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Jamshedpur ranks third cleanest city in India

Bundu named promising clean city of Jharkhand

Jamshedpur declared state's first Garbage Free, water plus city



Jamshedpur, July 17: Jamshedpur has once again proven its excellence in urban cleanliness and community-driven sanitation practices as the city has been ranked 3rd Cleanest City in India under the 3-10 lakh population category in Swachh Survekshan 2024-2025. Bundu was honoured as the 'Promising Clean City' of Jharkhand.

Droupadi Murmu, President of India, presented the award at a function organised by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) today at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Team comprising Principal Secretary of Urban Development & Housing Department Sunil Kumar, State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) Director Suraj Kumar, and Deputy Municipal Commissioner of JNAC Krishna Kumar and officials from the Bundu Nagar Panchayat received the award from the President.

Notably, Jamshedpur scored an impressive 11,588 out of 12,500 marks. The jump to the 3rd rank from 43rd earlier is a significant achievement. This recognition is a tribute to the dedication of every citizen and stakeholder who contributed to this mission. This year, Swachh Survekshan was themed "RRR - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle", with a focus on source segregation and community participation. Jamshedpur's remarkable performance is the result of collective action under this theme, where citizens adopted sustainable waste practices, such as home composting using wet waste, creative reuse through the Waste to Wonder initiative, participation in Zero Waste Societies, door-to-door source segregated collection, responsible disposal through Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs), e-waste centres, etc.

Jamshedpur has also been declared Jharkhand's First Garbage Free City (GFC) with a 5-Star rating from 3-Star earlier. The city has also been declared Jharkhand's First Water+ City, with treated wastewater now being used in parks, nature trails, and water bodies.

Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee (JNAC) and SUDA, with support from Tata Steel UISL, have been instrumental in ensuring effective waste collection, public sanitation, and citizen-driven cleanliness campaigns.

Meanwhile, Bundu, Chirkunda, Rajmahal, Sahebganj, and Deoghar were classified under the ODF Plus Plus category, acknowledging their sustained efforts in sanitation and waste management.

The Swachh Survekshan Awards were conferred as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban 2.0, launched under the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, aiming to make Indian cities "Garbage Free" by 2026. Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal and MoS Tokhan Sahu were also present during the ceremony.

This year's top three cleanest cities in the country (overall) are: Indore, Surat, Navi Mumbai

In the 3-10 lakh category, Jamshedpur stands alongside other top performers such as Rajkot and Mysore.

Principal Secretary credits CM, citizens for cleanliness success

Ranchi, July 17: Principal Secretary Sunil Kumar credited the achievement to the leadership of Chief Minister Hemant Soren, the guidance of Urban Development Minister Sudivya Kumar, and the active participation of citizens.

He emphasised that all municipal bodies have been instructed to prioritise cleanliness to improve further in upcoming surveys.

Honour a proud milestone for district: DC



Jamshedpur, July 17: Deputy Commissioner Karn Satyarthi said, "This honour is a moment of pride for the entire district. It is the outcome of the dedicated efforts of our sanitation workers, the discipline of city residents, and the relentless work of our urban bod-

Award reflects Jamshedpur's civic spirit: Tata Steel VP



Jamshedpur, July 17: D B Sundara Ramam, Vice President, Corporate Services, Tata Steel, said, "I extend my congratulations to all Jamshedpur residents on this occasion. The award is a testament to our consistent efforts and our collective sense of civic responsibility. I am confident that we will continue to uphold the Steel City's status in the future."

5 men stroll into Patna hospital with guns, kill rival gangster

6 detained, all accused have been identified



Patna, July 17: Chilling footage of several armed men entering a room to shoot gangster Chandan Mishra has emerged from Patna's Paras Hospital.

In the hospital CCTV camera footage from Thursday morning, five men are seen casually walking through a corridor as they pull out their pistols from under their shirts and enter Room 209, where Chandan Mishra (alias Chandan Singh) was apparently admitted while out on medical parole.Cocking their guns, they enter and exit within seconds, not clear who shot how many bullets while inside.At least one of the shooters was identified by Thursday evening, police sources said.

In the CCTV clip, four of them are then seen running back through the corridor, while a fifth man - the first to enter, last to exit - walks out calmly. He gives a stare-down to a person who peeks out of the adjacent room apparently after hearing the gunshots.

Mishra, who was serving a life sentence for the murder of a businessman, succumbed to the bullet wounds.

Police have identified all the accused and detained six suspects in Patna and Buxar.Jitendra Rana, Inspector General (IG) of central range (Patna), said, "Several teams have been formed to nab the accused. Police have identified all the accused who were involved in the killing of Chandan Mishra. At least six people have been detained in Patna and Buxar."Patna (central) Superintendent of Police Diksha said, "We are examining CCTV footage collected from the hospital and other spots. Searches are under way to nab the accused at the earliest."

Army to get 7,000 more 'Made in Amethi' AK-203 rifles in 2-3 weeks

New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) In a major boost to the Army's firepower, it is set to receive the next batch of 7,000 Kalashnikov AK-203 rifles in the next 2-3 weeks, sources said. Around 48,000 AK-203 rifles, being manufactured under a joint Indo-Russian venture in Uttar Pradesh's Amethi, have been delivered in the last 18 months.An additional one lakh units are set to be delivered in 2026. The Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL) said it was meeting the timelines and 100% indigenisation would be achieved by the end of this year. Presently, the rifles are being produced with 50% indigenous components.The Army is phasing out the decades-old INSAS rifle in favour of the AK-203, a Russian-origin assault rifle.After 100% indigenisation, 12,000 AK-203 rifles will be made in Amethi every month. One rifle will be made every 100 seconds and in one year, around 1.5 lakh rifles will be produced.The complete order for over 6 lakh rifles will be delivered by December 2030, around 22 months ahead of the original timeline of December 2032.

India rejects Nato chief's sanctions threat

New Delhi: India on Thursday dismissed NATO chief Mark Rutte's threat of "100% secondary sanctions" on countries trading with Russia, particularly in gas and oil, stating that its "overriding priority" is to secure the nation's energy needs.Commenting on the matter, MEA spokesperson said that India's domestic needs depend on the current market scenario and geopolitical conditions, and warned the West against adopting any "double standards." "We have seen reports on the subject and are closely following the developments. Let me reiterate that securing the energy needs of our people is understandably an overriding priority for us. In this endeavour, we are guided by what is available in the markets and by prevailing global circumstances. We would particularly caution against any double standards on the matter," Jaiswal said.

Diarrhea outbreak in Dumka village, 4 die in 8 days



Dumka, July 17 (IANS) Diarrhea has claimed four lives in just eight days in Bedia, a tribal-dominated village in the Jarmundi block of Jharkhand's Dumka district.

Several other residents have taken ill, prompting urgent medical intervention from the district administration.

The medical crisis came to light after former state minister and senior Congress leader Badal Patralekh informed Dumka Deputy Commissioner and Jharkhand Health Minister Dr Irfan Ansari about the outbreak and the rising number of fatalities on Thursday.

The first casualty was Sangeeta Marandi, who died on July 7, followed by her son Arvind Soren on July 10. On Thursday, July 17, two more deaths were reported -- Lakhiram's wife and Bablu Kisko. Taking cognisance of the situation, Dr Ansari immediately directed the Deputy Commissioner and Civil Surgeon to rush a medical team to the village with life-saving medicines and essential supplies. The team reached the village on Thursday afternoon and has now begun treatment and containment efforts. Badal Patralekh, who also shared the incident on social media, warned that the affected area is close to the Basukinath Shravani Mela zone. He said any further spread of the infection could pose a serious public health risk during the upcoming pilgrimage season. Calling the deaths "deeply saddening," the former minister demanded urgent strengthening of healthcare infrastructure in tribal regions to prevent such tragedies. He also urged the administration to provide immediate financial aid and compensation to the affected families.

Nimisha Priya case: Yemeni family vows no mercy for Kerala nurse

New Delhi, July 17 (IANS): Kerala nurse Nimisha Priya's execution in Yemen has been temporarily halted as India intensifies diplomatic and legal efforts to save her. Convicted of murdering a Yemeni man in 2017, Priya's case drew global attention after the victim's family rejected a $1 million blood money offer. Intervention by religious leader Grand Mufti Kanthapuram helped delay the hanging, while India continues to pursue a settlement and maintain pressure through diplomatic channels.Nimisha Priya - sentenced to death by Yemen for the murder of Talal Abdo Mehdi - must face 'Qisas', or 'God's law', and nothing else, his brother has insisted. Ms Priya was to be executed Wednesday but sustained diplomatic pressure brought her a temporary reprieve.A second execution date has not yet been set. This means the 38-year-old remains on death row for now, relying on the efforts of the Indian government and social activists working to convince Mr Mehdi's family to issue a pardon or, at the very least, agree to commute her death sentence.The family, though, is opposed to both. Mr Mehdi's brother said no pardon will be given and Ms Priya must face 'justice' as written in the Koran.Abdelfattah Mehdi also hit out at media narratives in India that suggested the family was more interested in the $1 million in 'blood money' than 'justice'.India on Thursday reiterated its commitment to offer full assistance in the case of Nimisha Priya, a Kerala nurse sentenced to death in Yemen for the murder of a Yemeni national, asserting that it is also in touch with some friendly governments to render all possible support.

न जायते म्रियते वा कदाचि-नान्यां भूत्वा भविता वा न भूयः।
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Jayaswal Family

Air India captain may have shut off fuel, WSJ reports



New Delhi, July 17 (IANS): Dialogue heard on a cockpit voice recording indicates that the captain of the Air India flight that crashed in June, killing 260 people, may have turned off the fuel just after takeoff, prompting the first officer to panic, according to The Wall Street Journal, which cited sources familiar with U.S. official's early assessment.

A preliminary report released last week included detail about the switches, saying that the fuel to the plane's engines appeared to have been shut off just seconds after the plane lifted off.

According to that preliminary report, shortly after takeoff, the plane's fuel cutoff switches for both engines went from the "RUN" position to the "CUTOFF" position, one after another within one second -- shutting off fuel to both engines.

In the cockpit voice recording, one of the pilots is heard asking the other why he hit the cutoff switch, according to the preliminary report. "The other pilot responded that he did not do so," that report stated.

The WSJ report added detail to that conversation, saying the dialogue "between the flight's two pilots indicates it was the captain who turned off switches that controlled fuel flowing to the plane's two engines," according to the WSJ's sources.

AAIB slams 'selective and unverified reporting'

New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) As certain international media houses continue to plant unverified and fake news regarding the Air India Ahmedabad crash, the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) on Thursday cautioned against "selective and unverified reporting", calling such coverage "irresponsible and potentially damaging to the probe's integrity". "It has come to our attention that certain sections of the international media are repeatedly attempting to draw conclusions through selective and unverified reporting," said AAIB in a statement. "Such actions are irresponsible, especially while the investigation remains ongoing. We urge both the public and the media to refrain from spreading premature narratives that risk undermining the integrity of the investigative process," the probe agency added. "At this stage, it is too early to reach any definite conclusions. The investigation by AAIB is still not complete. The Final Investigation Report will come out with root causes and recommendations," it noted.

Chainpur records highest rainfall at 204 mm in Jharkhand

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 17: Monsoon activity continued its strong grip over Jharkhand in the past 24 hours, bringing widespread rainfall and thunderstorms to various districts across the state. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), most regions experienced light to moderate rainfall, while a few isolated pockets recorded heavy to very heavy showers.

The most significant rainfall was observed in Chainpur in Palamu district, which emerged as the wettest location during the ongoing spell with a remarkable 204.0 mm of rainfall. This intense downpour has raised water levels in several low-lying areas and brought much-needed relief from the dry conditions experienced earlier this month.

While the rain brought respite from the heat, it also disrupted normal life in certain areas due to waterlogging, traffic delays, and power outages. The IMD noted that thunderstorms accompanied by lightning were reported from several locations, underlining the volatile nature of the current monsoon phase.

Temperature variations across the state also reflected the impact of the weather system. The maximum temperature was recorded at 33.3°C in Seraikela, while Latehar reported the lowest minimum temperature of 21.0°C, indicating cooler conditions in the rain-affected districts.

Meteorological experts highlighted that a well-marked low-pressure area remains active over southwest Bihar and adjoining eastern Uttar Pradesh. This system, along with an associated cyclonic circulation extending up to 7.6 km above mean sea level, is significantly influencing the monsoon pattern over Jharkhand and nearby regions. The monsoon trough at mean sea level has now extended from northwest Rajasthan to the northeast Bay of Bengal, passing through major centres including Gwalior, southwest Bihar, east Uttar Pradesh, and parts of West Bengal. This extended trough is helping funnel moisture-laden winds into the state, enhancing rainfall activity.

The IMD has issued an alert for thunderstorms and lightning at isolated places across Jharkhand for today and urged citizens to remain cautious. "People should avoid taking shelter under trees and stay indoors during lightning activity. Farmers are also advised to take necessary precautions while working in the fields," the IMD advisory stated.

In urban centres like Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Dhanbad, and Bokaro, intermittent showers were reported throughout the day, offering relief from heat but also causing inconvenience during peak commuting hours. Rural areas, especially in western and north-central parts of the state, saw heavier rain with temporary road blockages and swollen streams.

Tata Steel UISL refuses drain cleaning responsibility in Mango, blames MMC

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, July 17: A dispute has emerged between Tata Steel UISL and Mango Municipal Corporation over the responsibility of cleaning the roadside drains from Mango Chowk to Dimna Chowk. During a meeting with a delegation on Thursday, Tata Steel UISL Managing Director Rituraj Sinha agreed to repair the damaged drains but firmly refused to clean them, stating that it was the responsibility of the Mango Municipal Corporation.

However, a letter (No. 1029) dated July 2, 2025, from the Deputy Municipal Commissioner of Mango Municipal Corporation to Rituraj Sinha clearly requested Tata Steel UISL to ensure the cleanliness of the drains constructed by them on both sides of the four-lane road to avoid public inconvenience.

This contradiction had created confusion and concern, with residents questioning who will clean the drains? While the Municipal Corporation claimed that maintenance and cleaning fell under Tata Steel UISL's responsibilities as the original builder, the company maintained that its role ended with construction.

The issue came to light during a meeting with a delegation that visited Rituraj Sinha to discuss civic concerns. The delegation included Janata Dal (U) District President Subodh Srivastava, Public Utility Representative Mukul Mishra, and Neeraj Singh representing MLA Saryu Roy.

They informed Rituraj Sinha that the roadside drains built by Jusco (now Tata Steel UISL) over 15 years ago had never been cleaned. The drains had collapsed in many places, causing water to overflow onto roads and into adjacent houses, shops, and apartments. The delegation demanded urgent cleaning and repairs. Sinha responded that while repairing the drains was a major undertaking involving significant resources and time, he would initiate a survey and make efforts to get the work done. However, he reiterated that drain cleaning did not fall under UISL's responsibilities.

The delegation urged the Tata Steel UISL MD to consider drain maintenance under the company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, but he declined.

Meanwhile, the delegation also raised other civic issues from various parts of the city:

- Tapti Road, Sakchi: Sinha assured that the broken drain here would be repaired soon.
- Dalma View Park, Bistupur: He promised action regarding a burst drain.
- West Layout 'E' Road, Sonari: He agreed to look into sewerage water issues near Navlakkha Apartment and Krishna Tower.
- Bengali Colony, Sonari: Sinha said the dilapidated drains would be repaired.
- West Layout Road, Sonari: He confirmed plans to repair the road and proposed building an open gym between Road Nos. 11 and 12.
- Sports Infrastructure: The delegation requested sports grounds in Sonari and Kadma, which Sinha accepted.

As the deadlock over drain cleaning continued, residents awaited a clear resolution between Tata Steel UISL and Mango Municipal Corporation to address the long-standing issue. (w/gsd)

Jugsalai Nagar Parishad secures 4th Rank in State in Swachh Survekshan

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 17: Jugsalai Nagar Parishad has brought pride to East Singhbhum district by securing the 4th position in Jharkhand under the Swachh Survekshan 2024—a national cleanliness survey conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India.

In a remarkable achievement, Jugsalai also topped the chart in the Nagar Parishad category across the state, demonstrating the effectiveness of its waste management, sanitation practices, and public participation in maintaining cleanliness.

Further solidifying its performance, Jugsalai Nagar Parishad has been awarded a 1-Star rating under the Garbage Free City (GFC) assessment, which measures the effectiveness of solid waste management and visible cleanliness in urban areas. The evaluation is based on rigorous criteria, including door-to-door waste collection, segregation at source, waste processing, and citizen engagement.

In addition, the Nagar Parishad has been declared ODF+ (Open Defecation Free Plus), recognizing the town's sustained efforts to ensure safe and hygienic sanitation facilities for all. The ODF+ status is awarded to cities that have not only eliminated open defecation but have also maintained public toilets that are functional and well-maintained.

Municipal officials attributed this success to the dedication of sanitation workers, active involvement of residents, and continued support from the district administration. The recognition is expected to further motivate the civic body to work towards a higher Garbage Free City star rating and improved performance in future cleanliness assessments.

Local leaders and residents have hailed the achievement as a significant milestone in Jugsalai's journey towards becoming a model town in terms of cleanliness, hygiene, and urban management.

Congress to intensify grassroots outreach; sit-in protest at Raj Bhavan on August 2



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur , July 17: After attending a high-level meeting with the central Congress leadership in Delhi, Jharkhand Congress President Keshav Mahato Kamlesh returned to Ranchi on Thursday. Speaking to the media, he termed the meeting positive, highlighting that the central leadership had praised the ongoing efforts of the Jharkhand Congress.

Key directives from the central leadership included: Prioritizing the organization, party workers, and public service over all other responsibilities; regular coordination meetings between the state and central units to ensure smoother operations; state secretaries will now hold public grievance hearings (janata darbars) at the district level to address issues directly.

In addition, the state Congress will stage a sit-in demonstration on August 2 in front of Raj Bhavan, demanding: 27% reservation for OBCs; creation of a dedicated OBC Ministry; increase in the overall reservation ceiling.

A strategy was also in place for participation in the national Congress program in Delhi on July 25. (w/gsd)

Jharkhand Congress to train District and Block leaders

Jamshedpur, July 17: The Jharkhand State Congress has launched an initiative to strengthen its grassroots network across the state. Starting July 20, State Congress Co-In-charge Bela Prasad and State President Keshav Mahato Kamlesh will attend training camps and meetings across all districts to train district presidents, supervisors, block presidents, block supervisors, and divisional leaders.

The primary goal was to prepare Congress leaders for the formation of Panchayat Samitis in every panchayat of Jharkhand. The district-wise schedule included **July 20:** Training camp for leaders from East Singhbhum and Seraikela-Kharsawan in Jamshedpur; **July 21:** Training and review meeting in Hazaribagh for Hazaribagh, Chatra, Koderma, and Ramgarh districts; **July 22:** Meeting in Dhanbad with leaders from Dhanbad, Bokaro, and Giridih; **July 23:** Review and training in Betla for Latehar, Palamu, and Garhwa; **July 24:** Leaders to attend the shraddha ceremony of former MP Chandrashekhar Dubey (Dadai Dubey). (w/gsd)

Third theft reported at Nav Prathmik Vidyalaya in Suratadih

Mail News Service

Seraikela, July 17: For the third time in a row, unknown thieves targeted the Nav Prathmik Vidyalaya located in Suratadih under Itakudur Panchayat of Seraikela block. The theft took place on Tuesday, during which the thieves stole two ceiling fans, a motor machine, a weighing scale, electrical wires, bulbs, and switchboards.

Headmistress Mamta Mahato filed a formal complaint at the Seraikela police station, following the directive of Panchayat Head Budhram Kurli, who inspected the school after being informed. The headmistress stated that similar thefts had occurred earlier on February 11 and July 14, 2024, when the school's motor was stolen. However, no arrests or leads had been reported so far.

Upon receiving the information, Block Education Extension Officer Dinesh Kumar Dandapat visited the school for inspection. He advised the school staff to enhance security measures. BRP Gautam Kumar and Assistant Teacher Shiv Lohar were also present during the visit. (w/gsd)

Unauthorized banners and hoardings removed

Mail News Service

Seraikela, July 17: A special campaign has been launched under the instructions of Seraikela Nagar Panchayat Administrator Shashi Shekhar Suman to remove unauthorized banners and hoardings in public areas across the Nagar Panchayat limits.

Authorities stated that as per the Jharkhand Municipality Act, 2011, prior permission must be obtained before placing any advertisement in municipal areas. However, many advertisers were found flouting this rule. The ongoing campaign covered main roads, public squares, and intersections.

Officials warned that in the future, strict legal action would be taken against violators. Advertisers were advised to visit the Nagar Panchayat office, pay the requisite fees, and obtain proper permissions. All unauthorized advertisements would be removed without prior notice, and penalties might be imposed.

BEEO conducts surprise inspection

Mail News Service

Seraikela, July 17: Block Education Extension Officer (BEEO) Dinesh Kumar Dandapat conducted a surprise inspection of Utkramit Madhya Vidyalaya Ukri under Seraikela block on Thursday. During the visit, he reviewed the school's operational activities and interacted with students to assess the quality of teaching.

BEEO Dandapat instructed the teaching staff to work with dedication and sincerity, emphasizing the importance of delivering quality education and ensuring the successful implementation of government-run schemes. He also held an interactive session promoting cleanliness awareness among both students and teachers.

He appreciated the existing arrangements but highlighted the need for further improvement to support the holistic development of the students. (w/gsd)

ABTSM welcomes former Chhattisgarh MLA



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 17: The Akhil BharatiyaTailik Sahu Mahasabha (ABTSM) extended a warm welcome to Khilawan Sahu, District President of Shakti District (Chhattisgarh) and former MLA of Shakti Assembly, during his visit to Jamshedpur on Thursday. The reception took place at Kadma, under the leadership of Rakesh Sahu, District President of ABTSM.

Khilawan Sahu was honored with a bouquet of flowers, and the event served as a platform to discuss the current social landscape and future expansion of the organization. Key topics included youth engagement, strengthening the community network, and strategies to foster unity among members.

The former MLA praised the activism and solidarity displayed by the Jamshedpur unit and urged all members to work collectively for the advancement of society.

Also present on the occasion were District General Secretary Pappu Sahu, Bagbera Regional President Santosh Gupta, and other prominent members. The gathering concluded on a positive note, with all attendees pledging to contribute actively to the growth and progress of the community. (w/gsd)

Career Counseling Session for class 10 girls

Seraikela, July 17: A career counseling session was organized at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) located in Sanjay Gram, Seraikela. Block Education Extension Officer (BEEO) Dinesh Kumar Dandapat visited the school as part of an inspection and interacted directly with the students of class 10.

He engaged with the students to understand their career aspirations and encouraged them to set clear goals and pursue them with determination. He emphasized that with true dedication and hard work, any goal can be achieved. During the session, he also gathered information about the students' subject-wise interests and guided them on the available career opportunities in those fields. The session was attended by Block Resource Person Gautam Kumar, School Warden Anju Alda, and all teaching staff. Students expressed their gratitude, calling the session informative and motivating.

HC directive for para, non-para teachers in assistant professor recruitment case

Mail News Service

Ranchi, July 17: The High Court on Thursday heard a petition challenging the normalization process in the recruitment of assistant professors. During the hearing, the court directed the Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission (JSSC) to reserve 100 posts for para-teachers and 14 posts for non-para-teachers.

The court further instructed JSSC to present clear guidelines from the commission before the next hearing. The case was heard by the bench of Justice Deepak Roshan. The petition was filed by Reshmi Kumari, Giridhar Prasad, and others. Senior advocate Ajit Kumar and advocate Shubham Mishra argued on behalf of the petitioners. The court has scheduled the next and final hearing for August 5.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Tender Notice No. : DRMENGGRNC-77-2025, Dated 16.07.2025. Tender is invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg), S.E.Railway, Ranchi for and on behalf of The President of India for the following work: **Name of work :** Replacement of old Foot Over Bridge by new 6.10 m wide Foot Over Bridge at Silli station, Namkom station and Ramgarh Cant. station under the jurisdiction of Divisional Engineer (East)/ Ranchi. **Tender Value :** ₹ 11,17,71,237.56. **EMD value:** ₹ 7,08,900/-. **Tender Closing date & time:** 11.08.2025 at 15.00 hrs. Tenderers can visit the website **www.ireps.gov.in** for online tendering. **(PR-406)**

AFFIDAVIT

I, **MAJHIAN MURMU**, W/o.Late Lakshman Murmu, resident of village Richituka, P.O.& P. S. Rajnagar, Dist-Seraikela-Kharsawan, Jharkhand-832113 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:-

1. That I am Indian Citizen by birth.
2. That I am legally married wife of Late Lakshman Murmu @ Bagun Murmu,
3. That in my Voter Card, vide No. JPR 1938464, my husband's name has been written as Lakshman Murmu which is correct and genuine.
4. That in my Aadhar Card, vide No. 2229 9929 6564 my name has been written as Sumi Murmu, W/o. Bagun Murmu, and husband's name has been mentioned as Bagun Murmu, which is not correct.
5. That my name has been mentioned in Voter Card as Majhian Murmu and in my Aadhar Card, my name is mentioned as Sumi Murmu and both names are same and one person i.e.myself.
6. That my husband's name has been mentioned in my Voter Card as Lakshman Murmu and in my Aadhar Card my husband's name has been mentioned as Bagun Murmu, and both names are same and one person i.e. my husband.
7. That I am swearing this Affidavit to rectify or correction in my name and my husband's name as Majhian Murmu, W/o.Lakshman Murmu in my said Aadhar Card.

Sl. No. 01
Date : 08-07-2025 **Advocate**

Sakchi Shiv Mandir Committee to organize Sindhara Utsav on July 26

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 17: The Sakchi Bazar Shri-Shri Shiv Mandir Committee and Shri Shyam Parivar Sakchi will celebrate Sindhara Utsav on July 26 and organize a grand Kanwar Yatra on August 3, during the holy month of Sawan.

The Kanwar Yatra will begin at 6 AM from the Swarnarekha River in Mango and conclude at the Sakchi Shiv Mandir, with over 800 Kanwariyas expected to participate and offer Jalabhishek to Lord Shiva (Bhole Baba). The event will feature traditional band, Shiv tableaux, and themed portrayals of divine entities.

As part of the Sindhara Utsav, a special court of Baba Shyam will also be. Women from Shri Shyam Parivar Sakchi will participate in colorful traditional attire and host a variety of cultural programs.

Kanwar Yatra on August 3



To ensure smooth execution, a meeting was held at the temple premises under the chairmanship of Umesh Shah, where Chairman Girdhari Lal Khemka announced that coupon distribution for Kanwar Yatra will begin on Sunday on a first-come, first-served basis.

During the meeting, the temple committee was expanded, with appointments including Kamlesh Kumar Chaudhary as Senior Vice President, Mohit Shah as General Secretary, and Ashish Khanna as Treasurer. Nine patrons were named, and a team of Vice Presidents and Secretaries was also appointed to manage upcoming events and organizational duties.

Prominent attendees included Suresh Agarwal, Naresh Agarwal, Bajrang Lal Agarwal, Manoj Agarwal, Rajesh Agarwal, Vivek Agarwal, Bablu Agarwal Mini, Mohit Shah, Amar Dangbajia, Sitaram Debuka, Tushar Jindal, Aman Naredi, Kamal Chaudhary, Shivam Chetani, Pramod Khanna, Naresh Singhania and several members of Shri Shyam Parivar. (w/gsd)

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Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) performed Krishna Ras Leela of Mathura Vrindavan and staged a Mahabharata act on the occasion of 36th Foundation Day Celebrations of the institution at SAIL Satellite Colony in Ranchi on Thursday, July 17. Photo: Rajesh Kumar

Govt bans private room bookings in new Jharkhand Bhawan, Delhi

Ranchi, July 17: The Jharkhand government has imposed a ban on private room reservations at the new Jharkhand Bhawan in New Delhi, with immediate effect. The decision was made following reports that private bookings - especially those based on recommendations from lower-level officials and various dignitaries - were leading to overcrowding.



This situation was causing inconvenience to public representatives and officials visiting Delhi on government duty, as they were struggling to get accommodation in the state-run facility.

The order, approved by the Chief Secretary, aimed to ensure that Jharkhand Bhawan primarily served those on official state business, providing them with easy access to rooms when in the capital. (w/gsd)

3 arrested, police solve Sitaramdera firing case in 12 hrs

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 17: In the case of firing in Chhayanagar under Sitaramdera police station area, the police took immediate action and solved the case within 12 hours.

Three criminals involved in this incident has been arrested, from whom two country-made pistols, one live cartridge, two empty shells and a stolen motorcycle have been recovered.

The incident took place on July 16 at around 1 pm when it was reported that criminal Sameer Jaina, who was recently released from jail, shot at Taklu Lohar's wife Ritu Lohar, resident of Chhayanagar. It was told that Sameer Jaina had threatened to kill



Taklu Lohar's son Prince Lohar, against which Ritu Lohar had reached Sameer Jaina's house. There was abuse between the two, and during the clash, Sameer opened fire.

In view of the seriousness of the matter, a special team was formed on the instructions of Senior Superintendent of Police, East Singhbhum, which was led by Deputy Superintendent of Police Nagar-I Bhola Prasad Singh.

This team conducted a quick raid and detained the main accused Sameer Jaina. During interrogation, Sameer admitted to threatening Prince Lohar and firing at his mother.

This was also revealed in the investigation that at the time of the incident, Sameer's friend Abhishek Kumar Singh was also present on the spot with a country-made pistol. After the firing, both of them fled to Gayatrinagar in Telco on a stolen motorcycle and hid the weapons and cartridges with their third partner Vijay Tiwari alias Golu. The cartridge was with Abhishek.

Those arrested include Sameer Jaina, resident of house number 1383, Home Pipe Chhayanagar, Near Civil Court, Police Station Sitaramdera, Jamshedpur, Vijay Tiwari resident of Gayatrinagar, Gwala Basti, Police Station Telco, Jamshedpur and Abhishek Kumar Singh, resident of Home Pipe Chhayanagar, Police Station Sitaramdera, Jamshedpur.

Kalpana Soren visits Gandey, inspires students

Mail News Service

Ranchi, July 17: Gandey MLA Kalpana Soren visited her constituency on Thursday beginning her day at the Giridih Circuit House with a review meeting involving district officials. The meeting focused on the progress of various development schemes being implemented in the region.

After the meeting, she proceeded to Gandey to inspect ongoing projects and assess their on-ground execution. During the visit, she also stopped at the Bengabad +2 School, where she interacted with students and motivated them through a special session.



Addressing the students, Kalpana Soren emphasized the importance of hard work, discipline, and self-confidence. Sharing insights from her own life, she said, “There is no shortcut to success. Sincerity in studies and consistent effort are the only ways forward.” Her words resonated deeply with the students, who responded with enthusiasm and engaged her in an open conversation. She answered their questions with warmth and encouragement.

This motivational interaction significantly boosted the morale of the students and helped reinforce their commitment to their goals. The session was attended by Deputy Development Commissioner Smrita Kumari, SP Dr. Vimal Kumar, DSE Wasim Ahmed, JMM District President Sanjay Singh, local representatives, education department officials, and school staff.

Vande Bharat coaches to be manufactured at Chakulia



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 17: Vande Bharat train coaches will be manufactured in Chakulia block of East Singhbhum district of Jharkhand.

This will be the first such factory in the East Zone, which will manufacture rail coaches under the country's prestigious Vande Bharat scheme. The establishment of this factory will not only accelerate industrial development but will also create employment opportunities for local youth.

The project will cost Rs 4000 crore and will be set up on 300 acres of land. The company's next target is to expand the factory by acquiring 400 acres of additional land. This manufacturing unit will be operated by MS Voltas Rail Pvt Ltd.

According to the company, the establishment of this manufacturing unit will provide direct employment to more than 4000 people locally. This will not only reduce the unemployment rate but will also boost the economic development of the region. Baharagora MLA Samir Kumar Mohanty held a meeting with the officials of MS Voltas Rail Pvt Ltd regarding the progress of this project. The company's project director and consultant Vishnu Garg was present in the meeting. The MLA said that this is the result of the industrial policy and vision of the state government under the leadership of Chief Minister Hemant Soren. <

He also informed that the process of MoU will be completed between the company and the state government next month. As soon as the project gets off the ground, it will be a historic achievement for East Singhbhum and Baharagora assembly constituency.

The successful implementation of this project is a step towards establishing Chakulia as a new industrial hub. This will not only promote self-reliance in the railway sector, but will also enable Jharkhand to be included among the leading states in the 'Make in India' initiative.

Minister Linda meets CM Soren, inquires about Shibu Soren's health at Delhi hospital



Mail News Service

Ranchi, July 17: Welfare Minister Chamra Linda met Chief Minister Hemant Soren at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in Delhi and inquired about the health condition of veteran leader and Dishom Guru Shibu Soren. Senior MLA Stephen Marandi and his daughter Upasana Marandi also accompanied him during the visit.

Sharing the update on social media, Minister Linda wrote that he prayed to Maa Sarna for the swift recovery of Shibu Soren, describing him as a great jewel of Jharkhand. He expressed hope that Soren would regain full health soon and continue to guide everyone as before.

Goods train derails at Chakradharpur

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 17: A goods train bogie derailed near Murgamahadev station of Chakradharpur Railway Division at around 2 pm on Thursday.

This goods train was going from Devjhar to Keonjhar, which was loaded with iron stones. After the accident, the movement of trains on both up and down lines has been completely disrupted.

A bogie of the goods train tilted towards the up line, due to which the operation on both tracks came to a halt. Puri-Barbil Express has been stopped



at the outer of Murgamahadev station.

As soon as the information about the accident was received, officers and technical team from Chakradharpur Railway Division Headquarters left for the spot with a crane. The railway team is trying to bring the derailed bogie on the track and restore the operation as soon as possible. Till then the traffic on both the railway lines will remain suspended.

Minister Shilpi Neha Tirkey orders timely execution of Land Conservation Schemes

Mail News Service

Ranchi, July 17: Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, and Cooperative Minister Shilpi Neha Tirkey conducted a surprise inspection on Monday at the Land Conservation Office in Ranchi and the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Lac Value Addition Training Center in Sidraul, Namkum. The Minister expressed strong dissatisfaction over the sluggish pace of scheme implementation and issued strict directives for timely completion.

During her visit, Minister Tirkey reviewed the status of various schemes under the Land Conservation Department, including deep boring, percolation tanks, pond renovation, and the distribution of tractors and pump sets. She pulled up officials for the delay in schemes recommended by MLAs and instructed that site inspections by Engineers (E/AE) must be



completed by the end of August.

She outlined a timeline: investigation reports were to be submitted to BDOs and COs in September, followed by submission of scheme lists to the Deputy Commissioner for approval. Implementation must begin by October. She also emphasized simplifying procedures to ensure that government grant benefits reached the maximum number of farmers.

At the Sidraul Lac Research and Training Center, she reviewed lac collection, processing, and training activities. Concerned over poor maintenance of equipment, she instructed officials to improve conditions and enhance farmer training in lac production to establish Jharkhand as a leader in the industry.

The surprise inspection underscored the Minister's commitment to transparency, accountability, and expediting development schemes. (w/gsd)

Senior Jharkhand leader Tarun Gupta returns to BJP after six years, Marandi welcomes him

Giridih, July 17 (IANS) Senior leader from Jharkhand's Jamtara, Tarun Kumar Gupta, rejoined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday after a six-year hiatus.

BJP state president and Leader of Opposition in Jharkhand Assembly, Babulal Marandi, welcomed Gupta back into the party at his residence in Giridih, presenting him with the party badge as a symbolic gesture of his re-induction.

A former president of the BJP's Jamtara district unit, Gupta has contested Assembly elections twice as a BJP candidate and twice as an independent.

He has also served as vice-president of the district's 20-point programme implementation committee.

Known for his grassroots organisational work, Gupta was expelled from the party six years ago for contesting against the official BJP candidate.



After his return to the BJP, Gupta expressed gratitude to the party and pledged full dedication.

"I will strive to uphold the trust and respect the party has shown by taking me back. Whatever responsibility I am given, I will carry it out with full sincerity. My goal is to strengthen the BJP and take it to new heights in Santhal Pargana," he said.

Welcoming Gupta, Babulal Marandi said his return would bolster the party's efforts in the region.

"Though Tarun Gupta was away from the BJP for some time, his homecoming is a matter of joy for all of us. His grassroots experience and organisational skills will infuse new energy not just in Jamtara, but across the Santhal Pargana region," Marandi said.

Santhal Pargana has historically been a challenging region for the BJP, where the party has struggled to make significant gains in both the 2019 and 2024 Assembly elections. With Gupta's return, the party hopes to revitalise its organisational strength in the area.

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20th edition of NSAT launched, exam from Oct 5

Top rankers to receive scholarships, cash awards

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, July 17: The 20th edition of the Narayana Scholastic Aptitude Test (NSAT) was launched nationwide by Narayana IIT/NEET Academy, Jamshedpur, one of India's premier coaching institutes. The prestigious exam aims to identify and nurture academic talent among students from Class V to X across the country.

The NSAT 2025 will be held in offline mode on October 5 and 12 and online on October 19 and 26. The exam will be conducted in over 3,000 schools across 300 cities in 27 states and union territories. Interested students can apply online at nsat.narayanagroup.com or visit the nearest Narayana centre up to five days before the exam. The website also provides details such as syllabus and sample papers.

According to Shyam Bhushan, National Head of Narayana Coaching Centre, the objective-type test will comprise questions from Science, Mathematics and Mental Ability, with a duration of two hours. The offline test will be held from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, while the online version will have two sessions-from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Top national rankers will be awarded cash prizes running into lakhs and scholarships of up to 100% on any Narayana course. Additionally, schools and institutes whose students top the exam will receive cash prizes and trophies.

Officials from the Jamshedpur centre, including Sanjay Kumar Ranjan, Vikas Ranjan, Abhay Pratap, Vikas Jha and Sudeep Maiti, emphasized that NSAT provides a strong platform for students to assess their preparedness for competitive exams like NTSE, Olympiads, KVPY, IIT-JEE and NEET. The initiative also ensures that deserving students are not held back by financial constraints.

'The Kargil War Surgeon's Testimony' launched in Jsr



Jamshedpur, July 17: In a moving tribute to the heroes of Operation Vijay, a special book launch event was held at Hotel Sonnet, Bistupur, on Thursday evening. The event, organized by the hotel's General Manager Swati Chakravarty, marked the release of The Kargil War Surgeon's Testimony-a deeply personal and human account of the 1999 Kargil War, penned by Lt Col (Dr) Arup RatanBasu YSM, a decorated war veteran and surgical gastroenterologist now residing in Sakchi, Jamshedpur.

The book does not dwell on military strategy or battlefield logistics. Instead, it captures the emotional spectrum of war-grief, resilience, camaraderie, and national pride-through the eyes of a doctor who treated wounded soldiers on the frontlines. Drawing on his first-hand experiences, Dr. Basu offers a poignant narrative of war's human cost and enduring spirit. The book, published by Bloomsbury UK (India Office), is now available at Wasava Singh's, Kamani Centre, Bistupur.

The event was graced by several dignitaries, including the city's senior-most army official, Major General PP Subherwal, alongside prominent literary personalities like PurabiGhosh. The book has received acclaim nationwide, with Dr. ShashiTharoor, MP, praising it as "a powerful, poignant, and heart-wrenching indictment of the debilitating cost of war."

The evening was both solemn and inspiring, serving as a fitting homage to the courage and sacrifice of India's armed forces. The Kargil War Surgeon's Testimony stands as an essential read that bridges patriotism with humanity, reminding readers of the silent strength behind every soldier-their doctor.

Residential Football Centre registers victory in Arjuna Cup

Mail News Service

Saraikela, July 17: In the District Football League-2025 Arjuna Cup, Residential Football Center Kharsawan secured their second win by defeating Subhash FC Chakradharpur 3-0. The match was played at Arjuna Stadium Kharsawan. Suresh Hembram scored the opening goal in the 13th minute, followed by a powerful goal from Chandramohan Soy in the 22nd minute. Hembram sealed the match with another goal in the 33rd minute. Despite efforts in the second half, Subhash FC Chakradharpur could not score. Vishal Gop, Sameer Kumar Mahato, Dhananjay Kalindi, and Ratan Murmu officiated the match. DSA Secretary Mohammad Dildar informed that on 17th July, Sarna Tarub Kadra will face KMC Narayanbeda, while Bhursa Rajnagar will play against Aryan Sporting Jugidih.

Fit India Program at Eklavya Model Residential Girls School

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Chaibasa, July 17: A Fit India program was organized at Eklavya Model Residential Girls School, Torsindari. The Principal of the school, Geetanjali Pan, inaugurated the program by cutting the ribbon. Various sports competitions were held at the school level, including 100-meter race, javelin throw, discus throw, relay race, and yoga practice.

The students securing first, second, and third places were awarded for their performances. Addressing the gathering, the Vice-Principal highlighted that the Fit India initiative motivates people to adopt a healthy lifestyle and stay physically and mentally fit. The Principal also explained the benefits of including sports, yoga, and physical exercise in daily life. Teachers, students, staff, and school administration contributed actively to the success of the program.

Review Meeting on Revenue and Internal Resources

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Saraikela, July 17: A review meeting on revenue and internal resources was convened at the District Collectorate auditorium under the chairmanship of District Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh. Additional Deputy Commissioner Jaiwardhan Kumar, Additional Municipal Commissioner Ravi Prakash, District Transport Officer Girja Shankar Mahato and other officials attended.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed revenue collection against annual targets and instructed officials to work systematically to achieve goals. He emphasized strict action against illegal mining and liquor activities, and directed the recovery of pending hoarding tax. Issues like waterlogging due to blocked drains were also discussed. Administrators of municipal bodies were asked to resolve these issues promptly. The Deputy Commissioner further discussed liquor shop operations and directed necessary actions.

KCC mourns demise of Dr. Ashraf Bihari



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Jamshedpur, July 17: Dr. Ashraf Bihari, former Professor and Head of the Department of Philosophy at Karim City College, passed away in Bangalore on Tuesday night at the age of 70 after a prolonged illness.

A condolence meeting held at the college premises was attended by faculty members, non-teaching staff, and students. Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Controller of Examinations, paid tribute, remembering Dr. Bihari as a respected scholar, thinker, and a man of exemplary character admired across Ranchi and Kolhan Universities.

Dr. Indrasen Singh recalled Dr. Bihari's academic journey, stating that he joined the college in 1982, gained permanent status in 1987, and retired as Associate Professor in 2020, serving the institution for 38 years. He played a pivotal role in advancing the Philosophy Department and contributed significantly to the college's growth.

The meeting concluded with a two-minute silence and prayers for the peace of the departed soul. College Principal, Dr. Mohammad Reyaz expressed heartfelt condolences and extended support to Dr. Bihari's family, especially his wife and daughter. (w/gsd)

DPS students enroll in top institutes after stellar JEE, board results



Jamshedpur, July 17: Dayanand Public School (DPS) continues to shine with its students securing admissions to prestigious national and international institutions following their exceptional performances in IIT-JEE and board examinations.

Among the achievers is Harsh Ranjan, who secured admission to IIT Dhanbad for Petroleum Engineering, and Sujal Verma, selected for Artificial Intelligence & Cybersecurity at IIT Patna. Yash Srivastava has been admitted to BIT Mesra in CSE (AI & ML), while Sumit Chaudhury has made it to BITS Pilani (Hyderabad campus) for Metallurgy. On the international front, Shammeera Shahid is pursuing BSc IT at Taylor's University, Malaysia. In the ICSE and ISC Board Examinations, 30 students scored above 90%, showcasing academic excellence. Notably, Srinitha Mandal ranked among the top 10 students in Jamshedpur, bringing further laurels to the school.

In the Commerce stream, students Rinki Kumari and Shifa Perween have enrolled in the Chartered Accountancy (CA) program, one of the country's most competitive professional courses.

The school credits this success to the persistent efforts of its students and the dedication of its faculty, who emphasize conceptual clarity and competitive exam readiness. This combination continues to yield remarkable results and uphold the school's legacy of academic excellence.

Local languages empower students for real-world success: Edu Min

AICTE-VAANI seminar begins at RVSCET with focus on sustainability

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, July 17: A two-day national seminar titled "Energy, Sustainability, and Climate Change: Innovations and Solutions for a Resilient Future" commenced on Thursday at RVS College of Engineering and Technology (RVSCET), Jamshedpur. The event is being organized under the guidance of AICTE-VAANI and in alignment with the objectives of the National Education Policy 2020. Notably, the seminar is being conducted entirely in Santhali language, highlighting the role of regional languages in technical education.

The seminar was formally inaugurated by Ram Das Soren, Minister of School Education, Literacy & Registration Department, Government of Jharkhand, who graced the event as the Chief Guest. In a warm welcome ceremony, he was felicitated with a shawl and a memento by Binda Singh, Chairman of RVS Educational Trust, and Bharat Singh, Secretary of the institution.

In his keynote address, Soren lauded the initiative of conducting the seminar in Santhali, calling it a "progressive step" toward making education inclusive and locally relevant. He emphasized, "Local languages empower students to better understand concepts and apply their skills in real-world settings. They are a natural and powerful medium of expression." He further added that whether in schools or higher education, regional languages serve as bridges that make learning more effective for a broader section of society.

The Minister also shared that the Jharkhand government has taken significant steps to promote tribal languages and culture. Highlighting one such initiative, he mentioned the Pandit Raghunath Murmu Tribal University established in East Singhbhum, which houses 29 departments dedicated to tribal languages and cultural studies.

Bharat Singh, Secretary of the institution, expressed that among various regional languages, Santhali was chosen deliberately to encourage educational discourse in local dialects. He urged participating scholars to author technical and engineering books in local languages, making quality education more accessible.

Following the inauguration, five technical sessions were held. The first featured Sahitya Akademi Award winner Rani Murmu, while other sessions included prominent figures such as Ramesh Hansda (President, All India Santhali Film Association), Shambhunath Soren (Associate Professor, Manbhum College), Ravindra Nath Murmu (General Secretary, All India Santhali Writers Association) and Nishon Hembram (Assistant Professor, Kolhan University).

Non-Availability of medicines in UCIL Hospital

Jadugora, July 17: Outsourcing company KK Pharma, responsible for supplying medicines to UCIL Hospital, failed to provide life-saving medicines on the very first day of its contract. Although the tender was awarded a month earlier on 16th June, former employees faced severe inconvenience when essential medicines for conditions like diabetes, cough, and cold were not available.

Former UCIL employee Anil Chandra Singh said that only entries of medicines were recorded, and patients were sent back with an assurance of supply after 48 hours. Many former employees, suffering from various illnesses during the rainy season, had to leave without treatment despite the hospital being only 40 minutes from Jamshedpur.

The delay has caused widespread dissatisfaction among the ex-employees, who are now demanding cancellation of the tender awarded to KK Pharma.

Tribute to veteran leader Chandrashekhar Dubey

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Seraikela, July 17: The District Congress Committee paid floral tribute to Chandrashekhar Dubey, also known as Dadai Dubey, at the Congress camp office in 6 LF Housing Colony. The tribute was led by acting district president Ambuj Kumar. Remembering Dubey's contribution, Kumar described him as a true mass leader dedicated to the welfare of the poor and laborers. District co-supervisor LB Singh called him the messiah of workers, noting his work through INTUC.

Congress leaders present included Ramshankar Pandey, Khiroud Sardar, Jameel Ashraf Baban, Sunil Singh, Rahul Yadav, Shanoor Rahman, Raju Lohar, Siddheshwar Upadhyay, Misar Bansaria, Sangeeta Pradhan, Ajay Ojha, Vinay Jha, Vijay Jha, Praveen Kumar, Mannu Tiwari, Gomka Soy and Ravi Kumar. They expressed grief over the loss and highlighted Dubey's lifelong commitment to social causes.

Women protest delay in Maiya Samman Yojna payment

Jadugoda, July 17: Around 150 women from Domjuri village staged a protest at the Panchayat Bhawan on Tuesday, expressing anger over not receiving payments under the Mukhya Mantri Maiya Samman Yojna. The women surrounded Panchayat Secretary Amit Roshan, demanding answers.

In response, Roshan connected them to the District Pension Department via phone, where officials assured them that the funds would be credited by the last week of July.

The protest subsided after this assurance. Roshan clarified that a rumor had spread in the village about a new round of form-filling for the scheme, causing confusion. Of the 150 women who applied, the names of 44 had been approved. (w/gsd)

Van Mahotsav celebrated at Sheyn International



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Jamshedpur, July 17: Sheyn International School celebrated Van Mahotsav with enthusiasm and environmental zeal, transforming the event into a meaningful celebration of nature and sustainability.

The school organized a tree plantation drive on its lush green campus, with students planting saplings and participating in hands-on activities. Classrooms and boards were adorned with environmental posters, slogans, and artwork promoting the message of conservation.

Children from kindergarten and junior sections showcased their love for nature through creative drawings and coloring activities.

Principal (Academics) Tandrima Banerjee and Principal (Administration) Dr. Keya Adakaddressed the students, emphasizing the importance of trees and the healing power of nature.

Simran Saggu extended heartfelt thanks to all teachers and students for their sincere participation and commitment to a greener planet. (w/gsd)

KCC observes World Snake Day



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Jamshedpur, July 17: The Zoology Department of Karim City College (KCC), Sakchi, marked World Snake Day with an awareness program focused on debunking myths about snakes and promoting their ecological importance.

The event was attended by science students and faculty members. Dr. Tufail Ahmed, Head of the Physics Department, was the chief guest. In his address, he highlighted the need to change societal perceptions of snakes as merely dangerous creatures and instead recognize their crucial role in maintaining ecological balance.

Dr. Shashi Prabha, Head of Zoology, informed that World Snake Day was celebrated globally on July 16 to educate the public on snake conservation and address misconceptions.

Students also organized an exhibition, showcasing various snake species through images and presentations.

Prominent attendees included Prof. Nuzhat Jahan, Prof. Sania Tahreem, Dr. Sharmila Chakraborty, Dr. Farzana Anjum, Dr. Asgar Khan, and Dr. Inayat, who praised the initiative and its educational impact. (w/gsd)

Tata Steel HR trainees gain valuable insights during visit to TWU



Jamshedpur, July 17: Management Trainees (Commercial-HRM) of Tata Steel Limited visited the Tata Workers' Union on Thursday for an interactive and enriching session aimed at deepening their understanding of industrial relations and employee welfare practices.

During the session, the newly joined trainees were welcomed by the Union's senior office bearers, who shared the historical and current role of the Union in fostering a collaborative and harmonious workplace. Sanjeev Kumar Choudhary, President of the Union, along with General Secretary Satish Kumar Singh and Vice President Shahnawaz Alam, spoke about the Union's century-old legacy and its consistent efforts in promoting the welfare of Tata Steel employees.

The trainees were also addressed by Sanjay Kumar Singh and Rajiv Choudhary, both Vice Presidents, and Shyam Babu, Assistant Secretary, who provided further insights into shop-floor practices and real-time union-management interactions. These exchanges helped the young HR professionals gain a practical perspective on workforce management.

As part of the visit, the trainees toured the VG Gopal Heritage Centre, which highlights key milestones and contributions of the Tata Workers' Union over the decades. The trainees expressed deep appreciation for the Union's dedication to building strong industrial relations and were inspired by the experience, which offered a valuable glimpse into effective employee engagement and workplace cooperation.



Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) Workers Union, Maharatna Company, a public sector undertaking (PSU) stage a protest rally against Prime Minister Narendra Modi at HEC Campus in Ranchi on Thursday over pending payments and irregularity of production. Pic Rajesh Kumar

Kharsawan footballer Hari Soren selected for Jharkhand team



Mail News Service

Seraikela, July 17: Hari Soren, a promising footballer from Kharsawan Residential Football Training Center, has been selected to represent Jharkhand in the prestigious BC Roy Trophy, scheduled to be held in Amritsar, Punjab from July 20.

Hari, son of Bhimsen Soren from Amda village, is known for his dedication and hard work on the field. His selection has brought pride to the district, with District Sports Officer Amit Kumar, District Sports Association Secretary Mohammad Dildar, Pinaki Ranjan, Trainer Balram Mahato, and Sanjay Sundi congratulating him and extending their best wishes for a bright future. (w/gsd)

Jsr to host landmark conference on Child Neurology

Over 200 pediatric experts to attend East Zone Neuropedicon



Jamshedpur, July 17: The city is set to host a significant medical event focusing exclusively on child neurology-the 4th East Zone Neuropedicon, 1st Jharkhand Neuropedicon, and the Mid-Term CME of IAP Jamshedpur-from July 18 to 20 at Hotel Kannelite, Sakchi. The three-day event is being jointly organized by the Jharkhand Academy of Pediatric Neurology and the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), Jamshedpur branch.

In a press briefing on Thursday, Dr. Sudhir Mishra announced that this is the first-ever pediatric neurology conference in Jharkhand, aiming to strengthen knowledge and practices related to neurological and neurodevelopmental disorders in children.

Ahead of the main event, two pre-conference workshops will be held on Friday, July 18: EEG Interpretation in Children, vital for identifying pediatric brain conditions. Neurodevelopmental Disorders, focused on early diagnosis and appropriate referrals to therapies such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and pediatric neurology.

"These workshops will offer practical training to help pediatricians in Jamshedpur and Jharkhand better detect and manage developmental issues in children, leading to more effective treatment outcomes," said Dr. Mishra.

Dr. Preeti Srivastava highlighted that unlike general pediatric events, this conference is specifically focused on child neurology-a first for Jharkhand.

The main event will feature over 50 scientific sessions and 24 paper presentations, with speakers from across India.

The conference theme, "Building Networks: Bridging Gaps", will explore disorders such as epilepsy, brain fever (encephalitis), autism, ADHD, movement disorders, and other childhood neurological conditions. Over 200 doctors from Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, Bengal, and the North-East are expected to attend. The event will feature over 50 scientific sessions and 24 paper presentations. Speaking on the significance, Dr. Ekta Agrawal said, "In pediatric neurology, early intervention is crucial. This conference will help pediatricians act on time and provide effective referrals."

Also present at the press meet were Dr. R.K. Agrawal, Dr. Sanjay Tanti, Dr. Joy Bhadhuri, Dr. Preeti Srivastava, Dr. Mithilesh, and Dr. Mintu Akhouri. (w-mb)

Chinmaya Vidyalaya and Prima Challengers Win Tata Motors Football Tournament 2025



Jamshedpur, July 17: The finals of the Tata Motors Football Tournament 2025 concluded at the Sumant Mulgaonkar Stadium in Telco with two thrilling matches in the Inter-School and Inter-Team categories.

In the school category final, Vidya Bharti Chinmaya Vidyalaya defeated Hill Top School with a dominant performance, scoring 4 goals to claim the championship. Hill Top School finished as the runner-up.

The inter-team final between Prima Challengers and Indigo Fighters ended in a 1-1 draw in regular time. The winner was decided through an intense penalty shootout, where Prima Challengers emerged victorious after a gripping 12-12 shootout round.

Akash Karmakar of Chinmaya Vidyalaya was awarded Best Player in the school category, while Madhu Singh Kuntia of Indigo Fighters earned the Best Player title in the company category for his outstanding goalkeeping.

The prize distribution ceremony was attended by Tata Motors General Manager Mr. Sanjay Singha, GM Golam Mandol, Admin Head VN Singh, Town Admin Head Rajat Kumar Singh, Principal Meena Vilkhu (Chinmaya Vidyalaya), Principal Uma Tiwari (Hill Top School), and Jamshedpur FC player Nikhil Barla, who congratulated the players and encouraged them for future success. (w/gsd)

Congress' 12-hour bandh receives widespread support



Rairangpur, July 17: The Odisha bandh called by the State Congress Committee demanding justice for Balasore FM College student Soumyashree witnessed a strong response in Rairangpur. Various political and non-political groups, including Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, SUCI, CPM, and CPI, supported the bandh. Prominent local organizations like Bhanj Sena and Adivasi Chhatra Sangathan also joined the protest. Educational institutions, government and private offices, markets, and Meena Bazar remained shut for the day. Protesters demanded justice for the student and showed solidarity with the cause. (w/gsd)

Kharagpur Rail Division holds Quarterly Review Meeting on Hindi implementation



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Kharagpur, July 17: The April-June quarterly meeting of the Divisional Official Language Implementation Committee was held on July 17 at the Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Kharagpur. Chaired by DRM K.R. Chaudhary, the meeting reviewed progress in the use of Hindi in official work and discussed strategies to strengthen language implementation. DRM Chaudhary urged all departments to use pure and clear Hindi in documents, announcements, and signage. He also emphasized accurate Hindi spellings at stations and trains. Senior officers from various departments, including the ADRM and committee members, were present. (w/gsd)

Ananya Dutta takes over as President of Rotary Jamshedpur Green

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Jamshedpur, July 17: The Rotary Club of Jamshedpur Green hosted its 2nd installation ceremony, marking a new chapter in leadership. Ananya Dutta was officially installed as the President for the Rotary Year 2025-26, while Neelam Jayaswal took over as Club Secretary. The ceremony was graced by Sourav Roy, Chief of Corporate Social Responsibility, as the Chief Guest.

Outgoing Secretary Mamta Mishra handed over the Secretary Collar to Neelam Jayaswal, and PDG Pratim Banerjee presented Rotary pins to the newly inducted board members. The event also featured a presentation highlighting the impactful projects carried out by the Club in the past year. Distinguished guests included PDG Pratim Banerjee, PDG Dr. R. Bharat, PDG Sanjeev Thakur, and PDG Ronald D'Costa.

In line with the Club's 'Green' theme, guests were presented handcrafted paper items made by underprivileged women from the Saheli Centre, an initiative supported by the Club.

Four new members were inducted into the Club during the event. The occasion saw participation from several Rotarians including Kusum Thakur, Dr. Ekta, Mamta Mishra, Pradip Mishra, Ekta Satija, Arun Jha, Souvik, Faizal Imam, Sarojit Dutta, and Minibala Soren. (w/gsd)

Jhargram Police serve hot meals to flood-affected villagers in shaltoria

Jhargram, July 17 : In a heartwarming gesture, Jhargram District Police organized a community kitchen on Thursday in Shaltoria village under Sankrail Police Station after the Dulung River overflowed due to continuous rain. DSP (DNT) Sabyasachi Ghosh and Sankrail OC Neelmadav Dolai personally served meals including khichdi, vegetables, egg curry, and sweets to flood-affected villagers. The initiative, led by SP Arijit Sinha, is part of a broader relief effort across the district. DSP Ghosh stated the police are committed to standing with people during natural disasters and that more such kitchens are being set up in other affected areas.

SER Kharagpur Division promotes digital ticketing

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Kharagpur, July 17: The Kharagpur Division of South Eastern Railway is intensifying efforts to promote digital ticketing solutions in line with Indian Railways' vision for safe, contactless, and efficient services. Passengers can now use the UTS on Mobile and RailOne apps to conveniently book unreserved, season, and platform tickets, thereby avoiding long queues and embracing a paperless system.



The RailOne app offers a comprehensive platform combining ticket bookings, train inquiries, real-time train status, and station facilities in a user-friendly interface. Additionally, Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs) installed at stations offer quick and cashless ticketing using smart cards or UPI.



To spread awareness, railway staffs are conducting campaigns at major stations, distributing flyers, setting up banners and digital displays, and offering hands-on assistance to help passengers download and use the apps. Both UTS on Mobile and RailOne apps are available for download on Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

The initiative is a step toward transforming railway travel with technology-driven convenience and sustainability. (w/gsd)

Odisha Nritya Academy presents Bengal Government schemes

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Rourkela, July 17: Odisha Nritya Academy presented a captivating dance performance at Bhanja Bhavan in Rourkela. The event creatively showcased various development initiatives of the West Bengal government through classical and folk dance forms. The program was made possible with the support of Ahmed Hussain Sheikh. Dance Gurus Trinath Sai and Mrityunjay Basa played key roles in choreographing and organizing the performances. Families of the performers and several dignitaries attended the event. The program concluded with a special performance by Mrityunjay Basa, who expressed gratitude through the dance. (w/gsd)

Trump's Russia tariff threat may strain US-India trade talks

US President Donald Trump's recent ultimatum to countries trading with Russia could disrupt ongoing trade negotiations between India and the United States. Trump, frustrated by his inability to stop the Ukraine war, is now seeking to pressure Moscow through economic means. However, the success of this strategy remains uncertain and may lead to renewed global tensions.

Trump has issued a 50-day deadline for Russia to end the war and has extended the same timeline to nations that continue purchasing oil and other goods from Russia. He has warned that countries failing to comply may face a 100% tariff on their exports to the US. NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte echoed this sentiment, naming India, China, and Brazil, and urged them to engage with Russian President Vladimir Putin to help bring peace.

While Trump initially insisted on ending the war at any cost, his stance has shifted following the failure of diplomatic pressure. He is now willing to increase arms supplies to Ukraine and is even questioning the need for more aggressive action against Russia. The US and its Western allies expect countries like India and China to support their stance against Russia-a pressure campaign that began in 2022 when the war broke out.

Washington has previously criticized India for purchasing oil from Russia, but New Delhi has maintained that each nation acts in accordance with its national interests. In the fiscal year 2024-25, India-Russia trade reached $68.7 billion, with oil being the key commodity. Before the Ukraine conflict, India sourced most of its crude oil from the Middle East, with just 1% coming from Russia. Today, over one-third of India's oil imports are Russian, with imports peaking at 2 million barrels per day in May. The driving force behind this trade is cost-effectiveness.

Trump, known for viewing international relations through a profit-oriented lens, is well aware of the depth of India-Russia ties. His growing concerns also stem from BRICS, an alliance whose increasing influence he disapproves of. In this context, it is vital for India to assert its position clearly and firmly to the United States, a stance that was previously respected by the Biden administration.

From the Editorial Desk

Nifty likely to reach 26,889 by December driven by domestically-oriented sectors

Nifty is expected to reach 26,889 by December this year, driven by a multi-faceted recovery in domestic demand, supportive monetary policies and focused fiscal initiatives, a report stated on Wednesday.

Reflecting the positive sentiment, "we have raised Nifty 12-month target to 26,889, valuing the Nifty at 2.5 per cent discount to 15-year average PE at 18.5x," PL Capital, a financial services provider, said in its report.

Domestically-oriented sectors, such as domestic pharma, select staples, banks, capital goods, defence, and power, will outperform in the near term.

"In the first quarter, government capital expenditure was front-loaded, recording impressive growth of 61 per cent in April and 39 per cent in May,



supported by strong momentum in new project orders and a significant increase in defence spending," the report said.

At the same time, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) decision to reduce the repo rate by 100 basis points and announce a phased 100 basis point cut in the cash reserve ratio (CRR) has also played a role in sectoral growth.

However, the firm forecasts modest top-line growth of 2 per cent, supported by stronger gains of 15 per cent in EBITDA and 15.6 per cent in profit before tax (PBT).

"Although a broad-based recovery is yet to take hold, factors such as tax relief, normal monsoons, easing inflation, and lower interest rates are creating conditions for a consumption-driven rebound," said Amnish Aggarwal, Director-Research, PL Capital.

According to the report, rural sentiment remains resilient, while urban sentiment is gradually improving, particularly in discretionary segments.

Domestic-oriented sectors will lead the next leg of market performance and are being overweight on banks, healthcare, consumer, telecom, and capital goods, while remaining underweight on IT services, cement, metals, and oil and gas.

Meanwhile, the rural economy shows greater resilience, with the rural Current Situation Index (CSI) rising from 96.5 in January 2024 to 100 by May 2025.

This recovery is anchored by improved Kharif sowing - up 11 per cent YoY-benign food inflation, and robust government spending in rural development, the report highlighted.

Can Rahul Gandhi redefine Opposition leadership? A look at his first year as LoP

As Rahul Gandhi completed one year as the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha last month, the Congress party on Wednesday recalled the eventful year and also the major milestones that it achieved under the leadership of Gandhi scion.

Rahul's brief one-year tenure as the LoP, so far, has been marked by a couple of achievements, which include 'pressuring' the Centre to announce nationwide caste census, withdrawing lateral entry notification and also galvanising the national discourse around the 'Save the Constitution' pitch.



The Rae Bareli MP took charge as the LoP in adverse circumstances, yet many Congressmen feel that he successfully steered the 'weakened' party and earned it the 'respect and influence' that it deserved as the main Opposition party.

Notably, the 16th and 17th Lok Sabha remained deprived of any Leader of Opposition because none of the parties achieved the basic benchmark -- 1/10th of the House, a pre-requisite to claim the LoP status. Since 2014, no Opposition party has won 10 per cent of the 543 seats required to claim the LoP. It was only in the 2024 elections that the Congress won 99 seats -- its best showing in a decade.

Rahul assumed the LoP role in June 2024 and led a diverse Opposition group against the Modi government. The INDIA bloc, which fought the LS 2024 elections together, fragmented into factions after polls, but this did little to weaken LoP's resolve as he went on the offensive and questioned the Centre, inside and outside the Parliament.

In the past year, the Congress MP has championed the voice of the people in Parliament and even stole the show with aggressive and combative posturing. His maiden speech as LoP -- 'Daro mat, darao mat' caught the imagination of all while his comparison of Manusmriti and Constitution put the treasury benches on the backfoot. In a forceful speech, the parliamentarian waved copies of two sacred books and accused the ruling dispensation of favouring the religious scripture, the one that it claims promotes caste discrimination.

Notably, his call for safeguarding the Constitution from the Centre's 'dictatorial' approach also bore fruit in the 2024 elections as he, along with INDIA bloc members, was successful to a large extent in conveying the message that the country's institutions are under 'serious' threat.

Rahul, in his Parliamentary speeches -- a total of 16 in the past year, repeatedly took shots at the government by claiming that its budget and policies favoured the billionaires and alienated the poor and marginalised.

Some other notable 'achievements' of Rahul as LoP include Jan Sansad -- a one-of-a-kind initiative, which enabled various groups and communities to take their issues directly to Parliament, the country's highest legislative body.

The Congress leader put forward the idea that the Parliament should serve as the forum for discussing public issues, and also followed it by meeting various delegations inside the premises.

He invited and met the 'Anndatas' (farmers) in the middle of a Parliament session, as they were reportedly denied a meeting with the Delhi government. He heard and discussed the challenges faced by them, including farm loans, debt and concerns over Minimum Support Price (MSP).

He also met a delegation of the OBC Employees Federation, where they shared their issues regarding opportunities and representation in government jobs. In the past year, Rahul has aggressively pushed for equitable representation of communities, a stand reinforcing its 'jitni abadi, utna haq' pre-poll slogan.

The announcement of the caste census by the Centre, which triggered an intense war of words between the BJP and Congress, even left the political observers baffled, as many expressed surprise over the ruling party 'giving in' latter's demands. BJP claimed that it was in the larger interest of social justice, while Congress claimed it to be vindication of its long-standing demand.

Besides his constitutional role as the LoP, Rahul Gandhi has also been instrumental in galvanising public opinion and shaping discourse on people's issues.

Though Mallikarjun Kharge remains at the helm of the Congress party, there is a popular perception within the party that its reinvigorated and revitalised form comes from Rahul's agile and energetic leadership. His call for a caste census and 'Save Constitution' pitch has struck a strong chord with the public for quite some time, a sentiment that also showed up in his public interactions as well as rallies and gatherings.

According to the Congress party, the Rae Bareli MP has visited 16 states in the past year, traversing through the length and breadth of the country to raise the people's issues.

He addressed more than 60 public rallies and gatherings pan-India and held more than 115 interactive sessions with the people to get a first-hand account of their problems.

The Congress lawmaker also held 18 press conferences in the past year, questioning the Centre on multiple issues and holding it accountable on various fronts.

A cause for concern in the Middle East

DC Pathak

New Delhi, July 1 (IANS) Although a triangular contest between Iran, Israel and the Arab states of the Gulf- principally Saudi Arabia and UAE- marked the scene in the Middle East, it is the military confrontation between Iran and Israel that is currently the cause of a crisis in the region.

The two Arab states have been traditional allies of the US and have even been persuaded by the latter to consider signing peace pacts with Israel, termed the Abraham Accords.

The US and Israel continue to identify themselves with each other completely, and the US President Donald Trump was upholding Israel's total opposition to the Iranian nuclear programme and insisting on Iran signing the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) for any reconsideration of sanctions earlier imposed on it (Iran).

Iran had claimed that its nuclear programme was only for energy generation, but Israel never accepted the plea.

The JCPOA called for further monitoring and verification provisions, and granting of increased access to IAEA inspectors to information and sites.

President Trump decided to mount "high pressure" on a reluctant Iran to make it fall in line with the US.

Apparently encouraged by the US support, Israel attacked Iran on June 13.

Iran retaliated by launching an attack on Israel with hypersonic missiles, many of which could get through the latter's Iron Dome air defence.

On June 21, the US bombed three nuclear sites at Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan, and claimed it had destroyed them. There was Israel-US intelligence coordination in the attack that was code-named 'Midnight Hammer'. Seven B2 stealth bombers were used for Fordow and Natanz, and 14 bunker-buster bombs were dropped on the nuclear facilities there - the one at Fordow was buried deep below a mountain on the outskirts of Tehran. At the same time, two dozen cruise missiles were fired at Isphahan from a submarine.

Responding to the US claim of having destroyed the nuclear plants, Iran acknowledged damage but contended that the sites had already been discarded and their equipment moved elsewhere.

President Trump warned Iran that "future attacks would be far deadlier if it did not sign the nuclear deal".

UN nuclear watchdog said there were no signs of nuclear contamination at the three sites after the attacks.

The Head of Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran announced that Iran had another Uranium enrichment site at a safe location.

While Iran did not seem to be giving up on its right



to develop nuclear energy, Israel firmly believed that Tehran would use enriched Uranium to produce nuclear bombs. For the present, there is an undeclared ceasefire from both sides. What is perhaps a major cause of concern for the democratic world is that the Iran-Israel confrontation was not merely political or military, but was now a "faith-based" conflict as well.

Ayatollah Ali Khameini, the supreme leader of Iran, said early on during the escalating tension that it was a "clash between Islam and Zionism" and talked of the "ultimate triumph of Islam over the Zionist regime".

On June 6, he called upon the Muslim pilgrims going to Mecca to send a message to their governments and convince them of the need to "abandon and isolate Israel for its savagery in Gaza".

It may be mentioned that Shia fundamentalism despises the US as it is ideologically opposed to Capitalism- it glorifies "poverty" and "sacrifice".

Sunni Islamic radical groups carry the legacy of the 19th century Wahhabi Jehad that raged through Algeria, Arabia and India under the leadership of the Ulema-not the political rulars- against the 'Western encroachment on Muslim lands'.

The US is therefore the first enemy for Islamic radicals, and this became very clear during the "war on terror". This 'war of US-led coalition' was against the Taliban-al Qaeda combine in Afghanistan and against a competitive radical force called ISIS that emerged in the Iraq-Syria region. It is no surprise that Iran took a radicalised Hamas in its embrace, thus adding to the threat to Israel.

Lebanon-based Hezbollah- a Shia militant group - and the Houthis of Yemen also known as Ansar Allah representing a Shia Islamic Movement, are Iran's proxies, but it is the Iran-Hamas combine that was extremely significant for it transcended Shia-Sunni divide to make it a cause of Islam against the Jewish state, at a deep ideological level.

The motivation for this fight is very strong being rooted in Jehad which was at par with the five fundamental duties of Islam and which called upon a faithful Muslim to even sacrifice his life in a situation of "Islam being in danger" or for the "protection of the Muslim community".

What is called Islamic Terror that President Trump has denounced in no uncertain terms, is, in the view of fundamentalists, a religious duty to be fulfilled, providing its protagonists with an instrument for effective indoctrination in the era of social media.

Iran and Israel today face an unprecedented level of mutual animosity. The faith-based conflicts do not easily end, and the US-Israel side should be prepared to face a war of attrition. The total opposition to the US has caused a natural shift of Iran geopolitically towards the China-Russia camp, and the concern here is that if this divide becomes more deep-seated, it might hasten the return of the Cold War.

Meanwhile, the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) in a joint statement following a meeting of Foreign Ministers of the 57-member block at Istanbul on June 22, condemned the aggression of Israel and laid emphasis on the role of UN Security Council in immediately addressing the grave threat to international peace and security caused by Israel. The release notably did not make a mention of the US attack on Iran's nuclear facilities, but the General Secretariat of OIC, in a separate statement, did express "deep concern" over the overnight US strikes.

The Istanbul conference decided to form a Ministerial Contact Group to engage with international and regional actors to stop aggression against Iran.

A leading light of OIC, Saudi Arabia, does not like the hegemony of either Iran or Israel in the Middle East and is particularly sensitive to radical Islamist groups who despise the Saudi regime for being a "lackey" of the US. OIC would favour a pact between the US and Iran.

India has maintained harmonious relations with the three lead players in the Middle East-Saudi Arabia, Iran and Israel- and it should follow a three-fold policy approach based on zero tolerance towards faith-based terror, democratisation of the regimes there to grant minority rights and peace relations amongst all nations in the region. India would certainly not like the Iran-Israel confrontation to escalate into a global conflict.

While Israel's instinct of survival against a hostile Muslim world around it can be understood, its own military and technological power, besides the backing it enjoyed from the democratic world in general and the US in particular, should make it amenable to peace accords with its neighbours. It must stop indiscriminate killing of Palestinian civilians, including women and children, in Gaza while countering Hamas-it had every right to chase Hamas -and cooperate with the democratic world in finding a long-term solution to the Palestine issue.In a war of attrition with Iran, Israel may not emerge as a sure winner for reasons mentioned earlier, and the best way out for global peace would be for major powers to compel de-escalation of military confrontations and push the Middle East towards peaceful coexistence.

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Centre sets ball rolling for India's Automotive Mission Plan 2047



New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) The Ministry of Heavy Industries has initiated the formulation of the Automotive Mission Plan 2047 (AMP 2047) aimed at enhancing innovation, global competitiveness, and sustainable development to establish India as a global automotive leader by 2047, according to an official statement issued on Thursday.

The initiative is a strategic roadmap aligned with the 'Viksit Bharat @2047' vision, building on the achievements of previous Automotive Mission Plans, which promoted the significant growth in India's automotive sector through stakeholder collaboration, the statement explained.

The inaugural meeting of the AMP 2047 Sub-Committees was held here to outline the objectives and framework.

Additional Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries, Hanif Qureshi, said, "The vision for 2047 is not an aspiration but a strategic roadmap, backed by concrete targets for sector growth, exports, and industry advancement. We must think beyond specific technologies or companies and focus on India's global standing in 2047, aiming to increase our share in global automotive trade through innovation and quality."

Representatives from various ministries, including the Ministry of Power, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, DPIIT, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change and industry bodies such as SIAM, ACMA, and CII, FICCI, academic institutions, research think tanks and testing agencies attended the meet to start an industry-led effort to shape AMP 2047.

The initiative seeks to integrate the collective vision of stakeholders, including Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), auto component manufacturers, policymakers, academia, and end users, to address challenges like technological advancements and charging infrastructure. Seven Sub-Committees, comprising experts from government, industry, and academia, will guide the development of a comprehensive plan targeting milestones for 2030, 2037, and 2047.

The Ministry, under the guidance of Minister for Heavy Industries H. D. Kumaraswamy, underscores its commitment to building a self-reliant, innovative, and sustainable automotive ecosystem. Multiple Sub-Committee meetings will consolidate ideas and data for presentation to the Apex Committee, chaired by Kamran Rizvi, Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries, the statement added.

Reliance Industrial Infra's Q1 profit rises 6.9 pc to Rs 3.1 crore



Mumbai, July 17 (IANS) Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industrial Infrastructure Limited (RIIL) has announced its financial results for the first quarter of FY25-26 (Q1 FY26), with the company posting a consolidated net profit of Rs 3.10 crore, up 6.9 per cent from Rs 2.90 crore in the same quarter previous year (Q1 FY25).

On a standalone basis, the net profit stood at Rs 2.56 crore, compared to Rs 2.41 crore in Q1 FY25 -- showing a growth of around 6.2 per cent, according to its stock exchange filing.

However, the company's total income declined slightly to Rs 18.28 crore from Rs 18.43 crore in the year-ago period.

RIIL continues to provide essential infrastructure services, including the transportation of petroleum products and raw water through pipelines, primarily to Reliance Industries Limited.

The company has not announced any new expansion plans and appears focused on maintaining its existing operations for now, as per its filing.

On the expenses front, RIIL showed improved cost control. Total expenses fell to Rs 14.81 crore in Q1 FY26, down from Rs 15.38 crore in Q1 FY25 and Rs 16.39 crore in Q4 FY25.

The employee benefit expenses also dropped to Rs 2.23 crore, compared to Rs 2.91 crore a year ago and Rs 2.41 crore in the previous quarter.

Operating expenses stood at Rs 3.05 crore, slightly lower than Rs 3.28 crore in Q1 FY25 but up from Rs 2.76 crore in Q4 FY25.

RIIL's stock showed a modest gain on Thursday, ending 1.46 per cent or Rs 13.85 higher at Rs 960 on the National Stock Exchange (NSE), compared to Rs 946.15 on Wednesday.

Wipro's Q1 profit rises 11 pc to Rs 3,336 crore, announces Rs 5 interim dividend



Mumbai, July 17 (IANS) Tech giant Wipro on Thursday reported an 11.1 per cent increase in its consolidated net profit for the April-June quarter (Q1) of FY26, reaching Rs 3,336.5 crore, compared to Rs 3,003 crore in the same quarter previous year.

The company's consolidated revenue from operations stood at Rs 22,134.6 crore, showing a marginal increase from Rs 21,963.8 crore recorded during the same period previous year, according to its stock exchange filing.

Wipro also declared an interim dividend of Rs 5 per share for the financial year 2025-26.

The company has fixed July 28 as the record date, and shareholders can expect the payment on or before August 15.

However, on a quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) basis, the company's revenue from operations fell by 1.65 per cent, from Rs 22,504.2 crore in Q4 FY25.

Net profit also followed suit and fell over 6.2 per cent sequentially from Rs 3,588.8 crore reported in Q4 FY25.

Wipro MD and CEO Srini Pallia said that despite macroeconomic challenges, the company was able to closely partner with clients to address their focus on efficiency and cost optimisation.

This resulted in 16 large deals, including two mega deals," he said, adding that AI is no longer experimental and has now become central to clients' business strategies.

Axis Bank reports 4 pc YoY decline in net profit in Q1, NII marginally up



New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) Axis Bank's standalone net profit for the quarter ending June 30, 2025 (Q1 FY26) came at Rs 5,806.14 crore, down nearly 4 per cent year-over-year (YoY) from Rs 6,034.64 crore during the same period in previous fiscal, the private sector lender said in an exchange filing on Thursday.

Net profit decreased by more than 18 per cent on a sequential basis from the Rs 7,117.50 crore recorded during the January-March quarter (Q4FY25).

The bank reported a slight increase in net interest income (NII), rising 0.83 per cent YoY to RS 13,559.75 crore from Rs 13,448.23 crore.

Following strong growth in non-interest income and efficient cost control, the bank's operating profit increased by a solid 14 per cent year over year to Rs 11,515 crore.

Meanwhile, non-interest income increased by 25 per cent year over year due to robust growth in fee income and treasury operations, the bank said.

At the same time, Axis Bank's net non-performing assets (NPA) increased by 28 per cent year over year to Rs 5,065 crore from Rs 3,552.98 crore the previous year.

With net NPA at 0.45 per cent and gross NPA at 1.57 per cent, there was a slight increase. The bank's capital adequacy ratio, however, stayed high at 16.85 per cent, suggesting a sound capital position.

With total advances increasing 8 per cent YoY to Rs 10.59 lakh crore from Rs 9.80 lakh crore, loan growth stayed consistent. Additionally, deposits increased by 9 per cent over the same time frame.

Robust digital connectivity essential as water, electricity and structural safety: TRAI Chairman



New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) The new framework for rating of properties for digital connectivity provides a clear, transparent and technology-neutral approach for property developers, infrastructure providers and government agencies to plan, implement, evaluate and improve digital connectivity readiness across various types of premises -- homes, offices, schools, hospitals, transport hubs and smart urban spaces, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Chairperson, Anil Kumar Lahoti, said on Thursday.

Speaking at a workshop on 'Framework for Rating of Properties for Digital Connectivity' at TRAI headquarters here, Lahoti highlighted that robust digital connectivity has become as essential as water, electricity and structural safety, especially since an estimated 70-80 per cent of mobile data traffic is now consumed indoors.

He emphasised the need for Digital Connectivity Infrastructure (DCI) -- the civil, physical and technological components that enable seamless access to telecom networks -- to be planned and embedded at the design stage, rather than added as an afterthought.

The event aimed to build awareness about importance of planning digital connectivity infrastructure as a part of property or infrastructure development plan and promote institutional adoption of the Rating of Properties for Digital Connectivity Regulations, 2024, notified by TRAI on October 25, 2024.

The regulation introduces a voluntary, performance-based star rating system, similar to green building or energy efficiency ratings, to assess how digitally ready a property or infrastructure is for delivering high-quality broadband and mobile connectivity. The property or infrastructure includes residential buildings, commercial complexes, government offices, airports, highways, stadiums, and railway stations, among others. The TRAI chairperson urged Ministries, Departments and institutions to integrate DCI requirements into project guidelines, model tender documents and training curricula, so that India's built environment is future-ready by design.

Samsung announces launch offers on M9, M8 & M7 smart monitors

Gurugram/Patna, July 17: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, has launched its new Smart Monitor lineup featuring limited time offers from July 7 to July 20, 2025. Customers can enjoy instant savings of up to INR 3,000 during this period. The lineup includes the flagship 4K QD-OLED monitor M9, along with the upgraded M8 and M7 models, all equipped with advanced and personalized AI capabilities that set a new standard for intelligent displays. With these innovations, users can effortlessly watch, work, and play in styleall from a single, smart device.The Smart Monitor M9 combines QD-OLED technology with a vibrant 32-inch 4K display, delivering advanced colours and contrast across every task. Designed for work, gaming, and streaming, it enhances durability and prioritizes user comfort with features such as burn-in protection and anti-glare technology. The refreshed Smart Monitor M8 and M7 models expand Samsung's lineup with 32-inch 4K UHD screens, bringing an enhanced experience to a wider audience. Both monitors feature VA panels that refine and add depth to visual quality. Their AI-powered features, including Click to Search and Tizen OS Home, help users explore, navigate, and easily find content tailored to their preferences.

Piyush Goyal holds talks with Saudi Minister on closer trade, investment ties

New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday said that he held "a productive meeting" with Faisal bin Fadel Al-Ibrahim, Saudi Arabia's Minister of Economy and Planning.

"Discussed strengthening India-Saudi Arabia ties, with a focus on enhancing our trade and investment partnership and collaborating in key sectors like pharmaceuticals, petroleum and ceramics," Goyal said in a post on X. The minister also extended an invitation to Faisal bin Fadel Al-Ibrahim to visit India at the earliest.

"We are confident of exciting growth prospects ahead for both nations," Goyal said.

India and Saudi Arabia share robust trade relations, with both countries being significant trading partners. Oil-rich Saudi Arabia is a key source of energy for India. Bilateral trade has seen steady growth, reaching $42.98 billion in FY 2023-24. India's exports to Saudi Arabia were $11.56 billion, while imports reached $31.42 billion.

Goyal also said that he convened a meeting with Commerce Representatives in 74 Indian missions abroad on steps to promote exports.

"Emphasised the need for proactive market engagement, enhanced trade intelligence and closer collaboration with Indian exporters," Goyal said in the post on X.

Indian stock market ends lower amid selling in IT, banking shares



Mumbai, July 17 (IANS) The Indian stock market settled in negative territory on Thursday following selling in IT and banking stocks amid Q1 earnings, and FII outflows due to trade deal concerns.

Sensex ended the session at 82,259.24, down 375.24 points or 0.45 per cent against last day's closing of 82,634.48. The 30-share index opened slightly up at 82,753.53, but dragged in negative territory amid selling in IT, and banking heavyweights like TCS, Infosys, and HDFC Bank. The index hit an intraday low at 82,219.27.

Nifty settled at 25,111.45, down 100.60 points or 0.40 per cent.

"Indian equity benchmarks ended marginally lower as investors exercised caution amid subdued Q1 earnings announcements, particularly in the technology and banking sectors," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Ltd.

Market participants remained sidelined due to elevated valuations of large-cap stocks and FII outflows. However, any positive developments could amplify market sentiment, he added.

Tech Mahindra, HCL Tech, Infosys, Eternal, TCS, Axis Bank, Bajaj FinServ, and HDFC were the top losers among the Sensex basket. While Tata Steel, Trent, Tata Motors, and Titan settled in positive territory.

Meanwhile, 19 shares advanced and 31 declined from the Nifty50.

All broader indices concluded the session in red. Nifty Next 50 fell 159.10 points, Nifty Midcap 100 declined 100 points, and Nifty Smallcap 100 ended the day 22.75 points lower.

Apple makes record-breaking iPhones in India in H1 2025, hits highest exports too



New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) Apple has set a new benchmark in smartphone manufacturing in India, achieving its fastest-ever growth in iPhone production as well as exports during the first half of 2025, the government said on Thursday.

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) took to social media platform X to celebrate the achievement, posting, "Apple harvests record iPhone output from its India orchard," highlighting the country's growing role in global tech manufacturing.

According to data by market research firm Canalys, iPhone production in India jumped 53 per cent year-on-year (YoY) between January and June 2025, reaching 23.9 million units.

This is Apple's strongest ramp-up since it began assembling smartphones in the country in 2017.

The rise is seen as part of Apple's strategy to reduce reliance on China, especially with the looming threat of higher US tariffs on Chinese goods.

Exports also followed the same growth trend, increasing by 53 per cent compared to the same period previous year, the report said.

The United States was the biggest destination for iPhones made in India, receiving 78 per cent of all exports -- up from 53 per cent a year earlier.

Other markets such as the Netherlands, the UAE, the UK, and Japan saw a decline in their share of Indian iPhone shipments.

Foxconn led the charge in manufacturing, contributing more than half of the iPhones exported, according to the report.

Tata Group has also emerged as a strong player, now accounting for nearly 40 per cent of Apple's iPhone exports from India.

Nuvoco Vistas reports record Rs 533 cr Q1 EBITDA Eyes 31 MMTPA capacity post Vadraj Cement acquisition

Mumbai/Jamshedpur, July 17: Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., a leading building materials Company in India, announced its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2025. With 25 MMTPA of combined installed capacity, the Company is on track to achieve approx. 31 MMTPA cement capacity by Q3 FY27 post successful acquisition of Vadraj Cement Limited (VCL) retaining its fifth largest cement group position in India for long term. While the Company remains a leading player in East India, this acquisition aligns seamlessly with Nuvoco's strategy of expanding its presence in the Western and Northern regions. It brings complementary capabilities to enhance geographic reach and create long-term value for stakeholders.

The Company achieved a consolidated cement sales volume of 5.1MMT in Q1 FY26. Consolidated revenue from operations grew 9% YoY to Rs.2,873 Cr. in Q1 FY26. The Company also reported its highest-ever first quarterly consolidated EBITDA of Rs.533Cr. in Q1 FY26. Furthermore, the Company remained committed to its deleveraging agenda, reducing like-for-like[1] net debt by Rs. 884Cr.YoY to Rs. 3,474Cr.

Premium products continue to be a strategic priority for the Company, with their share of trade volume rising to 41% in Q1 FY26. The Company also achieved a robust trade mix of 76% - the highest in the last 13 quarters. The sustained momentum of the Nuvoco Concreto and Nuvoco Duraguard product portfolio reflects growing recognition as trusted solutions for superior construction needs.

The Company's commitment to sustainability is evident as it continues to lead the industry with the lowest carbon emissions, further reducing emissions to 453.8 kg CO2 per ton2 of cementitious materials, down from 457 kg CO2 per ton in FY24.

Commenting on the performance of the Company, Jayakumar Krishnaswamy, Managing Director, Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., stated, "The Company witnessed healthy volume growth during the quarter. It maintained a sharp focus on premiumisation and trade mix, which contributed to enhanced realizations and led to the highest-ever first-quarter consolidated EBITDA in the Company's history. Looking ahead, we remain committed to drive sustained growth and expand our market presence. Following the successful acquisition of Vadraj Cement, the Company is fully geared up to operationalize the plants at Kutchand Surat by Q3 FY27 and at the same time expanding its market footprint in the Western region. Alongside this, the Company will continue to prioritize initiatives around premiumisation, geo-optimisation, and cost efficiency to further strengthen its competitive edge."

Is it just chest pain-or a heart attack? Know the signs, act fast



Dr. Kaushik Biswas

Mr. S. Ghosh, a 58-year-old accountant was watching TV after dinner when he began to feel an odd pressure in the center of his chest. It wasn't exactly painful-just tight, like someone had placed a heavy book on him. He dismissed it as gas. Fifteen minutes later, he collapsed. What Mr. Ghosh didn't know was that he was experiencing the early signs of a heart attack-and like many others, he ignored the warning.

In India, heart disease remains the leading cause of death, and a major reason is delay in recognizing cardiac chest pain. A heart attack can happen at any time-at home, at work, or even during rest. But knowing how to identify cardiac chest pain can save your life or the life of someone you love.

What Is Cardiac Chest Pain?

Not every chest pain is a heart attack-but some types are far more dangerous than others. Cardiac chest pain is the discomfort that occurs when the heart muscle doesn't get enough oxygen-rich blood. This is often due to blockages in the coronary arteries, the vessels that supply blood to the heart.

This pain, known medically as angina and in its extreme form manifested as myocardial infarction (when heart muscle begins to die), typically has the following features:

Key Features of Cardiac Chest Pain



" Location: Often in the center of the chest, sometimes slightly to the left
" Nature: A feeling of pressure, heaviness, squeezing, or tightness
" Radiation: May spread to the left arm, neck, jaw, shoulder, or back
" Duration: Typically lasts more than 5-10 minutes
" Triggers: Physical activity, emotional stress, cold weather,or heavy meals
" Relief: May improve with rest or nitroglycerin (if prescribed)

Associated Symptoms to Watch For

Even if the pain is mild or vague, pay attention to associated warning signs:

" Shortness of breath
" Sudden sweating (cold sweat)
" Nausea or vomiting
" Palpitations (fast heartbeat)
" Lightheadedness or fainting
" Extreme fatigue (especially in women and elderly)

In some people, particularly women, older adults, and those with diabetes, a heart attack might not cause classic chest pain at all. Instead, they might feel breathless, uneasy, or have what feels like gas, jaw pain, or unusual tiredness.

Plan of Action: What to Do Immediately

If you or someone near you shows these symptoms, do not delay. Time is muscle-delaying treatment causes more of the heart muscle to die.

Here's what you should do:

1. Call for Emergency Medical Help
2. Chew and swallow an aspirin if available and not allergic-this helps prevent further clot formation.
3. Keep the person calm and seated or lying down. Do not allow physical activity.
4. Note the time of symptom onset-this helps doctors determine treatment options.
5. Do not wait more than 5 minutes if symptoms persist. Even if the pain subsides, get evaluated.

What Happens in the Emergency Room?

" ECG (Electrocardiogram): to check for heart rhythm changes
" Blood tests (Troponin levels): to detect heart muscle damage
" Chest X-ray or echocardiography: to assess heart function
" Coronary angiography: if a heart attack is confirmed

Based on the diagnosis, treatment may include blood thinners, clot-busting drugs, or even angioplasty and stent placement to open blocked arteries.

How to Prevent a Heart Attack

While emergency treatment has improved survival, prevention remains the best cure. Cardiac events don't happen out of the blue-they often result from years of silent damage caused by:

" High blood pressure
" Diabetes
" High cholesterol
" Smoking
" Obesity
" Sedentary lifestyle
" Stress and poor sleep
" Family history of heart disease

Simple lifestyle changes can drastically reduce risk:

" Eat a heart-healthy diet (low in salt, sugar, and bad fats)
" Exercise for at least 30 minutes most days
" Avoid tobacco and limit alcohol
" Manage stress and mental health
" Control chronic illnesses through regular checkups

If you're unsure whether your chest pain is serious, assume the worst until proven otherwise. It is better to have a false alarm than to ignore a true emergency. The heart doesn't shout. It whispers warnings-recognize them before it's too late.

Let's make awareness our first step toward a heart-healthy India.

(Author is MBBS, MD (Gen Medicine), DM (Cardiology), MRCP (UK), FESC, FSCAI, Consultant Cardiologist, Peerless Hospital, Kolkata. Views are personal.)

She took me back: Barack and Michelle Obama joke about divorce rumours



Barack Obama and Michelle Obama's marriage was "touch and go for a while," the former US President has said. But the former first lady said there was never a moment she thought about "quitting on my man" in a new episode of IMO with Michelle Obama and Craig Robinson.

"She took me back!" Barack Obama said, laughing. "It was touch and go for a while." The couple addressed persistent divorce rumours for the first time.

Michelle firmly dismissed the rumours, saying, "There hasn't been one moment in our marriage where I've thought about quitting on my man. And we've had some really hard times and we've had a lot of fun times, a lot of adventures, and I have become a better person because of the man I'm married to."

This was the first time the Obamas publicly responded to speculation about their marriage, which has intensified in recent months following Michelle's absence from several public appearances, including Donald Trump's inauguration and Jimmy Carter's funeral.

"It's so nice to have you both in the same room together," said Craig Robinson, Michelle's brother and co-host of the podcast. Michelle replied, "I know because when we aren't, folks think we're divorced."

She also spoke about the criticism she received for skipping Trump's inauguration. "My decision to skip the inauguration, what people don't realise, or my decision to make choices at the beginning of this year that suited me, were met with such ridicule and criticism," she said in an earlier podcast episode. "People couldn't believe that I was saying no for any other reason that they had to assume that my marriage was falling apart."

The Obamas, who married in 1992, share two daughters, Malia and Sasha.

Earlier, the former first lady said the couple simply no longer documented their relationship on social media. "We are 60. We're 60, y'all." She added, "The fact that people don't see me going out on a date with my husband sparks rumours of the end of our marriage. It's like, 'OK, so we don't Instagram every minute of our lives.'"

Michelle Obama also revealed she was "glad" she didn't have a son with Barack Obama, joking that he would have turned out to be "another Barack."

This "3 Million-Year-Old" volcano in Antarctica looks like it's from another planet

Travellers are often drawn to destinations that showcase unique natural phenomena and rare landscapes found only in specific regions of the world. One such attraction is a 3-million-year-old volcano on Edinburgh Hill in the South Shetland Islands, Antarctica. A video going viral on Instagram shows glimpses of this ancient volcano. As shared in the video, it is a 180m high volcano in the middle of freezing water.

Sharing her experience along with glimpses of the surreal volcano, the explorer wrote, "NGL, this was the last day of expeditions, and I was super tired. It looked super foggy and bloody cold out there, visibility was super low, and I hadn't done any research about where we were stopping, but there was NO WAY I was going to miss ANYTHING. I'm so glad we got out on the zodiacs because this looks like it's from another planet."

The video went viral with nearly 7 million views on Instagram. Several people shared their thoughts on the ancient volcano in the comment section.

One wrote, "I have never seen this before! Super cool!" Someone joked, "Definitely a dragon waiting to ambush me there."A viewer asked, "I see everyone's wearing gloves, are you not able to touch it for a specific reason? Or is it illegal? I ask because I would love to feel it with my hands (curiosity)."

"Volcano formed by the effects of the Ice Age? How would that be? Perhaps you mean to say that glacial action revealed this volcanic core," remarked a user.

Is Indian coffee better than American coffee? Viral post sparks discussion

A recent X post has sparked a heated discussion about Indian coffee beans versus its American counterparts. A Bengaluru-based health educator and author, Dr Nandita Iyer, took to the platform to criticise American coffee and praise Indian coffee. Many users found themselves agreeing with her and championing homegrown coffee. Dr Nandita Iyer wrote, "Say what you will but US is the land of weak-a** lukewarm coffee - they cost $$$ but totally not satisfying, completely lack the robust and complex flavour of Indian coffee beans. Bengaluru cafes, you are the best [heart emoji]." The doctor's post received a lot of interest online. Some misunderstood her meaning and started making comparisons between black and milk coffee. She replied that her post was not about Americanos, but different types of coffee with varying amounts of milk, such as the cappuccino, latte, flat white, etc. Some users also started praising filter coffee, and Dr. Nandita Iyer clarified, "I'm comparing it with the cappuccinos, flat whites, and cortados I have in Bengaluru." In another comment, she added, "Exactly - I realized how much superior our beans and baristas are after having cup after cup of overpriced flavorless light brown milk." Here's how some X users reacted to the viral post:



One person agreed, "Finally someone said it."

A third claimed, "I swear I want to open a Cotha's Coffee outlet here and make millions."

"Also the lack of milk puts me off, feels so thin, their coffee," pointed out one user.

"No coffee can come close to sinful, strong filter coffee!" another stated.

"Maybe because they only sell 100% coffees which are generally 'weak.' Also they don't feel it because they mostly consume as espresso. Hence their Cappuccinos & Lattes are also weak. We generally add more coffee powder for strength and we also have stronger chicory blends," theorised one user.

US woman, 47, travels to Pakistan village to marry 31-year-old man: "He's loving and humble"

A 47-year-old American woman from Springfield, Illinois, recently travelled thousands of miles to Pakistan's Upper Dir district to marry a local man she met online. According to a report by Dawn, Mindy Rasmussen met Sajid Zeb Khan, 31, on Facebook nearly a year ago. They started with regular chats, moved to video calls, and eventually fell in love. After proposing to Mr Khan and receiving family approval, she travelled to Pakistan to tie the knot.

Earlier this month, Ms Rasmussen arrived in Pakistan on a 90-day visit visa and converted to Islam, adopting the name Zulekha. Mr Khan warmly welcomed her at Islamabad International Airport with flowers. The couple then journeyed to his hometown, where villagers extended traditional hospitality, showering Ms Rasmussen with gifts and celebrations.



The couple got married in a traditional nikkah ceremony in Upper Dir, following local customs and Islamic traditions. Local police and family sources confirmed the marriage, which has garnered significant attention and interest in the region.

Ms Rasmussen, now known as Zulekha, expressed her deep appreciation for the warm welcome she received in Pakistan. She described the country as beautiful and peaceful, praising the kindness and hospitality that exceeded her expectations.

She added that her family in the US, including her father, older sister, and younger brother, were aware of her visit and supported her decision. "They know I'm here and are excited for me," she said. She also encouraged foreigners to visit Pakistan and experience its rich culture, hospitality, and natural beauty.

Zulekha described Sajid as a loving and humble man, drawn to his sincerity and respect, which had deepened their bond.

Meanwhile, Mr Khan emphasised that Zulekha's decision to convert to Islam and marry him was entirely her own, made without any pressure from him or his family. "She is an independent woman who can make her own decisions. We are getting married of our own free will," he said.

Dr Raghvendra of MGM becomes state secretary of JDN again

Mail News Service

Dhanbad, July 17: Dr Raghvendra Kumar of Mahatma Gandhi Memorail Medical College Hospital (MGMMCH) Jamshedpur has been elected general secretary of state Junior Doctors Network (JDN) again.

Indian Medical Association (IMA) Junior Doctors Network (JDN) national body has constituted Jharkhand State committee for 2024-26. In the new committee released today by Dr Indranil Deshmukh national convener of IMA JDN Dr Sushil Kumar has been once again made state JDN chairman while Dr Raghvendra Kumar of MGMMCH state secretary.



Dr Vikash Kumar of Rajendra Institute of Medical Science (RIMS) Ranchi has been nominated convener and Dr M Junaid Alam of Shaheed Nirmal Mahto Medical College Hospital (S N M M C H) Dhanbad became national council member of state (from female wing).

Dr Megha Tirkey of Rajendra Institute of Medical Science (RIMS) Ranchi has also become national council member (from female wing.

In the new committee Dr Sushil Kumar and Dr Raghvendra Kumar have been retained as chairman and secretary but Dr Vikash Kumar has got new post of state convener. In the previous committee he was president.

However in present committee national body has not announced name of new president. Previous JDN committee general secretaries Dr Aman Kumar Singh and Dr Thakur Siddhant Arjun also did not get berth in new body. IMA sources said since Dr Aman Singh has been given zonal coordinator responsibility of national body and Dr Thakur Siddhant Arjun became convener of Medical students Network (MSN) both have not included in JDN committee.

Dr M Junaid Alam

Dr M Junaid Alam of SNMMCH Dhanbad became first doctor of institution to become state council member. He has replaced Deoghar's Dr Joga Govardhan Ashish of AIIMS Deoghar in new committee. Dr Ashish has been given place in new body of Medical Students Network.

Dr Megha Tirkey has also become state council member (female) first time. The official said state team would expanded further with consent of state chairman and secretary.

Medicos body of state IMA, Junior Doctors Association (JDA), Medical Students Network (MSN) and members of JDN have congratulated new office bearers.

Celebrate Rajasthani Culture with Kajari Teej on July 20

Jamshedpur, July 17: A grand cultural program celebrating Rajasthani traditions, Kajari Teej and Sindhara, will be held on Sunday, July 20, 2025. The event is being organized jointly by the Purvi Singhbhum District Agarwal Conference, Marwari Yuva Manch Surabhi Branch and Lions Club of Jamshedpur Premium.

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5	Period of Work	10 Years
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Training of 4th batch IIT ISM students begins in Russia Varsity



Mail News Service

Dhanbad, July 17: Training of eight IT (ISM) Dhanbad students and scholars began at St.Petersburg Mining University, Russia.

This is 4th batch of students and scholars who have gone for special training on management in the mineral resources complex under Indo-Russian collaboration. The training would continue till July 27, the official said.

The students and scholars who have gone in 4th batch are Yashovardhan Gupta, Sunny Chakraborty, Vishal Raouth, Haider Ali, Saptarshi Sen, Vishakha Sha, Partha Pratim Jana,Somenath Mukherjee.

Prof. Saurabh Datta Gupta, Associate Professor in the Department of Applied Geophysics and Professor-in-Charge (International Relations & Alumni Affairs), who is also coordinating the programme, said that this is an excellent opportunity for students and scholars to gain in-depth knowledge, blending theoretical learning with hands-on industry exposure.

The curriculum of training includes interactive lectures, master classes, hands-on training sessions, field visits to production sites, and cultural experiences, aiming to provide a holistic international learning environment.

This is the fourth in a series of training modules. The previous three programmes, also hosted in Russia, covered Petroleum Geology (June 16–29), Current Trends in the Oil and Gas Industry (June 23–July 6) and Digital. Mining (June 30–July 13), benefiting a total of 34 IIT (ISM) participants.

Jamshedpur Ranks 3rd Nationally in Swachhta Survey, Earns 5-Star Rating

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 17: A wave of pride has swept through Jamshedpur after the city secured third position and a prestigious 5-star rating in the Swachhta Survey 2024-25. The award was presented by the Hon'ble President of India, Mrs. Droupadi Murmu.

Former BJP Jamshedpur Metropolitan President Dinesh Kumar congratulated the Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee (JNAC), Mango Notified Area Committee, district administration, Tata Steel, and Tata Steel Utilities & Infrastructure Services Ltd, along with sanitation workers and responsible citizens.

He hailed the achievement as a result of collective effort and civic participation, and encouraged continued focus on cleanliness in Bagbeda and Mango areas as well.

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Dr Siddhant becomes new convener of Jharkhand MSN

Mail News Service



Dhanbad, July 17: Dr Thakur Siddhant Arjun of Rajendra Institute of Medical Science (RIMS) Ranchi became new convener of Medical Students Network (MSN) of Jharkhand state.

In the new body constituted by Indian Medical Association (IMA) besides Dr Thakur Siddhant Arjun, Dr Shubham Sagar of Phulo Jhano Medical College Hospital (PJMCH) Dumka and Dr Joga Govardhan Ashish of All India institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) Deoghar have been made general secretary and state's National Council Member respectively.

Dr Thakur Siddhant Arjun has taken place of convener Dr Aman Singh who has been elected Central Zone coordinatorof SMN national body.

Other office bearers of the nine members committee are Sushant Kumar (co-convener-1), Anushri Baral (co-convener-2), Pratik Ranjan (joint secretary-1), Anant Raj (joint secretary-2), Akanksha Tiwari (joint secretary-3), Raja Babu (joint secretary -4) of different medical colleges have been selected

The new MSN executive committee of Jharkhand has been jointly constituted by IMA state president Dr AK Singh, secretary Dr Pradeep Kumar Singh, finance secretary Dr BP Kashyap, state chairman Dr Sushil Kumar, JDN president Dr Vikash Kumar and secretary Dr Raghvendra Kumar.

Newly nominated state convener Dr Thakur Siddhant Arjun when contacted on Thursday said that IMA has constituted MSN to solve problems of MBBS students and doctors at local (state) level. Though there are lots of problems faced by students in medical colleges we would try to solve them and promote unity among various departments. "Of course our mission is to spread awareness about medical issues faced by people", he said. Dr Thakur Siddhant Arjun said that meeting of new committee would be called soon to chalk out programmes.

MSN state chairman Dr Sushil Kumar expressed hope that new office bearers would be able to fulfil their responsibility medical students interest.

DC urges public to stay alert amid rising snakebite risk in monsoon

Mail News Service

Seraikela, July 17: In light of increased snakebite incidents during the monsoon season, Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh has urged district residents to remain vigilant. He emphasized that snakebite is a medical emergency, and timely first aid followed by immediate hospital treatment can save lives.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that the Health Department has launched an awareness campaign to promote correct treatment methods. He advised the public to avoid myths and rely on verified medical guidance in case of snakebite emergencies.

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लापता: आवश्यक सूचना



गुमशुदा पुरूष भीम मालाकर, उम्र–26 वर्ष

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि आवेदिका चैताली मालाकार के द्वारा अपने **पति भीम मालाकार, उम्र–26 वर्ष की गुमशुदगी** के संबंध में बोड़ाम थाना में लिखित आवेदन दिया गया है। आवेदन में इनके द्वारा बताया गया है कि **गुमशुदा भीम मालाकार, उम्र–26 वर्ष, पिता–ईश्वर मालाकार, पता–ग्राम–चामीडीह, थाना–बोड़ाम, जिला–पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर** जो दिनांक–06.07.2025 को सुबह समय करीब 07:00 बजे बड़ाबाजार, प0 बंगाल जाने के लिए घर से बोलकर निकले लेकिन अभी तक वापस नहीं लौटे हैं। आवेदक एवं इनके परिवारवालों ने अपने स्तर से काफी खोजबीन किया परन्तु कुछ पता नहीं चल सका। **गुमशुदा पुरूष का हुलिया निम्न प्रकार है:–उम्र–26 वर्ष, कद–करीब 05 फीट 05 इंच, रंग–सांवला, बाल–काला, पहनावा–ब्लू रंग का जींस और टी शर्ट, पैर में हवाई चप्पल तथा भाषा–बंगला एवं तमलिया।**

अतः आप सभी जन साधारण से अनुरोध है कि यदि उपरोक्त हुलिये के संबंध में किसी प्रकार की जानकारी प्राप्त होती है तो इसकी सूचना वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक के कार्यालय में निम्नांकित फोन नम्बर पर सूचित करें।

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कार्यालय, असैनिक शल्य चिकित्सक सह मुख्य चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा।
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प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

विज्ञापन संख्या– 01 / ART-CBSA / 2025 के माध्यम से झारखण्ड राज्य एड्स नियंत्रण समिति अन्तर्गत ART सेन्टर सदर अस्पताल, चाईबासा के लिए विभिन्न पदों पर संविदा आधारित नियुक्ति हेतु प्राप्त आवेदन पत्रों का समिति द्वारा स्क्रुटनी के पश्चात् विज्ञापन के अनुरूप योग्यता एवं अर्हता पूर्ण करने वाले (योग्य) अभ्यर्थियों एवं योग्यता तथा अर्हत्ता पूर्ण नहीं करने वाले (अयोग्य) अभ्यर्थियों की सूची जिला के वेबसाईट www.chaibasa.nic.in एवं सिविल सर्जन, प० सिंहभूम के कार्यालय के सूचना पट्ट पर प्रदर्शित किया गया है। जिला चयन समिति के निर्णयानुसार योग्य अभ्यर्थियों की अन्तर्वीक्षा (Interview) दिनांक 22.07.2025 को सदर अस्पताल, चाईबासा में पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से ली जायेगी।

अन्तर्वीक्षा में शामिल होने हेतु योग्य अभ्यर्थी अपने साथ फोटायुक्त पहचान पत्र एवं वांछित प्रमाण–पत्रों की मूल प्रति लाना अनिवार्य है, अन्यथा अन्तर्वीक्षा में शामिल होने से वांछित किया जा सकता है।

असैनिक शल्य चिकित्सक सह मुख्य चिकित्सा
पदाधिकारी, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा।

PR 357503 (West Singhbhum) 25-26 (D)

Jhakhand news : DLSA holds a special camp for differently-abled children



Mail News Service

Dhanbad, July 17: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA today organized a special free disability assessment camp for differently-abled children at sadar hospital,

On this occasion, Principal District and Sessions Judge cum DLSA chairman Virendra Kumar Tiwari, said that the goal of organizing the camp is to ensure that not a single differently-abled child in the district is left out of the benefits of government schemes.

"Every child in the district is special and should receive their rightful entitlements," he said. The special assessment camp was organized on the direction of Jharkhand Legal Services Authority (JLSA).

Assistant Judge cum DLSA secretary Mayank Tushar Topno said that the camp was organized under a special awareness campaign under supervision and direction of the Principal District and Sessions Judge and DALSA Chairman, Mr. Virendra Kumar Tiwari.

"The objective of this camp was providing the benefits of government schemes to differently-abled children and empowering them legally after test.

DLSA secretary said that during today's camp, dozens of differently-abled children underwent health assessments and were issued certificates.

A joint team of specialist doctors mostly from Shaheed Nirmal Mahto medical College Hospital (SNMMCH) was formed to conduct test. The doctors were Dr. Rajeev Kumar Singh (general Medicine), Dr. Sarojini Murmu (Ophthalmology), Dr. Mukesh Prasad (Orthopedics),

Dr. Sanjeev Gulas (Surgery) Dr. M Junaid Alam (ENT).

Counselors Abhishekta Mukherjee and Meenakshi Dubey were also present in organizing the camp.

Hemraj Chauhan, Dipenty Gupta, Bina Kumari, Pankaj Verma, Nimai Pramanik, Manik Dubey, Naveen Kumar, Sonu Singh, Kamal Kishore, Savita Kumari, Saurabh Sarkar, Arun Kumar and Rajesh Singh made the camp success.

जिला दण्डाधिकारी–सह–उपायुक्त का कार्यालय, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा
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अति अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–01(2nd Call) / वर्ष 2025–26
Mode of eProcurement System

1. ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी एवं कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता :– परियोजना निदेशक, ITDA, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा।
2. वेवसाईट में ई–निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 21.07.2025 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00बजे से
3. वेवसाईट में ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 28.07.2025 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00बजे तक
4. निविदा की तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 29.07.2025 को अपराह्न 4:00बजे से
5. निविदा खोलने का स्थान : परियोजना निदेशक, ITDA, कार्यालय पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा।
6. निविदा की तकनीकी एवं वित्तीय बीड का प्रकाशन का स्थान : वेवसाईट पर प्रकाशन (WWW.jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
7. पदाधिकारी का मोबाईल संख्या / कार्यालय का ई.मेल पता : 9771904595/ itda.chaibasa14@gmail.com.
8. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online mode निविदा ही स्वीकार्य होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। यदि खाता को बन्द कर दिया जाता है तो सारी जबावदेही निविदादाता की होगी।
10. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी :–

क्र.	प्रखण्ड	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में)	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	मनोहरपुर	अनुसूचित जनजाति कॉ–एड आवासीय विद्यालय, मनोहरपुर का चाहरदिवारी निर्माण।	5960300.00	119500.00	10000.00	6 माह
2	खुंटपानी	ग्रामीण कल्याण अस्पताल, बड़ाचीरू, खुंटपानी का मरम्मती / जीर्णोद्धार।	5183100.00	103700.00	10000.00	6 माह

➤संबंधित योजना के लिए भवन निर्माण विभाग के निबंधित संवेदक ही मान्य होंगे।
➤विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए बेबसाईट WWW.jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता हैं।

परियोजना निदेशक, ITDA
पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा

PR 357521 (West Singhbhum)25-26*D

वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक का कार्यालय पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर

लापता: आवश्यक सूचना



गुमशुदा महिला नवोमी कालिन्दी, उम्र–22 वर्ष ।

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि आवेदक गणेश कालिन्दी के द्वारा अपनी **पत्नी नवोमी कालिन्दी, उम्र–22 वर्ष की गुमशुदगी** के संबंध में बोड़ाम थाना में लिखित आवेदन दिया गया है। आवेदन में इनके द्वारा बताया गया है कि **गुमशुदा पत्नी नवोमी कालिन्दी, उम्र–22 वर्ष, पति–गणेश कालिन्दी, पता–ग्राम–गौरडीह, थाना–बोड़ाम, जिला–पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर** जो दिनांक–07.07.2025 को सुबह समय करीब 08:00 बजे अपने पुत्र राजेश कालिन्दी के साथ घर से बिना बताये कहीं चली गई है अभी तक वापस नहीं लौटी है। आवेदक एवं इनके परिवारवालों ने अपने स्तर से काफी खोजबीन किया परन्तु कुछ पता नहीं चल सका। **गुमशुदा महिला का हुलिया निम्न प्रकार है:–उम्र–22 वर्ष, कद–करीब 05 फीट, रंग–गोरा, बाल–काला, पहनावा–गुलाबी रंग का साड़ी, पैर में हवाई चप्पल तथा भाषा–बंगला।**

अतः आप सभी जन साधारण से अनुरोध है कि यदि उपरोक्त हुलिये के संबंध में किसी प्रकार की जानकारी प्राप्त होती है तो इसकी सूचना वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक के कार्यालय में निम्नांकित फोन नम्बर पर सूचित करें।

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय प०नि०वि०, पथ प्रमण्डल, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ
(निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना स०– 06 / 2025–26)

1	विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता:–	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ
2	परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री की तिथि एवं समय:–	दिनांक:– 14.08.2025 एवं 18.08.2025 तक कार्यालय अवधि में।
3	निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय:–	19.08.2025 को 03:00 बजे अपराह्न तक।
4	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:–	19.08.2025 को 03:30 अपराह्न बजे।
5	परिमाण विपत्र की बिक्री का स्थान:–	(क) मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय (या०) प० नि० वि०, झारखंड, राँची (इंजीनियरर्स होस्टल नं०–2) धुर्वा, राँची। (ख) अधीक्षण अभियंता का कार्यालय, प० नि० वि०, पथ अंचल, चाईबासा । (ग) कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, प० नि० वि०, पथ प्रमण्डल, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ ।
6	निविदा प्राप्ति का स्थल:–	क्रमांक 5 का क्रम सं० (क) से (ग)
7	निविदाधीन कार्य (स्तम्भ 2 से 6 के अनुसार अंतः निविदा प्रपत्र के अनुरूप) विवरण	

क्र० स०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रु० लाख में)	अग्रधन राशि (रुपये में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रु० में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	आवश्यक यांत्रिकी जिसका स्वामित्व या आन हायर पत्र
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	गैर योजना मद अन्तर्गत सपरा पी०डब्ल्यू०डी० पथ से रुगड़ी पी०डब्ल्यू०डी० पथ को जोड़नेवाली लिंक पथ के कि०मी० 0.00 से कि०मी० 04.00 तक में साधारण मरम्मति कार्य वित्तीय वर्ष 2025–26	5.00	10,000.00	750.00	02 (दो) माह	
2.	गैर योजना मद अन्तर्गत राजनगर–जुगसलाई पथ के 2रे, 4थें, 6ठें, 7वें एवं 10वें कि०मी० पर 500 मीटर Crash Barrier कार्य वित्तीय वर्ष 2025–26	15.00	30,000.00	2500.00	02 (दो) माह	
3.	गैर योजना मद अन्तर्गत राजनगर–जुगसलाई पथ के 16वें, 20वें एवं 23वें कि०मी० पर Paver Block कार्य वित्तीय वर्ष 2025–26	20.00	40,000.00	5000.00	02 (दो) माह	
4.	गैर योजना मद अन्तर्गत खरसावाँ निरीक्षण भवन का साधारण मरम्मति कार्य वित्तीय वर्ष 2025–26	20.00	40,000.00	5000.00	02 (दो) माह	
5.	गैर योजना मद अन्तर्गत राजनगर–जुगसलाई पथ के 11वें, 14वें, 20वें, 21वें एवं 24वें कि०मी० पर अवस्थित पुलिया में Concrete Crash Barrier कार्य वित्तीय वर्ष 2025–26	10.00	20,000.00	1250.00	02 (दो) माह	
6.	गैर योजना मद अन्तर्गत सरायकेला IB का चाहरदिवारी कार्य वित्तीय वर्ष 2025–26	10.00	20,000.00	1250.00	02 (दो) माह	

1.निविदा की शर्त्तें कार्यालय के सूचना पट्ट पर देखी जा सकती है जिसका अनुपालन अनिवार्य होगा ।
2.यूकेन में निबंधित संवेदक ही निविदा में भाग ले सकते है ।
3.प्राक्कलित एवं अग्रधन की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है, जो कि परिमाण विपत्र के बिक्री के समय देखा जा सकता है ।

कार्यपालक अभियंता प०नि०वि०, पथ प्रमण्डल,सरायकेला–खरसावाँ

PR 357578 (Road)25-26*D

Here's how Sonam Bajwa fulfils her childhood dream with 'Baaghi 4'



Mumbai, July 17 (IANS) Actress Sonam Bajwa, who is gearing up for the release of her upcoming Hindi film "Baaghi 4," shared that shooting a song with choreographer Ganesh Acharya has fulfilled her childhood dream. In an Instagram post, she shared that performing a full-fledged dance number under the direction of Ganesh Acharya had always been a dream since childhood—and now, that dream has finally come true. Expressing her gratitude, Sonam shared, "We shot a song for Baaghi today, and it was a dream to work with Ganesh sir. And he has choreographed this song; I am so excited. It was my dream to do a dance song since childhood, and now it's happening. We have been shooting for past few days now, it's going very well, and we are super excited."

The song was reportedly filmed over three days on a lavish set in Mumbai. In the peppy track, Bajwa will be seen showcasing her electrifying moves. In December last year, Tiger Shroff announced Sonam Bajwa as the leading lady for his upcoming action-packed film. He shared a picture of the actress and wrote, "Welcoming the new member of the Rebel Family! Thrilled to have @sonambajwa in the #Baaghi Universe #Sajid Nadiadwala's #Baaghi4."Announcing the same, Nadiadwala Grandson had written on social media. "From the laughs of the #HousefullUniverse to the action-packed #BaaghiUniverse, #SonamBajwa is here to steal the show! Welcome to the Rebel League, #Baaghi4! #SajidNadiadwala's #Baaghi4."

Priyanka Chopra, Nick Jonas share a kiss in romantic video at the beach



Mumbai, July 17 (IANS) Global star Priyanka Chopra Jonas and her American popstar husband Nick Jonas redefined relationship goals during their romantic holiday at the beach.

Nick took to Instagram, where he shared a video from the beach. Nick made a reel on Jonas Brothers new song titled "I Can't Lose". It started with Nick standing at the beach by himself dressed in a sleeveless shirt paired with shorts and a baseball cap. It had the text overlay that read: "Without her" along with a sad face emoji. As soon as the music paces, Priyanka ran to Nick and leaped on him. The two then shared a passionate kiss. The text overlay then changed to read, "With her!" with heart eyes and happy emoji. The singer captioned the post: "I can't lose."

Talking about the couple, they started dating in May 2018. The two got engaged in August, the same year. It was in December 2018, when Priyanka and Nick got married at the Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur in traditional Hindu and Christian ceremonies.The couple welcomed their first born, a daughter named Malti Marie Chopra Jonas, via surrogacy in 2022.On the acting front, Priyanka's latest work includes "Head Of States", directed by Ilya Naishuller, an action-comedy film. The film also stars Idris Elba, John Cena, Paddy Considine, Stephen Root, Carla Gugino, Jack Quaid and Sarah Niles.

Priyanka plays Noel Bisset, an MI6 agent who joins forces with John Cena and Idris Elba's characters to navigate a high-stakes situation after their diplomatic mission is disrupted in the comedy-actioner.

The 42-year-old actress also has Krrish 4, which marks actor Hrithik Roshan's directorial debut.

She is all set to portray a 19th-century Caribbean pirate in "The Bluff", which is a swashbuckler drama film co-written by Frank E. Flowers and Joe Ballarini, with Flowers also directing.

Neetu Chandra appointed as Icon Face of Election Commission of Bihar



Mumbai, July 17 (IANS) Actress Neetu Chandra, who has worked in films such as Garam Masala, Traffic Signal and No Means No among others, has been named as the Icon Face by the Election Commission of Bihar.

As per a statement, the appointment is a celebration of a citizen who has elevated Bihar's identity on global, national, and cultural stages.

Her contribution to Bihar spans across cinema, sports, cultural heritage, and social impact, making her the most deserving and powerful choice to inspire millions during the election campaign.

Beyond the silver screen, she has brought immense pride to the state by representing India nine times in National Taekwondo Championships to become the first martial artist from Bihar to achieve this feat.

As a producer, Neetu Chandra created history once again by winning the National Award for her Maithili film 'Mithila Makhaan'.

Through her production house Champaran Talkies, she has relentlessly worked for over 15 years to create employment, launch local talent, support women farmers, and uplift regional art and voices all rooted in Bihar.

Neetu made her debut in the Hindi film industry in 2005 with Garam Masala in which she portrayed the role of Sweety, an air-hostess.

She also acted in Godavari, a Telugu film, in 2006. In 2007 she appeared in Madhur Bhandarkar's film, Traffic Signal, which told the story of the lives and travails of people living around a fictitious traffic signal in Mumbai.

Sunny Deol: Fauja Singh wasn't just a marathon runner, he was a force of will



Mumbai, July 17 (IANS) Bollywood superstar Sunny Deol has mourned the loss of 114-year-old marathon legend Fauja Singh and said that he was a force of will.

Sunny took to his Instagram stories, where he shared a picture of the marathon legend and wrote: "Fauja Singh wasn't just a marathon runner– he was a force of will. From his first race at 89 to inspiring millions at 100+, he proved age is just a number. Rest in power, legend. #FaujaSingh Rest in Peace!" Fauja Singh was crossing the road near his native village in Punjab when he was struck by Dhillon's speeding vehicle. He suffered serious head injuries and later succumbed to them.

The Punjab Police on July 16 arrested the man allegedly responsible for the hit-and-run incident that led to the death of 114-year-old marathon legend Fauja Singh on the Jalandhar-Pathankot highway.

Krishna Shroff hopes to connect more deeply with father Jackie Shroff's values through 'Chhoriyan Chali Gaon'



Mumbai, July 17 (IANS) Krishna Shroff is set to make her reality show debut with the upcoming series "Chhoriyan Chali Gaon," and she hopes the experience will bring her closer to the values her father, veteran actor Jackie Shroff, has always stood for.

Speaking exclusively to IANS, the star kid shared that her father, Jackie Shroff, is actually more excited than anyone else about participation in the rural-based reality show. When asked about her father's reaction to her taking up "Chhoriyan Chali Gaon," Krishna said, "He's actually more excited than anyone else. This kind of lifestyle—simple living and minimalism—is exactly how he prefers to live. So, he's thrilled. I think after this experience, I'll be able to relate to his values even more deeply."

"As for my brother, he keeps asking me, "Are you sure you want to do this?" because he knows the kind of lifestyle I lead. But I think I'm going to surprise him. He'll be proud of me."

Talking about what drew her to "Chhoriyan Chali Gaon", Krishna Shroff shared, "I think with this show, there's such a great opportunity to learn. I'm entering this journey with an open mind and an open heart. I'm excited to embrace it fully and pick up life skills and experiences that I can bring back and apply in my daily life. I'm especially looking forward to learning not just from the villagers we'll be interacting with, but also from the other women on the show. They are such strong, independent individuals, and I believe there's so much to take away from their journeys as well."

Speaking about what she anticipates to be the toughest part of the experience, the fitness enthusiast mentioned, "Cooking, definitely! It's something very new and unfamiliar to me. But I think that's what will make it entertaining for the audience—to see urban women like us try to navigate such situations. At the end of the day, we're doing this to entertain, and if it brings a few laughs, then we're doing our job right. But I also believe there's so much to learn along the way, and I hope we all come out of it better for it."

Health

Lung TB: Higher dose of rifampicin safe, can boost recurrence-free survival, says ICMR study



New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) A higher dose of rifampicin -- a bactericidal antibiotic used primarily to treat tuberculosis (TB) -- may be safe, and its use can potentially lead to recurrence-free survival in patients with pulmonary TB, according to a recent study by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

TB is curable but still remains the most common cause of death due to infectious diseases, with an estimated 1.3 million deaths globally in 2022. Rifamycins are a crucial drug group in the anti-TB regimen, which sterilise the lesions and aid in recurrence-free cure.

Currently, rifampicin is administered at 10 mg/kg for six months to all patients with pulmonary TB.

The team reviewed the available evidence from published clinical trials to determine whether higher doses of rifampicin (more than 15 mg/kg) are more efficacious and safer.

"Compared to standard dose, higher doses of rifampicin were found to lead to early sputum conversion in eight weeks and thus faster TB bacteria clearance," said corresponding author Dr Leeberk Raja Inbaraj, Department of Clinical Research, ICMR- National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis, Chennai.

Early sputum conversion is a valuable tool widely used as a surrogate marker for treatment response and those who are at risk for relapse in pulmonary TB.

"The ability of high-dose rifampicin to achieve early sputum conversion and eliminate the persistent bacteria that cause relapse could potentially lead to recurrence-free survival. Early bacterial clearance is also of public health importance as this could potentially reduce disease transmission in the community," the researchers said.Notably, the study showed 20-30mg/kg rifampicin as the best balance.

"This dose range showed better sputum conversion without a significant increase in serious side effects and may be considered in TB treatment," revealed the study, published in the Indian Journal of Medical Research (IJMR).

On the other hand, doses above 30 mg/kg, although beneficial, came with severe side effects such as serious liver damage (hepatotoxicity) and adverse drug reactions (ADR), leading to treatment discontinuation.

The study showed no reduction in death or treatment failure in people with more than 15 mg/kg doses of rifampicin.

"High doses did not reduce mortality or treatment failure at 6 months compared to standard treatment," the team said.

"This dose could be administered with close monitoring of adverse events and hepatotoxicity. There is an urgent need for adequately powered trials that assess long-term treatment outcomes, including recurrence," they added.

Pooja Hegde: 'Monica' was one of the most physically demanding songs of my career



Mumbai, July 17 (IANS) Actress Pooja Hegde has talked about how the song "Monica" from the film "Coolie" was one of the most "physically toughest and demanding" songs of her career.

Pooja took to Instagram, where she shared a string of behind-the-scenes videos and photographs. In one clip, she is heard talking about shooting while fasting for Maha Shivratri and the actress said "it feels great". Another video showcased the actress putting bandaids on the blisters of her foot.

She wrote in the caption: "Thank you for all the love on Monica. Monica was one of the MOST physically toughest and demanding song of my career. (sic)"

Revealing why it was the toughest song of her career, she said: "Trying to combat the EXTREME heat, sun burn that's left tan lines for months to come…. humidity, the dust, blisters and high energy dance moves (my first hectic dance shoot after my ligament tear). (sic)."

She added: "And after all that, still making sure it looks GLAMOUROUS and effortless was the key. I gave my ALL to Monica and it's gonna be a blast to watch in the theatres, I promise. Dance away (sic)."

Pooja gave a special shout out to the dancers who stood by her in "this task and gave me energy through all that especially on the Mahashivratri day when I was fasting. You'll were just amazingggg. (sic)"

"Coolie" is an upcoming Indian Tamil-language action thriller film directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj. The film stars Rajinikanth, Nagarjuna, Upendra, Soubin Shahir, Sathyaraj, Shruti Haasan, Reba Monica John, Junior MGR, Monisha Blessy and Kaali Venkat.

Why Fatima Sana Shaikh calls working with Anurag Basu 'mad and beautiful'



Mumbai, July 17 (IANS) Actress Fatima Sana Shaikh took to social media to give a glimpse into her filming experience with director Anurag Basu by sharing a fun behind-the-scenes video.

Reflecting on their collaboration, the actress described working with him as both "mad and beautiful," capturing the unique energy and creative spark he brings to the set. The 'Dangal' actress posted a hilarious BTS clip from the sets of "Metro…In Dino," where Fatima, along with Anurag Basu and the other cast and crew of the film, is seen dancing. The video also features the actress' candid moments with co-actors Aditya Roy Kapur and Ali Fazal. In one heartwarming moment, Aditya is seen smiling at the camera as Fatima playfully pulls his leg, capturing their fun camaraderie on set. Sharing this clip, the 'Aap Jaisa Koi' actress wrote, "You have to work with dada to know how mad and beautiful it is to work with him.. Kaam toh kar rahe the, par usse zyaada masti! Abhi toh bohot saare photo aur video dumps aane waale hai. #metroindino ke. Abhi ke liye bas itna."

Earlier, Ali Fazal had praised Anurag Basu and said that working with him was l like stepping into a musical dreamscape. "Working with Anurag Basu sir is like stepping into a musical dreamscape. There's an unpredictable magic he brings to his films, and I'm thrilled to be part of that."

"Metro…In Dino," which delved into complex and modern relationships, starred Aditya Roy Kapur, Sara Ali Khan, Ali Fazal, Fatima Sana Shaikh, Pankaj Tripathi, Konkona Sen Sharma, Anupam Kher, and Neena Gupta. In the film, Ali was cast opposite Fatima.

The romantic musical drama was released in cinemas on July 4.

Meanwhile, Fatima Sana Shaikh recently appeared in the romantic drama "Aap Jaisa Koi" alongside R. Madhavan. Helmed by Vivek Soni, the movie premiered on Netflix on July 11.

Bumrah to play 4th Test? India to take a call on pacer in Manchester

Beckenham, July 17 (IANS) Assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate has indicated that there will be a preference for making fast-bowling spearhead Jasprit Bumrah play in the upcoming fourth Test against England, but a final call on this will be taken closer to game day in Manchester.

Ahead of the Test tour of England, chief selector Ajit Agarkar and head coach Gautam Gambhir had announced that Bumrah will only play three of the five games in the series as part of workload management.

That policy has meant that Bumrah played in Tests at Headingley and Lord's, while being rested from the Edgbaston game. But with a week's gap between third and fourth Tests, Bumrah might just play in the Test at Old Trafford, starting on July 23, as India aim to equalize the series scoreline after a 22-run loss at Lord's.

"We'll make that call in Manchester still. We know we've got him for one of the last two Tests. I think it's pretty obvious the series is on the line now in Manchester, so there will be a leaning towards playing him. But again, we've got to look at all the factors."

"How many days of cricket are we going to get up there? What do we feel is our best chance of winning that game? And then how that fits in together with the Oval and looking at the last two games holistically as part of the series," said ten Doeschate in a press conference, on the sidelines of India's practice session at Beckenham.

During the practice session, India had an injury scare as left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh suffered a cut on his bowling hand while trying to stop a ball and was seen with a bandage on. "He tried to stop the ball off Sai and it's just a cut on his hand, so we have to see how bad the cut is. Obviously the medical team have taken him off to see a doctor and obviously if he needs stitches or doesn't need



stitches, that's going to be important to our planning for the next few days," added ten Doeschate.

Mohammed Siraj is the leading wicket-taker in the series with 13 scalps, and has bowled a whopping 109 overs, which brings his workload management into question. Ten Doeschate conceded that managing Siraj is on the team think tank's mind and that they are working hard to ensure the pacer is fresh to fire in Manchester.

"First thing I'll say is it hasn't felt like a long tour. It's been exciting from day one, like you get up every morning and you can't wait for what the next day brings. Obviously these guys are working so hard, especially the guys who are new to the squad, so it's been a very refreshing tour in that sense. Let's first start with Siraj before we talk about Bumrah."

"I think we take for granted how lucky we are to have someone like that. I know he doesn't always have the returns that you expect from a fast bowler, but in terms of heart, he's like a lion and what he brings to this bowling attack, whenever he does have the ball in hand you always feel like something's going to happen."

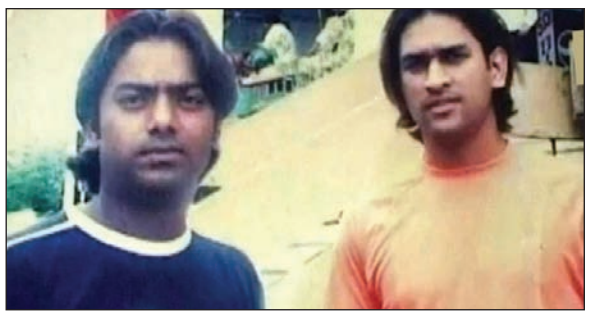
"He's not someone who's going to shy away from workload, so it makes it even more important for us to manage his workload and make sure that he's at least fit to give his best. Again, we'll take a call on the combination we play, particularly given the Arshdeep situation as well, we'll make that call closer to Manchester," he elaborated. England skipper Ben Stokes has been the second busiest bowler in the series after Siraj with 105 overs under his belt, and ten Doeschate believes his workload with the Indian bowling counterparts can't be compared.

"Look, that was super impressive for Ben to come out on their last day and bowl the amount of overs he did with the intensity he did, and obviously bats and fields as well. We're not yet there to compare our bowlers to individuals from other teams. We have our own strengths. We know what particularly Jasprit does in shorter spells, which he prefers bowling in."

"When the time's right, and what I alluded to earlier about Siraj, some bowlers are like that. You get the best out of them in their seventh, eighth and ninth overs, but not everyone has to be the same as that. We feel that in consultation with Jasprit, it is decided how we use him in, and which is the best way for the team."

The practice session in Beckenham also saw bowling coach Morne Morkel roll his arm over for some time and ten Doeschate said it was more about giving variety to the practising batters. "It's not a sort of direct sort of practice machine for Jofra, I'm assuming you're alluding to. But obviously Arsh going away there after he cut his hand and Akash not bowling today, sometimes we run a bit thin." "If we think the practice is good, someone rolling off 20 yards and a bit taller and shaping the new ball, it is good practice for the batters. They obviously like competing against Moune as well. But it's mainly about getting the batters the best practice for the Test match."

Ranchi remembers Santosh Lal, the man who gifted helicopter shot to Dhoni



Ranchi, July 17 (IANS) Long before it became Mahendra Singh Dhoni's trademark on the world stage, the iconic helicopter shot was just a street-smart stroke played on dusty grounds in Ranchi -- first perfected by Santosh Lal, fondly known as Bunty.

On his 12th death anniversary on Thursday, Ranchi remembers the unsung hero who taught this now-legendary shot to Dhoni, his childhood friend. Though Santosh passed away on July 17, 2013, at the age of just 29, his contribution to Indian cricket has become part of folklore. It was Bunty who showed Dhoni how to whip the ball powerfully with a flick of the wrists -- a shot no coaching manual taught, but which would go on to define Dhoni's trademark style and dazzle cricket fans across the globe. The story was even captured in the movie 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story', where the moment of Santosh Lal teaching the helicopter shot to Dhoni is shown with warmth. The fee? A samosa -- a small token for something that would become cricketing gold. In several interviews, Dhoni has acknowledged this unique contribution, saying the shot might never have entered his game without Bunty. Though Santosh never played for India, he carved a name for himself in domestic cricket. A middle-order batsman and medium pacer, he represented Jharkhand in eight first-class matches, 16 List A, and six T20 matches. His last appearance was in March 2010, before illness cut short his career and life.

Mandaviya outlines India's medal strategy for 2036 Olympics

New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya on Thursday outlined India's strategy towards finishing among the top 10 nations in the 2036 Summer Olympics and Paralympics.

At Khelo Bharat Conclave, representatives of the National Sports Federations, Paralympic Committee of India, Indian Olympic Association, institutions, top corporate houses and the who's who of Indian sports administration took part in a day-long brainstorming session aimed at making India a global power by 2047.

The interactive Khelo Bharat Conclave covered several key pillars enshrined in the Khelo Bharat Niti 2025 (sports policy). Among them, critical discussions were held on the importance of good governance and the upcoming Bill that will be tabled in the Monsoon session of Parliament starting July 21.

While athletes remain at the heart of the Khelo Bharat Niti, the government has highlighted how the National Sports Federations, state governments and corporate houses have to play a major role to ensure India finish among the top 10 nations in the 2036 Summer Olympics and the Paralympics. "Sports is a public movement. We can set goals and achieve them only if we all work together. Our Prime Minister Modiji always believes in a united force when it comes to sport and we have to shed our egos, focus on comprehensive planning and convert plans into a substantial output," Mandaviya said.

Praggnanandhaa stuns Carlsen in Las Vegas, takes joint lead in Freestyle Chess Grand Slam

New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) India's Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa delivered a sensational victory over world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen at the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam Tour in Las Vegas. The 19-year-old outplayed the five-time world champion in just 39 moves.

Norwegian Grandmaster Carlsen, who recently faced consecutive defeats at the hands of India's reigning world champion D Gukesh, suffered another setback as he was beaten by 19-year-old R Praggnanandhaa in Round 4 of the group stage at an ongoing tournament featuring a 10-minute plus 10-second increment time control.

Praggnanandhaa, who has already won three tournaments this year, has now defeated Carlsen in all three formats - Classical, Rapid, and Blitz. The Indian pridigy now lhold a joint lead in the the eight-player Group White, with 4.5 points.

Praggnanandhaa began by playing out a draw against Abdusattorov with Black, followed by a win against Assaubayeva. In Round 3, he defeated Keymer despite holding Black pieces before stunning Carlsen.

However, Carlsen, the winner of the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam events in Paris and Karlsruhe and overall tour leader, has been knocked out of title contention in Las Vegas.

After a turbulent day in the round-robin phase, Carlsen finished shared fourth in his group and



was eliminated in a playoff by Levon Aronian. He now dropped into the lower bracket, where he can finish no higher than third.

The tournament's first day, in the ballroom of the Wynn Las Vegas hotel, featured two eight-player round-robins - the White Group and the Black Group - with the top four from each advancing to the top bracket. The bottom four proceed to a placement bracket, fighting for final rankings and prize money, but no longer in contention for the Vegas title.

Carlsen opened with two wins but then hit a wall. Losses to Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu and Wesley So, along with two draws, left him needing a win in the final round just to force a tiebreak. He beat Bibisara Assaubayeva but then lost both playoff games to Aronian, who clinched the final qualifying spot.

In the same group, Praggnanandhaa, Nodirbek Abdusattorov, and Javokhir Sindarov secured 4.5/7 each to top the table. Aronian followed with 4 points, edging out Carlsen.

In the Black Group, Hikaru Nakamura was dominant with 6/7. Hans Niemann, who started strongly with 4.5/5, also advanced alongside Fabiano Caruana and Arjun Erigaisi. Caruana had drawn his first six games before beating Niemann in a must-win final round.

With the U.S. debut of Freestyle Chess underway at the Wynn Las Vegas, 16 players now move on to the knockout stage. Half of them - including Carlsen and Keymer - will have to fight from below. The rest are one step closer to the USD 200,000 first prize. On Thursday wee will see the quarterfinals, after which the losing players in the upper bracket will be moving into the lower bracket. The winners will continue fighting for the USD 200,000 first prize.

Japan Open: Lakshya, Satwik-Chirag crash out in second round; Anupama lone Indian left in fray

Shibuya (Japan), July 17 (IANS) India's Lakshya Sen and the men's doubles duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty were knocked out in the Round of 16 of the Japan Open, a BWF Super 750 badminton tournament, here on Thursday.

Sen lost 19-21, 11-21 to Japan's Kodai Naraoka in straight games, while Satwik-Chirag suffered a 22-24, 14-21 loss to the Chinese duo of Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang.

India's campaign has suffered a setback with these defeats on Thursday, as the prominent players such as HS Prannoy and PV Sindhu have already exited the tournament in the first round. Now the spotlight rests on Anupama Upadhyaya, India's sole remaining hope, who is set to take on China's Wang Zhi Yi in the women's singles Round of 16 later in the day.

World No. 18 Lakshya, who finished fourth at the Paris 2024 Olympics, overcame China's Wang Zheng Xing 21-11, 21-18 to enter the second, while Satwik and Chirag, defeated South Korea's Kang Min Hyuk and Ki Dong Ju 21-18, 21-10 in 42 minutes on Wednesday to move into the second round.

On Wednesday, Sindhu went down 21-15, 21-14 to the world No. 14 South Korean shuttler in 38 minutes in the opening round. It was her first defeat to Sim Yu Jin in four meetings.

The loss marked yet another early exit for Sindhu in what has been a challenging 2025 BWF World Tour season. Her best finish this year remains a quarter-final appearance at the India Open in January, which was followed by four first-round exits and two round of 16 finishes.

Earlier in the tournament, Unnati Hooda lost to Thailand's Pornpawee Chochuwong 21-8, 21-12 in the first round. Men's doubles pair of Hariharan Amsakarunan-Ruban Kumar Rethinasabapathi went down to South Korea's Kim Won Ho-Seo Seung Jae 21-15, 21-9.

Women's doubles duo Kavipriya Selvam-Simran Singhi were beaten 21-6, 21-15 by Hong Kong China's Lui Lok Lok-Tsang Hiu Yan. Rutaparna Panda-Swetaparna Panda were knocked out of women's doubles after losing to the Japanese pair of Kokona Ishikawa and Maiko Kawazoe 21-13, 21-7 on Tuesday.

Durand Cup 2025 returns with prize money boost, new venues

Kolkata, July 17 (IANS) Asia's oldest football tournament, the Durand Cup, is all set to kick off on July 23 with a significant increase in prize money, fresh venues, and expanded international presence. But while the tournament is poised for another vibrant edition, its build-up has been clouded by the ongoing uncertainty surrounding Indian club football - particularly the Indian Super League (ISL).

The Durand Cup Organising Committee on Thursday confirmed that only six ISL clubs - Mohun Bagan, East Bengal, Mohammedan Sporting, Jamshedpur FC, Punjab FC, and defending champions NorthEast United FC - will take part this year, down sharply from 12 last season.

This contraction comes amid a standoff between Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL) and the All India Football Federation (AIFF) over the renewal of the Master Rights Agreement - a deadlock that has left the ISL's 2025-26 season "on hold." The resulting uncertainty has made clubs hesitant about planning their rosters, training schedules, and off-season tournament commitments, including the Durand Cup.

Calling the situation "unprecedented," Lt Gen Mohit Malhotra, Chief of Staff at the Headquarters Eastern Command and Chairman of the Durand Cup Organising Committee, acknowledged the ongoing crisis without assigning blame. "It's all in front of you," he said. "It won't be appropriate for us to comment on this, but what we are certain of is that both parties are committed to the development of Indian football and we hope the matter will be resolved soon. "As far as the Durand Cup is concerned, we have received tremendous support from FSDL and the AIFF over the years and we remain thankful to them." In a clear attempt to reaffirm the Durand Cup's prestige, Lt Gen Malhotra announced a substantial increase in prize money - from under ?1.2 crore last year to ?3 crore this season. In addition to the cash incentives, top individual performers such as the Best Goalkeeper, Golden Boot winner, and Golden Ball winner will receive SUVs.

Palani, Bhatnagar and Klair elected to ICC Chief Executives' Committee

New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) Gurumurthy Palani, Anurag Bhatnagar and Gurdeep Klair have been elected to the influential Chief Executives' Committee (CEC) of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Palani (France), Bhatnagar (Hong Kong), and Klair (Canada) won the elections for the three CEC spots ahead of incumbents Sumod Damodar (Botswana) and Sankar Renganathan (Sierra Leone). The trio winning the elections were confirmed by their respective boards' social media handles.

Apart from Damodar and Renganathan, Tim Cutler (Vanuatu), Stella Siale (Samoa) and Sarah Gomersall (Jersey) were also in the fray in the CEC elections, whose voting process involved 40 associate members and five regional representatives from Americas, Asia, Africa, Europe, and East Asia-Pacific.

Durand Cup to kick off in Jsr with sky diving thrills, military valor

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 17: The grand opening ceremony of the 134th edition of the prestigious Durand Cup football tournament will take place on July 24, 2025, at the JRD Tata Sports Complex in Jamshedpur. Known as the oldest football tournament in India, this year's edition promises to be a spectacular blend of sports, culture, and military valor.

The opening event, scheduled to begin at 4:00 PM, will showcase an



exciting mix of military precision and traditional Indian art forms. Highlights include fly pasts, sky diving, and microlight demonstrations, along with cultural performances such as Paika, Khukri dance, Jhoomar, and Kalaripayattu.

Distinguished guests and top officials from both the state and defence forces are expected to attend the ceremony, which will set the tone for a thrilling football season. The vibrant inauguration aims to offer an unforgettable experience to sports lovers and citizens of Jamshedpur.

APR Nair scholarship launched to support meritorious girl students

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 17: The APR Nair Scholarship, initiated by Aman Welfare Society, was launched on Thursday to support academically talented girl students. In a programme held at APJ Kalam High School, Mango, scholarship amounts and study materials were distributed to Humaima and Ifa, the first recipients of the award.A total of 20 meri-



torious students from 10 schools in Mango have been selected through an online examination. Each student will receive an annual scholarship of Rs 5,000. Two girl students from each school were chosen based on merit.

The event was attended by social worker Dr. Afroz Shakeel, Md. Tahir Hussain, Rafat Ara, and other dignitaries who encouraged the beneficiaries to continue striving for academic excellence.

JFC's Heeranganba Seram called up for U17 National Team Camp

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 17: Jamshedpur FC is proud to announce that Heeranganba Seram, a promising forward from the club's U17 squad, has been called up to attend the U17 National Team Selection Camp.

The camp is being organized by the All India Football Federation (AIFF) in Goa and will run for five days, beginning on July 24, 2025. The selection camp is to select players to the national team for the upcoming SAFF U17 Championship and AFC U17 Asian Cup qualifiers.

Hailing from Manipur,



Heeranganba has been an integral part of JFC's youth setup for the past three years. His outstanding performance throughout the recently concluded AIFF U17 Elite League caught the attention of national selectors. Heeranganba was the the top scorer for Jamshedpur FC in the tournament, netting 13 goals in 13 appearances, and played a key role in Jamshedpur FC U17's impressive campaign, where the team finished as runners up.

Heeranganba will travel to Goa on July 24 and will join other footballers from across the country as part of the National U17 selection process.

Ahmedabad tops cleanliness rankings, Indore rules elite Super Swachh League

Indore crowned India's cleanest city for eighth straight year

New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) Ahmedabad, which ascended to the pinnacle of the million-plus category, was declared the cleanest metropolis in India.

Bhopal and Lucknow followed in close succession, while Indore, having sustained its preeminence for eight consecutive years, was elevated to the newly instituted Super Swachh League, a distinct rank reserved for cities of enduring excellence and broader renaissance in municipal stewardship.

The Swachh Survekshan 2024-25 Awards were conferred on Thursday at Vigyan Bhawan by President Droupadi Murmu.



The ceremony, hosted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, marked a decade of progress under the Swachh Bharat Mission and honoured 78 cities across population brackets.

Bhopal and Lucknow followed Ahmedabad in the rankings, while Indore retained its national title for the eighth consecutive year and joined Surat and Navi Mumbai in the newly introduced Super Swachh League.

Among the 43 national awards presented, Prayagraj received special recognition for its exemplary waste management during the Maha Kumbh, which recorded 66 crore footfalls.

Prayagraj was also named Best Ganga Town, while Secunderabad Cantonment received the award for Best Cantonment Board.

Noida, Chandigarh and Mysuru led the 3-10 lakh population category.

Visakhapatnam, Jabalpur and Gorakhpur were honoured as Best 'Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar' for their commitment to sanitation worker safety and dignity.

The ceremony recognised 78 cities across population categories. A total of 43 national awards were presented.

President Murmu stresses on source segregation for waste management

New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) Invoking Mahatma Gandhi's remark 'cleanliness is next to godliness', President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday asked citizens to pay utmost attention to source segregation, which is a key step in the waste management value chain.

"With proper efforts, we can reduce the country's plastic emissions significantly," she said.

Calling cleanliness an integral part of Indian culture, she said: "Our cultural and spiritual consciousness has emphasised cleanliness since ancient times. The tradition of keeping our homes, places of worship, and the surroundings clean was an integral part of our lifestyle."

Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi used to say 'Cleanliness is next to godliness', she said.

She said that she had started her journey of public service with work related to cleanliness. As the Vice President of the Notified Area Council, she used to visit wards every day and supervise the cleanliness work.

She said that minimising wastage by using minimum resources and re-using them for the same purpose or other purpose, has always been the part of our lifestyle. The basic principles of circular economy and systems of reduce-reuse-recycle are modern and widespread forms of our ancient lifestyle.

NHRC seeks report on Haryana woman's gang rape in Panipat within 2 weeks



New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) The NHRC has sought a report within two weeks from the Railway Ministry and Haryana Police over a woman's allegedly gang raped in an empty compartment of a stationary train in Panipat last month, an official said on Thursday.

Taking suo motu cognisance of a media report on the June 24 incident, the Commission said that the contents of the news report, if true, raise serious issues of violation of human rights.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) said the report to be filed by the state authorities and the Railways Ministry should include the status of the health of the victim and compensation, if any, provided to her.

The woman was allegedly gang raped in an empty compartment of a stationary train in Panipat city and later thrown on the railway tracks by the perpetrators near Sonepat where a train ran over her leg.

She is undergoing treatment at a hospital after police found her on the railway tracks near Hindu College in Sonepat on the night of June 26. The investigation is reportedly underway, and no arrests have been made so far.

According to the media report carried on July 8, the husband of the woman had filed a complaint with the police on June 26 claiming that his wife was missing since June 24, after they had a quarrel.

EC acting at behest of BJP: Tejashwi Yadav on SIR

Patna, July 17 (IANS) Bihar Leader of the Opposition Tejashwi Yadav on Thursday launched a sharp attack on the Election Commission of India (ECI) over the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter list in Bihar, alleging that the commission is working at the behest of the BJP and compromising the democratic process.

Speaking to the media persons in Patna, Tejashwi stated that despite repeated meetings with the Election Commission in Delhi and Patna, officials, including Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, have not addressed the concerns raised by opposition leaders, nor have they held press conferences on the issues.

"This is the biggest drive of the Commission, yet political parties have not been called even once. We suspect something is fishy," he said, alleging that the ECI is "destroying democracy" under the BJP's instructions.

Shubhanshu Shukla in stable condition, monitoring physical & mental health: ISRO

New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) Shubhanshu Shukla, who returned from the International Space Station (ISS) early this week, is in stable condition, said the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Thursday.

ISRO said that the agency is partnering with Axiom Space in rehabilitation exercise and is "monitoring the physical and mental health" of Shukla. The national space agency noted that preliminary health checks show "no immediate concerns". On June 26, Shukla became the first from India to reach the orbiting lab. The IAF Group Captain returned to Earth on Tuesday along with fellow astronauts from the US, Poland, and Hungary aboard SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft "Grace". ISRO informed that the preliminary health checks were carried out at the recovery ship. "Initial health assessments indicated that Shukla was in stable condition with no immediate concerns reported," ISRO said. After the checkup, Shukla was airlifted by helicopter from the recovery ship to the mainland for further medical evaluations and debriefing sessions.

ED files charge sheet against Robert Vadra in land deal case

New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday filed a charge sheet against businessman Robert Vadra, son-in-law of former Congress President Sonia Gandhi, in connection with a money laundering case linked to a land deal in Haryana's Shikohpur.

The prosecution complaint filed before the Delhi Rouse Avenue Court under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) arrayed a total of 11 accused individuals/entities in the case, including Robert Vadra and his Sky Light Hospitality, Satyanand Yajee, Kewal Singh Virk, and Onkareshwar Properties.

As per the ED's chargesheet, Vadra's Skylight Hospitality "fraudulently" purchased 3.53 acres of land situated in the village of Shikohpur in Haryana's Gurugram district for Rs 7.5 crore from Onkareshwar Properties through "false declaration".

Pilots urge Centre to induct more experts for probe into Air India Boeing crash

New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) The Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP) on Thursday in a letter to the Civil Aviation Ministry have stated that the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau's (AAIB) preliminary report on the Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad has failed to sufficiently consider two plausible and previously documented technical scenarios, either of which could have triggered an automated shutdown of both engines of the ill-fated Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

The association has urged the Civil Aviation Ministry to include more subject matter experts in the investigation.

The pilots association has alleged that the preliminary report appears to infer or suggest the possibility of pilot error, without presenting any conclusive evidence or exploring well-documented technical failure modes previously observed in a similar aircraft. The letter also alleges that this is not the first time that systemic failures within Boeing aircraft have initially been attributed to pilot error or suicidal intent, only to be disproven by subsequent investigations.



The letter states that to prematurely and indirectly suggest pilot error in the preliminary report of the Al-171 crash, without thorough validation or elimination of these known technical pathways, risks not only misplaced blame but repeating past investigative failures.

'Not EC's business to decide citizenship', officials say amid SIR row

New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) Amid rising political heat over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in poll-bound Bihar, Election Commission (EC) officials have firmly clarified that the poll body has no role in determining the citizenship status of individuals.

Responding to allegations from Opposition parties that the SIR could be a veiled National Register of Citizens (NRC) exercise, the officials underscored that citizenship matters lie strictly outside the commission's mandate.

"Election Commission does not decide citizenship of any individual. The Citizenship Act of 1955 says that one acquires citizenship in India," an official said. According to law, even MHA (Ministry of Home Affairs) cannot give citizenship to anyone.



The Citizenship Act, 1955 explains that Indian citizenship can be acquired only through birth, descent, registration, or naturalization, and no authority-including the EC-can issue citizenship proof. Nobody is authorized to give proof to anyone either. However, if a question is raised, then an inquiry is done-and this inquiry is carried out by the DM (District Magistrate).

Rahul Gandhi might land in jail soon, says Assam CM after LoP's 'stealing land' jibe

Guwahati, July 17 (IANS) Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma, on Thursday took potshots at Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, for his 'land stealing' remarks during his visit to the state recently.

CM Sarma told reporters here, "Rahul Gandhi mentioned that he would like to send me to jail. However, the Congress leader might face a jail term before he tries to put me into prison. He is already out on bail on several cases. I believe that a national leader should not speak in the language of Rahul Gandhi. It has actually increased my stature."

He also said, "I have been working for the betterment of people of Assam. We have given 1 lakh jobs. The voters have seen everything."

In a post on X, the Chief Minister remarked that LoP Gandhi seemed to have focussed solely on him throughout his visit.



The Assam CM's post mentioned, "I must say, I am grateful - because today, he has elevated my political stature to a level I might never have reached had I remained in the Congress party. He mentioned my name repeatedly in all his meetings."

CM Sarma added that such attention from the Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition was a matter of "great satisfaction."

Taking a swipe at his former party, Sarma, who defected from the Congress to join the BJP in 2015, said that the recognition he now enjoys would not have been possible had he remained with the Congress.

"If Rahul Gandhi has chosen to criticise me, it is a clear sign that I must be doing something right for the people of Assam," he stated.

CM Sarma also wrote on X targeting LoP Gandhi, "I heard you are out on bail on charges of massive corruption of over Rs 5,000 crore in the National Herald case. You will be remembered as one of the most corrupt Congress presidents of India. Frankly, I don't care about what you say - because I know, and the country knows, that you are one of the most corrupt leaders in India today."

His remarks came as LoP Gandhi had launched a scathing attack on Sarma during his visit in Assam on Wednesday, accusing him of corruption and vowing that the CM would eventually land in jail.

Chhattisgarh Assembly: 30 Congress MLAs suspended for a day amid din over fertiliser row

Raipur, July 17 (IANS) Thirty Congress MLAs, including Leader of Opposition in Chhattisgarh Assembly Charan Das Mahant and former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, created uproar over the shortage of diammonium phosphate (DAP) fertiliser in the state, leading to their suspension for a day on Thursday.

The disruption began during Question Hour when senior Congress MLA Umesh Patel raised concerns about the supply and distribution of DAP. He questioned the government's allocation plan, alleging that farmers were being deprived while private traders were being favoured. Agriculture Minister Ramvichar Netam acknowledged the shortfall, stating that only 1.08 lakh metric tonnes had been supplied against a target of 3.10 lakh metric tonnes for the current kharif season. He attributed the shortage to global factors and assured that additional consignments were expected soon. The minister's reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's guidance in addressing the issue triggered further protests from Congress members, who accused the government of neglecting farmers and enabling black marketing. Slogans such as "DAP dena padega" (DAP fertiliser will have to be given) and "Kisan Virodhi Sarkar Nahi Chalegi" (Anti-farmer government will not run further) echoed through the House as Congress MLAs stormed the well of the Assembly and refused to vacate despite repeated requests from Speaker Raman Singh.

Bihar: 125 units of free electricity from Aug 1, people thank Nitish govt



Patna, July 17 (IANS) Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Thursday announced that all electricity consumers in the state will be given free electricity up to 125 units every month, starting August 1.

The announcement has brought smiles on the faces of people, particularly the poor and marginalised families who find it hard to foot their power bills. Many people, set to benefit from the scheme, spoke to IANS and shared their excitement and joy. They also expressed gratitude to the Nitish government for extending largesse to them. Talking to IANS, Pankaj Kumar Singh, a farmer of Kather village in Banka district, said: "This scheme is very beneficial for us. For this, we thank Nitish Kumar and PM Modi very much. Now, we will use electricity and will be able to take full advantage of it." Manchan Devi (housewife) of Fatehpur Panchayat of Banka expressed happiness and said: "Earlier, Rs 400 was spent on electricity bill every month, now this money will be saved, and we will be able to use it in other important works. For this, I thank both CM Nitish and PM Modi."

Heavy security for PM Modi's Motihari visit today

Mail News Service

Patna, July 17: Ranging from keeping the academic institutions shut to traffic management, East Champaran district administration has made elaborate security arrangements in view of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bihar on July 18.

On PM Modi's visit to Motihari tomorrow, District Magistrate (DM) Saurabh Jaiswal said, "The event is scheduled for 10 am tomorrow (Friday). Five lakh people are expected to be in attendance. The PM will meet the public during his travel to the venue. We have made all preparations. Parking spaces are earmarked at various locations."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address a public meeting at Gandhi Maidan ground in Motihari, headquarters of East Champaran district on Friday during his sixth visit to the state this year alone.

He will be accompanied by CM Nitish Kumar and Bihar governor Arif Mohammed Khan among other dignitaries.

Meanwhile, the district administration has deployed about 10000 security personnel, besides magistrates and police officers at various locations. On porous Indo-Nepal border, the security has been beefed up further.



Sashastra Seema Jawana of 47th and 71st battalions manning the border from Raxaul to Jharokhar border in East Champaran along Nepal were seen patrolling the area and frisking the vistors from across the border.

In yet another development, East Champaran, the district and West Champaran district administration have ordered the closure of all private and government-run schools, coaching institutes, and anganwadi centres on July 18 in view of prime minister Narendra Modi's visit to Motihari, citing the reasons the possibility of inconvenience to the students due to heavy traffic load on the road arising out of public gathering during prime minister's visit to the district headquarters at Motihari and extreme hot conditions as reasons behind the closure of the academic institutions.

However, the decision triggered a sharp reaction from the opposition which dubbed it a "cruel and crude" joke with the future of students.

"In all fairness of democracy, every political party has a right to hold meetings and rallies. We welcome Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visit in Motihari.But should this welcome be at the cost of sacrificing education and public taxes?" asked Er. Kumar Saurabh, RJD leader and a member of legislative council (MLC)

"Prime Minister's visit has become a "political festival" in which the government machinery, educational institutions, and resources are all used to spread propaganda. The district administration closed the educational institutions for the day. Why should the education of children be sacrificed at the altar of political ambition of BJP. It is a cruel and crude joke with the future of students," said MLC Saurabh.