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As 50 pc US tariffs kick in, Trump aide sees compromise Indian govt sources say channels open for talks

New Delhi, August 27 (IANS) :Even as the additional 25 per cent tariff imposed on India by US President Donald Trump came into effect on Wednesday, bringing the total amount of levies imposed on New Delhi to 50 per cent, a top Trump aide expressed confidence that India and the US will come together to find a middle-ground as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Trump have a "very good rapport at the top level," a sentiment that was echoed by Indian government sources as well.

According to US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, there are "many layers" to the tariff situation. In an interview with Fox News, he said, "This is a complicated relationship. President Trump and Prime Minister Modi have a very good rapport at the top level, but it is not just about Russian oil."

He said India came in

early after Liberation Day to begin negotiating on tariffs, yet there still isn't a deal, and added that he had expected an agreement by May or June, as he thought that India would be one of the first countries to strike a deal with the US. "Instead, they have dragged out the negotiations. On top of that, there is the issue of Russian crude purchases, which they have been profiting from."

Bessent, who had earlier called India a "bit recalcitrant" on trade negotiations and a tariff abuser, further said, "India is the world's largest democracy, and the US is the world's largest economy. At the end of the day, I believe the two countries will come together."

"I think a lot of it by the Indians has been performative but, I have said this all along during the tariff negotiations, the US is the deficit country."

Bessent had earlier warned that the Trump ad-



ministration may increase secondary tariffs on India if it continues to procure Russian crude oil.

Communication channels open, say govt sources

Meanwhile, government sources in India clarified that communication channels remain open between India and the US and efforts will continue to resolve the ongoing tariff issue.

"The impact (of the tariffs) is unlikely to be as severe as feared given the diversified nature of Indian exports," the sources said.

The sources further said there is no cause for panic as far as exporters are concerned, stressing "it is a temporary phase in a long-term relationship" between India and the US.

The US Department of Homeland Security, in a draft order published on Monday, said the increased levies would hit Indian products that are entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 am eastern daylight time on August 27, 2025.

I'ntl trade should happen voluntarily, not under pressure: Mohan Bhagwat

New Delhi, August 27 (IANS) International trade should happen voluntarily and not under any pressure, Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Wednesday (August 27, 2025) as he appealed from Indians to opt for swadeshi products.

Speaking on day two of his three-day lecture series at Delhi's Vigyan Bhawan, Mr. Bhagwat said, "We must promote Swadesh and become self-reliant. Being self-reliant does not mean stopping imports or exports. International trade will continue but it should not happen under pressure. Our trade policy should be based on voluntary cooperation, not compulsion," said Mr. Bhagwat.

Smiles, hugs and selfies : Congress attacks Modi govt

New Delhi, August 27 (IANS) :As the 50 per cent tariff announced by US President Donald Trump on Indian goods came into effect on Wednesday, the Opposition Congress hit out at the Narendra Modi government for its "failure" in the foreign policy. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge said India will lose an estimated ₹2.17 lakh crore across 10 sectors alone as the first impact of this tariff.

"Our farmers, especially cotton farmers, are badly hit. You had said you are ready to pay any 'personal price' to protect them, but you have done absolutely nothing to soften the blow and protect their livelihoods," Kharge said in a post on X.

US tariff hike won't impact Tata Steel, says CEO T.V. Narendran



Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Tata Steel Managing Director and CEO T.V. Narendran said the recent decision by the United States to impose a 50 percent tariff will not directly impact Tata Steel's operations in Jamshedpur or across India.

Talking to the media after paying homage to Sir Dorabji Tata on his 166th birth anniversary on Wednesday, Narendran clarified that Tata Steel did not export steel to the US from India. "Our exports to America go through our European plant, so there may be some partial effect there. But in India, it will not affect us because steel consumption here is rising steadily," he explained.

He added that the Indian economy remained strong due to reforms introduced by the Government of India, including changes in GST. "The government has been implementing continuous reforms to strengthen the economy, and the results are visible," Narendran noted.

While downplaying the impact on the steel sector, he cautioned that other industries could face challenges. "The US tariff will definitely affect India's textile, jewellery, and gems businesses. However, the Indian government is holding regular meetings to minimize the impact, and outcomes will emerge soon," he said.

On Tata Steel's future plans, Narendran reaffirmed the company's commitment to the nation. "Tata Steel has been serving the country for 119 years and will continue this service. We are looking at increasing the use of hydrogen and taking steps to move forward with sustainability in focus," he added.

Cabinet approves 2030 Commonwealth Games bid

New Delhi, Aug 27 (IANS) The union cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved India's bid to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games, naming Ahmedabad as the "ideal" venue because of its "world class stadiums, cutting-edge training facilities, and a passionate sporting culture".

The decision comes days after the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) gave its nod to the proposal after a submission of the 'Expression of Interest' in March.

"The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the proposal of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for submission of bid for the Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2030," stated a release from the Press Information Bureau.

Only CPI-ML filed objections over Bihar draft voter list: ECI slams Opposition

Patna, Aug 27 (IANS) The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Wednesday claimed that apart from CPI-ML, no other political party has formally lodged objections regarding the draft voters' list published under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in Bihar.

In an official statement issued by Apurva Kumar Singh, Assistant Director, Election Commission of Bihar, the poll body said that so far 53 claims and objections have been filed by CPI-ML, all of which are being addressed.

The ECI further shared data on voter corrections since the draft list was published on August 1, 2025.

A total of 1,78,948 voters filed claims and objections till August 27, out of which 20,702 have already been disposed of.

Around 6,35,124 people submitted Form-6 applications and declarations to include their names in the electoral rolls, of which 27,825 have been disposed of.

2 children killed in US school shooting, gunman kills self



Minneapolis, Aug 27: At least three casualties were reported while 17 others were injured in a shooting incident at the Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis, in the US state of Minnesota, Reuters reported, quoting a US Justice Department official on Wednesday.

"The shooter was among those killed, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity," the report further said.

After going on a shooting spree, the gunman took his own life towards the back of the church, while two children aged eight and 10 were killed.

"Two of the injured children are in critical condition", Reuters quoted Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O'Hara as saying. Also, 14 of those injured were children. Nine others were undergoing treatment at a local trauma centre.

According to officials, the shooter was armed with a rifle, a shotgun and a pistol and is suspected to have used all of them. He fired with his rifle through the school church windows, Reuters reported.

Vaishno Devi landslide: Death toll hits 34



Jammu, Aug 27 (IANS): The death toll in the tragic landslide near Vaishno Devi shrine has increased to 34. Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah announced solatium of ₹6 lakh for the kin of those deceased in rain-related incidents in the Union territory.

The chief minister visited affected areas in Jammu on Wednesday and assessed the relief operations. Abdullah visited the fourth Tawi bridge, which was heavily damaged in the incessant

raints. The Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said relief and rescue operations are underway. Abdullah said he spoke with Prime Minister Narendra Modi earlier today, and the Centre has assured all assistance to overcome the disaster that has struck the state.

Reviewing the situation, the chief minister questioned why pilgrims were allowed to trek to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine despite weather agencies' warning of inclement weather. "When we knew about the

My thoughts are with bereaved families: PM

New Delhi, Aug 27 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday expressed sadness over the loss of lives due to the landslide on the route to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)'s Reasi district.

At least 30 people were killed and 14 others were injured after a landslide hit the shrine route.

Taking to X, PM Modi posted, "The loss of lives due to a landslide on the route to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Temple is saddening. My thoughts are with the bereaved families. May the injured recover at the earliest. The administration is assisting all those affected. My prayers for everyone's safety and well-being."

weather, should we not have taken certain steps to save those lives? The weather warning had come to us a few days ago," Abdullah criticised, adding, "We will have to talk about it later."

Incessant rains triggered a landslide en route to the Vaishno Devi shrine on the old 12km trek from the base camp of Katra to the hilltop

shrine on Tuesday. Though authorities had suspended the pilgrimage on the new Himkoti trek route on Tuesday morning, but, it continued on the old route until 1.30pm. "Why were these people on the track? Why were they not stopped? Why were they not moved to a safe place?" Abdullah asked.

Jsr link in Rs 3 crore cyber fraud, CID arrests three

Ranchi, Aug 27: CID Jharkhand has arrested three accused in a major action against cyber criminals.

They got Rs 2,98,66,750 crore illegally transferred to bank accounts for the purpose of investment by luring people with high returns in metal trading.

Bharat Ramkubhai (31), father Ramkubhai Surabhai Garnia, resident of Platinum Plaza Shop No. 25 Ground Floor, Sarthana, Surat, Gujarat, Goyaniya Hardikbhai Karamsinghbhai, resident of 42 Shyam Villa, Raw House, Surat and Dinesh Kumar (father Premnath Jaiswal), Shastri Nagar, Kadma, Jamshedpur, who was earlier arrested in this case and sent to judicial custody, have been arrested.

The complainant has said that on clicking the link of the Global India site operated on Telegram, an online account was opened in the Chicago Board of Options Exchange. About Rs 3 crore was defrauded by giving false lure of high returns in metal trading.

During the investigation in this case, CID arrested a cyber criminal with the help of Cyber Cell Surat (Gujarat Police). Investigation of the case revealed that Rs 1,68,65,200 was credited in one day in IndusInd Bank account number 253529441992.

When information was obtained through the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal, it was found that 1 case each is registered against this bank account in Karnataka, Uttarakhand and Jharkhand. CID Jharkhand has arrested 3 people in this case. Their names include Garnia Bharat Ramkubhai, Goyaniya Hardikbhai Karamsinghbhai and Dinesh Kumar. Police have recovered two mobile phones, three SIM cards, two ATMs and three cheques from the arrested criminals.

Victim's sister-in-law accuses Nikki's family of harassment

LUCKNOW, Aug 27: The sordid saga of dowry death of Nikki Bhati, which commenced in Greater Noida on August 21, seems to be taking twists and turns with each passing day. The latest is the accusation levelled by Meenakshi, the estranged wife of Nikki's brother Rohit Gurjar, claiming that Nikki's brother and father had tortured her for dowry post her wedding in 2016. While interacting with media persons, Meenakshi, who was married to Rohit Gurjar in 2016, alleged that her father had already given a Maruti Suzuki

Ex-MLA Sanjiv Singh acquitted of Neeraj Singh murder charge

Dhanbad, Aug 27: Former Jharia MLA Sanjiv Singh was on Wednesday acquitted in ex-deputy mayor and his cousin Neeraj Singh murder case charge.

The Special Judge of MP-MLA Court durgesh Chandra Awasthi while delivering the judgement on 8 years old murder case today absolved Sanjiv Singh and eight other accused Jayendra Singh, alias Pintu Singh, Dubloo Mishra, Binod Singh, Sagar Singh alias Shibu, Chandan Singh Kurban Ali, Pankaj Singh, Randhir Dhananjay alias Dhanjee from murder charge in lack of evidence.

Sanjiv Singh was also present in the court at the time of judgement. He came to the court premises on ambulance from Ranchi.

Former Dhanbad deputy mayor Neeraj Singh along with his driver Gholtu Mahto, bodyguard Munna Tiwari, personal staff Ashok Yadav were gunned down on main road (Nh-32) at Steel Gate under Saraidhela police station at around 7 pm of March 21, 2017.

Neeraj Singh was returning to his Saraidhela based house Raghukul by car when two bikes borne four assailants sprayed over 50 rounds bullets from



9mm pistol and carbine on him. All of them declared brought dead by doctors at Central Hospital.

Two-time BJP Jharia MLA (2009, 2014) Sanjiv Singh was arrested on April 12, 2017 in connection of Neeraj Singh murder case after he surrendered along with his three aides on charge of co-conspiring to kill

his cousin and trade union rival.

After eight years in judicial custody on August 8, 2025 Sanjiv Singh was granted conditional bail by Supreme Court. The apex Court had set condition that he would not enter Dhanbad except hearing date in lower court.

Sanjiv Singh's lawyer Md

Javed said court absolved him from charge in lack of evidence

While Abhishek Singh younger brother of Neeraj Singh said he would challenge the decision in High Court.

Prohibitory order

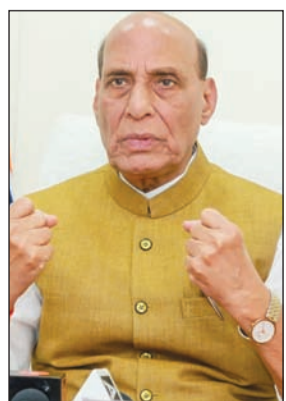
In wake of apprehension of clash between Sanjiv Singh and Neeraj Singh supporters after court judgement, the district administration (SDM Rajesh Kumar) had clamped prohibitory order under BNSS Section 163 in civil court, at court's main gate and from DRM Chowk to Randhir Verma Chowk today from 6 am to 10 pm

Don't want anyone's land, but ready to go to any extent to protect ours : Rajnath Singh

Mhow (Madhya Pradesh), Aug 27 (IANS) In a compelling address on the second day of the triservice seminar 'Ran Samvad 2025' at the Army War College in Mhow (now known as Ambedkar Nagar), Defence Minister Rajnath Singh underscored India's commitment to peace while stressing the necessity of robust defence readiness in the face of evolving geopolitical chal-

lenges.

The Defence Minister highlighted the profound symbolism of the seminar's name, 'Ran Samvad' -- where 'Ran' signifies battle and 'Samvad' represents dialogue and reconciliation. "The very title of the programme, Ran Samvad, strikes me as quite interesting. The name itself is a subject to think about and reflect on. On one hand, 'Ran' evokes the imagery of battle



and conflict, and on the other hand, 'Samvad' points towards dialogue, discussion, and reconciliation," he said.

Drawing from Indian culture, he explained that dialogue and battle are intertwined. "In our culture, dialogue is not separate from battle. It comes before the battle. It happens during the battle, and it continues even after the battle."

Citing the Mahabharata,

Singh noted, "Take the Mahabharat, for instance, to prevent the war, Lord Krishna went as a messenger of peace. He went to engage in dialogue so that the war could be averted. When Duryodhan, the antagonist of the epic Mahabharat, refused, the war became inevitable."

Reaffirming India's non-aggressive stance, the Defence Minister stated, "India has never been a na-

tion that seeks war. We have never initiated aggression against anyone. However, the present geopolitical reality is quite different. Even though we do not harbour any aggressive intent, if someone challenges us, it becomes imperative that we respond with strength."

He further emphasised territorial integrity, "We do not want anyone's land, but we are ready to go to any extent to protect our land."

Ganesh Puja Mahotsav celebrated with ritualistic fervour

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Jamshedpur, Aug 27: The city is immersed in devotion and grandeur as the much-awaited Ganesh Puja Mahotsav commenced on Wednesday, coinciding with Ganesh Chaturthi. Streets across Jamshedpur have come alive with colourful decorations, music, and the resonating chants of Ganpati Bappa Morya as devotees welcomed Lord Ganesha with deep reverence. From dawn, devotees thronged temples and puja pandals, offering prayers, sweets, and flowers to seek blessings from the remover of obstacles. Major neighbourhoods such as Sakchi, Kadma, Bistupur, CH Area, and Jugsalai witnessed large-scale installations of idols, each pandal showcasing unique themes and intricate artistry. Several puja committees have roped in



skilled artisans from West Bengal and Odisha to create idols that range from traditional depictions to modern, eco-friendly designs. The puja pandals, adorned with vibrant lights, artistic backdrops, and floral decorations, have

become a centre of attraction for residents. Cultural programmes, devotional singing, and bhajan evenings have also been lined up over the ten-day celebration. "Ganesh Puja brings the community together. It is not just a religious

occasion but also a festival of unity, creativity, and joy," said a member of the Sakchi Ganesh Puja Committee. Security arrangements have been tightened across the city to ensure smooth conduct of the festivities. Police personnel



have been deployed at major pandals and traffic diversions have been put in place to manage the surge of visitors. Special attention is also being given to fire safety and crowd control, while CCTV cameras have been installed at promi-

nent venues for monitoring. Eco-conscious initiatives have been introduced this year, with many puja committees opting for clay idols painted with natural colours to reduce environmental impact during immersion. The administration

has designated specific water bodies, including Subarnarekha and Kharkai river ghats, for idol immersion to maintain cleanliness and safety. Markets in Bistupur and Sakchi witnessed heavy footfall in the days leading up to the festival, with people purchasing puja essentials, sweets, and decorative items. Sweet shops reported brisk sales of modaks, laddus, and other festive delicacies, which are considered favourites of Lord Ganesha.

The festivities will continue for the next ten days, culminating with the grand immersion procession, which traditionally draws thousands of devotees. The immersion will be marked by vibrant processions, music, and dance, symbolising a heartfelt farewell to Lord Ganesha with the hope that he returns next year with renewed blessings. (w/pb)

Saryu Roy leads Ganesh and Chakra Worship at Shri Laxmi Narayan Temple



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: On the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi,

special worship of Lord Shri Ganesh and the newly installed 131 kg brass Chakra atop Shri Laxmi Narayan Temple (Birla

Mandir) was performed on Wednesday. The installation of the Chakra was completed at 2 pm after rituals held in the temple



premises under the patronage of Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy. Modak prasada was distributed among devotees after the

ceremony. The rituals were led by Chief Priest Pandit Vinod Pandey, assisted by Ajay Tiwari and Rakesh Ojha. Several dignitaries including Ashutosh Rai, Ashok Goyal, Saket Gautam, Asim Pathak, Vivek Tulsian, Ashu Dodrajka, Shambhu Singh, Shiv Shankar Singh, Manoj Singh, Subodh Srivastava, Amit Sharma, Amrita Mishra, Ajay Kumar, Manju Singh, Kavita Parmar, and Raghavendra Singh were present on the occasion. (w/gsd)

Shiksha Niketan School celebrates Ganesh Chaturthi



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Jamshedpur, Aug 27: On the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, Shiksha Niketan School in Telco organized a special Ganesh Puja on its premises. During the

morning assembly, students performed Ganesh Vandana followed by a graceful dance performance. Principal Sumita Dey extended festive greetings to all and appreciated the students' cultural presentation. (w/gsd)

Saryu inaugurates Ganesh Puja Pandal at Sankosai



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: The Pandal of Shri Ganesh Puja Samiti Club at Sankosai Road Number One, Refugee Colony in Mango was inaugurated by MLA Saryu Roy. The event was attended by Committee patron Gauri Rao, health representative Neeraj Singh, Ulidih representative Santosh Bhagat along with Rakesh Pathak, and several local residents. (w/gsd)

Free Bhog distribution at Sarvanik Ganesh Puja, Baliguma



Jamshedpur, Aug 27: The Thakur Jai Mangal Singh Club in Baliguma, Mango, is celebrating Ganesh Puja which has been a tradition since 32 years. On Thursday, the second day of the festival, free Bhog will be distributed to devotees. On Wednesday, the Puja was attended by club president Rajesh Singh, residents of the colony, and club members. (w/gsd)

Ganesh Puja Pandal inaugurated at Harijan School Ground



Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Former BJP District President Dinesh Kumar inaugurated the Ganesh Puja Pandal of the Rajak Rockers Club at Harijan School Ground, Bhalubasa, on Wednesday morning. Following the inauguration, the idol of Lord Ganesh was unveiled, and rituals were performed under the guidance of the priest. The annual celebration, organized by the youth of the Rajak community, saw active participation from Saurabh Rajak, Rajan Rajak, Raj Rajak, Prakash Rajak, Bittu, Ravi Ranjan, Rahul, Kundan, Gunjan, Mithunjay Rajak, and others. (w/gsd)

42nd Ganesh Puja of MGM Society Sopodera Inaugurated

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Society, Gandhi Maidan Sopodera Parsudih, inaugurated its 42nd Ganesh Puja on Ganesh Chaturthi. Former Zila Parishad Vice President Rajkumar Singh and current Vice President Pankaj Sinha, inaugurated the event.

They were welcomed with traditional music, Angavastram and bouquets. In his address, Rajkumar Singh extended greetings and emphasized the importance of focusing on education along with festive celebrations. The event saw the presence of Society President PK Karwa, BJP



District secretary Mili Das, Mukhiya Prabhu Ram Munda, former Mukhiya Prakash Sandil, Society Patron Sapon Karua, and many other distinguished members and residents including Ram Mukhi, Ramakant Karua, Bablu Karua, Shiv Kumar Singh, Gautam

Samant, Naveen Karua, Mangal Mukhi, Nitesh Kumar, Harish Karua, Somu Behera, Gautam Karua, Kalia Mukhi, Rashmita Mukhi, Phoolwati Karua, Priya Kumari, Maya Karua, Sheela Devi, Poonam Karua, Gokul Mukhi, and Girish Karua. (w/gsd)

Ganesh Chaturthi celebrated at Sainath Devasthanam, Ghorabandha

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Shri Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated at the Ganpati temple of Shri Sainath Devasthanam, Ghorabandha, under the aegis of Sai Parivar Vishwa Seva Sansthan, Jamshedpur. The day began with bells ringing and devotees in large numbers

chanting Ganpati Atharvasheesh. Offerings of durva, bananas, modaks, and laddus were made to Lord Gajanan. Rituals included morning Abhishek, Ganpati havan, evening Maha Aarti, and the Ganpati Sahasranama Paath, conducted under the guidance of Pandit Nandlal Mishra and Pandit Sujit Kumar Pathak. (w/gsd)

SWSB performs 'Kunti puja' for upcoming Durga Puja



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Members of Sonari West Samudaik Bhawan (SWSB) performed "kunti puja" of the Durga puja pandal at the ground here on Wednesday morning. Large number of members, who are residents of Sonari West's Road F to N, were present to pray to the god on the auspicious muhurat of Ganesh Chaturthi. The organization has been performing Durga Puja for the past three years. It has been doing Kali puja for the last 31 years at the same ground. The "kunti puja" was

performed by Sapan Kumar Mukherjee in the presence of SWSB president Goutam Bose and other executive members. Before Durga Puja, the SWSB will perform a Lord Sani puja on Sept 20 evening. The Durga puja idol is a special attraction of SWSB, in which along with idol makers from neighbouring West Bengal, artists who are members of the SWSB take active participation in decorating Maa Durga. This year the SWSB will serve special bhog on Maha Ashtami for all devotees. For the past few years Durga puja bhog distributed here

has been a lip smacking item for all devotees. The SWSB will have a bunch of entertainment programmes by members starting from Panchami till Navami. Sindoor Khela in Dashami is also a major attraction here. Though SWSB has mostly senior citizens as members but their active participation tells age is just a number. The ladies wing of the SWSB actively takes part in various social development activities like serving food to inmates of old age homes of Jamshedpur. Yoga classes are also held here both for men and women.

15 Feet Ganesh Puja Committee Telco Pandal inaugurated



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: The grand pandal of the 15 Feet Ganesh Puja Committee in Telco, a major attraction in Jamshedpur, was inaugurated by former BJP District President Dinesh Kumar. The ceremony also paid tribute to late Indrajit Singh, a senior committee member who recently passed away. Social workers Shashi Shekhar, Vinod Singh, Ajit Shahi, Satish Singh, and Krishnakant Rai were present, while the program was conducted by Dilip Kumar. Committee President Vikas Sharma, along with Shubham Singh, Iqbal Singh, Sahil Sharma, Saurabh, Deepak, Akshay, Tuntun Mishra, Satyam Pandey, and others, played key roles in organizing the festival. (w/gsd)

Vinayak Boys Club Telco organizes Ganesh Puja



Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Vinayak Boys Club at Cross Road No. 23, Telco, organized Ganesh Puja with devotion, emphasizing that true worship lay in sincere feelings. Former BJP District President Dinesh Kumar, inaugurated the Pandal. Social worker Reena Singh was also present. The event was successfully organized with the efforts of Rahul Yadav, Ritesh Chaudhary, Raj Kumar, Sujal Raju, Piyush Kumar, Rajiv Yadav, Vishal Sharma, and Akash Yadav. (w/gsd)

E-Auction Notice for various assets over Chakradharpur Division

E-Auction Leasing under e-Auction system are invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Chakradharpur Division, South Eastern Railway for and on behalf of the President, Union of India for the following assets categories over Chakradharpur Division. The draft of e-Auction notices in this regard are enclosed, which is notified in the <https://www.ireps.gov.in/> website. The details of the e-Auctions are as follows: **Sl. No. & Category; Catalogue No.; Date of Auction; Auction Start Time; Auction Closing time** respectively: (1) Water Vending Machine; WVM-CKP-2025; 04.09.2025; 12.30 hrs.; 13.30 hrs. (2) Catering; CATG-GMU-SEP-25; 08.09.2025; 12.00 hrs.; 14.20 hrs. Interested parties to take note of this and go through the website as mentioned above for details of the site and related information about the e-Auction notice. For enquiries/clarifications, if any, please contact the office of the undersigned.

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Dampeners likely to mar joys of Durgotsav



Makdampur Rly Crossing at Parsudih



In front of Azadnagar police station, Mango



Near Chepapul in Mango



Old Purliya Road Mango



Near Gandhi Ghat in Sakchi



Kalimati Road Between Sakchi and Burmamines



Thakur Bari Road, Sakchi Pic by Intu Imteyaz

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Traditional Durga Puja drummers have begun tightening the leather and cords of their dhaks. The Kash flower stalks are gradually cropping up amidst the green of paddy fields. Seuli buds have started appearing. The excitement of Durgotsav times has been more than faintly stirred with the Divine Mother's visit just a month away. Lakhan, the sarees' stockist, has already started the rounds of Kolkata to replenish his ample showcase with materials for didis, boudis and mashimas. The Puja mood is gradually falling into place. Besides busy kitchens and favourite puja special cuisines, the four exciting days remain incomplete sans pandal hopping. This year, however, from the look of things, visiting Durga Puja

pandals might not be as alluring as of earlier times. Extended monsoon, heavy rainfall, pock-marked roads, mid-street accumulated water pools and the stench of collected garbage may prove to be dampeners amidst the Durgotsav joys. Several Puja committees have urged the municipal Corporations and Municipalities to ameliorate the killjoys and talks have been planned with the district administration to ensure that people are not deprived of their much awaited annual thrill. Dulal Bhuiyan, the chief patron of Bhuinyadih Sarvjanik Durga Puja Committee, said, "I am into talks with several other Durga Puja committees. The condition of roads is pathetic. Street lights need to be repaired or replaced. We shall take up these issues with the

Deputy Commissioner so that Puja can be celebrated in a hassle-free manner." The Baridih Durga Puja Samiti organizes Durgotsav at the Baridih Bazaar Maidan. Puja fairs too are organized here that attract large crowds. Those coming from the Vijaya Garden area and the Ramni Kali Mandir are bound to encounter difficulties due to the dilapidated and water-logged roads. The Bhuinyadih Durgotsav is being celebrated since 1949. Chief Patron and President of the Committee, Dulal Bhuiyan stated, "People come from far and near to see our puja and enjoy the fair. But the road conditions from Mango Bus Stand to Bhuinyadih are very bad. The streets are dotted with potholes and the plight of the road near the New Court is equally bone-rattling. The Bhuinyadih

Chowk is riddled with filth and garbage. These will add to the inconvenience of pandal visitors. I shall be meeting the Deputy Commissioner on the 28th of August and take up these issues along with the traffic bottlenecks with him to find a way out of these problems." Durga Puja is being organized at Sarjamda since 1989 and this will be the 38th year of its festivities. President AK

Mishra stated that a big hole has appeared at the pandal site due to incessant rains. "The hole is waterlogged. Devotees will face tremendous problems. The streets are broken and most of the drains are jammed." The Golmuri Circus Maidan Durga Puja committee too is worried. The condition of the ground is bad due to the monsoon. The ground has become uneven and holes

have appeared. Water has accumulated in several spots leading to piling of garbage that is spreading foul odour. The Durga Puja Central Committee has already been notified about the conditions. In Adityapur, the road conditions are pathetic. The roads leading to one of the most attractive Puja Pandals, Praveen Singh Seva Sansthan at M Type are dilapidated. Large holes have appeared due to

the rains. These may prove to be dangerous and prone to accidents. To add to the bane, accumulation of garbage at various spots is emanating stench. Under such conditions, devotees and pandal hoppers will find it difficult to make their way to the pandal. Elderly people and children will find it extremely difficult. With more rain anticipated, waterlogging in the holes may further worsen the

situation. Other Puja pandals are faced with similar issues. Bad and dilapidated roads, waterlogging and piles of garbage, insufficient lighting arrangements and traffic snarls, may challenge the Durgotsav spirit if the various puja committees, municipalities and municipal corporations do not wake up in time and mend the current state of affairs and rekindle the joyous mood. (W-gsd)

BJP MP demands RIMS-2 in Hazaribagh

Mail News Service

Ranchi, Aug 27: BJP MP Manish Jaiswal has demanded to build RIMS 2 in Hazaribagh. The MP has written a letter to Chief Minister Hemant Soren. It has been said in the letter that at present the establishment of RIMS 2 in Hazaribagh is very necessary to reduce the increasing burden on the health system of the state and to provide better medical facilities to the people of North East Jharkhand. Jharkhand Tourism The MP cited reasons and said that Ranchi RIMS has a high patient load, a major reason for which is the patients coming from Hazaribagh and its surrounding divisions.



Hazaribagh is not only the headquarters of the North Chotanagpur Division, but it is also the hub of many districts due to its strategic geographical location. It is directly connected to districts like Koderma, Chatra, Ramgarh, Bokaro, and Giridih. Apart from this, due to being adjacent to the border of Bihar state, patients from neighboring areas can also

get medical facilities from here. Ranchi Taxi Service Many important roads including National Highway NH 2 and NH 33 pass through Hazaribagh district headquarters, due to which connectivity is excellent. Adequate amount of is available in Hazaribagh, due to which the project can be implemented rapidly. This will play an important role in reducing the existing load on Ranchi-based RIMS and patients will not need to travel long distances. The establishment of RIMS-2 in Hazaribagh will directly benefit not only this division but also millions of people of entire northern and north-eastern Jharkhand. (W-rg)

Congress to launch 'Vote Chor Gaddi Chhor' campaign in Jharkhand

Mail News Service

Ranchi, Aug 27: The Congress Party is gearing up to intensify its activities in Jharkhand with a new political drive titled "Vote Chor Gaddi Chhor" (Vote Thieves, Vacate the Throne). Party in-charge K. Raju announced on Wednesday that the campaign, led nationally by Rahul Gandhi, will soon begin in Jharkhand as part of a nationwide movement against alleged electoral malpractice. Speaking at a press conference, Raju said, "People's votes are being stolen across the country. This campaign is our way of raising awareness and uniting citizens against it. Rahul Gandhi himself is leading from the front and is currently on his Bihar yatra." According to Raju, the campaign will kick off in Jharkhand within a month. As part of the initiative, party workers



will reach out to the public, gather signatures, and raise issues that directly concern the people. Congress leaders emphasized that this is not just a political program but a mass movement with people's participation at its core. Alongside, the Congress has initiated an "Organization

Creation Drive" across India, starting with Jharkhand, Haryana, and Madhya Pradesh. Raju explained that the process of appointing new district presidents has begun. For each district, a six-member panel will be formed, and the final decision will rest with the national president and Rahul

Gandhi. "More than half of the districts will see new leadership. Three observers will be assigned per district, and the process will be completed within 15 days," he added. The party also aims to strengthen its presence at the grassroots. In Jharkhand, Panchayat Congress Committees are being formed in villages, with 1,700 already set up out of 4,500 panchayats. Within 45 days, every panchayat and municipal ward is expected to have a Congress committee. These local units, along with booth-level agents, will safeguard votes during future elections. Raju concluded, "We are identifying committed leaders, giving them responsibilities, and ensuring they receive proper training. This will not only strengthen Congress but also protect the people's mandate." (w/nkm)

Shaheedi Nagar Kirtan reaches Sakchi amid deep devotion

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: The Sakchi area witnessed an overwhelming display of devotion and reverence in the early hours of Wednesday as the Shaheedi Nagar Kirtan, dedicated to the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji, along with Bhai Mati Das, Bhai Sati Das, and Bhai Diyala Ji, arrived at Deori Sahib on Kalimati Road at 3:15 am. The Sikh congregation of Sakchi had remained awake throughout the night, waiting eagerly to welcome the Palki Sahib. Clad in saffron and spring-coloured turbans, and with dupattas covering their

heads in reverence, the Sangat set aside sleep and fatigue to witness the divine sight. As soon as the Palki Sahib reached Deori Sahib, the entire atmosphere reverberated with spirited slogans of "Dhany Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib, Hind ki Chaadar - Dhany Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib." The centre of attraction was Deori Sahib itself, resplendent under a cascade of flowers and bathed in milky light. A specially arranged flower shower machine added to the grandeur, symbolising the congregation's deep faith. The sight was described as if nature itself was showering blessings on the holy occasion. Pradhan Nishan Singh, along with



committee members, offered a handkerchief with reverence to the Guru Granth Sahib seated

in the Palki Sahib. Among the prominent members present were General Secretary Shamsher Singh Soni, Paramjit Singh Kale, Satinder Singh Romi, Satnam Singh Ghuman, Ajai Singh, Balbir Singh Dhanjal, Sukhwinder Singh Nikku, Satpal Singh Raju, Surjit Singh Shitte, Balbir Singh, Daljit Singh, Trilochan Singh Tochi, Jaspal Singh Jasse and Nanak Singh. Women leaders, including Jatinderpal Kaur, head of Stree Satsang Sabha, and Raj Kaur, head of Shri Sukhmani Sahib Jatha, also joined the Sangat with their respective teams in the welcome. Children, women, elderly and youth turned out in large

numbers, reflecting the unity and spirit of devotion within the community. Despite the overnight vigil, not a single face showed fatigue-only joy and reverence for Guru Sahib radiated among the gathering. Palki Sahib halted at Deori Sahib for about half an hour, during which the atmosphere remained filled with soulful kirtan, naam simran and prayers. Concluding the congregation, Pradhan Nishan Singh expressed gratitude to the Sangat and prayed, "May Guru Sahib continue to shower his blessings on the entire Sangat and the whole world. Blessed is Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib, Hind ki Chaadar." (W-pb)

AJSU submits memorandum against police harassment in Jamshedpur

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: The All Jharkhand Students Union (AJSU) Party, led by its East Singhbhum district president, submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner alleging harassment of the public and political representatives by the police under the guise of enforcing rules.

The party accused the traffic police of adopting a dual policy—acting strictly against common people and party workers, while turning a blind eye to violations by influential individuals and even police officials themselves.

In the memorandum, the party pointed out that political leaders' vehicles were being



finned and flags forcibly removed in the past two days, with police citing High Court orders. "If flags or boards are not allowed on our vehicles, then why are private vehicles with police boards, tinted glasses and illegal modifications not being stopped?" the memorandum

questioned. The AJSU leaders further alleged that while ordinary citizens are immediately fined for minor lapses such as expired pollution certificates or insurance, many police vehicles themselves are uninsured, lack pollution certificates, or run with

expired fitness papers. They also accused officers of using seized vehicles without registration numbers, causing revenue loss to the government.

Highlighting parking issues, the party alleged that while small shopkeepers' customers are fined for brief roadside parking, influential establishments such as PM Mall are allowed to occupy half the road for parking without action. The memorandum also demanded urgent repair of several damaged roads in Jamshedpur, including stretches near Tatanagar Railway Station, Bamebera, Karandih and Burmamines.

Former Minister and AJSU central general secretary Ramchandra Sahis said, "The

traffic police show over-enthusiasm in penalizing political workers, but fail to ensure their own vehicles comply with rules. This inhuman treatment of common people will not be tolerated."

District president Kanhaiya Singh added that repeated letters to the administration and the Chief Minister had gone unheard. He warned that if the demands remain ignored, AJSU will move the High Court with a PIL.

Among those present were MP Vidyut Varan Mahato, former minister Ramchandra Sahis, district president Kanhaiya Singh, Appu Tiwari, Lalan Jha, Mangal Tudu, Chandreshwar Pandey and several others. (w/nkm)

Long struggle pays off: Two express trains to halt at Kandra Station

Mail News Service

Gamharia, Aug 27: After years



of protests and persistent demands from locals and public representatives, the railway administration has finally approved the stoppage of two express trains at Kandra station,

effective from September 1. The official notification has been issued, sparking celebrations among residents of the region.

As per the announcement, train number 18615 Hatia-Howrah Express and train number 18616 Howrah-Hatia (Kriya Yoga Express) will now halt at Kandra station in both directions. Additionally, train number 13287 South Bihar Express (Ara to Durg) and 13288 South Bihar Express (Durg to Ara) will also stop at the station.

Train stoppages at Kandra were withdrawn during the Covid-19 pandemic, causing hardships for local passengers. Since then, residents and representatives staged demonstrations and repeatedly submitted memoranda to railway authorities demanding restoration.

"The five-year-long wait has finally ended. This is a victory for local people and their representatives," said a community leader, expressing joy over the announcement. The move is expected to significantly ease travel for the region's commuters and reconnect them with major routes. (w/nkm)

Evaluation of basic learning for Class 2 and 3 students from today



Mail News Service

Chaibasa, Aug 27: Under the directive of the Jharkhand Education Project Council, Ranchi, a two-day non-residential training session was conducted at District School Plus Two High School, Chaibasa, for the "Mera Vidyalaya Nipunan, Main Bhi Nipunan" program. A total of 66 master trainers were trained, each tasked with evaluating five schools.

The assessment, scheduled from August 28 to September 2, will cover students of Classes 2 and 3, focusing on foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) as per the National Education Policy. Areas of evaluation include letter recognition, word reading, phonemic awareness, reading comprehension and dictation. Teachers will also assess classroom resources such as print-rich environments and teaching materials.

The initiative aims to improve the effectiveness of programs being run under the State Education Project Council, as earlier results have not shown the expected improvements. Trainers received guidance from senior educators including Premjeet Singh, Sanjeev Kumar Balmuchu, Devilal Puri, Rajendra Newar, Vinita Kumari, Budhram Mahato, Padma Patar and Abhimanyu Mahato. (w/nkm)

30-year-old woman dies after mud wall collapse

Chaibasa, Aug 27: A tragic accident claimed the life of 30-year-old Sunita Kujur on Wednesday morning in Barkandaz Toli (Ban Tola) of Chaibasa when an old mud wall collapsed on her. The incident occurred between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. while she was working near her house. Suddenly, the weakened wall gave way, burying her under the debris.

Locals, including Tola Mukhiya Lalu Kujur, rushed to the spot and rescued her from the rubble before taking her to Sadar Hospital, Chaibasa.

However, doctors declared her dead shortly after arrival. Neighbors said Sunita was the mother of three young children and earned a living by working at weddings and community events. Her husband had passed away about three years ago due to illness.

She leaves behind a daughter aged around 12-13 years and two sons aged about 7-8 and 5-6 years. The incident has cast a pall of grief over the locality. "We tried our best to save her, but she could not survive," said Mukhiya Lalu Kujur. The body has been sent for post-mortem and locals have urged the administration to extend financial support to the bereaved family. (w/nkm)

Jamshedpur to host 17th Juloos-e-Mohammadi on Eid Milad-un-Nabi



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: The 17th annual Juloos-e-Mohammadi will be organized on Friday, September 5, to mark Eid Milad-un-Nabi with reverence and devotion. A massive procession will begin from Gandhi

Maidan, Mango, pass through Sakchi Ambagan and conclude at Dhatkidi Center Ground.

The preparations were reviewed in a meeting of Tanzeem Ahle Sunnat wa Jamaat held at Madrasa Faizul Uloom under the chairmanship of Qazi-e-Jharkhand,

Mufti Abid Hussain Noori. Religious leaders, mosque imams, scholars, and intellectuals participated in large numbers.

Islamic scholar and General Secretary Mufti Ziaul Mustafa Qadri stated, "This year's procession will be historic as it marks 1500 years since the birth of the Prophet (PBUH). It will be a grand and united display of devotion." Maulana Shamshad-ul-Qadri added, "Banners, posters and decorative lights will be put up across mosques and localities."

Tanzeem Vice President Maulana Burhan-ul-Huda conveyed greetings to all citizens and appealed for peace and unity during the event. Community leaders including Mufti Jalal Mustafa, Maulana Irfan Tabish, and Alhajr Mukhtar Safi were also present in the meeting. (w/nkm)

Grand welcome for Union leaders at HVTL, Tata Motors

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: A grand felicitation was held at Tata Motors HVTL to honour the President of Tata Motors Workers' Union, Shashi Bhushan Prasad, and General Secretary R.K. Singh following the signing of a historic bonus agreement. The ceremony saw the participation of senior management officials and a large number of employees. Both union leaders, along with division heads, were felicitated with traditional shawls and flower bouquets.

Speaking on the occasion, President Shashi Bhushan



Prasad said, "The union has always worked with the workers' interests in mind. With your patience and trust, we have succeeded in securing a good

bonus agreement. I congratulate every worker for this achievement."

General Secretary R.K. Singh added, "Several rounds of

discussions were held with the management, keeping not only the bonus but also other workers' rights in focus. The management extended positive

cooperation, which resulted in a better settlement. The unity and trust of the workers is our strength. Don't be swayed by rumours—we maintain direct communication with every worker through committee members in each department."

The event concluded with thanks to all workers for their cooperation. Senior officers including GM Subhashish Das, Suresh Sharma, and DGM Sunil Jaiswal were present along with union office bearers and committee members. The ceremony was conducted by Amit Singh, while K.P. Sharma delivered the vote of thanks. (w/nkm)

Young Boys' Club begins grand preparations for golden jubilee Kali Puja



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: The Young Boys' Club of Telco Colony Road No. 9 has begun preparations for its historic Kali Puja as it enters its Golden Jubilee year. On Wednesday, coinciding with Ganesh Chaturthi, the land worship

and ceremonial post installation for the 22-feet tall idol of Goddess Bhadrakali were performed with Vedic rituals by priest Swapan Bhattacharjee.

This year, for the first time, a theme-based grand pandal is being constructed by skilled artisans from West Bengal. The pandal and idol

are expected to be the main attraction of the 50th-year celebrations.

Club President Pappu Mishra said, "This Golden Jubilee Puja is not just a religious festival but a cultural heritage of our community. We appeal to all devotees to come together and make this event a grand success."

The ceremony witnessed the presence of BJP leader Dinesh Kumar, social activists Shivshankar Singh and Shambhu Singh, Zila Parishad member Kavita Parmar, and many others. Club officials including General Secretary Pradeep Rajwar, Treasurer Lokesh Prasad, and several members joined the rituals. The Young Boys' Club Kali Puja, celebrated for five decades has now become a symbol of cultural pride and unity in Jamshedpur. (w/nkm)

Weekly public grievance hearing held at Seraikela Collectorate

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Aug 27: Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh chaired the weekly Janata Darbar (public grievance hearing) at the Collectorate office, where citizens from different blocks and urban areas presented their complaints and issues. The DC directed officials to ensure timely redressal and transferred applications to the concerned departments for action.

Key grievances included rejection of a mutation application for 12 decimals of land under account no. 58 in Seraikela circle without valid reasons, demand for guard wall construction along the road from Lalbabu Dairy Farm to Shri Jagannath Temple in Ward 11 of Seraikela Nagar Panchayat and encroachment of land under the Abua Awas Yojana in Burudih, Kandra and Gamharia. Other complaints involved rejection of a



death claim under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Bima Yojana by SBI Seraikela branch due to non-uploading of clarification on the CBS portal, along with allegations of inhumane behavior by the branch manager.

Applications also highlighted issues regarding support for

thalassemia awareness campaigns, disruption in benefits under the Mukhyamantri Maiya Samman Yojana and pending approvals for housing scheme applications in Neemdihi block. All petitions were formally recorded and forwarded to relevant departments for follow-up. (w/nkm)

Despite SC order, FMGs yet to get stipend of internship

Mail News Service

Dhanbad Aug 27: Even after six months of Supreme Court (SC) order, the Foreign Medical Graduates (FMG) completing internship in medical colleges of Jharkhand have yet to stipend.

Same time FMGs completing internship in Gujarat and other states' medical colleges have already paid stipend.

In wake of SC order, the director of medical education of Jharkhand had on July 30, 2023 shot off letter to RIMS Ranchi and principal superintendent of five medical colleges MGMMCH, SNMMCH, PJMCH, SBMCH and MMCH to send detail amount of stipend to be paid to FMG for internship.

Director Medical Education wing had in his letter also demanded list of FMGs completing internship in medical colleges since July 1, 2023.

The superintendent of Shahid Nirmal Mahto Medical College (SNMMCH) Dhanbad Dr Dinesh Kumar Gindauria and Phulo Jhano Medical College Hospital (PJMCH) Dumka when contacted said that they had duly sent the report to health department.

The Supreme Court on February 24, 2025 had directed National Medical Commission (NMC) and authorities of medical colleges across the country to pay stipend to Foreign Medical Graduates at par with MBBS interns.

In 2022-23 several Indian students who were studying in different medical colleges of Ukraine had to return country without completing course (internship) due to war with Russia.

NMC taking cognizance of their plight, allowed them to take internship in medical colleges of country. Under this arrangement several FMGs also joined in hospitals of Jharkhand government owned medical colleges including RIMS Ranchi to complete course.

Though FMGs began working as intern in medical colleges, they did not get single penny for providing service. Some interns finally knocked the door of SC and get relieve.

In Jharkhand, interns of Rajendra institute of medical Science (RIMS) Ranchi are paid stipend of Rs 26,400 per month while interns of MGMMCH Jamshedpur, SNMMCH, Dhanbad, PJMCH, Dumka, SBMCH Hazaribagh and MMCH, Palamu are paid Rs 17, 500 per month only.

FMG in Gujarat get stipend Gujarat government has already started stipend payment to Foreign Medical Graduates completing internship in its medical colleges. When contacted on Wednesday ex-secretary of Gujarat FMGs Parents Association Rajesh Khetan said that January batch interns have been already paid while recent batch interns are likely to get soon.

Bhumipujan for Durga Puja at Sidhgora Food Plaza

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: The Public Durga Puja Committee of Sidhgora Food Plaza organized a Bhumipujan ceremony on Wednesday, coinciding with Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations. Every year, the Maithil community conducts Durga Puja at this venue, following the traditional Mithilanchal rituals from Kalash Sthapana to Dashami.

The ceremony was performed by General Secretary and Yajman Dharmesh Kumar Jha, assisted by priest Pandit Govind Jha. Committee President Mohan Thakur, Treasurer Rajendra Kumar Karn and several community members including M.C. Madhukar, Rajesh Kumar Jha, Dilip Jha, Shishir Kumar Jha, and



others participated in the rituals. General Secretary Dharmesh Jha said, "This Puja reflects the cultural and religious unity of the Maithil community in Jamshedpur. With everyone's cooperation, we are committed to conducting the Puja with devotion and grandeur." The committee members offered prayers for peace, prosperity and well-being of the region. (w/nkm)

Ganesh Chaturthi celebrated across Seraikela

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Aug 27: On the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, observed on the fourth day of Shukla Paksha in the month of Bhadrapada, devotees across Seraikela and nearby rural areas worshipped Lord Ganesh with devotion.

Puja pandals were set up at 21 locations in the city, where idols of Lord Ganesh were installed and rituals performed. Devotees observed fasts, offered flowers, durva, and prasad while students prayed for knowledge and wisdom, and others for health and prosperity.

As in previous years, Uday Sangh at Sanjay Chowk organized a grand pandal, continuing the annual tradition of Ganesh



Puja since 1976. A special puja was also held at the only Ganesh temple on Dharamshala Road, run under the supervision of the Modak Samaj, where large numbers of devotees queued from early morning to seek blessings.

MLA representative offers prayers: On the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, MLA representative Sanand Kumar Acharya visited several Ganesh Puja pandals across Seraikela city, offering prayers for the

prosperity of the state and the region.

He paid obeisance at Teenmani Sangh Puja Pandal in Haat Tola, DBH Puja Pandal, Mahavir Sangh Puja Pandal in Indratandi, Siddhivinayak Sangh

Puja Pandal on Post Office Road, and the Puja Pandal in Norodih Basti.

At each venue, he bowed before Lord Shri Ganesh and prayed for the well-being of the people. (w/gsd)

Ganesh Utsav brings festive spirit to Jaduguda

Mail News Service

Jaduguda, Aug 27: The spirit of Ganesh Utsav filled Jaduguda and nearby areas as devotees thronged puja pandals to seek blessings of Lord Ganesh.

The grand celebration at Jaduguda Modh Chowk, organized by the Shastri Boys Club, became the central attraction where a beautifully decorated pandal was set up. As soon as the ceremonial unveiling of Lord Ganesh's idol took place, devotees poured into the pandal to offer prayers. Priest Shakti Pada Majumdar performed the rituals with full devotion, praying for the prosperity and peace of the region. The entire atmosphere turned devotional with chants of "Ganpati Bappa Morya" resonating across the locality. The Shastri Boys Club, led by Sanju Barik and his team, has been organizing Ganesh Puja at this location for the last 40 years, making it a longstanding tradition that brings the community together. A club member remarked, "This is not just a celebration; it is a way for the community to pray for happiness, health and prosperity."

With cultural programs, music and the collective participation of locals, the Ganesh Utsav in Jaduguda once again reaffirmed its place as a symbol of unity and devotion in the region. (w/nkm)

Ganesh Utsav celebrations begin at Shastri Nagar

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: The festive spirit of Ganesh Utsav has gripped Shastri Nagar Block No. 4 near Santoshmata Mandir, Hanuman Gali, where a week-long celebration has been planned with devotional and cultural programs by Mahakal Seva Samiti.

The festivities began today, August 27, with the Murti Puja. Devotees will gather daily for the evening aarti at 6:30 pm.

The organizing committee has lined up a series of events for residents and visitors. On August 28, a music program will be held, followed by a dance program on



August 29.

On August 30, the community will distribute prasadam inviting devotees to participate in the spirit of

sharing and devotion.

The celebrations will conclude with the grand Visarjan ceremony on August 31.

Arjun Munda, Saryu Roy offer prayers at Kadma Ganesh Puja

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Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Former Chief Minister Arjun Munda, accompanied by his wife Meera Munda, performed puja to Lord Siddhivinayak at Kadma Ganesh Puja Ground and prayed for the prosperity of the state and the nation. Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu

Roy and several BJP leaders were also present. Known as the city's oldest Ganesh Puja venue that hosts a fair, Kadma Puja Ground has seen



Arjun Munda and his family worshipping Lord Ganesh for years. Continuing the tradition, he joined thousands of devotees this year too.

Speaking to the media, Munda expressed hope that Lord Ganesh would bless every home with happiness and prosperity. (w/gsd)

Ganesh Chaturthi celebrated with devotion at Andhra Samiti Telco

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm on Wednesday at the Andhra Samiti Telco (East Zone) Ganpati Mandir. From early morning, the temple echoed with the sound of bells and chants as devotees recited the Ganpati Atharvashirsha and offered prayers to Lord



Gajanan. Offerings of Durva, bananas, coconuts, Modaks, and

Motichoorladdus were made by devotees seeking blessings for happiness and prosperity. After the morning Abhishek, a Ganpati havan was performed, while in the evening, the atmosphere turned deeply spiritual with MahaAarti followed by the recitation of Ganpati Sahasranama Paath. A large number of

devotees participated in the celebrations, which created a vibrant devotional atmosphere throughout the day. The rituals and worship were conducted under the guidance of Anil Kumar. Among those present were President Rajasekhar Rao, General Secretary K. Ram Mohan Rao, B. S. Yan Murthy, Shyam Sundar Rao, Bhaskar Rao, Narayan Rao, Prasad Rao, Appa Rao, Padma, and Sangeeta Ravi. (w-mb)

Amarpreet Singh Kale offers prayers on Ganesh Chaturthi



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Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Jharkhand BJP state spokesperson Amarpreet Singh Kale visited various Ganeshotsav celebrations across the city on the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, offering prayers seeking the blessings of Lord Ganesh. Kale took part in the festivities organized by the Vighnaharta Ganesh Puja Committee in Kashidih, Jambu Akhara Youth in Bhalubasa, and Ganesh Seva Sansthan in Rajendra Nagar. Extending greetings to the people, Kale said, "Ganesh Chaturthi is not just a festival of religious faith, but also a symbol of unity, harmony, and positive energy in society."

May Ganpati Bappa remove all obstacles from our lives and bring happiness, peace, and prosperity to every home." (w/gsd)

Kadma Ganesh Puja mela begins



Jamshedpur, Aug 27: The historic Shree Bala Ganapati Vilas, established in 1919, has begun its 107th Ganesh Puja Mahotsav with grandeur and devotion. The mela was inaugurated on Wednesday by Jamshedpur MP Bidyut Baran Mahato as the chief guest, along with former MP Suman Mahato and other dignitaries. The celebrations will continue till Sept 14. Daily rituals from August 28 to September 13 will include Suprabhatam at

5:30 am, Vedic chanting, abhishekam, sahasranam puja, homam, and pushpanjali with aarti. Special Kumkum puja for married women will be performed on September 5 and 12. The rituals are being led by Pandit Shashibhushan Shastri from Andhra Pradesh, accompanied by devotional music from the Sri Venkateswara Group. The mela is also hosting various attractions including giant swings, ranger rides, tsunami swing, toy trains, Mickey Mouse rides, stalls of Bengal terracotta art, Kanpur utensils, artificial jewelry, and Bengal Fine Arts. The Ranger and Tsunami swings are expected to be major highlights drawing large crowds. (w-mb)

Ganesh Puja celebrated with devotion in Chaibasa

Mail News Service

Chaibasa, Aug 27: Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated with great fervour in Chaibasa on Wednesday as private institutions, neighbourhoods and households organized special pujas and cultural events.

Colourful pandals were erected across the town and idols of Lord Ganesh were brought in with pomp and music.

Large crowds of men and women participated in rituals, offering prayers and seeking blessings for prosperity. Priests performed the puja with traditional mantras, while cul-



tural programs, devotional songs and distribution of prasad added to the festive spirit.

Several prominent localities, including Amla Tola, Sadar Bazar Amrit Club, Badi Bazar Ganesh Mandir and Tungri, witnessed elaborate celebrations with grand idols and vibrant decorations.

A devotee said, "This festival unites families and communities, reminding us of the values of devotion and togetherness."

The celebrations in Chaibasa once again reflected the town's rich tradition of faith and cultural harmony. (w/nkm)

Purnima Sahu Joins 107th Shri Bal Ganpati Vilas anniversary



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Jamshedpur East MLA Purnima Sahu participated in

and well-managed event, she described it as a symbol of Jamshedpur's faith and cultural unity. (w/gsd)

the 107th anniversary celebration of Shri Bal Ganpati Vilas in Kadma on Wednesday.

She, along with her husband and social worker Lalit Das, offered prayers to Lord Ganesh and wished for the health, prosperity, and happiness of city residents.

Congratulating the organizers for the grand

Mahavir Murmu attends Ganesh Puja celebrations



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Jharkhand Mukti Morcha leader Mahavir Murmu participated in several Ganesh Puja celebrations across the city.

He inaugurated the Puja pandal of New Shanti Boys Club at Bagbera Aideljhopdi. Social worker Shekhar Bhushan Nag, Jambu Akhara's Bunty Singh, and Raj Club of Burmamines Tube Basti also joined the celebrations, received prasad, and prayed to Lord Ganesh for peace, prosperity, and happiness in the state.

On the occasion, Goldy Tiwari, Manoj Tanti, Bablu Godsera, Banar Das, Naresh Banra, Sandeep Singh, Ganesh Patras, Bunty Singh, Abhishek Nag, Mahesh Mukhi, and Suresh Behera were present. (w/gsd)

Saryu Roy inaugurates Ganesh Puja Pandals, performs rituals

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: On the occasion of Shri Ganesh Chaturthi, Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy inaugurated several Ganesh Puja pandals across the city and offered prayers to Lord Ganesh with full devotion and rituals. Roy visited Shekhar Nag's pandal in Bhalubasa, where he sought the blessings of Lord Ganesh.

He then proceeded to Kagal Nagar in Sonari, where he performed puja and helped in distributing prasad among devotees.

The MLA also joined the Ganeshotsav in Gamharia and later visited the celebrations in Gayatri Nagar, Adityapur, praying for fortune and prosperity.

At Mangal Singh Akhara in Kadma, he worshipped Lord Ganesh, the remover of obstacles, and prayed for the welfare of humanity. In addition, Roy served as the host of the Ganesh Puja organized at Shri Laxminarayan Temple from 8 a.m. on Wednesday, where he performed the rituals with devotion.

Ganesh Puja celebrated with devotion in Gamharia and Kandra

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Gamharia/Kandra, Aug 27: The festival of Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm across Gamharia block, with several localities organizing grand pujas in beautifully decorated pandals. Idols of Lord Ganesh were installed in Kandra Bazaar, SKG Colony, Dokakuli, Bolaydih, Satwahini, Chhota Gamharia, Adarsh Nagar and other areas.

In Nirmal Path Road No. 7, the Modak community organized a large-scale celebration led by Vishal Modak, Viren Modak, Soumitra Modak and Riju Modak. Various cultural programs were



also organized by different puja committees.

In Chhota Gamharia Panchayat, the Ganesh Puja pandal set up by

Madhusudan Club was inaugurated by Swadeshi Jagran Manch district convener Ajit Kumar Singh.

The club has been organizing the festival for the past 26 years. The event saw participation from BJP leader Amit Singhdev and other community members.

At Bankapara Shiv Mandir, the women's committee organized a vibrant Ganesh Puja celebration with the active involvement of Kakuli Ghoshal, Taruna Singh, Rita Verma, Anuradha Rao, Sharmila Ojha, Rashmi Agrawal and others.

The festival created a joyous atmosphere across the region. (w/nkm)

Racist Roadblocks

Since Donald Trump's rise to power in the United States, one cannot ignore the disturbing persistence of racist attitudes, particularly directed toward foreigners—and Indians have been among the hardest hit. What once was a land celebrated for its democratic values and high human ideals seems to be rapidly losing its moral standing due to the narrow-minded nationalism that the Trump administration has nurtured.

Indian immigrants, many of whom left their homeland to pursue the American dream, have increasingly found themselves subjected to humiliation and mistreatment. They have been accused of illegal immigration, detained in inhuman conditions and even paraded in handcuffs. This hostility is not confined to one section of society. Even highly skilled Indians at the top of the IT industry and social media platforms have faced the threat of removal under Trump's policies. The imposition of irrational tariffs and the rhetoric against Indian professionals testify to this anti-India stance.

The most recent blow has fallen on Punjabi truck drivers, a community that has long powered the American trucking industry with sheer grit and sweat. Nearly 1.5 lakh Punjabi drivers, who dream of making a living by manoeuvring heavy commercial vehicles across America's highways, are now staring at an uncertain future. This crisis has its roots in a tragic accident in Florida, where three American citizens lost their lives due to a wrong turn taken by an Indian driver. Instead of treating it as an isolated incident, Trump's administration has used it to stoke fear and resentment against foreign truckers.

Since then, foreign drivers have been painted as a danger to American lives and harsh measures have followed: bans on work visas and commercial licenses for non-American drivers. This policy does not merely jeopardize the livelihood of Punjabi drivers; it undermines the very foundation of fairness and meritocracy that America once prided itself upon. The irony is glaring. Punjabi drivers, often referred to as strong "Gabras," undergo training in India, secure visas through hard-earned means and work punishing hours across long distances. They earn handsomely, yes, but it is through relentless labor that many Americans themselves are unwilling to endure. In contrast, American drivers demand far higher wages, making them a costly and less practical alternative for transport companies.

Despite this reality, the Trump administration continues to scapegoat Indian drivers. Language barriers have been weaponized against them, with proficiency in English suddenly being enforced as a condition for license renewals. Thousands of licenses have been suspended and entire families are now facing an employment crisis. Training schools that provide immigrants with licenses have also been targeted, further tightening the noose.

This discriminatory approach has not gone unnoticed in India. Political parties in Punjab—whether Aam Aadmi Party, Akali Dal, or Congress—have demanded strong intervention from the Union Ministry of External Affairs. They argue, rightly, that the suspension of visas and licenses is not just a bureaucratic decision but an assault on the dignity and survival of thousands of Indian families. These parties want New Delhi to raise the issue with full diplomatic force, ensuring that NRI drivers are not made victims of a racist political agenda.

The larger picture is disturbing. America's trucking industry cannot function smoothly without the labor of immigrant drivers, particularly Punjabis, who have become its backbone. By disregarding their contribution and targeting them unfairly, the U.S. is not only harming these hardworking individuals but also sowing seeds of economic disruption within its own system.

Trump's "America First" rhetoric, in practice, has become a license to marginalize foreign workers, deny them opportunities and paint them as threats. In doing so, America is not safeguarding its future—it is eroding the very spirit of inclusivity and fairness that once made it great.

From the Editorial Desk

Plantations, politics and population

The deepening impact of Bangladeshi influx in South India

After Prime Minister Narendra Modi cautioned about demographic changes during his Independence Day speech, Union Home Minister Amit Shah also spoke about the challenges regarding this issue.

Demographic change basically refers to transformations in population size and characteristics, resulting from shifts in birth rates, death rates and migration over a period of time. This has been a larger agenda of the Bangladesh-based Jamaat-e-Islami, which has taken upon itself to infiltrate as many Bangladeshis as possible and then change the demographics in many places, especially in West Bengal and the northeastern states.

Whenever this issue comes up, it is the northeastern states and West Bengal that are spoken about. However, gradually over time, the problem has spread deep and wide in the southern states, where the illegal Bangladeshi population has taken over the jobs of the locals.

The issue is deep-rooted in the plantation areas in Karnataka and Kerala, where labour is relatively expensive. Initially, many from the northeastern states would come down to these southern states in search of work. However, today, the illegal Bangladeshi migrants have outnumbered



them. The touts at the Bangladesh border who are in cahoots with their associates in these states work together to bring down these people. The security agencies have flagged this as a major problem and say that it would soon spiral out of control.

It has been found to be a huge syndicate that begins in Bangladesh and trickles down to South India.

When these illegal immigrants enter these states through their agents, they are told to tell the people that they are from Assam and hence have earned the tag Assam labour. However, their dialect is entirely different, and it does not sound like Assamese. It, in fact, sounds like East Bangla, and

this is what led to the suspicion that they are either Bangladeshis or Rohingyas. They hold Aadhar Cards and Voter Identity cards, and this helps them pass off as Indians. However, it is an open secret that their touts have these documents ready after they enter illegally into India illegally.

The illegal Bangladeshi workers began entering South India in large numbers after the Assam government published the NRC. The fear of being identified and sent back to their country led the touts to push them into southern states in large numbers. They were told that they should offer cheap labour so that the locals would be out of jobs.

If a local labourer works for Rs 600 a day, the illegal

migrant would offer the same service at Rs 350, and the plantation owners find this to be profitable. Moreover, they are told not to mingle with the locals and stick with each other as a group to avoid suspicion.

When illegal immigrants enter India are given fake documents, the condition is that they should vote for a political party, as told by the touts. At the time of elections, they have to mandatorily be in the state where they obtained the details and failing to do so would lead to their documents being taken back and being pushed back into Bangladesh.

While today the situation has not erupted, it could get worse when more locals lose their jobs to these illegal

immigrants. This would lead to communal tensions, and this serves the purpose of the Jamaat-e-Islami.

The Jamaat and the ISI had planned, after the Liberation War, to infiltrate as many Bangladeshis into India so that demographic change and communal violence would erupt.

This entire racket in South India is controlled by a mafia. It is, in fact, the touts in Kerala who manage all these people. The Intelligence agencies had warned that the migration into South India would happen through Kerala. It begins in Bangladesh and Myanmar, passes through the Northeast and then trickles into Kerala.

The security agencies say that, for now, it looks like just a labour issue. If this issue continues unchecked, the potential dangers are terrorism and crime. In many cases, illegal immigrants have been linked to terror activities such as the Bodhgaya and Burdwan blasts.

There could also be social and demographic issues which will lead to friction and unrest. Human trafficking is also another issue attached to this problem. There have been instances of large-scale trafficking of Bangladeshi women and children into the country for forced labour and commercial sex work.

No broken glass, only broken narratives - the hidden front in Op Sindoor



National Security Advisor Ajit Doval's highlighting of the foreign media's bias against India's interests points to a larger issue: modern warfare is no longer confined to missiles and drones; it is now also about the information battle. India did a marvellous job through Operation Sindoor, which, in recent memory, few operations have demonstrated such precision, with targeted strikes on Pakistani military assets and no harm to civilians or civilian infrastructure. This operation exemplified a new-age war strategy where building the right narrative is as vital as hitting the right target.

In the era of social media and a 24/7 news cycle, the potential to influence perceptions and provoke reactions is immense. It is this buildup narrative that either helps those in power or creates a wave for the opposition. The whole scenario may appear to be frightening, but that is the truth about modern wars. This reality may seem daunting, but it is the new normal in modern warfare -- a combination of military precision and information dominance.

Operation Sindoor is a

case study in this hybrid war model. It was not just about missiles, satellites, and drones, but also about aggressive information dissemination. India did excellently in basic warfare -- hitting the enemy bullseye, as conveyed by NSA Doval. Attacking with precision on pinpointed targets across the length and breadth of Pakistan was a big achievement that any country can be envious of. While Indian forces did excellently, the war in the media went to a new, unprecedented level. In fact, the media battlefield became chaotic.

Misinformation, doctored videos, and propaganda flooded digital platforms. Pakistan and its supporting nations went all out to discredit India's success through this media war -- something NSA Doval emphasised during his speech at the 62nd Convocation of IIT Madras on July 11.

Heremarked how foreign media reported "Pakistan did this and that," while photographic evidence clearly showed only Pakistani infrastructure being damaged. "You tell me one photograph or image that shows any damage to any Indian asset -- even a broken glass pane," Doval challenged. The only

visible damage was to 13 Pakistani air bases in locations like Sargodha, Rahim Yar Khan, and Chaklala. Unfortunately, India's internal political discourse also fed into this narrative. Statements from opposition leaders like Rahul Gandhi and others, questioning the operation's success, were amplified by Pakistani media.

These comments gave credence to Pakistan's narrative and detracted from India's messaging. While such critiques may be seen as a political strategy, their timing was counterproductive, especially when proof of success had emerged.

Western media have historically shown a lack of sensitivity to India's security concerns, often downplaying Pakistan's role in sponsoring terrorism. Whether during the 1965 or 1999 wars, the 2016 surgical strikes, 2019 Balakot airstrikes, or now Operation Sindoor, this pattern of biased reporting persists.

A notable exception was the US House Foreign Affairs Committee, which recently called out The New York Times for its coverage of the April 22 Pahalgaon terrorist attack, criticising the use of terms like "militants"

and "gunmen" instead of "terrorists." This marked an unprecedented move by the US administration to highlight media bias.

Yet overall, many prominent Western media and social platforms have failed to offer balanced or contextual reporting on Pakistan-sponsored terror and India's legitimate right to self-defence. This skewed narrative not only distorts international perception but also undermines global action against terrorism.

It is in this context that NSADoal's critique of biased reporting becomes vital. By calling out double standards, he emphasised India's need not only to defend its borders, but also its global narrative.

While Operation Sindoor reaffirmed India's technological and military capabilities, it also underscored the need for a robust, strategic counter-narrative mechanism -- one that combats misinformation, enhances transparency, and elevates India's voice in global discourse on Pakistan-sponsored terrorism and regional security.

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From 'Bengal in danger' to 'Bengalis in danger', Mamata Banerjee's new narrative before 2026 polls

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee seems to have changed her political narrative ahead of the Trinamool Congress' annual Martyrs' Day rally on Monday, the last before the crucial Assembly election in 2026, from "Bengal in Danger" to "Bengalis in Danger".

Historians often identify Quid-e-Azam a.k.a. Muhammad Ali Jinnah, as the master of crafting the right political narrative for the time and circumstances. His changed political narrative from "Muslims in Danger" to "Islam is Danger" is perceived to have played an important role in achieving his larger goal of a separate nation of Pakistan.

Not in that larger political perspective, like that of Jinnah, but Mamata Banerjee's narrative is definitely changing, becoming narrower and concentrated.

Until the last Martyrs' Day rally on July 21, 2024, her focused campaign was on how the BJP and the Union government had been attempting to destabilise the socio-economic structure of "Bengal" by freezing central funds under various Centrally sponsored projects. Till last year, her line

against the BJP was also focused on how the Union government was trying to project "Bengal" in a bad light by unleashing Central agencies on any issue in the state.

So, in a nutshell, till last year, Mamata Banerjee's victim card was "Bengal" as a state. However, with the successful and statistics-backed counter-campaign by the BJP justifying the freezing of Central funds because of rampant corruption in the implementation of Centrally-sponsored projects in West Bengal, her victim card of "Bengal" as a state has lost much of its punch with time.

Before the last Martyrs' Day rally ahead of the state Assembly elections next year, Mamata Banerjee has floated her new political narrative, which is "Bengalis in Danger", where she is exploring multiple angles to establish her changed political narrative. In her new perspective, not "Bengal" but "Bengalis" is the new victim card.

The first angle is alleging harassment of Bengali-speaking people after being branded as illegal Bangladeshi infiltrators in BJP-ruled states, where her focus targets are the state governments of Assam and Odisha.

The second angle is branding the proposed special intensive review by the Election Commission of India (ECI) as a ploy to slap NRC in West Bengal, as well as to delete several Bengali-speaking voters not only in Bengal but also elsewhere.

The third angle accuses the BJP and the Union government of interfering in the food habits of Bengalis. A recent advisory issued by the Union health ministry asking for the display of boards at various workplaces to raise awareness on the ill-effects of consumption of hidden fats and excess sugar in various food items is being used by her to spread the anti-BJP campaign on food habits.

Political observers feel that the underlying aim behind this changed political narrative of Mamata Banerjee is to create threat-perception among the voters of West Bengal that with the BJP in power in the state, "Bengali culture, Bengali food-habits and Bengali lifestyle will be in danger".

However, her underlying aim behind floating this new political narrative seems to have been rightly identified by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. While addressing a political rally at the industrial township of Durgapur

in West Burdwan on July 18, the Prime Minister accused the West Bengal government and the ruling dispensation of making the lives of original Bengalis of West Bengal miserable by encouraging illegal infiltration from neighbouring Bangladesh.

The Prime Minister said that while Bengalis are being treated with respect in the BJP-ruled states, in their own state of West Bengal, they are suffering because of the patronage that the illegal infiltrators have been receiving from the ruling dispensation and the state administration.

"The illegal infiltrators are being provided with fake Indian identity documents in West Bengal. The entire ecosystem has been developed in West Bengal to encourage illegal infiltration. These illegal infiltrators are threats to national security. They are threats to Bengali culture. Trinamool Congress had put the honour of the state at stake just because of narrow political motives," the Prime Minister said.

Now, it is to be seen how Mamata Banerjee replies to this allegation from the Prime Minister in her address at the Martyrs' Day rally on Monday.



HR professionals will never be replaced by AI: Fr. Sebastian

XLRI's CHRO conclave reimagines future of work, workforce

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Jamshedpur, August 27: "HR professionals will never be replaced by AI, as HR is fundamentally rooted in human knowledge and remains the nerve center of every organization," said Dr. (Fr.) George Sebastian, S.J., Director of XLRI Jamshedpur, while addressing the Annual Flagship CHRO Conclave KRONOS 2025. Organized by the PGDM (GM) Batch of 2025-26, this year's conclave revolved around the theme "Reimagining Work, Workforce & Workplace: The CHRO's Playbook for 2030".

The event brought together some of India's most influential HR leaders to reflect on disruptive transformations shaping the future of people and organizations. The inauguration was also marked by addresses from Dr. Sanjay Patro, Dean (Academics), and Dr. Purna Chandra Padhan, Associate Dean (Executive Programs). While Prof. Patro highlighted the evolving role of HR leaders in purposeful job design and work-



place experimentation, Prof. Padhan emphasized KRONOS's role in bridging academia with industry.

The conclave featured three insightful panel discussions.

Panel 1: Workforce Resilience - Building Agility in Times of Constant Change. Shaleen Manik (CHRO, Transsion India) stressed the need for talent mobility and psychological safety. Sonalika Yadav (Director HR, BCG) underlined patience and trust as anchors

in disruption. Shubhaya Sengupta (CPO, Zeta) described resilience as multilayered, rooted in empathy. Vicky Santosh Jaiswal (Head L&OD, L&T Finance) pointed to Gen Z's need for learning agility, while Amit Vaish (Head HR, Optum) balanced agility with employee well-being. The session was moderated by Ms. Shreya Mathur, PGDM (GM). Panel 2: The Evolving Role of CHROs - From HR Leader to Strategic Business Partner. Arun Prasad Keshri (VP HR, EXL) noted that

careers must remain fluid, prioritizing learning and purpose over titles. Abhilasha Malviya (CHRO, Vedanta Power) stressed reinvention, while Deepak Behera (L&T Finance) emphasized managers as culture carriers in hybrid settings. Dheeraj Tandon (Group Head HR, Vadilal) urged breaking legacy mindsets, and Sayan Chakrabarty (CHRO, Vector Consulting Group) reiterated the importance of human connection. This session was moderated by Ms. Yukta Tiwari, PGDM (GM).

Panel 3: Beyond DEI - Creating Truly Inclusive and Equitable Organizations

Kaveri Chauhan (Kyndryl) advocated systems for all, including neurodivergent individuals. Roydon Gonsalves (Northern Trust) said DEI must be a lived culture, while Kalyan N. (Tide) highlighted transparency and equity. Gaurav Jain (GMMCO Ltd - KK Birla Group) called for measurable outcomes, and Prakash Panda (India Power) stressed inclusive hiring in the AI era. The session was moderated by Prof. Sunil Sarangi.

Mint Kitchen: Popular veg restaurant celebrates first anniversary



Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Mint Kitchen, at Sakchi, successfully completed one year, establishing itself as a trusted family-friendly vegetarian restaurant.

Known for its delicious offerings, the restaurant serves a delightful mix of Indian, Chinese, South Indian, Continental, and Tandoori cuisines. Customers also enjoy a wide range of beverages, with espresso coffee emerging as a special favorite. A unique highlight of Mint Kitchen is its exclusive Jain menu, offering a variety of flavorful dishes prepared without garlic and onion, giving vegetarian food lovers, especially from the Jain community, more choices. The restaurant's warm family dining space is also well-suited for kitty parties and small gatherings, providing guests-particularly women-a comfortable and welcoming environment. On the occasion of its first anniversary, the management credited its success to the trust of customers and the dedication of its staff, while promising to continue delighting Jamshedpur with new tastes and services in the future.

Sikh community welcomes Shaheedi Jagriti Yatra in Gamharia

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Gamharia, Aug 27: The Shaheedi Jagriti Yatra, organized by the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) to mark the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur, received a grand welcome by the Gamharia Gurdwara Sahib on its way from Telco to Bistupur Gurdwara in Jamshedpur. The yatra, which started from Assam, will pass through 23 states before culminating at Anandpur Sahib in Punjab. A large number of devotees including youth, women and elders gathered to pay floral tributes to the ninth Sikh Guru and seek blessings. Community members described the journey as a reminder of Guru Tegh Bahadur's supreme sacrifice for religious freedom. (w/nkm)



Six-year struggle ends: Jhargram family secures EPF settlement worth Rs 3.67 lakh

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Jhargram, Aug 27: After six years of relentless effort, Sunanda Nayak and her mother Jhunu Nayak of Malincha village in Beliabera block finally secured justice with the intervention of the Jhargram District Legal Services Authority (DLSA). The long-pending claim related to the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) of late Nripindranath Nayak was resolved and the family received a total of Rs 3,67,801. Nripindranath, who served as



a meter reader at the Gopiballabhpur Electricity Supply Office since 2015, tragically lost his life in an accident in 2019. Despite repeated applications at the Medinipur and

Howrah EPFO offices, his daughter Sunanda faced dead ends. Desperate, she turned to Rita Das Dutta, an "Adhikar Mitra" of her block, after learning about the success stories of the Jhargram DLSA.

Acting swiftly, the authority filed a pre-trial in April 2025 and sent notice to the Howrah EPFO office. Within just three hearings, the case was settled and the family received Rs 41,498 as provident fund, Rs 1,29,563 as accidental death insurance and Rs 1,28,740 as pension for premature death.

DLSA Secretary and Judge Reha Trivedi, who oversaw the settlement, remarked, "Our aim is to provide free consultation and solutions to any legal problem of the residents of Jhargram. We are committed to ensuring social justice."

An emotional Sunanda said, "Our six-year struggle ended in just four months. We finally received Rs 3,67,801. I sincerely thank the DLSA and the judge." The case is being seen as a model example of how accessible legal institutions can change lives. (w/nkm)

BJP leader Babulal Soren pledges ration support for Sabar families



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Jaduguda, Aug 27: During his visit to Bali Dhipa village under Musabani block, BJP leader and Ghatshila Assembly candidate Babulal Soren drew attention to the poor condition of the endangered

Sabar tribe families. Soren accused the state government of neglect, claiming that the funds meant for Sabar welfare were being misused by officials.

Highlighting the plight of Hablu Sabar, a 50-year-old tribal living in extreme poverty with his brothers,

Soren said, "The Sabars are on the brink of extinction in the state. While the government remains indifferent, these families are forced to live in dilapidated shelters and go to bed hungry."

As an immediate relief, he provided a sack of rice to Hablu Sabar's family. He also announced that under his initiative "Seva Hi Lakshya Hai" (Service is the Goal), all Sabar families in the Ghatshila Assembly area would be identified and provided monthly ration supplies to ensure that no member of the community dies of hunger. The visit was attended by BJP leaders Raghu Tudu, village head Bhima, Vimal Mardi, Ramesh Majhi and local residents, who extended support to Soren's demand for urgent intervention for Sabar families. (w/nkm)

Chaibasa Chamber elections: 17 candidates enter fray

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Chaibasa, Aug 27: The filing of nomination papers for the 2025-27 term of the Chaibasa Chamber of Commerce began on August 27 with an enthusiastic response.

A total of 17 nomination papers were sold on the first day, signaling a competitive election.

For the post of President, Sanjay Choubey collected the nomination form, while Rajeev Khirwal and Durgesh Khatri entered the race for Vice President.

Current Secretary Neeraj Sandwar will seek re-election, while Vivek Kumar Sinha and Govinda Khaitan filed for Joint Secretary.

The Treasurer's post saw the entry of Mukesh Poddar. Ten candidates filed for Executive Committee mem-



bership, including Anil Kumar Agarwal, Roshan Agarwal, Piyush Goyal, Nishan Choubey, Gopal Dahima, Anchal Pasari, Rakesh Agarwal, Vikas Kumar Sharma, Abhishek Mishra and Saurabh Kumar Gupta.

Elections will be held for 17 posts

in the 21-member executive body, while the remaining four members will be nominated by the elected President.

The last date for purchasing nomination forms is August 28, while filing will take place on August 29 and 30. (w/nkm)

Samsung Expands "Galaxy empowered" to Mumbai

Mumbai/Patna, Aug 27: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today launched the Mumbai chapter of its Galaxy empowered, a one-of-a-kind community-led programme aimed at transforming classrooms by upskilling teachers, principals, and school administrators with cutting-edge digital tools and modern pedagogies. Following the successful rollout in New Delhi, where the programme reached over 250 schools and certified more than 2,700 teachers, Galaxy empowered is now expanding its footprint to Mumbai-India's financial and educational hub-with the ambition to create a lasting impact on the nation's learning ecosystem.

The Mumbai launch event brought together over 350 teachers and school leaders from 250 schools across Maharashtra and neighbouring states, underscoring the programme's momentum and the strong demand for professional development among educators. The event was graced by Shri MangalPrabhatLodha, Minister of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Maharashtra, Shri Vishal V. Sharma, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO, Paris, and Shri Himanshu Gupta, Secretary.

Ten veteran athletes to be honored on National Sports Day

Chaibasa, Aug 27: The Singhbhum Sports Lovers' Committee announced that ten veteran sportspersons from the district will be honoured on National Sports Day, August 29, 2025. The felicitation ceremony, named "Senior Sports Personality Awards," will be held at Ravindra Bhavan at 4:30 pm. Committee President D.K. Banerjee said, "This is our way of recognizing the contribution of those who laid the foundation of sports in Singhbhum."

Their dedication continues to inspire generations." The program will be graced by DDC Sandeep Kumar Meena as the Chief Guest, with social worker and sports enthusiast Mukund Roongta, District Sports Officer Markash Hembram and Singhbhum Olympic Association President Nitin Prakash as special guests.

The awardees include Salan Manki (Hockey), Md. Salim (Football), Sajjan Kumar Sharma (Cricket), Mahesh Vishwakarma (Athletics), L. Murthy (Archery), Bharat Sethia (Badminton), Dr. Kailash Nath (Table Tennis), N. Muralidhar Rao (Lawn Tennis), Jahangir Alam Ansari (Chess) and Jaspal Singh Jassi (Yoga). The committee said this annual recognition aims to preserve the sporting legacy of Singhbhum and motivate young athletes to pursue excellence. (w/nkm)

Singhbhum Olympic Association to honour 260 athletes

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Chaibasa, Aug 27: The Singhbhum District Olympic Association will organize its fourth felicitation ceremony on August 30 at Sunshine Restaurant, Chaibasa, to honour 260 athletes and coaches.

Association President Nitin Prakash, along with General Secretary Ajay Nayak, Treasurer Deepak Paswan and Joint Secretary Naresh, invited Deputy Commissioner Chandan Kumar to the event.

Prakash highlighted that 62 players were honoured in the first ceremony, 200 in the second and 300 in



the third. This time, 260 achievers will be recognized.

The association also placed demands before the DC, including the establishment of a day-boarding training center for athletes and sup-

port for organizing a sports festival later this year.

DC Kumar responded positively, saying, "A sports festival will give Singhbhum a distinct identity and the administration will support it fully."

He also suggested organizing a marathon between November and February and confirmed that Kanishka Kumari Gorai, the district's bronze medallist at the Asian Boxing Championship, would be honoured. The event aims to inspire young talent and further strengthen the sports culture in Singhbhum. (w/nkm)

Worker's death at BMW Industries: Family gets Rs. 15 lakh compensation

Gamharia, Aug 27: Following the death of 39-year-old worker Walister Mahato in an industrial accident at BMW Industries in the large sector of Gamharia, the management agreed to provide a compensation package of Rs 15 lakh to his family. The settlement was finalized on Wednesday in the presence of BMW Workers Union patron and former MLA Arvind Singh, union president Vikas Rai and other members. Alongside the financial compensation, the company has agreed to provide a job to Mahato's son, assistance in the marriage of his two daughters and cover expenses related to funeral rites.

The accident occurred on Tuesday around 11:00 a.m. when the forklift Mahato was operating suddenly overturned within the company premises, trapping him. He was rushed to TMH hospital but succumbed to his injuries during treatment. Senior officials including HR-IR Senior Manager Prahlad Chaudhary and HR Manager Bhavanesh Parikh represented the company during the talks. After the post-mortem, the body was sent to his native village Khajuhati in Gopalganj district, Bihar, for cremation. (w/nkm)

Karim City College marks World Commerce Day

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Jamshedpur, Aug 27: A grand celebration of World Commerce Day was organized at Karim City College, Sakchi, with a vibrant and thought-provoking program hosted by the Faculty of Commerce. The event, themed "Commerce for Tomorrow: Nurturing Talent, Innovation, and Societal Impact," brought together students and faculty to reflect on the future of commerce and its role in building a sustainable society. The celebration was graced by distinguished guests, including Dr. B.K. Singh, Finance Officer of Kolhan University, Chaibasa, as Chief Guest, and Sri Nandan Kumar, Branch Manager of NML,



Jamshedpur, as Guest of Honour. The program commenced with a welcome address by Principal Dr. Mohammad Reyaz, who underlined the importance of commerce education in today's rapidly changing world. This was followed by remarks from Dr. Md. Moazzam

Nazri, Head of the Commerce Department, who introduced the theme and emphasized the integration of talent development, innovation, and social responsibility into the study of commerce. More than a hundred students from Science, Arts, Commerce, BBA, BCA, IT, and

Mass Communication streams participated with great enthusiasm. The celebration featured a series of engaging events, including: Cultural Program - dance and song performances by students. Startup India - innovative business ideas showcased through PowerPoint

presentations. Case Study on CSR - analyses of real-world scenarios highlighting corporate social responsibility. Debate on Artificial Intelligence: Boon or Bane - a lively exchange of ideas on AI's impact on commerce and society. Quiz Competition - testing knowledge of commerce and current affairs.

The success of the event reflected the tireless efforts of the Commerce faculty, including Dr. G. Vijayalakshmi, Dr. Syed Zahid Perwaiz, Dr. Rashmi Akhtar, Dr. Aftab Alam, Dr. Fouzia Tabassum, Dr. Sk Anwar Ali, and Prof. Rashid Iqbal. The program was smoothly anchored by students Uzma and Ashish, while Shahid Raza delivered the vote of thanks. (w/pb)

Dorabji's personal assets helped company to tide over financial crisis: Narendran

Tata Steel celebrates 166th birth anniversary of Sir Dorabji Tata

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Tata Steel today celebrated the 166th Birth Anniversary of Sir Dorabji Tata remembering the icon while paying homage.

At Jamshedpur, the day's celebration began with the homage ceremony at Sir Dorabji Tata Park. T V Narendran, CEO & Managing Director, Tata Steel graced the occasion as Chief Guest along with Dr T Mukherjee, former Deputy Managing Director (Steel), Tata Steel as Special Guest and Sanjeev Kumar Choudhary, President, Tata Workers' Union as Guest of Honour. Present on the occasion were senior officials of Tata Steel and other group companies, Office Bearers of Tata Workers' Union and eminent citizens of



Jamshedpur.

During his speech, T V Narendran mentioned that there are a lot of leadership lessons to learn from Sir Dorabji Tata while remembering his contributions towards India's

industrialisation journey coupled with an all-round growth of the nation.

He noted that while Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata had envisioned the establishment of Tata Steel, it was Sir Dorabji

Tata who transformed that vision into reality. "Very few people know the true extent of Sir Dorabji's contribution, but his sacrifices and work towards nation-building are truly exemplary," Narendran said.

Narendran recounted how Sir Dorabji laid the foundation of Tata Steel in extremely challenging circumstances. In times of financial crisis, he mortgaged his personal assets to ensure that employees were paid and the company survived. His commitment extended beyond industry, as he personally funded the Indian team's participation in the Olympics and dedicated several institutions and companies to the service of the nation.

"Sir Dorabji Tata's struggles, vision, and sacrifices are an inspiration for generations. His

legacy will always remain a guiding force for Tata Steel and for India," Narendran added. While addressing the gathering, Sanjeev Kumar Choudhary, President, Tata Workers' Union mentioned how Sir Dorabji Tata was instrumental in setting up first steel plant in the region, understood the plight of the labourers and help nurture the Union.

Tata Steel continues his legacy by considering Sir Dorabji Tata as the man who built Tata Steel. His legacy continues to inspire generations. To mark the occasion, Tata Steel Corporate Communications department also organised a quiz for the media fraternity of Jamshedpur at the Centre For Excellence. Around 50 media persons including senior editors and journalists were present. (W-mb)

Manish Singh and two others acquitted in Jugsalai Firing Case

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: In a significant ruling, the court of ADJ-6 Namita Chandra on Wednesday acquitted three accused, including notorious gangster Manish Singh, in the 2020 Jugsalai firing case due to lack of evidence. Along with Singh, Abhishek Mishra and Dinesh Mahato were also freed of all charges. The case dates back to June 14, 2020, when Bunty Singh had alleged that Manish Singh, accompanied by associates, fired at him near the parking area of Gausshala Talkies under Jugsalai police station and then fled the scene. Based on Bunty Singh's statement, police had named the three as accused and filed a chargesheet against them.

However, during trial, the prosecution failed to substantiate the allegations. The court observed that the witnesses and evidence presented were insufficient to prove guilt beyond reasonable doubt. "The prosecution has not been able to establish the charges. Therefore, the accused are acquitted," the court ruled.

Despite Manish Singh's long criminal record, including cases of extortion, firing and violations of the Arms Act, the court's decision gave him relief in this case. Defence lawyers Prakash Jha and Anand Jha argued the case on behalf of the accused.

Following the verdict, relatives of the accused expressed relief, while the outcome also reignited debates over the strength of evidence and the judicial process in high-profile cases. (w/nkm)

Govt informs HC about 30 ambulances with life support system



Mail News Service

Ranchi, Aug 27: The High Court heard the case taken suo motu on the poor condition of ambulances and ambulance service in Jharkhand. During the hearing, the state government informed the

court that the government's health department is operating 108 ambulance service.

The government currently has 510 ambulances, out of which 430 ambulances are working smoothly and 57 ambulances are under repair. Along with this, the

court was also informed that soon the government is considering purchasing 30 state-of-the-art ambulances, which will be equipped with advanced life support system.

The court expressed satisfaction over the information given by the government and said that the above things should be brought before the court through an affidavit.

Now the court will hear this case next Wednesday. The case was heard in the court of High Court Chief Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan and Justice Rajesh Shankar. Advocate Piyush Chitresh presented his side on behalf of the state government. (W-rg)

MoS Sanjay Seth launches 'Swadeshi' campaign to build self-reliant India

Ranchi, Aug 27 (IANS): The state-level campaign "Adopt Swadeshi - Build a Self-Reliant India" was officially launched in Jharkhand's Ranchi on Wednesday by Union Minister of State for Defence, Sanjay Seth. The campaign began with Seth placing stickers on various business establishments, encouraging traders to sell and promote indigenous products.

Accompanied by members of social organisations, Seth kicked off the awareness initiative by going shop to shop, urging business owners to take a pledge to stock and promote only Swadeshi goods. The campaign started from Kali Mandir and continued through Albert Ekka Chowk, Pustak Path, Kapda Patti in Upper Bazaar, and



extended up to Harmu Road.

Representatives from the Jharkhand Chamber of Commerce, along with traders from various business groups, joined the Minister during the campaign. Their collective presence

underlined the wide support the initiative is garnering from the state's business community. Speaking on the occasion, Sanjay Seth said, "Our beloved Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on August 15 from the ramparts of the

Red Fort, urged the nation to move towards a self-reliant India. He appealed to all shopkeepers-small, big, and industrialists alike-to place stickers reading 'I sell indigenous goods' in our establishments." Seth extended his gratitude to organisations like the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry for participating enthusiastically in the campaign.

"All shops should proudly display that they stock only Swadeshi goods. Many shopkeepers told us they have some foreign items, but they're ready to return them to the distributors and pledge to avoid selling imported products from now on. This is a growing awareness. Many traders are actively joining and taking this to the streets," he added.

Jamshedpur police bust job fraud racket, rescue 179 youths held hostage

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 27: A sensational job fraud racket that cheated unemployed youths with the promise of lucrative jobs has been busted in East Singhbhum district. Acting on a tip-off, a special police team led by SDPO Ghatsila raided Majhgaon OP and Ghatsila police station areas, exposing a fake company named Riya Enterprises and its network.

Investigations revealed that the gang lured youths with high-paying jobs in private companies and foreign call centers, charging an upfront fee of Rs 25,000. Victims were then



forced to bring in more recruits, and those who refused were beaten, threatened, or confined. Phones were seized, and several victims were prevented from contacting their families for

months. During the operation, police rescued 179 youths-both men and women-mostly from outside Jharkhand including Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, West

Bengal, and Odisha. Some victims were forced into fake data entry and network monitoring, while others faced mental harassment.

Four accused-Somesh Kumar (28), Mohan Kumar Rana, Shivam Kumar Singh, and Kundan Singh (34)-were arrested, while kingpin Raju Yadav (Gaya, Bihar) and his associates were absconding. Police sealed the Riya Enterprises office at Laldih Harigod and seized documents, ID proofs, registers, and computers containing victim details.

"This is clearly an organized gang exploiting unemployed

youths. Its network may extend across multiple states. Efforts were underway to arrest the absconding accused," said the East Singhbhum SP.

The operation was led by Vandana Nagaraj Singh (Ghatsila Police Station In-charge) along with Pankaj Kumar (Majhgaon OP In-charge), Ajit Manno, and Sub-Inspector Pankaj Karthik.

Police vigilance saved hundreds from prolonged exploitation, sending a strong warning to fraudsters that no matter how organized the crime, escaping the law was not easy. (w/gsd)

Railways to run record 380 + Ganpati Special trains

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Indian Railways has announced a record number of Ganpati Special trains this year to ensure smooth travel for devotees heading home for Ganesh Utsav. Over 380 trips will be operated during the festive season, surpassing last year's 358 and 305 trips in 2024 and 2023, respectively. The operation of Ganpati Specials began on 11th August 2025, ahead of the festival scheduled from 27th August to 6th September. The majority of trains will run through Maharashtra and the Konkan belt, which witnesses the highest festive rush. Zone-wise, Central Railway will operate 296 trips, Western Railway 56, Konkan Railway 6 and South Western Railway 22. Important halts include Ratnagiri, Chiplun, Kankavli, Sindhudurg, Thivim, Madgaon and Karwar on the Konkan route; Dadar, Thane, Panvel and Kudal under Central Railway; Borivali, Panvel and Kundapura under Western Railway; and Yesvantpur, Hassan and Sakleshpur under South Western Railway.

A Railways spokesperson said, "Our aim is to provide safe, reliable and convenient travel for all passengers during the Ganesh festival. More special trains will be added closer to the dates if needed."

Anadi Brahma elected Students' Council President at NIT Jsr



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Jamshedpur has announced its Students' Council for the academic year 2025-26, with Anadi Brahma elected as the President.

The new council brings together representatives across key domains.

Haritima Sinha has been chosen as General Secretary, while Harshit Raj will serve as Sports Secretary, Mayank Raj as Cultural Secretary, Anurag Das as Technical Secretary, and Priya Kumari as Club Secretary. Saloni Tiwari has been named PG Representative and Abhishek Bhoutkar will coordinate the Sports Team. Two Vice Presidents—

Shubham Kumar Singh and Srinivas Prasad—have also been elected. Other positions include Mrinal Ayush Raj and Sunita Diggi as Joint Sports Secretaries, Maharshi N. Dev and Shreya Sharma as Joint Cultural Secretaries, and Kushal Srivastava with Navya Mishra as Joint Technical Secretaries. Ishika Gupta will serve as Alumni Secretary, while Varun Singh and Rini Bhowmik will be Joint Secretaries. Pushkar Barnwal and Shanu Priya have been named Joint Alumni Secretaries.

"The council's primary focus will be to strengthen the student voice and represent their interests effectively," said President Anadi Brahma, adding that the body will also organize academic and extracurricular activities while working closely with the administration. (w/nkm)

Jamshedpur police bust auto theft gang, three arrested

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Jamshedpur Police on Wednesday uncovered an organized auto theft racket operating across the city and surrounding districts, arresting three key accused. The arrested men have been identified as Mohammad Rais, a resident of Kapali, along with Shaikat Ali and Mohammad Asgar alias Lariya. Acting on their leads, police recovered seven stolen autos, 16 fake number plates, two registration certificates and several auto parts. Addressing the media, City SP Kumar Shivashish said the gang had been running an illegal network of stealing, dismantling and reselling stolen autos. "Our investigation revealed that Shaikat Ali was responsible for stealing vehicles from Jamshedpur and nearby areas. Mohammad Rais



tampered with engine and chassis numbers and prepared forged documents to resell the vehicles. The gang also sold dismantled parts from a garage in Kapali," he explained.

Police officials said the gang's activities were not limited to Jamshedpur but also extended to Ranchi, Seraikeela and other districts. The large quantity of seized parts

and fake number plates indicates the racket had a wide reach. "Interrogation is ongoing and more names linked to this network are likely to come up. This breakthrough will help us curb the rising incidents of auto theft in the region," the City SP added. Police have termed the bust a major success and are now intensifying further action. (w/nkm)

Two brothers get lifer for murder

Mail News Service

Ranchi, Aug 27: Ranchi Civil Court has sentenced two murder convicts to life imprisonment. Both the convicts are brothers. Both of them killed Shiva Kumar Ram after a mutual dispute and hid Shiva's body to hide the evidence. Ranchi Beauty Salon The court of Additional Judicial Commissioner Yogesh Kumar on Wednesday also imposed a fine of Rs 15,000 on Bandhanu Oraon and Anil Oraon. Shiva Kumar Ram was murdered on 15 November 2020.

The deceased's father had lodged an FIR under case number 142/2020 at Pithoria police station regarding the incident. Taking action after the FIR, the police arrested Bandhanu Oraon and Anil Oraon. Both the convicts Bandhanu Oraon and Anil Oraon are residents of Dubaliya village of Pithoria police station area. (W-rg)



Parvinder Bhatia and Manpreet win Tata Steel Media Quiz

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Parvinder Bhatia of 'The Pioneer' and Manpreet Singh Bhatia of 'The Avenue Mail' emerged victorious in the Media Quiz organised by Tata Steel Corporate Communications Department to commemorate the 166th birth anniversary of Dorabji Tata, one of the pioneering leaders of the Tata Group and a visionary behind the progress of Tata Steel.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the media fraternity of Jamshedpur, with more than 50 journalists registering for the



competition. The quiz began with a preliminary round of 15 questions which participants had to answer in groups of two

members in each team. After multiple engaging rounds, the top five teams, each comprising two members,

advanced to the final stage of the quiz, where their knowledge and quick thinking were tested across a range of media and current affairs topics including life & work of Sir Dorabji Tata.

The team of Parvinder Bhatia (The Pioneer) and Manpreet Singh Bhatia (Avenue Mail) emerged as the winners of Media Quiz 2025. The team of Anjani Pandey (Sahara Samay) and Nanak Singh (Sahara Samay) came second in the quiz. The duo of Sanjay Prasad and Pashupati Nath Mishra came third. The winning teams were felicitated by senior journalists including Jai Prakash Rai, Editor,

Chamakta Aina, and B. Srinivas, Bureau Chief, Press Trust of India and Rajesh Rajan, Head Raw Materials and Jharkhand of Corporate Communications, Tata Steel. The quiz master of this media quiz was Tata Steel's Corporate Communications Manager Nibha Sharma. The event was graced by the presence of several eminent media personalities from leading media houses of Jamshedpur.

The quiz served as a vibrant platform to celebrate the spirit of journalism while paying tribute to Sir Dorabji Tata's legacy of pioneering vision, leadership, and nation-building. (W-mb)

Brown Sugar peddler arrested with 21 packets

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Aug 27: Police in Chandil subdivision under Kapali OP arrested a man while he was engaged in selling brown sugar near Ramu Hotel at Taj Nagar. The accused, identified as Mohammad Sarfaraz Sheikh, a resident of Taj Nagar, was caught with 21 small packets of brown sugar weighing 2.05 grams and Rs



1,350 in cash. Superintendent of Police Mukesh Lunawat confirmed the arrest,

stating, "We are conducting continuous raids across police stations to curb illegal drug trade in the district. Last night, a raid near Ramu Hotel led to the arrest of Sarfaraz Sheikh." He further revealed that Sheikh already has two prior cases registered against him, one from 2015 and another from 2018. The accused has been remanded to judicial custody. (w/nkm)

Five arrested for beating to death case in Ichagarh

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Aug 27: Police in Ichagarh arrested five accused in connection with the death of Budheshwar Puran of Puran Dih, who was brutally beaten with sticks on August 25 and later succumbed to injuries at Patkum Hospital. Following a complaint by the victim's wife, Vishokha Devi, a case (No. 61/2025) was registered. Acting on SP Mukesh Lunawat's directives, a special team was formed and within days arrested the named accused—Rajendra Puran,



Tipu Puran, Bandhnu Puran, Nehru Puran and Ramsingh Puran, all residents of Puran Dih. Police also seized three bamboo sticks and one wooden stick used in the assault. All five have been sent to

judicial custody. The raid team included Ichagarh Thana in-charge Vikramaditya Pandey, Sub-Inspectors Vishwajit Kumar Tiwari and Mahanti Sinku and the armed police force. (w/nkm)

Purnima Sahu urges government to expedite pending road projects in Jamshedpur

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: Jamshedpur (East) MLA Purnima Sahu has criticized the state government for its slow approach toward two major road projects in the city, saying both schemes are crucial to ease traffic congestion and pollution. She pointed out that despite being inaugurated in 2019, the projects have seen no substantial progress for the past six years, leaving residents to struggle with jams and rising pollution. "These projects are vital for Jamshedpur. Once completed, they will not only decongest the



city but also divert heavy vehicles outside, reducing pollution levels," Sahu said, alleging that the government is moving "at a snail's pace" despite the city contributing

significant revenue to the state. The first project is a 1,540-meter 4-lane elevated corridor from Anna Chowk to Govindpur, including a cable-stayed bridge. The project has been stalled due to litigation, with the earlier contractor, S.P. Singla Construction Pvt. Ltd., filing a case in the Delhi High Court after termination of the agreement. Related arbitration proceedings are also pending in Ranchi, while the government has claimed that approval for forest land diversion along the alignment is still being processed. The second project involves

the construction of a 4-lane high-level bridge over the Subarnarekha river from Bhuinyandih-Litti Chowk to Milai Pahadi on NH-33, covering 3.681 km. The government stated that revised drawings are being finalized after confirmatory boring work and assured that construction will begin soon. Sahu urged the government to act decisively, resolve legal hurdles and ensure timely execution. "The people of Jamshedpur cannot be made to wait indefinitely. The projects must begin at the earliest to provide much-needed relief," she emphasized. (w/nkm)

Bar Council demands CBI, ACB Courts in Jamshedpur

Mail News Service

Ranchi, Aug 27: The Jharkhand Bar Council has demanded the immediate establishment of special CBI and Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) courts in Jamshedpur, saying their absence is causing hardship to both lawyers and litigants. Currently, all such cases are dealt with in Ranchi, forcing advocates and clients to travel long distances. Bar Council Vice President Rajesh Kumar Shukla has written to Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan and Chief Minister Champai Soren, urging them to act swiftly. "CBI and ACB courts should be opened in Jamshedpur without delay. At present, lawyers and clients are compelled to go to Ranchi, which creates unnecessary difficulties. This

facility is essential for timely justice," Shukla stated in his letter. The Bar Council has also pressed for the establishment of additional special courts in the state, including a Human Rights Court, Environment Court, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Court and Child Rights Court. It has requested that special public prosecutors be appointed in every district from among practicing advocates, ensuring at least 50 percent of PPs and Additional PPs are drawn from experienced members of local Bar Associations. The council further highlighted the urgent need for digitization of the judiciary in Jharkhand. "From FIRs, case diaries and charge sheets to court decisions, every step should be digitized." (w/nkm)

Young voices shine at Carmel Junior College Choral Recitation



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: The halls of Carmel Junior College came alive with rhythm and expression as the Primary Section hosted its Annual English Choral Recitation Competition on Wednesday. The event showcased the remarkable talent of students from Classes I to IV, leaving the audience enthralled. A total of eight teams participated—four in Group A (Classes I & II) and four in Group B (Classes III & IV). Each team put up

an engaging performance that reflected weeks of preparation and teamwork. The competition was judged by Mahua Ghosh, Ravina Kumar and Koyesha Mukherjee, who lauded the children for their confidence, coordination and delivery. "The enthusiasm and expression displayed by such young students is truly commendable. Every team was a winner in its own way," remarked Ghosh. The event was graced by School Manager Sr. Jyothi, Principal Sr. Sharel and Vice Principal Sr. Amala,

who encouraged the participants and applauded the efforts of teachers in nurturing creativity. In the results, Team Wordsworth (Class II A) topped Group A, followed by Team Shakespeare (Class II B) and Team Tennyson (Class I A). In Group B, Team Blake (Class IV C) secured first place, with Team Byron (Class IV A) second and Team Keats (Class III A) third. The competition concluded with loud applause, marking yet another successful cultural event at Carmel Junior College. (w/nkm)

DAV Public School celebrates Sanskrit Day with enthusiasm

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: DAV Public School, NIT Campus, celebrated Sanskrit Day with great fervour today. The morning assembly was conducted entirely in Sanskrit, creating a traditional and devotional atmosphere. Students presented bhajans, speeches and a quiz based on Sanskrit literature and culture, followed by Shloka and Mantra recitation competitions. The program was inaugurated by Principal Rekha Kumari, who lit the ceremonial lamp. Addressing the students, she emphasized the timeless value of Sanskrit, calling it the "mother of Indian languages and a treasure of knowledge." She added, "Sanskrit is not only a language of the past but also a guiding light for our future. Its preservation is our responsibility." Students also recited verses from



the Shrimad Bhagavad Geeta and performed Swasti Vachan with great enthusiasm. Mantras were recited aloud by the participants, adding to the devotional ambiance. In the competitions, Bhagat Singh Sadan secured first place in the Mantra Chanting category, followed by Mahatma Hansraj Sadan in second place, Swami Shradhdhanand Sadan in third and Ram Prasad

Bismil House in fourth. In the Bhagavad Geeta Folk Recitation, Ram Prasad Bismil House emerged first. The event was coordinated by Sanskrit teacher Dharmaprakash Shastri and concluded with a Shanti Paath. Teachers, staff and students participated actively, making the celebration a memorable one. (w/nkm)

Two juvenile inmates escape from Chaibasa Observation Home



Mail News Service

Chaibasa, Aug 27: Two juvenile inmates escaped from the Chaibasa Observation Home in West Singhbhum district early Wednesday, raising serious concerns over security arrangements. The incident reportedly took place around 3:00 a.m. According to sources, the duo took advantage of darkness and poor lighting conditions to scale the rear wall of the facility and flee. On-duty personnel reportedly failed to notice their escape. The police swung into action soon after the incident and launched an intensive search operation. Neighboring police stations have been alerted and raids are being carried out at possible hideouts. Sources revealed that one of the absconding juveniles hails from Tebo police station area of West Singhbhum, while the other is from Dalbhanga under Kuchai police station in Seraikela-Kharsawan district. Investigations into security lapses at the observation home are also underway. As of now, the district administration has not issued an official statement. (w/nkm)

Former chairperson submits memorandum for guard wall on road

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Aug 27: Former Chairperson of Seraikela Nagar Panchayat, Meenakshi Patnaik, along with local residents, submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner demanding the construction of a guard wall on the road being built from Lalbabu Dairy Farm to Jagannath Temple in Ward No. 11. Patnaik said the road had been in a dilapidated condition for years and its reconstruction was long awaited. She pointed



out that since thousands of devotees use this road to visit Lord Jagannath's temple, the

ongoing road construction was welcome, but safety measures were equally essential. "Two ponds—Pocha Bandh and Mallik Bandh—fall along this road. Building a guard wall is absolutely necessary to prevent future erosion and ensure durability," she stressed. Several residents including Sushant Mahapatra, Chiranjeevi Mahapatra, Rajesh Kumar Sahu, Badri Narayan Daroga and Dukhu Ram Sahu supported the demand and accompanied her during the submission. (w/nkm)

Congress to reshuffle district presidents in Jharkhand

Ranchi, Aug 27: The Jharkhand Congress is set to undergo organizational changes with a reshuffle of district presidents. To oversee the process, the All India Congress Committee (AICC) has appointed 25 district-wise observers, while the State Congress has formed a three-member observer committee for each district. Together, these committees will recommend names for the new district presidents. Congress' Jharkhand in-charge K. Raju has entrusted the responsibility of observers to senior leaders, including ministers, MPs and MLAs. Interestingly, several leaders who joined the party only before the Lok Sabha elections have also been appointed as observers, a move that has already sparked dissent among senior Congress leaders. (w/nkm)

Kisan Credit Card renewal and financial literacy camp organized

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Aug 27: Jharkhand Rajya Gramin Bank's (JRGB) Bandhdih branch organized a Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Renewal-cum-Financial Literacy Camp at Bandhdih Panchayat Bhavan. The event was attended by JRGB's Regional Manager, Shrikant Katare, who highlighted the benefits of renewing KCCs for farmers and explained various banking services offered by the bank. He particularly emphasized digital banking facilities such as mobile banking, internet banking and WhatsApp banking. Katare



also discussed the growing importance of digital payment modes including ATMs and UPI. As part of the financial literacy session, he provided information about social security schemes

such as the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana and accidental insurance. He also briefed the gathering on loan facilities like PMFME, PMEGP, personal loans, KCC loans, gold loans, Gurji Credit Card and women-centric initiatives such as Udyami Didi and Lakhpati Didi. The program saw active participation from local farmers and residents, including Bandhdih Panchayat Mukhiya Sini Boipai. Bandhdih branch manager Deepak Kumar Gupta coordinated the camp. (w/nkm)

Bhoomi Pujan for Durga Puja Pandal held in Adityapur



Mail News Service

Seraikela, Aug 27: The Shri Shri Saharia Durga Puja and Kali Puja Railway Committee, Adityapur, performed the Bhoomi Pujan (land

worship) for constructing the Durga Puja pandal at Adityapur Railway Colony on the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi. The ritual was conducted with traditional Vedic chants by priest

Panchanand Panda, in the presence of chief patron Dr. P.K. Singh, patron Siddharth Verma, president Vijay Kumar Kundu, vice-president Dr. N.K. Choudhary and several other committee members including Akhilesh Kumar, Pradeep Kumar, J.P. Sharma, Govindo Besai, Bhola Prasad, Tarakeshwar Saha, Dharendra, Naresh and S.K. Mishra. Secretary Mohit Kumar, treasurer Bablu Kumar Ojha and members including Mrityunjay Soy, Sujit Das, Abhishek Kumar and Tapan Mahato were also present. Committee members said the Bhoomi Pujan marked the formal beginning of preparations for the grand Durga Puja celebrations, which attract large numbers of devotees each year. (w/nkm)

JRGB Seraikela branch holds business meeting with traders

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Aug 27: Jharkhand Rajya Gramin Bank's (JRGB) Seraikela branch organized a business meeting at Agarsen Thakur Bari Bhavan. The meeting was attended by Regional Manager of Singhbhum office, Shrikant Katare, branch manager Lakshmi Sahu, Chamber of Commerce president Prem Kumar Agrawal, former vice-chairman of Nagar Panchayat Manoj Kumar Chaudhary and several local traders. During the session, the Regional Manager explained various bank loan schemes including PMEGP, PMFME, housing loans and the GST Plus Scheme. He elaborated on subsidies available under PMEGP



and PMFME, while also stressing the ease of obtaining low-interest home loans. The GST Plus Scheme was also discussed in detail with the attending traders. Branch Manager Lakshmi Sahu expressed gratitude to the

participants, stating, "JRGB today provides all the modern banking facilities in comparison with other banks." The traders welcomed the initiative and described the meeting as highly useful for the local business community. (w/nkm)

Taylor Swift, Travis Kelce are officially engaged

Los Angeles, Aug 27 (IANS) Grammy winning singer Taylor Swift and American football tight end Travis Kelce are officially engaged.

The couple shared the big news on Instagram with a carousel of photos and wrote as the caption, "Your English teacher and your gym teacher are getting married."

The photos capture the moment Kelce got down on his knee in a rose garden, including a close up shot of the diamond engagement ring.

Swift and Kelce's relationship has been a major topic of discussion since they first went public in October 2023. Kelce was the one who made the first move that sparked their relationship, and it started when the Kansas City Chiefs tight end attended Swift's "Eras Tour" in July 2023, reports variety.com.

Swift revealed details of her new album, "The Life of a Showgirl," on Kelce and



his brother Jason's "New Heights" podcast earlier this month.

"Thanks for having me on my favorite podcast," she said on the show.

"As we all know, you guys have a lot of male sports fans that listen to your podcast, and I think we all know that if there's one thing that male sports fans want to see in their spaces and on

their screens, it's more of me."

In an early "New Heights" episode, Kelce revealed that he had planned to give Swift his phone number via friendship bracelet when she performed at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri (the same stadium he plays for the Chiefs) but didn't get the chance to do so.

Following that failed attempt, he got some help from people close to Swift to get her attention, eventually leading to her contacting him directly. After a bit of talking back and forth, the couple had their official first date in New York and, since then, have been unable to stay away from the public and media limelight.

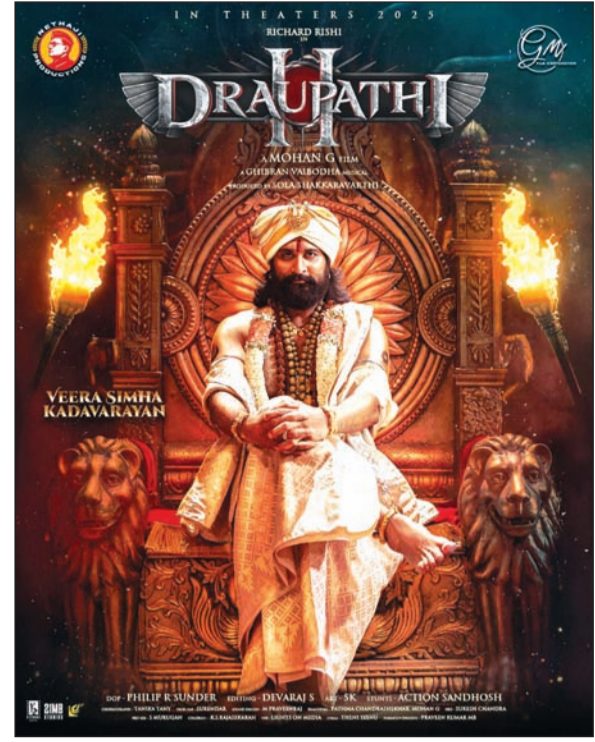
First look of Mohan G's Draupathi -2 released underwater!

Chennai, Aug 27 (IANS) The makers of director Mohan G's much awaited historical action drama 'Draupathi 2' chose to release the first look of the film underwater on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi on Wednesday.

The film, which has triggered huge expectations, will have actor Richard Rishi, the brother-in-law of actor Ajith Kumar, playing the lead along with Rakshana Indusudan.

Draupathi 2 is being produced by Netaji Productions in association with G. M Film Corporation.

Sources close to the unit of the film say that the story is set in the 14th century, during the period when Mughals first set foot in Tamil Nadu. The film is based on blood-stained history and will look to highlight the valour and sacrifice of the Hoysala emperor Veera Vallalar III, who ruled South India with Thiruvannamalai as the capital, and the Kadavarayans,



who ruled Sendhamangalam.

Directed by Mohan G, best known for having made films like Pazhaya Vannarapettai, Draupathi,

Rudra Thandavam, and Bagasuran, Draupathi 2 will also feature a host of actors including Natti Natraj, Y. G. Mahendran, Nadodigal Barani, Saravana Subbiah,

Vel Ramamoorthy, Siraj Johnny, Dinesh Lamba, Ganesh Gaurang, Divi, Devayani Sharma, and Arunodayan.

The dialogues for the film have been jointly written by writer Padma Chandrasekhar and Mohan G. Music for the film has been composed by Ghibran. Cinematography for the film is by Philip R. Sundar while choreography is by Thanika Tony. The stunts in the film have been choreographed by Action Santosh and editing is by Devaraj. Art direction for the film is by Kamalnathan.

Sources say that about 75% of the film has been shot in Mumbai, while the remaining portions have been filmed in Senji, Thiruvannamalai, and parts of Kerala.

A major talking point is how this historical narrative connects with the story of the 2020 film 'Draupathi'. Draupathi 2 is expected to release by the end of this year.

Surveen Chawla talks about her romance with the sense of detachment



Mumbai, Aug 27 (IANS) Actress Surveen Chawla, who essays the antagonist in the recently released streaming series 'Andhera', is opening about her romance with the art of detachment.

The actress recently spoke with IANS during the promotional campaign of 'Andhera', and said that her sense of detachment is majorly about the outcome of her work, the success and the fame that follow.

When asked if detachment is her strength as an artiste, the actress told IANS, "Maybe currently yes because I know what happened when I was too attached. It's not that you are attached to a part, it's the attachment to the outcome of what you are doing."

She further mentioned, "So you can't keep thinking about, 'I have to succeed', and get obsessive about it because that's when it moves further and further away. It's a little philosophical that way but I think that's how you grow in terms of your own understanding as an individual, as just a being and that has created some kind of inner shift in me and I just want to work very hard to keep it that way".

"So, going forward, I want to forget about the trappings, this was work. I did my best, I was rewarded, and I want to go on doing whatever comes next exactly like this and continue", she added.

'Andhera', which is set in Mumbai, follows Inspector Kalpana Kadam and Jay, a medical student, who become entangled in a missing-person case that unearths a sinister presence beneath the city. The series explores the fictional space of "What if darkness comes to life?". It also stars Surveen Chawla, Priya Bapat and Prajakta Koli.

Produced by Excel Entertainment, and directed by Raaghav Dar, the series is available to stream on Prime Video.

HEALTH

Study explains why diabetes drives more aggressive breast cancers

New Delhi, Aug 27 (IANS) People with Type 2 obesity-driven diabetes tend to have more aggressive breast cancers. A new study showed that blood factors drive breast cancer aggression.

Researchers at Boston University, US, showed that tiny particles in the blood -- known as exosomes -- get altered by diabetes. These exosomes can reprogramme immune cells inside tumours, making them weaker and allowing the cancer to grow and spread more easily.

"Breast cancer is already challenging to treat, and people with type 2 diabetes have worse outcomes, but clinicians don't fully understand why," said corresponding author Gerald Denis, Professor at BU.

"Our study reveals one possible reason: diabetes changes the way the immune system works inside tumours. This could help explain why current treatments, like immunotherapy, don't work as well in patients with diabetes. Knowing this opens the door to better, more personalised treatments for millions of people," Denis added.

In the study, researchers used tumour samples from breast cancer patients to grow 3D tumour models in the lab.

Known as patient-derived organoids, these models contain the immune cells originally found in the tumour. These mini tumours were treated with blood exosomes from people with and without diabetes, but also without any cancer.

Then, researchers analysed the organoids using single-cell RNA sequencing to see how the exosomes affected the immune cells and the tumour itself.

"This is the first study to directly link exosomes from people with type 2 diabetes to suppressed immune activity inside human breast tumours," Denis said.

The patient-derived organoid system is the first to preserve original immune cells from human tumours, letting scientists study tumour-immune interactions in a lab setting that closely mimics real life.

In addition to breast cancer, this study may also be relevant to other cancers affected by immune suppression and metabolic disease.

Govinda, wife Sunita Ahuja make happy public appearance on Ganesh Chaturthi amidst divorce news

Mumbai, Aug 27 (IANS) The recent news of Bollywood star Govinda and his wife Sunita Ahuja heading for splitsville had taken the Internet by storm. But putting all these rumours to rest, Govinda and Sunita made a public appearance together on the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, on Wednesday.

Colour co-ordinated in red, Govinda and Sunita made for a good-looking couple. The two were seen posing for the paparazzi who had come to capture the 'Ganpati welcome' occasion at their house. A few days ago, the rumours of their divorce shook their fans. But while talking to IANS, Govinda's manager Shashi Sinha had quashed the reports of the actor's divorce. Shashi, on Saturday told IANS, that although Sunita had filed the documents in court, the matter was resolved in the initial stages,



and everything is back to normal between the couple now. He told IANS, "No, someone has done this mischief. This is a very old thing. Nothing new. Nothing like the divorce is going to happen. Everything is getting better. Everything is fine. Very soon, everyone will get good news".

A few months ago, news of Sunita filing a divorce case in 2024 was doing rounds. Talking about it, he said, "It is the same case but it has been resolved, people find ways to refurbish news from old events. No new development has happened. I have been getting so many calls but everything is fine, near about everything is sorted out between the couple. There's nothing to worry about. We will officially confirm this with a wider media document circulation (sic)". He further added, "Did you see Govinda talking about it? In the film industry and media, people take advantage of confusion and misleading information. There is some bad element or an idiot, who is trying to cash in on the controversy".

Bhumi Pednekar, Dia Mirza express concern over Jammu and Kashmir flashfloods

Mumbai, Aug 27 (IANS) Bollywood actresses Bhumi Pednekar and Dia Mirza have expressed their concerns over the mayhem unleashed by the flash floods in Jammu and Kashmir.

Recently the two actresses took to the Stories section of their Instagram, and spoke about the natural calamity.

Bhumi re-shared a picture of the devastating floods in the union territory. The text on the picture read, "Next 24 hours critical for Jammu and Kashmir".

She wrote on the picture, "Praying for everyone in all the flood hit areas".

Dia Mirza shared a more scary video in which the wrath of the river had swept away a part of the road. The actress was more direct, and asked for accountability behind the reckless harm to the environment for human development.

She wrote, "First Himachal, Uttarakhand and now Jammu and Kashmir... it has been relentless... will this shake up the conscience of those destroying every system in nature that ensures balance? On the highway to man made hell (sic)".



The recent flashfloods in Jammu-Kashmir have claimed 30 lives in Vaishno Devi landslide with the network coverage being cut off. Telecom services have collapsed across large parts of the Union Territory,

leaving millions cut off from communication and worsening the crisis. Over 3,500 residents have been safely evacuated. Teams from District Administration, J&K Police, NDRF, SDRF, Indian Army and local volunteers have been working on evacuation and relief in the worst-hit areas, while authorities are also focused on restoring critical infrastructure and essential services.

The flashfloods in Jammu and Kashmir follow the wrath of cloudbursts in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The Western Himalayas, including Jammu and Kashmir are warming faster than the rest of India, which allows the atmosphere to carry more moisture and produce heavier rainfall. The relief work is underway in the union territory.

India's first full-length feature film with a real lion announced

Chennai, Aug 27 (IANS) For the very first time in India, a full-length feature film is being made with a real lion.

Titled 'Singha', the movie is being produced on a grand scale by V. Mathiyalagan under the banner of Etcetera Entertainment, in collaboration with Thithir Film House Pvt Ltd.

Singha, which is being directed by K C Ravi Devan, stars Shrrita Rao in the lead.

For the unaware, director K C Ravithevan, a film institute alumni, was a former assistant director to 'Ulaganayagan' Kamal Haasan. Shrrita Rao, who has previously acted in films like 'Lenin Pandian' and 'Kumki 2' directed by Prabhhu Solomon, plays the lead role in this film.

Being created as a pan-India film in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, and Hindi, 'Singha' is the 14th film being produced by V. Mathiyalagan. The veteran producer is best known for having bankrolled films such as 'Appa', 'Kolaiyuthir Kaalam', 'Maha', 'Marainthiranthu Paarkum Marmam Enna' and 'Saamanyian'.

Speaking about the film, director K C Ravithevan said: "We are making this challenging film by strictly following all required protocols and guidelines. When we approached a few leading actresses for the role, although they liked the story, they hesitated to act alongside a real lion. But Shrrita Rao stepped up bravely and has been giving an excellent performance."

"A negative female character in the film had to act with 300 wolves. After a rigorous search, we found the right, fearless actress, Leesha Eclair, who has acted in films such as '1945', 'Pothunalan Kaurthi' and 'Jawan', has played the role effectively," he added.

The film is being shoot in a number of places including Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Zambia, Goa, Tenkasi, and Visakhapatnam. "Since the story is global, we are making 'Singha' as a pan-Indian film.

Neha Dhupia officially gone on 'first honeymoon' with Angad Bedi after 8 years of marriage

Mumbai, Aug 27 (IANS) Actress Neha Dhupia, who is celebrating her birthday in Rome with her family, said she has officially gone on her first honeymoon with her husband Angad Bedi after eight years of marriage.

Neha is bringing in her birthday in Rome with Florence with Angad. The couple are making this trip even more special by calling it their "first honeymoon" after eight years of marriage.

Speaking about the getaway, Neha shared, "We've gone official on our first honeymoon with Angad

after 8 years of marriage." "For this birthday, I'm manifesting good health, success, and precious family time. Career-wise, I'm looking forward to the coming year, which is going to be a busy one," she added.

It was in 2018, when Neha married actor Angad Bedi, the son of former Indian cricket captain Bishan Singh Bedi in a private ceremony at a Gurudwara. The same year in November, she gave birth to a girl named Mehr Dhupia Bedi.

In July 2021, she and Angad announced that they



are expecting their second child with an Instagram post. She gave birth to her second child, a boy in October 2021 and named him Guriq Singh Dhupia

Bedi. On the acting front, Neha was last seen in "Bad Newz," inspired by true events. The film revolves around heteropaternal su-

perfecundation, a reproductive process in which twins are born to the same mother, but from different biological fathers. Talking about Angad, he

was last seen in the Telugu romantic drama titled Hi Nanna in 2023. The Shouryuv directed-film stars Nani, Mrunal Thakur, Kiara Khanna, Jayaram and Priyadarshi Pulikonda. The plot follows six-year-old Mahi, a girl battling cystic fibrosis, who lives with her loving father, Viraj. Her quest to learn about her absent mother leads to a chance encounter with Yashna, a woman unknowingly connected to her past, unraveling a heartfelt story of lost memories, love, and destiny.

Sindhu storms into round of 16, Dhruv-Tanisha pair too progresses

World Championship

Paris, Aug 27 (IANS) PV Sindhu showcased her trademark grit and resilience to reach the round of 16 at the BWF World Championships 2025, defeating Malaysia's Karupathevan Letshanaa 21-19, 21-15 in a gripping women's singles Round of 32 contest at the Adidas Arena. The Indian, ranked World No. 15, appeared momentarily off pace in the mid-stages of the first game, playing the chasing game against her younger opponent. Letshanaa, making her debut at this level,

impressed with her authority on court, moving Sindhu around and forcing uncharacteristic errors. The Malaysian built a commanding 18-12 lead, appearing set to take the opener. However, Sindhu displayed the heart of a champion, echoing her performance from the previous day. She reeled off six consecutive points to close the gap, stunning Letshanaa and swinging momentum in her favor. Even when the Malaysian briefly halted her run to claim her 19th point, Sindhu stayed composed, executing a perfect winner to level the score at 19-19. Letshanaa then misjudged a shuttle, allowing Sindhu to clinch



the first game 21-19. The second game saw Sindhu in complete control. Buoyed by her first-game fightback, she dominated proceedings from start to finish, leaving Letshanaa unable to match her pace, power, and tactical play. The Indian's consistency and precision ensured she never trailed, ultimately sealing the match 21-15. India's campaign in Paris was further boosted by DhruvKapila and TanishaCrao in mixed doubles. The 16th-seeded pair defeated Ireland's Joshua Magee and Moya Ryan 21-11, 21-16 to progress to the round of 16, where they will face Tang Chun Man and Tse Ying Suet of Hong Kong, China.

Zverev eases past Tabilo to wrap up US Open first round action

New York, Aug 27 (IANS) Alexander Zverev beat Alejandro Tabilo of Chile, 6-2, 7-6(4), 6-4, to wrap up an opening round of the US Open. Zverev fought off top-notch tennis at times from Tabilo to reach the US Open second round for the ninth time. Zverev broke to start the match and sprinted through the opening set. Tabilo settled in and held his own in the second, serving first and leading the entire way until the tiebreak. The left-hander even had a set point on Zverev's racquet at 5-6, Ad-out, after blasting an inside-out forehand crosscourt winner. But Zverev erased it with a service winner out wide and claimed the tiebreak at his first opportunity. In the third, Zverev broke in the tenth and final game, his third break of the match, US Open reports.



Ashwin announces retirement from IPL, aims to play in overseas T20 leagues

New Delhi, Aug 27 (IANS) Former India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has announced his retirement from the Indian Premier League (IPL) on Wednesday through a social media post on his 'X' account. Ashwin added that he now aims to explore playing in overseas T20 leagues.

"Special day and hence a special beginning. They say every ending will have a new start, my time as an IPL cricketer comes to a close today, but my time as an explorer of the game around various leagues begins today," wrote Ashwin on 'X'.

"Would like to thank all the franchisees for all the wonderful memories and relationships over the years and most importantly the @IPL and the @BCCI for what they have given me until now. Look forward to enjoying and making the most of what's ahead of me," he added.

Ashwin ends his IPL career as the league's fifth-highest wicket-taker with 187 scalps in 221 games coming at an economy rate of 7.2. He began and ended



his IPL career with Chennai Super Kings, based in his home city. In IPL 2025, where CSK had a bottom-place finish, Ashwin played nine games - picking only seven wickets at a high economy rate of 9.13 and was even left out of the starting eleven at one point due to his underwhelming returns.

Gauff, Osaka cruise into US Open second round

New York, Aug 27 (IANS) The No. 3 seed American Coco Gauff rebounded from a slow start and a second-set wobble to outlast Ajla Tomljanovic, 6-4, 6-7(2), 7-5 in the final match of the women's first round.

After a slow start she trailed 2-0 and 3-1 in the opening set-Gauff appeared to be on her way to a routine victory, up 6-4, 4-2. But Tomljanovic was unbowed, slugging her way back into the match, denying Gauff when she was two points from victory at 6-5, and blitzing the American in the second-set tiebreak, 7-2, to force a decider.

Gauff took the early advantage in the third, pulling ahead 3-1. But she couldn't convert break opportunities in each of Tomljanovic's next two service games and was broken serving for the match at 5-4, a pair of double faults gifting Tomljanovic an early advantage in the game. Gauff then dug deep to break for a 6-5 lead held her serve to secure the hard-fought win.



President Murmu felicitates NorthEast United FC, Durand Cup 2025 champions



New Delhi, Aug 27 (IANS) Members of NorthEast United Football Club, winners of the President's Cup at the 134th Durand Cup, called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan following their historic triumph. President Murmu presented the coveted trophy to the club's owner, Shri John Abraham, in the presence of team captain Redem Tlang, the Vice Chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force, members of the Durand Football Tournament Society, the Organising Committee, and other dignitaries.

Rashid Khan to lead Afghanistan squad for T20I Tri-Series in Sharjah

Sharjah, Aug 27 (IANS) Afghanistan's T20I squad, spearheaded by Rashid Khan and bolstered by the returns of Ibrahim Zadran and Mujeeb Ur Rahman, is set to take on Pakistan and UAE in a tri-series starting Friday in Sharjah. The tournament offers the team critical match practice and a chance to gather insights on their Asia Cup opponents ahead of the ICC Men's T20 Asia Cup, which begins in the UAE on September 9. Alongside Rashid, Zadran, and Mujeeb, other key members of the squad include Rahmanullah Gurbaz (wk), Darwish Rasooli, Sediqullah Atal, Azmatullah Omarzai, Karim Janat, Gulbadin Naib.



Anish Bhanwala wins silver in 25m Rapid Fire Pistol

Asian Shooting C'ship

Shymkent (Kazakhstan), Aug 27 (IANS) Olympian Anish Bhanwala secured the silver medal in 25m Rapid Fire Pistol event at the 16th Asian Shooting Championship in Shymkent, Kazakhstan on Wednesday as India consolidated their position on top of the medal tally with 74 medals including 39 gold, 18 silver and 17 bronze.

The 22-year old Anish who shot 35 in the finals was edged to the gold by China's Su Lianbofan who shot 36 and went on to create new World Junior and Asian Championships

Junior Records. Anish along with Adarsh Singh and Neeraj Kumar had earlier picked up the team silver with a combined score of 1738. Adarsh also qualified for the finals in second place after scoring 585 in qualification but finished fifth in the finals, Neeraj shot 570 in qualification.

In the finals, Anish was leading until the end of the fourth series, missing two shots out of the possible 20. Su equalised in the fifth series after hitting a perfect five and Anish missing one. The Chinese shooter maintained a one point difference with Anish, who missed one each in



the next two series. In the last series, Anish who shot first hit a perfect five and maintained pressure on his opponent but Su held his nerve and hit a perfect five to seal the gold medal.

Five-star performance against Bhutan inches India closer to SAFF U17 Women's crown

Thimphu (Bhutan), Aug 27 (IANS) A ruthless India demolished Bhutan 5-0 in their fourth match of the SAFF U17 Women's Championship 2025 at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu on Wednesday. The Young Tigresses led 3-0 at half-time.

This was the second meeting between the two sides in the space of four days, the first ending in a commanding 8-0 victory for India.

Anushka Kumari, who netted a hat-trick in the last game, picked up where she left off, netting twice more on Wednesday and assisting the fifth, taking her personal tally to seven goals in the tournament so far to lead the golden boot race. The other goals were scored by Shveta Rani (24), Julian Nongmaithem (77) and Nira Chanu Longjam (90+5').

Dhruv-Tanisha begin campaign with win over Irish duo

BWF World Championships

Paris, Aug 27 (IANS) India's mixed doubles pair of DhruvKapila and TanishaCrao began their Badminton World Championships campaign with a comprehensive win over Irish duo Joshua Magee and Moya Ryan here on Wednesday.

The 16th seeded India duo, who received a bye in the opening round, registered a straight-game victory over the Irish pair with the scoreline 21-11, 21-16 to move in to the third round, where they will meet fifth seed Tse Ying Suet and Tse Ying Suet of Hong Kong.

The Indian pair delivered a dominant performance in the opening game, winning it comfortably 21-11. In the second game, they carried their momentum



forward, establishing a 12-8 lead. An unforced error from the Irish duo helped the Indians extend their advantage to 13-9.

Despite the setback, the Irish pair showed resilience, putting together a series of points to close the gap. However, the Indian team maintained their composure and

held onto a four-point lead at 19-15.

The Irish continued to fight, narrowing the deficit to 16-19, but the Indians quickly regained control, earning match point shortly after. They made no mistake in converting it, sealing a straight-games victory and wrapping up the match in their favour.

JFC conducts coaches' workshop

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, August 27: Jamshedpur FC marked the 166th birth anniversary of Sir Dorabji Tata by conducting a special workshop for grassroots coaches, focusing on making football training sessions for children more fun and engaging. The workshop was attended by coaches from 24 Tata Steel Foundation football centres, aligning with the club's vision to entrench itself deeper into the community through football.

The event echoed the values of Sir Dorabji Tata, whose belief in sports as a tool for nation-building and community development laid the foundation for Jamshedpur's strong sporting culture. His contribution not only to industry but also to sports and education continues to inspire initiatives that bring people together and nurture young talent in the city.

The workshop provided coaches



with practical methods to create enjoyable, child-friendly training environments while also instilling discipline, teamwork, and creativity in young players. It highlighted the importance of grassroots football as the base of future growth in the sport, ensuring that every child's first experience of the game is positive and memorable.

Kundan Chandra, Head of Youth

Development and Grassroots at Jamshedpur FC, said, "Sir Dorabji Tata believed in giving back to society through sport, and we carry that legacy forward by working with children in our community. By equipping our coaches with the tools to make sessions more enjoyable, we are not just developing footballers but also building character and joy in young lives." (W-mb)

Guru Gobind Singh School shines in cross country race



Jamshedpur, August 27: Students of Guru Gobind Singh High School, Telco, put up an impressive performance in the cross country open race organized by Tata Steel Foundation at the LIC Ground, Sonari, on Wednesday. The race was held through the Tuladngri Community Centre route and saw enthusiastic participation from both boys and girls. In the girls' category, Chandni Kumari, Aarushi Sonu, and Soni Kumari emerged winners and lifted the trophy. Other participants including Kajal Kumari, Ritu Kumari, Anjali Kumari, Rani Kumari, Mahi Das, Mahi Praveen, and

Muskan Kumari also showcased strong performances. In the boys' category, Ganesha Mukhi, Rajesh Gop, Gulshan Kumar, Saurav Das, Gagandeep Singh, Priyanshu Kumar, Manish Mahato, and Gaurav Gorai displayed commendable effort and endurance. School Principal Pushpa Pandey, Sports Teacher and team coach Birendra Kumar Mishra, and General Secretary Santosh Singh congratulated the students for their achievement. Tuladngri Centre Head Sanjay Singh also extended his best wishes, praising the students' dedication and hard work. (W-mb)

Stalemate in Premier Division, Classic Eight and Urban Service seal big wins

JSA League

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Aug 27: The JSA League witnessed contrasting results on Wednesday, with a hard-fought stalemate in the Premier Division while Classic Eight and Urban Service registered emphatic victories in the Super and A Division fixtures. At the Sumant Moolgaokar Stadium, Tata Motors and Jamshedpur Boys Club played out a goalless draw in the Premier Division. Both teams created openings but were denied by resilient defending on either end.



The match also saw three bookings - Baset Hansda and Kishan Sardar of Tata

Motors were cautioned in the 27th and 53rd minutes, while Sunil Kisku of JBC

picked up a yellow card in the 65th minute.

In the Super Division clash at Tinsplate Sports Complex, Classic Eight defeated Pandit Raghunath Memorial Foundation (PRMF) 4-2 in a thrilling encounter. Deepak Soren gave Classic Eight an early lead in the 7th minute before Rakesh Gope struck twice in the 22nd and 23rd minutes to put them firmly ahead. PRMF fought back through Govind Singh (35th) and Ishwar Hansdah (45th), reducing the deficit before halftime. However, Gope completed his hat-trick in the 82nd minute to secure victory for Classic Eight. Both sides picked up one booking each - Govind Singh for PRMF and Ganesha Karwa for Classic Eight. The most one-sided result of the day came at the Armoury Ground, where Urban Service demolished Ambedkar FC 6-0 in an A Division Group B match. Vikas Soren opened the scoring in the 8th minute, followed by quick goals from Daso Murmu (14th), Samir Soren (28th), Shukdev Pareya (31st), and Vishal Munda (39th). Ram Murmu added a sixth in the 53rd minute as Urban Service dominated throughout, leaving Ambedkar FC struggling to cope with the relentless attack. (W-mb)



Massive crowd at Lalbaugcha Raja in Mumbai, devotees say 'feels like heaven'

Amid tie-up talks, Uddhav visits Raj Thackeray's home for Ganesh puja

Mumbai, Aug 27 (IANS) Amid talks of alliance during the upcoming BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray visited the home of his cousin brother and Maharashtra Navnirman Sena founder Raj Thackeray for Ganesh puja on the first day of the 'Ganeshotsav'. Raj Thackeray had invited Uddhav Thackeray for Lord Ganesh's darshan. Uddhav's maiden visit to 'Shivirth' residence has sent a strong signal to the cadres of respective parties and the Mahayuti government about the increasing bonhomie and rapprochement between the two brothers. Uddhav and Raj Thackeray did not speak to reporters about the family get-together.

However, Shiv Sena (UBT) in a post on social media said, "Party chief took the Ganesh darshan at the residence of MNS chief Raj Thackeray. Uddhav Thackeray was accompanied by his wife Rashmi and sons Aaditya and Tejas."

'Saints kept India united despite invaders' rule: Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Ujjain, Aug 27 (IANS) Union Minister of Tourism and Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat claimed on Wednesday that despite various invaders ruling the Indian subcontinent, it was the great saints who helped in keeping the country united. "Despite many hurdles and being ruled by different invaders, India could preserve its spiritual and cultural values only due to the saint tradition and their pilgrimage. One after another great saint kept India united," claimed the Union Minister during his inaugural address of the global spiritual tourism conclave in Madhya Pradesh's religious city Ujjain. The Union Minister was accompanied by Chief Minister Mohan Yadav at the event, organised by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), and the Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with the state government. The event focused on "promoting" India's spiritual tourism through a future-ready lens, witnessed participation from over 300 spiritual leaders, scholars, and experts from across India and abroad.

The conclave provided a space to discuss the evolving dimensions of spiritual tourism, aiming to bridge ancient wisdom with modern experiences. It emphasised not only religious significance but also economic potential, urban planning, and sustainable development.

Rajasthan HC refuses to extend Asaram's bail, asks him to surrender by August 30

Jaipur, Aug 27 (IANS) The Rajasthan High Court on Wednesday refused to extend the interim bail of 86-year-old Asaram, who was convicted of rape and sentenced to life imprisonment in Gujarat and the desert state.

The court directed that he must surrender at Jodhpur Central Jail by 10 a.m. on Saturday. His current bail period ends on Friday. The High Court rejected Asaram's plea for extension of bail based on the medical report submitted by Ahmedabad Civil Hospital. The court observed that Asaram's health condition was not so serious as to warrant further bail. However, the court allowed him the facility of a wheelchair and the presence of an attendant inside the jail. It also directed that if required, medical tests could be conducted at AIIMS Jodhpur.

Patna: Class 5 girl sets herself afire in school toilet, critical

Patna, Aug 27 (IANS) A Class 5 girl allegedly set herself afire inside the toilet in a government school in the Chitkohra area of Patna on Wednesday.

The incident took place at Kanya Madhya Vidyalaya Amaltola under the Gardanibagh police station area.

According to eyewitnesses, smoke was seen rising from the toilet soon after the girl went inside. By the time teachers and staff reached the spot, the student had collapsed.

She sustained severe burns. The school staff immediately rescued her and rushed her to Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH), where doctors said her condition remains critical. As news spread, the victim's family rushed to the school and accused its administration of gross negligence.

Hundreds of villages in Punjab inundated, impacting life and crops

Chandigarh, Aug 27 (IANS) Hundreds of villages in Punjab along the swollen Satluj, Beas, and Ravi rivers were flooded on Wednesday, severely affecting life and damaging crops after the floodgates of the Bhakra and Pong dams were opened. The inflow into these reservoirs had alarmingly increased due to torrential rains in their catchment areas, mainly Himachal Pradesh.

Rescue and evacuation of people are currently underway by teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). The worst-affected districts are Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Fazilka, Amritsar, Hoshiarpur and Jalandhar.

Authorities, however, said the inflow in the reservoirs declined significantly compared to Tuesday, with the decline in the rainfall activity.

The flood gates of both dams, which serve the irrigation requirements of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan, were opened to lower the reservoir level.

With the opening of the floodgates, a flood-like situation prevailed mainly in Punjab's Ropar, Anandpur Sahib and Hoshiarpur districts and Himachal's Kangra district.

Cabinet gives go-ahead for railways projects worth Rs 12,328 crore

New Delhi, Aug 27 (IANS) The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved four railway projects with a total investment of Rs 12,328 crore aimed at ensuring seamless and faster transportation of both passengers and goods.

The projects include Deshalpar - Hajipir - Luna and Vayor - Lakhat New Line, Secunderabad (Sanathnagar) - Wadi 3rd and 4th Line, Bhagalpur - Jamalpur 3rd line and

CDS releases joint doctrine for special forces, airborne operations in Rann Samvad

New Delhi, Aug 27 (IANS) Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan on Wednesday released joint doctrines for Special Forces and Airborne and Heliborne Operations during the tri-service seminar 'Rann Samvad' held at the Army War College in Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, Madhya Pradesh.

He was joined by Navy chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal APS Singh and Army Vice Chief Lieutenant General Pushendra Singh who were also present at the event.

These doctrines, formu-



lated under the aegis of Doctrine Directorate, Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff with active participation of the three Services, will lay down

guidance, operational concepts and inter-operational framework for conduct of special forces' missions and airborne operations. Speaking on the occa-

sion, the CDS commended the three Services for their commitment to professionalism, adaptability and interoperability and said that these doctrines would serve as an important reference for planners, commanders and operators in the emerging battlefield.

The publication of these doctrines is an important step towards enhancing joint operational capabilities, bringing synergy across all services and ensuring readiness to address emerging security challenges with precision and tenacity.

'Govt property, open to all': Karnataka Dy CM Shivakumar doubles down on Chamundi Hills non-exclusivity stand

Bengaluru, Aug 27 (IANS) Standing firm on his statement that "Chamundi Hills is not exclusive to Hindus," Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Wednesday said that it was the government's property, not private and was open to all.

Addressing reporters here, Shivakumar said: "Many Christians and Muslims visit the Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hills and offer prayers. I myself have gone to mosques, churches, and gurdwaras and prayed. People from across the world visit the Golden Temple in Amritsar to pray. This is Indian culture, and ultimately, this is the Constitution."

"Chamundi Hills is a government temple, not private property, and it is open to all. Hinduism is my religion, and I follow it staunchly. But I also respect all religions. I believe in humanity," he said. His onslaught came



amid criticism by the BJP leaders over Booker award winner Banu Mushtaq being invited to inaugurate the historical Dusshera celebrations. Shivakumar had then retorted that Chamundi Hill is open to people of all religions, and that people from every community visit Chamundi Hill and offer prayers to the Goddess, and it is not the property of Hindus alone.

Dusshera is inaugurated traditionally by offering floral tributes and conducting worship of goddess

BJP resorting to shortcuts by manipulating election system: MK Stalin at Voter Adhikar Yatra

Patna, Aug 27 (IANS) Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK president M.K. Stalin on Wednesday accused the BJP of subverting democracy, asserting that the ruling party is resorting to shortcuts by manipulating the election system as they fear defeat.

"The BJP, fearing defeat, is resorting to shortcuts by manipulating the system. In Bihar, they have disenfranchised lakhs of voters and manipulated the institutions," said Tamil Nadu Chief Minister while addressing the Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar.

Defending Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, the DMK chief said the Congress leader would not be intimidated by notices from the Election Commission.

On the issue of voter deletions, Stalin launched a scathing attack on the Election Commission, accusing it of acting as a



"puppet in the BJP's hands." He termed the removal of 65 lakh names from the electoral rolls as a "massacre of democracy" and worse than terrorism.

Stalin said the INDIA Bloc's fight in Bihar would become the cornerstone for the alliance's future victories across the country.

Stalin, who joined the rally after travelling more than 2,000 km, lauded Bihar's historic role in safeguarding democracy, recalling the legacy of Jayaprakash Narayan.

'NDA will also cut names from ration cards and stop pensions': Tejashwi

Patna, Aug 27 (IANS) Bihar Leader of the Opposition Tejashwi Yadav claimed on Wednesday that after the deletion of names from the voter list, the ruling NDA will also cut down the names of the citizens from the ration cards and stop the pensions of the elderly people.

J&K flood: Rivers in Jammu start receding, Jhelum crosses danger mark, AZ CM briefs PM Modi

Jammu, Aug 27 (IANS) Water level in most rivers of Jammu division started receding gradually on Wednesday afternoon as mobile phones and Internet services were partially restored in Kashmir.

Several pilgrims were feared dead and over two dozen others were injured on Tuesday when a landslide hit the route to Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine in Reasi district.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, J&K Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah have expressed grief at the tragedy and assured all possible help to the injured pilgrims.

CM Omar Abdullah said on X, "Spoke to Hon PM @narendramodi Sb a short while ago. I briefed him



about the situation in J&K from the worst hit areas as I toured the parts of Jammu, along the banks of the Tawi, that saw a lot of damage yesterday. I'm grateful for his assurance of continued assistance to the people of J&K."

L-G Sinha has directed the officials for the restoration of Power, Communication, and Water Supply on priority in areas where flood water is

receding. More than 5,000 people were evacuated from low-lying flooded areas to safety. The Army, NDRF and SDRF were working in coordination, helping in rescue and relief operations.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, said, "We are ensuring that there is an adequate supply of relief materials and all possible assistance is being given to those affected."

In a post on X, the L-G said: "Spoke to Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Sh. Ramesh Kumar and other Senior Officials and took stock of flood situation and rescue and relief Operations. Directed the officials for restoration of Power, Communication, Water Supply on priority in areas where flood water is receding."

Noida dowry death: UP Women Commission member visits Nikki's home, assures family of fast-track trial

New Delhi, Aug 27 (IANS) Six days after 22-year-old Nikki Bhati was burnt alive at her in-laws' house, apparently after years of dowry torture, Uttar Pradesh Women Commission member Dr Meenakshi Bharala reached her residence in Greater Noida on Wednesday and met the grieving family members.

She assured Nikki Bhati's family of an impartial probe into her death and also promised that the murder case would be put on a fast-

track trial. As Dr Meenakshi Bharala tried to console the grief-stricken family, Nikki's mother as well as her sister lost consciousness multiple times while sharing their horrifying ordeal.

Nikki's mother fainted several times while narrating the family's trauma over her murder, before the commission member. Nikki's sister, Kanchan Bhati, also fell down while recounting the blood-curdling episode before her and was taken to the hos-



pital. She was found to be low on blood pressure and suffering from dehydration due to excessive crying.

Dr Meenakshi Bharala shared the family's anguish over the death of Nikki Bhati at an early age and

said that if the accused in-laws, including the husband, are proven guilty, they will face the harshest punishment. She also spoke to Nikki's father, Bhikhari Singh Payla and said that all steps will be taken to bring the accused to justice swiftly.

Showing solidarity with Nikki and her family, Dr Bharala said, "She wanted to live her life the way she wanted to. It was her dream to make reels, run a boutique or studio. What was wrong with that? No one has the

right to take away the freedom of any girl."

She also expressed concern over the dowry malaise in society and called upon the public at large to discourage and disown such an archaic and regressive practice.

"Today, up to 4-5 crores are being spent on weddings, and the middle class is being affected the most by this. Dowry will end only when the society decides together that it will neither take nor give dowry," she said.