, officials said.

Ganjhu, who carried a bounty of Rs 5 lakh on his head, laid down arms in the presence of Palamu Zonal Inspector General Sunil Bhaskar, Latehar SP Kumar Gaurav, and senior officers of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

Ganjhu had been active in Maoist operations across Latehar and adjoining districts for several years and was wanted in multiple cases of serious crimes, including extortion, violence, and attacks on security forces.

Despite multiple attempts, police had failed to nab him as he frequently changed locations and used decoys to evade arrest. According to officials, sustained pressure from ongoing joint operations by the state police and CRPF finally cornered Ganjhu. Investigations revealed that he had also purchased vehicles using aliases to avoid detection. However, financial distress, the declining strength of his organisation, and the loss of top commanders pushed him to surrender.

Deepika meets rural development ministry officials in Delhi

Ranchi, July 15: Rural Development Minister of Jharkhand Deepika Pandey Singh held an important meeting with secretary of Rural Development Ministry of Government of India, Shailesh Kumar Singh and secretary of rural development department, K. Srinivasan in Delhi on Tuesday. In this high-level meeting, many important issues related to the rural development of Jharkhand were discussed in depth, which will strengthen the cooperation between the Center and the State.

In the meeting, the issue of early settlement of pending financial amount to be received by the Jharkhand government under rural development schemes was raised prominently. The Minister appealed to the Center to approve the pending funds soon so that the pace of the ongoing development projects of the state is maintained.

During the meeting, special attention was also given to the smooth implementation of the major rural schemes of the Center in Jharkhand. Both sides agreed that the schemes will be implemented in a more effective and transparent manner at the ground level.

An important point of the meeting was to promote employment opportunities in the rural areas of Jharkhand. The Rural Development Minister emphasized that the state government will give priority to sustainable livelihood and will rapidly advance employment-oriented schemes with the help of the Center.

India going through 'Amrit Kaal' now, developing it by 2047 is govt's national goal: Prez

Bhubaneswar, July 15 (IANS) President Droupadi Murmu said on Tuesday said making India a developed nation by the year 2047 is the government's national goal.

She advised the students to contribute towards the development of India by getting inspiration from soldiers, farmers, scientists, etc.

Addressing the gathering at the convocation ceremony of Ravenshaw University at Cuttack, the president said, "Our country is going through Amrit Kaal. Making India a developed nation by the year 2047 is our national goal. The sense of nation first is our biggest strength. Our soldiers, farmers, scientists, engineers, doctors and people active in various fields are working with the sentiment of increasing the pride of India."

She urged students to take inspiration from them and contribute to the



development of the country with their knowledge, skills and devotion.

She further added that this is the era of science and technology. Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, 3D Printing and Cloud Computing have brought about a vast change in our thinking and working style.

President Murmu was happy to note that Ravenshaw University is making good use of these technologies. She advised all to be careful about the misuse of these advanced technologies.

In the next event, President Murmu laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of three buildings of Ravenshaw Girls' High School at Cuttack.

In her brief remarks on the occasion, the President said that the quality of teaching and good infrastructure create a good educational environment. She appreciated the Central and State governments for this project related to the education of girls.

EVM Warehouse inspected, emphasis on security compliance

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, July 15: District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Karn Satyarthi on Tuesday conducted a detailed inspection of the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) Warehouse located at Kitadih to review the security and operational preparedness ahead of the upcoming elections.

During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner closely examined the arrangements for the safe maintenance and storage of EVMs and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines. He reviewed the status of security deployment, CCTV surveillance systems, and record maintenance, ensuring that all procedures were in line with the protocols laid down by the Election Commission of India.

Addressing the officials present, Satyarthi directed that all arrangements must be updated, secure, and operated in an orderly manner to maintain public trust in the electoral process. He laid special emphasis on the regular checking of security arrangements, timely reporting, and maintaining transparency in all operations related to the machines. He further instructed that systematic documentation and logbooks be maintained meticulously to track any movement or inspection of EVM and VVPAT units. The Deputy Commissioner also interacted with the staff responsible for warehouse operations, underlining the importance of vigilance and adherence to established guidelines to avoid any discrepancies or lapses.

The inspection was conducted in the presence of Devdas Dutta, State Level Nodal Officer EVM-VVPAT-cum-Deputy Secretary, Cabinet (Election) Department, Deputy Election Officer Priyanka Singh, representatives of political parties, and other senior officials associated with election management. The presence of party representatives aimed to reinforce transparency and build confidence among stakeholders regarding the security and integrity of the machines. Officials informed that the warehouse has been equipped with round-the-clock CCTV surveillance and a robust security system, with designated personnel tasked to monitor activities. The District Election Office has also planned periodic drills and checks to ensure readiness and compliance as per the election schedule. The Deputy Commissioner urged all concerned departments and stakeholders to work in close coordination and remain fully prepared to uphold the credibility and fairness of the electoral process. (W-pb)

Move to establish district-level Police Complaints Authority gains momentum

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 15: The Jharkhand government has initiated steps to form District Police Complaints Authorities across the state to ensure impartial investigations into complaints of police misconduct.

This development followed continuous efforts by BJP leader and RTI activist Ankit Anand, who had filed RTI applications in April and June, questioning the delay in forming the mandated authorities despite Supreme Court directions.

In response, the DGP office issued instructions on July 1, 2025 (Letter No. 1045) to senior police officers across all districts to constitute the committees. The move was further acknowledged via Letter No. 477 dated July 9, sent to Ankit Anand by DIG (Personnel).

Each district committee will consist of five members, including a woman and a member from a weaker section of society, with an Additional SP-level officer as Member Secretary. The chairperson will be an independent member. These committees will probe cases involving officers below DSP rank and recommend action within a 3-month window.

Ankit Anand welcomed the development, calling it a "decisive step toward administrative accountability" and a long-overdue implementation of Supreme Court orders. (w/gsd)

Public grievances digitally tracked for timely redressal



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 15: Deputy Commissioner Karn Satyarthi on Tuesday presided over the Public Grievance Redressal Day at the Collectorate, where he interacted directly with citizens from both urban and rural areas and listened to a wide range of grievances and demands. Residents from various blocks and localities raised issues related to road construction and repair, pensions for the elderly and widows, health assistance, land disputes, encroachment removal, drinking water supply, and repair of rain-damaged houses, among others.

Significant concerns included the re-operation of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) in Bhula and the supply of dirty water in Jugsalai, which the Deputy Commissioner took serious note of, instructing concerned departments to act on priority.

Applications and memorandums submitted by citizens, covering personal, social, and collective concerns, were promptly forwarded to relevant departments. Satyarthi emphasized that sensitivity and promptness are essential in resolving public grievances and directed officials to address the issues in a time-bound and rule-based manner.

The Public Grievance Cell, functioning under the Deputy Commissioner's guidance, ensures that complaints are digitally tracked and coordinated with the concerned departments for effective resolution. The initiative continues to serve as a vital platform for citizen engagement and administrative accountability in East Singhbhum district. (W-pb)

Dist ABTSM accuses former Secretary of embezzlement



Jamshedpur, July 15: A demand letter was submitted to the Deputy Commissioner of East Singhbhum on Tuesday by the district unit of Akhil Bharatiya Tailik Sahu Mahasabha (ABTSM), led by District President Rakesh Sahu. The letter accused former General Secretary Manoj Gupta of serious financial irregularities and misusing the society's name for personal gains.

Rakesh Sahu stated that Manoj Gupta, elected on February 2, 2020, kept control over all financial records and funds during his tenure. He resigned after one and a half years without providing any financial report. When pressed, Gupta claimed savings of only Rs 10,000, which had yet to be reimbursed.

The Mahasabha further alleged that Gupta formed a parallel organization, Rashtriya Teli Sahu Mahasangh, and collected Rs 20–25 lakh over three years by organizing events like picnics and Holi Milan. Allegations also included forced collections from families and large donations from industrialists, all without public accounting.

The Mahasabha has demanded a thorough investigation and strict action to protect the society's reputation. Present during the submission of the letter were General Secretary Pappu Sahu, Vice President Shivlochan Shah, Ashok Sahu, Santosh Gupta, and several other community leaders. (w/gsd)

Vegetable prices soar in Baharagora

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 15: Persistent rainfall in the rural areas of Baharagora block had severely impacted the supply of local vegetables to markets, leading to a spike in prices. No vegetables were available for less than Rs 40 per kg in the weekly market. Middle-class and poor families were cutting down on vegetable consumption, with green vegetables nearly vanishing from their meals. Traders expected prices to normalize once supply resumed. (w/gsd)

3 brothers booked for murder

Jamshedpur, July 15: Police have registered a case against three brothers Jiten Sardar, Shishudhar Sardar, and Ravindra Sardar in connection with the murder of an elderly woman Nirasi Sardar in Champi village. The FIR was lodged based on a complaint by the deceased's daughter, Geeta Sardar. All three accused are residents of the same village. An investigation is underway. (w/gsd)

Citizens urge DC for immediate repair of Old Purulia Road



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 15: The condition of Old Purulia Road has deteriorated significantly due to continuous rainfall, resulting in large potholes filled with water and washed gravel, which have led to several pedestrian accidents. Concerned over the situation, social worker Mukhtar Alam Khan, along with community members including Vivekananda School Principal Nidhi Srivastava, Human Welfare Trust President Matinul Haq Ansari, Central Peace Committee member Raju Gorai, and Azadnagar Peace Committee member Mohammad Moinuddin Ansari, met Deputy Commissioner Karn Satyarthi on Public Grievance Redressal Day. They submitted a signed petition demanding urgent road repair, citing inconvenience caused to students and residents commuting to Karim City College, Vivekananda International School, Yashu Bhawan, and the Zakirnagar cemetery. The Deputy Commissioner assured the delegation of prompt action by the department concerned.

Congress demands clean drinking water for Jugsalai residents

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, July 15: Amid continued monsoon rains, residents of Jugsalai are facing a major crisis—lack of clean drinking water. In response, the District Congress Committee staged a protest and submitted a demand letter to the Deputy Commissioner on Tuesday, calling for immediate resolution of the problem.

Congress leaders claimed that despite multiple complaints, dirty water continued to flow through household taps, putting public health at risk. Executive District President Dharmendra Sonkar alleged that while the state government was trying to improve services, apathetic officials were failing the people of Jugsalai. He urged the administration to act swiftly and ensure access to safe drinking water. Others who participated in the protest included Bablu Jha, Rajendra Jha, Khurshid Alam, Aamir Khan, MD Nawab, Parvez Akhtar, Ghulam Ali Javed, Jamal Raju Gaddi, and many others. (w/gsd)

TEEP extends farewell to Chanakya Chaudhary

Jamshedpur, July 15: The Tata Education Excellence Programme (TEEP) team organised a farewell for Chanakya Chaudhary, Chairperson of the Executive Committee, TEEP, and former Vice President, Corporate Services, Tata Steel.

The event, held at United Club, Jamshedpur on July 10, was graced by Peeyush Gupta, Vice President, TQM, GSP and Supply Chain; D.B. Sundara Ramam, Vice President – Corporate Services; Tripti Srivastava, Chief, TQM & CQA; and Sourav Roy, CEO, Tata Steel Foundation . Also present were Lakshmi Sharat, Director, Kerala Public Schools, and Priti Sinha, Principal, Gulmohur High School, along with members of the TEEP team and representatives from the Tata Steel Foundation (TSF). The team extended heartfelt appreciation to Chanakya Chaudhary for his invaluable mentorship and support. Peeyush Gupta highlighted the significance of the programme in driving excellence in education, while D.B. Sundara Ramam reaffirmed Tata Steel's continued commitment to foster quality in education. Chanakya Chaudhary reflected on his journey in the domain of Quality and Excellence, acknowledging the influence of mentors such as Dr. J.J. Irani and B. Muthuraman. He conveyed his best wishes for the future of the Tata Education Excellence Programme.



IMD issues heavy rain alert, schools remain shut in Jamshedpur

Continuous rain wreaks havoc in Chandil's Tulin Village

Chandil, July 15: Torrential rains have caused severe damage in Tulin village under Chilgu Panchayat in Chandil subdivision. Tulin is located at the foothills of the Dalma Sanctuary. Several houses had collapsed, leaving villagers homeless and struggling to protect their crops. With no shelter and inadequate resources for farming, villagers were facing a dire situation. Many complained that they had not received any aid from local leaders, forest officials, or block administration. Farmers were witnessing heavy losses and were in urgent need of seeds, fertilizers, and shelter materials. The residents had appealed to the administration for immediate relief, including food, temporary shelter, and assistance in rebuilding homes and salvaging crops. The rain continued to worsen their plight. (w/gsd)



DAV School flouts DC's Rain Alert Order

Chaibasa, July 15: In a clear violation of the district administration's order, DAV School in West Singhbhum was opened on July 15 despite a directive to close all schools due to a heavy rainfall warning. The order, issued by the Deputy Commissioner on July 14 at 8:30 PM, instructed all educational institutions to remain closed for safety reasons.

However, the school opened as usual, and students were seen attending classes. As public criticism mounted, the school administration abruptly declared a holiday and sent all students home. The management later claimed they were unaware of the DC's order and closed the school as soon as they were informed.

The incident raised concerns over student safety, as continuous rain had already disrupted daily life. Wet conditions increase the risk of infections and accidents, making the DC's directive vital for student welfare. (w/gsd)

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 15: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a fresh alert forecasting heavy to very heavy rainfall across several parts of Jharkhand over the next three days, triggering caution among authorities and residents alike. According to the IMD, the ongoing weather activity is being driven by a well-marked low-pressure area that currently lies over southeast Gangetic West Bengal and adjoining Bangladesh, coupled with a highly active monsoon trough. This system is expected to intensify rainfall across northern, north-central, and adjoining central districts. On July 16, the northwestern and north-central parts of the state are likely to experience heavy to very heavy showers, while thunderstorms and lightning will pose additional risks in isolated areas. Meteorologists have warned that the northern and adjoining central districts could face particularly intense downpours, potentially causing localized flooding and disruption to normal life.

The IMD bulletin further indicated that on July 17, thunderstorms and lightning are expected to continue in several districts, though the overall intensity of rainfall may gradually reduce compared to previous days. Experts attributed this enhanced monsoon activity to the monsoon trough extending from Bikaner in Rajasthan, passing through northeast Rajasthan, northwest Madhya Pradesh, Siddhi, Ranchi, and reaching the low-pressure centre over southeast Gangetic West Bengal and Bangladesh. This configuration has created a strong convergence zone, significantly increasing the likelihood of widespread rainfall. Local administrative authorities have urged residents, especially those living in flood-prone and low-lying areas, to remain vigilant and take necessary precautions. People have been advised to avoid unnecessary travel, stay indoors during thunderstorms, and prepare for possible waterlogging, traffic snarls, and infrastructure damage. In view of the IMD's warning, schools across Jamshedpur remained closed today as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of students and staff.

AFFIDAVIT

Through an Affidavit of Sl. No. 03, dated 14.07.2025 from Jamshedpur Court, I, SURYA NARAYAN PRASAD, S/o Late Rameshwar Sahu, R/o Holding No. 24, Cross Road No. 2, Shantinagar, Baridih Basti, P.O. Baridih, P.S. Sidhgora, Town Jamshedpur, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand declare that BADAL GUPTA is my only son who born on 02.12.2012 at Jamshedpur. That my mistake the pet name of my son BADAL GUPTA as SAURYA KUMAR GUPTA has been mentioned in School Admission and it continued till date which need to be corrected as BADAL GUPTA in place of SAURYA KUMAR GUPTA. That name of BADAL GUPTA and SAURYA KUMAR GUPTA are same and one and belongs to the name of my son. Hence this Affidavit to consider that SAURYA KUMAR GUPTA is the Pet name of my son BADAL GUPTA and it may be replaced or correct wherever it exist as SAURYA KUMAR GUPTA as in the name as BADAL GUPTA for all intents and purposes.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

e-Tender Notice No. : TRS-BNDM-02-2025-26, dated 14.07.2025. Open e-Tender is invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRS), Bondamunda, S.E. Railway for and on behalf of The President of India for the undermentioned work. Manual offers are not allowed against the tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Description of work :** Retro fitment of Air Conditioning in cabs with provision of thermal insulation of cabs in three phase electric locomotives. **Approx. Cost of Work :** ₹ 1,27,05,870/-. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 2,13,600/-. **Date & time for closing of e-Tender :** 17.00 hrs. of 06.08.2025. **Website Particulars & Details: http://www.ireps.gov.in** The complete particular of the e-Tender will be available on website. **(PR-397)**

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Political row over entry fee on Shiva devotees at Dalma Temple



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 15: The Forest Department's recent decision to impose an entry fee on devotees visiting the ancient Shiva temple atop Dalma hills during the holy month of Shravan has sparked political and religious outrage.

Terming the move as an attack on Sanatan Dharma, BJP leaders have strongly opposed the decision.

Former BJP District Media In-charge Ankit Anand called it a "Tughlaqi Farman" on his X handle (Twitter) and demanded immediate revocation from Chief Minister Hemant Soren and the East Singhbhum Deputy Commissioner. BJP State Spokesperson Pratul Shahdev also condemned the move, labeling it as a "modern-day Jiziya tax" and a direct assault on religious freedom.

Former BJP District President Dinesh Kumar criticized the double standard of the state government, highlighting how crores of rupees were spent on facilitating devotees at Deoghar and Basukinath, while Dalma's devotees were being taxed. He urged the Seraikela Deputy Commissioner to intervene.

Meanwhile, resentment is brewing among several Hindu organizations, with sources indicating that protests and mass movements were being planned in opposition to the order. (w/gsd)

BJP leader demands rollback of tax on Dalma Shiva devotees

Seraikela, July 15: BJP Backward Caste Front State Secretary Hemant Kumar Keshari has demanded immediate withdrawal of the entry tax imposed on Shiva devotees visiting the Dalma temple during Shravan. In a letter to the Deputy Commissioner, Keshari said the Forest Department's move to charge fees from vehicles entering Dalma hills for religious worship was an "intellectually flawed" decision and a direct attack on Hindu faith. He emphasized that thousands of devotees from Kolhan and other districts had been visiting the temple for years without any such imposition, and the sudden tax collection move was unacceptable. The BJP, he said, strongly opposed this action and called for an immediate investigation and rollback. (w/gsd)

IT raids ex-armyman's hideouts in refund scam

Mail News Service

Ranchi, July 15: Income tax department raided the hideout of ex-soldier Mukesh Kumar Jha in income tax refund scam. This person has filed returns of more than 500 soldiers and got fake refunds. Related to refund scam in Ranchi

The Income Tax Department raided Mukesh's Bariatu residence on July 15. Mukesh got refunds for soldiers by using fake documents after filing their income tax returns. The documents found during the investigation at Mukesh's residence revealed that he filed income tax returns for more than 500 soldiers. While filing the returns, he gave the correct details of the tax and deposited the tax amount. However, later he misused the exemption given by the Income Tax Department and got the amount deposited as tax refunded.

The Income Tax Department raided the residences of people involved in the refund scam in various parts of the country on July 14 in a planned manner. During this, the Income Tax Investigation Branch also raided the residences of Uday Kumar Mehta of Chatra. Mehta filed returns for more than two thousand people and later got refunds in a wrong manner. During the review of returns by the Income Tax Headquarters, the case of getting refund by fraud came to light.

The department tried to get the tax deposited by filing revised returns before the raid. Taxpayers were informed about wrong refunds by sending messages. They were also given the opportunity to file their revised income tax returns. Apart from this, information about wrong refunds was given by organizing programs and they were requested to file revised returns. Due to this effort made by the department, 40 thousand taxpayers of the country who had received wrong refund of Rs 1045 crore filed their revised returns. (W-rg)

Monsoon session of Assembly from August 1

Mail News Service

Ranchi, July 15: The monsoon session of the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly will start from August 1 and will continue till August 7. During this period there will be only five working days, while there will be holidays on August 2 and 3. There will be many important tasks during this session, including the presentation and passing of the first supplementary budget. On August 1, the oath taking, condolence and certified copies of the ordinance promulgated by the Governor will be placed on the table of the House.

This will be the program of the monsoon session of the Assembly: The first supplementary budget for the financial year 2025-26 will be presented on August 4. It will be passed after general debate and voting on August 5. There will be Question Hour every day during the session, in which members will get an opportunity to ask questions related to their area. State Bills and other State Business, if any, will be held on 6 and 7 August. On the last day, 7 August, there will also be private members' business (non-government resolutions). (W-rg)

Centre seeks list of JAS officers' promotion

Ranchi, July 15: This year 19 officers of Jharkhand Administrative Service will be promoted to IAS. The Central Government has sought a list of officers for promotion to these posts. Regarding this, Sanjay Kumar Chaurasia, Under Secretary of Government of India, has written a letter to the Chief Secretary of the state. This promotion will be given to the officers against the vacancy from January 1, 2914 to December 2024. According to the information, BPSC 39th and 40th batch officers will get a chance to become IAS.

57 names of state service officers will be sent in place of 19 vacant posts. There is a provision to send three names against one post. Here the state government has also started the process of asking for the list of officers from the departments. At present, 15 officers from Odisha, 16 from Rajasthan and 15 from Gujarat have been appointed in the IAS cadre. Now the list of officers from Jharkhand is awaited. (W-rg)

Bagunhatu residents protest CSR neglect, demand basic amenities

Jamshedpur, July 15: Residents of Bagunhatu Basti in Baridih held a protest on Tuesday under the banner of Jan Kalyan Sangharsh Samiti, voicing their frustration over the continued neglect by nearby companies such as TSDPL and Tata Timken. A memorandum was submitted to company management, highlighting the exclusion of their colony from ongoing CSR development initiatives in surrounding areas. The protestors demanded basic civic amenities such as cleanliness, electricity, potable water, and employment opportunities. They criticized the lack of transparency in the companies' Corporate Social Responsibility policies and warned of intensified protests if their demands were not addressed within 15 days.

The committee stated that previous demonstrations had yielded no result, and warned that if the situation remained unchanged, they would escalate the agitation by blocking company gates. The key demands included employment for local youth, restoration of utilities, and overall development of the neglected colony. (w/gsd)

Potka MLA meets CM, inquires about Shibu Soren's health



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur/Delhi, July 15: Senior Jharkhand leader and respected Dishom Guru Shibu Soren has been unwell for some time and is currently admitted at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in New Delhi. During his visit to the national capital, Potka MLA Sanjib Sardar met Chief Minister Hemant Soren at Jharkhand Bhavan to inquire about the health condition of Shibu Soren. On this occasion, Majhgaon MLA Niral Purty was also present. Both leaders expressed their concern and extended heartfelt wishes for the speedy recovery of Shibu Soren, who is regarded as the soul of Jharkhand. A team of specialist doctors continues to monitor and treat Shibu Soren, and his health is reportedly improving gradually. Across Jharkhand and the country, followers are praying for his well-being. MLA Sardar shared that he has prayed to Maa Rankini to bless Dishom Guru Shibu Soren with swift recovery so that he can once again guide and inspire the people of the state. (W-pb)

MLA Sanjib Sardar meets Minority Welfare Minister Hafizul

Jamshedpur: Potka MLA Sanjib Sardar called on Jharkhand's Minority Welfare Minister Hafizul Hasan at Medanta Hospital in Gurugram to inquire about his health. Minister Hafizul Hasan recently underwent a successful open-heart surgery at the facility. During the visit, Sanjeev Sardar conveyed his best wishes for the Minister's speedy recovery and prayed for strength and renewed health in this challenging time. Majhgaon MLA Niral Purty was also present during the meeting. All present prayed to Marang Buru to grant Minister Hafizul Hasan a swift return to good health so that he may soon resume his work dedicated to public welfare in Jharkhand. (W-pb)

Transport Min focus on revenue collection



Ranchi, July 15: An important review meeting of the State Transport Department was held on Tuesday, in which Minister Deepak Birua gave strict instructions to the officials to improve revenue collection. He clearly said that department is revenue based, but it is not able to collect revenue as per the target. The Minister instructed the officials to speed up the process of revenue collection and said that any kind of negligence will not be tolerated in this. He said that in the current financial year, the department has set a target of Rs 2400 crore, which is necessary to complete on time. Minister Birua said that transport facilities are being strengthened in rural areas through the Chief Minister Gram Gadi Yojana and for its successful implementation, public awareness campaign should be accelerated. Departmental Secretary, Transport Commissioner and Transport Officers of various districts were present in the meeting. (W-rg)

Babulal Marandi slams Govt over woman's murder

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 15: BJP State President Babulal Marandi launched a scathing attack on the Jharkhand government over the brutal murder of a woman in East Singhbhum district. In a social media post, he stated that the heinous incident had shaken the entire state, adding that crimes against women had spiraled out of control, particularly in Jamshedpur and surrounding areas.

He criticized the police for being ineffective and accused the JMM-Congress coalition government of protecting criminals rather than maintaining law and order. Marandi called on Jharkhand Police to take immediate action to arrest the culprits and ensure strict punishment, warning of growing public anger and fear due to rising crime. (w/gsd)

Husband booked for murder

Jamshedpur, July 15: An FIR has been filed against Jairam Murmu after his wife's body was discovered with her throat slit and stuffed in a sack near the Dharmabandh culvert in the MGM police station area. The complaint was lodged by the victim's brother, Romni Singh Sardar. The couple had been married for two years following a love marriage. The police were searching for the absconding Jairam Murmu. (w/gsd)

FIR filed against Potka MLA's accuser



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 15: A case has been filed at the Kowali Police Station against Utpal Bose, husband of Haldipokhar East Panchayat Mukhiya Devi Kumari Bhumij, for allegedly making false accusations against Potka MLA Sanjib Sardar on social media. Jharkhand Mukti Morcha's Potka Block President Sudhir Soren strongly condemned the defamatory posts and clarified that the suspended PDS dealer, Utpal Bose, was found guilty of corruption in an independent inquiry. Soren emphasized that MLA Sardar had no involvement in the case and that Bose's statements were an attempt to malign the MLA's image. Several local leaders, including Block Secretary Bhuvaneshwar Sardar and Mukhiya Chamak Sardar, were present during the press briefing.

Sawan Festival celebrated with enthusiasm

Seraikela, July 15: Sawan Mahotsav was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Institute for Education College. Over five days, the college held a poster competition, pot painting, mehndi competition, and plantation drives.

Saraswati Haiburu secured first place in the poster competition, Lakshmi Gop topped the pot decoration contest, and Beauty Kumari won first prize in the mehndi competition. Medha Pandey was crowned Sawan Queen, while Rahul Jena was declared Sawan King.



College Director R.N. Mahanthy and Principal Dr. Sweety Sinha awarded all winners. Teachers including Dr. Om Prakash, Shravani Mukherjee, Suman Kumari, Indu Kumari, and many others attended. Students presented colorful performances to mark the occasion.

Pandal to showcase Rajasthan's Palace, Rural Heritage

Malkhan Singh Durga Puja

Mail News Service

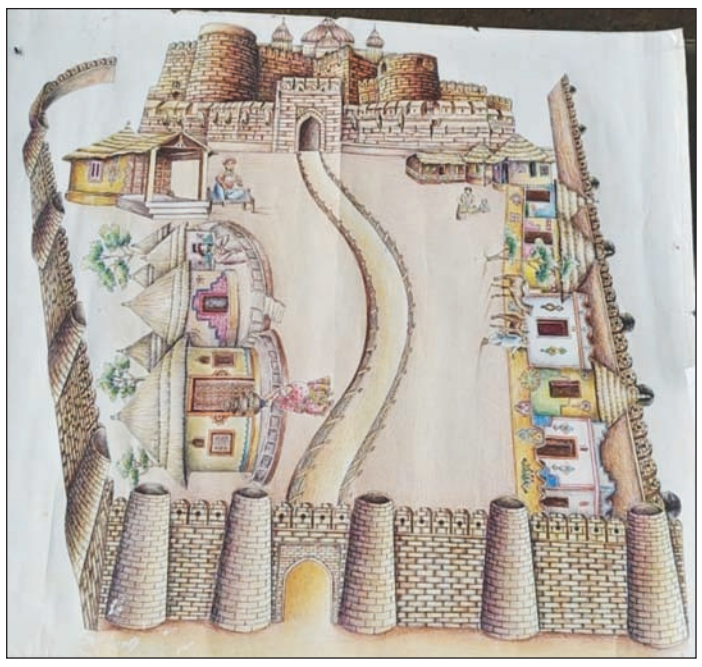
Saraikela, July 15: Preparations for one of the most awaited Durga Puja celebrations in Adityapur (Malkhan Singh) have officially begun. The Sri Sri Durga Puja Committee, under Praveen Seva Sansthan, conducted the Bhumi Pujan (groundbreaking ceremony) on Tuesday at the M Type Ground, Adityapur-01, marking the start of pandal construction.

This pandal is known for its artistic brilliance and has earned a prominent place among the major attractions in the Steel City. This year, it promises to be even more captivating with a theme inspired by the palaces and rural heritage of Udaipur, Rajasthan. Standing nearly 70 feet tall, the pandal is being crafted under the supervision of Ashok Kumar Dey from the renowned Parvati Decorator of Mecheda, Bengal, with the support of 60 skilled artisans.



Adding to the grandeur, the electrical decorations will be designed by Biju Da's expert team from Kolkata. Idols of Maa Durga and other deities are also being sculpted by artisans from Kolkata, ensuring a blend of artistic finesse and cultural richness.

The Bhumi Pujan event saw the presence of several key members of the Puja Committee, including Chief Patron and former MLA Arvind Kumar Singh, Patron A.K. Srivastava, President Vinayak Singh, and Ankur Singh. Notable figures such as senior Congress leader Rishi Mishra, Shashi Mishra, Bhagwan Singh, Chandan Singh, Jagdish Narayan Choubey, and others also attended the ceremony.



The grand theme, skilled craftsmanship, and community involvement promise to make this year's Durga Puja celebration a visual and cultural spectacle in Adityapur.

NOTICE

THE JAMSHEDPUR CO-OPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING SOCIETY LTD.

1. It is notified that a Double Story Building at Madhav Bagh Colony, Mango, Jamshedpur is available for Transfer / Allotment. The waiting listed members are requested to contact with the society office within 30 days.

By Order
President

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Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation (SPM-NIWAS), Kolkata, an autonomous institution under the Dept. of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, GoI invites applications for the following positions on contract (re-employment) basis:

1. Section Officer (Admin) -01 No.
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BIT Mesra celebrates 71st Foundation Day, felicitates distinguished alumni

Mail News Service

Ranchi, July 15: Birla Institute of Technology (BIT), Mesra celebrated its 71st Foundation Day on Tuesday at the institute's CAT Hall. The event was hosted by Mrinal Pathak, Head of the Media Cell. Proceedings began with lamp lighting and the institute's prayer at 10:30 AM. Prof. Shraddha Shivani, Dean of International Relations and an alumna, delivered the welcome address, followed by a short film showcasing the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Indranil Manna, in his speech, highlighted BIT Mesra's legacy, stating it was one of only three post-independence institutions in India to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. He emphasized the institute's commitment to academic excellence and alignment with UGC 2023 regulations.

Chief Guest Dr. Ajit Kumar Chaturvedi, Professor at IIT Kanpur and former Director of IIT Roorkee, IIT Mandi and IIAS Shimla, praised BIT's contribution to nation-building. Alumnus and industry leader Dr. Ganesh Natarajan motivated students to lead in emerging fields like AI, quoting Swami Vivekananda's call to persevere until goals were achieved.

Several distinguished alumni were honored for their departmental achievements and students from the Architecture Department received special awards. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Registrar Prof. Sudeep Das and the rendition of the national anthem at 1:05 PM. (w/gsd)

Digital Tourism promotion of Saranda through 3D videos



Chaibasa, July 15: With the objective of promoting tourism through digital platforms, the Jharkhand Tourism Department organized a successful field visit in the Saranda area of West Singhbhum district to create virtual tourism content using 3D and 360-degree videos. The program was conducted under the guidance of District Sports Officer Rupa Rani Tirkey, with field coordination by K.K. Das from the Tourism Department. Technical support was provided by a team from Delhi. Archana and Manisha from the DSO office also actively participated.

Assisted by Avirup Sinha, DFO of Saranda Forest Division, the team visited Ghaghirathi Waterfall, Tholkobad Tribal Village and Kiriburu Sunset Point. The natural beauty and traditional tribal dances were filmed for online audiences.

As part of community engagement, the team distributed refreshments, chocolates, cold drinks, and sports jerseys to local children and villagers, which was warmly appreciated. This initiative is seen as a significant step towards digitally presenting the rich natural and cultural heritage of Jharkhand.

Apollo Dialysis Clinics participates in Swasth Mela



Patna, July 15 : Apollo Dialysis Clinics participated in the Swasth Mela 2025, organised by the State Health Society Bihar under the National Health Mission in Patna. The event was attended by Health Minister Shri Mangal Pandey, Additional Chief Secretary Shri Amrit Pratyay, Executive Director SHSB Shri Suharsh Bhagat, and senior health officials.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Sudhakara Rao, Chief Operating Officer, Apollo Dialysis Clinics, highlighted the organisation's services in Bihar.

"We have delivered over 3.26 lakh dialysis sessions, treated more than 5,000 patients, and set up 19 dialysis clinics. Soon, we'll launch 'Dialysis on Wheels' to provide free dialysis services to ration card holders in remote areas," he said. During the fair, Apollo also organised a free health camp, offering nephrologist consultations, blood pressure and diabetes check-ups, and general health services. The clinic reaffirmed its commitment to accessible, quality kidney care for Bihar's people.

Newly appointed Civil Surgeon inspects Sadar Hospital

Saraikela, July 15: Dr. Saryu Prasad Singh, the newly appointed Civil Surgeon of the district, conducted a surprise inspection of Saraikela Sadar Hospital on Tuesday. He visited all major departments, including outpatient, inpatient, emergency, registration, dialysis, the blood bank, and ICU facilities.

Expressing displeasure over waterlogging and unclean premises, Dr. Singh made it clear that lack of cleanliness would not be tolerated and assured that cleanliness would be ensured in all shifts. He stated that while the hospital has space limitations, there are numerous possibilities for improvement.



Plans include inviting private doctors under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, introducing surgeries in orthopedics and general surgery, and strengthening blood bank resources through CSR partnerships. He also committed to coordinating with the Medical College to operationalize the ICU effectively.

Dr. Singh announced he will spend an hour each day at the Sadar Hospital before going to his office, attending to administrative tasks and when necessary, treating patients himself. DPM Nirmal Das, Hospital Manager Sanjit Kumar Rai, and Dr. Chandan were also present during the inspection.

New whitepaper on AI-driven cybersecurity launched

Ranchi, July 15 : In a significant initiative to address the growing skills gap in cybersecurity and artificial intelligence, DELNET (Developing Library Network) in collaboration with CyberPeace Foundation released a whitepaper titled "AI Skills for Enhanced Cybersecurity Resilience" on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day. The document was unveiled during a virtual event attended by academicians, industry experts, and cybersecurity professionals.

The whitepaper underlines the urgent need to empower India's youth with AI-driven skills to counter the rapidly evolving digital threat landscape. It offers a roadmap for integrating AI in cybersecurity frameworks while drawing insights from international benchmarks such as the EU AI Act and Singapore's AI Governance Framework.Post-release, Major Vineet Kumar, Founder and Global President of Cyber Peace Foundation, conducted an expert session highlighting AI's growing significance in safeguarding cyberspace. He stressed the importance of advanced AI competencies for the country's digital resilience.

A recent Deloitte report noted a 68% skills gap in AI and cybersecurity sectors, making initiatives like this timely and critical. DELNET Director Dr. Sangeeta Kaul emphasized the need for collaborative efforts to equip the younger generation with essential AI competencies. India is also set to host the AI Impact Summit 2026.

Another tempo theft in Mango

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 15: Thefts continue to plague the Mango area, with a tempo owned by Shibu Pal of Olidih Tank Road was stolen from Kunwar Basti. The rise in drug abuse in the area was being linked to increasing thefts. A similar incident occurred recently in Azadnagar, where two accused were caught and jailed.

Residents have raised concerns over the deteriorating law and order situation. (w/gsd)

RVS College to host national seminar on Energy & Climate

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 15: RVS College of Engineering and Technology is set to host a two-day national seminar on July 17-18, 2025, under the AICTE's VAANI Scheme. Themed "Energy Sustainability and Climate Change: Innovations and Solutions for a Resilient Future," the seminar stands out for being conducted in Santhali-a prominent tribal language of Jharkhand-aligning with the National Education Policy 2020's emphasis on local languages in higher education.

The event will be held under the patronage of Jharkhand Technical University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. D.K. Singh and RVS Educational Trust Chairman Binda Singh. Trust Secretary Bharat Singh, Treasurer Shatrughna Singh, and Governing Body Member Shakti Singh will also serve as patrons.

Jharkhand's Minister for School Education and Literacy, Ramdas Soren, will be the chief guest at the inaugural session. Distinguished academicians including Prof. Dr. Pankaj Rai (Director, BIT Sindri) and Prof. Dr. G. Sahu (IIT Dhanbad) will serve as chairs for the seminar.

According to Dr.Vikram Sharma, Head of Training and Placement, the use of Santhali not only enhances inclusivity but deepens community engagement. The seminar will feature eight expert-led sessions across two days, offering valuable insights for students, faculty, and researchers. A dedicated organizing committee is ensuring smooth execution.

IWC East celebrates World Population Day

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 15: The Parivar Kalyan Sansthan under the CSR Department at Telco Colony marked World Population Day with an awareness session targeting young women from PKS's Malnutrition Treatment Centre.



Dr. Meena Mukherjee, President of Inner Wheel Club Jamshedpur East, was the keynote speaker. She highlighted the significance of the day and this year's theme, "Empowering Youth to Create the Families They Want in a Fair and Hopeful World."

Dr. Mukherjee stressed the importance of population issues such as family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human rights. Following the session, a quiz competition was conducted by PP Sonali Mahanti and Editor Madhumita Roy to engage the participants. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation and proved to be both informative and impactful for the attendees.

'AI in Education' sparks fierce debate

KPS Kadma hosts Frank Anthony Inter-School Competition



Jamshedpur, July 15: The Zonal Round of the prestigious Frank Anthony Memorial All-India Inter-School Debate Competition - Category I was held with great enthusiasm at Kerala Public School, Kadma. This year's debate centered around a thought-provoking and timely topic: "AI in Education will widen the gap between the privileged and the underprivileged students."

The event witnessed participation from 30 students representing 15 leading ICSE schools in and around Jamshedpur. The competition was marked by logical reasoning, sharp articulation and powerful arguments, reflecting the intellectual caliber of the young debaters.

The programme began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, a soulful prayer song and a welcome address by the host Principal, Mukherjee. She Sharmila extended greetings to the dignitaries, participants and guests and expressed pride in hosting the prestigious debate.

The panel of judges comprised Dr. (Ms.) D. K. Dhanjal, retired Principal of Graduate College and an expert in English Literature; Dr. Basudhara Roy, poet, critic and Assistant Professor at Karim City College; and Dr. Anita Choudhary, Professor at Kolhan University. The debate was chaired by Mr. Abhishek Sinha, Head of the English Department at KPS Kadma.

As per the Council's rules, awards were given in select categories. Arushi Kar of Narbheram Hansraj English School (NHES) was adjudged Best Speaker for her eloquent and well-reasoned arguments. NHES, represented by Arushi Kar and Deeplekha Mandal, was declared the Winning Team, while Carmel Junior College secured the First Runner-up Team position. LakshitaChoudhary from Loyola School was named First Runner-up Speaker.

Sawan Milan celebrated with enthusiasm at Andhra Samiti, Telco



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 15: A vibrant one-day Sawan Milan was organized by women of the Telugu community at the Andhra Samiti Hall, East Zone Ganesh Temple in Telco. As in previous years, the event saw a large turnout of women, celebrating the monsoon festivity with enthusiasm.

Social worker G. Geeta, speaking on the occasion, said the event aimed to highlight the entrepreneurial spirit and creative talents of women in the community. A variety of designer clothing, jewelry, and handicrafts created by Telugu women were displayed, drawing admiration from visitors and forming the highlight of the program.

The event was filled with joyful performances of dance and music, adding a festive touch. Arrangements for snacks and refreshments were also made for all attendees.

Women like Sangeeta (Geeta), Padma, Aruna, Radhika, Aravinda, Sunita, Jayalakshmi, Gayatri, Lakshmi, Vijayalakshmi, Sushila, and Avishala played key roles in making the event a success.

Rotary West spreads joy with Mango Festival



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Jamshedpur, July 15: Rotary Club of Jamshedpur West organized a cheerful Aam Utsav (Mango Festival) at Palna Ghar, a day crèche dedicated to the children of working women, especially daily wage labourers from construction and informal sectors.

The event was part of the club's ongoing Nutritious Food for Children initiative, which promotes healthy eating habits through the periodic distribution of seasonal fruits and sweets. Led by Rtn. Anupama Sehgal, the festival saw the distribution of freshly prepared aamras among the children, who thoroughly enjoyed the refreshing mango treat. Laughter and joy filled the crèche as the children relished the fruits, adding brightness to their day. The Rotary Club has been consistently supporting Palna Ghar through infrastructure upkeep and child welfare activities. This event reaffirmed the club's commitment to community service and the well-being of underprivileged children.

NHES wins Frank Anthony Debate, Arushi named best speaker

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 15: Narbheram Hansraj English School (NHES) students emerged winners in the Frank Anthony Memorial All India Inter School Debate Competition held on July 14.

The zonal level competition saw participation of ICSE Jamshedpur schools.

The NHES team comprising Arushi Kar and Deeplekha Mandal, was declared the winning team (Senior Category) in the Inter School Debate Competition organized by The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations.

Arushi Kar was adjudged the Best Speaker in the senior category in the competition held at Kerala Public School, Kadma, showcasing exceptional debating skills and eloquence.



"We are incredibly proud of our students' achievement," said Paramita Roy Chaudhury, Principal of Narbheram Hansraj English School. "This win is a reflection of their hard work, dedication, and passion for debating. We congratulate them on this outstanding accomplishment and look forward to seeing their continued growth and success." The Principal also congratulated the teachers who had trained the students.

The winning team will represent the zone in Stage II (Selection Round) of the Frank Anthony Memorial Inter-School Debate Competition, competing with the qualifiers of the other zones at the regional level.

Raja Barik leads effort to promote snake awareness and safety

World Snake Day Special



Mail News Service

Seraikela, July 15: World Snake Day will be marked on Wednesday with a unique celebration aimed at raising awareness about the importance and ecological role of snakes. In a symbolic gesture, a cake-cutting ceremony will be held at STR School in Seraikela, with the support of the Forest Department, to emphasize that snakes deserve understanding, not fear.

For centuries, snakes have evoked both fascination and fear. Their graceful movements and striking patterns are admired when safely enclosed in a snake charmer's box, but the same snake in the open often causes panic. Experts remind the public that snakes are environmentally important creatures that typically do not attack unless provoked or threatened.

Rainy Season Increases Snake Sightings and Bites: Snakes usually emerge during the monsoon, when their underground burrows become waterlogged.

They seek dry, dark places to hide, often unknowingly entering human homes. Due to this seasonal pattern, Sadar Hospital Seraikela has recorded a spike in snakebite cases, with 191 incidents reported so far this year, including 61 in June and 28 in July. Fortunately, all patients had recovered due to timely and proper treatment, and adequate stock of anti-venom which, has been ensured across healthcare centers.

Raja Barik: Seraikela's snake rescuer with a mission

One of the most notable contributors to snake conservation and public awareness in Seraikela is Raja Barik, a trained snake rescuer who has safely rescued 1,301 snakes since 2009. Inspired by a personal incident in 2008 - when a non-venomous Chitti (wolf snake) crawled over his brother — Raja initially reacted by killing the reptile in panic.

The guilt he felt the next day led him to train professionally and dedicate his life to rescuing and safely releasing snakes into the wild.

Seraikela-Kharsawan district is home to several venomous species, including cobras, kraits, and banded kraits, as well as seven species of non-venomous snakes such as python, dhamin, wolf snake, water sand snake, sand boa, Harhara, and the rare Trinket Snake.

Safety Tips and Public Awareness : As part of World Snake Day, citizens are being encouraged to adopt preventive measures including keeping surroundings clean and free from dense vegetation, avoiding sleeping on the floor, using proper lighting when walking through bushes or outdoor areas at night, not provoking or attempting to handle snakes without expert help, in case of a snakebite, immediately visiting the hospital for treatment and not relying on exorcists or traditional healers.

Health experts stress the importance of the "golden hour" in treating snakebite victims. Timely medical intervention can save lives.

World Snake Day serves as a reminder that co-existence with snakes is possible and necessary. Thanks to local heroes like Raja Barik, public perception is gradually shifting from fear to respect and understanding. (w/gsd)

Sindhara Teej Utsav at Rani Sati Dadi Temple on July 27

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 15: The 2025 Sindhara Teej Utsav, including the 24th Jhula Utsav and Mangal Paath, will be celebrated on Sunday, July 27, at Shri Rani Sati Dadi Temple, Jugsalai. The event will commence at 3 PM with a choral Mangal Paath by 108 women devotees.

Renowned local bhajan singers Sunita-Govind Bharadwaj and team will lead the recitation. In the evening, committee artistes Baijnath Sharma, Jagdish Sharma, Sudhir Sharma, and Aditi Bharadwaj will render devotional songs.

The announcement was made through a joint press release by Anil Kumar Agarwal, President of Shri Rani Sati Satsang Samiti, and program coordinator Kamal Agarwal. A grand floral decoration of Shri Rani Sati Dadi Ji by Kolkata artists will be a highlight of the celebration. Key attractions will include Akhand Jyoti, Mehendi Utsav, Chhappan Bhog, Gajra Utsav, and Chunri Utsav, expected to draw a large number of devotees. (w/gsd)

MYM Surabhi Branch launches plastic free and Beti Bachao campaigns



Jamshedpur, July 15: The Surbhi branch of Marwari Yuva Manch (MYM), Steel City, conducted a plastic-free campaign on Tuesday. Cloth bags were distributed to over 100 people to promote eco-consciousness. In a parallel initiative titled 'Female Foeticide is a Sin – Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao,' the branch distributed baby kits and clothes to five newborns at Gurunanak Hospital. President Jyoti Agarwal, Secretary Payal Agarwal, Treasurer Pooja Agarwal, and members Dr. Ruchita Agarwal, Shruti Agarwal, Megha Jain, and Bindiya Naredi comprised the Surabhi team. (w/gsd)

Review meeting on Cooperative Department Schemes in Seraikela

Mail News Service

Seraikela, July 15: Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh chaired a review meeting at the Collectorate auditorium on Monday to assess the progress of various schemes under the Cooperative Department.

Officials from NABARD, the District Cooperative Office, Agriculture, Fisheries, and GMDIC were present. The Deputy Commissioner sought updates on implementation, beneficiary numbers, challenges, and future plans. He instructed officials to expedite departmental work, ensure timely warehouse construction, and conduct regular audits of cooperative societies.

Block-wise applications under Birsa Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana were reviewed. Singh emphasized improving Rabi crop yields and publicizing all schemes extensively at the Panchayat level to boost farmer participation. He also urged diversification beyond traditional fruit crops to include plum, jackfruit, papaya, and watermelon. He concluded by directing officials to conduct field visits and ensure that benefits reach even the most remote beneficiaries, highlighting that transparent implementation is essential for strengthening the rural economy. (W-pb)

Over Rs 17 lakhs for cancer patients' treatment

Mail News Service



Chaibasa, July 15: A meeting of the Incurable Diseases Committee under the Chief Minister's Critical Illness Treatment Scheme was held on Monday at Sadar Hospital. The meeting, chaired by Deputy Superintendent Dr. Shivcharan Hansda, reviewed treatment applications of four cancer patients.

After scrutiny, the committee approved Rs 3.54 lakh for Jyoti Bindhani (30) of Binka village, Sonuwa block, undergoing treatment for lung cancer in Ranchi; Rs 4.84 lakh for Juliana Boipai (37) of Devabir village for cancer treatment at Meharbai Cancer Hospital, Jamshedpur; Rs 4.49 lakh for Avinash Kashyap (11) of Chandrajarki village for blood cancer treatment at Meharbai Cancer Hospital; and Rs 5 lakh for Veena Hembram (41) of Murumbura village, Tonto block, receiving treatment at Save Life Hospital, Adityapur.

Advocate Rajaram Gupta, representative of Minister and Chaibasa MLA Deepak Birua, stressed that awareness about this scheme should be increased so that more patients can benefit. Dr. Barial Mardi, Dr. Paulina Mundu, Subhash Soren, and others were present. (W-pb)

District Football League: Killer Men Burudih triumph

Seraikela, July 15: The District Football League-2025 began with an exciting start at Arjuna Stadium in Kharsawan. In Monday's first match, Killer Men Burudih defeated MLC Bhelaideh Sini 5-2. Dinu Sundi and Dinesh Hembram scored two goals each, while Vishal Banra added one. For Sini, Gurupad Sardar and Rohit Hembram found the net. Refereeing duties were handled by Sameer Kumar Nayak, Dhananjay Kalindi, Diku Hembram, and Laxman Sardar. The second match, between Mahir FC Nayadih Sini and JMB Kocha, ended in a 1-1 draw. Mahir FC's Sur Singh Samadd scored first, but Krishna Samadd equalized for Kocha in the second half. Referees were Viren Pal, Santosh Mahato, Ratan Murmu, and Krishna Padiya. District Sports Association Secretary Mohammad Dildar informed that Tuesday's fixtures will see Urban City Sitarampur facing United FC Chandil, followed by KFC Kharsawan taking on Reading FC Kharsawan. (W-pb)

Nine-Day Janmashtami Puja and Fair from August 15

Seraikela, July 15: Preparations are underway for the nine-day Shri Krishna Janmashtami Puja cum Fair to be held from August 15 at Rangatand, Jagannathpur, under Murup Panchayat.

A committee led by Gram Pradhan Arjun Pradhan has been formed to oversee arrangements. Nageshwar Pradhan was elected President, with Hemsagar Pradhan as Secretary and Jagannath Pradhan as Treasurer. Other key office bearers include Krishna Kumar Pradhan as Auditor, Devidutt Pradhan as Spokesperson, and Jawaharlal Pradhan as Vice President.

During the fair, meritorious students who passed their 2025 matriculation and intermediate exams in first division will be felicitated with medals on the second day. A memorial will also be installed to honor the late Chairman Neilsen Pradhan, whose contributions to the event were widely praised. The committee decided to open a bank account in Punjab National Bank Burudih to manage funds. Among those present were Ashutosh Pradhan, Makardhwaj Pradhan, Tirtho Pradhan, Sagar Pradhan, Surya Palei, and others who discussed detailed arrangements for the upcoming celebrations. (W-pb)

Lauritz Knudsen hosts Tech Day

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, July 15: Lauritz Knudsen Electrical & Automation, a leading name in the electrical and automation sector, successfully organized "Technology Day" in Jamshedpur as part of its 30-city "Deep India" campaign. The event witnessed the participation of over 150 industry stakeholders, MSMEs, policymakers, and automation professionals, including representatives from the steel, power, and auto components sectors.

The primary focus was on the rising demand for localized, smart industrial solutions. Company COO Naresh Kumar emphasized their commitment to delivering safe, efficient, and innovative solutions for India's industrial landscape beyond metropolitan areas. The event featured live demonstrations and interactive exhibits showcasing over ten next-gen technologies, including smart power distribution, EV charging infrastructure, advanced automation, and clean energy solutions. The initiative aimed to support India's journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047. (w/gsd)

ABS Jamshedpur chapter unveils vision for new initiatives at AGM



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Jamshedpur, July 15: The Association of British Scholars (Jamshedpur chapter) held its Annual General Body meeting , marking the end of a year and reinforcing the annual plans for the upcoming year.

President Jagan Santra and Secretary Ashu Tiwary along with Treasurer Priti Sinha addressed the tight-lipped scholars. The organisation has been working at strengthening UK India ties while fostering teamwork and collaborative engagement. The journey of ABS in the past has been one of collaborative initiatives , providing enriching experiences for all stakeholders in society. As part of a strong network of professionals who share strong academic and cultural ties with the UK, the Jamshedpur chapter has sustained the spirit and objectives of the association in Jamshedpur.A variety of literary, educational, social and health awareness programmes have been held under the ABS banner . The chapter members look forward to the UK India alumni network planned next month wherein the British High Commissioner is expected to visit the city. (W-pb)

Concern over rise in drug abuse among minors

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Chaibasa, July 15: Congress District Spokesperson and social activist Trishanu Roy has raised a serious concern regarding the increasing presence of anti-social elements, including minors, in the New Jain Market area on Court Road, Sadar Bazar, Chaibasa. In a letter to the Child Welfare Committee, Roy stated that boys and girls, mostly minors, had taken shelter illegally in the market premises and nearby vacant land. These groups openly consumed drugs, misbehaved with the public, and engaged in abusive and obscene behavior, creating a nuisance for nearby residents. Despite being informed, the market's landowner had not acted on the issue. Roy emphasized the need for urgent intervention not only to prevent criminal activity but also to rehabilitate the minors into the mainstream for their better future. (w/gsd)

Trishanu Roy urges launch of anti-disease measures

Chaibasa, July 15: Congress spokesperson Trishanu Roy has appealed to West Singhbhum Deputy Commissioner Chandan Kumar to initiate an intensive cleanliness and disease prevention drive across urban and rural areas of the district. Through a post on social media platform X, Roy highlighted the growing number of patients suffering from vector-borne diseases like dengue and malaria due to waterlogging and mosquito breeding amid the monsoon season. He urged the administration to immediately begin fogging, bleaching, and insecticide spraying to prevent a potential outbreak of diseases and safeguard public health. (w/gsd)

Rotary Club conducts tree plantation drive



Chaibasa, July 15: As part of its environmental conservation efforts, Rotary Club Chaibasa organized a tree plantation program at Chhaya Balika Griha. The initiative aimed to enhance greenery and promote environmental awareness among children. Club President Vikas Dodrajka emphasized that Rotary Club Chaibasa not only planted trees annually at multiple locations but also took responsibility for their maintenance. On this occasion, fruit-bearing saplings were planted by both club members and children of the shelter home. Before the plantation, Club Secretary Rtn Hina Thakkar addressed the children on the importance of protecting the environment, stressing that it was a collective responsibility. The program was sponsored by Rtn Puneet Sethia. Other participants included Rotarians Prashant Gupta, Ritesh Mundhada, Vishnu Bhoot, Abhishek Dodrajka, Co-Secretary Ramesh Dattani, Assistant Staff from the Child Commission Ranchi Pravesh Kumar Singha, Child Protection Officer Punita Tiwari, and Children's Home Director Nargis Khatoon, along with staff members Saba, Savitri, and others. (w/gsd)

Free Health Check-Up camp in Rajnagar

Seraikela, July 15: The Ayush Department held a block-level free health check-up camp at Durga Maidan in Rajnagar Block on Monday to promote awareness of traditional health practices.

The camp was inaugurated by District Ayush Medical Officer Dr. Poonam Kumari and Panchayat Mukhiya Rajo Tudu. Over 160 patients received check-ups and free medicines for ailments such as joint pain, swelling, and muscle discomfort. Ayush doctors Savita Singh, Gauri Manjhi, Shailesh Kumar, Bibhuti, and yoga instructors were present. The event continued from 10 am to 4 pm and aimed to increase familiarity with the Ayush system of medicine. (W-pb)

Trump Imposes 35% Tariff on Canadian Imports Despite DST Withdrawal, Straining US-Canada Trade Ties

In a surprise move, US President Donald Trump announced a 35% tariff on Canadian imports on July 10, intensifying trade tensions between the two North American allies. This decision came despite Canada's withdrawal of its proposed 3% Digital Services Tax (DST), which was to be implemented from June 30. Trump had earlier criticized the DST as an "attack on American firms."

The Canadian government had aimed to generate approximately US $5 billion from the DST over five years on revenue generated from Canadian-based digital services. Canada canceled the tax in good faith, expecting progress in ongoing trade negotiations that were scheduled to conclude by July 21, following a tentative agreement between Prime Minister Mark Carney and President Trump at the G-7 summit in mid-June.

However, Carney was officially notified of the tariff hike through a letter sent by Trump to over 20 US trading partners. While goods covered under the 2018 United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) may be exempt, the sudden tariff announcement has caught Ottawa off guard.

The move appears to be driven in part by Trump's frustration over the US $63 billion trade surplus that Canada holds over the US, along with his continued concerns-largely unsubstantiated-regarding the cross-border flow of fentanyl, which accounts for less than 0.1% of opioid imports into the US.

The escalating trade pressure has pushed Canada to rethink its foreign and economic policy. Hours before receiving Trump's letter, Carney posted a photo with UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, emphasizing the importance of "trusted economic partners like Canada," signaling a potential pivot towards alternate alliances.

The situation bears striking resemblance to a past episode between India and Nepal. In 2015, India imposed a blockade on Nepal, citing concerns over the treatment of the Madhesi minority. The blockade devastated Nepal's economy and pushed it towards China's Belt and Road Initiative.

The US risks making a similar mistake by leveraging tariffs to address trade imbalances at the cost of alienating its closest ally. As Canada begins to diversify its partnerships, Washington may be forced to reckon with the long-term consequences of weaponing trade.

From the Editorial Desk

GCCs urged to leverage govt schemes for hiring talent



Vandana Gurnani, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, exhorted Global Capability Centres (GCCs) on Monday to leverage existing government schemes for hiring talent in the country.

She urged the GCCs to engage with government initiatives such as the Employment Linked Incentive Scheme, which holds substantial potential for job creation, and the National Career Services Portal, a comprehensive platform with partnerships across major firms offering job matching services, to find talent.

Gurnani was speaking at the GCC Business Summit organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) here.

Discussing ongoing labour reforms, she noted the implementation of the Labour Codes and highlighted ongoing collaboration with state governments to drive these reforms. She also outlined the expansion of career lounges in universities, which can serve as talent pipelines for the GCC sector, and noted India's international agreements for workforce mobility that can be effectively leveraged for GCC operations.

Outlining India's core competitive advantages that have enabled GCC's phenomenal growth trajectory, Anuradha Thakur, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, pointed to strong physical and digital infrastructure, strategic interventions through the Digital India initiative, streamlined approval processes, large talent strength, and a robust regulatory environment built over the past decade.

Underscoring India's talent strengths, Thakur pointed to the country's large annual output of STEM graduates, a diverse workforce with significant female participation, and a young median age. She emphasised that these demographic factors provide fertile ground for continued GCC growth and expansion.

Sanjay Bahadur, Member (Income Tax), Central Board of Direct Taxes, recognised the sector's remarkable growth and its rising contribution to India's GDP and employment. He highlighted the dramatic evolution of GCCs from basic outsourcing units to complex, cross-border operations engaging in high-value functions.

He further noted that modern GCCs are involved in sophisticated design innovation, backend services, and engineering inputs, creating complex value chains that pose unique challenges in transfer pricing.

"The Central Government has begun formulating a comprehensive national framework for GCCs to enhance their growth and expand their base," said K K Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Singh observed that the majority of GCCs are concentrated in six major locations, with significant presence in Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Pune, and Chennai, while only a small share operates in emerging cities. He acknowledged the challenges of expanding into tier-2 cities and underlined the government's intent to benchmark and replicate best practices from successful tier-1 hubs.

Gunjan Samtani, Chair of the CII Taskforce on GCCs and co-chairman of Goldman Sachs in India, co-presented a framework for the National GCC Policy that would serve as a roadmap to expanding India's GCCs to around 5,000 units in the coming years.

First time in India, ex-CJIs, CMs, Speakers appear before JPC on ONOE

For the first time in independent India, senior constitutional authorities, including former Chief Justices of India, Supreme Court judges, Chief Ministers, and Assembly Speakers, are participating in deliberations on the One Nation One Election (ONOE) proposal before the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), BJP MP and JPC Chairperson P.P. Chaudhary has said.

Calling the moment "historic and unprecedented," Chaudhary underlined the scale and seriousness of the consultations.

Speaking exclusively to IANS, he said, "For the first time since independence, former Chief Justices of India, former Supreme Court judges, Chief Ministers, Deputy Chief Ministers, and Assembly Speakers are appearing before a parliamentary committee to share their views. This has never happened before in independent India."

Chaudhary emphasised that this isn't about political alignment but national interest. "In Mumbai, the BJP is in power, and the CM appeared. In Himachal, where the Congress is in power, their CM also appeared and gave valuable inputs. That shows the seriousness with which this issue is being viewed across party lines," he said.



The committee, during its visits across the country, has observed a remarkable shift in public sentiment.

Chaudhary noted, "Earlier, we saw political parties opposing each other on ONOE. But now, the real divide is between the political class and the people. The public wants this reform."

He recalled an interaction in Punjab where academics, vice chancellors, and even national awardees -- many of whom were AAP or Congress supporters -- voiced strong support for ONOE.

"They told us they don't vote for the BJP but believe this reform is needed. Too many elections disrupt student education, especially in government schools attended by poor students. Teachers get busy with poll duties and learning suffers," he told IANS while recalling the incident.

In Himachal Pradesh, the Chief Minister and his team actively participated in the consultation, Chaudhary said.

He said, "Our ideology may differ, but this is a national issue. This will remain even after we are gone," Chaudhary said.

To maintain credibility, the committee has deliberately involved neutral experts and legal minds. "We want to avoid any political lens. That's why we're speaking to former Chief Justices and legal experts," he said.

Recently, former Chief Justices of India, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud and Justice J.S. Khehar, attended the JPC meeting and made detailed presentations. "They gave insightful views that enriched our understanding. We're not pushing a political agenda, we're listening," he added.

Further, he quoted Union Home Minister Amit Shah, recounting a journalist's question on its implementation: "How can ONOE be implemented without a clear majority in the House?" Shah replied: "That's like asking Mahatma Gandhi in 1945 how he could free India when the British still ruled. In the coming years, there will be a scenario where those parties opposing ONOE will face major loss."

Chaudhary added, "An environment is emerging where even those opposing ONOE will start facing public resistance. The people see merit in the idea. While a few political parties are witnessing their loss or gains, the public is looking into it as a major and important reform, he told IANS.

Addressing the implementation timeline, Chaudhary said: "While the final decision lies with Parliament, hypothetically, if we submit our report by 2027/2028 and the law is enacted that year in 2028, the next Lok Sabha elections in 2029 could be held under this new framework. Now, within five years, State Assembly elections will be synchronized by 2034."

He also referred to a separate bill under discussion: "Once passed, it will mandate that all panchayat and municipal elections be conducted within 100 days of state assembly polls being held in 2034. But this, too, will come after another bill is passed."

Chaudhary further shared the significant feedback he received from former CJI Khehar in a recent meeting two days back, "This is a golden opportunity you have received from God to serve your country and to change the political scenario in the country. Don't miss it and deliver it in a way that coming generations will remember you."

Tesla temptation: Where smart buyers should tread carefully

By Rajiv Shah

In the world of electric vehicles, Tesla has emerged as a brand synonymous with innovation, disruption, and futuristic appeal. Under Elon Musk's charismatic leadership, the company has managed to capture the imagination of investors and consumers alike. However, beneath the glossy surface lies a complex terrain-one where prospective buyers, especially in countries like India, must proceed with caution.

Beyond the Glamour

Tesla vehicles dazzle with their sleek designs, software-driven interfaces, and autonomous driving features. But recent years have seen growing concerns among consumers and regulators. Technical glitches, unpredictable software updates, high repair costs, and limited service infrastructure have been reported even in Tesla's established markets like the U.S. and Europe.

For Indian buyers, these challenges multiply. Tesla has yet to establish a full-fledged presence in India, and vehicles are typically imported through third parties or luxury resellers-leading to sky-high prices, complicated registration processes, and no reliable after-sales service.



Enter the Chinese Competition

While Tesla has enjoyed the limelight, Chinese EV manufacturers-particularly BYD (Build Your Dreams)-have quietly gained market share with practical, affordable, and reliable electric vehicles. BYD models like the Atto 3 and e6 offer:

- Lower price tags compared to Tesla (often 20-30% cheaper)
- More intuitive driver interfaces
- Proven battery durability with their patented Blade Battery
- After-sales support through official networks within India

Brands like XPeng, NIO, and MG Motor are also delivering EVs with competitive tech features, better local adaptability, and wider service networks-creating an increasingly crowded market where Tesla's early mover advantage no longer guarantees success.

The Indian Reality Check

Bringing a Tesla to India isn't just expensive-it's legally and logistically cumbersome. Buyers face high import duties, lack of insurance clarity, software compatibility issues, and service blackouts. Moreover, without a local entity, Tesla offers no consumer redressal or legal warranty obligations under Indian consumer law.

Tesla fans often rely on social media hype and brand charisma, but that alone shouldn't drive a six-figure investment in a vehicle with unclear domestic support.

Musk's Brand vs Buyer's Risk

Elon Musk is not just Tesla's CEO-he's its biggest promoter. His every tweet moves markets. Yet, his unpredictable decisions-from mass layoffs to controversial statements-have triggered volatility and concerns. While brand appeal may be strong, the company's consistency and accountability are being increasingly scrutinized.

In contrast, Chinese companies are marketing less but delivering more, with customer satisfaction at the center of their India strategy.

Points to Verify Before Buying

If you're considering a Tesla, pause to ask:

- Who is the actual seller? Is it an official channel or a third-party importer?
- Are spare parts and software updates supported locally?
- What legal protection or warranty applies in India?
- Are after-sales service and charging infrastructure accessible in your area?
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If the answers are vague, it's best to rethink.

Conclusion: A Temptation Worth Testing

Tesla remains a symbol of status and vision. But in countries like India, where policy clarity, local support, and road conditions vary dramatically, it becomes a high-risk choice for the average consumer. Smart buyers must look beyond the badge and study the real cost, practicality, and legal cover before making that leap.

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Tesla Model Y launched in India at Rs 60 lakh, deliveries likely from Q3 2025

Mumbai, July 15 (IANS) Electric car-maker Tesla on Tuesday entered India with launching its Model Y vehicle with rear-wheel drive (RWD) at a starting price of Rs 59.89 lakh (ex-showroom).

Tesla Model Y Long Range rear-wheel drive will cost Rs 67.89 lakh, according to the price list published on its website.

The Model Y starts at $44,990 in the United States, 263,500 yuan in China, and 45,970 euros in Germany. The Indian pricing represents a difference of around $15,000 compared to the vehicle's base price in the US, before any federal tax incentives.

According to available information, Tesla Model Y will initially be available in Mumbai, Delhi and Gurugram, and deliveries are likely to start in the third quarter this year.

The Tesla Model Y range for the RWD version is claimed to be 500 km on a single full charge. The Long Range RWD version has a better claimed range of 622 km.



With its fast charging capability, the Model Y takes 15 minutes to add a range of up to 238 km for the RWD trim and 267 km for the Long Range RWD trim.

According to the information available on its website, the Model Y RWD can reach 100 kmph from standstill in 5.9 seconds, while the Long Range RWD model takes 5.6 seconds for similar acceleration. The top speed is the same at 201 kmph for both versions.

While Tesla's first showroom has come up in Mumbai, the company is expected to open the second showroom in New Delhi. The Model Y will initially be available in Mumbai, Delhi and Gurugram. Its deliveries will start in the third quarter of the calendar year (CY) 2025.

The cabin offers features like a 15.4-inch front touchscreen infotainment system, 8-inch rear touchscreen, powered front seats with ventilation, powered two-way folding and heated second-row, footwell and door pocket ambient lighting, wrap-around ambient lighting and nine speakers.

After Mumbai, Tesla to open Delhi showroom soon; launch superchargers

New Delhi, July 15 (IANS) After making a grand entry into Mumbai, Elon Musk-run Tesla is now preparing to expand its presence by opening a new showroom in Delhi soon.

Along with this, the electric vehicle giant announced on Tuesday that it will also launch four new charging stations in New Delhi, which will include 16 Superchargers and 15 Destination Chargers.

Tesla has already taken its first official step into the Indian market by launching its 'Experience Centre' in Mumbai and introducing its popular electric SUV the Model Y.

The company has big plans to grow in India by building a complete ecosystem around electric vehicles, as per its official statement. This includes showrooms, service facilities, delivery infrastructure, charging stations, logistics hubs and office spaces across the country.

In Mumbai, Tesla has announced four major charging stations in key areas -- Lower Parel, BKC, Navi Mumbai, and Thane. These will feature 16 Superchargers and 16 Destination Chargers. A similar plan will soon be implemented in Delhi as well, making it easier for Tesla users to charge their vehicles efficiently. Tesla emphasised that electric vehicles are just one part of its broader mission. The company's real goal is to create a sustainable ecosystem.

Maharashtra to become country's largest EV manufacturing hub, says Fadnavis

Mumbai, July 15 (IANS) Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday expressed confidence during the inauguration of Tesla's Experience Centre that Maharashtra will become the state with the highest Electric Vehicle (EV) manufacturing capacity in India.

CM Fadnavis said this was momentous for Maharashtra and Mumbai, as "the world's smartest car" arrives in India, and officially starts here under Union government support.

"The Mumbai centre is not just an Experience Centre but also a delivery location, logistics and service unit. Bookings for Tesla cars have also begun here," he remarked.

Tesla's global bestseller, the Model?Y, was launched in India on Tuesday.

According to the CM, it charges in about 15 minutes, covers up to 600?km on a single charge, produces zero emissions, and is globally acclaimed for its safety features.

CM Fadnavis said that the state government has implemented a dynamic policy to promote EVs, offering special incentives in charging infrastructure, tax exemptions, and manufacturing. "Maharashtra will lead India's EV industry in the near future. After Mumbai, services will expand to two more Indian cities, and in Mumbai alone four large charging hubs and 32 charging stations are being set up," he added.

ICICI Prudential Life's Q1 profit falls 21.8 pc sequentially, premium income drops 48 pc



Mumbai, July 15 (IANS) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company on Tuesday reported a sequential decline of nearly 21.8 per cent in net profit for the quarter ended June 30 (Q1 FY26).

The company's net profit for Q1 FY26 stood at Rs 302.08 crore, down from Rs 386.29 crore in the previous quarter (Q4 FY25), according to its stock exchange filing.

The net premium income also fell sharply on a quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) basis, dropping to Rs 8,503.19 crore from Rs 16,369.17 crore recorded in the previous quarter of the last fiscal.

This represents a decline of about 48.06 per cent. However, on a year-on-year (YoY) basis, the company showed improvement, with net profit rising 34 per cent compared to Rs 225.4 crore in the same quarter previous financial year. Net premium income also grew 8 per cent from Rs 7,875 crore posted in Q1 FY25, as per its filing.

The value of new business (VNB), a key metric for life insurers, was reported at Rs 457 crore, which is 3.2 per cent lower than the same quarter previous year.

With an annual premium equivalent (APE) of Rs 1,864 crore, the VNB margin stood at 24.5 per cent.

Commenting on the performance, Anup Bagchi, Managing Director and CEO of ICICI Prudential Life, said the results reflect the strength and resilience of the company's business model. He added that the company's focus remains on customer-centric strategies, simplification of products, expanding distribution, cost alignment and proactive risk management.

The company also made progress on the cost front. The overall cost-to-premium ratio improved to 21.2 per cent in Q1 FY26 from 24 per cent in the same quarter previous fiscal. In the savings segment, the cost-to-premium ratio improved further from 16.8 per cent to 14.1 per cent -- highlighting the company's efforts in managing expenses more efficiently.

India's export of goods and services clock 6.5 pc growth in June, up 5.94 pc for Q1



New Delhi, July 15 (IANS) India's total exports of merchandise and services for June 2025 touched $67.98 billion, registering a growth of 6.5 per cent compared with the corresponding figure for the same month of the previous year, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Tuesday.

Total imports of merchandise and services combined went up by 0.5 per cent to $71.50 billion during the month compared with June 2024.

India's total exports during the April-June quarter of 2025 are estimated at $210.31 billion registering a positive growth of 5.94 per cent compared to the same period of the previous year while total imports during the quarter grew 4.38 per cent to $230.62 billion.

The country's merchandise exports during June 2025 were estimated at $35.14 billion as compared to $35.16 billion in June 2024.

Major drivers of merchandise exports growth in June include electronic goods, drugs & pharmaceuticals, engineering goods, marine products and meat, dairy and poultry products.

Electronic goods exports jumped by 46.93 per cent from $ 2.82 billion in June last year to $4.15 billion in June 2025.

Drugs and pharmaceuticals exports increased by 5.95 per cent from $2.47 billion to $2.62 billion during the month while engineering goods exports increased by 1.35 per cent from $9.38 billion in June last year to $9.50 billion in June 2025. Marine Products exports rose by 13.33 per cent from $0.56 billion to $0.63 billion during the month while meat, dairy and poultry products exports recorded a 19.7 per cent rise from 0.31 billion to $0.37 billion in June 2025.

The figures also show that the cumulative exports (merchandise & services) during April-June quarter of 2025 recorded a growth of 5.94 per cent at $210.31 billion, compared to $198.52 billion in the same quarter of the previous year.

HDB Financial's net profit declines 2.4 pc annually to Rs 567.7 crore in Q1



Mumbai, July 15 (IANS) HDB Financial, a subsidiary of HDFC Bank and a recently listed upper-layer NBFC, on Tuesday posted a net profit of Rs 567.7 crore for the quarter ended June 30 (Q1 FY26) -- a 2.4 per cent drop compared to Rs 581.7 crore in the same quarter previous year (Q1 FY25).

However, the profit showed improvement on a sequential basis, rising 7 per cent from Rs 530.9 crore in the March quarter of FY25, according to its stock exchange filing.

The dip in year-on-year (YoY) profit came despite healthy growth in revenue and net interest income, as higher provisioning impacted the bottom line.

The company's net interest income (NII), which is the difference between the interest it earns and the interest it pays, rose 18.3 per cent YoY to Rs 2,091.8 crore.

It was also higher compared to Rs 1,972.8 crore in the previous quarter, as per its filing.

Total revenue from operations grew 15 per cent year-on-year to Rs 4,465.4 crore and increased 4.6 per cent compared to the March quarter.

HDB's pre-provisioning operating profit stood at Rs 1,402 crore in the June quarter, up 17.2 per cent from Rs 1,196 crore a year earlier.

However, the company's loan losses and provisions rose significantly to Rs 670 crore in Q1 FY26 from Rs 412 crore in Q1 FY25.

JSW Cement launches CHD Jal Kavach

Purulia, July 15 : JSW Cement, one of India's leading green cement producers and part of the highly diversified JSW Group, has proudly announced the launch of CHD JalKavach, a revolutionary super-premium, water-repellent cement designed to withstand the high-moisture challenges faced by homes in West Bengal and Bihar.

Backed by Turbo Gel Technology, CHD Jal Kavach brings a new standard in cement innovation-engineered for strength, durability and moisture resistance in one powerful formulation.

Announcing this today, Mr. Nilesh Narwekar, Chief Executive Officer, JSW Cement, "With CHD Jal Kavach, we're offering a specialised solution that actively protects homes from seepage, dampness, and corrosion." The primary feature of JSW CHD Jal Kavach as a water repellent is that it prevents seepage and dampness, thereby keeping homes dry & damage-free.

It is also corrosion resistant, which protects rebars from rust and, as a result, enhances structural integrity. The turbo gel advantage ensures polymer-enriched hydration matrix for improved workability and compressive strength. "With CHD Jal Kavach, we are not only raising the performance bar but also redefining how cement is perceived-less as a commodity and more as a performance-driven solution," said Mr. Hitendra Jariwala, Chief Marketing Officer, JSW Cement.

Centre unveils Rs 1,000 crore scheme to help MSMEs upgrade to energy-efficient tech



New Delhi, July 15 (IANS) The Centre on Tuesday launched a new Rs 1,000 crore scheme to enable micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) upgrade to energy-efficient technologies through comprehensive financial and technical support.

The Assistance in Deploying Energy Efficient Technologies in Industries and Establishments (ADEETIE) was officially launched by Power Minister Manohar Lal in Panipat, Haryana, according to a ministry statement.

"ADEETIE is a transformative movement to empower Indian industries, especially MSMEs, to become globally competitive through sustainability. With the right mix of incentives and support mechanisms, we are catalysing investments in cleaner, more efficient technologies," said the minister.

The ADEETIE scheme is being implemented by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE). The scheme covers 14 energy-intensive sectors. It will follow a phased roll-out, beginning with 60 industrial clusters in the first phase, followed by an additional 100 clusters in the second phase.

The scheme will be implemented over three years, spanning FY 2025-26 to FY 2027-28, allowing for progressive deployment, course correction, and scaling based on early outcomes.

The total outlay of Rs 1,000 crore comprises Rs 875 crore for interest subvention, Rs 50 crore for Investment Grade Energy Audit support and Rs 75 crore for handholding support through BEE.

The scheme is expected to catalyse Rs 9,000 crore in investments, including Rs 6,750 crore of MSME lending.

The scheme envisages to provide interest subvention of 5 per cent for micro and small enterprises, and 3 per cent for medium enterprises on loans, ensuring accessibility and affordability for MSMEs seeking financial aid for energy efficiency (EE) projects.

In his address, Manohar Lal emphasised the importance of power in driving economic growth, aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat, highlighting the role of renewables, energy efficiency, and environmental conservation, especially in the MSME sector.

The minister noted various technologies featured in the ADEETIE scheme can help MSMEs reduce energy consumption by 30-50 per cent, improve the power-to-product ratio, and support the creation of green energy corridors.

He also underscored the significance of industrial energy efficiency in reducing India's carbon footprint and achieving its international climate commitments.

Gold, silver prices decline amid global tariff uncertainty

New Delhi, July 15 (IANS) The gold and silver prices declined on Tuesday after having an upward rally for the past two days, amid escalating uncertainties around the US tariffs.

The price of 24-carat gold dropped by over Rs 300, according to the India Bullion Jewellers Association (IBJA).

Ten grams of 24-carat gold cost Rs 387 less, from Rs 98,303 to Rs 97,916. The price of 10 grams of 22-carat gold also decreased, going from Rs 90,045 to Rs 89,691, a decrease of Rs 354. Additionally, the price of 18-carat gold fell, from Rs 73,727 to Rs 73,437 during the previous trading session, a decrease of Rs 290.

Himadri Speciality Chemical's revenue declines over 6.8 pc in Q1

Mumbai, July 15 (IANS) Kolkata-based Himadri Speciality Chemical Limited on Tuesday reported a year-on-year (YoY) revenue decline of 6.84 per cent, with total revenue falling to Rs 1,118.29 crore in Q1 FY26 from Rs 1,200.41 crore in Q1 FY25.

On a quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) basis too, revenue slipped by around 1.44 per cent, compared to Rs 1,134.64 crore in Q4 FY25, according to its stock exchange filing.

Additionally, Anurag Choudhary-led company's total income followed suit and declined by approximately 5.61 per cent YoY to Rs 1,144.97 crore, compared to Rs 1,213.05 crore in a year-ago period.

However, a sharp reduction in expenses helped support profitability. Himadri's total expenses during the quarter stood at Rs 903.75 crore, down by about 12.63 per cent from Rs 1,034.37 crore in the same period previous financial year.

The company said in its filing that it posted a net profit of Rs 179.36 crore in Q1 FY26, up by nearly 46.08 per cent from Rs 122.78 crore in the same quarter last fiscal.

The shares closed the Tuesday's trading session at Rs 511.5, down by Rs 5.15 or 1 per cent on the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

Himadri Speciality Chemical Limited is a player in the specialty chemicals sector, known for its focus on innovation, research, and sustainability.

RBI will deliver a final 25 bps rate cut in December: HSBC Global Research

New Delhi, July 15 (IANS) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will deliver a final 25 basis point rate cut in the December monetary policy committee (MPC) meeting, taking the repo rate to 5.25 per cent by the end of 2025, a report said on Tuesday.

Considering the ease in inflation in recent months, the RBI may leave the repo rate unchanged in the next two MPCs.

"We forecast a pause in the August and October meetings. However, we believe the RBI will deliver a final 25bp rate cut in the December meeting, taking the repo rate to 5.25 per cent by end-2025," a HSBC Global Research report said.



June CPI Inflation came in at much below the market expectation of 2.3 per cent. Meanwhile, the sequential momentum has been flat since April.

The current inflation can be attributed to much lower-than-anticipated food inflation and it may reduce further as well.

"The average inflation in second quarter of 2025 was at 2.7 per cent, below the RBI's forecast of 2.9 per cent," the report said.

June WPI, too, came in much lower than expected (-0.1 per cent year-on-year vs market expectation of +0.5 per cent).

On a seasonally adjusted sequential basis, wholesale prices have contracted by 0.5 per cent month-on-month (m-o-m), led by weak food prices, which have been in deflation since the start of 2025, the report said.

Food prices remained in deflation for the sixth month, down 0.6 per cent on-month. "The disinflation trend, which had been losing momentum in recent months, reversed course in the latest reading," the report noted.

The declining prices of pulses, vegetables, cereals, and spices account for a large portion of the weakness. Fruits and edible oil were an exception, reporting price increases in the interim.

According to the report, the reduction in import duties from 20 per cent to 10 per cent (effective May 30) to control domestic prices seems to have been more than offset by the increase in edible oil prices worldwide.

Core inflation remains high due to rising gold prices.

Tomorrowland, world's biggest EDM festival, is all set to arrive in Thailand

Confetti, colours, techno beats, zealous crowd and a sky full of stars - that's how you get transported to a musical trance in Tomorrowland. It is not your regular music concert, but the world's biggest electronic dance and music (EDM) festival! And, Tomorrowland is now setting the stage in Asia for the first time.

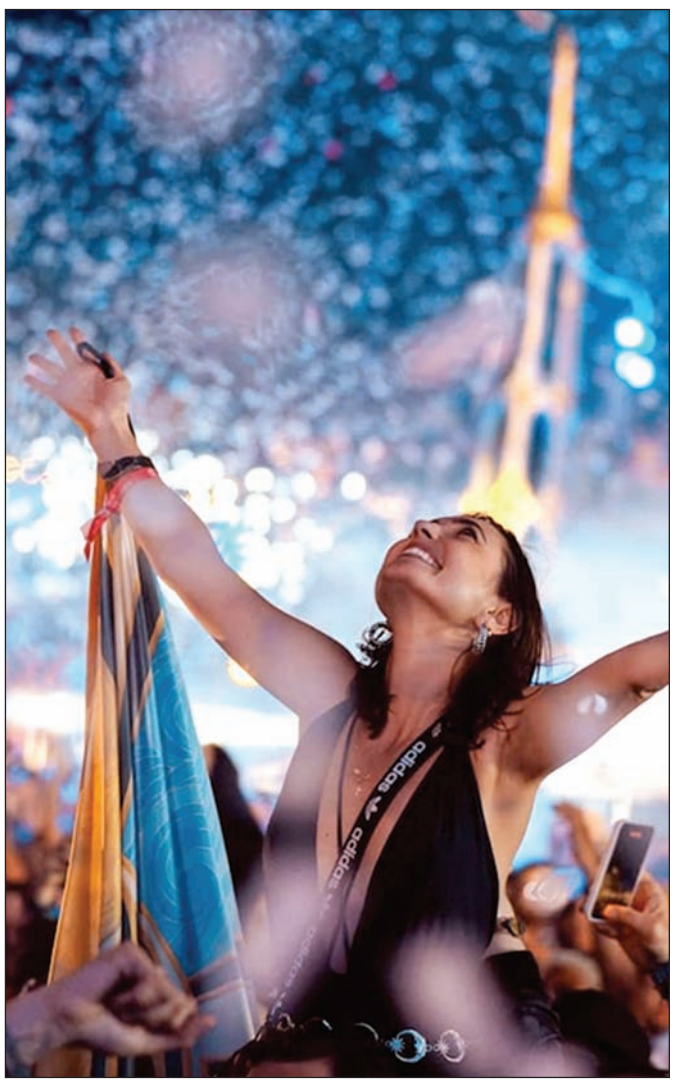
Modelled on Belgium's famous music festival, the Asian edition of this festival will take place in Thailand and China.

First in line is a magical night in Shanghai, China, set to unfold on November 22, 2025. "The Magic of Tomorrowland" is the first-ever indoor show of the Tomorrowland experience.

It will take place at the Hero Dome, located along Shanghai's stunning Bund waterfront, in an immersive indoor world "where music, light, and imagination merge beneath one roof."

This one-night-only edition promises stunning stage designs by some of the world's most celebrated DJs and global artists. While the line-up is yet to be revealed, tickets for this reimagined EDM experience are set to go live in September 2025.

One of the world's most anticipated music festivals is





finally touching down in Asia. The full-fledged experience of Tomorrowland will debut in Chonburi, Thailand, in December 2026.

Modelled on Belgium's signature immersive format - themed villages, VIP packages, multiple stages, and a global artist lineup - the festival aims to seamlessly blend in Thai culture, local music, and regional flair. This milestone not only places Thai culture on the global front but also acts as a catalyst for tourism.

Chonburi Province is a seaside town located near Bangkok and is in proximity to several international airports, making it easily accessible for travellers. Nestled along the Gulf of Thailand, it offers pristine beaches, street food, rich local traditions, and all nature's serenity at its peak.

According to a report by an online national daily in Thailand, the overall investment for this event is expected to reach several billion baht. As per Thapanee Kiatphaibool, Governor of the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), this is expected to be a five-year contract at the least, with an average annual budget of around US$10 million. Further details will depend on the agreement.

This move by the Tomorrowland Foundation also brings fore the idea of a changing travel scene across the globe.

Shifting travelscape

The expansion of Tomorrowland into Southeast Asia will significantly add on to the already rising travel and tourism sector in the region.

Thailand ranks amongst the top destination choice for travellers, be it for solo trips, bachelorettes, family vacations or honeymoons. Emerging travel trends also highlight how new-age travellers are aspiring for experiential travel. It includes tourism driven by concerts, sports, festivals, and local experiences.

About Tomorrowland

Tomorrowland is a global phenomenon. The first edition was started by brothers Manu Beer and Michiel Beers in Boom, Belgium, in 2005. Ever since, it has evolved into a magnificent event. People from several countries flock to the event, and even the tickets sell out in minutes!

The event brings together people from all walks of life under one roof, with hundreds of renowned artists performing across more than 16 different stages. This year marks 20 years of the festival in Belgium.

Why Trump is withholding Epstein files he promised to release

US President Donald Trump, who issued the arrest order of Jeffrey Epstein for sex trafficking of minors during his first term, is now publicly questioning the value of revisiting what he calls "Epstein files created by Democrats". His sudden shift in position has raised new questions about the true motives behind his reluctance to disclose the files.

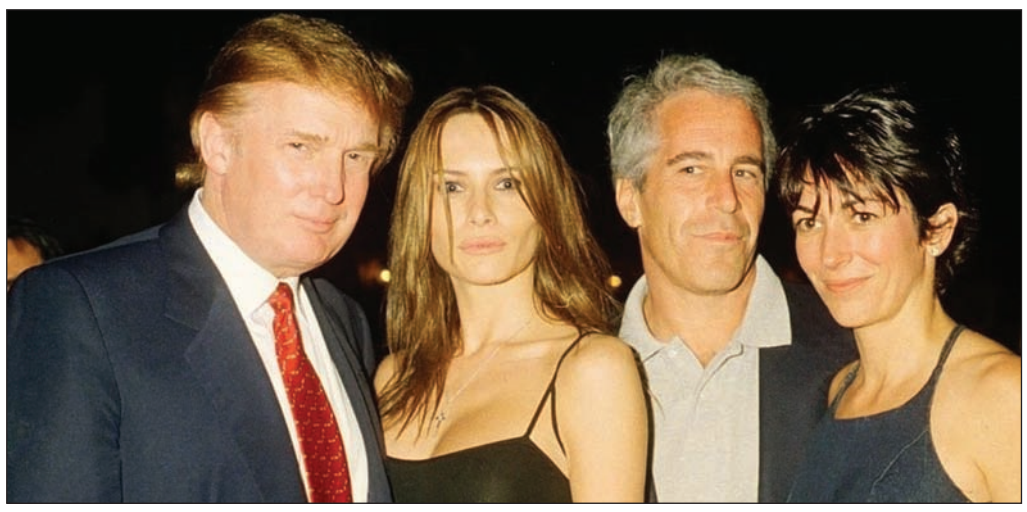
In the run-up to the November presidential elections last year, Trump promised to release files related to the child sex offender.

"Why are we giving publicity to Files written by Obama, Crooked Hillary, Comey, Brennan, and the Losers and Criminals of the Biden Administration? They created the Epstein Files."

TRUMP's STANCE ON EPSTEIN FILES, NOW VS THEN

In 2019, Donald Trump suggested that Jeffrey Epstein's death was a cover-up and called for a full investigation, according to the AP.

The AP report also said that Trump, before his second term in the White House, had shared



a post by conservative comedian Terrance K Williams, who hinted that former President Bill Clinton might have been involved in the Epstein case too. In his comment, Trump said Epstein "had information on Bill Clinton & now he's dead."

When asked about his retweet, Trump said he was simply calling for a full investigation - just a day after then-Attorney General Bill Barr cited "serious irregularities" at Epstein's prison.

In a 2023 interview, Trump told commentator Tucker Carlson that he believed that Epstein had died by suicide. But he couched his response, saying it was also "possible" that he had been murdered, a theory he said "many people" believed, AP reported.

Last year on Fox News, Trump said he would declassify the "Epstein files", but quickly added, "less so", citing concerns about "phoney stuff" that could unfairly affect people's lives.

However, last week Trump dismissed Epstein's talk as "unbelievable" amid other pressing issues.

In a Cabinet meeting last week, Trump called it "unbelievable" and a "desecration" that people were still talking about "this creep", given other pressing matters, including the catastrophic flooding in Texas.

Soon after his U-turn on Epstein files, there was backlash from both MAGA circles and opponents.

Notably, Attorney General Pam Bondi is also facing criticism after memo released by the justice department failed to deliver what many had hoped would be major revelations in the Epstein case.

Attorney General Pam Bondi in May said there were "tens of thousands of videos of Epstein with children or child porn." That fuelled a belief that details about powerful figures had been suppressed, news agency AP reported.

"It's a new administration and everything is going to come out to the public," she was quoted as saying by the news agency.

However, last week, the Department of Justice (DOJ) said that Epstein, who allegedly died by suicide in 2019, never maintained a formal "client list," and announced it would not release any additional documents tied to his sex trafficking investigation.

Trump wrote on his Truth Social on Sunday, "What's going on with my 'boys' and, in some cases, 'gals?' They're all going after Attorney General Pam Bondi, who is doing a FANTASTIC JOB! We're on one team, MAGA, and I don't like what's happening."

WHY IS TRUMP ADMINISTRATION NOT RELEASING EPSTEIN FILES?

The reasons behind Trump's refusal are layered and ambiguous.

Last month, Trump's former aide and tech billionaire Elon Musk alleged that the DOJ is hiding Epstein files over Trump links, without giving any evidence to back his allegation.

The White House rubbished those claims, and the post was deleted by Musk, BBC reported.

But Trump's name is among those that appear in flight logs for Epstein's private plane. Trump flew on Epstein's private jet several times in the 1990s, mostly between Palm Beach, Florida, and New York City, according to flight logs that were released as evidence in the trial of Ghislaine Maxwell, who was convicted on sex trafficking charges for helping Epstein abuse underage girls, Newsweek reported.

Notably, individuals named in the documents are not necessarily accused of wrongdoing, and Trump has not been linked to any offences committed by Epstein or Maxwell, the report added.

Commentator Bill O'Reilly has suggested that Trump may be reluctant to release the files out of concern for individuals named in them who aren't tied to Epstein's crimes, warning that revealing names without context could unfairly "destroy" innocent people.

On NewsNation's Cuomo show last Wednesday, O'Reilly said he had spoken with Trump about the Epstein files on St Patrick's Day, Newsweek reported.

"He said, and I agree, there are a lot of names associated with Epstein that had nothing to do with Epstein's conduct," O'Reilly said in the interview.

"They maybe had lunch with him or maybe had some correspondence for one thing or another," he added.

"If that name gets out, those people are destroyed because there's not going to be any context (sic)," he was quoted as saying by Newsweek.

Classrooms without backbenchers: With new sitting format, schools stand out

"Backbenchers, come sit in the front."

If I had a rupee for every time a school teacher said that, I'd have saved enough to pay part of my college fee. Perennial backenchers like me would have memories, both fond and forgetable. But the times, they are a-changin'. Long seen as a comfort zone for some and a punishment for others, backbenches in schools could be on their way to becoming obsolete. That's to demolish the sitting hierarchy and making classrooms more inclusive.

In a quiet but growing shift across states like Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, and West Bengal, schools are rethinking how children sit. And the push isn't coming from top-down academic research or classroom reformers. It began with a scene from a Malayalam children's film, Sthanarthi Sreekuttan.

The movie, which questions the divide between frontbenchers and backbenchers, features a seventh-grade student suggesting a simple but powerful change: rearrange the seating.

That single scene has now snowballed into a wider conversation about shifting not just the backbencher but also the seating system entirely.

Taking a cue from the film, Ramavilasom Vocational Higher Secondary School (RVHSS) in Valakom, Kottarakkara, in South Kerala, decided to try out the idea.

But, before we go into how the seating system is changing, let's first look at how it started.

The traditional row-and-column classroom seating originated from the 19th-century Prussian education system. The Prussian government wanted to standardise education across its growing empire.

Inspired by military precision, they introduced a rigid classroom structure.

Though not born in the Industrial Revolution, this model aligned perfectly with its factory logic and was formalised in schools across Europe.

As schools began to mimic factory layouts, students sat in straight lines, facing forward, trained to follow instructions rather than question them.

This row-wise sitting allowed one teacher to control large classrooms efficiently, monitor behaviour, and deliver one-way lectures.

In India, the front-bencher-backbencher divide took root during the British colonial education system.

Education in the colonial era was a means to produce compliant clerks, administrators, and interpreters of the empire's will. The row-column layout fit this agenda perfectly: it discouraged collaboration, promoted silence, and



ensured that teachers remained the sole authority.

FROM ROWS AND COLUMNS TO U-SHAPED SEATING IN CLASSROOM

Desks in the Ramavilasom Vocational Higher Secondary School (RVSS) in Kerala were placed along the four walls of the classroom in a U- or V-shape, turning every seat into a "front row".

"Minister Ganesh Kumar discussed this with us after watching a preview of Sreekuttan, a year before its release," Sunil P Sekhar, headmaster of RVHSS, told PTI.

"We began with just one class. The results were overwhelmingly positive. We introduced it to all lower primary sections."

Sekhar said the change allowed teachers to give equal attention to every student and monitor them better. More importantly, it removed the invisible wall that backbenchers often sit behind, both physically and in terms of engagement.

"It's especially helpful in primary classes, where students are still learning how to learn," he said.

Meera, a lower primary teacher with 29 years of experience, called it "the most rewarding shift" she's seen in her teaching career.

"There's more eye contact, more involvement. The quieter students open up," she said.

WEST BENGAL, TAMIL NADU AND PUNJAB: NO BACKBENCHERS

The idea is now being tried out in Tamil Nadu.

The state's School Education Department recently encouraged schools to experiment with a 'Pa'-shaped seating arrangement- named after the Tamil letter - under the belief that "engagement begins with arrangement".

An education department official from Tamil Nadu confirmed the shift.

"We've encouraged schools to try the idea depending on classroom size and student strength. It doesn't need new infrastructure, just a new way of thinking," the official said.

The idea travelled to not just neighbouring Tamil Nadu but further north.

In West Bengal's Malda, the century-old Barlow Girls' High School in Englishbazar became the first school in the district to adopt the 'No More Backbencher' model.

Inspired by Sthanarthi Sreekuttan, and encouraged by state education officials, the school conducted three pilot sessions for Class VII - one each in mathematics, history, and work education.

"In conventional classrooms, those at the back struggle to see the board or follow the discussion," said headmistress Deepasri Majumdar. "But in this setup, all 55 students were attentive, asked questions, and interacted. That kind of engagement is rare."

The school replaced traditional rows with a semi-circular or horseshoe-shaped arrangement, making sure every student could see and face the teacher.

Malda district's school inspector, Banibrata Das, who was present during the rollout, said the results spoke for themselves.

"Sreekuttan moved us. It's a simple idea, but the impact is deep," Das said.

The sentiment has caught on in parts of Punjab as well. A school that screened the film reportedly introduced the new seating layout based on its message.

Across states, at least eight schools in Kerala and several others in Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Punjab are now tryingout the model in some form or the other.

WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ON CHANGED CLASSROOMS?

Some people from other states too sought that a similar system be introduced there.

"No more backbenchers! Inspired by a Malayalam film, Kerala schools are adopting a U-shaped seating model to ensure every child gets equal attention. A simple shift with a powerful impact on inclusion, learning & confidence. Time for all state governments to implement this," wrote VV Lakshmi Narayana, former joint director of the CBI.

But others reacted to the news with humour and nostalgia.

"Thank goodness I didn't go to school in Kerala-they've abolished backbenchers! That was my permanent seat. Where would I have hidden my quick nap, my doodles, my secret samosa?," wrote industrialist, Harsh Goenka.

Some others said removing the last bench would not remove backbenchers, which is a mindset.

EAM Jaishankar meets Chinese President Xi Jinping, discusses India-China ties

Beijing, July 15 (IANS) External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar on Tuesday met Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing and discussed the trajectory of India-China bilateral relations.

Jaishankar conveyed warm greetings from President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the Chinese President during the meeting.



The interaction took place as part of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Foreign Ministers' call on the Chinese President.

In a post on X following the meeting, Jaishankar wrote, "Called on President Xi Jinping this morning in Beijing along with my fellow SCO Foreign Ministers. Conveyed the greetings of President Droupadi Murmu & amp; Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Apprised President Xi of the recent development of our bilateral ties. Value the guidance of our leaders in that regard."

The EAM is in China, his first visit to the country since the violent confrontation in Galwan Valley in May 2020, to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Foreign Ministers' Meeting (CFM) in Tianjin.

On Monday, the EAM held multiple high-level meetings to deepen dialogue and cooperation with Chinese officials.

He met Liu Jianchao, Minister of the International Department of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee (IDCPC), and discussed the need for a constructive India-China relationship. He also held a bilateral meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, a senior member of the CPC Political Bureau.

During the talks with Wang Yi, Jaishankar emphasised a long-term approach to resolving bilateral issues.

"Incumbent on us to address aspects related to the border, normalising people-to-people exchanges and avoiding restrictive trade measures and roadblocks. Confident that on the foundation of mutual respect, mutual interest and mutual sensitivity, ties can develop along a positive trajectory," he posted on X after the meeting on Monday.

The EAM also met Chinese Vice President Han Zheng and reiterated that further normalisation of India-China ties can yield mutually beneficial outcomes.

Trump says US to send weapons to Ukraine through NATO

Washington, July 15 (IANS) US President Donald Trump said that the United States will send weapons to Ukraine through NATO, and threatened "severe tariffs" targeting Russia if a ceasefire deal is not reached in 50 days.

Trump announced an agreement with NATO regarding weapons to assist Ukraine while meeting NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte in the Oval Office, Xinhua news agency reported.

"We are going to be sending them weapons and they're going to be paying for them," said Trump, adding that the United States will manufacture those weapons.

"We're going to be doing very severe tariffs if we don't have a deal in 50 days," Trump said of Russia.

Trump noted there would be "secondary tariffs" of about 100 per cent, multiple news outlets reported.

US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick clarified later that Trump meant "economic sanction" when he threatened "secondary tariffs" against Russia if it did not reach a deal to end the war in Ukraine within 50 days, The Washington Times reported.

Zelensky thanks Trump for backing Ukraine, discussing path to 'lasting peace'

Kyiv, July 15 (IANS) Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has expressed his gratitude to US President Donald Trump for his willingness to support Ukraine and contribute to efforts aimed at ending the war with Russia. Following what Zelensky described as a "very good conversation," he welcomed Trump's interest in achieving a "lasting and just peace" amid the ongoing conflict.



"I spoke with President Donald Trump. It was a very good conversation. Thank you for the willingness to support Ukraine and to continue working together to stop the killings and establish a lasting and just peace. President Trump shared details about his meeting with the NATO Secretary General. It's important that we have such a good relationship, and that the Alliance countries are working to increase defense spending," Zelensky said in a post on X. "We discussed the necessary means and solutions with the President to provide better protection for people from Russian attacks and to strengthen our positions. We are ready to work as productively as possible to achieve peace. We agreed to catch up more often by phone and coordinate our steps in the future as well. Thank you, Mr. President! Thank you, America!" the post added.

The remarks came after President Trump threatened on Monday to impose a secondary 100 per cent tariff on countries that import oil, gas and uranium from Russia, saying he was "very unhappy" with Moscow's intransigence in finding an end to the war with Ukraine.

EAM Jaishankar meets Foreign Ministers of Russia and Iran in China's Tianjin



Tianjin (China), July 15 (IANS) External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar on Tuesday held discussions with the Foreign Ministers of Russia and Iran on the sidelines of the SCO Foreign Ministers Council meeting in China's Tianjin.

"Reviewed our bilateral cooperation and global developments with Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov of Russia in Tianjin this afternoon," EAM Jaishankar posted on X after his meeting with the Russian Foreign Minister.

Moscow asserted that the heads of the foreign ministries discussed important topics on the bilateral and international agenda, as well as the schedule of upcoming contacts.

"They confirmed their mutual commitment to further intensifying the multifaceted Russian-Indian special privileged strategic partnership at all levels. They paid special attention to the situation around Ukraine and the Middle East. They agreed to continue coordinating approaches to interaction between Russia and India in key multilateral formats," read a statement issued by the Russian Foreign Ministry.

Russia dismisses Trump's warning on announcement of imposing sanctions



Moscow, July 15 (IANS) Russian Security Council's Deputy Chairman Dmitry Medvedev on Tuesday dismissed US President Donald Trump's threats to impose massive economic sanctions on the country, calling it a "theatrical ultimatum to the Kremlin" and asserting that Moscow does not care.

"Trump issued a theatrical ultimatum to the Kremlin. The world shuddered, expecting the consequences. Belligerent Europe was disappointed. Russia didn't care," Medvedev posted on X.

This is Moscow's first official reaction after Trump threatened on Monday to impose a secondary 100 per cent tariff on countries that import oil, gas and uranium from Russia, saying he was "very unhappy" with Moscow's intransigence in finding an end to the war with Ukraine.

He gave a 50-day deadline for the punitive tariff to take effect if Russia did not make a peace deal with Ukraine, while speaking to reporters with NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte at the White House. "We're very, very unhappy with them, and we're going to be doing very severe tariffs. If we don't have a deal in 50 days, tariffs at about 100 per cent, you'd call them secondary tariffs," he said.

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अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

निविदा सं०– RCD/CHAIBASA/2025–26/01 दिनांक :– 15.07.2025

1. विज्ञापनदाता का नाम एवं पता : कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, चाईबासा।
2. परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री की तिथि : दिनांक 05.08.2025 को 11.00 बजे से 03.00बजे अपराह्न तक।
3. निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 06.08.2025 को 11.00 बजे से 03.00बजे अपराह्न तक।
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 06.08.2025 को 03:30 बजे अपराह्न से।
5. परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री का स्थल : (क) मुख्य अभियंता (या०) का कार्यालय, प०नि०वि०, झारखण्ड, पता– अभियंता हॉस्टल नं० 2, गोलचक्कर, धुर्वा, राँची 834004। (ख) अधीक्षण अभियंता, प०नि०वि० पथ अंचल, चाईबासा। (ग) कार्यपालक अभियंता, प०नि०वि० पथ प्रमंडल, चाईबासा।
6. निविदा प्राप्ति एवं खोलने का स्थान : क्रमांक 5 के क्रम सं० 'क' से 'ग' में वर्णित कार्यालयों में।
7. कार्य की विवरणी :–

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रू० में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रू० में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	बाड़ाचिरू–आचु–अमिता–डिलयामरचा से हाता–चाईबासा रेलवे क्रॉसिंग पथ का साधारण मरम्मति कार्य।	20.00	40,000.00	5,000.00	02 (दो) माह
2	पुण्डरीगुटु गाँव से उड़ीसा बोर्डर पथ का साधारण मरम्मति कार्य।	10.00	20,000.00	1,250.00	02 (दो) माह
3	डांगुवापोसी से रामतिरथ पथ का साधारण मरम्मति कार्य एवं 4th कि०मी० में Hume Pipe Culvert का निर्माण कार्य।	25.00	50,000.00	5,000.00	02 (दो) माह
4	सिकुरसाई–कुरसी–बान्धडीह–चनदनखेरी पथ का साधारण मरम्मति कार्य।	25.00	50,000.00	5,000.00	02 (दो) माह
5	चाईबासा–बाईपास पथ के 2nd कि०मी० में नाली सह सोकपीट निर्माण कार्य।	25.00	50,000.00	5,000.00	03 (तीन) माह
6	पुण्ड्रीगुटु से उड़ीसा बोर्डर पथ के Ch- 0+00 में RCC Cross Drain का निर्माण कार्य।	2.00	4,000.00	500.00	02 (दो) माह
7	असुरा–कुमारडुन्गी भाया बलंडिया पथ के कि०मी० 14, 15 में RCC नाली निर्माण कार्य।	25.00	50,000.00	5,000.00	03 (तीन) माह
8	चाईबासा–कोकचो–भरभरिया पथ के 10वें एवं 14वें कि०मी० में गार्डवाल निर्माण कार्य।	40.00	80,000.00	5,000.00	03 (तीन) माह
9	तिरिलबुटा–पम्पारा पथ के 4th कि०मी० में गार्डवाल निर्माण कार्य।	15.00	30,000.00	2,500.00	02 (दो) माह
10	चाईबासा–सैतवा पथ के 16वें कि०मी० में नाली एवं RCC Cross Drain निर्माण का कार्य।	12.00	24,000.00	2,500.00	03 (तीन) माह
11	पथ अवर प्रमंडल, जगन्नाथपुर अन्तर्गत हाटगम्हरिया निरीक्षण भवन के शौचालय का मरम्मति/जीर्णोधार कार्य।	7.00	14,000.00	1,250.00	02 (दो) माह
12	पथ अवर प्रमंडल, जगन्नाथपुर अन्तर्गत जैंतगढ़ निरीक्षण भवन के क्षतिग्रस्त चहारदिवारी का मरम्मति कार्य।	6.00	12,000.00	1,250.00	02 (दो) माह
13	पथ अवर प्रमंडल, चाईबासा अन्तर्गत प्रस्तावित निरीक्षण भवन के क्षतिग्रस्त चहारदिवारी का मरम्मति कार्य।	12.00	24,000.00	2,500.00	02 (दो) माह
14	पथ अवर प्रमंडल, चाईबासा अन्तर्गत विभिन्न पथों का Road Safety कार्य।	25.00	50,000.00	5,000.00	02 (दो) माह

1. निविदा की शर्ते कार्यालय के सूचना पट पर देखा जा सकता है।
2. प्राक्कलित एवं अग्रधन की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है। अंततः परिमाण विपत्र में अंकित राशि ही मान्य होगी।
3. झारखंड पथ निर्माण विभाग, राँची का संकल्प सं० 2146(एस०) दिनांक 09.09.2020 के आलोक में झारखंड लोक निर्माण विभाग संहिता की कंडिका 163(ए०) द्वारा कृत प्रावधान को अवक्रमित करते हुए 10 प्रतिशत की न्यूनतम अधिसीमा को सरकार द्वारा समाप्त किया गया है। सम्प्रति 10 प्रतिशत से नीचे का निविदित दर की निविदायें अनुमान्य होगी, क्योंकि JPWD Code के 163(ए०) को सरकार द्वारा डिलीट कर दिया गया है। 10(दस) प्रतिशत से न्यून निविदाओं के लिए Additional Performance Security के क्रम में परिमाण विपत्र की राशि से (क) 10 से 20 प्रतिशत Below तक की राशि का 20 प्रतिशत तथा (ख) 20 प्रतिशत से अधिक Below की राशि का 30 प्रतिशत अतिरिक्त जमानत की राशि का प्रावधान सरकार द्वारा लागू किया गया है। इसे झारखंड लोक निर्माण विभाग संहिता के नियम 172(ए) के रूप में समाहित माना जाय। एतद् संबंधी पूर्व के संहिता/नियम/परिपत्र द्वारा कृत सभी प्रावधानों को सरकार द्वारा अवक्रमित कर दिया गया है। वैध एवं समान दर की निविदाओं के मामले मे निविदा का निस्तार पारदर्शी तरीके से इच्छुक संवेदक अथवा उनके द्वारा प्राधिकृत प्रतिनिधि के समक्ष लॉटरी (Lottery) की पद्यति से कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ प्रमंडल, चाईबासा द्वारा की जायेगी। यह प्रावधान सरकार द्वारा झारखंड लोक निर्माण विभाग सहिता के कंडिका 163(ई०) के रूप में समाहित किया गया है तथा उक्त हद तक पूर्व के संहिता/नियम/परिपत्र द्वारा कृत सभी प्रावधान अवक्रमित किये गये हैं।

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प०नि०वि०, पथ प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा।

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जिला दण्डाधिकारी एवं उपायुक्त का कार्यालय,पूर्वी सिंहभूम,जमशेदपुर
(जिला नीलाम पत्र शाखा)

सूचना

एतद द्वारा जिला के नीलाम पत्र वादों से संबंधित देनदारों/बकायेदारों को सूचित किया जाता है कि निम्नलिखित देनदारों के द्वारा बैंक से लिए ऋण/अन्य विभाग की बकाया की राशि जमा नहीं किया गया है। जिला नीलाम पत्र पदाधिकारी का न्यायालय, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर में बिहार/झारखण्ड एवं उड़ीसा लोक मांग अधिनियम, 1914 के तहत निम्नलिखित देनदारों के विरुद्ध नीलाम पत्र वाद संचालित है एवं नोटिस/वारंट निर्गत किया गया है।

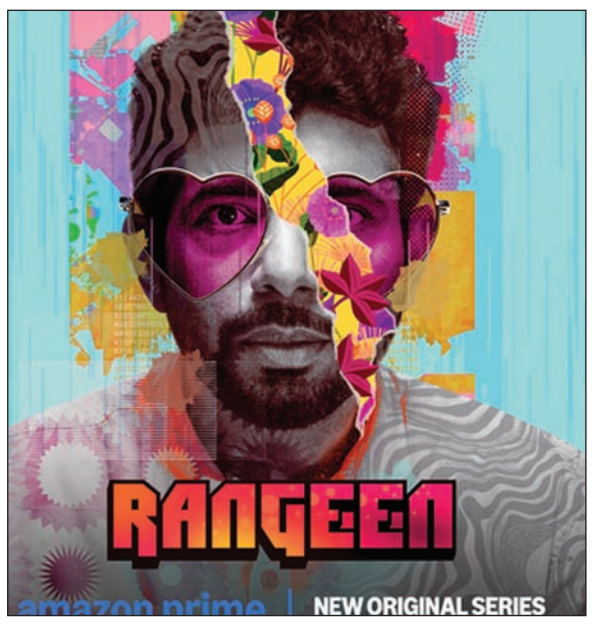
क0 सं0	वाद सं0	देनदार/बकायेदार का नाम एवं पता	बकाया राशि (रुपये में)
1	67/BL/1997-98 1868/BL/1999-2000	उद्यम सिंह, पिता–सिंघाड़ा सिंह, पता–21, सिन्धु रोड 10 नं0 बस्ती, गोलमुरी, जमशेदपुर।	2,731
2	542/BL/1997-98 3421/BL/1999-2000	अरूण कुमार, पिता–एस0पी0 सिंह, पता–क्वा0 नं0–102/2/1, छोटा गोबिन्दपुर जमशेदपुर।	4,630
3	966/BL/1997-98 3760/BL/1999-2000	अमृक सिंह, पिता–एस0 चरण सिंह, पता–मनीफिट बजार, रोड नं0–4, क्वा0नं0–77, टेल्को, जमशेदपुर।	11,382
4	364/BL/1997-98 3443/BL/1999-2000	सरस्वती, पिता–त्रिनाथ पता–क्वा0 नं0–15, कॉस रोड–29, टेल्को कॉलोनी, टेल्को, जमशेदपुर।	12,433
5	1814/BL/1997-98 3448/BL/1999-2000	देवी लाल, पिता–शिवचरण, पता–क्वा0नं0–12, सिपरा टावर लेडी इन्दरनगर, टेल्को जमशेदपुर।	11,124
6	158/BL/1997-98 3323/BL/1999-2000	के0एस0 राव, पिता–के0 यू राव, पता–क्वा0 नं0–220/एल./1 रेलवे कॉलोनी, बागबेड़ा जमशेदपुर।	8,294.41
7	1802/BL/1997-98 2151/BL/1999-2000	बी0के0 दास, पिता'–एस0 सी0 दास, पता–के0–27/10, टेल्को कॉलोनी, टेल्को जमशेदपुर।	11,750
8	1756/BL/1997-98 1710/BL/1999-2000	अमृत सिंह,पिता–पी0 सिंह, पता–मनीफिट आजादबस्ती, टेल्को, जमशेदपुर।	10,846
9	1184/BL/1997-98 2849/BL/1999-2000	यु0एन0 तिवारी, पिता–एस0एस0 तिवारी, पता–टेल्को वर्कस, टेल्को जमशेदपुर।	8,154
10	1918/BL/1997-98 375/BL/1999-2000	डुली रोबट, पता–रोड नं0–6, जवाहरनगर, मानगो जमशेदपुर।	39,172
11	1770/BL/1997-98 2036/BL/1999-2000	लक्ष्मी, पिता–लकु मुखी, पता–10 नम्बर बस्ती, टेल्को, थाना–गोलमुरी जमशेदपुर।	11,798
12	14/BL/1986-87 110/BL/1999-2000	बिरेन्द्र कुमार सिन्हा, 2. डी0के0 श्रीवास्तव, 3. सिकन्दर, पता–नया बजार, जुगसलाई जमशेदपुर।	31,933.58
13	877/BL/1997-98 2678/BL/1999-2000	हरजीद सिंह, पिता–जे0 सिंह, पता–क्वा0 नं0–13/1, टेल्को कॉलोनी, टेल्को जमशेदपुर।	6,776
14	287/BL/1993-94 33/BL/1999-2000	जय प्रकाश सिंह, पता–22/18 पटेलनगर भूईयाँडीह, एग्रिको, सीतारामडेरा। 2. तेज नारायण सिंह, पता–क्वा0 नं0–1, रोड नं0–5, बागबेड़ा कॉलोनी, बागबेड़ा। 3. मिथलेश कुमार सिंह, पता–22/18 पटेलनगर भूईयाँडीह, एग्रिको, सीतारामडेरा जमशेदपुर।	1,07,310.14
15	1825/BL/1997-98 1192/BL/1999-2000	बी0 प्रसाद, पिता–एच. प्रसाद, पता–बागबेड़ा जमशेदपुर।	8,978
16	699/BL/1997-98 3992/BL/1999-2000	पी.एस. रामुल्ला, पिता–पी. मुकलीगम, टेल्को कॉलोनी जमशेदपुर।	8,814
17	1524/BL/1997-98 3473/BL/1999-2000	एच0बी0 ठाकुर पिता– राम यतन ठाकुर, पता–के0एल0–43/1, टेल्को कॉलोनी, टेल्को जमशेदपुर।	8,535
18	691/BL/1997-98 4005/BL/1999-2000	एन0पी0 मिश्रा, पिता–एस0एस0 मिश्रा, पता– ई.डब्लु.एस.–2/1, छोटा गोबिन्दपुर जमशेदपुर।	4,630
19	1923/BL/1997-98 641/BL/1999-2000	सुकान्ती, पता–क्वा0नं0–1 टिना रोड, साकची जमशेदपुर।	24,932
20	1935/BL/1997-98 631/BL/1999-2000	दीपक कुमार, पता–एल.–4/1 काशीडीह नॉर्थ रोड, साकची जमशेदपुर।	17,756
21	1938/BL/1997-98 643/BL/1999-2000	मो0 शमसुद्दीन, पता–एस0 डब्लु/103, साकची फ्लैट, साकची, जमशेदपुर।	19,600
22	1950/BL/1997-98 647/BL/1999-2000	घनश्याम मईती, पता–काशीडीह, बगान एरिया, साकची जमशेदपुर।	4,428
23	1986/BL/1997-98 645/BL/1999-2000	मंजुम अहमद, पता–एस.डब्लु./103 साकची, जमशेदपुर।	26,860
24	95/BL/1998&99 638/BL/1999-2000	बजरंग लाल, पिता–गजानन्द अग्रवाल, पता–शॉप नं0–21, राईस मार्केट, साकची, जमशेदपुर।	10,136.39
25	92/BL/1986-87	जितेन्द्र कुमार दुबे, पिता–रामजी दुबे, पता– डी./एस0–62 आई.टी.सी0 कॉलोनी, बारीडीह, जमशेदपुर।	24,985.16
26	2019/BL/1997-98 1004/BL/1999-2000	शंकर, पता–हो0नं0–409, सीतारामडेरा, जमशेदपुर।	28,524
27	1925/BL/1997-98 510/BL/1999-2000	सूर्य प्रकाश तिवारी, पता–लाईन नं0–5, क्वा0नं0–155, काशीडीह, जमशेदपुर।	24,468
28	1952/BL/1997-98 1559/BL/1999-2000	श्री हरिपद, पता–एल0/4–166, बुरमा रोड, बार्मामाईन्स जमशेदपुर।	8,792
29	361/BL/1991-92 616/BL/1999-2000	अहमद हुसैन, पता–शॉप नं0–58, साकची मार्केट, जमशेदपुर।	3,133
30	1928/BL/1997-98 1038/BL/1999-2000	सरस्वती अलदा, पता–क्वा0 नं0–4, रोड नं0–6, जैन भवन आजादनगर, किताडीह, परसुडीह ।	16,362
31	6/BL/1999-2000	मदन मुरारी ओझा, पिता–ज्ञानेन्द्र ओझा, पता–एफ.–17 गितांजली कम्प्लेक्स, कदमा, जमशेदपुर।	14,384.28
32	1941/BL/1992-93 395/BL/1999-2000	अब्दुल अहमद, पता–क्वा0–22, रोड नं0–4, आजादनगर, मानगो जमशेदपुर।	54,500
33	1/Comp/2024-25	नेशनल इंश्योरेंस कम्पनी लि0 साकची जमशेदपुर।	23,88,672
34	127/BL/2003-04	कमलेश कुमार, पिता–मुनेश्वर प्रसाद सिंह, पता–दुबे मोहल्ला, जुगसलाई, जमशेदपुर।	1,02,653.47
35	195/BL/1993-94	सत्यनारायण दत्ता, पिता–राजेन्द्र नाथ दत्ता, पता–मधुसुदन रोड, उलियान, कदमा जमशेदपुर।	5,695
36	853/BL/1996-97 92/BL/1999-2000	सरला बेगम, पति–बकसारत उल्ला, पता–मिलत नगर गौशाला, जुगसलाई जमशेदपुर।	4,073
37	54/BL/1994-95 77/BL/1999-2000	गुलजार खान, पिता–मो0 जिनरूद्दीन खान, गौरी शंकर रोड, जुगसलाई जमशेदपुर।	22,359
38	32/BL/2003-04	कंचन सेन, पिता–हरि सत्या सेन, पता–डी0एस0–47, टियुब कॉलोनी, सिदगोड़ा जमशेदपुर।	60,318
39	74/BL/2002-03	राम कुमार पौदार, पिता–महादेव पौदार, पता–क्वा0नं0–9,अशोका रोड, विदयापतिनगर, बारीडीह, जमशेदपुर।	1,23,342
40	268/BL/99-2000	विजय कुमार, पिता–राम लखन सिंह, मे0 विजय मेडिकल हॉल, स्टेशन रोड, जुगसलाई जमशेदपुर।	26,904.34
41	1324/BL/1997-98 315/BL/1999-2000	अशोक प्रसाद, पिता–ब्रज किशोर प्रसाद, पता–क्वा0नं0–10, पारस रोड, विदयापतिनगर, बारीडिह, जमशेदपुर।	53,703.5
42	48/BL/2003-04	के0 राज शेखर, पिता–के0पी0 राजु, पता–एस0आर0–59 टियुब कॉलोनी, बारीडीह, सिदगोड़ा जमशेदपुर।	1,10,043
43	51/BL/1988-89 1713/BL/99&2000	रतन कुमार मिश्रा, पिता–अवध नारायण मिश्रा, पता–गौशाला रोड, जुगसलाई जमशेदपुर।	15,464.33
44	53/BL/1994-95 1713/BL/99-2000	अमलेन्दु विश्वास, पिता– अनादिती विश्वास, पता–रानीडीह, गितीलपिढ़ी, बागबेड़ा जमशेदपुर।	19,338
45	19/BL/2002-03	अरूण इलेक्ट्रीक्लस, पता–रेलवे ट्रफिक, स्टेशन रोड, जुगसलाई। (प्रो0–अरूण कुमार प्रसाद) पिता–राम सिधी प्रसाद, नियर राजु बगान, हरहरगुटटु, बागबेड़ा जमशेदपुर।	1,64,554.51
46	79/BL/2002-03	मे0 बेंगल ज्वेलर्स, प्रो0–मो0 अलाउदिन सिद्धकी, पता–हाउस नं0–93, धातकीडीह मार्केट एरिया, नियर एसीएन इन होटल, बिष्टुपुर जमशेदपुर।	7,41,588.63
47	71/BL/2002-03	प्रमोद कुमार, पिता–सुदामा ठाकुर, पता–7, नेताजी रोड विदयापतिनगर, बारीडीह, जमशेदपुर।	70,490
48	228/BL/2004-05	बाल कृष्णा झा, पता–क्वा0नं0–65, डी0एस0 फ्लैट, पो0–गोलमुरी, जमशेदपुर।	74,003
49	20/BL/2004-05	प्रसादी चुड़िया, पिता–रत्नाकर चुड़िया, पता– 29 सी.एच. एरिया (ओल्ड) थाना–बिष्टुपुर जमशेदपुर।	99,390.28
50	15/BL/2001-02	विश्वजीत विश्वास, पिता–वैदयनाथ विश्वास, पता–जोन नं0–10, बिरसानगर, बारीडीह जमशेदपुर।	77,838
51	06/BL/2002-03	बिनोद कुमार सुमन, दाईगुटु, नियर हनुमान मन्दिर, मानगो,जमशेदपुर।	49,494
52	230/BL/2004-05	संजय कुमार, शक्तिपथ, शक्तिनगर, बारीडीह, जमशेदपुर।	69,048
53	199/BL/2004-05	गणेश बेहरा, पिता–स्व0 दमोदर बेहरा, पता– बिसाईड शंताली होटल, स्टेशन रोड, जुगसलाई जमशेदपुर।	1,93,458
54	24/BL/2004-05	अशोक कुमार प्रसाद, पिता–देवानन्द प्रसाद, पता–हो0नं0–113, जोन नं0–10, बिरसानगर, जमशेदपुर।	82,544.61
55	203/BL/2004-05	बिनोद पलगर, पिता–स्व0 भी0जी0 पलगर, पता–क्वा0नं0–226/2, रेलवे ट्रफिक कॉलोनी, टाटानगर जमशेदपुर।	78,982.35
56	196/BL/2004-05	प्रसाद मसाला उदियान, प्रो0–जय शर्मा, पता–605/26 राधानगर कॉलोनी, खासमहल, परसुडीह जमशेदपुर।	61,902.96
57	05/BL/2002-03	बिरेन्द्र प्रसाद सिंह, पता–2/डी.4 फेज, आदर्शनगर, सोनारी, जमशेदपुर।	12,850.14
58	123/BL/2003-04	नवल प्रसाद गुप्ता, पिता–स्व0 रामेश्वर प्रसाद गुप्ता, मे0 नवरंग ग्रेसेस, पता–नया बजार वेस्ट जुगसलाई जमशेदपुर।	90,902.31
59	90/BL/2000-01	राज कुमार जयसवाल, पिता–राधा कृष्ण जयसवाल, पता–डी.बी. रोड नया बजार, बाबा कुटीर, जुगसलाई जमशेदपुर।	61,862
60	93/BL/1998-99 88/BL/1999-2000	रघुनाथ मिश्रा, पिता–स्व0 कुमार मिश्रा, पता–गणेश आटा चक्की, डिस्पेन्सरी रोड,जुगसलाई, जमशेदपुर।	30,007
61	334/BL/1990-91 2319/BL/1999-2000	सुमित्रा देवी, पति– भुनेश्वर सिंह, पता–हरहरगुटटु, जगदीशपुर रोड, ग्रामीन बैंक, बागबेड़ा जमशेदपुर।	2,711.18
62	222/BL/1989-90	मोती लाल रजक, पिता–बिन्दु लाल रजक, पता–ब्लॉक नं0–3, शास्त्रीनगर, कदमा, जमशेदपुर।	26,725.01
63	482/BL/1990-91	विश्वनाथ सिंह, पिता–कमल सिंह, पता–कोयला लकड़ी टाल जनता मार्केट छोटा गोबिन्दपुर।	4,192.12
64	364/BL/1994-95 2155/BL/1999-2000	कलिमुद्धिन, पता–हाउस नं0–29/30, गोलमुरी, जमशेदपुर।	2,787.4
65	82/BL/1992-93 396/BL/1999-2000	इन्द्रदेव दास, पिता–लट्टु दास, पता–बारीगोड़ा, राहरगोड़ा, थाना–परसुडीह जमशेदपुर।	18,890.62
66	84/BL/1992-93 1861/BL/1999-2000	मे0 प्रोजेक्ट इंजिनियरिंग कम्पनी, प्रो0–मालती साद, पिता–लाल बाबु प्रसाद, एन0–26/8, टेल्को कॉलोनी, जमशेदपुर।	37,110.55
67	89/BL/1995-96 2163/BL/1999-2000	ए0 हमिद, पता–ख्वाजा कॉलोनी, गोलमुरी मुस्लिम बस्ती, गोलमुरी जमशेदपुर।	3,767.39
68	209/BL/1995-96 2156/BL/1999-2000	एच0 सिंह, पता–10 नं0 बस्ती सुखिया रोड, क्वाटर नं0–45, गोलमुरी, जमशेदपुर।	3,708.8
69	149/BL/1995-96 2154/BL/1999-2000	दर्शन सिंह, पता–नामदा बस्ती, क्वा0नं0–10, लाईन नं0–05, गोलमुरी, जमशेदपुर।	3,621.61
70	246/BL/1995-96 2153/BL/1999-2000	आर0पी0 सिंह, हाउस नं0–23, आमदा बस्ती, न्यु ले आउट, गोलमुरी, जमशेदपुर।	3,578.55

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Viineet Kumar Siingh, Rajshri Deshpande-starrer 'Rangeen' to stream from July 25



Mumbai, July 15 (IANS) Actors Viineet Kumar Siingh, Rajshri Deshpande, Taaruk Raina, and Sheeba Chaddha's upcoming comedy drama series "Rangeen" is all set to have its premiere on

Prime Video on July 25.

Rangeen is a humorous and poignant exploration of love, loyalty and self-discovery. It tells the story of Adarsh, a simple man whose world is turned upside down after he discovers his wife Naina's betrayal. The series traces Adarsh's hilarious yet surprisingly heartfelt journey to question his notions of love, manhood and morality.

Produced by Kabir Khan and Rajan Kapoor, this compelling comedy drama is created & written by Amardeep Galsin and Amir Rizvi. It is directed by Kopal Naithani and Pranjal Dua

"With Rangeen, we set out to tell a story that explores the grey areas of human connection—messy, flawed, and deeply real," said producer Kabir Khan.

Kabir added: "It's a narrative that blends sharp wit with emotional honesty, challenging conventions while remaining deeply engaging. We are excited to share Rangeen with audiences across the world – a series that's as thought-provoking as it is entertaining."

'Heer Express' trailer promises a complete family drama with a tadka of emotions



Mumbai, June 15 (IANS) Before the much-anticipated family entertainer "Heer Express" reaches the audience on August 8th this year, the makers have treated the fans with the trailer of the wholesome family drama.

"Heer Express" narrates the journey of Heer, who moves overseas to make her mother's dream a reality. However, after reaching there she realizes that everything is not going to be hunky dory. The trailer gives us a sneak peek into all the hardships she goes through in an attempt to realize her goals. While some have faith in her, others are downright skeptical. It remains to be seen if Heer will be able to turn her ambitions into a reality.

The project will feature debutants Divita Juneja and Pritt Kamani as the lead pair, along with Ashutosh Rana, Gulshan Grover, Sanjay Mishra, and Meghna Malik in key roles, along with others.

Prior to this, the teaser of "Heer Express" gave the movie buffs a glimpse of Heer's emotional journey as she sets out to fulfill her mother's dream.

On June 9, Divita took to her Instagram and shared her first look from "Heer Express".

She was seen sitting on a horse while holding a cooking pan in one hand, with vegetables being tossed in the air.

"Pan in one hand, power in the other — Heer is on the way to meet you tomorrow! Lijiye Chatpate Emotions Ka Swaad, Parivar Ke Saath! #heerexpress releasing in cinemas on 8th August," Divita captioned the post.

Directed by Umesh Shukla, the forthcoming drama has been jointly backed by Umesh Shukla, Ashish Wagh, Mohit Chhabra, and Sanjay Grover, and co-produced by Sampada Wagh. The light-hearted family entertainer has been shot across the scenic locations in the U.K.

Tulip Entertainment in collaboration with Merry Go Round Studios and Creative Strokes Group, presents "Heer Express".

The trending version of Sonu Nigam's 'Dil Pe Chalai Churiya' with Raju Kalakar is out



Mumbai, July 15 (IANS) The reboot version of Sonu Nigam's hit melody "Dil Pe Chalai Churiya" has been released by T-Series on Monday.

The vibrant music video features Raju Kalakar, Anjali Arora, Rajan, Rishabh, and Deepak, along with others.

Sharing the track with social media users, T-Series wrote on their official Instagram handle, "The song that already has it's place in your head and heart is out now #DilPeChalaiChuriya."

As soon as the song reached the audience, they were quick to share their views in the comment section.

One of the netizens wrote, "u guys just spoiled a perfect nostalgic song".

Another once shared, "Respect for T series for getting the original artist in the song also."

The third comment read, "Nice talent but song looks like some low bdgt bihari album song".

On Friday, T-Series made the video announcement through a social media post. Hinting at a special collaboration between Sonu Nigam and Raju Kalakar, T-Series dropped a clip of the two together on IG. While Sonu Nigam hummed the popular track, Raju Kalalar accompanied him with his unique musical instrument - the two broken stones.

"You've been humming it… now get ready to hear it like never before. Something special is dropping this Monday!," the post was captioned.

The original rendition of "Dil Pe Chalai Churiya" was a part of the 1995 release "Bewafa Sanam", directed by Gulshan Kumar. Recently, a video of Raju Kalakar took the internet by storm. He used two stones to share his version of "Dil Pe Chalai Churiyan" while the original song was heard in the backdrop. The song soon turned into a social media phenomenon with countless Reels and Shorts appearing on the internet.

The trending version of "Dil Pe Chalai Churiya" is now streaming on the T-Series YouTube channel, along with all other major music platforms.

Health

Namibia eyes tobacco, alcohol tax reforms to combat public health crisis



Windhoek, July 15 (IANS) Namibia is considering major tax reforms for tobacco and alcohol products to curb rising substance abuse and safeguard public health, Minister of Health and Social Services (MOHSS) Esperance Luvindao said Monday.

She highlighted this when opening a four-day workshop on tobacco and alcohol control policies in the capital, Windhoek.

Luvindao said Namibia is committed to the World Health Organization (WHO)'s MPOWER policy package, a comprehensive strategy for tobacco control that includes monitoring use, protecting from smoke, offering cessation help, warning about dangers, enforcing advertising bans, and raising taxes, reported Xinhua news agency.

She said Namibia enacted the Tobacco Product Control Act in 2010 and its regulations in 2014. "Within this policy and legislative framework, Namibia has made commendable progress in advancing tobacco control, guided by the WHO MPOWER Strategy."

Luvindao said the harmful use of tobacco and alcohol continues to burden the health system, and it is among the contributing factors to preventable illness and deaths.

"It is clear that further deterrent actions are required, particularly in the area of tax reforms, to discourage consumption of these products," she said.

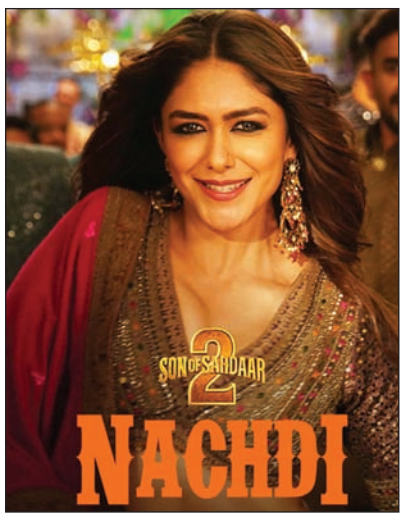
According to Luvindao, the MOHSS, with the support of the WHO, has developed a national strategic plan and is in the process of reviewing the Tobacco Act for amendment to regulate the new, emerging tobacco and nicotine products, including but not limited to hookah, e-cigarettes, and vapes.

"Equally, we are constantly revising national alcohol policies to combat alcohol abuse in the country," she added.Meanwhile, WHO Representative Richard Banda, in a statement delivered on his behalf, noted that in Namibia, non-communicable diseases (NCDs) account for an estimated 41 percent of all deaths.

"Tobacco use and alcohol consumption are the key risk factors leading to the development of NCDs," he said.

According to Banda, the workshop is part of a programme that aims to strengthen tobacco control measures and strategies to reduce harmful use of alcohol, resulting in better health outcomes at the population level. The latest data (2022) on alcohol consumption in Namibia is extremely worrying, with a total alcohol per capita consumption of 12 liters of pure alcohol per year for people aged 15 years and older, compared to 3.5 liters at the regional level and 5.0 litres at the global level, he said.

'Nachdi' from Ajay Devgn-starrer 'Son of Sardaar 2' is the bridal anthem of the season



Mumbai, July 15 (IANS) The song 'Nachdi' from the upcoming Ajay Devgn-starrer 'Son of Sardaar 2' was unveiled on Monday. The song, which is touted to be a bridal anthem, features the lead pair of the film with Mrunal Thakur radiating grace and glamour. The song adds more fun to the soundtrack line-up of the film. It is a catchy, foot-tapping song that promises to get everyone grooving. The song is crooned by Neha Kakkar, with music composed by Jaani, who doubles up as the lyricist. It also features Ajay Devgn, Kubbra Sait, Roshni Walia, and Deepak Dobriyal. Prior to this, the song 'Pehla Tu' from the film went viral on social media owing to the hook step of the song featuring Ajay Devgn's signature minimalistic dance.The film is directed by Vijay Kumar Arora, and also stars Ravi Kishan, Sanjay Mishra, Neeru Bajwa, Chunky Panday, Deepak Dobriyal, Vindu Dara Singh, Roshni Walia, Sharat Saxena, Sahil Mehta and the late Mukul Dev.

Twins Surabhi and Samriddhi say competing separately in 'Chhoriyan Chali Gaon' will be a new challenge



Mumbai, July 15 (IANS) Twins Surabhi and Samriddhi Mehra shared that competing separately for the first time in 'Chhoriyan Chali Gaon' will be a new and exciting challenge.

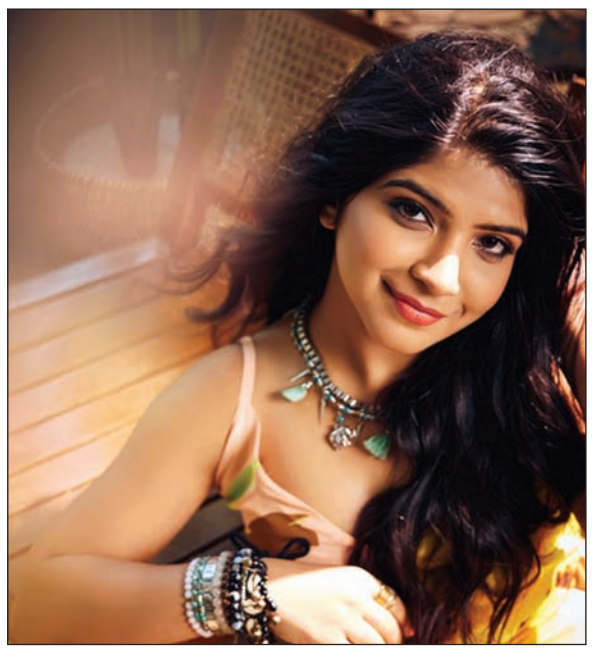
The sister duo expressed that this new challenge will test and teach them in unexpected ways. Speaking about the show, Surabhi stated, "I've always lived life in the fast lane—surrounded by packed schedules, and the constant buzz of city living. My world has revolved around different shift routines, shoot, and the need to always stay connected. So when Chhoriyan Chali Gaon came my way, I was both excited and nervous about leaving that behind. Living in a village without the usual gadgets, Wi-Fi, or the city's energy will be a big shift, but that's exactly what drew me in."

Talking about competing separately, she added, "What makes it even more special is doing this with my twin sister—we've always supported each other, but this experience will test and teach us in new ways. I see this show as a pause button—an opportunity to reflect, reconnect, and experience something completely real."

Samriddhi expressed, "We often talk about stepping outside our comfort zones—but Chhoriyan Chali Gaon is my chance to actually live that truth. I've grown up in a world that's fast-paced, screen-led, and built around validation. This show is more than a new setting—it's a complete mindset shift. It forces you to slow down, look inward, and truly adapt."

"I know the journey won't be easy—but I'm not here for easy, I'm here for real. Having my twin sister by my side means we'll be discovering new sides of ourselves together.

Prateeksha Srivastava makes her playback Bollywood debut with 'Mila Tujhe' song from Aap Jaisa Koi



Mumbai, July 15 (IANS) Singer, composer, and writer Prateeksha Srivastava has made her debut as a Bollywood playback singer with the heartfelt number "Mila Tujhe" from the romantic drama, "Aap Jaisa Koi", starring R. Madhavan, and Fatima Sana Shaikh.

"Mila Tujhe" marks Prateeksha's second professional association with composer Vishal Mishra. They had earlier worked together on the track "Holi Aayi Re", released on Coke Studio in 2025.

"Mila Tujhe" enjoys music scored by Justin Prabhakaran with lyrics penned by Raj Shekhar.

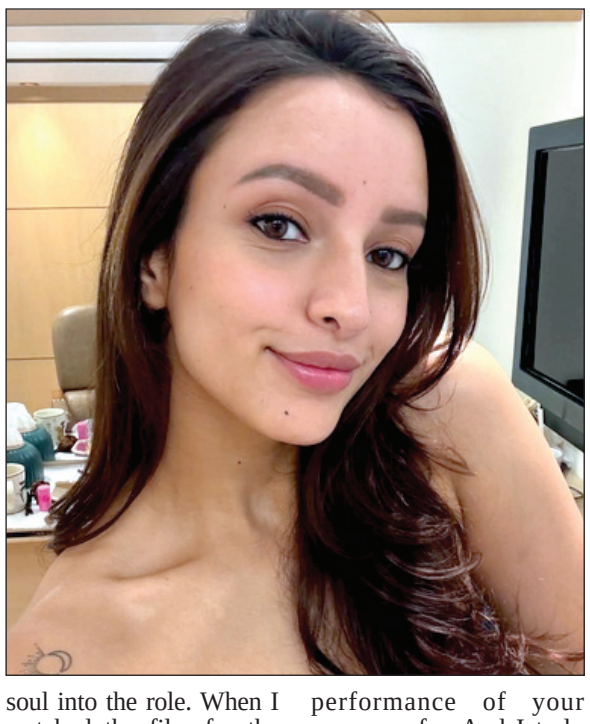
Sharing her views on "Mila Tujhe", Prateeksha shared, "Mila Tujhe is my second collaboration with Vishal Mishra, but very first in Bollywood, and I couldn't have asked for a better piece of music. The song is exactly the kind that I love singing, it's about the quiet kind of love, the sweetness of the mere presence of love."

"It's like a soft love anthem for the soft-love era, and to be working with Justin Prabhakaran, Raj Shekhar, and Vishal Mishra is like working with a dream team. The icing on the cake is being the playback voice for R. Madhavan and Fatima Sana Shaikh," she added.

Helmed by Vivek Soni, "Aap Jaisa Koi" shows a unique love saga between Shrirenu Tripathi (Played by Madhavan), a reserved middle-aged Sanskrit professor, and Madhu Bose (Played by Fatima), a spirited French instructor.

Talking about the movie, Madhavan said, "Aap Jaisa Koi is unlike any love story I've done before — it's quiet, awkward, and deeply human. Shrirenu is one of the most complex characters I've played — someone who longs for companionship and closeness but doesn't quite know how to ask for it, yet he is rich with emotion underneath. This film isn't loud or dramatic — it's patient, gentle, and deeply affecting.

Why Triptii Dimri feels 'Dhadak 2' is Siddhant Chaturvedi's best performance of his career



Mumbai, July 15 (IANS) Actress Triptii Dimri has called Siddhant Chaturvedi's performance in "Dhadak 2" the best of his career so far.

In an exclusive interview with IANS, she praised his emotional depth and intensity in the film. Triptii opened up about her experience working with Siddhant, calling it nothing short of wonderful. She described him as a dedicated and sincere actor. Dimri revealed that Siddhant's performance deeply moved her when she first watched the film.

"It was honestly wonderful. He's such a dedicated and sincere actor. (laughs) Though I've been paid to say this—the money will be transferred after the first of August! On a serious note, he's poured his heart and soul into the role. When I watched the film for the first time, I immediately called him and told him, This is the best performance of your career so far. And I truly hope the audience sees that too. He has brought so much depth and honesty to the character of Nilesh."

When asked what drew her to the film, the Animal actress shared that it was the story's emotional core and the complexity of her character that instantly appealed to her. Triptii stated, "When I had my first narration with Shazia, we ended up having a long conversation—not just about the film, but about its subject. I felt a deep connection right then. Later at home, I kept thinking about the story, the world it was set in, and especially the character of Vedhi, which I was offered. It just stayed with me. That's when I realized that this is an important story that must be told."

"Also, when you meet a director for the first time, you can usually sense how seriously they take the subject matter. I felt that honesty in Shazia.

27 all-out triggers panic: West Indies board calls legends for crisis talks

Starc takes 6 wickets as Australia thrash West Indies



St. John's, July 15 (IANS) Cricket West Indies (CWI) has called on legendary figures Brian Lara, Clive Lloyd, and Viv Richards to participate in an emergency meeting following the team's 3-0 series whitewash at home against Australia

The trio will join fellow greats Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Desmond Haynes, and Ian Bradshaw on the Cricket Strategy and Officiating Committee to assess the team's recent "deeply disappointing" performances.

The series saw West Indies crumble within three days in each Test, culminating in a historic low in Kingston, where they were bowled out for just 27 in 14.3 overs. That total was only one run higher than the all-time lowest in Test cricket - New Zealand's 26 in 1955 - and well below West Indies' previous record low of 47. The innings also made unwanted history: it was the first time a team registered seven ducks in a Test innings and the combined six runs from the top six batters was the lowest ever in Test history. CWI president Dr Kishore Shallow admitted the recent defeats would lead to several "sleepless nights" across the West Indies cricket community. However, he urged patience, emphasising the need to rebuild and begin investing in the next generation of players.

"Like every West Indian cricket fan, I felt the pain of our recent Test defeat to Australia. There will be some sleepless nights ahead for many of us, including the players, who I know feel this loss just as heavily. But while disappointment is natural, we must not allow this moment to define our journey. We are in a rebuilding phase, steadily investing in the next generation, and reigniting the spirit that has long made West Indies cricket a force in the world," Shallow said in a statement. "Progress is rarely straightforward. It takes time, perseverance, and belief, especially in our most difficult moments. The road ahead will test us, but I have faith in the talent and commitment of our players when they apply themselves. We have already seen encouraging signs, particularly with the ball. Our batters are keen, but now must be even more deliberate as they work to improve," he added. Shallow clarified that the inclusion of Lara, Richards and Lloyd was not merely "ceremonial", emphasising that they would play an active role in shaping the next phase of West Indies cricket development.

"These are men who helped define our golden eras, and their perspectives will be invaluable. We intend for this gathering to result in tangible, actionable recommendations. Consistent with my message over the last weeks, this is a moment that calls for collaboration, not division. We need everyone on board: fans, players, coaches, legends, and administrators, if we are to truly move forward. There is much work to be done. But we must do it with purpose, and we must do it together," the CWI president said.

West Indies are set to face Australia in a five-match T20I series beginning on July 21, followed by a white-ball series at home against Pakistan in August.

Starc smashes records in milestone Test, records fastest 5-fer in Test history

Jamaica, July 15 (IANS) Australia pacer Mitchell Starc scripted history in the third Test against the West Indies as he claimed a five-wicket haul in just 15 balls, the quickest in Test history, as the visitors bundled out the West Indies for 27, which is the second-lowest Test total ever.

The total of 27 is just one more run than the lowest Test total ever, when England bowled New Zealand out for 26 in 1955.

Starc, who was playing his 100th Test, took three wickets in his first over after West Indies were set 204 to win the day-night series finale in Kingston. His fourth scalp in the fifth over (Mikyle Louis lbw) saw him become the fourth Australian bowler to notch 400 career wickets after Shane Warne (708), Glenn McGrath (563) and great mate Nathan Lyon (562).

But the left-armer ensured they were never in it as he dismissed Shai Hope with his 15th delivery of the innings, to set a new mark for the fastest five-for in Test cricket.

Fifteen balls taken by Starc to get his five-fer makes it the quickest in the history of Tests, beating the previous quickest of 19 balls each by Ernie Toshack against India in Brisbane in 1947, Stuart Broad against Australia in Trent Bridge in 2015, and Scott Boland against England at the MCG in 2021.

The 35-year-old's sixth wrapped up a thumping 176-run win that saw Australia sweep West Indies in a three-match series or more for the first time in the Caribbean, with the hosts' seven ducks in their second innings a new record in a Test innings.

Starc finished with figures of 6/9, the best innings figures of any player in their 100th Test, bettering Muthiah Muralidaran's 6/54 for Sri Lanka against Bangladesh in

Centenarian marathon runner Fauja Singh dies in a road accident in Punjab



Mumbai, July 15 (IANS) Centenarian long-distance runner Fauja Singh, widely recognised as the world's oldest marathon runner, has died at the age of 114 in a road accident at Beas Pind near Jalandhar in Punjab. According to reports, the Indian-British Sikh marathon runner of Punjabi descent was hit by an unidentified vehicle when he was crossing the road in his native village.

An officer of the Jalandhar rural police told the media that they were informed about the accident by one of Fauja Singh's relatives. "We have been told that he was hit by a vehicle while trying to cross the road. We have set up a team and are investigating," said a police official who claimed the vehicle that caused the accident was probably a car.

A global icon of strength and willpower, Fauja Singh has inspired millions by running marathons past 100. He took up marathon running late in life and has reportedly completed over 100 marathons.

Born in the undivided Punjab at Beas Pind near Jalandhar on April 1, 1911, Fauja Singh started running as a means to overcome his grief after witnessing the death of his fifth son in a construction accident in 1994.

Having emigrated to England in the 1990s, Fauja Singh took running in international competitions at the age of 89 and soon started taking part in International marathons. Settled in Ilford with one of his sons, Fauja Singh, soon became renowned worldwide as he set many records in the 90-plus age category.

Besides the marathon, he would participate in many long-distance running disciplines in the Masters' category. At the age of 100, he accomplished eight world age group records in one day, at the special Ontario Masters Association Fauja Singh Invitational Meet, held at Birchmount Stadium in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

His biography, titled Turbaned Tornado, was formally released in the Attlee Room of Britain's House of Lords on July 7, 2011.

Cricket at LA Olympics to begin on July 12, medal matches on July 20 and 29

Los Angeles, July 15 (IANS): Cricket will make its much-anticipated return to the Olympics after a 128-year hiatus, taking center stage at the LA28 Games from July 12 to 29, 2028. The matches will be held at the Fairgrounds Stadium in the city of Pomena, roughly 50 kilometers from Los Angeles, and mark a historic moment for the sport, which last featured in the Olympics in 1900. The 2028 Olympic cricket competition will feature six teams each in the men's and women's categories, totaling 180 players competing in the T20 format - a fast-paced, globally popular version of the game. According to the schedule released by the LA28 organizing committee, most matchdays will feature double headers, though no matches are set for July 14 and 21. The medal matches are scheduled for July 20 (women's) and July 29 (men's).

Each team will consist of a 15-member squad, making full use of the 90 athlete quotas allocated per gender. This format allows for competitive depth while keeping the event compact and viewer-friendly, aligning with the Olympic movement's goal to attract new audiences. Cricket's Olympic history is notably brief - the sport was played only once, during the 1900 Paris Olympics, where just two teams, Great Britain and France, faced off in a two-day match. Great Britain claimed the gold in what became a footnote in Olympic lore - until now.

Bumrah gets new workload management advice: Play last 2 Tests in England, rest later



London, July 15 (IANS): Former India captain Anil Kumble has urged Jasprit Bumrah to push himself and play both of the remaining Tests in the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, adding that the fast bowler could manage his workload by skipping the upcoming home series later this year. Kumble stressed that India will need their pace spearhead in Manchester and London (The Oval), especially after the heartbreaking defeat at Lord's on Sunday.

When Bumrah was named in the squad for the England tour, chief selector Ajit Agarkar stated that the pacer was expected to feature in three or four Tests. On arrival in England, Bumrah confirmed he was targeting just three matches, having already declined the captaincy offer to focus on workload management.

Even after India's loss in the series opener at Leeds, head coach Gautam Gambhir reiterated that there would be no change in plans and that Bumrah would feature in only three Tests.

Bumrah was rested for the second Test in Birmingham, which India won comprehensively by 338 runs. He returned for the Lord's Test and picked up a five-wicket haul in the first innings.

"I would certainly, if I'm part of that group, push Bumrah to play the next game," Kumble told JioHotstar after the match.

"That's crucial. If he doesn't play and then we lose the Test, that's it-the series is done and dusted. I think Bumrah should play both the remaining Tests. I know he's said he's going to play only three, but there's a long break after this. He doesn't have to play the home series-he can take a break if needed. But I believe he should be out there for the next two."<The fourth Test begins in Manchester on 23 July, eight days after the Lord's Test concluded. However, the fifth and final Test at The Oval starts just three days after the fourth, on 31 July.

Women's ODI WC warm-up schedule: Co-hosts India play England, NZ in Bengaluru



Dubai, July 15 (IANS) International Cricket Council (ICC) on Tuesday announced the schedule for the warm-up matches ahead of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025, with co-hosts India set to play England and New Zealand in Bengaluru.

All eight teams that have qualified for the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 will take part in the practice matches. Each team is scheduled to play two warm-up games, with the exception of Australia, who will feature in just one.

Centre of Excellence Ground and M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru, along with the R. Premadasa Stadium and Colombo Cricket Club Ground in Colombo, are the four venues designated for the warm-up matches.

India 'A' and Sri Lanka 'A' will also feature in the warm-up fixtures, with India 'A' scheduled to play one match and Sri Lanka 'A' set to play two.

The warm-up fixtures kick off on September 25, with 2017 finalists India and England facing off while South Africa takes on New Zealand in Bengaluru. At the same time in Colombo, Sri Lanka will play Pakistan, while Bangladesh go up against Sri Lanka 'A'.

The next round of warm-up games is set for September 27, with Australia facing England in their only fixture. Meanwhile, Sri Lanka will take on Bangladesh, and India will play New Zealand.

Dawson replaces Bashir as England name squad for 4th Test against India

London, July 15 (IANS) England have added spinner Liam Dawson to the squad for the fourth Test match of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy series against India, starting on July 23 at Old Trafford in Manchester.

The slow left-armer replaced Shoaib Bashir, who sustained a broken finger during England's third Test victory over India at Lord's and was subsequently ruled out of the series.

Bashir's injury took place on Day 3 of the third Test at Lord's during the 78th over of India's first innings, when Ravindra Jadeja struck a powerful shot straight back at Bashir, hitting his fingers as he tried to catch it.

The 21-year-old played through injury on the final day, punched in with the final wicket of the game in the form of Mohammed Siraj and sealed the win.

"Liam Dawson deserves his call-up. He has been in outstanding form in the County Championship and consistently puts in strong performances for Hampshire," England men's national selector Luke Wright said.

The 35-year-old Dawson last played Test cricket for England in July 2017 and will be looking to add to his three caps. He has been a consistent performer for Hampshire over several years and was named PCA Player of the Year in 2023 and 2024, respectively.

Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy is a great advertisement for Test Cricket: Kumble



New Delhi July 15 (IANS) Despite India's 22-run defeat at Lord's, former India captain Anil Kumble labelled the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy as a great advertisement for Test cricket, with India now trailing 1-2 in the five-game series.

India bounced back impressively in the second Test after a five-wicket defeat in the series opener at Leeds. With a composed bowling performance and improved fielding, the visitors bowled England out for 271 on the final day to seal a memorable victory with more than a session to spare.

However, the hosts sealed a thrilling 22-run win on the final day of the third Test at Lord's to take the 2-1 lead in the five-Test Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy on Monday.

"This is a great advertisement for Test cricket. All three Tests have gone down to the wire, and both teams have fought brilliantly. Yes, the scoreline says 2-1 to England, but if you look at session-wise performances, it's been even. India should feel confident heading into the next two Tests. They've already bounced back from a loss in the first Test.

"This match came down to fine margins-like Pant's run-out before lunch, the extras, and perhaps letting Jamie Smith and Brydon Carse score freely. Those key moments-India will need to grab them in the next game if they want to level the series," Kumble said on JioHostar.

The loss at Lord's is India's fourth narrowest defeat in Tests in terms of runs. Kumble, who was a part of India's narrowest defeat when India lost by 12 runs against Pakistan in Chennai in 1999, said he was reminded of the 12-run defeat.

Saraikela-Kharsawan Cricket Assn reviews progress, future plans



Gamharia, July 15: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Cricket Association of Saraikela-Kharsawan District was held in Gamharia, under the chairmanship of Association President Dr. Ajay Kumar. The session was conducted by General Secretary Prabir Kumar.

During the meeting, Dr. Kumar presented a detailed report on the association's sports achievements and events for the year 2024-25. He also outlined the proposed activities and development plans for the financial year 2025-26. The presentation received unanimous approval from the Executive Committee members, who appreciated the association's efforts with loud cheers.

General Secretary Prabir Kumar addressed the gathering on the latest facilities available for players and highlighted recent changes in the sports calendar and administrative framework. Dr. Ajay Kumar emphasized the collective vision of strengthening the district's cricket ecosystem and assured that the association is actively working toward completing infrastructure projects and enhancing sports resources.

The AGM saw the participation of key office bearers including Executive President K. Prabhat Kiran, Vice President Madhu Singh, Treasurer Raghavendra, and Association Representative Shyam Kumar Sharma, along with other active executive members. Their joint efforts contributed to the successful conduct of the meeting, marking a step forward in the district's cricket development journey.

Jamshedpur FC ropes in Daniel, Jayesh & Nishu

Durand Cup



Jamshedpur, July 15: Jamshedpur FC has bolstered its squad for the Durand Cup with the signing of three seasoned Indian players, forward Daniel Lalhlimpuia, midfielder Jayesh Rane, and defender Nishu Kumar. With the tournament around the corner and all group matches set to be played at home in the JRD Tata Sports Complex, these additions further strengthen the squad for the Asia's oldest tournament.

A product of the AIFF Elite Academy, Daniel Lalhlimpuia, 27, captained India's U-19 side and made his senior international debut at just 19 against Puerto Rico. He began his professional journey with Bengaluru FC in 2016 before stints at Punjab FC, Odisha FC, and Mumbai City FC.

Jayesh Rane brings proven class and stability to midfield. At 32, he is experienced, starting with Mumbai FC youth setup in the I-League before making his mark at Chennaiyin FC, Aizawl FC, Bengaluru FC, and Mumbai City FC.

Left-back Nishu Kumar is another addition to the squad. The player has honed his skills at the Chandigarh Football Academy and the AIFF Elite Academy before earning his place in India's U-20 squad for the AFC U-19 Championship qualifiers. His professional career includes spells with Bengaluru FC, Kerala Blasters FC, and East Bengal FC in the ISL.

Head coach Khalid Jamil welcomed the new faces and pointed to the Durand Cup as an ideal proving ground.

"These players bring experience and quality in important positions. We'll be watching them closely in the Durand Cup as they settle in and show us how they can contribute to the team's goals," Khalid said.

Thank you God for safe landing: Shubhanshu Shukla's family overwhelmed with emotion



New Delhi, July 15 (IANS) As Indian astronaut and IAF Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla on Tuesday returned to Earth after a historic mission aboard the International Space Station (ISS), his family back home was overwhelmed with a mix of emotion including excitement, nervousness and pride.

The home of Group Captain Shukla in Lucknow was filled with emotion, pride, and celebration on Tuesday as news came in of his safe return from the ISS.

Shukla, who is the first Indian astronaut to visit the ISS, successfully splashed down in the Pacific Ocean off the California coast at 3:00 PM IST, completing Axiom Space's historic Axiom-4 (Ax-4) mission.

After the successful landing, Shukla's family members shared their heartfelt emotions.

Speaking to IANS, his mother, Asha Shukla, shared her feelings, saying: "The excitement must be visible on our faces. We're extremely eager and overwhelmed with emotion, knowing that our son has finally returned to Earth today. I want to thank everyone for this. It's very emotional to see my son after so many days. Our excitement is endless - we are very proud."

His sister, Shuchi Mishra, added: "Honestly, I couldn't sleep last night; there was just so much excitement. I have butterflies in my stomach right now. I want to thank everyone. We were waiting for this moment. He has finally come back. We are so happy."

His father, Shambhu Dayal Shukla, also shared the family's anticipation: "I want to thank God that he has finally landed back on Earth. I also want to thank everyone who has given their blessings to our child. He has returned from a place from where there was little chance of coming back."

Shukla's experience extremely valuable for India's Gaganyaan mission: ISRO

New Delhi, July 15 (IANS) The experience gained by IAF Group Captain Shubanshu Shukla onboard the International Space Station will be extremely valuable for India's Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission, said ISRO on Tuesday.

SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft "Grace" carrying IAF Group Captain Shukla and three other astronauts, part of the Axiom Space Mission-4 (Ax-4) splashed down in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of California at 3:01 p.m. IST (4:31 AM CT).

"The experience gained by Shubanshu Shukla during his time on the ISS will be extremely valuable for the Gaganyaan programme planned over the next two years," said Nilesh M Desai, Director, Space Applications Centre, ISRO

Speaking to IANS, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh said the safe return of Shukla from ISS establishes India's permanent place in the space domain.

"As I said, with this success, India has established a permanent place in the domain of space. It is a moment of pride for the entire world, but it holds special significance for India -- this is truly a historic moment..."

PM to visit Bihar on July 18

Mail News Service



Patna, July 15: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Motihari on July during his tour of Bihar which is scheduled to go for poll this year.

The PM is expected to inaugurate development projects worth Rs 7,196 crore, amid heightened political activity in the state ahead of the assembly elections later this year. This is Prime Minister's sixth visit to the state this year alone.

Meanwhile, the national democratic alliance (NDA) leaders, who fanned out in different parts of the state to tone up their parties preparedness for the election and success of PM's meeting harped on the development works and welfare schemes by Nitish government in Bihar propelled by a double engine government.

Addressing the gathering of NDA workers at Valmikinagar in West Champaran district of Bihar, Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh) sought to remind the Lalu-Rabri era. "...During Lalu Yadav's rule, there was no law and order-Bihar had turned into a jungle raj. But Nitish Kumar, with his resolve, has established the rule of law in the state," he said.

Speaking on occasion, JD(U) MP Sanjay Kumar Jha attacked Lok Sabha (LoP) Rahul Gandhi's 'Crime Capital Of India' remark saying, "Rahul Gandhi has always been abusive and has no knowledge about Bihar...He is trying to defame Bihar by using such language. The people of Bihar will completely wipe out whatever little support he has left in this election."On his part, BJP State President Dilip Jaiswal said, "In Bihar, women will get employment, which means every woman will receive respect. This is the commitment of our CM Nitish Kumar..."

Jokes on disabled violate right to dignity, says SC ahead of laying guidelines to rein in stand-ups



New Delhi, July 15 (IANS) Insensitive jokes mocking disabled people violate their right to dignity, the Supreme Court said on Tuesday, indicating its intention to lay down guidelines on freedom of speech and expression for stand-ups.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi said that Article 19, which provides freedom of speech and expression, cannot overpower Article 21, which guarantees the right to dignity that emanates from the right to life and liberty.

"Article 21 must prevail if any competition takes place," said the court, inviting suggestions from the public and bar for laying down a framework so that the dignity of no one is violated.

Attorney-General R. Venkataramani sought more time to assist the court on the aspect of guidelines.

The apex court, while hearing a petition filed by SMA Cure Foundation, also hinted at its desire to do something to regulate obscene content on social media.

Earlier, the petitioner Foundation had accused comedians Samay Raina, Nishant Jagdish Tanwar, Vipun Goyal, Balraj Paramjeet Singh Ghai and Sonali Thakkar a.k.a. Sonali Aditya Desai of making insensitive jokes that mocked the disabled.

The five standup comedians were present in the court when it lashed out at "dirty, perverted" remarks of some of them. Except for Sonali, the others were told to be physically present at the next hearing. Sonali will join the proceedings online.

The court gave the comedians two weeks to file their responses to the petition filed by the Foundation.

The Apex court also dealt with two other petitions filed by social media content creators Ranveer Allahbadia and Ashish Chanchlani for clubbing FIRs lodged against them in connection with 'India's Got Latent' controversy.

Operation Kalnemi: Over 300 fake 'babas' nabbed in Uttarakhand



Haldwani, July 15 (IANS) In a sweeping crackdown on imposters exploiting religious sentiments, Uttarakhand Police on Tuesday has taken action against more than 300 fake babas under Operation Kalnemi across the Kumaon division.

The initiative, launched under the directive of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, aims to weed out fraudulent spiritual figures misguiding the public in the name of faith.

Speaking to IANS, Inspector General (IG) Kumaon Riddhim Agarwal confirmed that the operation was conducted across all six districts of the Kumaon region, where over 300 individuals posing as saints, babas, or spiritual guides were identified. Action has been initiated through FIRs, challans, and preventive detentions.

"These individuals were exploiting people's faith through superstition, deceit, and false claims of divine powers," Agarwal told IANS.

"They had no valid identity proof or documentation to support their credentials. During the campaign, suspects were taken into custody, their backgrounds verified, and necessary legal action was taken."

Agarwal further added that all police stations and outposts across Kumaon have been instructed to remain vigilant and continue the crackdown against suspicious figures masquerading as spiritual leaders.

The operation is inspired by the mythological figure Kalnemi, a demon who appeared as a saint to mislead people. Drawing from this allegory, CM Pushkar Singh Dhami launched Operation Kalnemi on July 10, calling it a necessary move to protect the image of Sanatan Dharma.

"Just as the demon Kalnemi used disguise to deceive, many such 'Kalnemis' exist in today's society who are misusing religion to commit crimes," CM Dhami had said while launching the initiative.

"This is an effort to protect people's faith and ensure that only true spiritual guides lead our communities."

Bihar SIR: 86.32 pc enumeration forms collected

New Delhi, July 15 (IANS) As the deadline for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll in Bihar approaches, the Election Commission has collected 86.32 per cent of the Enumeration Forms (EFs) from the state's electorate. Out of 7.89 crore electors, over 6.81 crore EFs have been submitted. After accounting for the deceased, relocated, and duplicate voters, the poll panel, in a press statement issued on Tuesday, said the drive has effectively covered 90.84 per cent of the electorate. With 10 days left until the July 25 deadline, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) are gearing up for a third round of household visits. These visits aim to target households that were missed earlier due to the temporary absence of residents. BLOs will contact the remaining 9.16 per cent of electors individually to ensure their inclusion in the draft electoral roll, set to be published on August 1, 2025.

Comedian Samay Raina appears before NCW

New Delhi, July 15 (IANS) Stand-up comedian Samay Raina appeared before the National Commission for Women (NCW) on Tuesday in connection with objectionable and disrespectful remarks made against women in a recent episode of the digital show "India's Got Latent." The NCW had taken suo-moto cognisance of the matter and summoned Raina for his comments that were deemed offensive and derogatory to women. The Commission, headed by Chairperson Ms. Vijaya Rahatkar, expressed strong disapproval of the content and reminded Raina of the responsibility that comes with public influence. During the hearing, Samay Raina submitted a written apology to the Commission, expressing regret for his remarks. He assured the NCW that he had no intention to hurt sentiments and would ensure that such incidents are not repeated in the future. Chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar emphasised the importance of maintaining respect and sensitivity towards women, especially on public and digital platforms. She also directed Raina to refrain from making any such comments going forward and advised him to use his platform to promote awareness around women's dignity and rights.

Operations remain unaffected after bomb threat: BSE

Mumbai, July 15 (IANS) The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) issued a statement on Tuesday confirming that it received a bomb threat via email from an unknown ID on the night of July 13 and as a precautionary measure, the exchange has stepped up its diligence and supervision at its premises. The statement also said that an FIR has been filed on this issue and all relevant authorities have been informed of the said mail. "Preliminary checks carried out by the relevant authorities have not found any suspicious element. The Exchange's operations remain unaffected and continue as normal," the statement said. "We express our sincere thanks to the Mumbai Police and emergency response teams for their prompt and professional response," the statement added. The police immediately swung into action after BSE received a bomb threat via email. Police sources said that the BSE received a threatening email on its official website.

26/11: Tahawwur Rana seeks NIA court nod for regular phone chats with kin



New Delhi, July 15 (IANS) Pakistani-Canadian national and Mumbai terror attack accused Tahawwur Rana on Tuesday filed a petition in a Special NIA court seeking permission to speak with his family members over phone from jail at regular intervals, a lawyer said on Tuesday.

The Special National Investigation Agency (NIA) Judge at Patiala House Court, before whom Rana raised the demand, sought a response from the jail authorities and the anti-terror agency on whether he should be allowed regular telephonic contact with family members.

As the NIA sought more time to present its stand on the issue, the court posted the hearing for July 23.

The jail administration filed its response on Rana's plea.

Earlier, Rana also sought a bed in his cell in Tihar prison, which was approved by the court. The judge also issued instructions to the jail authorities to provide him with a bed.

During the proceedings, the NIA informed the court that they had handed over all documents related to Rana's health to the jail administration.

Rana's plea seeking permission to speak to his family over the phone is not new. The court had earlier accepted his similar request and allowed him to speak to his family once.

On July 9, the NIA court sent the terror suspect to judicial custody till August 13.

The NIA filed a supplementary charge sheet against Rana, a former officer of the Pakistan Army's Medical Corps, following an initial charge sheet filed against him in 2012.

The latest charge sheet also included Rana's arrest memo, seizure memos, and several other related documents.

K'taka govt withdraws acquisition of farm lands near Bengaluru for aerospace project

Bengaluru, July 15 (IANS) The Karnataka government said on Tuesday that it has withdrawn the land acquisition process in Channarayapattana and surrounding villages in Devanahalli taluk in the outskirts of Bengaluru for establishing an aerospace project.

Devanahalli is located close to the Bengaluru International Airport.

The state government had planned to acquire 1,777 acres in Devanahalli taluk for establishing an aerospace project.

A request had been received to allot land near Bengaluru for this purpose.

However, the farmers and land owners of the region had launched a protest.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah made the announcement while addressing a meeting held on Tuesday at Vidhana Soudha with officials and farmer leaders regarding the land acquisition process in Channarayapattana and other villages of Devanahalli taluk.

CM Siddaramaiah said, "We have completely withdrawn the land acquisition process in Channarayapatna and other villages of Devanahalli taluk."

"Even though withdrawing from the acquisition might result in industries relocating elsewhere, the state government has prioritised farmers' interests and taking into account their demands, decided to cancel the land acquisition," the Chief Minister added.

"The state government has decided to withdraw the land acquisition process. A few farmers have voluntarily expressed willingness to part with their land. The state government will acquire only such land, and in return, those farmers will be given higher compensation and developed plots," he said. "Such farmers will be compensated at rates higher than the guidance value. Farmers who wish to continue agricultural activities will be allowed to do so," he added.

NDA slams Rahul Gandhi for his 'crime capital' remarks

New Delhi, July 15 (IANS) Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi has come under fire from the ruling NDA coalition following his sharp criticism of the law and order situation in Bihar, calling the state the "crime capital of India."

The LoP's remarks drew strong reactions from leaders of the BJP and JD-U, who accused him of "maligning" the state and "ignoring" the development strides made under Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's leadership. LoP Rahul Gandhi, in a post on X, slammed the state government for the recent spate of murders and accused the administration of neglecting governance while focusing on political survival and corruption. "Bihar has become the 'crime capital of India' -- fear in every alley, unease in every home! Unemployed youth are being turned into killers by the reign of goons. The CM is busy saving his seat, while BJP ministers are raking in commissions. I'm repeating again -- this time, the vote is not just to change the government, but to save Bihar," posted LoP Rahul Gandhi.

Responding strongly, Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha accused LoP Rahul Gandhi of hypocrisy, pointing out Congress's alliance with the RJD, which he described as a party that "gives tickets to criminals and mafias."

"You were in power with the criminal RJD regime. You support people who back terrorists and criminals. Bihar will not tolerate terrorism. Criminals will be dealt with, and Bihar will become crime-free," Sinha told IANS.

Union Minister of State Nityanand Rai also said that LoP Rahul Gandhi should remember the era from 1990 to 2005, when Bihar was under the RJD and allegedly rife with lawlessness.

"Back then, Bihar had become infamous for kidnappings, crime, and fear. Professionals, doctors, lawyers -- all started migrating. Today, Bihar is on a different path under Nitish Kumar. Rahul Gandhi should acknowledge the change instead of making baseless claims," Rai said.

Bihar govt launches spatial mutation portal under integrated land record management system

Patna, July 15 (IANS) Giving a new direction to digital land record management, the Bihar government, on Tuesday, launched the Integrated Land Record Management System (ILRMS), including its Spatial Mutation Portal, to enable auto-update of revenue maps and title records during land transactions and inheritance.

The portal was inaugurated by the State Revenue and Land Reforms Minister Sanjay Saraogi at the Survey Bhawan in Patna in the presence of senior officials, including Additional Chief Secretary Deepak Kumar Singh, Secretary Jai Singh, and Kamal Jain of IIT Roorkee.

Bihar has become the first state in the country to operationalise spatial mutation, moving from manual map changes to automatic, accurate, and transparent updates.

Under spatial mutation portal, pre-mutation sketches (actual land maps) will be prepared before purchase, sale or inheritance, ensuring clarity on the exact portion being transferred.



In case of division of a Khasra (land record document used in India to indicate the specific details of agricultural land), the system will generate new Khasra numbers automatically.

The Raiyats will get account numbers linked to their land parcels, protecting government land from tampering and ensuring clean records.

It is linked with IIT Roorkee's Make in India Geographic Information Systems solution, eliminating recurring foreign technology fees and making the system cost-effective.

At present, the system is being piloted in more than 80 villages across three districts, with a state-wide rollout planned post-feedback improvements.

Minister Saraogi said, "The era of bags has ended, the era of laptops has begun. This will ensure quick justice and quick work while ending disputes."