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India our friend but...: Trump imposes 25% tariff plus penalty for Russia trade

Washington, July 30 (IANS) Even as he called India "our friend", US President Donald Trump threatened on Wednesday to impose a 25 per cent tariff on India's exports starting Friday after the negotiations have apparently stalled.

"India will be paying a tariff of 25 per cent" starting on August 1, Trump posted on Truth Social.

He said that India would also face an additional tariff penalty for buying Russian energy.

Trump had set the penalty, known as secondary tariffs, across the board at 100 per cent for all who are buying Russian energy if Moscow did not reach a ceasefire with Ukraine.

He shortened the deadline for that to ten days from Tuesday, setting it at August 7.

The threat to India could be a negotiating tactic to force India to reach an agreement after he and his officials, like Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, had spoken optimistically that India would be among the first to make a deal.

India was among the first countries to start trade negotiations with Washington on tariffs, and Trump had repeatedly said that an agreement was imminent, most recently last week.

According to various reports, India and the US had been expected to announce an interim deal before the August 1 deadline, with a more comprehensive bilateral trade agreement to be completed possibly in time for Trump's visit to India to participate in the Quad summit later this year.



Trump said in his post: "Remember, while India is our friend, we have, over the years, done relatively little business with them because their Tariffs are far too high, among the highest in the World".

He accused India of having "the most strenuous and obnoxious non-monetary Trade Barriers of any Country".

He added: "They have always bought a vast majority of their military equipment from Russia, and are Russia's largest buyer of ENERGY, along with China, at a time when everyone wants Russia to STOP THE KILLING IN UKRAINE".

"ALL THINGS NOT GOOD! INDIA WILL THEREFORE BE PAYING A TARIFF OF 25%, PLUS A PENALTY FOR THE ABOVE, STARTING ON AUGUST FIRST," he wrote.

Tauntingly, he signed off, "MAGA" (Make America Great Again).

Will take steps to secure national interest: India

New Delhi, July 30 (IANS):In its first response after Donald Trump's surprise announcement of a 25% tariff on goods exported to the US from India, plus a 'penalty', the Centre has said it is studying the implications of the move and will take all steps to "secure our national interest".

In a measured statement, in contrast to Mr Trump's bombast, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said it has taken note of the announcement and stressed that India remains committed to negotiating a fair bilateral trade agreement with the United States. It also noted that negotiations on the trade deal have been going on for months.

"The Government has taken note of a statement by the US President on bilateral trade. The Government is studying its implications. India and the US have been engaged in negotiations on concluding a fair, balanced and mutually beneficial bilateral trade agreement over the last few months. We remain committed to that objective," the ministry said in the statement on Wednesday evening.

Jharkhand woman linked to AQIS arrested from Bengaluru

Ranchi, July 30: In a major breakthrough against a terror network, the Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) has arrested a 30-year-old woman from Bengaluru for her alleged links with Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS). The woman, identified as Shama Parveen, is originally from Jharkhand and had been living in Bengaluru for some time.



According to DIG Sunil Joshi of Gujarat ATS, Parveen was operating an online terror module inspired by radical ideology. She is accused of using social media and other digital platforms to promote extremist content and coordinate with operatives linked to Pakistan. Investigators recovered electronic devices from her possession that reportedly contain contact details and data with suspected links to Pakistan.

The arrest comes days after four others-Mohammad Faiq, Zeeshan Ali, Mohammad Fardeen, and Saifullah Qureshi-were nabbed on July 23 from Delhi, Noida, Ahmedabad, and Modasa in connection with the same AQIS module. ATS teams had been closely monitoring the online activities and communications of the suspects over a period of time.

Gujarat Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi confirmed the arrests, stating that five individuals associated with the AQIS module have now been taken into custody. He said the operation was carried out based on concrete intelligence and technical surveillance. Agencies are currently interrogating Parveen to uncover further leads and identify any additional members of the network.

Two terrorists killed in Operation Shivshakti near LoC

Jammu, July 30 (IANS) The Army on Wednesday foiled an infiltration bid on the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district by killing two intruding terrorists.

"Operation Shivshakti, In a successful anti-infiltration operation, alert troops of the #IndianArmy eliminated two terrorists attempting to infiltrate across the Line of Control. Swift action and accurate firepower thwarted the nefarious designs," the Army's Nagrota Headquartered White Knight Corps said on X.

Three weapons have been recovered from the dead terrorists.

"Synergistic and synchronised intelligence inputs from own intelligence units and #JKP led to a successful operation. Operation in progress," White Knight Corps further said.



Earlier in the day, the Army said that two terrorists were spotted near the border fence on the LoC in Poonch district, and a gunfight was underway in the area.

Army's Poonch interception of terrorists comes just two days after all three terrorists engaged in the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack were killed by the joint forces in Srinagar district during' Operation Mahadev'.

Three hardcore Pakistani terrorists, including Suleman Shah, the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander and his two associates, Abu Hamza and Jibran Bhai, were killed in a joint operation by the Army, CRPF and J&K Police in the higher reaches of Dachigam National Park at the foot of the Mahadev Mountain Peak in the Harwan area of Srinagar.

Congress gave away PoK, BJP will get it back: Amit Shah

New Delhi, July 30 (IANS):Union Home Minister Amit Shah issued a strong response to the Special discussion on Operation Sindoor in Rajya Sabha today -- complete with a message to terrorists, a promise to "get back Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir" and multiple jibes at the Opposition, especially the Congress.

There was also a chilling detail from the minister about Operation Mahadev, in which, the government said, the terrorists involved in the Pahalgam attack was killed. "After Pahalgam terror attack, I had received a lot of calls from the relatives of the people who were killed. They



requested me to kill these terrorists by firing bullet to their heads. Our officials killed them by shooting on their heads," said the minister.

"The identity of 3 terrorists killed in Op Mahadev established Lashkar-e-Taiba's hand in Pahalgam attack," added Mr Shah, who had spent the night confirming that it was indeed the Pahalgam terrorists who were killed in the encounter with security forces near Srinagar on Monday with the help of ballistic reports.

The government had said the bullet casings recovered from the spot had a 99 percent match with the casings found in Pahalgam."I want to give a strong message that Kashmir will be free of terrorism," Mr Shah told the Upper House this evening. "I also met family members of Pahalgam terror attack... they all were wailing at the loss of their loved ones... Terrorists had killed their family members after asking their religion," he said.

The Home Minister's speech was preceded by protests by the Congress, which questioned why Prime Minister Narendra Modi was not present in the house and replying to the discussion. The party then staged a walkout, skipping the minister's response. Unperturbed, the minister delivered a jibe: "The Congress gave away Pak-occupied-Kashmir to Pakistan, but BJP govt will get Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir back... Till now, they have not done anything to stop terrorists...they cannot listen to anything."

UN Security Council report links TRF to Pahalgam attack

New Yorki, July 30 (IANS): A report from the United Nations (UN) Security Council has linked The Resistance Front, a front for Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), to the Pahalgam terror attack, a development being seen as a diplomatic win for India, as this is the first time the terrorist group has been named in any UN document.When the UN Security Council issued a press statement three days after the Pahalgam attack on April 22 that killed 26 civilians, Pakistan, currently a non-permanent member of the body, had blocked any reference to the TRF or even to Pahalgam.

SC declines to defer framing of charges against Lalu in land-for-job scam

New Delhi, July 30 (IANS) The Supreme Court on Wednesday declined to direct a Delhi trial court to defer proceedings on the framing of charges against Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Lalu Prasad in the alleged land-for-job scam case.

In his latest application before the apex court, Lalu Prasad Yadav sought a direction to the trial court to postpone proceedings until August 12, when his petition seeking quashing of the FIR filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is scheduled for hearing before the Delhi High Court.

Refusing to issue any directions, a Bench of Justices M.M. Sundresh and N. Kotiswar Singh remarked that the petition pending before the Delhi High Court would not turn "infructuous" even if the trial court proceeds to frame charges.

It added that the trial court proceedings, including the framing of charges, are naturally subject to the outcome of the quashing petition pending before the Delhi High Court.

Earlier, on July 18, the Justice Sundresh-led Bench had refused to stay the trial proceedings against Lalu Prasad Yadav, observing that it would not retain such a small matter for its own consideration and that the Delhi High Court should decide his plea.

US-India satellite mission NISAR lifts off

New Delhi, July 30 (IANS) Marking a significant milestone in the India-US partnership, the NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite successfully launched on Wednesday.

The satellite launched aboard India's GSLV-F16 rocket from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh at 5.40 pm. "We have liftoff! GSLV-F16 has successfully launched with NISAR onboard," ISRO said in a post on social media platform X.

"#GSLV-F16 lifts off with the NASA-#ISRO NISAR Earth Observation Satellite," added Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh on X.

About 19 minutes after lift-off, the GSLV-F16 rocket will inject the NISAR satellite into a 743-km sun-synchronous orbit. It is the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle's (GSLV) first launch into a



Sun-Synchronous Orbit (SSO).

NISAR is the first joint Earth observation mission between the ISRO and NASA, combining the expertise and synergies of both agencies.

"Go NISAR! The joint NASA-India satellite aboard @ISRO's Geosynchronous Launch Vehicle launched from the southeast Indian coast at 8:10am ET (1210 UTC) on its mission to monitor Earth's changing land and ice surfaces," said NASA on X.

The mission, valued at $1.5 billion, aims to revolutionise the way we monitor Earth's surface, particularly in tracking natural disasters and environmental changes.

The satellite will provide 24x7 imagery regardless of weather or lighting conditions. "It can take pictures of the Earth 24 hours a day in all weather conditions and the satellite can detect landslides, aid in disaster management, and monitor climate change," said Dr. V Narayanan, ISRO Chairman.

HC raps govt for not filing FIR on gangster Aman Sahu's death

Ranchi, July 30 (IANS) The Jharkhand High Court on Wednesday expressed strong displeasure over the state government's failure to register an FIR based on a complaint filed by Kiran Devi, the mother of gangster Aman Sahu, who was killed in a police encounter earlier this year. "No one is above the law -- not even the Director General of Police," said a division bench headed by Chief Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan while hearing a petition seeking a CBI probe into the alleged encounter.

The bench questioned why no FIR had been registered despite Kiran Devi having filed her complaint online.

The court has now sought a detailed response from the state government, asking it to explain the delay. During the hearing, the petitioner's counsel alleged that the state was deliberately stalling the case to tamper with or destroy crucial evidence. They pointed out that vital electronic records such as call detail records (CDRs) from mobile service providers are only preserved for a limited period, and further delay could result in the loss of key information. In her petition, Kiran Devi has claimed that her son was killed in a fake encounter on March 11 in Palamu. According to her, Aman Sahu was being brought from Raipur Central Jail to the NIA Court in Ranchi when he was allegedly killed mid-transit as part of a conspiracy.

PM to release 20th installment of PM-KISAN on Aug 2

New Delhi, July 30 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release the 20th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme on August 2 from Varanasi, marking another significant step in the government's direct benefit transfer initiative for farmers.

The PM-KISAN scheme is a central sector scheme launched in February 2019 by Prime Minister Modi to supplement the financial needs of land-holding farmers. Under this scheme, the financial benefit of Rs 6,000 per year in three equal instalments is transferred into the bank accounts of farmers' families across the country through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. The PM-KISAN scheme is one of the largest DBT schemes in the world.

State govt seeks Rs 3,600 crore from Centre to upgrade 360 high schools to Plus Two level

Ranchi, July 30: The state government is set to take a major step to strengthen intermediate education across the state. Under this initiative, 360 high schools will be upgraded to Plus Two (intermediate) level. To support the project, the state has submitted a formal proposal to the central government seeking ?3,600 crore in financial assistance.

Education Minister Ramdas Soren recently submitted the proposal to Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. As per the plan, 15 high schools in each district will be upgraded. Each upgraded school is expected to cost around ?10 crore, covering infrastructure such as science laboratories, libraries, toilets, and additional classrooms.

Following the implementation of the New Education Policy (NEP),



intermediate classes have been discontinued in many degree and constituent colleges in Jharkhand. This has disrupted the academic path for students. With nearly five lakh students passing matriculation every year, the state sees an urgent need to expand access to intermediate education.

In addition to the school upgrade proposal, Jharkhand has sought a total of Rs 4,440 crore from the Centre to improve overall school education infrastructure. This includes Rs 10.24 crore for setting up ICT labs in 160 schools, Rs 479.23 crore for 7,488 middle schools, Rs 14 crore for introducing smart classes in 584 high and Plus Two schools, and Rs 336.37 crore for vocational education in 1,794 schools.

The state has also requested support for the construction of science labs, libraries, and toilets at an estimated cost of Rs 30.97 lakh per school.

Minister Soren emphasized that this initiative marks a major step toward making the school education system in Jharkhand more inclusive and robust. It aims to ensure that thousands of students across the state have improved access to quality higher secondary education.

Health check delays trigger DC's ire, 24-hour deadline set for measurements

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 30: Deputy Commissioner Karn Satyarthi came down heavily on the Social Welfare Department officials during the monthly review meeting held at the Collectorate Auditorium, expressing dissatisfaction over slow progress in key welfare schemes. He warned that any negligence in the health measurement of children will invite strict action, directing 100% measurement completion within 24 hours, failing which show-cause notices will be issued to the concerned CDPOs and salaries of female supervisors withheld.

The meeting, attended by In-charge District Social Welfare Officer David Balihar, CDPOs, women supervisors, and other key personnel-with CO-cum-CDPOs joining virtually—reviewed various schemes under the department. The Deputy Commissioner set a stern tone, stating that delays or laxity in execution will not be tolerated and directed timely and quality completion of all departmental work.

Highlighting staffing concerns, Satyarthi noted that 41 posts of Sevika and 54 of Sahayika remain vacant in the district, hampering service delivery. He



instructed that the recruitment process for all vacant posts be completed within a month to ensure seamless operations in Anganwadi centres.

Out of 1118 Anganwadi centres operating from government buildings, 213 are under construction. The DC instructed zonal officers to strictly monitor the construction progress, maintain quality, and ensure timely completion. He also directed that status updates of building completion be reflected in next month's report.

Toilet facilities were found lacking in 21% of the centres, with 199 still under construction. The DC asked for expedited work to provide basic sanitation in all centres. Electricity remains unavailable in 114 centres, and Satyarthi asked for a detailed report, especially from areas facing pole unavailability or dilapidated structures. He ordered swift coordination with the Electricity Department to resolve the issue.

Against a target of 300 model Anganwadi centres equipped with Poshan Vatika, work is underway at only 112 locations. Calling this performance unacceptable, Satyarthi directed all CDPOs to develop nutrition gardens at every model centre and ensure community benefit.

Reviewing the status of children's health measurement (0–6 years), it was found that only 80% achieved this month. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the urgency of addressing SAM/MAM malnutrition cases and urged CDPOs to move from identification to implementation of remedial measures. He also reviewed the performance of Malnutrition Treatment Centres and demanded improved responsiveness.

Expressing dissatisfaction over slow Aadhaar and face authentication in the Poshan Tracker, Satyarthi ordered immediate Aadhaar camps in all blocks to complete the authentication process, ensuring beneficiaries receive benefits without delay.

Noting poor performance in the Village Health, Sanitation, and Nutrition Day (VHSND) initiative, the DC reiterated that it is directly linked to children's health and nutrition, and any negligence here would be taken seriously. CDPOs were directed to conduct regular monitoring and enforce accountability.

Under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, only 14,562 of the identified 21,025 beneficiaries have been registered. The DC instructed immediate action to register the remaining and launch awareness campaigns so no eligible mother is left out.

For the Savitri Bai Phule Samridhi Yojana, 85% achievement has been recorded against a target of 55,000 beneficiaries. The DC stressed identifying the remaining eligible girls in coordination with the Education Department to ensure full coverage.

The DC also emphasized filling vacant posts at the One Stop Centre and accelerating repair work at the old age home to improve services for vulnerable sections. (W-pb)

MLA Purnima timely intervention ends illegal parking woes in Burmamines



Jamshedpur, July 30: Thanks to swift action by Jamshedpur East MLA Purnima Sahu, the long-standing issue of traffic congestion caused by illegal parking in Burmamines has been effectively resolved. During a recent visit to Raghuvar Nagar and Bhaktinagar along with BJP workers, the MLA had taken serious note of the traffic problems near Linde India Limited on Bina Road. The situation was primarily caused by illegal parking of heavy vehicles from the nearby Nuvoco Cement Plant.

Recognizing the gravity of the issue, Sahu immediately contacted Tata Steel management, district administration officials, the traffic DSP and the Burmamines police station in charge, urging them to act promptly. Her intervention yielded results. According to administrative monitoring and photographic evidence collected between July 24 and 30, no illegally parked vehicles were found in the area during this period. On Wednesday, MLA Purnima Sahu's representative, Gunjan Yadav, visited the area to inspect the situation. Interacting with local residents, he was informed that the MLA's intervention had brought significant relief by curbing random and illegal parking. "We are thankful for the immediate action. The situation has improved and daily commuting has become easier," residents said. Yadav also expressed gratitude to the district administration and appealed for the continuation of this orderly system to ensure long-term convenience for the public. (w/nkm)

DC Karn Satyarthi's initiative: 28 girls to visit ISRO

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 30: At East Singhbhum Deputy Commissioner Karn Satyarthi's initiative, 28 girl students from rural areas of Jamshedpur will get an opportunity to visit the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on August 10. This special exposure visit is aimed to inspire young girls by introducing them to the world of space and scientific innovation.

The selected students, primarily from Kasturba Gandhi Residential Schools and Arjunbera Residential School run by the Welfare Department, were chosen through a competitive selection process. Last month, a district-level written competition was held among girl students from government and residential schools. A total of 30 students were selected based on merit. However, due to parental concerns, two students had to opt out, bringing the final number to 28 participants.

DC Satyarthi stated that the initiative was designed to boost confidence and broaden the horizons of talented girls from rural Jharkhand. "There is no shortage of talent in rural areas. What's often missing is exposure and access to role models. This initiative is a step to bridge that gap," he said. He also mentioned that the concept was first launched in Gumla two years ago and was now being successfully implemented in East Singhbhum. The visit to ISRO was expected to be a transformative experience for the students, allowing them to witness space research and innovation first-hand. The district administration was making special arrangements to ensure a smooth and enriching tour.

This initiative was being hailed as a forward-thinking approach to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education among girls and encourage them to dream big. The tour not only promised to be a memorable experience for the students but also serve as a significant step toward empowering the next generation of women in science and technology. (w/gsd)

Kolhan Police on high alert ahead of Naxalite bandh

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 30: Security has been intensified across Kolhan division in anticipation of the Jharkhand bandh called by Naxalite outfits on August 3. An alert has been issued by the state police headquarters to all police stations, instructing officers to remain vigilant, conduct continuous patrolling, and monitor suspicious activities to prevent any untoward incident.

Kolhan DIG Anuranjan Kispotta visited Jamshedpur on Wednesday and chaired a review meeting with senior district police officers at the SSP's office. The meeting was attended

Naxal and criminal activities will not be tolerated: DIG Kispotta



by SSP Piyush Pandey, City SP, Rural SP, DSP-rank officials, and all police station in-charges. DIG Kispotta highlighted that West Singhbhum remained a Naxal-affected region and emphasized that on-going special operation must continue without interruption. He directed officers to expedite the investigation and closure of criminal cases pending for over five years. "There are around 70 such cases in which no arrest has been made so far. The accused must be arrested and sent to jail at the earliest," he stated. The DIG also instructed the police force to review cases pending for over two years and prepare a list of absconding accused. He ordered the formation of special teams to trace and apprehend them. "Under no circumstances will Naxalite or criminal activities be allowed to flourish," he asserted. To ensure maximum security during the bandh, intensive search operations and patrols have been launched in sensitive and Naxal-prone areas. The Kolhan police remain fully alert and committed to maintaining law and order in the region during this critical period. (w/gsd)

Monsoon Session from August 1: Speaker directs officials to ensure timely presence

Mail News Service

Ranchi, July 30: The Monsoon Session of the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly is set to commence on August 1. In preparation, Speaker Ravindranath Mahato held a high-level meeting with senior government officials on Wednesday to ensure smooth functioning of the House during the session.

The meeting focused on necessary preparations and coordination among departments. The Speaker discussed 29 key agenda points, including law and order, drinking water supply, electricity, cleanliness, and other public welfare issues.

Emphasizing the importance of timely responses, the Speaker directed that officers concerned must remain present in the House during the session and provide accurate and prompt replies to questions raised by legislators. He also instructed that all replies and bills should be submitted to the Assembly Secretariat on time to avoid procedural delays.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Radhakrishna added that officers must be compulsorily present in the House gallery during Question Hour, Attention Motions, and while any government-related work was underway. This, he said, would ensure timely and effective responses to members' queries.

Further instructions were given to ensure that Ministers received responses to starred and un-starred questions well in advance, enabling them to prepare supplementary answers. This coordination was expected to facilitate smooth proceedings and allow legislators to obtain critical information during the session.

Chief Secretary Alka Tiwari, Director General of Police Anurag Gupta, Home Secretary Vandana Dadel, and secretaries from various departments attended the meeting. The administration has been asked to remain fully prepared for the upcoming session, which is expected to focus on several key governance and development issues. (w/gsd)

Wild elephant creates panic in Seraikela; injures youth, damages vehicles

Mail News Service

Seraikela, July 30: A lone wild elephant has been roaming through the Seraikela block region since late Monday night, triggering widespread fear among locals. The elephant, believed to have strayed from the forests of Chaibasa via Katanga, was first spotted early Tuesday morning in Keeta village of Seraikela. Its movement has since kept both forest officials and villagers on high alert. According to forest department sources, the elephant passed through Seraikela town late Tuesday night during an ongoing rescue operation conducted in



coordination with a wildlife rescue team from Chandil. During this time, the elephant injured an 18-year-old youth, Sidiu Haiburu of Natidih, by attacking him. Villagers and forest officials managed to drive the elephant away and rushed the injured to Sadar Hospital, Seraikela for treatment.

In addition to the injury, the elephant also damaged two vehicles parked outside a house. Foresters Sunil Mahato, Shubham Panda, Trideep Mahato and Sita Soren informed that an earlier attempt was made to guide the elephant back toward the forests of Aburu in Chaibasa. However, it unexpectedly altered its path toward Seraikela town and was tracked near the civil court area, then seen passing through Gutusai locality. Its trail was confirmed by footprints in muddy areas. As of the latest report, the elephant's last known location was Suratadih in the Itakudar panchayat of Seraikela block. A fresh rescue team from Chandil is working to guide the elephant through the forests of Sini-Seelpingda and safely out of populated areas. (w/nkm)

Major theft reported in two Mango apartments

Jamshedpur, July 30: Two major thefts have created panic in the Mango police station area of Jamshedpur, with burglars targeting two flats in the same locality. A significant robbery was reported at Sundarban Phase One Apartment, located near Pardih Chowk, where the flat had been locked for the past 12 days. In a related incident, the lock of a nearby flat in Madhuka Apartment was also found broken, raising serious concerns about a possible theft gang in the area. The primary theft took place in the flat owned by retired government school teacher Sri Jha. As per reports, Jha and his family had gone to their ancestral village in Madhubani. The theft came to light when Jha's brother-in-law, who resides in Sonari, visited the flat and found the door lock broken. He immediately informed the Mango police.

A police team reached the site and reviewed CCTV footage from the apartment premises. The security guard on duty was also interrogated. Sri Jha, speaking over the phone, claimed that valuables worth Rs25 to ?30 lakh were missing from the looted box. However, his family members refrained from making any official statement until he returned to Jamshedpur. Meanwhile, the discovery of a broken lock in flat number 2004 in Madhuka Apartment further intensified police concerns. Although the extent of loss in this flat was yet to be confirmed, the twin burglaries prompted the Mango police to launch a rigorous investigation.

Loyola School inaugurates nation's first high-tech skill lab

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 30: Loyola School marked the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola with a day filled with reverence, joy, and remarkable milestones — most notably, the inauguration of India's first high-tech Skills Lab (Protean Resource Center). Designed to promote hands-on learning and practical education, the lab aims to equip students with future-ready skills through advanced technology and innovative resources.

The event, celebrating the founder of the Society of Jesus, was attended by Chief Guest K.V. Vincent, Guest of Honour Colonel Earnest Paul, Fr. K.M. Joseph (Rector), Fr. Vinod Fernandes (Principal), Fr. Cyril Tigga, Fr. Victor Misquith, and Vice-Principals Jayanthi Sheshadri and Vineeta Ekka.

Celebrations began with a soulful prayer dance, followed by a moving video tribute to St. Ignatius. Students presented musical performances, a heartfelt poem, and a vibrant folk dance showcasing Jesuit work among tribal communities. An Ignatian Quiz

Jamshedpur celebrates Feast of St. Ignatius



further engaged students, testing their knowledge of Jesuit values and heritage.

The day also featured a meaningful act of service through a Blood Donation Camp organized by the Loyola Alumni Association, where Fr. Vinod Fernandes led by example as the first donor.

Adding to the occasion's significance, the school celebrated Fr. K.M. Joseph's Silver Jubilee of Priesthood, honouring his 25 years of devoted service. The school magazine, The Loyolean, was officially released, reflecting student creativity, insight, and accomplishments.

The day concluded with a festive lunch hosted by the Jesuit fathers for the teachers, staff, and support staff, underlining the Loyola community's spirit of gratitude and unity.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/ Chakradharpur acting for & on behalf of The President of India invites e-Tenders against Tender No. mentioned below due to open on 19.08.2025 at 15:00 hrs. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Sl. No., Tender Notice No. & Name of work** are as follows : **1. ST-CKP-OT-25-26-48**. Improvement in Earthing. arrangements and Provision of ELD along' with reliability improvement works over Chakradharpur Division. **Tender Value :** ₹ 7,04,92,815/-, **Earnest Money:** ₹ 5,02,500/-. **2. ST-CKP-OT-25-26-49**. Provision of Centralized Recording of Voice Logging facility between Station Master and Non Interlocked L.C.Gates over Chakradharpur Division. **Tender Value :** ₹ 2,22,06,551.03, **Earnest Money :** ₹ 2,61,000/-. **Completion period:** 09 months for Sl. No. 1 and 06 months for Sl. No. 2. The tender details can be viewed at website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderer/ bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate in e-Tendering. e-Tender forms shall be issued free of cost. **(PR-458)**

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Jharkhand Tribal Fest from Aug 9-11, Artists from 11 states to participate at Mahotsav

Mail News Service



Ranchi, July 30: The outline of Jharkhand Tribal Festival 2025 to be held on the occasion of World Tribal Day has been finalised. This grand event will be held from 9 to 11 August at Morhabadi Ground in the capital Ranchi.

In the festival, tribal artists from 11 states across the country including Jharkhand will captivate the audience with their traditional art and culture presentations. The states whose cultural troupes will participate in the festival include Tripura, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Rajasthan, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Mizoram, Maharashtra, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand. The special thing is that this time the tribal dance group of Bihar has been included in this event for the first time.

The program will be decked with tribal customs, culture and color. A glimpse of traditional dance, folk songs, handicrafts, traditional food and costumes will be seen in the festival. On this occasion, Dishom Guru Shibu Soren has been invited as the chief guest.

Awareness Rath was started on Tuesday with the aim of spreading the message of World Tribal Day to the general public. Rajiv Lochan Bakshi, Special Secretary, Department of Information and Public Relations, flagged off this Rath from Ranchi. The Rath will pass through the main intersections, schools and markets of the city and will make people aware of tribal culture, costumes and food through the posters and messages displayed on it.

Events lined up for the Mahotasav are as follows: 9 August: Reej Rang Rasika Swagat Rally will reach Morhabadi Ground from Tagore Hill Road. 32 tribal tribal groups will participate in it. A postage stamp will be unveiled. The Chief Minister, Chief Guest and other guests will address.

Monica Mundu and Megha Dalton will sing modern Nagpuri songs. Nagpuri song will be presented by Padmashree Mukund Nayak. There will be a performance by celebrity artists and a performance by Maldives band. There will be a laser show at night.

10 August: College Band Competition

Khadiya Dance: Neeli Anita Dungdung (Simdega), Oraon Dance: Krishna Bhagat (Ranchi), Mundari Dance: Lakhan Gudiya (Khunti), Santhali Dance: Devla Murmu, Panchpargania Dance: Bootan Devi, Khortha Ghoda Dance: Vinod Mahato, Sarangi Tune: Mahesh Pahan and Shreya Tiwari

Nagpuri Song and Dance Presentation by Padma Shri Madhu Mansuri Hasmukh

Comedy Poet's Programme

11 August: Pawan Kumar Rai: Modern Nagpuri Singing

Sulekha Kumari and Janani: Mummar

Srishtidhar Mehta: Manmum Chhau

Mandaar Tune: Manpuran Nayak

Dance and music presentation by dance groups from Tripura, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Rajasthan, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Mizoram, Maharashtra, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh (W-rg)

Government to make 300 tribal students docs, engineers every year

Mail News Service



Ranchi, July 30: The Hemant Soren government of Jharkhand is working on a special scheme to make 300 talented tribal students of the state doctors and engineers every year.

Under this, the selected students will be given free coaching for NEET and JEE. At present, the process of selecting the agency to conduct coaching is going on, which is targeted to be completed by August 13. After this, eligible students will be selected through an examination and they will be provided coaching facilities. According to the Welfare Department, students will be divided into different batches according to their class for coaching. Students studying in class 11th will be given two years of coaching - out of which 75 students will be prepared for JEE and 75 students for NEET. At the same time, 12th class students will be given one year of coaching, in which 75-75 students will be selected for both the exams.

For now, this coaching will be started in the buildings of the Welfare Department located in Hindpiri area of Ranchi. The proposal for building construction is also ready, and till the new building is built, the students will have food and lodging arrangements in these buildings. For the first time, the state government is starting such a free residential coaching scheme especially for economically weaker tribal students. The department gave assurance regarding security

When questions were raised about the security of the coaching center in Hindpiri, Welfare Department Secretary Kripananda Jha assured that he himself has inspected the site. According to him, the buildings of the department are located in a safe place among the dense population. The agency will be selected through a completely open tender process and after that the students will be selected on the basis of merit. However, the final outline of the selection process has not been decided yet. The already running Aakansha Yojana of the state government has shown the way in this direction. Under this scheme, students of class 11th and 12th are given free residential coaching for medical and engineering entrance exams. This scheme, which started with 40-40 students in the first year, has now expanded, in which 75 students are selected for medical and 100 for engineering. Jharkhand Academic Council conducts entrance exams for this. Aakanksha Yojana was started in 2016-17 by the School Education and Literacy Department. Now the Welfare Department is working on a plan to take this effort forward on a larger scale. (W-rg)

Marandi targets CM on arrest of woman with terrorist outfits

Mail News Service



Ranchi, July 30: The Leader of Opposition has targeted the CM on the Jharkhand connection of terrorist activities.

Tagging CM Hemant Soren in a social media post, it is written that Jharkhand is gradually becoming a refuge of terrorist organizations. Such incidents are a serious threat to the security of the entire state. Instruct the police to identify all the terrorist networks flourishing in the state and take strict action.

Babulal has further written that the direct connection of suspected female terrorist Shama Parveen, who was recently arrested by Gujarat Anti Terrorist Squad (ATS) from Hebbal area of Bengaluru, with Koderma district of Jharkhand is extremely worrisome.

Babulal has told CM that this information may not be reaching you or it may be deliberately not being allowed to reach that these days your CID department is more "active" than necessary.

"My advice is that you should keep an eye on the activities of this department through your other sources as well. Avoid using it as a weapon for extortion and personal gain so that the image and credibility of the department as well as the prestige of the government is saved. If you keep your eyes closed, it may happen that one day this may become a big problem for you. I thought of giving you this unsolicited advice like before," Marandi said. (W-rg)

ED seeks deemed sanction to prosecute Alamgir Alam in money laundering case



Ranchi, July 30: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has filed a petition in the Special PMLA Court in Ranchi, stating that the Jharkhand government has yet to grant prosecution sanction against former minister Alamgir Alam, his Officer on Special Duty (OSD) Sanjeev Lal, and former Engineer-in-Chief of the Rural Development Department, Virendra Ram, in a money laundering case linked to a major tender scam.

The ED informed the court that despite requesting sanction over 120 days ago in light of serious money laundering charges, the state government has not responded. Citing a Supreme Court ruling, the agency has now requested the court to treat the lack of response as a "deemed sanction" to proceed with prosecution. According to the ED, the request for prosecution sanction was made around five months ago based on findings related to alleged financial irregularities during Alamgir Alam's tenure as minister. However, no official approval has been received so far.

Previously, prosecution sanction was not required to initiate proceedings against public servants in money laundering cases. However, in a landmark ruling in November 2024, the Supreme Court mandated that such cases against government officials must have prior approval from the concerned authority. The ED has invoked this judgment while seeking the court's permission to move ahead with prosecution in the absence of a formal government response.

10-year old boy dies of electric shock while charging mobile

Khunti, July 30: A tragic incident occurred in Tumbakel village under Kodakel Panchayat of Murhu police station area in Khunti district, where a 10-year-old boy lost his life due to an electric shock while charging a mobile phone. The victim, identified as Albis Odeya, died on the spot. According to sources, Albis was alone at home on Tuesday when the incident took place. He was reportedly charging a mobile phone while standing barefoot on a damp mud floor. The moisture in the ground was believed to have contributed to the fatal electric shock.

The incident was discovered late in the evening when his father, Simon Odeya, returned from the fields and found his son lying unresponsive inside the house. A mobile charger and electricity board were found near the body, confirming the cause of the tragedy. Upon receiving information, Block Pramukh Alis Odeya, JMM leader Sanika Bodra, and several villagers rushed to the site and alerted the police. A team from Murhu police station arrived at the scene, took possession of the body, and sent it for post-mortem examination at Sadar Hospital.

Jharkhand HC seeks reports from all DCs, SPs on women's safety

Ranchi, July 30: The Jharkhand High Court has taken serious note of the rising incidents of crimes against women and minor girls, including schoolchildren, across the state. During the hearing of a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) on Wednesday, the court directed the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) and Superintendents of Police (SPs) of all districts to submit fresh affidavits detailing the measures being taken to ensure women's safety.

The PIL, aimed at curbing increasing crimes against women and children, was filed by advocate Bharti Kaushal. The matter was heard by the division bench of the Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court. In addition to seeking reports from the administrative and police heads of each district, the court also directed the District Judges of all districts to inspect juvenile homes under their jurisdiction and submit detailed reports before the court.

Representing the state government in the matter, Advocate Gaurav Kumar presented the government's position and on-going efforts.

The court's directive reflected growing concern over the safety and security of women and minors in Jharkhand and emphasized the need for strict monitoring and accountability by both the administrative and judicial systems. The case continued to be heard by the Chief Justice's bench. (w/gsd)

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MMC fines shops for plastic use

Jamshedpur, July 30: The Mango Municipal Corporation conducted a crackdown on the use of single-use plastic and trade license violations under the direction of DMC Krishna Kumar. During the raid, approximately 2 kg of banned plastic was seized and fines amounting to Rs 2,000 were collected from violators. Shops operating without valid trade licenses were also penalized. Authorities issued warnings to vendors and shopkeepers, urging them to discontinue the use of plastic and regularize their licenses. "If plastic is found again, trade and vendor licenses will be cancelled," warned the Deputy Commissioner. The corporation reiterated that awareness campaigns and mic announcements have been ongoing for the past eight months. The team included Sanitary and Food Inspector Sanjay Kumar, Revenue Inspector Pradeep Bedia, Rohit Ekka, Sujit Kumar Singh and other staff members.

Jharkhand records 53% surplus Monsoon rain, condition to prevail

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, July 30: Jharkhand is witnessing one of its wettest monsoon phases in recent years, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) reporting a significant rainfall surplus of 53% as of now. The state has received 748.6 mm of rainfall so far, compared to a normal of 489.2 mm for this time of year, owing to active monsoon conditions and multiple weather systems.

According to the latest IMD forecast, heavy rainfall is expected in the north-eastern parts of Jharkhand today. The alert also includes warnings of thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds reaching speeds of 30 to 40 km/h at isolated places across the state.

The weather department has indicated that similar conditions are likely to persist on July 31 as well, with widespread thunderstorm and lightning activity across various districts.

The IMD's meteorological analysis points to a complex network of weather systems fueling this sustained rainfall. A trough line currently extends from the northeast Arabian Sea to south Bangladesh, passing through Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Gangetic West Bengal. A cyclonic circulation over northwest Madhya Pradesh and adjoining areas is also influencing weather patterns in Jharkhand, along with another upper air cyclonic circulation now positioned over Gangetic West Bengal between 5.8 and 7.6 km above mean sea level.

Adding to this is the monsoon trough at the surface level, which stretches from Sri Ganganagar in Rajasthan, passing through Delhi, Satna, Daltonganj, and Jamshedpur, before extending to Digha and into the northeast Bay of Bengal. This alignment of the monsoon trough has created a corridor of intense moisture convergence, resulting in prolonged and widespread rainfall across central and eastern India, including Jharkhand.

While the rainfall surplus has brought much-needed relief to the agricultural sector and improved water availability in reservoirs and groundwater tables, it has also led to challenges on the ground. Many urban and semi-urban areas, including parts of Jamshedpur, Ranchi, Dhanbad, and Hazaribagh, have reported incidents of waterlogging, traffic disruptions, and minor instances of flooding.

In low-lying rural belts, paddy cultivation has received a boost, but there are concerns over possible crop damage in regions where excessive water has accumulated. Authorities have been instructed to stay on alert, particularly in flood-prone areas and those with ongoing infrastructure projects.

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1.	Borrower : **Mr. Manohar Singh & Mrs. Parvati Nag** 7th Phase, Block 9/A, Sonari, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, East Singhbhum Pin-831011	Equitable mortgage of Land & Building situated at Mouza - Kolabadiya, P.S. Rajnagar, Thana No. 54, Halka No. 9, District Sub Registry Office at Saraikela Kharsawan (1) Khata No. 174, Plot No. 1060, Kasim Gora - II, Area 7 Decimal. **Bounded by : North** - Plot No. 1058 & 900, **South** - Plot No. 1061, **East** - Plot No. 1060, **West** - 20 ft. Road. (2) Khata No. 216, Plot No. 900, Khata No. 216, Plot No. 900, Kisim Don - III, Area 8 Decimal. **Bounded by : North** - Plot No. 900, **South** - Plot No. 1060, **East** - Plot No. 1058, **West** - 20 ft. Road. Total Khata No. 2, Total Plot No. 2, Total Area - 15 Decimal i.e. 6534 Sq.ft.	08.10.2024	Physical	14.10.2024
2.	Borrower : **Ritu Kumari D/o Ganesh Rao** H.No. 22, Jamuna Path, Branch of Ashok Path, Bhatia Basti, Kadma, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, East Singhbhum-831005	Equitable mortgage of Land & Building situated at Mouza - Kolabadiya, P.S. Rajnagar, Thana No. 54, Halka No. 9, District Sub Registry Office at Saraikela, District - Seraikela Kharsawan : (1) Khata No. 156, Plot No. 901, Gora II, Area 13.76 Decimal. **Bounded by : North** - Plot No. 901 (P), **South** - Plot No. 901 (P), **East** - 20 ft. Rasta, **West** - Plot No. 986. Total Area - 13.76 Decimal i.e. 6000 Sq.ft.	18.02.2025	Physical	22.02.2025

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RVS Academy organizes enthralling Inter-House Debate Competition



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Jamshedpur, July 30: RVS Academy hosted its much-awaited Inter-House Debate Competition on July 30, 2025, in the school auditorium, with active participation from all four houses — Rose, Violet, Sunflower and Aster. The event was graced by Chairman Binda Singh, Principal Veesha Mohindra and Vice Principal Pooja Suman.

The competition was held in two categories: Junior (Classes IX–X) and Senior (Classes XI–XII). The junior topic was "Books are better than movies", while the seniors debated against the motion "Social media is more damaging than beneficial to society." Participants impressed with well-researched arguments, logical rebuttals and confident delivery.

The panel of judges included Shahnawaz Khan (Vivekananda International School) and Manu Mahato (Mount View School), who praised the clarity, poise and critical thinking displayed by the debaters.

Chairman Binda Singh remarked, "Debate is the foundation of a healthy democracy. It's heartening to see such confident and informed students take the stage." Principal Veesha Mohindra added, "These platforms help students think critically about real-world issues and sharpen their public speaking skills."

In the junior category, Best Speaker awards went to Mysha Salim (for the motion) and Yojita Dutta (against). Aster House's Hamira Perween and Yojita Dutta won the team award. In the senior category, Annanya Kumari and Utpal Bhardwaj of Sunflower House emerged winners, also receiving Best Speaker honours.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks, celebrating teamwork, intellect and meaningful discourse. (w/nkm)

Dhanbad- Mumbai direct train Lokmanya Tilak Exp extended

Dhanbad, July 30 : Lone direct up and down trains service between Dhanbad- Lokmanya Tilak Special Express have been extended again till October 2, 2025.

Giving this information Senior Divisional Commerce Manager (Sr DCM) of Dhanbad Rail Division Md Iqbal said that keeping facility of passengers and easy excess of travelling both up and down (03379/ 03380) Dhanbad- Lokmanya Tilak Special have been extended.

As per notification train no 03379 Dhanbad- Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Mumbai has been extended from August 5 (Tuesday) to September 30, 2025.

Similarly train no 03380 Lokmanya Tilak Terminus to Dhanbad Special Express has been extended from August 7 (Thursday) to October 2, 2025.

The Sr DCM said trains' timing and halt at stations would be same what are in present running system. The trains would run with 2 coaches each of second and 3rd AC, 6 coaches of AC economic class and 6 sleeper coaches and 4 general coach.

Both trains are weekly. 03379 Dhanbad- Lokmanya Tilak Special goes from Dhanbad on every Tuesday while train no 03380 Lokmanya Tilak Special kicks start from Lokmanya Tilak Terminus on every Thursday.

Dhanbad- Bhubaneswar Spl

Sr DCM Md Iqbal said that besides Dhanbad- Lokmanya Tilak Special , railway has also extended movement of up and down Dhanbad- Bhubaneswar Special train till August 19, 2025.

Train no 02832 Bhubaneswar-Dhanbad Special has been extended from August 1 to August 18 while train no 02831 Dhanbad- Bhubaneswar Special has been extended from August 2 to August 19, 2025.

IIT ISM felicitates Dhanbad DC in orientation program



Dhanbad, July 30: IIT Indian School of Mines (ISM) felicitated 54th deputy commissioner (DC) of Dhanbad Aditya Ranjan for his bold and transparent working style during Orientation Program organized for newly admitted students of academic session 2025-26.

The DC Aditya Ranjan was chief guest of the program while IITISM deputy director Prof Dheeraj Kumar presided over the function.

Prof Rajni Singh, Dean (Corporate Communications) formally introduced the chief guest. Prof M.K. Singh, Dean (Academic); Prabodh Pandey, Registrar were also present in the function.

While addressing thefunction Aditya Ranjan suggested students not only focus on academic excellence but also to remain sensitive to the needs of society and grounded in values of service, humility, and perseverance.

Ranjan shared his life journey and professional experiences, offering the students a glimpse into the values, challenges and determination that have shaped his distinguished career in public service.

He encouraged students to channel their education for the greater good and to emerge as future leaders committed to building a stronger and more inclusive India.

Former CM Arjun Munda visits bereaved families in Dalaikela

Mail News Service

Seraikela, July 30: Former Jharkhand Chief Minister and Union Minister Arjun Munda on Sunday visited Dalaikela village in Kharsawan block, where four youths tragically drowned in a swollen drain on Saturday. The deceased-Siddheshwar Mandal, Haribas Das, Manoj Sahu and Sunil Sahu-had gone to bathe when the accident occurred following heavy rainfall.

During his visit, Munda met the grieving families and offered heartfelt condolences. He also spoke with local administrative officials and instructed them to ensure timely compensation and government assistance to the victims' families.

Several local leaders and officials, including Zila Parishad Chairman Sonaram Bodra, BDO Pradhan Majhi, former BJP District President Vijay Mahato and others were present.

Local villagers urged the administration to construct a bridge over the drain and enforce safety measures to avoid future tragedies. "The recent rainfall has caused rivers and drains to overflow," Munda warned, adding, "People must remain cautious and avoid visiting such spots. Public awareness is crucial to prevent further loss of life." The entire village remains in mourning, with residents gathering to offer support to the bereaved families. (w/nkm)

New committees formed for Durga & Kali Puja celebrations in Adityapur

Mail News Service

Seraikela, July 30: At a meeting held at Railway Institute, Adityapur, the existing committee behind the Durga and Kali Puja festivities in Railway Colony (Adityapur 2) was dissolved and new members were appointed. Dr. P.K. Singh was named Chief Patron, Siddharth Verma as Patron and Vijay Kumar Kund as President.

Key roles were assigned across various positions including Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Cashiers and Pandal Coordinators. Mohit Kumar outlined that the shrine was established in 1959 and has continuously hosted grand puja events.

Separately, the Maa Bhavani Youth Club in Hariom Nagar sampled its new team under renewed leadership for a three-year term, with Congress district executive chairman Ambuj Kumar unanimously reappointed as President for the Durga Puja Committee. (w/nkm)

Financial aid provided to paralysis-stricken assistant teacher

Seraikela, July 30: Ajmbar Samad, an assistant teacher at Rengsa Primary School in Kuchai block, recently suffered paralysis and is currently undergoing treatment. In support, the Kuchai block committee of the Assistant Teacher Struggle Forum, led by Rudra Pratap Mahto, provided financial assistance of ?10,000 directly at the teacher's residence. Present on the occasion were community members including Bhola Nath Gop, Vasudev Mahto, Maheshwar Hansda and Devendra Hembram. Mahto emphasized that underpaid teachers face significant hardship in such situations and called for government policies to support those serving education in remote areas. (w/nkm)

Tribal leader Sukhram Tudu critically injured in knife attack

Gamharia, July 30: Tribal leader Sukhram Tudu was critically injured in a late-night attack on Sunday in Ramchandrapur village. According to a police report filed by his wife, Bangi Tudu, the assailant-identified as local resident Sujit Ghosh-repeatedly stabbed Sukhram while allegedly shouting, "So you want to be a jungle tribal leader? I'll end you now." The attack occurred around 11 PM while Sukhram was returning from a social engagement.

Hearing cries for help, Bangi rushed out and witnessed the assault. She shouted for help, prompting the attacker and two unidentified associates to flee. Sukhram was initially taken to Gangotri Hospital and later referred to TMH, where he remains in ICU in critical condition. The attack has triggered widespread anger among local residents. On Monday, a large group led by JMM Block President Bhomra Majhi visited the Gamharia police station, demanding the immediate arrest of the attackers. (w/nkm)

Khunti MP mourns deaths of four youths in Dalaikela tragedy

Seraikela, July 30: Khunti MP Kalicharan Munda has expressed deep sorrow over the tragic deaths of four youths who drowned while bathing at a check dam in Dalaikela village under Kharsawan block on Saturday. Calling the incident heartbreaking, the MP said, "The entire Congress family stands with the bereaved families in this difficult time."

Terming the deaths of the four young men as untimely and extremely painful, Munda said the accident has left the entire region in shock. He also urged the local administration to conduct immediate inspections of such check dams and implement safety measures to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

The incident occurred when the youths went to bathe in the check dam after heavy rainfall, which is believed to have caused a sudden rise in water level. Munda added that this tragic loss highlights the urgent need for authorities to identify potentially dangerous water bodies and make them safe for the public. (w/nkm)

DC, SSP assess program venue of President Droupadi Murmu at IIT ISM

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Dhanbad, July 30: Dhanbad deputy commissioner (DC) Prabhat Ranjan and senior superintendent of police (SSP) Prabhat Kumar assessed final preparation of programme venue of President of India Droupadi Murmu scheduled at IIT Indian School of Mines (ISM) on August 1.

The President of India Droupadi Murmu would be chief guest in 45th Convocation of IIT ISM Dhanbad on August 1. Jharkhand Governor Santosh Gangwar, chief minister Hemant Soren and education minister of government of Dharmendra Pradhan would be guest of honour on the occasion.

The DC and SSP along with senior officials of district administration first visited the lower ground area of IIT ISM, which houses the main event venue and inspected the exhibition area, photoshoot gallery, D-area, green room, stage, safe house, media gallery, entry and exit points for the President, as well as the designated



parking area for the President's vehicle and other final preparations.

The deputy commissioner Aditya Ranjan also inspected the Presidential Suite prepared to welcome the President, accommodations arranged for the Governor, Chief Minister and other distinguished guests, .

Rural SP. Kapil Chaudhary, City SP Ritvik Srivastava, IIT ISM Registrar. Prabodh Pandey, Sub-Divisional magistrate (SDM). Rajesh Kumar, DSP headquarters-2 Dhirendra Narayan Banka, DSP Law & Order Naushad Alam, civil surgeon (CS) Dr. Alok Vishwakarma and other senior administrative and police officials were also in the assessment team.

Grand celebration of Shani Dev Maharaj's fourth annual festival

Gamharia, July 30: The fourth annual celebration of Shani Dev Maharaj was held with great devotion at the Siddheshwari Shmashan Kali Mandir in Poonji Dungri, Jagannathpur. The event began with rituals and prayers offered to Shani Dev, followed by a recital of the Sundarkand. The celebration concluded with the distribution of prasad to devotees. Prominent community members and temple committee officials, including Anay Singh, Kamlesh Singh, Vinay Singh, Rajendra Singh and others, played a key role in organizing the event. The temple premises were filled with devotion and spiritual fervour. (w/nkm)

PNB RSETI Annual Report 2024-25 released at DLCC meeting

Seraikela, July 30: During a District-Level Consultative Committee meeting at the Collectorate Auditorium, Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh, Deputy Development Commissioner Reena Hansda, lead District Bank Manager Varun Choudhary, PNB RSETI Director Umashankar Tanti, social worker Jalesh Kavi and other officials formally launched the annual activity report for 2024-25 of the PNB Rural Self-Employment Training Institute. The report highlights the institution's achievements in rural skill development, training programs and livelihood initiatives. Officials emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts between banks, government schemes and local training institutes in empowering rural youth with vocational and entrepreneurial skills. (w/nkm)

Health and eye screening camp held at Lok Adalat premises

Seraikela, July 30: In the presence of Principal District & Sessions Judge Ramashankar Singh, a health and eye screening camp was organized at the Lok Adalat building in the civil court complex.

Conducted in collaboration with the district administration and Poornima Eye Hospital, Chandil, the camp saw robust participation from lawyers, court staff and litigants. The ophthalmic team, led by optometrist Santanu Kumar and Rajini Kumar Mahto, conducted eye examinations, while Dr. Vishal Kumar and his team handled general health screenings including diabetes and blood pressure checks. (w/nkm)

Public Welfare Forum expresses grief over Dalaikela tragedy, demands compensation

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Seraikela, July 30: The Jan Kalyan Morcha, along with Jalado President Advocate Om Prakash, expressed deep sorrow over the tragic incident in Dalaikela village, where four youths drowned while bathing in a stream on Saturday. The group called on the district administration to provide substantial compensation to the victims' families from the Disaster Relief Fund.

Advocate Om Prakash stated, "This is not just a local tragedy but a matter of statewide grief. The government must act swiftly and compassionately." He highlighted the risks posed by the swollen rivers, ponds and dams across Jharkhand due to heavy rainfall and urged citizens to strictly follow safety guidelines.

"The public must remain alert and avoid risky areas, especially during monsoons," he advised. The forum also appealed to the authorities to conduct awareness drives to help people stay safe during adverse weather conditions and emphasized the importance of community vigilance and disaster preparedness. The Morcha reaffirmed its commitment to standing with affected families and supporting preventive initiatives at the grassroots level. (w/nkm)

JHAROTEF campaign reaches MLA Savita Mahto via public rally

Seraikela, July 30: As part of the third phase of the statewide agitation by the Jharkhand Officers Teachers & Employees Federation (JHAROTEF), a public support rally was organized on Sunday to deliver a memorandum to Ichagarh MLA Savita Mahto. The district committee delegation, led by Secretary Jawaharlal Mahto and Treasurer Hare Krishna Mahto, handed over a three-point demand letter at her residence. This included granting teachers MACP benefits, extending the retirement age to 62 and introducing child education allowance for state employees.

Provincial leaders Amit Kumar Mahto and Braj Mohan Yadav briefed the MLA, who responded, "Our government has always worked for the welfare of public servants and the general populace. I support your demands and will ensure they are represented to the Chief Minister and Chief Secretary." The event was attended by key office bearers and members from across divisions, reinforcing the union's commitment to secure improved employee benefits. (w/nkm)

Two-day workshop on scheduled area Village Sabha rights & responsibilities

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Seraikela, July 30: A two-day district-level workshop titled "Rights and Responsibilities of Village Sabha in Scheduled Areas" was held at the District Panchayat Resource Center, Seraikela. Deputy Development Commissioner Reena Hansda, Zila Parishad Chairperson Sonaram Bodra, Vice Chairperson Madhushri Mahto and Zilla Panchayati Raj Officer Surendra Uraon inaugurated the event by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Around 100 Panchayat representatives received training from state master trainers Ajay Kumar Mishra and Ranjit Kumar Acharya. The workshop aimed to empower local representatives with knowledge to effectively exercise village assembly rights and drive community-led development initiatives.

49 individuals evaluated in monthly disability assessment camp

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Seraikela, July 30: A monthly district-level disability assessment camp was conducted at Sadar Hospital, headed by Civil Surgeon Dr. Saryu Prasad Singh and overseen by Deputy Superintendent Dr. Nakul Prasad Chaudhary.

Fifty expert doctors evaluated the disability percentages of 49 individuals: Orthopedic Specialist Dr. Ajit Tudu assessed 17 cases; Thalassemia Specialist Dr. Bariel Mardi, two; ENT Specialist Dr. Pradeep Kumar, seven; Ophthalmologist Dr. P.M. Bara, fifteen; and Mental Health Specialist Dr. Mahesh Hembram, eight cases. Assistant coordinator Mevalal Honhaga supervised the camp run efficiently with hospital manager Sanjit Rai and staff in attendance. (w/nkm)

JHAROTEF submits memorandum to Kharasawan MLA over grievances

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Seraikela, July 30: Acting on directives from the Jharkhand Officers Teachers & Employees Federation (JHAROTEF), the Seraikela-Kharsawan and West Singhbhum district committees, led by provincial social media head Rakesh Kumar and district president Santosh Kumar Mahto, presented a memorandum to MLA Dashrath Gagrai at his residence in Chakradharpur on Sunday.

The memorandum demanded parity for teachers with other state employees in various service benefits, including eligibility under MACP (Modified Assured Career Progression), raising retirement age to 62, provision of child education allowance akin to central government employees and restoration of NPS (National Pension System) contributions. The petition also called for granting teachers eligibility to participate in limited administrative service exams, reversing non-beneficial amendments in service rules for public servants, providing transport allowance in smaller towns and rural postings, approval of leave balances exceeding 300 days, uniform clerical service regulations and regular promotions for qualified Category IV employees.

The delegation included over a hundred teachers, administrative staff and union representatives. The memorandum aims to secure systemic reforms and greater welfare for educators and state employees across departments. (w/nkm)

Loyola School Telco celebrates Feast Day of St. Ignatius

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Jamshedpur, July 30: Loyola School, Telco, commemorated the Feast Day of its founder, St. Ignatius of Loyola, with a vibrant celebration on July 30. The event served as a heartfelt tribute to the visionary saint who founded the Society of Jesus and whose teachings continue to inspire millions across the globe.

The celebration began with the garlanding of St. Ignatius' statue by Principal Charanjeet Ohson, accompanied by Jesuit Fathers Fr. Michael T. Raj, Fr. Gerry D'Souza, Fr. Pius, and Fr. Gautam. This was followed by the ceremonial Lighting of the Lamp, symbolizing enlightenment and divine presence.

A prayer song and an expressive prayer dance set a spiritual tone, reminding everyone that prayer could be beautifully conveyed through music and movement.

The highlight of the event was a skit portraying the life of St. Ignatius—from a wounded soldier to a man of profound spiritual insight. The powerful performance conveyed themes of faith, resilience, and personal transformation. The school choir further uplifted the atmosphere with a rousing rendition of "Noble Knights," celebrating Ignatian values such as service, courage, and dedication.

Vice Superior Fr. Michael T. Raj addressed the gathering with an insightful reflection on the enduring relevance of St. Ignatius' teachings. He emphasized discernment, empathy, and inner freedom, urging students to become thoughtful individuals driven by both reflection and action.

A multimedia presentation highlighted Jesuit contributions to education, social justice, and humanitarian work around the world. A lively band performance and an energetic fusion dance by Primary students added rhythm and color to the morning.

Principal Charanjeet Ohson, in her concluding remarks, expressed deep appreciation for everyone involved in making the day special. She encouraged students to live by the Ignatian principle of 'Magis'—to strive for excellence and selfless service in all they do.

The celebration concluded with the Loyola School Anthem, sung with pride by the entire school community. The success of the program was made possible by the dedicated efforts of coordinators Teachers Reshma Rodrigues and Zeenat Maria, with the support of teachers Anna, Sofia, Elizabeth, Richa, Dipti, Deepika, Saurabh, Kanchan, Rohit, Swati, Amandeep, Abhisarika, Maushmi, Meenu, Kishor, Ranjita Minz, and Mariam. (W-mb)

Dr Meena takes charge as president of IWC East



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Jamshedpur, July 30: The 15th installation ceremony of the Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur East was held at Golmuri Club. Dr Meena Mukherjee was officially installed as the President for the 2025–26 term in the presence of district dignitaries and office bearers from other Inner Wheel Clubs of Jamshedpur.

Outgoing Secretary Sanchita De presented a detailed report of the club's impactful social initiatives and achievements during the year. Former President Madhumita Sanyal extended her gratitude to the team and members for their dedicated support and formally handed over responsibilities to the incoming president.

The newly formed Executive Committee for 2025–26 includes: Vice President – Sanchita Dey, Secretary – Anjubala, Treasurer – Nilima Prakash, ISO – Manjari Bhattacharya, Editor – Madhumita Roy. (W-mb)

IWC distributes rain gear to sanitation workers



Jamshedpur, July 30: The Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur distributed raincoats and umbrellas to around 15 sanitation workers at Shastri Nagar Road No. 4 in response to the ongoing monsoon season. Club President Agnes Boyle highlighted the club's commitment to serving the needy. Former President Archana Shekhar and committee members Anju Tripathi, Archana Singh, Chanchal Singh, and Veena Jaiswal actively participated in the initiative, reflecting the club's continued dedication to community welfare. (W-mb)

Farewell and welcome ceremony for Kharagpur DRMs



Kharagpur, July 30: SERSA Kharagpur hosted a farewell and welcome ceremony on July 29, 2025, at SERSA Stadium to honor outgoing Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) K.R. Chaudhary and welcome new DRM Lalit Mohan Pandey.

Pandey officially assumed charge on July 28. During his tenure, Chaudhary led several developmental projects, including the renovation of the M.S. Dhoni Museum into a sports hostel, installation of CCTV at the Badminton Hall, air-conditioning of hostel rooms and development of a standard-size cricket ground. Gym equipment was also procured to promote staff fitness. "His contributions have greatly enhanced sports infrastructure and staff welfare," noted one official. Chaudhary was felicitated for his service, while Pandey received warm wishes for his new role. The event was attended by numerous railway staff and SERSA members. (w/nkm)

Unapproved packaged drinking water seized at KGP Station



Kharagpur, July 30: Railway staff at Kharagpur Station seized nine cases of unauthorized packaged drinking water during a routine inspection of Train No. 22831. The consignment lacked proper documentation and brand approval. As per protocol, the items were confiscated immediately. The South Eastern Railway's Kharagpur Division emphasized its continued commitment to ensure that only safe and approved consumables are transported and sold across its network. Officials reaffirmed that such inspections will continue to prevent unauthorized vending activities. (w/nkm)

Villagers protest HCL recruitment of outsiders at Rakha Copper Mines

Jaduguda, July 30: Tensions flared in Jaduguda on Wednesday as local village heads and residents protested Hindustan Copper Limited's (HCL) decision to hire workers from outside the region for the recently reopened Rakha Copper Mines. The villagers blocked the Rakha Copper office gate for two hours, demanding local employment as promised in earlier public hearings. The mine has reopened after 24 years and locals allege that HCL is ignoring earlier commitments made to the community regarding local hiring.

"HCL's decision has triggered unrest in the area," said village head Jagdish Gop. A meeting between the company and village representatives later helped defuse the situation. Notable participants in the protest included village heads Susen Kalindi, Karu Mardi (Matiguda), Ajit Bhumij, Hari Patro, Soma Purty (President, Forest Rights Committee) and Susen Kalindi (Secretary), among many others. Locals now await HCL's response on giving employment preference to local residents. (w/nkm)

Shashi Tiwari elected president of St. Mary's Alumni Asso



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Jamshedpur, July 30: The second Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the St. Mary's English High School Alumni Association was held in Bistupur with great enthusiasm and unity among former students. During the event, the association also announced the formation of the St. Mary's Alumni Trust and honoured top-performing students from the 2025 batch.

A key highlight of the AGM was the election of the new office bearers. Shashi Tiwari (Batch of 1979) was unanimously elected as the new President. A former Tata Tinplate employee with three decades of experience, Tiwari is an XLRI-trained HR professional and a trained mediator at the Jharkhand High Court. Amrita Dhanjal (Batch of 1998), a Human Resources professional and winner of the "Mrs. Jharkhand" title, was elected as Secretary. Chandrashekhar Kothari (Batch of 1990), a businessman in the automobile parts sector, was elected as Treasurer.

Outgoing President Gurusharan Singh extended his best wishes to the newly elected committee and expressed confidence in the association's continued progress.

School Principal Father Vernon D'Souza and Vice Principal assured the alumni of continued support and announced plans to provide office space for the association within the school premises. Father Vernon also appreciated the consistent support of Tata Steel, particularly in promoting community welfare through responsible corporate citizenship.

The meeting also marked the official introduction of the St. Mary's Alumni Trust. Trustees Gurusharan Singh, Manjot Gill, Amrita Dhanjal, Preeti Saini, Animesh Bisoee, Chandrashekhar Kothari, along with newly appointed trustees Tejinder Marwa and Bipin Kashyap, were felicitated with flower bouquets. (W-mb)

Train services in CKP division to be disrupted in August

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Chakradharpur, July 30: The South Eastern Railway has announced major disruptions in train services during August due to infrastructure development work in the Chakradharpur Railway Division. Several trains will be cancelled, diverted, or partially terminated as part of safety and network upgrading measures.

Trains that will be cancelled include 18109/18110 Tatanagar – NSCB Itwari – Tatanagar Express that will remain cancelled on August 9, 12, 16, and 23; 68043/68044 Tatanagar – Rourkela – Tatanagar MEMU will be cancelled on August 9 and 12; 68025/68026 Chakradharpur – Rourkela – Chakradharpur MEMU will be cancelled on August 16, 19, 23, and 26. Trains that would be diverted include18477 Puri – Yoganagari Rishikesh Utkal Express that will run via Cuttack – Sambalpur City – Jharsuguda Road – Ib on August 11 and 18 and 18478 Yoganagari Rishikesh – Puri Utkal Express will be diverted via Ib – Jharsuguda Road – Sambalpur City – Cuttack on August 8, 15, and 22.

Some trains will be partially terminated. 22861 Howrah – Kantabanji Ispat Express will terminate at Tatanagar on August 9, 12, 16, 19, and 23; 12872 Titlagarh – Howrah Ispat Express will terminate at Rourkela; 12871 Howrah – Titlagarh Ispat Express will run only up to Tatanagar; 22862 Kantabanji – Howrah Ispat Express will run only up to Rourkela.

Passengers have been advised to check the latest train updates before travelling. For further information, the South Eastern Railway can be contacted through its official website and social media channels. (w/gsd)

UCO Bank employees hold memorial for late leader Umesh Singh

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Jamshedpur, July 30: A condolence meeting was held on July 30 at 5:30 PM by the Singhbhum District Bank Employees Association (BEFI) at UCO Bank's Jugsalai branch to honour the memory of Umesh Singh, a retired UCO Bank employee and a respected union leader. Singh was a senior executive member of the association and a prominent figure in the bank employees' movement in Jharkhand.

Association president Sujay Rai highlighted Singh's lifelong commitment to workers' rights and the trade union cause. Comrade D.N. Singh praised his activism and awareness. Umesh Singh's wife was present during the gathering, which was attended by around 30 bank employees including Ashish Dutta, Tapas Das, Viman Dasgupta, Manotosh Chakravarty, Subrata Kundu and C. Venkat Rao. (w/nkm)

Loyola Alumni Association organises Annual Blood Donation Camp

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Jamshedpur, July 30: The Loyola Alumni Association (LAA), under the aegis of the Jesuit Alumni Association of India's annual blood donation program, successfully organised its annual blood donation camp on Wednesday at Loyola School, Jamshedpur.

Held on the eve of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the camp commemorates the legacy of the founder of the Society of Jesus by upholding the Ignatian values of service, compassion, and care for others, especially the most vulnerable.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from Jesuit fathers, alumni members, teachers, parents, and students who came forward to support this noble cause. A total of 106 voluntary donors turned up for the camp, out of which 82 units of blood were successfully collected, meeting all required health parameters.

" LAA extends heartfelt gratitude to each and every donor for their selfless contribution. Your generosity will go a long way in saving lives and supporting those in need. The association remains committed to its mission of serving the marginalised sections of society and continues to uphold the values instilled by Jesuit education," said Rajiv Talwar of Loyola Alumni Association (LAA). (W-pb)

St. John's High School celebrates eloquence at Annual English Elocution and Speech Contest

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Jamshedpur, July 30: St. John's High School came alive with words, rhythm, and powerful ideas as it hosted its much-awaited Annual English Elocution and Speech Contest on Wednesday, July 30. The event, held in the School Hall, showcased the oratory brilliance and expressive talents of students from LKG to Class XI.

The contest began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolising the light of knowledge and the spirit of expression. Students across all age groups participated in various categories that included elocution, choral recitation, and persuasive public speaking. With their well-rehearsed performances and engaging delivery, participants left the audience and judges deeply impressed.

Young learners from junior classes recited poems and rhymes with cheerful enthusiasm and expressive gestures, while the senior students addressed contemporary and thought-provoking themes through impactful speeches, reflecting both clarity of thought and maturity.

The event was judged by a distinguished panel comprising Ishita Das, former Senior Manager and Business Analyst, and Moushomi Dutta, educationist, who lauded the students for their articulation, confidence, and stage presence. The event was graced by G. Francis, Director of SJHS, and Ashu Tiwary, Principal, SJHS.

Results: Primary Segment (Category 2): Class 2 was declared the winner, Category 3: Zikra Fatima emerged as the winner, Category 4: Arifa Firdaus secured the first prize, Category 5: Sharmistha Chandra was declared the winner. Special commendations were awarded to Anjum Fatima, Ayush Saw, Vaibhavi Sahu, and Rahul Dev Mandal for their outstanding performances.

Speaking on the occasion, the judges praised the school for nurturing platforms that foster language skills, creative expression, and self-confidence among students. They emphasized the lasting impact of such events on a child's overall personality development.

The programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, acknowledging the efforts of the students, teachers, and the organising team. Special appreciation was extended to Principal Ashu Tiwary, whose guidance and support ensured the event's resounding success. (W-pb)

Utkarsh Foundation supports Patepani School children



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Jamshedpur, July 30: The Utkarsh Foundation conducted an outreach visit to Patepani village, distributing essential items to underprivileged children at the Utkramit school. Led by President Kathakali Ghosh, the team included members Jaya Nagpuria, Shreya Ghosh, and Taposhi Chowdhury. A total of 36 raincoats were donated by a well-wisher to protect the children during the monsoon. Additionally, Krishnakali contributed nutritional food items to mark her daughter's birthday, reflecting a spirit of generosity. The initiative brought smiles and comfort to the children, reinforcing the positive impact of community-led efforts and thoughtful giving. (W-mb)

Tech transition, job tension

India has made significant strides in embracing large-scale technological transformations in recent years. From digital payments to AI-driven services, both public and private sectors have been at the forefront of this rapid evolution. Citizens too have adapted with optimism, hopeful that such progress will bring not only modernization but also new job opportunities in the world's most populous country.

However, recent developments in the IT sector raise some uncomfortable questions. The announcement by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)—India's flagship IT services company—that over 12,000 employees will be laid off is not just startling, but symptomatic of a deeper structural shift. Representing nearly 2% of its total workforce, this decision cannot be dismissed as routine downsizing.

TCS has cited the lack of suitable skills and the inability to redeploy employees within its evolving business model as the main reasons behind the layoffs. On the surface, it might appear to be a strategic move driven by changing technological demands. However, this also signals a deeper, perhaps inevitable, trend in the IT industry—one where artificial intelligence and automation begin to outpace human adaptability. While the CEO of TCS denies that AI-induced productivity is the root cause of the job cuts, the timing of these decisions and the company's parallel investments in AI training raise serious concerns.

This development brings to the fore an uncomfortable question: Must technological progress come at the cost of human employment? The layoff of experienced professionals following AI upskilling investments hints at a lack of sustainable human-technology integration within corporate structures. It underscores the risk that in the race to stay competitive, Indian companies may adopt new technologies without adequate consideration for the human cost.

This challenge is especially critical in India, where unemployment remains a severe concern. Despite a surge in students enrolling in IT courses across universities, job opportunities remain limited. This makes the TCS decision particularly discouraging for aspiring engineers and IT professionals, many of whom were inspired by India's reputation as a global IT powerhouse. Their optimism now faces the reality of a shrinking job market.

Moreover, the ripple effect of TCS's move could inspire similar cost-cutting measures in other IT firms, worsening the employment situation. If India follows the same automation-first approach as the West—without creating alternate employment avenues—it risks deepening its unemployment crisis.

But all is not bleak. India has shown remarkable agility in adopting digital technology over the past decade. The challenge now is to ensure that the next wave of tech adoption, especially AI, is accompanied by policies that prioritize human resource development. A uniquely Indian model—one that values both innovation and inclusion—is needed. This means public-private collaboration, stronger skilling programs and thoughtful integration of technology in workplaces.

The central government must step in with proactive measures. It must create frameworks to ensure smoother transitions for workers and incentivize companies that invest not just in AI tools, but in human capital. The recent rush of candidates appearing for limited government job exams in Haryana illustrates the scale of desperation in the job market.

India cannot afford to let technology widen its socio-economic gaps. The digital revolution must be human-centric, where change doesn't mean exclusion. Only then can technological progress truly be called progress.

From the Editorial Desk

JRD Tata: The one who envisioned a unified, sustainable future



Jehangir Ratanji Dadabhoy Tata, affectionately known as JRD Tata, was not just an iconic industrialist; he was a transformative visionary who believed in building a future where progress, people, and the planet thrive together. As the guiding force behind the Tata Group, he transcended the conventional role of a business leader, becoming a humanitarian who shaped India's approach to sustainable development, social equity, and inclusive growth.

In an era when sustainability wasn't yet a buzzword, JRD lived its essence-embedding environmental consciousness, ethical leadership, and community-centric practices into the Tata ethos. His actions laid the foundation for what we today recognise as the "One" approach-where business success, societal development, and environmental stewardship are inseparable and interdependent.

His commitment to environmental consciousness took institutional form with the establishment of the Tata Energy Research Institute in 1974-now TERI-focused on renewable energy and climate change at a time when few were thinking about it. His vision extended to education and social empowerment, leading to the creation of institutions like the Tata Institute of Social Sciences and the National Institute of Advanced Studies, both conceived to blend academic excellence with a deep understanding of social realities and national needs.

JRD's leadership was not confined to boardrooms. He was known for walking unannounced through the Steel Works shop floors, engaging directly with employees, and listening to their concerns. Once, after observing the safety conditions during a plant visit, he immediately ordered infrastructure upgrades-well before safety protocols were formalised through regulation. His belief in fairness and potential over formality is reflected in a now-famous instance where he overruled a promotion denial because the candidate lacked a degree. "A degree is only one measure of merit," he had said, championing talent and effort over credentials.JRD's sense of nation-building was expansive. His founding of India's first commercial airline in 1932 wasn't just about aviation. It was about connectivity, pride, and placing India on the global map. Under his leadership, Tata products and services became synonymous with quality and trust, both within India and internationally. He led with a quiet conviction that excellence, ethics, and empathy were not mutually exclusive, but interdependent.

At Tata Steel, JRD's legacy is visible in both scale and spirit. He encouraged global collaborations and technological upgrades, always thinking ahead of the curve. He knew that innovation and skill development were essential to staying competitive and resilient. During economic downturns, he urged a focus on long-term national need rather than short-term profits, a principle that still guides the company's strategic thinking.

His approach was measured, principled, and far-sighted-anchored in the belief that Tata Steel's growth must serve India's development.

His empathy extended beyond the workforce to the communities around Tata operations. He promoted social welfare projects in health, housing, education, and sanitation-laying the groundwork for what we now call CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility).

JRD was equally invested in the soul of the nation. His support for the National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA) and numerous artistic endeavours showed that he valued not just development, but cultural richness. He believed that a strong nation must honour its heritage and nurture creativity.

A man of few words but deep convictions, JRD led by example. His conduct, humility, and personal discipline earned him immense respect-not just among peers but among people from all walks of life.

Under JRD Tata's stewardship, Tata Sons grew from 14 to 95 companies, and the Group's assets skyrocketed from approximately $100 million to over $5 billion. But more than the numbers, it is the values he embedded-empathy, foresight, and integrity-that define his true legacy.

He did not merely build an empire-he built a framework for responsible, inclusive, and sustainable growth. Today, as organisations embrace the "One" approach, his philosophy reminds us that true leadership lies in aligning purpose with action and ensuring that progress uplifts everyone it touches.

JRD Tata's life continues to inspire a generation to think long-term, act ethically, and lead with empathy-because that is the only path to a truly unified future.

July 31 is feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Ite Inflammate Omnia: Setting the world on fire



Dr (Fr) Mukti Clarence, S.J.



Why should anyone today care about a man who lived in 16th-century Spain? Who is St. Ignatius of Loyola, and why does his legacy continue to shape our world? Ignatius of Loyola was a soldier-turned-mystic whose profound spiritual awakening led him to found the Society of Jesus-the Jesuits. Today, Jesuits are widely known as educators, spiritual guides, and tireless social workers. In India, their presence is felt across the educational landscape from Xavier University and Loyola Schools to their ministries in tribal villages and urban slums. Whatever little good the Jesuits may have done across the centuries can be traced back to the fire Ignatius lit in the hearts of his spiritual sons. That fire still burns today. The way of Ignatius is not about piety alone it is about transformation. His life has helped millions discover joy, peace, and freedom by experiencing God in the everyday. The Ignatian path is a path to inner freedom: the freedom to become the person one is meant to be, to love and accept love, to make sound decisions, to behold the beauty of creation, and to enter into the mystery of God's unconditional love. His spirituality centered on discernment, care for the person, striving for the Magis (the greater good), and finding God in all things offers a deeply practical and meaningful guide for modern life. Jesuit spirituality has always been focused not on forming pious individuals alone, but on shaping "men and women for others."

Each year, July 31 marks the feast of this extraordinary saint. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) is one of those rare individuals whose spiritual vision transformed not only the Catholic Church but also the world of education, social transformation, and intercultural dialogue. After a shattering injury on the battlefield in 1521, Ignatius turned inward and upward. That moment marked the beginning of a spiritual revolution that endures to this day. Robert Rusk, in his History of Education, placed Ignatius among the thirteen greatest educators of all time. R. Fulop-Miller described him as one of the few men in history to follow an idea to its very end with such clarity and discipline, leaving a mark on both thought and action. In the eight years before his death, Ignatius founded 35 colleges and had plans for several more. Just 25 years later, there were 144 Jesuit institutions worldwide, and by 1600, more than 250 all offered free of cost. The Jesuits were soon called "The Schoolmasters of Europe." Such was their zeal for mission that a painter once captured a group of Jesuits boarding a ship under a banner that read Unus non sufficit eis orbis "One world is not enough for them." That same fire reached Indian shores early. Jesuits engaged deeply in India's nation-building from the mission to Emperor Akbar's court under Claudio Acquaviva to Fr. Jerome D'Souza's key contributions in shaping India's Constitution. Jesuits became not only missionaries but also linguists, scientists, educationists, human rights advocates, and cultural bridges. Their legacy in India continues to reflect intellectual rigor and moral courage.

Today, Jesuit education in India thrives in institutions such as XLRI, XISS, LIBA, St. Xavier's Colleges in Mumbai, Ranchi, Ahmedabad, and Jaipur; universities in Patna, Bhubaneswar, and Kolkata; Loyola College in Chennai; St. Joseph's College in Trichy; St. Joseph's University in Bangalore; and St. Aloysius (Deemed University) in Mangaluru. Across the country, the Society of Jesus administers nearly six universities, over sixty colleges, close to seventeen business schools, more than 220 secondary schools, and over 100 primary and middle schools. Together, these institutions engage around 11,000 faculty and staff and serve over 360,000 students. While many of these institutions have gained a reputation for academic excellence and have produced luminaries such as President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and cricketer Rahul Dravid, the Jesuit mission goes far beyond elite education.

Jesuits have always reached out to the most marginalized. Fr. John Deeney developed the first grammar and dictionary of the Ho language. Fr. John-Baptist Hoffmann compiled the Mundari lexicon and fought for tribal land rights. Jesuits helped develop the written Santali language and inspired cultural pride among tribal communities. Fr. Camille Bulcke, a Belgian Jesuit, became one of India's most celebrated Hindi scholars and received the Padma Bhushan. In Gujarat, Fr. Carlos Valles wrote widely acclaimed spiritual literature in Gujarati, while in Tamil Nadu, Jesuits such as Henriques and Beschi laid the foundations for grammar, printing, and even Latin translations of the Thirukkural. Whether urban or rural, academic or linguistic, Jesuit education remains rooted in the Ignatian call to "set the world on fire."

In fact, a 2020 article in Harvard Business Review by Claudio Fernández-Aráoz acknowledged the brilliance of Jesuit formation, especially its emphasis on self-awareness, resilience, ethical leadership, and adaptability-skills crucial to the modern world. Jesuit institutions form not just professionals, but conscientious, reflective, and compassionate human beings. Jesuit spirituality, particularly in India, is contemplative, interfaith, and interior. It is grounded in the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius, which foster discernment, silence, and action that arises from depth. Jesuits have entered into respectful dialogue with the spiritual traditions of India. Indologists like Pierre Johanns, Georges Dandoy, and Richard De Smet studied Sanskrit and Vedanta, not to refute them, but to learn from them. Jesuits also immersed themselves in Buddhism and Islam, not only through scholarship but through spiritual experience. Retreat centers like Sadhana in Lonavala, Upasana in Patna, Dhyanashrama in Chennai, and Prerana in Bangalore continue to guide thousands in their interior journey. The Vipassana-inspired spiritual accompaniment of Fr. Ama Swamy stands as a shining example of how Ignatian spirituality can serve people of all faiths or none. In a time marked by psychological stress and spiritual hunger, Jesuit spirituality offers not only meaning but healing. Their guidance on discernment, silent retreats, and inner freedom has become a refuge for seekers across India.

Jesuits have also stood in solidarity with the excluded, long before it became fashionable. They have resisted unjust displacement, championed land rights, and trained local leaders to advocate for themselves. The life and martyrdom of Fr. Stan Swamy remain a powerful symbol of this mission. His work among Adivasi communities, research on unjust incarceration, and eventual death in custody reflect the high cost of standing for justice. Jesuits like Fr. Ruskhat and Fr. K.T. Thomas in Ranchi and Hazaribag pioneered models of community-based empowerment, economic cooperatives, and tribal leadership. In provinces like Patna and Madhya Pradesh, Jesuits have built educational networks, anti-human trafficking initiatives, and platforms for women's rights. Research centers like ISI Delhi and ISI Bengaluru have become national leaders in advocacy, social analysis, and human rights training. Alongside this, Jesuits in India have begun integrating ecological consciousness into their mission. Through agroecological farming, water conservation, and climate advocacy, they echo Pope Francis's call for "integral ecology," a worldview where all creation is interconnected and nothing is wasted.

As we celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, we do not merely remember a historical figure we rekindle a fire. This fire still burns in classrooms, tribal villages, spiritual retreat centers, and courts of justice. The Society of Jesus continues to shape India's intellectual, moral, and spiritual landscape, accompanying people in their quest for truth, dignity, and human flourishing. Let us honor the legacy of this visionary saint and the Jesuit mission he began. May Jesuit institutions continue to flourish, may their works of compassion and justice deepen, and may young hearts hear the call to join in setting the world ablaze with hope, courage, and love.

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India's cement industry to clock higher profit in FY26 as demand firms up

Growth in India's cement demand will recover to 6.5-7.5 per cent during the current financial year after falling to around 5 per cent in 2024-25. This, coupled with an uptick in realisations, will lift operating profitability by about Rs 100, to a level just above the decadal average, according to a Crisil report released on Monday.

Healthy accrual coupled with robust balance sheets will keep the credit profiles of cement makers stable, the report states.

The Crisil analysis is based on data from 17 cement companies, accounting for over 85 per cent of domestic sales volume.

During the last financial year, cement demand hit a soft patch in the first half and reported a tepid growth of 2-3 per cent owing to a slowdown in construction activities due to the general elections and an erratic monsoon. However, there was a recovery in the second half leading to an annual demand growth of around 5 per cent.

Crisil Intelligence director Sehul Bhatt said, "This fiscal, cement demand will be driven by a 7-8 per cent growth in the rural housing segment, which accounts for a third of the domestic demand. Indeed, rural housing demand will replace infrastructure segment as the primary demand driver this fiscal owing to expectations of rise in agricultural income on a likely healthy monsoon. Higher disposable income on account of tax cuts and benign inflation will also support rural housing demand."On its part, the infrastructure segment, the second-largest contributor to cement demand with around 30 per cent share, is expected to grow at a relatively slow, but steady pace owing to lower awarding of national highway projects in the previous two fiscals and muted capital outlay growth for railways.

Meanwhile, cement prices witnessed healthy uptick in the first quarter of the current fiscal and are expected to rise 2-4 per cent this fiscal after two consecutive years of price lull.

Crisil Ratings director Anand Kulkarni said, "Along with higher demand, a recovery in realisations, amid stable costs, will lift the operating profitability of cement makers to Rs 975-1,000 per tonne this fiscal against around Rs 880 per tonne in the last fiscal and the decadal average of around Rs 965 per tonne. Increasing proportion of competitively sourced green energy in the power mix will lead to some savings in power and fuel costs. This will support profitability by offsetting the Rs 20-30 per tonne rise in raw material prices due to higher cost of limestone, fly ash and slag."However, an extended monsoon impacting construction activity or lower infrastructure spend, which can affect demand, and any adverse movement in commodity and energy prices owing to global geopolitical tensions, which may dent profitability, will bear watching, the report added.

Once on ventilator, BSNL ready to serve the nation again

Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Wednesday credited the Prime Minister Narendra Modi government's strategic revival steps for bringing BSNL back from the brink, saying that the state-run telecom giant, once left on 'ventilator support' by the previous UPA government, has now firmly re-established itself in the hearts of Indian consumers.

Speaking exclusive to IANS here on BSNL's remarkable turnaround, the minister said, "At one point, BSNL was not even on ventilator support but in a critically failing state."

"Prime Minister Modi made a strong resolve to bring BSNL back into full service for the country. Today, we are seeing the result of that commitment," the Union Minister told IANS.

According to BSNL's financial data, the company posted a net profit of Rs 280 crore in the January-March quarter (Q4) of FY25, making it the second consecutive profitable quarter after nearly two decades.

This followed a Rs 262 crore profit in the October-December quarter -- marking the first profit for the company in 18 years.

Scindia credited the turnaround to a mix of government support and the hard work of BSNL employees across the country -- from linemen in remote villages to the headquarters team in the national capital.

"Their dedication and tireless efforts have made this possible. BSNL is no longer just surviving -- it is thriving," the Union Minister said.

The government had earlier announced multiple financial revival packages for BSNL, amounting to Rs 3 lakh crore, as part of its mission to revive the struggling public sector unit.

Backing this revival has been BSNL's aggressive push for self-reliant 4G expansion.

Scindia said that India's first fully indigenous 4G network has now been implemented across the country.

"Nearly 95,000 sites have been installed, out of which around 90,000 are commissioned and over 74,000 are already on-air," the minister explained.

"BSNL is now fully prepared to serve customers with a robust, indigenous 4G network. This is not just a revival, it's a reinvention of BSNL's role in India's digital future," the Union Minister added.

Large size of domestic market cushions India against US tariff hikes

New Delhi, July 30 (IANS) India's exports could face tariffs of up to 25 per cent if the bilateral trade agreement with the US is not finalised by August 1 but the macroeconomic impact of any hike in tariffs would be cushioned by the large size of the country's domestic market, according to economists.



A recent Morgan Stanley report had stated that India is the "best placed country in Asia," amid the global uncertainty triggered by US President Donald Trump's threat to jack up tariffs, because of the nation's low goods exports to GDP ratio.

"While India is exposed to direct tariff risks, we believe on balance India is less exposed to global goods trade slowdown considering that it has the lowest goods exports to GDP ratio in the region," the report stated.

According to a Fitch report, the large size of India's domestic market, which reduces reliance on external demand, is expected to insulate the country from the US tariff hike, with the economy expected to maintain a growth of 6.5 percent in FY26. Economists are of the view that India's export potential also depends eventually on the amount of tariff India faces when compared with other competing nations such as China.

US and Chinese officials agreed to seek an extension of their 90-day tariff truce on Tuesday, following two days of talks in Stockholm to find a way of resolving the trade war which has the potential of jacking up tariffs to 3-digit levels. While China is using its dominance over rare metals as a bargaining chip, US negotiators have said that President Donald Trump will take the final call.

The US has set a 1 August deadline for India and several other countries to either reach a trade agreement or face increased tariffs. Indian and American officials have been negotiating a trade deal for the past few months. A high-level official delegation, led by chief negotiator Rajesh Agrawal, returned from Washington after the trade talks with US officials without reaching a final agreement on the sensitive issue of trade in agricultural and dairy products that the US is pushing for.

The Indian team was in Washington, DC for negotiations on an interim trade agreement with the US from June 26 to July 2. The US is seeking broader market access for its agricultural and dairy products, which is a major hurdle, as for India, this is a livelihood issue of the country's small farmers and hence is considered a sensitive area. However, India would be able to import more energy products and defence equipment from the US after the agreement is signed.

TCS CEO earns Rs 26.5 crore as IT major announces massive layoffs

New Delhi, July 30 (IANS) Information Technology giant Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) CEO K. Krithivasan received a total annual compensation of Rs 26.5 crore, after a 4.6 per cent increase from the previous year, TCS's annual report for FY25 has revealed.



Krithivasan's salary comprised a base salary of Rs 1.39 crore, alongside Rs 2.12 crore in benefits, perquisites, and allowances, as well as Rs 23 crore in commission, according to the latest annual report.

Netizens and IT employees were irked that his pay was 329.8 times the median employee salary.

Praveen Chakravarty, a netizen, posted on X: "TCS CEO pay: Rs 35 cr; Top 5 leadership: Rs 40 cr; Avg employee: Rs 15 lakh. If top 100 took small pay cuts, it can save 12,000 jobs. Their lives won't be terrible at Rs 2.5 cr pay vsRs 3 cr. For 12,000 families, lives will be miserable at 0 pay vsRs 15 lakh. AI is real; mass layoffs need not be".

Other officials at the top also received enormous compensation. Former Chief Operating Officer and Executive Director of TCS, NG Subramaniam, received a salary of Rs 11.55 crore until May 2024, following which he stepped down from his roles at the company. The payment included a base salary of Rs 30 lakh, Rs 7.24 crore in benefits, and Rs 4 crore in commission.

Tata AIA achieves milestone in Jharkhand with 75 MDRT-qualified advisors

Mail News Service

Ranchi, July 26: Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited, one of India's leading life insurers, has marked a significant achievement by registering 75 Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) qualified advisors from Jharkhand. This milestone reflected the company's unwavering commitment to excellence in financial advisory services.

As per the 2025 Global MDRT Rankings, Tata AIA has secured the top position in India for the third consecutive year and achieved an impressive 4th rank globally. The company now boasted2,871 MDRT qualifiers, indicating an 11% growth over the previous year.

From Ranchi alone, 16 advisors earned MDRT qualification, while a total of 69 MDRT and 3 Court of the Table (COT) advisors had been registered across Jharkhand. COT qualifiers were recognized for achieving three times the MDRT production requirement, reflecting exceptional sales performance.

Tata AIA had also taken remarkable strides in promoting women's participation in financial services. With 1,343 female MDRT members the company ranked7th globally for female representation, highlighting its strong commitment to diversity and inclusion.

This achievement underscored the expertise and professionalism of Tata AIA's advisors and reinforced its position as a trusted name in life insurance and financial planning. (w/gsd)

Field verification of reservation survey in Seraikela's urban wards

Seraikela, July 30: Following a door-to-door eligibility survey for backward-class reservations, the State Backward Classes Commission conducted field visits to verify the data integrity in selected urban wards within Seraikela district. Chairperson Janaki Prasad Yadav, along with members Nandkishore Mehta and Lakshman Yadav, inspected wards 3, 6 and 10 in Seraikela Municipality, wards 12, 13 and 16 in Adityapur Municipal Corporation and wards 16, 19 and 20 in Kapali Municipality Council.

During the visits, the team randomly engaged with approximately 15–20 families to collect voter-based information such as number of voters, caste classification and polling station details. They cross-verified this data against the official door-to-door survey and expressed satisfaction when the figures matched. Real-time validation of the voter list via ID and portal entries was performed on the spot to ensure accuracy.

The commission clarified that such on-ground inspection was essential to maintain objectivity and credibility in the upcoming decision-making process. Local officials present during the verification included Deputy Mayor Parul Singh, circle-level officers, municipal managers and BLOs. Their cooperation ensured a rigorous and transparent validation process that will promptly inform reservation eligibility determinations. (w/nkm)

Campus showcases bold new sneaker portfolio



Deogarh, July 29: Campus Activewear Ltd., one of India's leading Sports and Athleisure brands, hosted its Annual Retailer Meet 2025 in Chas, bringing together over 250 retail partners from the region. Organised in collaboration with Channel Partner, Ishtiaque Khan (New Grand Shoe), the event was themed "Move Together, Grow Together"- rooted in Campus' brand philosophy "Move Your Way" and reaffirming its belief in co-creating progress with its extensive retail network.

Celebrating the deep trust and everyday connection between brand and partners, the meet spotlighted its newest innovations and strategic focus areas. Retailers were equipped with insights to better serve evolving consumer needs, particularly in high-demand segments such as fashion-first sneakers, women's sneakers and Campus' flagship tech- Air Capsule Pro.

"Every pair we design only reaches its full potential when it reaches the consumer, and our retailers make that possible," said Mr. Nikhil Aggarwal, Whole-Time Director and CEO, Campus Activewear Ltd. "This meet is more than a product showcase-it's a celebration of shared momentum, evolving consumer insight and the journey we are on together. From on-trend sneakers to women's athleisure, our partners remain the heartbeat of our movement across India."

Aadhaar camp held for orphaned children under 'Saathi Abhiyan'



Mail News Service

Gamharia, July 30: A special Aadhaar registration camp was held at the Gamharia Block Office under the 'Saathi Abhiyan' initiative by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Seraikela-Kharsawan. The camp specifically focused on Aadhaar registration of children who have lost both parents, aiming to link them with various government welfare schemes.

The camp was conducted by Aadhaar operator Krishna Mahato, with PLVs Rupali Pati, Mukesh Mishra, Sanjeev Kumar, Priyanka Mahato, and Rita Mahato assisting in the registration process. (w/nkm)

Royal Stag BoomBox Originals unveils second track 'Sajna Mera'

Mail News Service

Durgapur, July 29: Royal Stag BoomBox, the brand's flagship music IP in collaboration with Universal Music Group, has returned with a fresh line-up under Royal Stag BoomBox Originals-a unique format that fuses melody and hip-hop. Following a successful run with tracks like Pehle Jaisi Baat Nahi, Hoodie, Mohabbat and Imtihaan, the platform has now dropped its second original of this season, Sajna Mera-a powerful collaboration featuring Neeti Mohan, Panther and Ravator. After captivating audiences across multiple youth hubs over the last three years with high-energy on-ground experiences, Royal Stag BoomBox is back with its second season of boombox originals - soundtracks that celebrate the brand's spirit of Living It Large.

The soundtrack is a celebration of modern love-expressive, bold and deeply personal. Speaking about the track, Neeti Mohan said:" Collaborating with Panther and Ravator on this track was a fresh and exciting experience." Sharing his thoughts, Panther said: "Royal Stag BoomBox is a platform made for artists who want to break new ground-and the song embodies exactly that spirit of innovation."

Seraikela Court's security audited by SP Mukesh Kumar Lunayat

Mail News Service

Seraikela, July 30: On Wednesday, Superintendent of Police Mukesh Kumar Lunayat conducted an unannounced security audit at the Seraikela Fast Track Court. He reviewed security checkpoints, entry and exit routes, CCTV coverage and police deployment within the court complex. SP Lunayat emphasized that upholding law and order in court premises—a sensitive zone—is paramount and instructed regular inspections to avoid any lapses.

He directed officials to strictly enforce screening of individuals, vehicle checks and ensure that all security equipment remained functional. Lunayat remarked, "A secure court environment ensures smooth judicial proceedings and builds public trust." His directives aim to reinforce vigilance and operational readiness among court and police staff stationed at the site. (w/nkm)

MLA's humanitarian gesture helps bring home deceased from Vellore

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 30: In a compassionate and timely act of public service, Potka MLA Sanjib Sardar extended financial assistance to the grieving family of Ashok Toppo, a 45-year-old resident of Potka block who passed away during treatment for a brain tumour at CMC Hospital in Vellore on Tuesday. Ashok had been undergoing treatment since June 20, after being admitted by his son, Sunil Toppo. Despite their best efforts, Ashok succumbed to his illness after a prolonged battle.

The family had already exhausted their financial resources, spending nearly ?4 lakh on medical expenses. When it came to transporting the



body back to Potka, they found themselves helpless, unable to afford the cost of the final journey. In desperation, Sunil Toppo reached out to MLA Sanjib Sardar, who responded promptly and sensitively. Understanding the gravity of the situation, Sardar arranged immediate financial support, allowing the family to transport Ashok's body home via ambulance.

Ashok's family expressed heartfelt gratitude to the MLA for his timely support during a time of crisis. "This help brought some peace during an otherwise overwhelming tragedy," said a family member. The gesture underscores how empathetic leadership can make a real difference in people's lives, especially during their darkest moments. (w/nkm)

Woman and biker injured in road accident at Amdiha



Gamharia, July 30: A woman pedestrian and a biker were injured in a collision at Amdiha under Gamharia police station area. The incident occurred when a bike, ridden by Kishun Murmu from Sridharpur, struck Rani Baske, a resident of Amdiha, who was walking on the road. Both sustained injuries in the accident.

Local residents quickly informed Gamharia police, who arrived at the scene and transported both injured individuals to the Gamharia Community Health Centre for treatment. (w/nkm)

Eligibility survey reviewed for backward class reservation in urban bodies

Mail News Service

Seraikela, July 30: A crucial meeting was held at the Seraikela Circuit House on Wednesday to review reports from the door-to-door eligibility survey conducted under the "triple test" for backward-class reservation in municipal jurisdictions. The meeting, chaired by State Backward Classes Commission Chairperson Janaki Prasad Yadav, was attended by commission members Nandkishore Mehta and Lakshman Yadav, along with senior officials. The group analyzed updated data covering the economic, social, educational and political status of backward-class communities.

Yadav directed a detailed review of caste certificates, income proofs, birth and death records and pending cases at circle offices, instructing that all matters be resolved promptly. Discussion extended to benefits due in cases of natural disasters, accidental death and snakebite incidents, with instructions given for broader dissemination of schemes and swift delivery of entitlements to eligible individuals. The commission also mandated fair compensation for crop and financial losses faced by farmers in elephant-affected areas, along with promoting self-employment initiatives via loans and related benefits.

In the education sector review, members emphasized ensuring eligible students receive pre- and post-matric scholarships and bicycle distribution benefits. Schools were reminded to enroll 25% of students from below-poverty-line families under the Right to Education Act in private institutions and to ensure timely provision of food, basic facilities and other entitlements in residential schools. Further stress was placed on expanding MGNREGS schemes, empowering rural women through training and ensuring timely supply of seeds, fertilizers and fruit saplings to all farmers in the district. (w/nkm)

Villagers agree to anganwadi construction after Gram Sabha in Burudih



Mail News Service

Gamharia, July 30: After prolonged opposition by local residents, a Gram Sabha was organized on Wednesday in Burudih village under Burudih Panchayat regarding the construction of an Anganwadi centre building. The meeting was attended by Block Development Officer Abhay Kumar Dwivedi, CDPO Durgesh Nandini, Cooperative Officer Sunil Kumar Chaudhary and villagers from five nearby villages. The Anganwadi construction had been stalled since 2017 due to local disagreements. Various suggestions for resolving the issue were discussed seriously during the meeting.

Eventually, consensus was reached to construct the centre in Santhal Tola, Burudih. BDO Dwivedi stated, "With unanimous agreement from villagers, construction at the designated site will begin soon." Village heads, Majhi Baba, ward members, and a large number of men and women participated in the meeting. (w/nkm)

Urovita Hospital completes two years of excellence in Urological Care

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 30: Urovita Hospital, located at 22 Jagdish Modi Tower, New Baradwari, Sakchi, has successfully completed two years of dedicated service in the field of urology, offering comprehensive care under one roof. The milestone marks not just the passage of time but a journey filled with advanced treatments, compassionate care, and unwavering commitment to the community.

Dr Harprit Singh, Urovita Hospital said that over the past year, the hospital has undertaken several complicated and challenging surgeries, showcasing its surgical expertise and cutting-edge medical infrastructure. In addition to providing clinical excellence,



Urovita has also extended its services to remote areas by conducting free health check-up camps. These camps included free investigations and treatment for underprivileged patients, reinforcing the hospital's commitment to accessible and inclusive healthcare.

What sets Urovita apart is the availability of a full range of urological services all in one place. The hospital is equipped with: Laboratory services, X-ray and ultrasound imaging, Uroflowmetry and urodynamic studies, Advanced operation theatre, Indoor admission facilities, Laser surgeries, RIRS (Retrograde Intrarenal Surgery), THUFLEP (Thulium Fiber Laser Enucleation of Prostate) for managing large prostate glands

Expressing heartfelt gratitude, the Urovita Hospital family said, "We are thankful to God for His blessings and grateful to all our patients who have trusted us with their treatment. Their faith continues to inspire us to serve better every day."

As Urovita Hospital steps into its third year, it remains committed to excellence, innovation, and compassionate patient care—one life at a time.

Chemistry professor who used science to explain husband's death gets life term for murder



Mumbai, July 30 (IANS) : In a rare courtroom moment that took the internet by storm, former chemistry professor Mamta Pathak who had argued her own appeal in the High Court without a lawyer has been sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of her husband. The decision, delivered by the Madhya Pradesh High Court in a detailed 97-page judgment, has not only reaffirmed the district court's earlier ruling but also sparked widespread public interest due to the unusual nature of the case and the woman at its centre. Mamta Pathak, once a chemistry professor in Chhatarpur, was convicted in 2022 for the murder of her husband, Dr Neeraj Pathak, a retired government doctor. The couple reportedly had long-standing disputes, and in 2021, Dr Pathak died under mysterious circumstances at their home. The police initially recorded the death as being caused by electric shock. However, forensic and post-mortem findings raised doubts, and investigators later filed murder charges against Mamta.

A district court, relying on medical reports and other evidence, sentenced her to life imprisonment.

After her conviction, Mamta was granted interim bail to care for her mentally challenged child. During this period, she appealed against the district court's decision in the Jabalpur bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court. With limited legal support, she decided to represent herself in the court. In an unexpected courtroom moment that quickly went viral, Mamta Pathak calmly and confidently argued that thermal burns and electric burns can appear deceptively similar and only a proper chemical analysis could establish the difference. Her assertion stunned the court. When asked by the judge, "Are you a chemistry professor?", she replied, "Yes."

Her scientific reasoning, composure under pressure, and refusal to break down even while standing trial for murder, made her an internet sensation. Clips from the hearing circulated widely on social media. Despite the social media support and her impassioned self-defence, the High Court upheld her life sentence. Government advocate Manas Mani Verma told NDTV that the court took the case seriously and even appointed senior advocate Surendra Singh as amicus curiae to ensure that Mamta Pathak received a fair hearing.

The court, after a lengthy deliberation, observed that the evidence and circumstances pointed clearly towards guilt. Referring to relevant Supreme Court judgments and judicial precedent, the bench ruled the crime to be grave in nature and directed Mamta Pathak to surrender immediately.

Katy Perry and Justin Trudeau on Montreal dinner date behaved like "just pals"



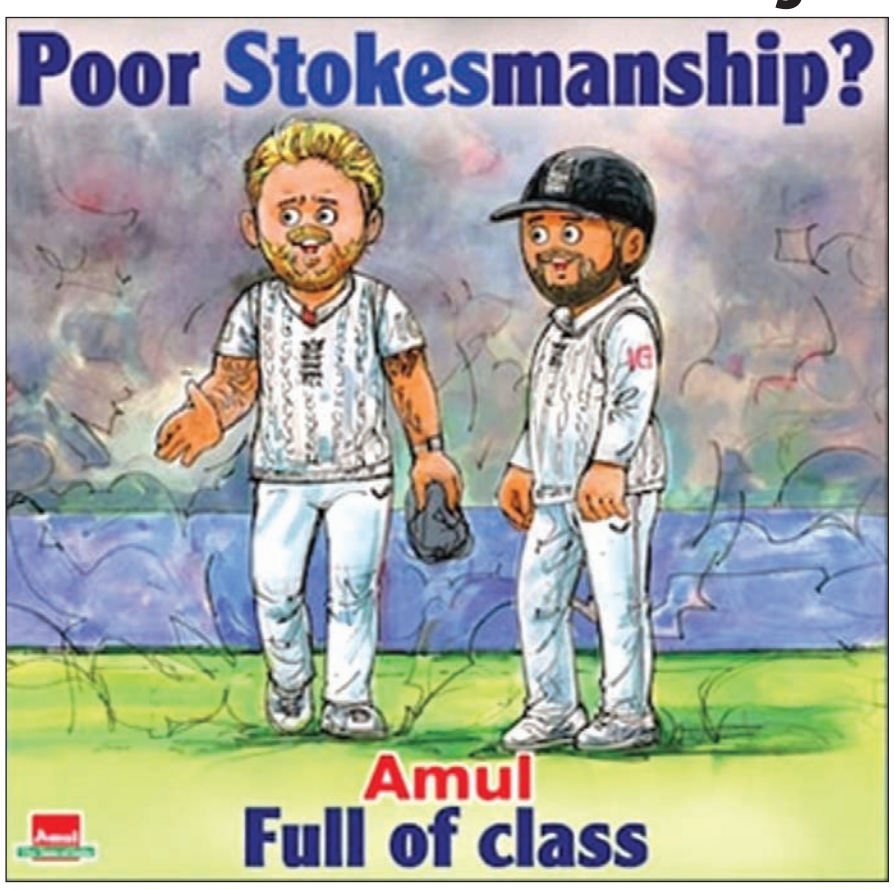
Mumbai, July 30 (IANS) : After grainy pictures of Katy Perry and Justin Trudeau dining at a restaurant in Canada started doing social media rounds, the Internet was quick to signal that a new couple was in town. But are they really dating?

The pop superstar and the former Canadian Prime Minister were recently spotted having dinner at Le Violon, a restaurant in Montreal's Le Plateau, according to a report in People Magazine. And it didn't take long for this high-profile encounter to make headlines.The news went viral on social media with fans wasting no time calling it dinner date. That their meet-up came weeks after Katy Perry and her former partner, Hollywood actor Orlando Bloom confirmed their split added fuel to the fire. But a new TMZ report claims that there might be no romance angle to this story. TMZ reached out to Danny Smiles, co-owner and co-executive chef of Le Violon, who said that he did not get any dating vibes from the duo. They rather seemed like two friends enjoying a meal.

While neither Katy Perry nor Justin Trudeau has addressed the rumour yet, the dinner had all the makings of a viral moment. The two reportedly spent over two hours dining on gourmet seafood and sipping wine.Whether it was a casual dinner between friends or the beginning of an unexpected romance, no one will know unless one of them confirms. But one thing is for sure, the Internet was not ready for the two heading out for dinner together.

"Poor Stokesmanship?" - Amul shares topical for Ben Stokes' 'Handshake Controversy'

Mumbai, July 30 (IANS) : A controversy erupted during the recent fourth Test between England and India at Old Trafford. England captain Ben Stokes offered a handshake to draw late on Day 5, since no result was likely. India chose to continue batting so that Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar could complete their centuries (before accepting the draw). The Indian team's decision frustrated the England side. The players displayed visible signs of annoyance on the field. The incident has made headlines and sparked a heated debate. Critics accused England of poor sportsmanship, while some former players defended Stokes's response. Indian players and pundits defended the team's decision to play on. They argued that personal milestones (like hitting a century) are valid reasons to continue. Dubbed the "handshake controversy," this news has led to many discussions and posts on social media. Recently, popular dairy brand Amul released a topical about the same. The illustration depicts Ben Stokes and Ravindra Jadeja. Stokes' right hand is shown to be outstretched in a handshake gesture. Amul cannot resist adding a pun or other form of wordplay to its topicals. This one has a witty twist on the essence of sportsmanship. The text on top reads, "Poor Stokesmanship?" At the bottom of the illustration are the words, "Amul. Full of class." The caption notes, "#Amul Topical: England captain engages in controversial behaviour as India saves Test match!"Amul often shares topicals on controversies and scandals. Before this, it released one when the Coldplay kiss cam scandal was grabbing everyone's attention. The illustration shows the couple with an expression of surprise as they are caught together on camera. The text on top reads, "Hum tum ek camera mein bandh ho." This is a reference to a popular Hindi Song, "Hum Tum Ek Kamre Mein Band Ho."



There are only engineers: Elon Musk says there won't be any "researcher" at xAI

In a bold shift in language and workplace philosophy, Elon Musk has declared that his artificial intelligence company, xAI, will no longer refer to employees as "researchers." Instead, all roles will carry the title "engineer," signaling a move away from academic-style job distinctions.

The announcement came in response to a now-updated job post on X by xAI employee Aditya Gupta. The original listing called for an "AI engineer and researcher - Reasoning post training." Gupta noted they were seeking talent to scale reinforcement learning systems with human feedback.



Musk swiftly responded to the post, writing, "This false nomenclature of 'researcher' and 'engineer', which is a thinly-masked way of describing a two-tier engineering system, is being deleted from xAI today." He went on to declare, "There are only engineers. 'Researcher' is a relic term from academia."

Musk doubled down on his stance, referencing SpaceX: "SpaceX does more meaningful, cutting-edge 'research' on rockets and satellites than all the academic university labs on Earth combined. But we don't use the pretentious, low-accountability term 'researcher'. We say engineer."

Shortly after Musk's statement, Gupta edited his post: "correction: looking for solid engineers."

Car with husky behind the wheel causes traffic jam in Mumbai: "Supposed to be serious but..."

Mumbai, July 30 (IANS) : Social media was abuzz after a dog was spotted in a car, sitting in the driver's seat in Mumbai. The incident was reported in Lokhandwala Main Market, where a red hatchback car was parked in the middle of the road, causing a traffic jam.

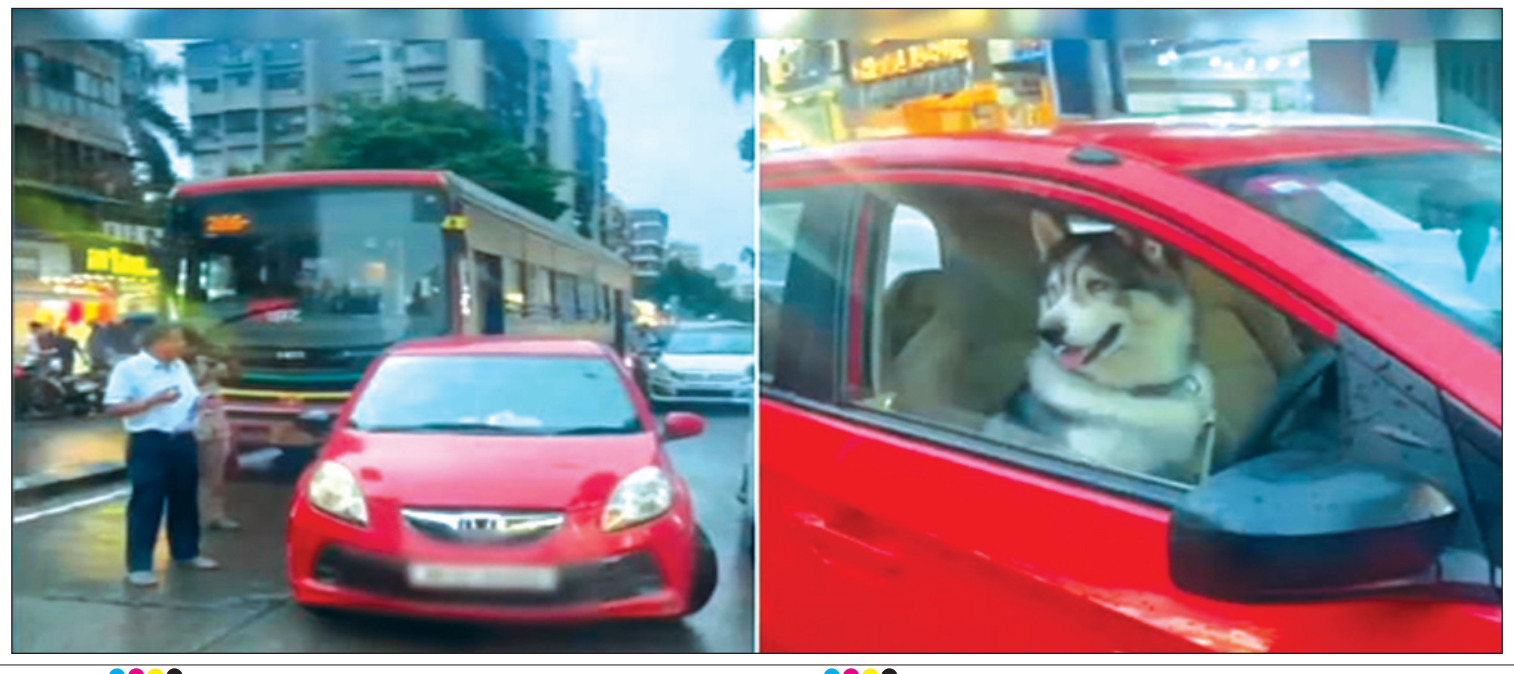
When passersby looked closely, a husky was found sitting calmly in the driver's seat, sparking amusement and debate among netizens.

The video, shared on Instagram, shows the car blocking traffic, with several other vehicles stuck behind it. The owner's identity remains unknown as the car's number plate is blurred.

The video was posted on Instagram by @andheriloca, with the caption: "Car parked right in the middle of Lokhandwala Main Market, causing major inconvenience. Shockingly, a pet dog was left sitting on the driver's seat."

"This kind of careless & irresponsible parking deserves the choicest of punishment."

The video received huge traction on social media, with some users joking about the situation and others criticising the owner for irresponsible parking and potentially endangering the dog's safety.



"I know it's supposed to be serious but the dog in the driver seat is just too cute.. he's like what you looking at? My hooman is just getting me treatos," one user wrote.

"What a cutie pie! but this is so dangerous - leaving him alone in the car like that," another user said.

Some users demanded action from the traffic police, suggesting that the owner should be fined or penalised for the offence. "Take a photo and upload to the Mumbai Traffic App. The challan will be issued against the offence," a third user wrote.

JRD Tata remembered on 121st birth anniversary with blood donation camp



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 30: A blood donation camp was organized on Monday in memory of Bharat Ratna JRD Tata's 121st birth anniversary with the support of Jamipol and the Indian Red Cross Society, East Singhbhum. The event highlighted JRD Tata's exceptional contributions not only to the Tata Group, which he led for over five decades, but also to the nation in fields like aviation, population awareness and gender equality in the workforce.

Speaking on the occasion as the chief guest, Jamipol CFO T. Raghu Verma said, "JRD Tata's life is a source of inspiration for all of us. His leadership, patriotism and vision for India left an enduring legacy." Verma also participated in the blood donation camp.

Senior Red Cross member Chandramohan Singh noted that JRD Tata prioritized national interest and public welfare above all else. Social worker Poorbi Ghosh paid tribute, saying, "The vast expansion of the Tata Group today is because of JRD Tata's vision and values."

The camp was jointly organized by the Indian Red Cross Society, East Singhbhum and Jamshedpur Blood Centre. A total of 52 donors participated. The event was coordinated by honorary secretary Vijay Kumar Singh. The next blood donation camp will be held on August 8 in collaboration with MCKS Food for Hungry Foundation. (w/nkm)

Rotary Club Chaibasa conducts health camp, tree distribution drive

Mail News Service

Chaibasa, July 30: The Rotary Club of Chaibasa organized a health check-up camp and tree distribution program in Pampada village under the Mufassil police station area. Around 60 villagers underwent health screenings that included checks for blood pressure, blood sugar, uric acid, HBA1c, height and weight. The medical assessments were conducted by Dr. Soumya Sen Gupta and her team.

Dr. Sen Gupta emphasized the Rotary International message "One Spoon Less, Four Steps More", advocating for a healthier lifestyle. "Reduce your intake of sugar, salt, oil and ghee and add exercise, walking and meditation to your routine," she advised.

Club President Vikas Dodrajka shared that over a dozen social welfare programs were conducted in July alone. "With the call to 'Move Towards Villages,' we started our first phase of this initiative in Pampada village and plan to organize the second phase in Barkundia village," he added. The Club aims to maximize community benefit through such outreach.

Secretary Rtn. Hina Thakkar informed that the tree planting program was coordinated by Rtn. Madan Lal Gupta, in memory of the late Shashikant Sethia, while the health camp was sponsored by Rtn. Sushil Moondhra. Local village leaders and club members including Rtn. Durgesh Khatri, Mahesh Khatri, Niranjan Sahu, Sunita Khirwal and others participated in the program. (w/nkm)

West Singhbhum Yoga Association to host district-level Open Yoga Championship

Chaibasa, July 30: The executive committee of the West Singhbhum District Yoga Association held a crucial meeting under the leadership of President Mukund Rungta at the Rungta Marriage House. Members began by congratulating Rungta on his recent appointment to a senior post in the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Kolhan University.

During the meeting, outgoing secretary Kanhaiya Lal Agrawal announced that the district-level open yoga championship will be held on August 17, 2025, at Pillai Hall, Chaibasa. The event is open to students and participants from various age groups. Information about the competition, including details of the asanas, is being widely circulated through media and official letters to schools across different blocks of the district. President Rungta emphasized the need for regular communication with school principals to ensure maximum participation.

To ensure smooth execution, the responsibilities for organizing the championship were distributed among association members. Accommodation for outstation participants will be arranged at the Rungta Marriage House. The championship is being sponsored by the S.R. Rungta Group, for which the members expressed deep gratitude.

Two new members, Sandeep Dodrajka and Ravinandan Thakur, were inducted during the meeting. Key attendees included secretary Deepak Prasad, press in-charge Vikas Dodrajka and many other senior members and yoga enthusiasts. (w/nkm)

Lok Adalat held in Chaibasa, Chakradharpur Courts, 597 cases resolved

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Chaibasa, July 30: Under the guidance of Principal District & Sessions Judge Mohammad Shakir and as per the directions of the Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (JHALSA), the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Chaibasa organized a monthly Lok Adalat at the Civil Court premises in Chaibasa and the Sub-Divisional Court in Chakradharpur. Nine benches were constituted to hear and resolve pre-litigation and pending court matters.

A total of 597 cases were successfully disposed of during the day, which included 104 pre-litigation matters and 493 pending cases. Financial settlements amounting to Rs.13,10,400 were recorded as part of the conciliatory efforts. DLSA Secretary noted that such Lok Adalats are held every month to encourage amicable settlement of disputes and reduce the burden on courts. Prominent judicial officers who presided over the Lok Adalat included Vinod Kumar Singh (District & Sessions Judge-I), Santosh Anand Prasad (District & Sessions Judge-II), Angelina Neelam Madki (Judicial Magistrate, First Class), Supriya Rani Tigga (Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate), Manjeet Kumar Sahu (Railway Magistrate) and Pooja Pandey (Judicial Magistrate, First Class). From Chakradharpur, the benches were led by Ajay Kumar Singh, Krishna Lohra and Ankit Kumar Singh, alongside a panel of advocates. (w/nkm)

Donation box stolen from Kali Temple

Gamharia, July 30: Miscreants broke into the donation box of the Kali Temple at Bada Gamharia Basti late Sunday night and stole an undisclosed amount of cash. The theft was discovered on Monday morning when locals noticed the donation box had been broken. Temple authorities were immediately informed. As hundreds of devotees visit the temple daily and make contributions, it is unclear how much money was stolen. Police are investigating the incident. (w/nkm)

Fire department's mock drills promote fire safety awareness

Mail News Service

Seraikela, July 30: Led by Fire Officer Rishi Kumar Tiwari of the Seraikela Fire Station, mock fire drills were conducted at Kalyan Hospital and various petrol pumps in Kuchai block. The exercises aimed to raise public awareness about fire prevention, safe response protocols and proper use of fire-fighting equipment.

Tiwari offered practical tips and advised citizens on securing homes and workplaces from fire hazards. "Restraint, awareness and readiness can avert major fire risks," he noted, reinforcing the importance of preparedness. (w/nkm)

Utkaliya Purohit Society launches rural outreach campaign

Seraikela, July 30: As per a previously decided plan, the Utkaliya Purohit Society launched a Rural Purohit Outreach Campaign on Sunday. Led by Society President Ghasiram Satpathy, a team visited Sini village to meet with local priests and understand their concerns. A meeting was held at the Sini Kali Temple premises, attended by senior members including Deputy Secretary Navkumar Rath, Pintu Satpathy, Harikinkar Satpathy and Deepankar Dash.

Local priests such as Arjun Mahapatra, Subhash Mahapatra and Vijay Narayan Mahapatra participated actively, proposing the need for a district-level registration platform. This would provide urban and rural priests a unified space to voice concerns and coordinate efforts. President Satpathy welcomed the proposal, calling it "a timely and excellent initiative," and assured that further discussions would be held soon to implement it. The gathering also served as a forum to discuss the growing challenges faced by priests in the current social and economic climate. The participants shared grievances and brainstormed potential solutions to strengthen the community and enhance recognition for their traditional roles. (w/nkm)

e-Procurement Cell
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Building Construction Department, Building Division, Jamshedpur.
e-Procurement Notice
(Very Short Re-Notice)
Tender Ref. No.-BCD/EE,Building Div.Jamshedpur-32/2025-26-Date:- 30.07.2025

क्र०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1.	बिरसानगर स्थित 10 शय्यावाले अस्पताल के उन्नयन की योजना।	81,32,500.00	6 Months
i	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	06.08.2025	
ii	बिड प्राप्ति के लिए अन्तिम तिथि/समय	13.08.2025 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे	
iii	निविदा खोलने की तिथि/समय	14.08.2025 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे	
iv	निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता।	Office of the Executive Engineer, Building Construction Department, Building Division, Jamshedpur.	
v	प्रोक्योरमेंट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या	9199002161	
vi	ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन संख्या	9199002161	

• इस निविदा से संबंधित किसी भी प्रकार की सूचना/बदलाव/संशोधन का अवलोकन http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर किया जा सकता है।
Note : New Updated UCAN Registration is mandatory for all Bidders.
Nodal Officer,
e-Procurement Cell, Office of the Executive Engineer, Building Construction Department, Building Division, Jamshedpur
PR 358584 Building(25-26)D

e-Procurement Cell
ENERGY DEPARTMENT GOVT.OF JHARKHAND
Electrical Executive Engineer Electric Works Division, Jamshedpur.
Very Short Notice e- Procurement Notice
Very Short e-Tender Reference No.- Energy/EWD/Jamshedpur/03/2025-26
Dated-30-07-2025

Sl. NO.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Tender Fee (Bid Document Fee)	Bid Security (EMD Fee 2%)	Completion Date
I	S/R to E.I in the SDO office (Second Floor) Chakaradharpur (W. Singhbhum)	14,09,915=00	2,500=00	29,000=00	35 Days
II	S/R to E.I in Principal District and Session Judges residence, Staff room, Driver room and Police barrack and Replacement of Garden light, Gate light and Security light at Saraikella.	16,35,220=00	5,000=00	33,000=00	35 Days
III	A.C Point wiring and S/R to E.I in the main Building (First Floor) Civil Court, Seraikella.	20,94,568=00	5,000=00	42,000=00	35 Days
IV	S/R to E.I in 2nd Floor and Main Court building, Court Hazat and Permanent Lock Adalat Building in Civil Court at Saraikela.	29,83,019=00	5,000=00	60,000=00	35 Days
2.	Date of Publication of tender on website	7.08.2025			
3.	Online bid submission period	From 08.08.2025 at 10:30 am to 13.08.2025 at 2:00 pm			
4.	Technical Bid Opening Date	14.08.2025 at 3:00 PM			
5.	Name and address of the office to inviting tender	Electrical Executive Engineer, Electric Works Division, Jamshedpur.			
6.	Name and address of the office to Open the tender	Electrical Executive Engineer, Electric Works Division, Jamshedpur.			
6.	Contact no. of Procurement officer	9835125186			
7.	Helpline number of e- Procurement cell	9835125186			

Note :- Tender Fee and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) are to be paid through online mode only as per instruction of IT
Dept. Govt. of Jharkhand Letter no.-120 Dated- 03-10-2023.
Further details can be seen on website-http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in
Electrical Executive Engineer
Electric Works Division Jamshedpur.
PR 358559 Energy(25-26)D

वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक का कार्यालय
पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर
आवश्यक सूचना



अज्ञात विक्षिप्त मृतक पुरूष, उम्र–करीब 40 वर्ष

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक–22.10.2024 को सुबह करीब 08:00 बजे एम0जी0एम0 थानान्तर्गत ग्राम–गुड़मा के पास एन0एच0–33 पर एक **अज्ञात विक्षिप्त पुरूष, उम्र– करीब 40 वर्ष** का शव पाया गया है। जिसका मृत्यु तेज गति वाहन के चपेट में आने से हो गया है। संबंधित थाना द्वारा विक्षिप्त मृतक पुरूष के बारे में स्थानीय लोगों से पुछताछ किया गया लेकिन उक्त शव का पहचान/शिनाख्त नहीं हो पाया है। शिनाख्त नहीं होने के कारण मृतक के परिजनों को सूचित नहीं किया जा सका है। **अज्ञात मृतक पुरूष का हुलिया निम्न प्रकार है:–उम्र–40 वर्ष, कद–05 फीट 04 इंच, चेहरा–लम्बा, चेहरा पर दाढ़ी/सर पर घना बाल, खुला बदन।**

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।

वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर : 0657–2431006
पुलिस अधीक्षक (नगर), पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर : 9471190203
पुलिस उपाधीक्षक, पटमदा : 9431706496
थाना प्रभारी, एम0जी0एम0 : 9431706503

वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक,
पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर
PR 358556 Police(25-26).D

वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक का कार्यालय पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर
लापताः आवश्यक सूचना



गुमशुदा पुरूष बलदेव सिंह, उम्र–70 वर्ष ।

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि आवेदक कमलजीत सिंह के द्वारा अपने **पिता–बलदेव सिंह, उम्र–70 वर्ष की गुमशुदगी** के संबंध में टेल्को थाना में लिखित आवेदन दिया गया है। आवेदन में इनके द्वारा बताया गया है कि **गुमशुदा बलदेव सिंह, उम्र–70 वर्ष, पिता–स्व0 जागीर सिंह, पता–जेम्को आजाद बस्ती, थाना–टेल्को, जिला–पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर** जो दिनांक–03.07.2025 को सुबह समय–करीब 06:30 बजे घर से बिना बताये निकले हैं अभी तक वापस नहीं लौटे हैं। गुमशुदा मानसिक तनाव में रहते 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–70 वर्ष, कद–करीब 05 फीट 05 इंच, रंग–सांवला, सफेद रंग का लम्बा मूँछ दाढ़ी, पहनावा–सफेद रंग का कुर्ता पैजामा, चप्पल और सिर पर पगड़ी।**

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।

वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर : 0657–2431006
पुलिस अधीक्षक (नगर), पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर : 9471190203
पुलिस उपाधीक्षक, (नगर) : 9431706483
थाना प्रभारी, टेल्को : 9431706510

वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक,
पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर
PR 358555 (Police)25-26*D

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, जमशेदपुर
अल्पकालीन ई0 निविदा सूचना संख्या :– 06/2025–26 दिनांक 29.07.2025

1	विभाग का नाम	पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची।
2	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांकः– 06.08.2025, समय 2.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।
3	निविदा प्राप्ति (Online Bidding) की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांकः– 18.08.2025 को अपराह्न समय 4.00 बजे तक
4	सरकार के सचिव, सूचना प्रौद्यौगिकी एवं ई0– गवर्नेंस झारखंड मंत्रालय के ज्ञापांक 120, दिनांक 03.10.2023 के आलोक में विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राशि ऑनलाईन जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांकः– 18.08.2025, समय 4.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।
5	तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांकः– 19.08.2025 समय 4.30 बजे अपराह्न
6	तकनीकी बीड खोलने का स्थान	कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, जमशेदपुर।
7	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम/पदनाम	ई0 सुनील कुमार, कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, जमशेदपुर।
8	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का दूरभाष संख्या	9430158557
8	ई–प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन नं0	0651–2480345

क्र0 सं0	कार्य का नाम	ग्रुप संख्या	प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रूपये में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रूपये में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	जमशेदपुर प्रखण्ड अन्तर्गत प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र, बेलाजुड़ी में बोरिंग–सह–जलमीनार निर्माण कार्य।	JSR/Drinking-01	745550.00	15000.00	1250.00	1 Month
2	जमशेदपुर प्रखण्ड अन्तर्गत प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र, घोड़ाबान्धा में बोरिंग–सह–जलमीनार निर्माण कार्य।	JSR/Drinking-02	745550.00	15000.00	1250.00	1 Month
3	Construction of Water Supply Scheme with 1.0 HP DC Solar motor pump complete set & sanitary well for Panchayat- Forest Block, Village- Forest Block, Tola- Kolabariya (Maredih School tola and Karam Tola), Block Gurabandha in the District East Singhbhum.	GUR/Drinking-03	1187594.00	24000.00	2500.00	3 Month
4	Construction of Water Supply Scheme with 1.0 HP DC Solar motor pump complete set & sanitary well for Panchayat- Forest Block, Village- Forest Block, Tola- Kolabariya (Jojodih Tola), Block Gurabandha in the District East Singhbhum.	GUR/Drinking-04	991041.00	20000.00	1250.00	3 Month
5	Construction of Water Supply Scheme with 1.0 HP DC Solar motor pump complete set & sanitary well for Panchayat- Forest Block, Village- Forest Block, Tola- Kolabariya (Nayadih Tola), Block Gurabandha in the District East Singhbhum.	GUR/Drinking-05	954828.00	19500.00	1250.00	3 Month

नोटः– केवल ई0 निविदा ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे। साथ ही प्राक्कलित राशि घट या बढ़ सकती है।
अधिक जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।
कार्यपालक अभियन्ता
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर
PR 358583 Drinking Water and Sanitation (25-26)_D

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, SERAIKELA-KHARSAWAN, (DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE)
Very Short Tender . Section II

Sr. No	Information/Subject	Details
1.	Name of work	Supply, Installation, and Commissioning of a Central Digital Studio and Two-Way Interactive Digital Classroom System in Government Schools of Seraikela-Kharsawan District
2.	Date of publication of RFP	**Date : 29/07/2025**
3.	EMD to be deposited	Rs. 40,000 /-(Forty Thousand only in form of DD) in favour of "Deputy Commissioner, Seraikela-Kharsawan". Note:- Firm registered under MSME Jharkhand exempted for EMD
4.	Last date & Time for BID submission	**Date : 13/08/2025 by 11:00 AM**
5.	BID submission place	District Education Office, Seraikela-Kharsawan
6.	Date & Time for BID opening	**Date: 13/08/2025, 02:30 PM onwards**
7.	Technical Solution Presentation & Evaluation	**Date: 13/08/2025, 03:00 PM onwards**
8.	Opening of Financial Bids and final evaluation	**Date: 13/08/2025, 03:00 PM onwards**
9.	BID opening place	DC Office, Gaurangdih, Seraikela-Kharsawan, Jharkhand (833219)
10.	Name and office for inviting tender	District Administration, Seraikela-Kharsawan
11.	Email	dposklksw@gmail.com

Note:- For Further Details please visit www.seraikela.nic.in
PR 358545 Planning and Development(25-26)#D
Deputy Commissioner Seraikela-Kharsawan

जिला परिषद कार्यालय, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर
अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
(Through E-Procurement Mode only – www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
Notice Inviting e-Tender No : ESZP/JSR/Epro- 07/2025-26 (2nd call)

Sl. No	Project_name	Sector_ name	Awc_name	Awc_code	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की तिथि
1	Boram	Boram	D Boram	20357110215	1108200.00	22164.00	2500.00	3 Month
2	Boram	Boram	Kenddih	20357110219	1108200.00	22164.00	2500.00	3 Month
3	Boram	Bota	Bangoda	20357110116	1108200.00	22164.00	2500.00	3 Month
4	Boram	Paharpur	Sahistola	20357110423	1108200.00	22164.00	2500.00	3 Month
5	Golmuri-Jugsalai	Golmuri-Jugsalai Sector-1	Baracoacha	20357060125	1108200.00	22164.00	2500.00	3 Month
6	Boram	Boram	Gagiburu	20357110203	1108200.00	22164.00	2500.00	3 Month
7	Boram	Boram	Kuiani 03	20357110223	1108200.00	22164.00	2500.00	3 Month
8	Potka	Gitilata-1	Bingburu-2	20357100117	1108200.00	22164.00	2500.00	3 Month
9	Dhalbhumghar	Sector-4	Forestblock1	20357030421	1108200.00	22164.00	2500.00	3 Month
10	Dumaria	Sector-1	Pathrasai	20357040101	1108200.00	22164.00	2500.00	3 Month
11	Ghatshila	Barajuri-5	Kaatsol	20357050509	1108200.00	22164.00	2500.00	3 Month
12	Ghatshila	Dharambahal-2	Kapagora	20357050230	1108200.00	22164.00	2500.00	3 Month
13	Ghatshila	Dharambahal-2	Tumangdungri	20357050228	1108200.00	22164.00	2500.00	3 Month
14	Patamda	Patamda Sector-1	Poradiha	20357090103	1108200.00	22164.00	2500.00	3 Month

1	निविदा आमंत्रित करनेवाले पदाधिकारी का नाम	:-	सचिव, जिला परिषद, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर।
2	वेवसाईड पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	:-	08.08.2025 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे।
3	निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि	:-	13.08.2025 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।
4	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	:-	18.08.2025 को अपराह्न 3:00 बजे तक।
5	ई–मेल पता	:-	ddcjsr01@gmail.com
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Nora Fatehi teams up with Tanzanian musician Rayvanny for cross-cultural fusion track 'Tetema'



Mumbai, July 30 (IANS) Nora Fatehi has joined hands with popular Tanzanian musician and songwriter Rayvanny for a vibrant cross-cultural collaboration titled "Tetema."

The track, which blends African and Indian musical influences, promises an energetic fusion of rhythms, dance, and global appeal. The peppy number is said to be a high-octane global fusion track that brings Afro-Bongo energy together with a multilingual, cross-cultural twist. As per sources, the recreated version is likely to be titled "Oh Mama Tetema," inspired by the original hit by Rayvanny and Diamond Platnumz.

This time, Nora Fatehi won't just feature visually but will also lend her voice to the track, bringing her signature style with a dynamic blend of English, Swahili, and Hindi lyrics. The upcoming track marks Nora and Rayvanny's second collaboration together after the success of their 2019 viral hit "Pepeta." Their upcoming song, "Tetema," is set to release under the T-Series banner.

The actress-dancer is best known for her chartbuster songs, including "Garmi," "O Saki Saki," "Ek Toh Kum Zindagani, "Dance Meri Rani," "Dilbar Dilbar," and Zaalim to name a few. Nora has showcased her versatility across Hindi, Telugu, and Malayalam films. She began her acting journey with the Hindi film "Roar: Tigers of the Sundarbans" and later gained attention for her role as Mia, a dancer, in the 2020 dance drama "Street Dancer 3D" opposite Varun Dhawan.

She made her international music debut with the single "Dirty Little Secret" alongside Zack Knight. In "Bhuj: The Pride of India," she portrayed the role of a spy named Heena, stepping in for Parineeti Chopra. Most recently, she appeared alongside yesteryear actress Zeenat Aman in the Netflix web series, "The Royals." The show also featured Ishaan Khatter, Bhumi Pednekar, and Sakshi Tanwar in prominent roles. Fatehi shared a heartfelt post on Instagram, reflecting on the meaningful conversation she had with Zeenat Aman.

Nora had written, "This moment was everything Meeting the ICONIC @thezeenataman having the honour to chat with her was incredible! She was so kind, so cool and full of praises on praises for my journey, I was shook! I cant get over what she said to me!"

Sonu announces old age home for 500 senior citizens on his birthday



Mumbai, July 30 (IANS) Actor and philanthropist Sonu Sood is celebrating his 52nd birthday on Wednesday, and he decided to mark the occasion by announcing another special initiative.

The "Ek Vivaah... Aisa Bhi" actor has announced an old-age home that will provide shelter and care to around 500 senior citizens. The old age home is an attempt to create a safe, dignified, and loving environment for elders who do not have anyone to take care of them.

Along with shelter, these elderly people will also be provided medical care, along with nutritious meals, and emotional support. However, this is not the first time Sood has associated himself with a humanitarian cause. In the past, he made headlines for helping migrant workers during the COVID-19 pandemic and also supporting underprivileged students and patients. The 'Dabangg' actor truly believes in giving back to society.

Wishing Sood on his birthday, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu praised him for his unwavering commitment to philanthropy.

Applauding his selfless charity work, the CM penned a note on his official X handle saying, "Happy Birthday to the ever-inspiring Sonu Sood! Your selfless philanthropy and support for those in need have touched countless lives across the nation. May your year ahead be filled with happiness, health, and continued strength to keep making a difference. @SonuSood." In the meantime, Sood celebrated his birthday in the presence of his fans and paparazzi. In the video doing rounds on social media, he was seen dressed in a casual black shirt paired with dark blue jeans. Sood was seen smiling as he cut the cake. However, the highlight was fans showering Sood with flower petals during the celebration.

Tahir Raj Bhasin reveals they used to wake up at 3 am during 'Special Ops 2' shoot

Mumbai, July 30 (IANS) Actor Tahir Raj Bhasin left a powerful mark on the audience as the antagonist for the espionage thriller, "Special Ops 2".

During an exclusive interaction with IANS, Tahir revealed they used to wake up at 3 am during the shoot of the action entertainer to reach the location.

Speaking to IANS, the "Maardani" actor said that the makers have raised the bar for the set of "Special Ops 2" as it has been made on a much larger scale compared to season 1. "So when you go to such a set, you have to deal with a lot of things," Tahir added.

Sharing an example, he added, "If the location is four hours away from where you are staying, then you wake up at 3 am to go to the location. You shoot in 5 degrees Celsius while dealing with the rain. In between all this, how are you able to deliver the physical and emotional acting of your character? - This turned out to be a big lesson."

Mouni Roy thanks Chiranjeevi for his 'kindness & biriyani' during Vishwambhara shoot

Mumbai, July 30 (IANS) Actress Mouni Roy thanked Chiranjeevi for all his 'kindness & the best biriyani' during the shoot of their fantasy action drama, "Vishwambhara".

Mouni recently filmed a special dance number with the Megastar for the project that marks her Tollywood debut.

Treating the Insta Fam with some behind-the-scenes photos and videos of the peppy number, the 'Naagin' actress wrote, "What honour dancing beside you for the last few days @chiranjeevikonidela sir. A legendary actor but even a better human being. Felt the affection and respect and shall never forget this wonderful experience. Thank you for all the kindness and the best biriyani ever. We love you."



Elated to dance on the steps of choreographer Ganesh Acharyaa, Mouni penned, "@ganeshacharyaa Masterjeeeeee!!!! How lucky to be working with you and learning from you in two songs this month. You are the very best. Always have been and will be in awe of your craft and shall always be scared to show you my dance routine in rehearsals, hehe. See you soonly."

Last but not least, Mouni showed her gratitude for the team behind her "Vishwambhara" track in the following words, "Shweta, Sachin, Suman, Swara & krish thank you so much for all your patience. And the love with which you teach me the choreography. All my love for you guys always. And my team, my rocks @trishilagoculdas @anusoru @mukeshpatilmakeup @chettiarqueensly @amannagoshe Nandini & vaijanti, thank you for showing up everyday and working your magic. Can't wait for you all to see it x #v?s?????????."

This is the first time Mouni will be seen alongside Chiranjeevi on the screen.

Rishab Shetty to play lead in director Ashwin Gangaraju's period film next

Chennai, July 30 (IANS) Well known production house Sithara Entertainment on Wednesday announced that popular Kannada director and actor Rishab Shetty, best known for his pan Indian film Kantara, will play the lead in its next Telugu film, which is to be directed by Ashwin Gangaraju.

The film, which is to be produced by Sithara Entertainment in association with Fortune Four Cinemas, is tentatively being referred to as Sithara Entertaiments Production Number 36.

Taking to its X timeline, Sithara Entertainment said, "Not all Rebels are forged in Battle. Some are chosen by Destiny And this is that story of a Rebel. Proudly announcing @SitharaEnts Production No.36



with the versatile and dynamic @shetty_rishab garu. Directed by @AshwinGangaraju. Produced by @vamsi84and #SaiSoujanya @Fortune4Cinemas #SrikaraStudios."

Sithara Entertainment's announcement comes just a day before the release of its much awaited explosive action entertainer Kingdom, featuring Vijay Deverakonda in the lead.

The project announcement poster of the new film that was shared by the production house gives the impression that this will be a period film and that it will be high on action.

The poster, which has the caption "The land burned a rebel rose", shows a cannon surrounded by bayonets aiming for an army on the other side. The fact that the makers have already announced that this will be the tale of a rebel has sparked off speculation that this will be a historical film set in 18th century in Bengal.

For Rishab Shetty, this will be a significant film as it will mark his debut in Telugu. Shooting for Shetty's eagerly awaited Kantara:Chapter 1, the prequel to the immensely popular pan Indian blockbuster Kantara, has already been wrapped.

It may be recalled that only 10 days ago, Hombale Films, the production house producing Kantara:Chapter 1, had announced that they had wrapped up the film and had also released a glimpse video. The production house had then said, "Wrap Up… The Journey Begins. Presenting #WorldOfKantara ~ A Glimpse into the making. #KantaraChapter1 has been a divine journey, deeply rooted in our culture, brought to life with unwavering dedication, relentless hard work, and incredible team spirit. Can't wait to see you all in theatres on October 2nd, as this legendary tale unfolds on big screens worldwide."

Sidharth on 'Pardesiya': It's been one of my personal favourite love songs to shoot



Mumbai, July 30 (IANS) After announcing the release date and unveiling the motion poster of "Param Sundari", the makers have finally dropped the first song titled "Pardesiya", which actor Sidharth Malhotra says has been one of his personal favourite love songs to shoot. Sidharth said: "Pardesiya isn't just a song, it's a feeling that stays with you long after it ends. Sachin–Jigar and Amitabh have yet again created pure magic. The moment I heard the track, I knew it had something special." He added: "Sonu sir's voice brings a timeless emotion to it, and lip syncing to his voice for a love song is truly special. Shooting alongside Janhvi was effortless. It's been one of my personal favourite love songs to shoot…." Pardesiya is the first track from Param Sundari and is sung by Sonu Nigam and Krishnakali Saha. Composed by Sachin–Jigar, written by Amitabh Bhattacharya, Pardesiya captures the ache of longing, the pause before the first touch, the unsaid emotion between two hearts. The music is under the label Universal Music. Actress Janhvi Kapoor shared that she was very excited for this one.

Mrunal Thakur surprised with a pre-birthday celebration on the set of Adivi Sesh's 'Dacoit'



Mumbai, July 30 (IANS) Actress Mrunal Thakur will be turning 33 years old on August 1. Before her birthday, the diva was surprised with a pre-birthday celebration on the set of her forthcoming romantic drama "Dacoit", co-starring Adivi Sesh. The makers, Annapurna Studios, took to their X handle and posted a video of the celebration. The clip opened with Mrunal entering the set, with everyone waiting for her with a big "Surprise". Later, an elated Mrunal cuts the cake and lovingly feeds it to the team, including her co-star Sesh. We could also see her dancing a little as everyone sang "Happy Birthday" for her. Sharing the video, the makers wrote, "A pre-birthday bash for the charming @mrunal0801 planned by team #Dacoit on the sets A super surprise for the birthday girl #DACOIT IN CINEMAS WORLDWIDE ON DECEMBER 25th #DacoitFromDec25th." Meanwhile, talking about his next, Sesh called "Dacoit" a two-hero film. "From the beginning, Dacoit never felt like a film with one protagonist. It's a story of two layered characters, both fighting their own battles, both central to the world we're building.

Anees Bazmee celebrates 21 years of Salman, Priyanka, and Akshay starrer 'Mujhse Shaadi Karogi'

Mumbai, July 30 (IANS) Filmmaker and screenwriter Anees Bazmee, on Wednesday, took to social media to celebrate 21 years of his hit comedy "Mujhse Shaadi Karogi."

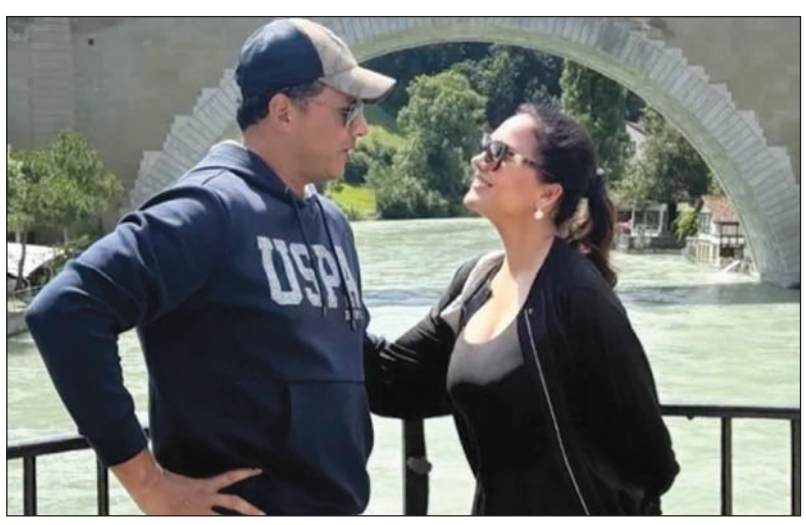
Written by Bazmee, the romantic drama was directed by David Dhawan and starred Salman Khan, Priyanka Chopra, and Akshay Kumar. The filmmaker marked the milestone by reminiscing about the film's journey and its enduring popularity among fans. Taking to his Instagram handle, Anees Bazmee shared the post of the film featuring the lead actors and captioned it, "21 years of Mujhse Shaadi Karoge- a film that still brings smiles, laughter, and a little bit of madness. Grateful for the love. #mujhseshaadikaroge."

Reacting to the post, one netizen commented, "One of my favorites." Another said, "Most entertaining movie." In the comments section, one of the users even suggested that Anees Bazmee should consider making a sequel, this time with a new cast. The comment read, "Sir plz sequel bnao is movie kaa . With new cast."

On a related note, Mujhse Shaadi Karogi, produced by Sajid Nadiadwala, was released 30 July. 2004. The film featured Salman Khan, Akshay Kumar, and Priyanka Chopra in lead roles. Amrish Puri, Kader Khan, Satish Shah, and Rajpal Yadav appeared in supporting roles.

Set against the scenic backdrop of Goa, the story revolves around two men vying for the affection of the same woman. The film draws loose inspiration from the Hollywood movie "Anger Management."

Lara Dutta ends July with a heart full of 'love and gratitude'



Mumbai, July 30 (IANS) Actress Lara Dutta decided to conclude the month of July 'with a heart full of love and gratitude'.

The former Miss Universe took to her official Instagram handle and dropped a couple of pictures with her husband, Mahesh Bhupathi, and daughter Saira from their recent getaway. The first photo showed Lara and Mahesh lovingly looking into each other's eyes. This was followed by a perfect family photograph of the two lovebirds with their daughter posing amidst a beautiful backdrop. The post further showed the 'Partner' actress posing on a sofa in a beautiful hall. She was also seen enjoying her coffee in a cute cafe. Lara also gave us a glimpse of a beautiful table, filled with an appetizing cake and complimentary flowers. "Nearing the end of July with a heart full of love and gratitude…… for life…..family…..friends like family," she captioned the post. In another update, Lara's father, retired wing commander LK Dutta, passed away in Mumbai on May 31st at the age of 84. Recalling some fond memories with her late father, Lara penned a heartfelt note on social media saying, "Some moments with my father are etched into my bones forever….. my dad hoisting a 3 year old me up on his shoulders to look at the stars at night and call out all the constellations…… the feet that I stood on as a five year old to learn to waltz……the hand that I held as I scampered as fast as I could beside him to match his stride as we walked through eucalyptus groves and planned how I would study under Carl Sagan….. the lap I sat on while I air played an imaginary piano to the sound of his favourite Richard Clayderman tape….."

Amidst fatigue, Stokes-less England and India brace for gruelling series decider at The Oval

London, July 30 (IANS) Both England and India find themselves nursing mental and physical fatigue as they approach the end of a long Test series. But now, as the fifth and final Test starts at The Oval on Thursday, both teams must shake off the fatigue and give their best shot in a gruelling series decider.

The series has tested endurance, particularly of the fast bowlers, with every contest going into day five and setting the stage for a great finish. Remarkably, India still have a shot at squaring the series 2-2, thanks to a gritty draw at Old Trafford, led by a second innings resistance of 143 overs.

That match ended with some sparks as Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar completed their centuries and refused England captain Ben Stokes's offer of a handshake to settle for a draw. With the happenings of Manchester still fresh, one shouldn't be surprised if there's some more drama under London skies.



Ben Stokes has been the heart and soul of this England side, but his heavy workload is of serious concern. At Old Trafford, Stokes put up a staggering show - hitting 141 and taking a five-for. Stokes now leads the series with 17 wickets and has bowled 140 overs - the most he has ever bowled in a single Test series.

But with Stokes out of the final Test due to a right shoulder injury, as well as Liam Dawson, Jofra Archer, and Brydon Carse out of the eleven, England already have an uphill task on their hands to win the series against a determined Indian outfit.

Meanwhile, India also have some changes up their sleeve. Vice-captain Rishabh Pant, who sustained a right foot fracture in Manchester, is unavailable, which is a huge blow for the visitors'. Pant, who scored 479 runs at an average of 68.42, has been replaced in the squad by Narayan Jagadeesan, but Dhruv Jurel is expected to walk into the playing eleven.

With fast-bowling spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, who has played three Tests so far - the maximum he would feature in this series started - India might hand out a debut to young left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh, while there's also case for Akash Deep, who took 10 wickets in India's win in the second Test at Edgbaston and sat out of the Manchester game due to a groin niggle.

Squads:

England playing eleven: Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Ollie Pope (c), Joe Root, Harry Brook, Jacob Bethell, Jamie Smith (wk), Chris Woakes, Gus Atkinson, Jamie Overton and Josh Tongue

India squad: Shubman Gill (captain), Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul, Sai Sudharsan, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Karun Nair, Ravindra Jadeja, Dhruv Jurel (WK), Washington Sundar, Shardul Thakur, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd. Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Akash Deep, Kuldeep Yadav, Anshul Kamboj and N Jagadeesan

Captain Stokes ruled out with shoulder injury

London, July 30 (IANS) Captain Ben Stokes has been ruled out of England's fifth Test against India, as the hosts have made four changes to the playing eleven for the game at The Oval, which begins on Thursday. England go into the decisive game with a 2-1 lead in the five-match series. With Stokes out, top-order batter Ollie Pope will take on the captaincy mantle for England. Also missing out on the playing eleven are left-arm spinner Liam Dawson and pace bowlers Jofra Archer and Brydon Carse.In place of them, England have included Jacob Bethell, who will bat at number six, as well as pacers Gus Atkinson, Jamie Overton, and Josh Tongue giving a new look to the fast-bowling attack to be led by Chris Woakes.Atkinson, Pope, Smith and Overton will also serve as sources of local information for England, as The Oval is their home ground while playing for Surrey in domestic cricket. Bethell, meanwhile, will share spin bowling duties with Joe Root in the line-up."I think you need that time chatting with the medical team, Baz (head coach Brendon McCullum), then 20 minutes with myself to really be clear around the decision that we made. It is one of those of weighing up the risk and reward and the risk was way too high for the damage.

Shubman Gill uncertain about Bumrah's availability for final Test

London, July 30 (IANS) India captain Shubman Gill said a decision on Jasprit Bumrah's availability for the fifth and final Test against England at The Oval will be taken on match day. India trail 1-2 in the five-match series and need a win to level the contest.

"We will take a decision tomorrow," Gill said in the pre-match press conference. "Wicket looks very green. So let's see."

Gill confirmed that left-arm fast bowler Arshdeep Singh has been asked to be ready and could make his Test debut if Bumrah is rested. "He has been told to be prepared," Gill said. "We will take a call on the final XI after assessing the pitch later today."

India are considering Arshdeep as a potential replacement for Bumrah, who was rested in the fourth Test that ended in a draw in Manchester.

Gill also addressed the team's spin options, saying India are comfortable going in with Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar, even though England have not picked a frontline spinner. "We are confident in Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar to handle spin duties effectively."

India Champions refuse to play Pakistan in WCL semifinal

New Delhi, July 30 (IANS) India Champions have declined to participate in the World Championship of Legends semifinal against Pakistan, scheduled for Thursday, maintaining their previous stance of not engaging in competitive fixtures against their arch-rivals.

India Champions entered the semifinals of the ongoing World Championship of Legends after defeating West Indies Champions in just 13.2 overs in their last group match on Tuesday.

"Indian players have refused to play against Pakistan in the WCL semifinal scheduled for Thursday," sources told IANS on Wednesday.

IPL 2026: Lucknow Super Giants appoint Bharat Arun as bowling coach

New Delhi, July 30 (IANS) Former India bowling coach Bharat Arun has been appointed as bowling coach of Lucknow Super Giants' (LSG) ahead of the 2026 Indian Premier League (IPL).

IANS had previously reported on Wednesday that Arun was set to join LSG set-up after wrapping up a four-year stint at Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR).

"It's an honour to join the Lucknow Super Giants, a franchise that reflects professionalism, ambition, and vision at every level. My conversations with Dr. Sanjiv Goenka and the management were incredibly energizing - there is a clear intent to invest in young Indian talent and build a long-term legacy," said Arun in a statement issued by the franchise.

Jadeja, Stokes make big gains in ICC Test Rankings, Abhishek Sharma becomes No.1 T20I batter



New Delhi, July 30 (IANS) Following their strong all-round performances in the drawn fourth Test in Manchester, all-rounders Ravindra Jadeja and Ben Stokes have made substantial gains in the ICC Men's Test Player Rankings.

After grabbing four wickets and scoring a fighting 107 not out in the second innings, Jadeja has increased his lead at the top of the all-rounders rankings. With 422 rating points, Jadeja is 117 points ahead of second-placed Bangladesh's Mehidy Hasan.

Jadeja has also moved up five places to be 29th among batters, while being up one place to 14th position among bowlers.

Stokes, England's skipper, has jumped three places to be ranked third among all-rounders, also his highest position since December 2022. His of 141 in England's only batting innings and a haul of six wickets, including a five-for in the first innings, has also helped him move up eight places to 34th position among batters, while going up from 45th to 42nd among bowlers.

India's off-spin bowling all-rounder Washington Sundar's unbeaten 101 in the second innings, while sharing an unbroken stand of 203 runs with Jadeja for the fifth wicket that helped India draw the Test, has climbed up eight places to 65th position.

Sundar has also moved up eight positions to be joint-13th among all-rounders, having also taken two wickets in the match.

134th Durand Cup: Late drama as NEROCA FC hold TRAU FC to draw in Imphal Derby

Imphal, July 30 (IANS) NEROCA FC snatched a dramatic 1-1 draw against 10-man TRAU FC in their Group E opener as the Imphal Derby lived up to its billing in the 134th Durand Cup at the Khuman Lampak Main Stadium here on Wednesday. Khunjamayum Raj Singh's second-half goal gave TRAU the lead, but a stoppage-time equaliser by Arunkumar Singh denied them all three points in a fiercely contested encounter.

The match kicked off with NEROCA FC pressing high and dictating tempo early on. Their first real chance came in the opening minutes when skipper Angom Kinesh Singh's shot was blocked by TRAU defender Rakesh, and Mark Harrison fired the rebound wide. As the game progressed, TRAU grew into the contest, finding their rhythm in midfield and enjoying a spell of possession, though both sides struggled to create clear-cut chances. TRAU focused on a possession-based approach, while NEROCA looked to hurt them on the counter. Despite flashes of attacking intent, neither side registered a shot on target in the first 30 minutes.

The electric atmosphere inside the stadium, packed with vocal local supporters, added to the derby's intensity. Tactical discipline from both teams made for a gritty and physical first half, which ended goalless despite the intensity on display.

The second half began with the same ferocity. In the 47th minute, NEROCA's Roger Khuman saw his effort blocked, and further chances from Mark Harrison and Nongthongbam Japes went wide of the mark.

It was TRAU who finally broke the deadlock in the 58th minute. Right-back Khunjamayum Raj Singh surged forward from near the corner flag and delivered what seemed like a cross, but the ball curled into the goal, glancing past NEROCA keeper Santosh Singh to give TRAU a 1-0 lead. NEROCA tried to respond quickly, with Japes nearly through in the 62nd minute, but TRAU's defence, led by Dhananjoy Singh, held firm. Jackson Gomado had another go in the 68th minute, but his shot was again blocked by a resilient TRAU backline.

Drama unfolded in the 73rd minute when TRAU's Dhanachandra Mutum received a second yellow card and was sent off, leaving his side to play the remaining minutes with 10 men.

Dhanbad Dist Karate Asso secretary Rajesh Singh dies

Dhanbad. July 30 : Dhanbad District Karate Association (DDKA) secretary cum national referee Rajesh Singh (39) succumbed to his kidney ailment at Patliputra Nurshing Home, Joraphatak on Wednesday later afternoon.



His health all of sudden deteriorated on Tuesday morning at around 10 am and was admitted at hospital. But today at 4 pm he died.

Giving this information Dhanbad Olympic Association general secretary Ranjit kesri said that Rajesh Singh was holder of 5th Degree Black Belt and was elected district karate association secretary in January this year.

" He was one of the recognized national panel karate referee of Jharkhand and had supervised several state and national level tournament.. We lost a dedicated expert karataka and able sports administrator", said Ranjit Kesri. He has left wife and two daughters behind.

Zverev, Rune and Musetti win in Toronto opener

Toronto, July 30 (IANS) Top seed Alexander Zverev began his Canadian Open campaign by ousting Adam Walton 7-6(6), 6-4, during which the 28-year-old survived a lung-busting exchange to crucially earn set point in the opener.

After trailing 3/5 in the tie-break, Zverev seized momentum following that lengthy rally at 5/5 and found more rhythm from the baseline to advance. Zverev was broken when he served for the match at 5-3, yet quickly regrouped to close out the one-hour, 42-minute match the following game, ATP reports.

Loyola School Telco shines at CISCE Zonal Boxing Tournament 2025

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 30: Loyola School, Telco, delivered an outstanding performance at the CISCE Zonal Boxing Tournament 2025, held at KPS Mango on July 29. Competing against students from around 12 schools, Loyola's young pugilists showcased remarkable skill, determination, and sportsmanship, bringing home a rich haul of medals.

The school community proudly congratulated the medal winners for their dedication, discipline, and hard work, which led to their stellar success. Their performance not only brought laurels to the school but also set the stage for further achievements in the upcoming Regional round.



The medal winners from Loyola School, Telco were:

Gold Medals
- Nishu Oraon - Girls U-14
- Koushiki Kumari - Girls U-14
- Shan Murmu - Boys U-14
- Sambhavi Mishra - Girls U-17

Silver Medals
- Anshika Kumari - Girls U-14
- Pratyshka - Girls U-14
- Emon Mitra - Boys U-14
- Ayush Kumar Rai - Boys U-17

Bronze Medal
- Sandeep Gorai - Boys U-17 (w/gsd)

Roll Ball, Basketball Training Centres win JRD Tata Handball Tournament

Jamshedpur, July 30: Tata Steel Sports Department organised an Inter Training Centre Handball Tournament to commemorate 121st birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna JRD Tata. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of ten boys' teams and eight girls' teams.



In Boys, Roll Ball Training Centre emerged Winners while Volleyball Training Centre clinched Runners up trophy. In Girls Basketball Training Centre emerged Winners while Volleyball Training Centre cadets clinched Runners up position.

While today witnessed various vibrant activities, the festivities will continue with a Senior Citizen Carrom Competition scheduled for tomorrow. The event is designed to foster camaraderie and active participation among senior members of the community reflecting JRD Tata's vision of a healthy, connected society.

As part of the celebrations marking the birth anniversary of JRD Tata, a series of engaging community events are being organised to honour his legacy of inclusive growth and people-centric values.

DAV National sports cluster-level tournament kicks off in Jsr

Jamshedpur, July 30: The DAV National Sports, Cluster Level Tournament - 2025, for Cricket, Judo, Taekwondo, Karate, Boxing, Wushu, and Athletics began with great enthusiasm at DAV Public School, Bistupur, Jamshedpur. Held on July 30 and 31, the two-day sports meet features 264 students from nine DAV schools: DAV Baheragora, DAV Chaibasa, DAV NIT, DAV Noamundi, DAV Gua, DAV Chiria, DAV Bistupur, DAV Bundu, and DAV Jhikpani. The competitions are being conducted across four different venues.

The opening ceremony at the school premises set the tone for the spirited tournament. All participating teams proudly lined up and sang the DAV Gaan. The DAV Sports Flag was hoisted by Mrs. Pragya Singh, ARO of DAV Public Schools Zone-E and Principal of DAV Public School, Bistupur. She also lit the ceremonial torch and handed it over to Sports Captain (Girls) Garima Kashyap, Sports Captain (Boys) Saransh Raj, Deputy Sports Captain Mayank Kumar, and Fiza Khan for the torch relay.



Singh officially declared the Cluster Level I Tournament open.

In her welcome address, Singh emphasized the importance of sports in shaping character and resilience. She encouraged greater participation, stating that at least 25% of the student body should be involved in sports. "A sportsperson is better equipped to deal with life's challenges, and participating in sports teaches one to cope with the pressure of both winning and losing," she said.

She also highlighted the significance of the DAV Sports Tournament pathway, explaining that winners at the cluster level will qualify as state-level players, and zonal winners will move on to represent at the national level.

Following the inauguration, students proceeded to their respective venues for the competitions. The day witnessed remarkable performances and high levels of sportsmanship. DAV Bistupur stood out by clinching victories in Cricket (U-14 and U-19 Boys) and showcased dominance in Taekwondo (U-17 Boys and U-14 Girls) by securing three gold and three silver medals. In Boxing (U-17 Boys), DAV Bistupur added another gold to their tally by defeating DAV NIT. The Karate events witnessed close contests among DAV Chaibasa, DAV Chiria, and DAV Bistupur.

With zonal-level competition on the horizon, these young athletes are now setting their sights on even greater achievements.

Rajya Sabha showdown: Congress walks out, HM Shah says 'they are afraid to hear the truth on terror'

New Delhi, July 30 (IANS) In a heated session of the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday, the Congress party and other INDIA bloc members staged a dramatic walkout, demanding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's presence in the House to respond to questions related to Operation Sindoor after the discussion. The protest unfolded just as Union Home Minister Amit Shah began replying to the Opposition's concerns.

Despite HM Shah's assurance that he would address every question raised, Opposition MPs shouted slogans such as "PM ko bulao (Call the Prime Minister)", stalling the session and refusing to engage in the Minister's detailed response.

"You have to deal with me first. Why do you want to call the PM? You will have more difficulty," HM Shah responded, directly taking on the protesting MPs. Emphasising that Prime Minister Modi was "very much in office", HM Shah questioned the insistence on his presence: "If I can respond and clarify, then why insist on hearing from him?"

As tensions escalated, Leader of Opposition in the Upper House Mallikarjun Kharge stood up, reiterating the demand. "The questions pertain to PM Modi. I'm not saying you (Shah) are not capable of answering. But if PM Modi, being in Delhi, does not come here, this is disrespect of the Rajya Sabha," Kharge said before walking out, followed by all Opposition MPs.



However, HM Amit Shah continued his address, calling out what he termed the Opposition's double standards and lack of political will to discuss the facts.

He pointed out that the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) had already decided that the government would respond to the Operation Sindoor debate and left it to the government to decide who would speak.

"It was decided that the discussion will happen for as long as the Opposition wanted, but the response would be given as per the government's decision. You agreed to the debate, now you walk out because you don't want to hear the truth," HM Shah said.

In a sharp attack on the Congress party, Shah alleged that the walkout was not about parliamentary protocol, but a strategy to avoid being held accountable for years of "appeasement politics" that, according to him, weakened India's war on terror.

Operation Sindoor stands for India's new doctrine : JP Nadda

New Delhi, July 30 (IANS) In a scathing attack on the Congress-led UPA government, BJP national president and Rajya Sabha MP JP Nadda on Wednesday highlighted what he called a "stark difference" in India's counter-terrorism approach between 2004-2014 and 2014-2025.

Speaking during a discussion on Operation Sindoor, Nadda praised the armed forces and security personnel, crediting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "decisive leadership" for transforming India's response to terror.

Comparing two eras of governance, he said, "Between 2004 and 2014, India saw a non-reactive and indecisive government that responded to terror attacks with dossiers, not deterrence," Nadda said, citing a series of high-casualty attacks during the UPA regime - including the 2005 Delhi bombings, 2006 Mumbai train blasts, 2008 Jaipur and Ahmedabad attacks, and the 26/11 Mumbai attacks.

He noted that during this phase, despite repeated terror strikes claimed by Pakistan-based outfits like Lashkar-e-Toiba, Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami, and Indian Mujahideen, the then government continued confidence-building measures with Pakistan - opening trade routes, increasing flights, and resuming dialogue.

"They served biryani while bullets came from across the border," Nadda remarked. Presenting comparative data, he noted, the country witnessed 7,217 incidents in 2004-2014, while under PM Modi, the terror incidents declined to 2,150 (2015-2025). In civilian deaths, under UPA, the country witnessed the deaths of 1,060 civilians as compared to 542 (under the Modi govt) - a reduction of 49 per cent.

Modi govt has corrected Nehru's mistakes on Indus Water Treaty: EAM Jaishankar in RS

New Delhi, July 30 (IANS) External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar on Wednesday stated that the Modi government has rectified the historical mistakes made by former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru regarding the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) by putting it in abeyance until Pakistan ceases its support for cross-border terrorism.

Speaking in the Rajya Sabha during the debate on Operation Sindoor, EAM Jaishankar began by expressing deep gratitude to the Indian Armed Forces.

Referring to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, he said, "It was a shocking attack for a variety of reasons -- the manner in which people were killed in front of their families, the fact that their religion was asked before killing them, and the intent of destroying the economy of Jammu and Kashmir which had returned to prosperity and normalcy after the end of Article 370 -- all of this angered the country. There was grief and shock. Across the world, there was solidarity and sympathy."

He emphasised that such an attack was absolutely unacceptable and had crossed India's red lines.

"There had to be severe consequences. There had to be accountability of the perpetrators, and they and their supporters had to be brought to justice," Jaishankar said.

He noted that the decision taken by the Cabinet Committee on Security on April 23 was the "first clear message of India's anger, resolve and determination".

EAM Jaishankar recalled the key steps taken, including the cancellation of Pakistani visas under SAARC, reduction in diplomatic mission strength, expulsion of military advisors, and the holding of the Indus Water Treaty in abeyance.

Domicile certificate sought in name of Sonalika Tractor, FIR lodged in Bihar



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Patna, July 30: Close on the heels of the registration of case for issuance of a domicile to "Dog Babu", the East Champaran district administration has received a mischievous application.

In an online application posted on Right to Public Services (RTPS), an applicant has made an online request for the domicile certificate, seeking the same to be issued in favour of Sonalika Tractor, a popular automobile company. "A case has been registered and that search for the applicant is underway," said Swarn Prabhat, superintendent of police (SP), East Champaran.

Introducing oneself as Sonalika Tractor, the applicant has claimed to be the daughter of Swaraj Tractor and whose mother is Car Devi in the application (BRCCO/2025/16165120), a copy of which was shared by East Champaran's superintendent of police (SP) Swarn Prabhat on Tuesday. The application is further accompanied by the photograph of a popular Bhojpuri actress.

"All the circle officers (COs) have been directed to reject wrong online applications received on RTPS. Apart from this, it will attract legal action in case any such application is received," said superintendent of police

Under the Bihar Right to Public Service (RTPS) Act, citizens can apply for a certificate of residence online, which is issued after due verification. This domicile certificate is one of the documents accepted for inclusion of names of people in the electoral rolls under the Election Commission of India (ECI).

Patna district administration registered at the police station concerned against the applicant, the computer operator, and the officer who issued the certificate.

The development came after a domicile certificate was issued to "Dog Babu", son of "Kutta Babu" and "Kutiya Devi", and that lived at Mohalla Kaulichak, Ward No 15, Nagar Parishad Masaurhi, Patna, leading to the registration of FIR against the applicant.

It was certificate was allegedly digitally signed also.

Officials said preliminary inquiries indicated that the supporting documents uploaded with the application form belonged to a woman from Delhi in Dog Babu case.

Did not take any payment from betting app, Prakash Raj tells ED

Hyderabad, July 30 (IANS) Actor Prakash Raj on Wednesday appeared before the Enforcement Directorate in the case relating to alleged promotion of illegal betting apps and told the officials that he did not receive any payment for an advertisement he had done in the past. The ED officials questioned him for about five hours. He told media persons while leaving the regional office of the Enforcement Directorate that the officials took details about the advertisement he had done for a betting app in 2016."They asked me about the contract with the company and when and why I did it. As a department, they have done their job and as a citizen, I discharged my responsibility by coming here and explaining in detail that I did it then and after realising that it was a mistake, I didn't do it," he said.

Prakash Raj said he told the ED officials that he did not take any payment as his conscience did not allow him to take it. "They saw the accounts and recorded whatever I had to say," he said.The actor said the ED officials have not asked him to come again for questioning.Prakash Raj reiterated that he did only one advertisement for a gaming app, but later realised that he should not have done it.

PM welcomes return of sacred Piprahwa relics after 127 years

New Delhi, July 30 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday hailed the return of the sacred Piprahwa relics of Lord Buddha to India after 127 years, terming it a moment of immense pride and joy for the nation.

In a statement reflecting the government's cultural vision of "Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi" (progress along with heritage), the Prime Minister underscored India's deep spiritual ties with Buddha's teachings and reaffirmed the nation's commitment to preserving its civilizational legacy.

"A joyous day for our cultural heritage! It would make every Indian proud that the sacred Piprahwa relics of Bhagwan Buddha have come home after 127 long years," PM Modi said in a post on X.

"These sacred relics highlight India's close association with Bhagwan Buddha and his noble teachings. It also illustrates our commitment to preserving and protecting different aspects of our glorious culture," PM Modi added.

Cash haul case: SC reserves verdict on Justice Varma's plea against in-house panel findings

New Delhi, July 30 (IANS) The Supreme Court on Wednesday reserved its verdict on a plea filed by Justice Yashwant Varma -- who faces an impeachment threat following the cash-discovery row -- challenging the findings of the three-member in-house enquiry committee, which recommended his removal under Article 124(4) of the Constitution.

In his writ petition, Justice Varma, a sitting judge of the Allahabad High Court, sought to quash the communication forwarded by then Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sanjiv Khanna to the President and Prime Minister, recommending action based on the in-house committee's findings.

Appearing before a Bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and A.G. Masih, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing Justice Varma, argued that under the in-house procedure, the removal of a sitting constitutional court judge cannot be recommended, as only Article 124 of the Constitution and the Judges (Inquiry) Act govern the impeachment process.



Following the CJI's communication recommending action against Justice Varma, Sibal argued that Parliament was left with no option but to initiate his removal.

To this, the Justice Datta-led Bench said, "Chief Justice of India is not just a post office. He has certain duties to the nation as the leader of the judiciary. If materials come to him regarding misconduct, CJI has the duty to forward them to the President and the Prime Minister."

'Distinction between right and wrong begins in family': Bihar DGP blames bad parenting for rising crimes

Patna, July 30 (IANS) Amid growing concerns over the rise in criminal activities across Bihar, Director General of Police (DGP) Vinay Kumar has pointed to poor parenting and weakening social responsibility as major contributors to the problem.

Speaking at a programme held at the Bihar Police Headquarters in Patna on World Anti-Human Trafficking Day, the DGP candidly addressed various challenges faced by law enforcement in the state.

DGP Kumar said that while the police are committed to tackling crime and have made significant progress in weapon seizures, the root causes of criminal behaviour lie at home and in society.



"The distinction between right and wrong begins in the family. If an eight-year-old child is seen handling weapons, the question arises: Where are the parents? If parents neglect their responsibilities, the child will inevitably drift toward crime," he stated.

He added that once someone enters the criminal justice system and goes to jail, reform becomes much more difficult.

The DGP emphasised that schools and broader society must also share the responsibility of instilling values and discipline among children.

"Schools have a major role to play. Society must not shy away from its duties either. Only when families, schools, and communities work together can we prevent young people from being drawn into crime," he added.

While defending the police department's performance, the DGP noted that there has been a notable increase in the seizure of illegal weapons, and efforts are being made continuously to dismantle criminal networks.

Over Rs 11 lakh crore in loans disbursed to women self-help groups by banks: Minister

New Delhi, July 30 (IANS) Loans worth over Rs 11 lakh crore have been disbursed to women self-help groups (SHGs) through formal financial institutions under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said on Wednesday.

This milestone reflects the central government's strong commitment under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi towards inclusive rural development, financial empowerment of women, and fostering self-reliance at the village level, he added. Under the Ministry of Rural Development's



DAY-NRLM, rural poor women across the country are strengthening their livelihoods through robust community institutions. Through SHGs, they are being provided collateral-free loans, interest subsidies, and other financial support, enabling them to start their own businesses and increase their incomes. A repayment rate of over 98 per cent clearly demonstrates the initiative's credibility, discipline, and efficient management, said Chouhan.

Appreciating the banking community's support, Chouhan said that banking partners have played a remarkable role in turning the dreams of millions of rural women into reality. The tireless efforts of 'Bank Sakhis' have facilitated SHG-bank linkage and ensured timely loan repayment. He further said that the main contribution of this banking partnership is the provision of easy loans to SHGs under the priority sector lending, along with accessible banking services for SHG members through simplified processes. The initiative also promotes Aadhaar and mobile seeding of bank accounts and enhances financial literacy.

INDIA Bloc rallies across Bihar post-Raksha Bandhan: Tejashwi Yadav

Patna, July 30 (IANS) Leader of Opposition and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav on Wednesday announced that the INDIA Bloc will soon launch a state-wide campaign in Bihar, holding rallies across all nine divisions after Raksha Bandhan.

The rallies will feature top national leaders, including Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and representatives from the Left parties."We will jointly campaign across all nine divisions of Bihar, with one mega rally in each division. Leaders like Rahul Gandhi and other allies from the INDIA bloc will participate. The rally route plan will be finalised shortly," Tejashwi



Yadav stated while addressing the media in Patna after the coordination committee meeting.Highlighting the historical importance of August, Tejashwi remarked, "August is known for revolutions (Kranti). This time, Bihar will witness a new Kranti."The opposition's campaign is set to spotlight a range of issues, including alleged electoral manipulation and large-scale corruption under the current state government led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. Yadav targeted the Nitish-led NDA government over the recent CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General) report, which flagged that the Bihar government had failed to submit utilisation certificates for Rs 80,000 crore spent by various departments."These are taxpayers' funds, and there's no accountability for how this massive amount has been used. Nitish Kumar always claims there's zero corruption in his government. Then why hasn't his administration submitted proper records to the CAG?" Yadav asked.

Taking aim at the upcoming visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to Sitamarhi, Tejashwi challenged the BJP leadership.He said, "Will Amit Shah question the Nitish-BJP government's rampant corruption, or will he defend it?"

Doctors need to be lifelong learners to remain updated on modern medical methods: President Murmu

Kolkata, July 30 (IANS) President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday emphasised that young doctors in the country need to remain lifelong learners and stay updated on new research, medical breakthroughs and treatments.

President Murmu said this while addressing the first convocation of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Kalyani in Nadia district of West Bengal on Wednesday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, she also advised doctors to adopt such a healthy lifestyle that they could set an example for common people.

According to President Murmu, while genetic manifestations are a different matter, most health problems could be prevented or solved to



a great extent with the help of a proper diet and lifestyle.

"Apart from medicines, doctors should also give lifestyle-related advice to the people who come to them for treatment. When a doctor gives any advice, it has a greater impact on people. When the doctor himself presents an ideal, it has an even greater impact," the President said while addressing the convocation.

Speaking on the occasion, the President also elaborated on how doctors, conscious of their social responsibilities, have played an important role in the development of the nation.

"The average life expectancy, which was only 32 years at the time of Independence, has now more than doubled to about 70 years. There has been extraordinary progress in the field of vaccination. Many diseases have been eradicated. For example, India was declared trachoma-free last year," she added.