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We have 'lost' India and Russia to 'dark China': Trump

U.S. President's top trade adviser called the bonhomie between the three leader as "troublesome"

New Delhi/Washington, Sep 5 (IANS): Donald Trump on Friday dropped a big hint suggestive of the ties between Washington and New Delhi hitting rock-bottom as he said that the US has "lost" India and Russia to the "darkest" China, days after the leaders of the three countries were seen together at the Shangai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Tianjin.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin were among several world leaders who attended the Tianjin SCO Summit hosted by China's Xi Jinping, where the camaraderie between the three leaders sent out a message, which many dubbed as "a turning point" and heralding "a new world order" amid the tariff war waged by the US President.

"Looks like we've lost India and Russia to deepest, darkest, China. May they have a long and prosperous future together! President Donald J. Trump," Trump captioned his Truth Social post, sharing a picture of PM Modi where he is seen with Putin and Jinping at the Tianjin meet.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of External Affairs, during a press conference on Friday, chose not to make a comment on Trump's post. "We don't have anything to comment on Trump's post as of now".Meanwhile, President Donald Trump's top trade adviser Peter Navarro has described as "troublesome" the show of unity between the leaders of India, Russia and China, saying New Delhi needs to be with Washington, Europe and Ukraine, not with Russia.

"It's troublesome. It's troublesome," Navarro said at the White House when asked about the "show of



unity" between Modi, Xi and Putin. "It was a shame to see Modi getting in bed as the leader of the biggest democracy in the world with the two biggest authoritarian dictators in the world, Putin and Xi Jinping. That doesn't make any sense," said Navarro, the Trump administration's Senior Counsellor for Trade and Manufacturing.

Earlier, former US National Security Advisor John Bolton, a former Trump aide, said the once-close personal bond between Trump and Modi had evaporated.

"Trump had a very good relationship personally with Modi. I think that's gone now, and it's a lesson to everybody," Bolton said in an interview with British outlet LBC. "For example, (UK Prime Minister) Keir Starmer -- a good personal relationship may help at times, but it won't protect you from the worst".

Inaccurate and misleading: India slams White House Advisor's comments

New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Friday rejected the White House Senior Advisor Peter Navarro's continuous tirade against India, terming his remarks as "inaccurate and misleading statements".

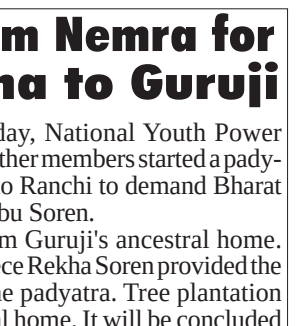
"We have seen the inaccurate and misleading statements made by Mr. (Peter) Navarro and obviously, we reject them", MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said during a weekly media briefing while responding to a question on Navarro's "Brahmins profiting" remarks.

The trade advisor's controversial remarks, made while defending US President Donald Trump's 50 per cent tariff on Indian goods, were labelled as "casteist" and "sinister" by analysts and caused a massive outrage in India.

The MEA spokesperson, however, reiterated that the relationship between India and the United States remains "very important" for New Delhi. "India and the United States share a comprehensive global strategic partnership which is anchored in our shared interests, democratic values, and robust people-to-people ties. This partnership has weathered several transitions and challenges before. We remain focused on the substantive agenda that the two countries have committed to, and we hope that the relationship will continue to move forward based on mutual respect, and shared interests," said Jaiswal.

GST rate cut will counter US tariff hike: FM Sitharaman

New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Friday that the GST rate cut would spur growth in the economy which would offset the drag due to the adverse impact of the US tariff hike on Indian exports. She also said that India would continue to buy Russian oil because of economic considerations as crude was the costliest item in the country's import bill. The government's main focus would now be on ensuring that the GST rate cuts on various goods and services, that will kick in from Sept 22, are passed on to consumers," Sitharaman said in a media interview. "We have a lot of work post-22nd September. It is a big vigilance exercise and we are confident the benefits will reach the common man," the Finance Minister noted. The Finance Minister said, "After the GST Council's decision to cut GST rates, MPs are also taking up the responsibility of monitoring the rate reduction on the ground." On the issue of western pressure on India to stop buying oil from Russia, the Finance Minister said the government's purchases of oil were based on economic considerations such as the price and logistics costs. She pointed out that "since oil is a big ticket foreign exchange-related item and the costliest item in India's import bill, we will undoubtedly be buying Russian oil." On the impact of the USA's 50 per cent punitive tariff on the Indian economy, the Finance Minister said that the cut in GST rates would drive up domestic demand and spur growth which would offset the adverse impact on exports. She also said that the government would come out with measures to support those who have been hit by the tariff hike.



Boundary dispute with China tops India's security concerns: CDS

New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan on Friday called the ongoing boundary dispute with China as India's biggest challenge. His remarks come at a time when New Delhi is warming up to Beijing.CDS Chauhan emphasised the persistent nature of the dispute and the complexity it adds to national security due to China's control over Aksai Chin since the 1962 war."Challenges before countries aren't momentary; they exist in different forms. I think the boundary dispute with China is India's biggest challenge and will continue to remain so," he said while addressing a session on "National Security Challenges in front of India" in the presence of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at Gorakhpur.He also pointed out Pakistan's strategy of a "proxy war" against India, termed "bleed India by a thousand cuts," which involves supporting insurgencies and terrorism, a tactic that aligns with broader geopolitical dynamics where Pakistan is often seen as a proxy for Chinese interests."The second major challenge is Pakistan's proxy war against India, with a strategy of 'bleed India by a thousand cuts.' Regional instability is also a concern, as almost all of India's neighbours face social, political, and economic unrest," he added.

Teachers guiding lighthouse of life: Hemant Soren

Ranchi, Sep 5: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Friday greeted teachers and mentors on the occasion of Teachers' Day, saying they are the guiding lighthouse of life.He also remembered his father and former CM Shibu Soren as his greatest teacher and inspiration.

"Teachers are the guiding lighthouse of life. My teacher, my guide, is the late Baba Dishom Guruji. His life, filled with love, struggle, sensitivity, and impartiality, has always been a source of inspiration for me. Today, Baba is no longer with us in body, but his teachings, thoughts, and ideals will always continue to provide strength," Soren posted on X.

JMM founder Shibu Soren died on August 4 while undergoing treatment at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in Delhi. He was 81.

In a state-level celebration held at the Jharkhand Education Project Council (JEPC) campus, the government felicitated 128 teachers with certificates and shawls in recognition of their contributions to developing modules and digital formats for the mandatory 50-hour Continuous and Comprehensive Professional Development (CCPD) programme for teachers.



Assistant teacher at PM Shri High School, Manuva, in Ramgarh district, Surendra Prasad Gupta, and assistant teacher at Upgraded +2 High School, Dawari, in Chatra district, Manoj Kumar Choubey, who were recommended for the national teacher award, were honoured with a cash award of Rs 25,000, a shawl, memento, and certificate on the occasion.

Speaking at the function, secondary education director Rajesh Prasad said teachers play significant role in shaping students' future.

Padyatra from Nemra for Bharat Ratna to Guruji

Ranchi, Sept 5: On Friday, National Youth Power President Uttam Yadav and other members started a padyatra from Ramgarh Nemra to Ranchi to demand Bharat Ratna for Dishom Guru Shibu Soren.

This padyatra started from Guruji's ancestral home. On this occasion, Guruji's niece Rekha Soren provided the holy soil of his house for the padyatra. Tree plantation was also done at his ancestral home. It will be concluded at the rest place in Gola at night. Everyone will reach Ranchi on 7 September. A memorandum will be submitted to the President and Prime Minister of the country through the Governor. There will be a demand to give Bharat Ratna to Guruji. After that, the holy soil and memorandum of his house will also be handed over to the Chief Minister of the state Hemant Soren. (W-rg)

Six labourers missing as van plunges 300 feet in Dhanbad coal mine

Dhanbad, Sep 5 : In a major accident in Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) on Friday, a service van carrying six labourers fell into a 300 ft deep ditch after sudden land subsidence, officials said.

The van, belonging to a private company, which is engaged in outsourced mining work, was exiting the mine when the soil slipped, causing the vehicle to plunge into the pit. Despite hours of rescue efforts, none of the workers had been located till 6 p.m.

The incident triggered panic across the area. Senior BCCL officials, along with teams from Katras police station, Ramkanali OP and Angarpathra OP, rushed to the spot and are supervising relief operations.



However, the rugged terrain and depth of the ditch have severely hampered rescue efforts. Ambulances and medical teams are on standby to provide immediate treatment once survivors are found.

Local residents have also joined in the rescue, while BCCL management has convened an emergency meeting.

Officials said the top priority is to locate the trapped workers and save lives. Police said the exact number and identities of those inside the van will be confirmed only after the vehicle is recovered.

The workers' union has alleged that the outsourcing management is excavating coal in violation of DGMS (Directorate General of Mines Safety) regulations. They claim that trench cutting was not carried out as per prescribed safety standards, which directly led to the accident.



BJP leaders receive death threat again



Ranchi, Sept 5: BJP leader Ramesh Singh has once again received a death threat. This threat was given on Friday evening in the name of the militant organization People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI).

This time he received a call from the number 8900159718. The caller first demanded extortion money for the organization and threatened, to eliminate on failure to give the amount.

This is not the first time Ramesh Singh has received a threat. Earlier, on September 1, he also received a threatening call in the name of PLFI. At that time also extortion money was demanded from him.

After this incident, Ramesh Singh lodged a written complaint at Sukhdevnagar police station. (W-rg)

Vital for India's journey towards self-reliance: PM shares article on NEP 2020 significance



New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday shared an article on the significance of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, explaining how it would be central to India's journey towards self-reliance and development.

The article penned by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan gives detailed insights into the evolving role of teachers in a changing world and how their role as 'transformers' will shape the future generations into responsible and upright citizens.

Sharing the Union Minister's article titled 'The Teacher in a changing world' published in a leading daily, PM Modi wrote, "the Union Minister explains the significance of the NEP 2020 and also how the teachers today are quickly embracing digital classrooms, AI, changing curricula and varied learning needs, supported by platforms like PM eVidya, DIKSHA and SWAYAM."

Dharmendra Pradhan, penning down his views on India's journey towards self-reliance and development, said that the NEP 2020 remains an ambitious national endeavour and forms the core of the 'atmanirbharta' mission by 2047.

"The NEP designates teachers as 'transformers' who will shape future generations into responsible, skilled and well-rounded citizens. The Prime Minister has consistently emphasised teachers' crucial role in this regard," he wrote in the article.

He further said, "Parents give birth; the guru gives life.

Maha min becomes first Tesla Model Y owner in India

Mumbai, Sep 5 (IANS) Maharashtra Transport Minister Pratap Sarnaik on Friday became the first official Tesla Model Y owner in India, marking a symbolic step towards promoting Electric Vehicles (EVs) in the state. Sarnaik, who purchased the Tesla Model Y just a day after the company opened its first showroom in Mumbai, said he bought the car to inspire people - especially the youth - to embrace sustainable transportation.

Speaking to the media outside the newly-inaugurated Tesla showroom at Maker Maxity Mall in Bandra-Kurla Complex, Sarnaik shared that the car is a gift for his grandson.

Brainstorming for selection of Cong dist president

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Jamshedpur, Sept 5: Under the organization creation campaign of Jharkhand Congress, the consultation process has started for the appointment of East Singhbhum district president.

All India Congress Committee observer and Gujarat MLA Anant Patel and State Congress Committee observer and Jharkhand government minister Radha Krishna Kishore reached Jamshedpur. District in-charge Baljeet Singh Bedi and Sundari Tirkey were also present with them. It is being said that Anand Bihari Dubey has also presented his claim once again for the post of district president.

Many senior Congress leaders of the state believe that Anand Bihari Dubey has done better work. The organization of Congress has been strengthened in the district. The organization of Congress has become strong from district to village. Strong booth committees have been formed. Congress committees have also been formed at the Panchayat level. For this reason,



Anand Bihari Dubey's claim for the post of district president is being considered strong this time. In a press conference held at Tilak Pushtakalaya, it was told that so far six leaders have claimed for the post of district president. Some Congress leaders believe that if Anand Bihari Dubey is not repeated, then Paritosh Singh's better image can do wonders. He is also among the frontrunners in the race for the post of district president. The team of observers is talking to the senior leaders of the district, block and division workers. The names of the district president will be announced from Delhi. Anant Patel said that to strengthen the organization, priority will be given to such leaders who are struggling and are the choice of every class minority, OBC, general.

He clarified that the name of any leader with a controversial image will not be included in the list. The team will also visit rural areas and take feedback from the workers. On September 10, the team will return to Jharkhand again and the final list will be prepared. After this, the list will be sent to Delhi by September 14. (W-rg)

Manoj Singh submits candidature for Cong dist president



Jamshedpur, Sept 5: Joint Secretary of Jharkhand Pradesh INTUC and Committee Member of Tata Motors Workers Union, Manoj Kumar Singh, on Friday gave the candidature form for the post of East Singhbhum District Congress President to Congress MLA from Gujarat and District Congress Parivarik Shri Anant Patel, Jharkhand Government Minister Shri Radhakrishnan and Baljeet Bedi. Manoj Kumar Singh started his political innings with Congress in 1990, and has been continuously with Youth Congress.

While working in INTUC, he made his place in District Congress and State Congress. Manoj Singh held the post of General Secretary in Jharkhand Pradesh Youth Congress, after that he served the party and the people in the post of General Secretary, Vice President and Spokesperson in District Congress Committee. In 2019, the party made him in-charge of Chaibasa Lok Sabha seat where he helped Congress win one seat in Modi wave with his hard work.

In all the elections held in Jamshedpur, be it Lok Sabha or Assembly, Manoj Kumar Singh and his supporters tried to make the party win with body, mind and money.

RJD MLA Suresh Paswan hospitalized in Delhi

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Deoghar Sep 5: Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) MLA from Deoghar, Suresh Paswan, has been admitted to Max Hospital, Delhi, after his health deteriorated. His personal secretary Pramod Yadav confirmed that Paswan had been unwell for several days, suffering weakness that even affected his mobility.

During a full-body checkup at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital earlier this week, doctors found high blood sugar levels above 300, along with kidney and liver infections. Based on medical advice, he was shifted to Max Hospital for specialized treatment.

Yadav said, "The MLA is responding to treatment and his condition is gradually improving. There is no immediate danger. Doctors have assured that he may be discharged within 3–4 days if recovery continues."

The news has raised concern among RJD workers and supporters in Deoghar, who have been praying for his speedy recovery.

Police losing control in Jamshedpur's prime areas: Ashutosh Rai

Jamshedpur Sep 5: Senior JD(U) leader and trustee of the Swarnarekha Area Development Trust, Ashutosh Rai, has sharply criticized the police after two major loot incidents occurred within 48 hours in Sonari and Bistupur. In a strongly worded statement, Rai said, "It is beyond comprehension how such a crime could happen in a posh area like Bistupur while the police remain confined to issuing statements. The real question is—how was this crime even possible?" Rai pointed out that the Sonari case remains unsolved and within a day, criminals managed to loot lakhs in Bistupur. "Even a person with ordinary intelligence can see that police authority has collapsed. Otherwise, such incidents in Bistupur would be unthinkable," he added. According to him, the looted victim was linked with a large private company and was likely targeted after criminals conducted surveillance. He also flagged a striking coincidence: "Yesterday's loot in Sonari occurred at 12:59 pm and today's Bistupur incident also took place at exactly 12:59 pm. What is the mystery?

Police crack Sonari jewellery heist, six arrested

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Jamshedpur Sep 5: The sensational daylight robbery at Vardhman Jewellers in Gudri Bazar under Sonari police station has been solved with the arrest of six men, including the mastermind, Jamshedpur police announced on Friday.

A mobile phone recovered from the crime scene turned out to be the crucial breakthrough that helped investigators crack the case.

According to police sources, the gang executed the heist on motorcycles and escaped with jewellery worth lakhs. In an attempt to wipe out evidence, they later dumped one of the bikes in a pond at Chandil. However, the mobile phone inadvertently left behind by the gang proved to be their undoing.

Police examined the phone's call records and location history, which led them to the suspects. Combined with CCTV footage from the locality, investigators were able to piece together the gang's movements before and after the robbery.

Investigations revealed that the arrested men were part of an interstate gang involved in multiple robberies across Jharkhand and neighbouring states. Acting on the directive of SSP Piyush Pandey, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) was constituted. The SIT's swift action led to the identification and arrest of half of the gang members. A manhunt has been launched to nab the remaining accused and recover the stolen ornaments.

"The mobile phone recovered from the spot played a vital role in cracking the case. Six men have been arrested, and we are confident of arresting the remaining members soon," said a senior police official.

The breakthrough has brought a sense of relief to the city's business community, which had been alarmed by the recent spate of robberies. Local traders and residents praised the police for their swift action and expressed confidence that the remaining culprits would also be brought to justice soon. (W-pb)

Train collision at Manoharpur Station leaves two injured



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Chakradharpur, Sep 5: A rail accident occurred early Thursday morning at Manoharpur station in West Singhbhum district when a banking diesel engine rammed into five stationary coaches on line number 7. The impact was so strong that one coach was badly damaged while others toppled. These coaches were reportedly being used for track maintenance work, storing tools and even providing shelter to staff.

Two railway employees were injured-track maintainer Arvind Kumar suffered serious neck injuries, while another worker, C.K. Barik, sustained minor injuries. Both were rushed to Chakradharpur railway hospital aboard the Utkal Express.

The incident, which occurred around 4:15 am, has once again raised questions about safety in the Chakradharpur division. Recently, a freight train accident in Rourkela had already highlighted operational lapses.

Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Tarun Huria has ordered an inquiry. Officials said the exact cause of the collision remains unclear but acknowledged the need for urgent improvements in safety and operations.

Jsr Police launches Tango Mobile Bike Unit with 33 new pulsars

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Jamshedpur Sep 5: The city police have strengthened their patrolling network with the addition of 33 new high-speed Pulsar motorcycles equipped with sirens and GPS systems. The motorcycles were handed over to Tango Mobile team personnel by SSP Piyush Pandey at the CCR premises in Sakchi. This newly formed mobile bike unit is aimed at curbing rising criminal activities and ensuring effective law and order management during upcoming festivals like Eid Milad-un-Nabi and Durga Puja.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Pandey said the GPS feature would allow the control room to track the real-time movement of each bike. "If any policeman shows negligence during patrolling, strict action will be taken," he warned. The sirens, he added, will serve as both a deterrent for criminals and a reassurance for the public.

Special deployment of the bike squad will be made during sensitive occasions and peace committee meetings have already been held with community leaders, urging them to avoid provocative songs during processions and refrain from spreading controversial content on social media. The SSP appealed to citizens to celebrate festivals peacefully and maintain harmony. "We want Jamshedpur to remain a happy and safe city for all," he said.

Rs 20 lakh job fraud case filed in Jsr

Jamshedpur Sep 5: A case of large-scale job fraud has been reported at Golmuri police station, where a couple allegedly duped a man of Rs 20 lakh by promising him permanent employment at Telco company. The complaint was filed by Gopal Krishna Singh, a resident of Namda Basti, Galudih, who accused Jagdamba Singh and his wife Vandana Devi of orchestrating the scam.

According to the complainant, the accused couple assured him of arranging a permanent job and collected money in installments between January 2023 and January 2025. Despite repeated assurances, neither the job materialized nor was the money returned. When Singh demanded repayment, the couple allegedly kept stalling, forcing him to approach the police.

Golmuri police confirmed receiving the written complaint and have begun investigations. Preliminary findings indicate that the accused systematically collected money under false promises. "It appears to be a planned fraud. Once the inquiry is completed, strict action will be taken against those responsible," said the police station incharge. Authorities have urged citizens not to fall prey to such rackets. "People must avoid paying money to individuals claiming to secure jobs.

National Education Policy to make India great: Saryu Roy

Mail News Service

More than 500 teachers of Jamshedpur felicitated





Jamshedpur, Sept 5: More than 500 teachers of Jamshedpur were honored on the occasion of Teachers' Day in a grand ceremony organized by Swarnarekha Area Development Trust at the auditorium of Motilal Nehru Public School. The event, themed "Practical Dimension of National Education Policy 2020 cum Teacher Honor Ceremony", was presided over by Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy. Addressing the gathering, Saryu Roy emphasized the need to understand the challenges of implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. "Only when we recognize the difficulties can we find solutions. The basic objective of this policy is to make India great by enriching our traditions. Our officers must focus more on their duties than their rights. If this happens, our society and nation will progress further," he said.

Roy highlighted the importance of preparing India's youth to face global challenges. Referring to ISRO's advancements, he said, "The aim of the NEP is to ensure that children become proficient in their work through practical learning. This will make our future generation capable and confident." Earlier, Anjani Kumar underlined that NEP 2020 gives great importance to education in the mother tongue and skill development. He said, "We have to prepare competent children, not just scholars. Our Sanatan culture must be preserved, and every child should gain social and emotional understanding."

Dr. Amar Singh observed that teachers today face the challenge of maintaining their credibility. "Education has become more materialistic. The NEP emphasizes yoga and health, as without a healthy body one cannot achieve anything. The Academic Bank of Credit is an innovative step which allows students flexibility in continuing education," he added.

Sharing her experience, teacher Shipra said, "After visiting ISRO, the children's mindset has shifted towards practical learning. The government's effort is to encourage such studies, and as teachers, we must adapt to this change."

The program began with a welcome speech by Chandradeep Pandey. Stage proceedings were conducted by Manju Singh and Priya. A solo dance on Ganesh Vandana by Sonali Sarkar and a tribal dance by six girl students of Workers' College enthralled the audience. Trustees of Swarnarekha Area Development Trust, including Ashutosh Roy , Pawan Singh, Santosh Bhagat, Neeraj Singh, Amrita Mishra, Mukesh Kumar, Hemant Pathak, Hareram Singh, Neeru Singh, Raghavendra Singh, Sunil Singh and Pappu Singh Suryavanshi, played key roles in organizing the event.

On the dais were Dr. DP Shukla, Dr. Amar Singh, Dr. SS Razi, Rajdeep Sinha, Dr. Mudita Chandra, Dr. Ragini Bhushan, BN Prasad, SP Malik and Dr. Tripura Jha. Roy honored eminent personalities including Jayanti Sheshadri, Jyotsna Asthana, Dr. Anita Sharma, Manoj Kumar, Rajni Shekhar, Ipsita Dey, Shipra, Ashok Kumar Singh, Vipin Sharma, Dr. DP Shukla, Dr. BN Prasad, Dr. Mudita Chandra, Dr. Mukul Khandelwal, Dr. SS Razi, Rajdev Sinha, Dr. Lal Babu Singh, Umadatt Singh, Sarita Kumari, PD Lal, Lucy Raphael Thakur, SSP Singh and Ramlochan Jha. Along with them, more than 500 teachers of Jamshedpur were felicitated with certificates for their dedicated service. (W-pb)

AFFIDAVIT

Through an affidavit of Sl. No. 63, Date 04.09.2025 from Civil Court, Ghatsila, I, Debabarata Bhakat, S/o Shashadhar Bhakat and my mother name is Shrawani Bhakat Permanent R/o Vill. Fuljhori, P.O. Badia, P.S. Musaboni, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand declare that I am the employee of Uranium Corporation of India Limited Jadugora and my service book contains an error in my mother's name which is incorrectly spelled as 'SHRABONI' instead of correct spelling 'SHRAWANI'. That the correct spelling of my mother's name is SHRAWANI as reflected in my mother's Aadhar Card, Voter Card and Bank Pass Book. That the discrepancy in the spelling of my mothers name in my service book is due to clerical error where 'BO' was written instead of 'WA'. That both 'SHRABONI BHAKAT' and 'SHRAWANI BHAKAT' refer to the same person and with to rectify the error in my service book.

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Eid Milad-un-Nabi celebrated with devotion, grandeur in Jamshedpur

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Jamshedpur Sep 5: The Steel City witnessed an unparalleled display of devotion, unity, and festivity on Friday as Eid Milad-un-Nabi, marking the birth anniversary of Prophet Mohammad, was celebrated with immense zeal and respect. The procession of Jalsa-e-Mohammadi filled the streets with chants of reverence, vibrant tableaux, and the fragrance of flowers, as more than one lakh devotees participated in the historic event.

The main procession, led by Ulema, started from Old Purulia Road in Mango at around 9 am. Devotees, riding cars, bikes, and trucks decorated with flags and banners, filled the air with the chants of "Sarkar ki Aamad Marhaba, Aaka ki Aamad Marhaba." The convoy moved towards Ambagan Maidan in Sakchi, where a grand congregation was held before proceeding to Dhatkidih Central Ground.

The seven-kilometer journey, which lasted nearly four-and-a-half hours, showcased the spirit of collective devotion. Over 90 vehicles joined the procession, while 125 camps were set up along the route to welcome participants with sherbet, cold drinks, water bottles, and snacks. At more than 40 locations, Beta Langars were organized, offering food to the devotees.

Addressing the congregation at Ambagan Maidan, Mufti Ziaul Mustafa Qadri, a renowned Islamic scholar, reminded the faithful that this year marks 1500 years since Prophet-e-Insaaniyat's arrival on earth, making the celebration deeply significant. "Islam gives the eternal message of peace. Today, we must pledge to follow the path of Prophet Hazrat Mohammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam and adopt his Sunnah in our lives," he said.

Later, at the Dhatkidih Central Ground, Mufti Ziaul Mustafa emphasized the responsibility of parents to impart proper education and moral training to their children. "Many youths go astray due to a lack of guidance. It is our duty to distinguish between good and bad and raise our children with values that benefit both society and the nation," he remarked.

The programme concluded with Haji Hidayatullah Khan, President of Jharkhand Minority Commission and Executive President of Tanzeem Ahle Sunnat wa Jamaat, reciting soulful Naat Sharif in praise of the Prophet. Religious preachers highlighted various aspects of the Prophet's life, urging people to follow his message of compassion and harmony.

As the procession passed through Sakchi Roundabout, Straight Mile Road, and Bistupur Jusco Office Roundabout, residents showered flowers from balconies and rooftops. The route was adorned with welcome gates, while beautifully decorated tableaux on trucks depicted Islamic heritage, drawing admiration from onlookers.

From Parsudih, Makandampur, Jugsalai, Telco, Golmuri, and Shastrinagar, devotees joined the main procession, converging at Ambagan Ground before heading to Dhatkidih.

The roads echoed with chants of "Takbir Allah ho Akbar" and "Ya Rasool Allah." Quran recitations, prayers, and slogans created an atmosphere of deep devotion.

In view of the massive gathering, elaborate security arrangements were made. Hundreds of volunteers wearing safety t-shirts and ID cards managed the crowd and controlled traffic alongside the police. Three Jamaats of Jumma Namaaz were held at Dhatkidih Mecca Masjid to accommodate the surge of devotees.

Shops owned by the Muslim community across the city remained closed, following an appeal by the organisers to observe the day with devotion and respect.

At Ambagan Ground, the stage was graced by religious leaders including Mufti Ziaul Mustafa Qadri, Maulana Shamshad ul Qadri, Maulana Burhanul Huda, Maulana Qari Imran Ansari, Maulana Intekhab Raja Misbahi, Mufti Tausif Raja Misbahi, Mufti Shafahat Hussain Misbahi, Abdul Aziz Misbahi, Maulana Kalimuddin Habibi, Alhaj Mukhtar Safi, Syed Shaukat Ali, Shahid Raza, and Majid Akhtar.

At the Dhatkidih Community Centre, among those present were Mufti Ziaul Mustafa Qadri, Haji Hidayatullah Khan, Abdul Rauf, Maulana Kalimuddin Mujahidi, Maulana Intekhab Alam, Qazi Mushtaq Ahmed, Qari Aslam Rabbani, Mufti Abdul Aziz Faizi, Naushad Sahib, Maulana Abdul Hanan, Maulana Shahid Raza, Majid Akhtar, and Imam Abu Hurairah of Dhatkidih Mecca Mosque.

The celebration concluded with a grand langar at Dhatkidih Ground, where thousands shared food in the spirit of equality and brotherhood. (W-pb)

Case against former MLA for indecent remarks against judiciary

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Dhanbad, Sept 5: Former Jharia MLA Purnima Neeraj Singh is in legal trouble. Advocates Gajendra Kumar and Waqar Ahmed have filed a case against her in Dhanbad's CJM court.

It is alleged that Purnima Neeraj Singh had made indecent remarks against the judiciary and the judge during a recent candle march. This statement has angered the advocates and the judicial fraternity.

Advocates Gajendra Kumar and Waqar Ahmed said that Purnima Singh publicly addressed the judiciary as the unjust and made objectionable remarks like increasing the power of the glasses on the judge.

According to the lawyers, this statement is not only insensitive, but also hurts the dignity of the judiciary. No public representative has the right to make such comments.

He said that if there is disagreement with a decision, then an appeal can be made in the High Court or Supreme Court under the constitutional system, and judges should not be insulted from a public platform.

He warned that this fight will continue until Purnima Singh publicly withdraws her controversial statement. If needed, it will also be taken to the Supreme Court.

It is worth noting that on Monday, Purnima Neeraj Singh took out a candle march from the District Council Ground to Randhir Verma Chowk. This march was organized in protest against the decision given by the court on August 27 in the murder case of four people including former Deputy Mayor Neeraj Singh. After her statement given at Randhir Verma Chowk, now this matter has reached the court. (W-rg)

State to participate in World Bank-funded dam rehabilitation project under Phase II & III



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Ranchi, Sept 5: Jharkhand has received approval to participate in Phase II and III of the World Bank-funded Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP), aimed at ensuring the safety, restoration, and sustainability of dams across the state. The project primarily focuses on repairing and maintaining dams built during the 1970s and 1980s.

As part of the national initiative, 19 states and three central agencies are participating in DRIP. The total duration of the project is ten years, to be implemented in two phases. The overall budget is Rs 10,211 crore, of which 70% will be financed by the World Bank and 30% by the participating state governments. Under the project, 35 dams in Jharkhand will be rehabilitated, significantly enhancing their structural safety and operational efficiency. Officials also expect an increase in revenue through improved dam maintenance and water management.

To facilitate implementation, Jharkhand will sign an agreement with the World Bank to secure necessary funding. Administrative approvals for project estimates will be obtained at the competent level, and advance action will be taken to receive the sanctioned loan amount. (W-rg)

Chaibasa MP calls for tree planting in every house hold

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Chaibasa Sep 5: The 76th Van Mahotsav was celebrated on Friday in Mauda village under Tonto block, organized by the Chaibasa Forest Division. Singhbhum MP Joba Majhi inaugurated the event and strongly emphasized the protection of forests and wildlife.

Majhi appealed to villagers to integrate greenery into their lives. "Whenever you build a new house, plant medicinal and fruit-bearing trees around it. Nurture these plants like your own children. Only when trees, hills and forests survive will human life remain safe," she said.

DFO Aditya Narayan delivered the welcome address, urging villagers to practice plantation even on their private lands. Others including trainee IFS officer Prashant, block chief Anita Devgam and Zila Parishad member Raj Narayan Tubid also addressed the gathering, stressing community responsibility for environmental preservation.

Before the formal event, locals welcomed the guests with traditional dance and music. Majhi herself planted saplings near the venue, setting an example. The program witnessed large participation from villagers, reflecting growing awareness about the importance of environmental conservation.



GST changes are a historic achievement : MP Verma



Ranchi, Sept 5: Bharatiya Janata Party Jharkhand General Secretary and Rajya Sabha MP Dr Pradeep Verma has said that the recent changes made by the Central Government in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) are not just tax reforms but it is a historical saga of economic transparency, social justice and public trust. Dr Verma also said that this decision taken under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi will give new heights to the resolve of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas. He called it an economic revolution for a developing state like Jharkhand. The process of GST registration, returns and tax assessment for small traders will become simpler than ever. This will give new strength to local business. GST exemption in the education sector will reduce the financial burden on students and parents, making quality education more accessible. Describing the tax exemption on agricultural equipment as a big relief for farmers, he said that it will strengthen the rural economy. Entrepreneurs and start-ups will get new opportunities due to the simplicity in GST, which will promote employment and innovation in the state. Dr Verma attacked the opposition and said that the Congress and its allied governments harassed the common people and businessmen for decades through complex tax system. The old governments made the tax system a political weapon, whereas today the Modi government has made tax a medium of development. Step towards self-reliant Jharkhand At the end of his statement, Dr Pradeep Verma said that this reform in GST is a solid step towards self-reliant India and self-reliant Jharkhand. This will infuse new energy in the state's economy and Jharkhand will move towards new heights of development. (W-rg)

Surya's family appeal to HC for CBI probe

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Ranchi, Sept 5: The case of Surya Hansda, who was killed in a police encounter on August 11 in Godda, is gaining momentum. His family has filed a criminal writ petition in the Jharkhand High Court, calling the encounter fake and demanding a CBI probe.

Surya's wife Sushila Murmu and mother Neelmani Murmu have also made the Chief Secretary, Home Secretary, DGP, Godda and Deoghar SP parties to the petition.

The petition claims that the police arrested Surya from Mohanpur police station area of Deoghar on the evening of August 10. After that, the next day the police took him to recover the weapons hidden in Lalmatia Dhamani Pahad of Boarijor police station area. Police claim that during that time Surya tried to escape by snatching the weapon of the police, after which he died due to police firing. However, the family members allege that this is a murder committed under a well-planned conspiracy.



The deceased Surya Hansda has also been associated with politics. He had contested assembly elections four times from many other parties including BJP. However, he did not win any election. In 2014, he contested from JVM and in 2019 BJP gave him a ticket, in which he stood second. In 2024, after not getting a ticket from BJP, he contested from Jharkhand Loktantrik Kranti Morcha (JLKM) party. (W-rg)

Diarrhoea outbreak, medical camps ordered in villages

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Jamshedpur Sep 5: The East Singhbhum district administration has swung into action after cases of diarrhoea were reported from Belgoda village under Bodam block and Purnadih village under Patamda block. Deputy Commissioner Karn Satyarthi, taking immediate cognizance of the situation, issued strict instructions to Civil Surgeon Dr. Sahir Pal to ensure that health teams reach the affected areas without delay, examine patients, and provide necessary treatment and preventive measures.

Following the directive, teams of the Health Department arrived in the affected villages and set up medical camps, where dozens of villagers were examined on Thursday. Medicines were distributed free of cost, oral rehydration solution (ORS) packets were supplied, and doctors offered consultations based on individual symptoms. In addition to treatment, the health teams also conducted awareness sessions, educating villagers about the importance of hygiene, safe drinking water, and nutritious food to curb the spread of waterborne diseases.

Civil Surgeon Dr. Sahir Pal informed that special block-wise investigation teams have been formed across the district in anticipation of a seasonal surge in diarrhoea cases due to fluctuating weather. "All block medical officers have been directed to keep a close watch in their respective areas, immediately identify patients showing symptoms, provide treatment on the spot, and report daily updates to the district headquarters," he said.

The Civil Surgeon also added that health workers have been instructed to go door-to-door in vulnerable areas, distributing ORS



packets and chlorine tablets, apart from counseling families on preventive measures.

Deputy Commissioner Karn Satyarthi, while appealing for public cooperation, said, "If any symptoms of diarrhoea are observed, people should immediately inform the nearest health center or health team. Timely reporting will ensure early treatment and prevent complications." He further advised villagers to drink only boiled or filtered water, maintain hand hygiene, and avoid open defecation. The DC also assured that the administration is taking parallel measures to ensure safety in water supply. "All drinking water sources in the affected villages are being tested, and chlorination is being carried out wherever necessary," he said. The sudden rise in cases has created concern among residents. Ramesh Singh, a farmer from Belgoda, said, "Children were the first to fall sick with loose motion and weakness. The camp set up by the health department has given us some relief, as we now have access to medicines and advice." Women in the villages expressed gratitude for the awareness drive, noting that many households were unaware that simple practices like boiling water could prevent such illnesses In both villages, Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) and Anganwadi workers have been pressed into service to spread messages of hygiene and to check every household for possible cases. The health department has also stepped up coordination with panchayat representatives to ensure that information flows quickly from the ground to the administration.

Officials confirmed that surveillance will continue until the situation stabilizes. The Deputy Commissioner has directed all block offices to remain on alert and send immediate reports if fresh cases are detected in other villages. (W-pb)

Cultural events marks Teachers' Day in Seraikela

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Seraikela, Sept 5: This year, Teachers' Day was celebrated at only a few private and residential schools, while government schools remained closed due to the Miladunnabi holiday. As a result, the celebration of the day was limited to social media greetings in government schools, though many students expressed their wishes privately to their teachers.

At Sister Nivedita English Medium School, Seraikela, the program included fancy dress, group and solo dance performances, along with speeches by children in honor of their teachers. Educationists Nilambar Singhdev, Ranjit Sengupta, Jagdish Mahapatra, Vijay Kumar Dubey, Vidyadhar Das, Ravindra Pati, Prashun Rath and Shambhu Samad were present. Teachers, parents and students together cut a cake, and

the children who performed were rewarded. At STR High School, Seraikela Sanjay, the celebration began with acting headmaster Rajendranath Mahato garlanding the portrait of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He said, "A teacher is like a lamp that burns itself to make its students capable."

Students presented a cultural program in the presence of teachers Sameer Kumar Samal, Amit Kumar, Manoranjan Mahato, Shikha Samal, Govind Patro, Chitralekha Hembram, Meenu Mahanti, Preeti Gop, Ishtiyak, Mohan and Sadhu.

Guru Dakshina offered at GGSPI Computer Institute : Teachers' Day was celebrated at GGSPI Computer Institute where students honored their teachers by offering Guru Dakshina. The program began with the lighting of the lamp and remembering Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan by institute head Gurpreet Singh Sehra and other teachers. Director Gurpreet Singh Sehra spoke about the importance of Teachers' Day and the role of teachers in shaping the future.

Meanwhile, LIC Adityapur branch celebrated Guru Diwas by honoring its Chief Advisor, Himsagar Pradhan of Mahalimurup, with a shawl and bouquet.

Zila Parishad member honours his sports teachers : On Teachers' Day, Zila Parishad member Shambhu Mandal honored his sports teachers from primary to high school in a traditional way. NIS coach Shankar Patel and his wife, who came from Gujarat, along with primary teacher Sano Mahato, high school teacher Badal Chandra Bez, and Kolabira School teacher Raghunandan Babu were invited. Mandal performed Guru Puja by washing their feet, offering flowers, and felicitating them with shawls.

Villagers including Shivram Baske, Vinod Mandal, Lalu Soren, Sanjay Hansda, Nimai Tantuwai, Karamu Mukhi, Meenakshi Mahato, Lakhan Sardar, Ashok Mahato, Daru Hansda and Gurupado Mahato were present.

Suspect arrested in mobile theft case, 4 phones recovered



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Kharagpur, Sep 5: In a swift operation, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) Balasore arrested a suspected mobile phone thief at Soro railway station. The accused, identified as Rishikesh Mohanty (26), a resident of Sahapur, Bhadrak (Odisha), was nabbed following a complaint lodged on Rail Madad. During a search operation, RPF personnel noticed Mohanty behaving suspiciously at the Bhadrak end of platform no. 1. When he attempted to flee, alert RPF staff chased and caught him. Upon interrogation, four Android phones-Samsung (Rs 30,000), Realme Narzo (Rs 13,000), Motorola (Rs 16,000) and Poco (Rs 16,000)-were recovered, valued at around Rs 75,000. The accused confessed to stealing the phones from Train No. 18410 and other trains on the Bhadrak–Kharagpur route on September 4. The seized items were booked under BNSS-2023 provisions. After legal formalities, Mohanty was handed over to GRPS Balasore, where a case has been registered. "The quick action of RPF has boosted passenger confidence in railway security," said an official from the Kharagpur Division. Passengers have been urged to remain vigilant about their belongings and report suspicious activities on Railway Helpline 139.

JP School celebrates Teachers' Day with cultural programs and tributes



Jamshedpur, Sept 5: Teachers' Day was celebrated with grandeur at Jai Prakash School. The program was inaugurated by Raj Kumar Sharma, son of the school secretary, with lamp lighting and floral tributes to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Students presented colorful performances, while Acting Principal Ms. Shushila Topo highlighted Radhakrishnan's life. The event concluded with teachers being honored with gifts from the school family.

Bansal Classes celebrates Teachers' Day with cultural festivities



Jamshedpur, Sept 5: Teachers' Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at Bansal Classes, Jamshedpur Study Center. Students welcomed teachers, presented cultural performances, delivered heartfelt speeches, and cut a cake with their mentors. The joyful event concluded with music, dance, and a vote of thanks, reaffirming respect for teachers and education.

Tribute paid to socialist leader on death anniversary



Gamharia, Sept 5: On the death anniversary of former Deputy Chief Minister of unified Bihar and socialist leader Jagdev Babu, a program was organized at the RJD camp office in Gamharia. Party workers garlanded his portrait and paid floral tributes. The program was presided over by former District President Gaju Saav. Chief guest and provincial general secretary Arjun Prasad Yadav recalled Jagdev Babu's lifelong struggle for Dalits, backward classes and minorities. Among those present were former district spokesperson Mukesh Jha, Kisan Cell District President Shyam Sundar Malakar, Labor Cell State General Secretary Rajkumar Yadav, Ramanand Mahato, Pushpa Singh, Rajkumari Singh, Anita Mahato, Shankar Sharma, Lakshmi Purti, Sunita Mahato, Rameshwar Singh Yadav, Rajiv Yadav, Ashutosh Rana, Akhilesh Singh, Shyam Sundar Sah and Women Cell District President Shusita Barik.

Bengal Club sale draws huge crowd in Sakchi

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Jamshedpur, Sept 5: A mega sale at Bengal Club, Sakchi, has been attracting massive crowds for the past seven days, with shoppers flocking to grab discounts on branded garments and accessories. Organizers said the sale is for a limited period, offering heavy discounts on fresh stocks.

Customers have been advised to visit during the day to avoid heavy rush. The sale is open from 10 am to 10 pm, and payments can be made using all major debit and credit cards. The sale features a wide range of garments for men, women, and children, priced between ?1,500 and ?3,000 from leading Indian and international brands. Shoppers can find jeans, blazers, coats, and suits at heavily reduced prices.

In addition to formal wear, the sale also offers an extensive collection of sportswear, including ladies' jeans, track pants, sports T-shirts, shirts, innerwear, summer wear, shoes, and slippers. Organizers assured that the quality of products matches international standards, with a promise of better products at better prices.

The ongoing sale has become a shopping hotspot in Sakchi, with customers making the most of the limited-time offers. (W-mb)

Four houses burgled in Giridih, Rs 7 lakh property stolen

Giridih Sep 5: A series of thefts in the Sariya police station area has spread panic among residents, as four houses were targeted in a single night. The burglars made away with cash and jewelry worth nearly Rs 7 lakh.

At Dhoneshwar Mandal's residence in Barki Sariya, thieves took Rs 2 lakh cash and jewelry valued around Rs 3 lakh. In Govind Swarnkar's home, Rs 15,000 was stolen. Similarly, Sahdev Mandal reported a loss of Rs 15,000 cash along with ornaments, while Santosh Mandal's house was burgled of around Rs 50,000 in valuables. Victims said the burglars entered by breaking rooftop doors while families were asleep. The thefts came to light only in the morning, after which police were alerted. Sariya police confirmed the incidents and assured action.

Nutrition awareness drive by IWC East

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Jamshedpur, Sept 5: Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur East organised a nutrition awareness programme at PKS Plaza, Telco. Dr. Pratibha from Tata Motors highlighted the importance of a balanced diet and healthy eating. Nutritious items including jaggery, moong dal, peanuts and gram were distributed to 20 mothers and children during the event. (W-mb)

Tata Steel, Tata Motors partner for eco-friendly vehicle recycling



Jamshedpur, Sept 5: Tata Steel Jamshedpur has taken the initiative for Sustainable Disposal of End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV) for both Commercial and passenger vehicles, through Tata Motors Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility (RVSF) arm, Re-Wi-Re (Recycle with Respect). The initiative promoting the principles of circularity was flagged-off by Executive In Charge, Industrial By Product Management Division, Dipankar Dasgupta in presence of Pranay Sinha, Chief, Corporate Services, Tata Steel, AmitRanjanChakraborty, Chief, Environment Management, Tata Steel, Anurag Saxena, Chief, Electrical Maintenance, Tata Steel, Arvind Kumar Sinha, Chief, Security & Brand Protection. Other senior officials of Tata Steel and Re-Wi-Re, Tata Motors were present today at Tata Steel Jamshedpur Works. Re-Wi-Re, a business model created for sustainable disposal of vehicles after their end of life, provides free doorstep End-of-Life Vehicles impact assessment and fair pricing, pickup, due diligence of documentation from corporates and relevant stakeholders. Individual vehicle parts are disposed as per environmental norms complying with Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

At present, Re-Wi-Re has 11 centres across India with capacity to recycle 0.2 million ELVs overall. This enterprise, first time being implemented in Jharkhand, will be rolled out in other locations as well in upcoming time. (W-mb)

2 more nabbed in Ranchi murder case

Ranchi, Sept 5: Ranchi Police has arrested two more accused in the Kurkure alias Sahil murder case. They have been identified as Mohammad Faizan Ahmed alias Lodha Ahmed and Athar Tauheed. Including these two, a total of eight people have been arrested in this case so far.Ranchi Real Estate Six accused have already been sent to jail in this case, including the main accused. Police is also taking action against those who shelter and help the criminals in this case. According to Kotwali DSP Prakash Soy, all the accused in this murder case will be arrested soon and further investigation is still going on. (W-rg)

DRM Kharagpur reviews safety, amenities at Midnapore Station

Kharagpur, Sep 5: To ensure improved passenger services and operational safety, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Lalit Mohan Pandey carried out a comprehensive inspection of Midnapore station and Nimpura yard on Thursday. At Midnapur, the DRM reviewed ongoing Amrit Station works, inspected the panel room and assessed passenger amenities, cleanliness and modernization projects. Special emphasis was laid on checking points and crossovers for seamless train operations. Later, Shri Pandey conducted a window trailing inspection of Nimpura through and reception yard, evaluating operational efficiency, yard management and train movement safety. "The division is committed to upgrading infrastructure while ensuring passenger safety and convenience," Shri Pandey stated. He also urged staff to strictly adhere to safety protocols. The Kharagpur Division of South Eastern Railway reiterated that modernization initiatives and yard reforms will continue to enhance operational efficiency and create a reliable travel experience.



Railway staff rescue minor girl on Duronto Express



Kharagpur, Sep 5: Railway officials successfully rescued a 15-year-old girl travelling alone on Train No. 12246 (SMVT–Howrah Duronto Express) after she was found without guardians during a routine ticket check.

The incident unfolded when Travelling Ticket Inspector (TTI) Tarashankar Roy noticed the girl looking distressed in coach S1. On inquiry, she failed to provide journey details or information about any guardian, raising concerns about her safety. Acting swiftly, the TTI alerted railway authorities and ensured her safety. Upon reaching Renigunta station (Guntakal Division), the minor was handed over to GRP Renigunta in the presence of RPF officials for further action. "The timely intervention of TTI Tarashankar Roy prevented a potential mishap and ensured the child's safety," the Railway Administration said in a statement, appreciating his alertness. Indian Railways has appealed to passengers to immediately report cases of unattended minors or suspicious activity to nearby staff or Helpline 139, stressing its commitment to protecting vulnerable passengers.

Fortress ticket checking drive nets 55 offenders at Shalimar

Kharagpur, Sep 5: In a major crackdown against ticketless travel, the Railway Administration conducted a Fortress Ticket Checking Drive at Shalimar station, detecting 55 offenders in a single day. The drive, aimed at curbing irregular travel and safeguarding railway revenue, was executed by a special team of ticket-checking staff backed by security personnel. They covered entry/exit points, platforms and circulating areas to ensure thorough monitoring. A total of Rs 48,160 was collected as penalty from violators under provisions of the Railways Act. "Such drives are essential to protect honest passengers and prevent revenue leakage," an official said. The Railway Administration emphasized that passengers must travel with valid tickets. "Travelling without a ticket is punishable under the Railways Act and attracts heavy fines," the statement warned. Officials also announced that similar drives will continue at various stations and trains across Kharagpur Division to discourage fare evasion and promote fair travel practices.



Vinay IAS Academy a pride for Jamshedpur: MLA Purnima

Khushi Pandey inspires students, Academy plans rural expansion

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Jamshedpur, Sept 5: Celebrating its 25-year journey, Vinay IAS Academy was hailed as a source of pride for the city by Jamshedpur East MLA PurnimaSahu. Addressing students, she recalled how the academy began with a small effort and has now grown into a nationally recognized institution. "Vinay IAS Academy is a pride for the city. This year, its students have been selected in the Civil Services, and more than 100 have cleared the tough JPSC exam," she said. Sahu also promised special support for underprivileged children studying at the academy and wished all students success in their careers.

City topper KhushiPandey, who secured the 13th rank in JPSC, was present as the special guest. She shared her journey, saying it was an emotional moment to return to the institute not as a student but as a guest of honor. "I was sitting where you are just a few days ago. Hard work is the only key to success," she told the students, urging them to remain determined.

Senior journalist SandeepSavarn advised aspirants to stay strong despite social challenges until they clear exams, assuring that success brings recognition and respect. Veteran journalist Jai PrakashRai praised the academy's consistent achievements, while educationist Deepak Purty encouraged students to nurture passion, which he said is essential for success.

The event also featured cultural dance performances by talented schoolchildren. Academy head Vinay Singh announced plans to expand branches to rural areas to provide opportunities for village students. He added that free preparation support is available through the academy's WhatsApp channel, making online classes accessible to all.

A true teacher prepares students for challenges: Sripriya

DBMS College of Education marks Teachers' Day with enthusiasm

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Jamshedpur, Sept 5: Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at DBMS. College of Education. The program began with the garlanding of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's portrait.

College Secretary Sripriya Dharmarajan, in her address, said that a true teacher is not one who forces facts upon students, but one who prepares them to face life's challenges. Vice Principal Dr. Monica Uppal highlighted the contribution of Dr. Radhakrishnan, noting that he was fondly remembered as "DeshRatna" and believed that only the best minds should take up teaching. The cultural program featured songs, music, and other performances by students. All teachers were felicitated with bouquets and gifts in recognition of their contribution. The event was conducted by Ayush Kumar and Tanushree, while students Eliza Samad and Neha Rani played key roles in organizing the program. Present on the occasion were College Secretary Sripriya Dharmarajan, Treasurer Vivek Dharmarajan, Administrative Secretary Satish Singh, Principal Dr .Joohi Samarpita, faculty members, and staff. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by students Ishika Kumari and Neelu Kumari. The celebration reflected respect and gratitude towards teachers, making the day memorable for everyone. (W-mb)

IWC West felicitates BKVM School teachers



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Jamshedpur, Sept 5: The Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur West organized a teacher felicitation ceremony at B.K.V.M. School to mark Teachers' Day.

On the occasion, all teachers, including the principal, were honoured with certificates and gifts by the club. Addressing the gathering, Club President SanoberHasan said that teachers are true guides of society whose role goes beyond academics, as they also instill life values and discipline in students.

The event was attended by District Secretary Nibha Mishra, Vice President UrvashiVerma, Secretary Antara Chakraborty, Treasurer Ranjita Sinha, Aruna Singh, and other members of the club. As part of the celebration, students presented a play highlighting the importance of literacy and education, which received much appreciation from the audience. (W-mb)

NHES felicitates teachers



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Jamshedpur, Sept 5: Narbheram Hansraj English School (NHES) celebrated Teachers' Day with a series of activities spread over two days. On September 4, students pledged to respect and obey their teachers. They expressed gratitude through messages posted on the Appreciation Board and video tributes. Students also took on the role of teachers during the last two periods, enjoying the role reversal while realizing the dedication and hard work required in teaching. On September 5, the celebrations continued with a cultural programme organized by the teachers. This was followed by the Teacher Award Ceremony, where School President Nakul Kamani honoured teachers for their commitment and contribution. The two-day event reflected mutual respect and appreciation between students and teachers. (W-mb)

Teachers are nation-builders: MNPS Principal

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Jamshedpur, Sept 5: Motilal Nehru Public School (MNPS) celebrated Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm, honoring the dedication and invaluable contribution of teachers in shaping young minds.

The celebration was graced by Chairman Akhilesh Dubey, Hon. Secretary Dr. D.P. Shukla, Principal Sangeeta Singh, Vice Principals Rakhi Mitra and Bindu Ahuja, along with members of the school's managing committee.



The program began with a welcome address by Anikek Das, followed by the felicitation of teachers under several categories including the Innovative Teacher Award, Spread Your Wings Award, Silent Shoulder Award, Excellent Teacher Award, and Highlighting the School Stories Award. The awards celebrated teachers' creativity, commitment, and contribution to the school community.

Students made the day memorable with a vibrant cultural program. The school choir filled the atmosphere with soulful music, while dance and stage performances expressed the love and gratitude of students towards their teachers.

Principal Sangeeta Singh expressed heartfelt appreciation to the managing committee, teachers, students, and parents for their support. She emphasized the vital role of teachers as role models and nation-builders, inspiring students to excel academically and grow into responsible citizens. (W-mb)

DSM School for Excellence celebrates Teachers' Day

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Jamshedpur, Sept 5: Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at DSM School for Excellence, Kasidih. The event began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Chairman Dilip Singh, Director Saugandh Singh, Saubhagya Singh, and Principal Geeta Nair.

Addressing the gathering, Director Saugandh Singh highlighted the importance of the day, noting that it marks the birth anniversary of Dr.SarvepalliRadhakrishnan, former President of India and an eminent teacher.

He said the occasion is dedicated to recognizing the hard work, sacrifice, and selfless service of teachers. He also expressed gratitude for their unwavering support.

The celebration included fun activities for teachers such as a Memory Game, won by Monalisa Ghosh, and a Golgappa Competition, won by Sujata Sharma.

All teachers were felicitated with gifts by Chairman Dilip Singh.

The program was conducted by Indu Gopinath and Pranay Dey, and concluded with a community lunch hosted by Director Saugandh Singh. (W-mb)

CASAR Jsr marks Teachers' Day with astrology scholars

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Jamshedpur, Sep 5: The Centre for Astrological Studies and Research (CASAR) celebrated Teachers' Day at Boulevard Hotel, Bistupur. Speaking at the event, senior faculty members emphasized that they were not only teachers but also "gurus who guide society by addressing planetary challenges through research." Dr. J.B. Murali Krishna recalled that CASAR's founder, Dr. S.K. Shastri, had preserved the guru-shishya tradition, inspiring hundreds across the country to practice astrology successfully. Dr. Shastri, the Vice-Chancellor of CASAR, announced that the 32nd Asian Astrology Conference would be held in Jamshedpur from January 30 to February 1, 2026, at the Kanellite Hotel. Free astrology consultations will be provided on the evenings of January 30 and 31. He further revealed that CASAR's new building at Dheerajganj, Adityapur, constructed with the support of Jitendra Nath Mishra of ADJ Building Construction, will be inaugurated on October 5. Teachers' Day drew astrologers from Ranchi, Dhanbad, Bokaro, Hazaribagh, Seraikela-Kharsawan, East Singhbhum, and Chaibasa. Prominent speakers included Dr. Narendra Kumar, Dr. Tapan Rai, Rajesh Bharti, and Dr. Usha Sonkar.

Mahila Samiti marks Teachers' Day with social commitment



Teachers' Day was celebrated at Mahila Samiti, Bistupur Q Road, dedicated to educating underprivileged children and promoting social welfare. Members of the Samiti honored the occasion with enthusiasm, reaffirming their commitment to service and education.

Sai Aman Play School celebrates Teachers' Day

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Chaibasa, Sep 5: Sai Aman Play School at Mahuri Bhawan, Sadar Bazar, marked Teachers' Day with vibrant cultural performances by its young students. The children, dressed in traditional costumes representing different states of India, walked the ramp to music, drawing applause from teachers and parents alike. The little ones expressed their respect for their teachers by offering flowers, pens, and bouquets. Speaking on the occasion, Headmistress Bonolata Ghosh said, "It is heartening to see our children learning the values of respect and gratitude from such a young age." Teachers present at the celebration included Shweta Kumari, Ankita Kumari, Isika Chakravarty, Suhani Kumari, Lalita Das, and Nikita Kumari. The program combined cultural pride with the spirit of honoring teachers, leaving smiles all around.



Teachers' Day at Vidya Jyoti School

Gamharia, Sept 5: Teachers' Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at Vidya Jyoti School on the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Jyoti Prakash, CFO of Tata Utility Services, was the chief guest, and Manish Srivastava, CFO of Tata Steel (SEZ), was the guest of honour. In his address, Principal Sunil Kumar Jha highlighted the role of teachers in shaping the future of students. Students presented emotional speeches, singing and dance performances dedicated to their teachers. The guests presented gifts to the teachers, and the program concluded with a vote of thanks by the Principal.

Shri Ram Divine Academy celebrates Teachers' Day

Gamharia, Sept 5: Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Shri Ram Divine Academy. The program began with garlanding the portrait of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and lighting the ceremonial lamp by school director Shriram Yadav.

Principal Vandana Singh Rai stressed the importance of providing quality education to children. Director Shriram Yadav threw light on the life of Dr. Radhakrishnan and urged teachers to follow his ideals. Students presented a colorful cultural program in honor of their teachers. All teachers and students of the school were present on the occasion.



Cultural programme marks Teachers' Day at Excel India Model School

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Jamshedpur, Sept 5: Teachers' Day was celebrated with great pomp at Excel India Model School, where students organised a vibrant cultural programme to honour their teachers. The celebration began with Principal MamtaKumari offering garlands to the portrait of Dr.SarvepalliRadhakrishnan, followed by the chanting of "Guru Brahma Guru Vishnu." Students then presented a series of lively performances including dance, music, and drama. The stage was successfully conducted by students ShikhaSoren and AniketPrajapati, adding charm to the programme.

Addressing the gathering, Principal MamtaKumari highlighted the importance of teachers, saying, "A teacher is not only the one who teaches in school, but every person in life who shows us the right path is our Guru. We must always respect them."

All teachers were felicitated with gifts as a token of appreciation. Later, the school arranged a recreational trip for the teachers to a resort outside the city, where they spent quality time together and enjoyed the day. (W-mb)

Srinath University celebrates Teachers' Day with enthusiasm

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Jamshedpur, Sep 5: Srinath University, Jamshedpur, celebrated Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm to honor the invaluable role of teachers in shaping society and guiding students toward success.

Floral tributes were paid to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, former President of India, philosopher, and educationist. Speakers recalled his vision for education and acknowledged how his ideas continue to inspire the academic world. The celebration was graced by Chancellor SukhdeoMahato, Trustee Member Anita Mahato, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. S.N. Singh, Registrar Dr. Moushumi Mahato, Dean of Administration J. Rajesh, and Associate Dean of Academics Dr. Bhavya Bhushan. In their addresses, they highlighted the vital role of teachers as nation-builders who shape not only students' futures but also the progress of society.

A special highlight was the participation of faculty members and teachers from other institutions under the Sandhya Sambhu Educational Trust, including Srinath College of Education and Srinath Public School. Their presence added to the grandeur of the occasion.



The auditorium resonated with applause as Chancellor Sukhdeo Mahato, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. SN Singh, and Trustee Member Anita Mahato felicitated teachers and professors with shawls and mementos in recognition of their dedication to education.

In his keynote address, the Chancellor said, "Teachers are not only knowledge providers but true guides who shape the destiny of students. The progress of this university is credited to their dedication." The Vice Chancellor encouraged teachers to adopt modern teaching methods and technology to keep pace with today's changing educational landscape.

GST Rationalised at Last

For years, questions have been raised over the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime and its complicated rate structure. While the tax was introduced with the promise of a simplified, uniform and rational system, it quickly became a web of multiple slabs that confused taxpayers, burdened consumers and limited its effectiveness. Essential goods and services continued to be taxed at unreasonably high rates and governments of the day showed little urgency in correcting these distortions. The result was simple: common people ended up paying much more than what was fair on necessities.

Now, after years of criticism, the government has finally acted, announcing sweeping changes in GST rates. The move, described as a "huge relief" for the public, marks one of the most significant overhauls since GST's inception. While the opposition has dismissed it as "too little, too late," the timing and scale of the changes cannot be ignored. For the first time, the slabs of 12% and 28% have been abolished, with only two primary rates—5% and 18%—left in place. On the face of it, this rationalisation is a bold attempt to simplify the system and make it more consumer-friendly.

The biggest relief comes in the form of reduced taxes on everyday essentials. Food items, dairy products, medicines, oil, ghee, dry fruits and chapati—things that constitute daily consumption—have been placed in the 5% slab. Some life-saving medicines and life insurance have been made completely tax-free. This alone has the potential to significantly reduce household expenditure and lower inflationary pressure on the middle class and poor. For years, consumer advocacy groups had argued that taxing such items heavily was irrational and unfair and the new structure finally addresses that.

On the other hand, electronic goods such as air conditioners, projectors and televisions will now attract 18% GST. This appears to strike a balance—these are not essential goods, but neither are they luxuries that only the rich can afford. By placing them in the 18% category, the government ensures moderate taxation without discouraging consumption completely.

Perhaps the most controversial decision is the imposition of a steep 40% GST on luxury cars, pan masala, gutkha, cigarettes and caffeinated drinks. This is both a revenue measure and a moral signal. These are either high-value indulgences or products that harm public health. By heavily taxing them, the government not only boosts revenue but also attempts to regulate consumption. Critics may argue that this could lead to smuggling or black-market activity, but such sin taxes are globally accepted as a necessary evil.

The underlying intent of these changes is clear: to boost the economy by easing the burden on a large section of consumers. Economics teaches us that demand is driven by affordability. When goods become cheaper, more people buy them, increasing market demand. In turn, this pushes up production and generates employment. A reduction in GST on essential goods can therefore have a multiplier effect, not only reducing inflation but also energising industrial output and supply chains. In today's global context, with challenges like US tariffs affecting India's exports, boosting domestic demand is both timely and necessary.

From the Editorial Desk

Food connects us beyond nutrition

National Nutrition Week is celebrated from September 1-7



Pushpamma Mathew



Every year, National Nutrition Week offers an opportunity to reflect on the importance of healthy eating and the choices we make when it comes to our diet. "Food Connects Us," is a powerful reminder that food is more than just fuel - it's a universal thread that ties individuals, families, and cultures together across time and place.

Food is a powerful way to build connections-

India 's food culture is a vibrant mosaic of culinary traditions that reflects the country 's deep -rooted diversity and ethnic legacy. To the snowy mountains of the Himalayas in the north to the sea and backwaters of Kerala, India's geography and history have given rise to a rich tapestry of Flavours, ingredients, and cooking techniques.

Food as a Cultural Bridge

Food is one of the most basic human needs, yet it is also a complex expression of identity, tradition, and heritage. Whether it's a grandmother's homemade soup passed down through generations or a festive dish shared during a cultural holiday, food carries stories. It reminds us of who we are and where we come from.

Across the globe, traditional meals reflect geography, history, and cultural beliefs. Sharing meals allows people from different backgrounds to learn about each other's values and customs. Through food, we build bridges, start conversations, and deepen understanding.

Food and Family Bonds

At home, food is often the centrepiece of connection. Families gather around dinner tables, not just to eat, but to share moments of their day, discuss life, and build relationships. From preparing a meal together to simply sitting down for a snack, these daily rituals strengthen family ties.

Parents also use food to pass on values and habits to their children. Teaching kids to cook or involving them in grocery shopping encourages healthier food choices and fosters a sense of responsibility and connection. When families eat together, research shows children are more likely to maintain a nutritious diet, perform better in school, and have improved emotional well-being. Adequate intake of all essential nutrients through well formulated balanced diet is needed to maintain good health. Nutrition plays an important role right from the baby's presence in the mother's womb till she/he reaches to the old age

.Nutrition as a Unifying Goal

In addition to cultural and familial connections, food also unites us in a shared goal - achieving good health. National Nutrition Week is the perfect time to highlight how food choices affect our bodies, energy, and long-term well-being. Making informed decisions about what we eat can prevent chronic diseases, boost immunity, and support mental health. Initiatives like community gardens, being vocal for local foods, local farmers' markets, and school lunch programs help ensure access to nutritious food, especially in underserved areas. These efforts not only improve health outcomes but also foster a sense of collective care and responsibility.

Mindful Eating in a Fast-Paced World

In today's busy world, we often eat on the go, distracted by screens or tight schedules. National Nutrition Week encourages us to slow down and practice mindful eating - paying attention to what we eat, how we eat, and why we eat. Being mindful helps us connect with our food and listen to our body's cues.

By choosing seasonal ingredients, exploring new healthy cooking recipes, healthy cooking method like steaming , boiling , sautéing and roasting or sharing a homemade nutritious meal with a friend, we bring intention and joy back into healthy eating with the healthy food . Food becomes a celebration of life and a way to honour our bodies and those we care about.

As we celebrate National Nutrition Week under the theme "Food Connects Us", let's remember that healthy eating is not a solitary journey - it's a community effort for a disease free life!Food has the unique power to connect us - across cultures, generations, and communities. It brings joy, nurtures health, and reminds us of our shared humanity. This month let's not just think about what we eat, but how food brings us together.

(Author is Chief Dietician, TMH. Views are personal.)

ISI's Bangladesh blueprint: Jamaat and Hefazat push country towards Talibanisation

The enforced regime change in Bangladesh was meant to take the country in the right direction. However, under the leadership of Muhammad Yunus, almost everything, including human rights and women's rights, seems to be on a downward trajectory.

Until the COVID-19 pandemic, the country was making gains in terms of economic development. Moreover, the country had also offered social stability. Yunus, who has been labelled by many as a puppet of the Jamaat-e-Islami, has fallen for the Pakistan trap. Intelligence agencies had said that the ISI wants Bangladesh to return to the pre-1971 era.

In a very short span of time, that has been taking place. There is scant regard for women's rights, and the protection of the minorities is a foregone conclusion. With radical Islamist groups controlled by the Jamaat calling the shots, a Taliban styled moral policing is fast taking over. Women who are dressed immodestly are being shamed in public. There have been instances of women being assaulted for not dressing properly.

One of the groups that is leading the implementation of the Taliban styled regime is the Hefazat-e-Islam (HeI). It wants the women to be subdued and has been opposing all proposals that speak about women's rights. The HeI has made it clear that men and women cannot be equal. It has taken out protest marches opposing the reforms recommended by the Women's Affairs Reform Commission.



The reforms it has been opposing are the recommendation to criminalise marital rape, ensure the equal rights of women regardless of their religion, ethnicity and class, provide for equal parental rights for women, protect women's rights to inheritance, increase women's parliamentary representation, protect the rights of the sex workers, build a gender based violence free society and empower women through education and skill development.

The HeI has long pushed to Talibanise Bangladesh and ensure that women are not equal to men. Owing allegiance to the ISI and Jamaat, it has made its anti-India stance clear. In 2021, members of the HeI clashed with Awami League supporters who were trying to prevent a protest against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. They wanted to wave slippers at the Indian PM, but clashes broke out with the then-ruling party, Awami League, who tried to prevent the same.

Indian agencies say that since the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government, the rise of the HeI has been rapid. The outfit, which had gradually turned moderate a few years back, is now as radical as ever. While the Yunus government has tried on some occasions to push for reforms, the Jamaat has unleashed the HeI against the same.

While the HeI has denied any link with the Jamaat, the allegation is that the outfit's primary intention is to derail the International Crimes Tribunal for the war crimes committed in 1971.

The HeI appears to have a pattern and sends out confusing signals to the security agencies. Maulana Habibur Rehman, a madrasa principal of Sylhet and one of the organisers of the HeI's May 5, 2013, protests, had claimed that he met with Osama Bin Laden and members of the Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islami. However, some other HeI leaders have condemned Al-Qaeda and said that this outfit would never be successful in Bangladesh. This could be a ploy on the part of the HeI to avoid scrutiny and get banned.

The HeI was formed in 2010 to oppose the Sheikh Hasina government's Women's development policy, which promised equal rights to property for women. Today, with Hasina out of the picture, the outfit is back to its demands. This time, however, it has the complete backing of the Jamaat, which calls the shots in the ruling dispensation.

With the return of these hardliners and the Yunus government unable to control them, Bangladesh runs the risk of becoming a Talibanised state.

Close encounter of the SIR kind, but not quite

Since the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll was initiated by the Election Commission of India (ECI) in Bihar, it has been under attack by opposition parties.

There have been earlier instances of the poll body and the ruling party of the day facing brickbats for alleged collusion. There have been conspiracy charges, like the misuse of the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM), to favour the party in power. But this time, it is perhaps the fiercest battle ever witnessed.

In preliminary hearings, the Supreme Court declined to stay the SIR but suggested that the ECI accept a broader range of identity proofs to allay disenfranchisement fears.

The Apex Court flagged a trust deficit between the ECI and political parties over SIR's tight deadlines and documentation norms. The Supreme Court also remarked on political parties not helping voters excluded from the draft electoral rolls.

he hearing is currently underway.

An almost similar narrative is rendered in a book which takes a look at the poll process in India.



'The Power of the Ballot: Travail and Triumph in the Elections' mentions an incident where the names of aliens were alleged to be present in the electoral rolls. District collectors, write authors Anil Maheshwari and Vipul Maheshwari, had been directed to determine if any person was or was not a foreigner for this purpose.

On September 9, 1994, the ECI directed electoral registration officers to identify and declare the names of foreign nationals and delete them from the electoral rolls.

In a throwback to the recent controversy, an extensive exercise was taken up in 39 polling station areas of Greater Bombay, and as many as 1.67 lakh persons were called upon by the police to produce documentary evidence in support of their Indian citizenship. The High Court upheld these processes.

However, the Supreme Court later found that the names of a large number of persons were being deleted without giving those persons adequate opportunity to present their cases and without disclosing the evidence on the basis of which these deletions had been carried out, say the authors.

It was observed that the time given to people to prove their citizenship was short and that the kinds of documents that were being accepted as evidence were very limited. Those who were called to give such evidence were often uneducated and poor.

The Supreme Court, after taking into consideration a set of guidelines provided by electoral registration officers, issued its own guidelines to be followed in the matter of enrolment and deletion of names of persons suspected to be foreign nationals.

In the end, says the chapter on electoral rolls, all proceedings initiated against suspected foreign nationals were struck down, and it was directed that fresh initiation of such proceedings ought to be undertaken while following the issued guidelines.

The directive issued by the ECI by which certain kinds of documents were made inadmissible as evidence for proving citizenship was struck down, according to the book.

From VAT era to GST 2.0

In the pre-GST era (VAT), there were no uniform tax rates, and states imposed additional levies like entry tax, undermining harmonisation.

There was no consistency in tax returns, audits, or penalties across states, causing compliance burdens. Weak input tax credit provisions enabled misuse, while a lack of central oversight allowed evasion.

Double taxation with service tax, frequent rate changes, and differential structures created distortions. Therefore, GST was brought in 2017, after convincing the states.

GST marked its 8th anniversary on July 1, 2025, achieving its vision of 'One Nation, One Tax'. It unified India into a single market, streamlined interstate trade, and removed multiple layers of cascading taxes.

A recent Deloitte survey concluded that 85 per cent of respondents, including MSMEs, are happy with the GST implementation.

The system simplified tax structures, made industry more competitive, and directly benefited citizens through



uniform rates across the nation and unified procedures for compliance and enforcement.

The GST taxpayer base grew from 66.5 lakh in 2017 to 1.51 crore in 2025, indicating greater formalisation of the economy.

FY 2024-25 saw gross GST collections of Rs 22.08 lakh crore, doubling in just four years and growing at a CAGR of over 18 per cent.

Rising collections and active taxpayers reflect growing compliance, improved systems, and the strength of India's economy. Average revenue in this fiscal year is Rs 2,04,500 crore compared to Rs 82,000 crore in FY 2017-18.

The GST 2.0 reforms will prioritise easing the lives of citizens, supporting economic growth sectors, and simplifying structures for businesses.

This means kick-starting a fresh virtuous cycle of stimulating growth and reinvigorating key economic sectors, which will ultimately result in lower prices for consumers and higher revenue for the government.

The 56th meeting of the GST Council on Wednesday approved reforms with a multi-sectoral and multi-thematic focus on improving the lives of all citizens and ensuring ease of doing business for all, including small traders and businessmen. The rate rationalisation was okayed with a focus on the common man, labour-intensive Industries, farmers and agriculture, health, which are key drivers of the economy, the Finance Ministry said.

"Exemption of GST on all individual life insurance policies, whether term life, ULIP or endowment policies and reinsurance thereof to make insurance affordable for the common man and increase the insurance coverage in the country," the ministry added.

GST 2.0 set to unlock volume growth for FMCG sector



New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) The fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector stands at the cusp of a structural reset as the GST Council has rolled out GST 2.0, with the reform simplifying the existing four-tier structure into two slabs - 5 per cent and 18 per cent - with a 40 per cent rate reserved for sin and luxury goods, a report said on Friday.

"For FMCG companies, the reform is set to unlock volume growth, strengthen rural penetration, and enhance profitability-reshaping the sector's growth trajectory in the years ahead," Axis Securities said on Friday.

The new slabs, effective from September 22, with the timing calibrated ahead of the festive season, are expected to spur affordability and lift consumption.

Beyond the rate cuts, GST 2.0 is designed to streamline compliance, reduce litigation, and improve ease of doing business, creating a more transparent and predictable tax regime, the report stated.

GST on staples such as milk, paneer, and Indian breads has been cut to nil from 5 per cent. Packaged foods such as namkeen, bhujia, noodles, biscuits, pastry, chocolates, juices, and personal care items such as toothpaste, shampoos, soaps, hair oil, now attract only 5 per cent GST as compared to the current 12-18 per cent tax slab.

"This is expected to lift consumption across both rural and urban markets, benefitting players from our coverage like Britannia, Nestle, Colgate, HUL and Dabur, as well as non-coverage players like Bikaji, Marico, and Emami," the report highlighted.

GST 2.0 is a landmark pro-consumption reform, with its timing ahead of the festive season poised to bolster consumer sentiment and drive discretionary spending.

While near-term fiscal trade-offs for the government exist, the longer-term multiplier effect on consumption, compliance, and capacity expansion makes this reform a structural positive for India's growth trajectory, the report highlighted.

GST reform biggest since Independence, Cong made tall promises but did nothing in 10-year rule : Piyush Goyal



New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal on Friday hailed the latest reforms in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) structure as "the biggest economic reform since Independence," crediting Prime Minister Narendra Modi for fulfilling a long-awaited vision to simplify India's tax system.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi, Goyal said the revised GST rates - set to come into effect from September 22, the first day of Navratri - mark a transformative moment for the country.

"India's economy is reaching new heights with these changes. Perhaps for the first time since 1947, such comprehensive reforms have been made in the country's tax structure. This is a huge relief for consumers and a gift to our youth, women, farmers, shopkeepers, MSMEs and big businesses," he said.

The Union Minister underlined that the reform reflects PM Modi's "vision and courage" to implement what former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had once envisaged - merging 30 to 35 taxes and levies into a single tax system.

"From 2017 onwards, the Prime Minister has consistently reduced rates whenever possible. Every state, including those ruled by opposition parties, came together to decide on slabs and implement the reform," he added.

Listing the benefits, Goyal noted that the prices of essential and widely used items - including scooters, motorcycles, clothes, shoes, glasses, food products, farm produce, health insurance, medical devices, medicines, televisions, refrigerators and air-conditioners - would come down.

He stressed that lower taxes would boost investment, encourage consumption and create employment. Taking aim at the previous UPA government, Goyal said India's financial condition in 2014 was "very bad" after 10 years of Congress rule, marked by corruption and lack of reform.

"They promised much but delivered nothing. The burden of paperwork and taxes before 2014 has been continuously decreasing since the introduction of GST in 2017," he asserted.

Stock market ends flat; auto shares surge as IT and FMCG decline



Mumbai, Sep 5 (IANS) The Indian equity indices ended flat after a volatile session on Friday as investors showed a mixed approach amid weak global cues.

Sensex closed at 80,710.76, down 7.25 points or 0.01 per cent. The 30-share index started the session with a positive note at 81,012.42 against last session's closing of 80,718.01. The index, however, remained volatile amid buying in automobile stocks and selling pressure in the IT and FMCG shares. It hit an intra-day high and low at 81,036.56 and 80,321.19, respectively.

Nifty ended the session at 24,741.0, up 6.70 points or 0.03 per cent.

"Indian equities ended flat but sentiment stayed mildly positive as key indices rebounded from intraday lows on buying at support levels. The auto sector continued to extend gains on expectations of a demand revival," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited.

Broader markets outperformed, with strong mid- and small-cap participation as domestic investors rotated into value and growth opportunities beyond large caps. Global cues also lent support, with US and Asian markets trading higher ahead of the US jobs report, a key trigger for Fed rate cut expectations, he added.

Mahindra and Mahindra, Maruti, PowerGrid, Bharti Airtel, Tata Motors, Eternal, Bajaj FinServ, Tata Steel, Sun Pharma, and Axis Bank were the top gainers among the Sensex stocks.

GST overhaul a significant shift toward consumption-led growth



New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) The Goods and Services Tax (GST) overhaul, which comes into effect from September 22, is a significant shift aimed at stimulating growth through consumption-led strategies, especially as indirect taxes are regressive in nature, a report said on Friday.

"The loss to the exchequer is estimated at 0.14 per cent of GDP, with states possibly taking a larger hit. However, with the compensation cess ceasing to exist (nearly 0.5 per cent of GDP), there is a de facto demand boost for the economy, even as that revenue was not allowed to be used for fiscal budgetary flows," Emkay said in a report.

According to Emkay, this strengthens the long-standing sectoral rotation theme of 'consumption over capex'.

"Similarly, such tax changes would add over 0.6 per cent of GDP to domestic demand on an annualised basis and should boost (mass) consumption in FMCG, consumer durables, autos, and similar sectors," the report stated.

The government estimates GST changes-led net revenue loss of Rs 480 billion (0.14 per cent of GDP), with gross revenue loss at Rs 930 billion, while the new category of sin/luxury tax would provide additional revenue of Rs 450 billion, the report noted.

Static calculations have been made using the FY24 consumption basket as the base. This would ease some of the fiscal slippage fear in the bond market.

The report estimated that some buffers may be available in the form of higher non-tax revenue, helped by higher RBI and PSU dividends as well as possible divestment in IDBI and public sector banks' (PSBs') stake sales.

The GST rationalisation, which was approved by the GST Council, will lead to a shift toward a dual-slab structure from September 22. The 5 per cent and 18 per cent GST slab, replacing the current 4-tier structure, along with a 40 per cent slab for luxury and sin goods (mostly intoxicants).

Samsung unveils new Bespoke AI washer dryer range

Patna/Ranchi, Sept 5 : Electronics giant Samsung has launched its latest Bespoke AI Washer Dryer (12 kg wash / 7 kg dry), designed to meet the needs of modern Indian families. The all-in-one machine combines washing and drying, offering a space-saving solution ideal for large households as well as compact urban homes.

A recent consumer study by Samsung India highlighted a rising demand for washer dryers, as they protect clothes from dust and germs while eliminating the hassle of drying in all seasons. The new range caters to families that regularly wash larger loads of laundry and have limited drying space.

The washer dryer comes equipped with a "No-Load Transfer" feature, enabling users to move clothes directly from the machine to the drying rack with ease. Whether in summer, winter, or monsoon, the appliance ensures seamless washing and drying year-round.

Its advanced AI Wash technology uses five-step sensing to detect the weight, softness, and dirt levels of fabrics, automatically adjusting the water and detergent levels for optimal cleaning while minimizing waste. The Auto Dispense system** further enhances convenience by releasing the precise amount of detergent and softener required for each wash and can store up to a month's supply, reducing the need for frequent refills.

With AI Control, the machine learns user habits and provides tailored recommendations, making laundry care smarter and simpler. The AI Energy feature helps reduce energy consumption by up to 70%, while the Digital Inverter+ WPS AI ensures higher efficiency, quieter operation, and long-lasting performance.

Backed by a 20-year warranty, the new washer dryer also includes a SuperSpeed mode, capable of cleaning a full load in just 39 minutes, delivering powerful yet fabric-friendly washing.

SVPI Airport sets up integrated cargo terminal to boost Gujarat's export logistics



Ahmedabad, Sep 5 (IANS) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) Airport has set up a state-of-the-art Integrated Cargo Terminal (ICT) with over 20,000 square metres of operational area and enhanced capacity to handle cargo up to 200,000 metric tonnes (MT) annually, according to a company statement on Friday.

This represents a significant step up in scale and efficiency, replacing the existing set-up with a capacity of 50,000 MT per year.

The ICT at SVPI Airport aims to bring efficiency and improve reliability of cargo movement, enabling faster, more dependable cargo processing and will cater to its broader catchment areas across Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.

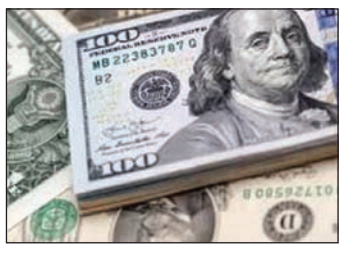
The facility upholds standards, with comprehensive CCTV, controlled access, and robust screening technology.

"Innovations such as Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) at truck gates, Handheld Terminal (HHT) operations, and barcode tracking ensure real-time visibility for stakeholders, setting a new standard for supply chain technology in the region," the statement read. A dedicated cold-chain zone has been created to preserve product integrity, while advanced features - such as high dock counts, ball transfer decking and automated equipment - would boost efficiency during peak periods.

The ICT integrates world-class infrastructure with digital processes as a state-of-the-art platform.

Reflecting Gujarat's dynamic industrial mix, the ICT handles a broad spectrum of cargo, including e-commerce, automotive parts, pharmaceuticals, valuables, and perishables. Internationally, top exports include engineering goods, garments, pharmaceuticals, and chemicals. The terminal is prepared to manage emerging sectors and high-value cargo such as temperature-controlled shipments, electronic components, oversized equipment, live animals, and fast-moving e-commerce consignments to support the state's growth.

India's forex reserves surge by $ 3.51 billion to $694.23 billion



Mumbai, Sep 5 (IANS) India's foreign exchange reserves rose by $3.51 billion to $694.23 billion for the week ended August 29, data released by the RBI on Friday showed.

Foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, increased by $1.69 billion to $583.94 billion during the week. Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound, and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

The gold component of the forex reserves increased by $1.77 billion to $86.77 billion at the end of the week. Central banks worldwide have accumulated substantial amounts of gold as a safe-haven asset in their foreign exchange reserves amid uncertainty created by geopolitical tensions. The share of gold maintained by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as part of its foreign exchange reserves has almost doubled since 2021.

The special drawing rights in the forex kitty stood at $18.78 billion, up $40 million.

An increase in the country's foreign exchange kitty gives the RBI more headroom to strengthen the rupee vis-à-vis the US dollar. Adequate forex reserves enable the RBI to intervene in the spot and forward currency markets by releasing more dollars to prevent the rupee from going into a free fall and curbing its volatility.

India's foreign exchange reserves are sufficient to fund more than 11 months of goods imports and about 96 per cent of external debt outstanding, RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said recently.

SpiceJet swings to Rs 234 crore loss in Q1, revenues fall over 34 pc



Mumbai, Sep 5 (IANS) Budget airline SpiceJet on Friday slipped into the red in the April-June quarter (Q1) of FY26, reporting a consolidated net loss of Rs 234 crore compared to a net profit of Rs 158 crore in the same period previous financial year (Q1 FY25).

The sharp decline came as revenues from operations dropped 34.4 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to Rs 1,120 crore from Rs 1,708 crore, according to its stock exchange filing.

The airline said the losses were mainly due to costs linked to grounded aircraft and expenses for bringing them back into service.

It also pointed to geopolitical tensions with a neighbouring country and airspace restrictions in key markets, which hit leisure travel demand.

Despite the loss, SpiceJet highlighted that its financial position has improved. The airline's net worth turned positive at Rs 446 crore during the quarter, reversing the deficit of Rs 2,398 crore reported in Q1 FY25.

Operationally, SpiceJet recorded a passenger load factor of 86 per cent, while passenger revenue per available seat kilometre stood at Rs 4.74.

The company also said it finalised a restructuring deal with Carlyle Aviation Management Limited for lease obligations worth $121.18 million.

In addition, it has secured lease agreements for 10 Boeing 737 aircraft, set to join its fleet from October, and is in talks for further inductions of both narrow-body and wide-body aircraft during the winter season.

Onam festival: 991 tonnes of ghee, 1.19 crore litres of milk sold in Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram, Sep 5 (IANS) The Kerala Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (KCMMF), better known as Milma, has posted record sales this Onam season, led by surging demand for ghee and steady growth in milk and curd.

Between August 1 and 31, Milma sold 863.92 tonnes of ghee, a 30 per cent increase from 663.74 tonnes last year.

Contempt of court case filed against ex-Cong MLA Purnima Singh

Dhanbad, Sept 5: A contempt of court case has been filed against Cong' ex-Jharia MLA Purnima Singh for publicly expressing her dissatisfaction on judgement of court on her husband Neeraj Singh murder case.

The lawyer Waquar Ahmed in his petition has alleged that ex-MLA Purnima Singh on September 1 evening took out candle march from district Board ground to Randhir Vema Chowk in protest against court's judgement. Waqar Ahmed said that Purnima Singh while talking with media persons alleged that where mistake took place in judgement only court can say but the judge should increase power of his eye glass. She also alleged that it is not ' Nyaypalikaalbeit it is Anyaypalika

" Since she publicly defamed court and its judge, cases under BNS Section 267 and CrPC Section 356 have been filed against her on September4. Special judge of Dhanbad MP-MLA court on August 27 absolved all 10 accused including former BJP MLA Sanjiv Singh from murder charges of Neeraj Singh ex- deputy mayor of Dhanbad in lack if evidence.

Neeraj Singh and three others gun down by unknown assailants on March 21, 2017 . After 8 years of trial court absolved all accused from charges. In protest against decision of MP-MLA cour Purnima Singh took out candle march in city and alleged that sshe did not get fair ruling from court while talking media persons. Had she any objection on judgement, she should have moved high court under Section 374. But she openly challenged the court and defamed it which can't be tolerated for dignity of court as well as learned judge", said Waqar Ahmed.

The complainant lawyer said that since has been public servant she sould not have been criticised judiciary openly on social platform.

JITA meets MSME joint director, expresses concern on GST proposal



Dhanbad Sept 5: A delegation of the Jharkhand Industries and Trade Association (JITA) met Joint Director and Head of Department (HOD) of the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Indrajit Yadav and expressed concern over GST council recommendation on coal products.

On his arrival in Dhanbad a JITA delegation under president Amitesh Sahay and general secretary Rajiv Sharma raised several serious issues related to the industrial sector before joint director Yadav

The delegation pointed out that the recent amendments made by the GST Council in the GST rates on coal products have caused deep concern and dissatisfaction in the MSME sector. Industrialists said this will increase costs and make operations even more difficult for small and medium enterprises.

In addition, the representatives also informed that many units are in crisis as hard coke-based industries are not receiving coal supply under the FSA (Fuel Supply Agreement).

The Industrialists urged the ministry to take cognizance of this matter and take steps to restore FSA supplies.

On this occasionjoint director listened seriously to the issues raised by the industrialists and assured that necessary initiatives would be taken at the appropriate level.

Present on the occasion were Amitesh Sahay, president of JITA; Rajiv Sharma, general secretary of JITA; Himanshu Mittal; Vibanshu Agrawal; Vivek Singh;, Krishan Kumar; and Sujit Kumar, deputy director of MSME were members of delegztion.

Indians can get Singapore PR for about Rs.15,000. Here's how to apply

Singapore, Sep 5 : Thinking about making Singapore your permanent home? Check your eligibility and understand the complete application process for becoming a Singapore Permanent Resident.

Indians Can Get Singapore PR For About Rs15,000. Here's How To Apply

Here is everything you need to know about becoming a permanent resident in Singapore.

Singapore has long been a favourite destination for Indians aiming to build careers, raise families, or enjoy a high standard of living. With its strong economy, modern infrastructure, and multicultural society, it appeals to those considering permanent residency (PR). A PR status allows foreigners to live, work, and study in Singapore without reapplying for visas. Individuals aged 15 and above who are granted PR receive a blue Singapore Identity Card. To travel abroad and return while keeping their status active, PRs also need a valid re-entry permit.

The Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) evaluates applications based on family ties, economic contribution, education, age, length of residency, and ability to integrate into society.

Benefits Of Singapore PR

Holding PR in Singapore offers multiple advantages:

Live, work, and travel in and out of Singapore without reapplying for visas.

Spouse and unmarried children under 21 can be included in the PR application. Children have high priority in public school admissions.

Parents can be sponsored for long-term visit passes.

Flexibility to change jobs without reapplying for work permits.

Access to the Central Provident Fund (CPF) pension scheme, covering retirement, housing, and healthcare.

Higher priority for housing loans. PRs can also buy resale HDB flats.

Eligibility to apply for citizenship after a few years of residence.

Ability to start businesses and access government grants.

Access to both public and private healthcare.



Who Can Apply For Singapore PR

Foreigners, including Indians, may qualify for PR if they are:

Spouse of a Singapore citizen or PR

Unmarried child (below 21 years) of a citizen or PR

Aged parent of a citizen

Holder of an Employment Pass or S Pass

Student who has passed a national exam or is in the Integrated Programme (IP)

Foreign investor in Singapore

Application Process For Singapore PR

Applications are submitted online through the ICA e-Service using a Singpass account. Approval for Singpass usually takes 2 to 5 working days. All declarations must be reviewed and completed before submission.

Document Checklist For Singapore PR Application

Applicants must provide original documents and English translations where required. Key categories include:

Personal Documents:

Recent passport-size photo (400x514 pixels, white background)

Passport or travel document

Birth certificate

Marriage certificate (if applicable)

Deed poll or religious certificate (if name changed)

Family Documents:

Divorce or custody papers (if applicable)

Death certificate of spouse/children (if applicable)

Letter of consent from ex-spouse for minor applicants under joint custody

Education Documents:

Certificates, transcripts, skill/professional licences

Employment Documents:

Employer letter (dated within last 3 months, with salary details)

Last 6 months' payslips

Last 3 years' income tax assessments

For self-employed: business registration certificate, balance sheets, profit and loss statements

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Fees For Singapore PR Application

Application: SGD 100 (approx Rs 6,800) per applicant

Entry Permit: SGD 20 (approx Rs 1,370)

Re-Entry Permit (5 years): SGD 50 (approx Rs 3,400)

Singapore Identity Card: SGD 50 (approx Rs 3,400).

Hardik Pandya, Krunal Pandya transferred....: Coach reveals how duo funded his sister's wedding

Mumbai, Sep 5 : The Pandya brothers, Hardik and Krunal, continue to dominate the headlines with their performances on-the-field. They are now winning hearts for their warm gesture for childhood coach.

Jitendra Singh, the coach of Hardik Pandya and Krunal Pandya, has revealed that the two star India all-rounders continue to support him and treat him like a family member. Speaking to the Times of India, Jitendra revealed that the Pandya brothers have provided financial assistance of nearly Rs 70-80 lakhs to him. Hardik and Krunal, who continue to dominate the headlines with their performances on-the-field, are now winning hearts for their warm gesture for their coach off it.

Jitendra revealed that the two ensured that his first sister's wedding took place, and also helped him buy a car by offering financial help.

"Hardik and Krunal ensured that my first sister's wedding took place smoothly in 2018, stepping up with monetary assistance. Not only this, they also transferred Rs 20 lakhs for purchasing a car, along with other gifts, during my second sister's marriage in February 2024," he said.



"Hardik further gifted me a car which cost Rs 5-6 lakhs after returning from India's 2015-16 tour of Australia, which marked his first appearance with the national team, despite not being financially strong. I was caught by surprise and wasn't agreeable initially. Even Krunal attempted to convince me. However, I eventually relented after Hardik said, 'We are giving you a car for your safety. You shouldn't suffer an accident while driving a bike'. That was his way of acknowledging a coach who'd always been there when needed," added Jitendra.

Jitendra also recalled what Hardik told him before his sister's wedding got fixed.

"Your sister is my sister. Just let me know whenever the wedding gets fixed. Don't worry. Just ensure that all things go well', taking care of all the requirements," revealed Jitendra.

Speaking further on the warm side of Hardik's personality, he also revealed: "I didn't mention the issue to Hardik to avoid any distractions. However, he figured out that there was something amiss after returning to Baroda and questioned me. I eventually opened up. After hearing about my mother's ill health, Hardik simply said, 'Please take all my money and make sure she recovers'. This was the first instance of their generosity and showcases our relationship."

Shenaz Treasury finally watches Messi play live in Argentinaafter Dubai airport e-visa chaos

Mumbai, Sep 5 : Shenaz Treasury was seen celebrating at Plate Stadium in Buenos Aires as she geared up to watch the match live Former actor and travel blogger Shenaz Treasury is having the time of her life in Buenos Aires, Argentina, just days after a stressful e-visa experience at Dubai airport.

The whirlwind journey to Argentina - one filled with both travel hiccups and the excitement of watching her all-time favourite, Lionel Messi - has been documented by Shenaz through snippets shared with her Insta fam.

Shenaz Treasury's At Argentina Match

The Ishq Vishk actor took to Instagram to share a short video capturing the eclectic energy of the River Plate Stadium in Buenos Aires. She captioned her story: "live action from tonight". Wearing a No.10 jersey and waving the national flag, Shenaz looked thrilled to watch the match live.

Embracing the local atmosphere with enthusiasm, Shenaz had previously expressed her

excitement about watching Lionel Messi play. She revealed it had always been her dream, finally realized that night. In one story, Shenaz wrote: "It's been on my bucket list to watch Messi play and it's supposed to be his last match. So 2025 is the year! Tomorrow I will see you live from the stadium."

Shenaz Treasury's Dubai Ordeal

The journey to see her favourite player wasn't easy. It began in Dubai, where she had a distressing experience at the airport en route to Buenos Aires.

Despite holding a valid e-visa, Shenaz was denied boarding because she didn't have a printed copy. She recounted how she rushed nearly a kilometer back to the lounge only to find the printer wasn't working. With the flight about to close, she broke down in tears and "created a scene" before officials finally let her board.

Once aboard the 23-hour trek - via Dubai and a refueling stop in Rio de Janeiro - Shenaz finally boarded a 3-hour flight to Buenos Aires, where she was seen "smiling again".

Ranbir Kapoor-Katrina Kaif's viral Ibiza pictures were leaked by someone very close to them: paparazzo

New Delhi, Sep 5 : Back in 2013, pictures of Ranbir Kapoor and Katrina Kaif relaxing on a beach in Ibiza went viral. They were reportedly dating but had not yet confirmed their relationship. The leaked pictures sparked widespread discussion about the privacy of celebrities. Recently, popular paparazzo Manav Manglani confirmed that the photos were not taken by paparazzi or tourists.

What's Happening

Manav Manglani, one of the most successful names in the world of paparazzi photographers, recently spoke about revealing several Bollywood romances on Kunickaa Sadanand's podcast.

He said that he never deletes images or videos, as they are bound to emerge sooner or later.

Manav explained, "Aaj nahi toh kal niklega hi niklega, ghar pe thodi affair karne waala hai (The photos will come out sooner or later; it's not like they're going to lock themselves inside the house). It's not a one-night fling, is it? But these are the pictures that go viral the most... The last leak was Ranbir and Katrina on that beach. That was a long time ago."



When Kunickaa expressed surprise that the pictures were leaked, Manav said, "That was leaked by someone very close to them..."

He also added that he doesn't know exactly who revealed it.

Manav Manglani further shared that he was the first to photograph Vicky Kaushal and Katrina Kaif together when they were leaving a Diwali party once. He also captured pictures of Aditya Roy Kapur and Ananya Panday during their dating phase.

About Ranbir Kapoor And Katrina Kaif's Leaked Pictures

Ranbir Kapoor and Katrina Kaif expressed great disappointment when their Ibiza pictures were leaked online. Katrina had even written an open letter, acknowledging the public interest in celebrities' personal lives; however, she emphasised that this was a breach of trust.

The incident sparked widespread debates on paparazzi culture and raised questions about how far the media should go and whether they know their boundaries when covering celebrities' lives.

In A Nutshell

Manav Manglani recently revealed that the much-talked-about pictures of Katrina Kaif and Ranbir Kapoor from their Ibiza holiday were leaked by someone "close to them." The paparazzo also added that he does not know who exactly was responsible.

Meet Anjana Krishna, IPS officer berated in viral call with Ajit Pawar

Mumbai, Sep 5 : An investigation into the allegations of illegal excavation for road construction in Solapur brought IPS officer Anjana Krishna at loggerheads with Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar.

A video of their heated exchange over a phone call has gone viral. In the clip, Mr Pawar is heard telling the officer, "I am the Deputy Chief Minister speaking. Stop the action. Should I take action against you? Do you have so much daring?"

The officer failed to recognise Ajit Pawar's voice, prompting the Deputy CM to admonish her.

Who Is IPS Officer Anjana Krishna?

Anjana Krishna V.S. is currently serving as Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) in Karmala, Solapur district. Known for her integrity and sharpness, she belongs to the 2022 IPS batch, having secured an All India Rank of 355 in the UPSC Civil Services Examination, according to reports.

Born in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, Anjana comes from a modest



background. Her father runs a textile business, while her mother is employed as a typist in the local court. She studied at St Mary's Central School in Thiruvananthapuram's Poojappura suburb before pursuing a B.Sc. in Mathematics at NSS College, Neeramankara. Determined to join the civil services, she prepared for the UPSC and succeeded in her goal of entering the Indian Police Service.

Until recently, Anjana Krishna was largely unknown outside her professional circle. But the viral video of her exchange with Ajit Pawar has catapulted her into the spotlight.

The Clash In Solapur

According to reports, Anjana Krishna was overseeing action against unauthorised excavation in Kurdu village on August 31, when an NCP worker, Baba Jagtap, called Ajit Pawar and handed over the phone to her. On the line, Pawar instructed her to stop the operation, citing the ongoing Maratha agitation in Mumbai and the tense atmosphere.

Unfazed, the officer replied, "Please call me on my number."

This reportedly infuriated Mr Pawar, who told her, "Should I take action against you? Do you have so much daring? Give me your number, I am making a video call. You'll recognise me on video call, won't you?"

Congr consultations in Chaibasa gain pace for new district president selection

Mail News Service



Chaibasa, Sept 5: As part of the organization creation campaign being carried out by the Congress across the country, activities have gained momentum in West Singhbhum district. On Friday, consultation meetings were held regarding the selection of the new District Congress President. One meeting took place at Forest Dak Bungalow under the chairmanship of Goilkera Block Congress President Sona Ram Kodah and Sonuwa leader Rahul Purti of Manoharpur Assembly constituency. Under the chairmanship of Manoharpur Block Congress President Sita Ram Gop and Anandpur Block Congress President Vijay Bhengra.

A large number of Congress leaders and workers participated in these meetings and expressed their opinions on the qualities and priorities needed for the new District President. The consultations were attended by former Madhya Pradesh minister and AICC-appointed observer Sajjan Singh Verma, Simdega MLA Bhushan Bada, and Mahila Congress State President Gunjan Singh.

Addressing the meeting, Sajjan Singh Verma said that strengthening the organization requires direct dialogue with local leaders and workers. For this purpose, visits to various blocks of West Singhbhum are being made. He added that the Congress aims to prepare leadership that can raise the voice of the common people. He assured the participants that the selection of the District President will be carried out in a completely transparent manner, with maximum weightage given to the opinions of grassroots workers. MLA Bhushan Bada, who is also serving as supervisor, said that representation of every section of society must be ensured through the reorganization. "It is essential that dedicated, energetic and visionary workers get the opportunity to lead," he said.

State Mahila Congress President Gunjan Singh remarked that the new organizational structure would bring fresh energy into the party. "With a strong organization, the message of Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi will reach every household and every village," she said. Those present at the meeting included District Congress President Chandrashekhar Das, former working president Amber Rai Chaudhary, Bharat Jodo Yatri Deenbandhu Boypai, Zilla Parishad member Jai Prakash Mahato, senior leaders Arun Nag, Ashok Singh, Jai Prakash Sharma, Youth Congress State Vice President Saurabh Agarwal, Social Media Chairman Ravi Kachhap, along with several block-level leaders, mukhiyas, and grassroots workers. The consultations concluded with a pledge to strengthen the party's base in West Singhbhum. (W-pb)

Lunar eclipse on Sunday; Baba Dham rituals to be suspended



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Ranchi Sep 5: A lunar eclipse will occur on September 7 (Sunday) during Bhadrapada Purnima. As per calculations, the eclipse will begin at 9:56 pm and end at 1:28 am. The sutak period, considered inauspicious, will start at 12:19 pm the same day.

In line with religious traditions and astrological practices, the famous Baba Baidyanath Dham temple in Deoghar will close ritual offerings earlier than usual. Devotees will be allowed to perform jal arpan only until 6 pm. After that, no rituals or special worship will take place until purification is performed post-eclipse.

Authorities have urged devotees to strictly follow the schedule. "We appeal to all pilgrims to cooperate during the eclipse period and maintain peace and order in Baba Dham," officials said. Regular worship will resume once the temple is ritually purified. (W-nkm)

Bhoomi Pujan conducted for 32nd Durga Puja Pandal at Baliguma

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Jamshedpur, Sep 5: The Shree Shree Sarvajanik Durga Puja Committee, organized by Thakur Jai Mangal Singh Club, conducted Bhoomi Pujan for its 32nd Durga Puja Pandal at Baliguma. The rituals were performed with traditional mantras by Pandit D. Mishra in the presence of club president Rajesh Singh and other members.

This year's pandal will feature an open structure with elaborate LED lighting arrangements to enhance its grandeur. The committee has also announced that free bhog will be distributed on Maha Ashtami and Maha Navami. "We want devotees to feel both spiritually enriched and culturally entertained," said one of the organizers.

Members present included Dilip, Dharmendra, Anil, Kashi Prasad, Durgesh, Lal Bahadur, Narayan, Neeraj, Chhotu, Shakti, Kumud, Yash, and Amit.

Heated argument at MGM Hospital alleging negligence

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Jamshedpur, Sept 5: A ruckus broke out in the emergency department of MGM Hospital located at Dimna Chowk in Mango, Jamshedpur.

After a young woman Tanzeer Khan from Mango complained of dizziness, her family brought her to the hospital for treatment. But shortly after reaching the emergency, her condition worsened and she fell on the ground.

After initial investigation, the doctors on duty said that the patient's condition is not serious and she needs to be shown to the OPD. Angered by this, the family raised the question that if the condition was normal then what was the point of bringing her to the emergency. There was a heated debate between the family and the doctors regarding this matter.

The situation became so tense that some doctors left their duty. Seeing the situation deteriorating, the Home Guard jawans deployed on the spot intervened and calmed the matter. Later the doctors rejoined duty.

On getting information about the incident, hospital superintendent Dr. RK Mandhan and deputy superintendent Dr. Nakul Prasad Chaudhary immediately reached the spot. Dr. Mandhan said that when he got information that the doctor was not present in the emergency, he immediately reached there. But the family members spoke to him in harsh words. The superintendent said that treatment is not possible in such a state of anger.

At the same time, the patient's family members alleged that the behavior of the doctors was not good.

Even after asking repeatedly, correct information was not being given and the doctors' voice was also loud. Due to this, they got angry and finally took the patient out of the hospital. On Thursday, orders have been given to investigate this matter. Action will be taken in the matter after investigation. (W-rg)

Dinesh secures fifth consecutive win in TSDPL Union Election

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Jamshedpur, Sep 5: In a decisive victory, Dinesh Kumar, former BJP district president, won the Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited (TSDPL) Union election for the fifth consecutive term. Since first winning in 2012, he has held positions including Vice President, Deputy President, and Committee Member, consistently earning the trust of workers.

Expressing gratitude, Kumar said, "This win belongs to the workers. I will always stand with them in every circumstance." He credited past successes, including securing permanent jobs for 84 contract workers and negotiating a favourable grade revision that improved workers' financial and social standing.

Union President Rakeshwar Pandey emphasized that efforts are underway to revise the new grade pending for 23 months. Kumar defeated his rival Satish, reaffirming his stronghold in union politics and reputation as a leader who prioritizes workers' welfare.

Irvine Adventist School observes Teachers' Day with cultural events

Ghatshila, Sept 5: Irvine Adventist School celebrated Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm on Thursday. The program began with lamp lighting by the school's director, Samuel Jogendra Hembram, who in his address emphasized India's tradition of honoring teachers above all. Remembering the legacy of former President Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, he said that Teachers' Day is celebrated on September 5 in recognition of his contributions as a scholar and educator. Students presented colorful cultural performances, showcasing their talents and expressing gratitude to their teachers. School Principal Jeorge Ranjit Hembrom praised the efforts of the children in putting together the program. The event was attended by School Secretary Dina Mary Hembrom, Administrator Suresh Singh Chauhan, Marwin Tudu, Smt. Jenel P. Tudu, Medha Hembrom, along with teachers and non-teaching staff, who all joined in the celebrations.

Munda community celebrates Karma Festival with rituals and music

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Chaibasa, Sep 5: The tribal Munda community of West Singhbhum celebrated Karma Puja with great enthusiasm on September 3. The rituals were led by the community's Diwri, who narrated the sacred tale of King Harishchandra and Karma Raja. Devotees, both men and women, listened with folded hands before performing the traditional prayers. The celebrations continued with soulful Munda songs and rhythmic beats of the Mandar drum, as the community danced late into the night. A vigil was observed, followed by the emotional immersion of the sacred Karama branches and Idni (Java) queen in the river the next morning. "We bid farewell with the promise to welcome Karma Raja again next year with full devotion," said community elder Gopal Nag. Several community leaders, including former municipal chairperson Neela Nag, Ashok Nag, Ranjit Solanki, and many others, attended the event, which drew a large crowd of men, women, and youth.

BJP leader hails GST cut as festive gift



Seraikela, Sept 5: BJP leader and General Secretary Sumit Chaudhary hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to reduce GST slabs as a Durga Puja and Diwali gift to the nation. He said that this move will not only help curb inflation but also provide direct economic relief to the common people. Chaudhary highlighted that making tax zero on essential items like reading material, agricultural goods, milk, and curd would strengthen India's economy. He further stated that the GST cut will offset international tariff pressures, including those imposed by the US, and help India move toward becoming a global economic power. Chaudhary praised PM Modi's leadership, expressing confidence that the country will emerge as a strong economic force in the coming years under his guidance.

Satish Mukhi registers big win in TSDPL Union Election

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Jamshedpur, Sep 5: In a surprise result, Satish Mukhi secured a major victory in the TSDPL Employees Union election, defeating incumbent Deputy President Sanjeev Singh for the Committee Member post. Mukhi received 33 votes, the highest in his constituency, while Singh and Chandra Bhushan Singh tied with 17 each. A draw declared Chandra Bhushan Singh as the second winner.

Mukhi, who had lost by just one vote in the previous election, staged a strong comeback this year. His victory is being viewed as a boost for Dalit representation in union politics. "This win is not just mine but of the community's faith and resilience," Mukhi remarked after the results. His father, Hari Mukhi, was a senior Congress leader and contested twice from Jugsalai Assembly. Observers say Satish Mukhi's win reflects his rising influence in union politics.

Karam festival concludes with traditional dance in Jadugora

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Jadugora, Sept 5: The Karam festival concluded on Thursday in Jadugora with rhythmic drumbeats, group dances, and devotional songs. Villagers of Urav Tola, North Panchayat, carried the sacred Karama branches in a colorful procession for immersion at UCIL Dam.

"We pray to Karam Raja for happiness and prosperity in our lives," said community leader Ravi Urav, who led the immersion along with Bahadur and Simon Urav. For years, the Urav community of Inchada has organized this festival with full devotion.

According to local belief, worshipping Karam brings prosperity and well-being. The festival ended with emotional farewells as villagers promised to celebrate again next year with equal zeal.

HWT organizes mega blood donation camp on Eid Milad-un-Nabi

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, Sept 5:: Marking the occasion of Jashne Eid Milad-un-Nabi, the Human Welfare Trust organized a mega blood donation camp at Azad Marriage Hall, where 151 units of blood were collected. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, including from women donors who came forward in large numbers to contribute.

Jharkhand Government's Education Secretary, Seva Nirmit Nandkishore Lal, graced the event as the chief guest and motivated the donors, appreciating their spirit of service. Several dignitaries including Asif Mehmood, Dr. Riyaz, Javed Akhtar Khan, Maqsood Alam, Udit Agarwal, Dr. Jahanzeb, Dr. Faizan, Dr. Abhiba, and Dr. Sarfaraz attended the camp as special guests.

All guests were warmly welcomed with floral bouquets, while each blood donor was honored with certificates and mementos in recognition of their contribution.

The event was successfully organized with the active involvement and support of community members including Syed Asif Akhtar, Mateen ul Haq Ansari, Mukhtar Alam Khan, Shahid Parvez, Razi Naushad, Haji Aziz Hasnain, Haji Jameel Ajgar, Aftab Alam, Syed Sajid Parvez, Sohail Akhtar Ansari, Dr. Tahir Hussain, Masoom Khan, Master Siddiqui Ali, Shariq Anwar, Mohammad Moinuddin Ansari, Azad Ansari, Firoz Alam, and Haji Ayyub Ali.

Rs 1.5 Lakh looted from ration shop in Sakchi

Jamshedpur Sep 5: A major theft took place in Kashidih under Sakchi police station late Thursday night, where unidentified criminals targeted a ration shop. The thieves escaped with around Rs 1.5 lakh worth of cash and goods, including Rs 70,000 in cash and a large stock of dry fruits. Shop owner Sumit Kumar Agarwal said the thieves broke into the store by forcing open an old and weak door. The incident came to light when he opened the shop in the morning and discovered the loss. Police were immediately informed and a team reached the spot to begin investigations. Authorities are reviewing CCTV footage from the area to identify the culprits. "We are keeping a close watch on known suspects, and the case will be solved soon," said the Sakchi police in-charge.

Local residents expressed concern over increasing criminal activities in the area and demanded stronger night patrolling. "Anti-social elements have been active here for some time. If police increase patrols, such incidents can be prevented," said one resident.

Police have assured the public that the culprits will be arrested soon. However, the incident has once again raised questions about the city's security arrangements.

Manipal ranks 3rd in NIRF, MTMC shines as key constituent

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Jamshedpur, Sep 5: Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), an Institution of Eminence (IoE) and Deemed-to-be University, has achieved a historic milestone by securing the 3rd position in the "University" category of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) India Rankings 2025. This is the first time that a private institution has entered the top three in this category, marking a significant achievement in Indian higher education.

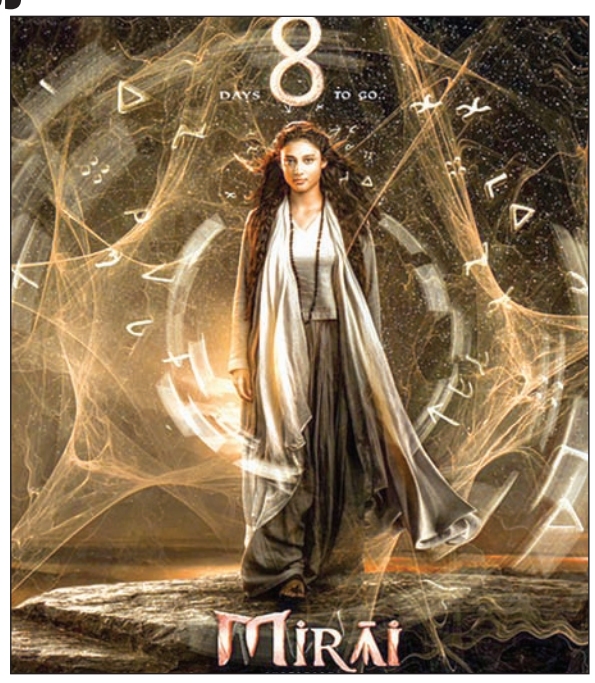
MAHE's rise to the 3rd rank is attributed to its comprehensive excellence across various parameters, particularly its research output and academic performance. Several of its constituent colleges also performed well in their respective categories, reinforcing the institution's reputation for quality education.

One of its key constituent institutions is Manipal Tata Medical College (MTMC) in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, established in 2020 through a unique private-private partnership between MAHE and Tata Steel. Recognized by the National Medical Commission (NMC), MTMC offers an MBBS program with an annual intake of 150 students. Clinical training is conducted at Tata Main Hospital (TMH), which serves a large patient base, giving students extensive hands-on exposure.



Spread across a 20-acre modern campus in Baridih, MTMC is equipped with digital classrooms, advanced simulation labs, an e-library, and Wi-Fi-enabled hostels. The curriculum emphasizes case-based learning, early clinical exposure, and mentorship, integrating theory with practical experience. The college also provides sports facilities and a supportive academic environment to encourage holistic development. (W-mb)

Ritika Nayak plays Vibha in Teja Sajja-starrer 'Mirai'



Chennai, Sep 5 (IANS) The makers of director Karthik Gattamaneni's eagerly awaited pan Indian film, 'Mirai', featuring actor Teja Sajja in the lead, on Thursday disclosed Vibha as the name of the character that actress Ritika Nayak plays in the film.

Taking to its X timeline, People Media Factory, the production house producing the film wrote, "Her silence is a weapon, and her wisdom is a wrath. Meet 'Vibha' aka @RitikaNayak_ bringing her serene yet powerful presence to the big screens. 8 DAYS TO GO. #MIRAI GRAND RELEASE WORLDWIDE ON 12th SEPTEMBER. Superhero @tejasajja123. Rocking Star @HeroManoj1."

The film has triggered huge expectations among both fans and film buffs.

Ahana S. Kumra on 'Rise & Fall': Facing off with Arjun Bijlani is only the beginning



Mumbai, Sep 5 (IANS) Actress Aahana S Kumra, who has officially entered Rise & Fall as a contestant, said that her face off with Arjun Bijlani in the show is only the beginning.

A new video of the show captures a fiery face-off between Arjun and Aahana, packed with quick jabs, playful digs, and a clear message.

Speaking about stepping into the reality arena, Aahana said: “I’ve hosted a reality show before, but participating in one is a journey I’m looking forward to, and Rise & Fall presented itself as the perfect opportunity to take on a new adventure.”

She shared that the show is going to keep the audiences on edge as it's unpredictable.

“The narrative of the show is raw, unpredictable, and will keep fans on the edge as the twists and turns unfold. Facing off with Arjun Bijlani is only the beginning, I look forward to challenging the participants and enjoying the view from the penthouse while the workers hustle in the basement,” she added.

From September 6, 16 celebrities will be thrown into two extreme worlds – the lavish penthouse of the Rulers and the bare-basics basement of the Workers.

The Rulers bask in luxury inside a lavish penthouse, while the Workers grind in a bare-basics basement, fighting tooth and nail to rise to the top. Between broken trust, shifting alliances, and shocking revelations, the real drama begins when those below rise and those above fall.

The show draws from an internationally celebrated concept and gives it an Indian flavour. It is hosted by Ashneer Grover, who is known for his unfiltered opinions and sharp insights.

The contestants of the show will share the same space for 42 days. It features 16 celebrities from different walks of life including Bollywood, music, politics, entrepreneurship, and social media.

Contestants who will be seen in the show include names such as Arjun Bijlani, Dhanashree Verma, Kubbra Sait, Nayandeep Rakshit and Kiku Sharda among twelve other celebrity players from a mix of different industries.

Produced by Banijay Asia, Rise and Fall has been licensed through All3Media International and was originally created by Studio Lambert in the UK. The show is set to drop on September 6, 2025 on Amazon MX Player.

Hrithik Roshan lauds close friend Saba Azad for 'Songs of Paradise': “Tears filled me up, I love you”

Mumbai Sept 5 (IANS) Actress Saba Azad is currently riding high on the success of her latest project, ‘Song of Paradise’. Azad now has another reason to smile and feel all the more good, because this time around the one who has praised her is none other than her boyfriend and Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan!

The actor took to social media to share a few stills of Saba from the movie.

He captioned it as, “The genuine praise I'm hearing all around for the makers, technicians and artists associated with Songs Of Paradise is truly heartening. I watched this movie in its rough form many months ago, and I remember being touched to my core. Tears that filled me up with such deep love especially for the character of Zeba.”

He added, “The humongous applause this movie is getting today has restored my infallible faith in the universe. You get what you deserve. And you @sabazad for the incredible artiste you are, for the exquisite art you create, deserve all the applause coming your way.. I have seen your struggle, the helplessness, the frustrations, the agony that so many amazing artistes suffer from - of



craving the basic right to opportunity that genuine talent deserves in a business that demands "followers" before the "actor". Which is why today I feel the lightness of unbridled joy watching you get what you deserve. And you my love deserve the world and more. This performance goes down as my top 10 performances ever.

Hrithik ended the post with an endearing confession that read, “Rock on baby My heart is full. I love you.”

Recently, in an exclusive conversation with IANS, Saba said the music of ‘Song of Paradise’ contributed to her growth as a musician. “My listening vocabulary is a lot wider than just the kind of music I make. So, growing up, my parents actually exposed us to all sorts of music. There was folk, there was Indian classical, western classical, and of course, you know, rock and roll legends and other such. But I was deeply appreciative of the music in the film because I didn't know about this music. I, in all honesty, didn't know about Kashmiri music outside of the Santoor, which are known as Kashmiri instruments”.

She further added, “So, this was an education for me. You know, I really got to learn a lot about Kashmiri music and I was delighted. I'm really thankful to Danish (the director) for kind of exposing me to the world of Raj Begum and her music.

Health

Uganda's mpox cases hit 8,001 as infections decline



Kampala, Sep 5 (IANS) The cumulative number of confirmed mpox cases in Uganda has hit 8,001, with 50 deaths reported as the East African country registers a decline in new infections, the Ministry of Health said.

A total of 15 new infections and two deaths were recorded in the past 24 hours, the ministry said in a national situation report issued here.

The ministry noted that there has been an overall decline in the weekly incident cases, which declared a mpox outbreak in August 2024.

"For the first time since October 2024, fewer than 100 incident cases have been reported each week for six consecutive epidemiological weeks," the report said.

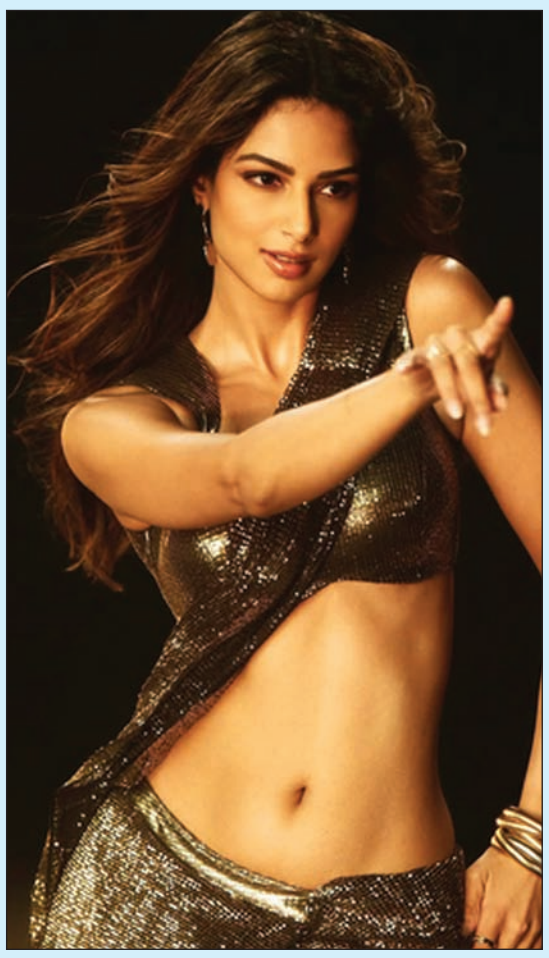
To date, 120 out of the 146 districts have reported at least one case since the beginning of the outbreak and 40 districts reported new cases in the past 21 days, according to the ministry.

"Cumulatively, 50 deaths have occurred among confirmed cases, with 46 per cent of whom were coinfected with HIV," the report said. The health authorities continue with vaccination campaigns targeting high-risk populations, surveillance, case management, and public awareness initiatives to curb the spread of the virus, Xinhua news agency reported.

Mpox, also known as monkeypox, is a viral infectious disease that spreads through close contact. Symptoms include fever, swollen lymph nodes, sore throat, muscle aches, skin rash, and back pain. Mpox spreads from person to person mainly through close contact with someone who has mpox, including members of a household. Close contact includes skin-to-skin and mouth-to-mouth or mouth-to-skin contact, and it can also include being face-to-face with someone who has mpox (such as talking or breathing close to one another, which can generate infectious respiratory particles). People with multiple sexual partners are at higher risk of acquiring mpox.

People can also contract mpox from contaminated objects such as clothing or linen, through needle injuries in health care, or in community settings such as tattoo parlours.

Harnaaz Sandhu calls ‘Marjaana’ from ‘Baaghi 4’ a demanding experience



Mumbai, Sep 5 (IANS) Actress Harnaaz Sandhu, who is awaiting the release of her upcoming action film ‘Baaghi 4’, has spoken up on the latest song ‘Marjaana’ from the film. The actress called the song a very demanding experience as she had to speak through her eyes.

In the film, the former Miss Universe essays the role of Alisha, and layers the song with raw emotion and vulnerability, proving once again why she’s emerging as the complete heroine package of Bollywood. The visuals feature Tiger Shroff’s character being broken and wounded, and battling heartache as he mourns Alisha by her tombstone. Harnaaz floats in like a vision, fragile yet mesmerizing.In fleeting glimpses, Harnaaz channels shades of pain and longing. Vulnerable and hurt in moments, radiant in flashbacks—whether dancing in a fiery red dress or walking down the aisle in an exquisite white gown, she embodies the extremes of love’s beauty and tragedy.

Sharing her experience of working on the song, Harnaaz told IANS, "Shooting for ‘Marjaana’ was one of the most emotionally demanding experiences I’ve had so far. Unlike the other songs in Baaghi 4, this one wasn’t about dance or glamour, it was about stillness, about silence, about letting the ache show in my eyes”.

She further mentioned, “There was a lot to learn and explore as I was embodying Alisha both as a memory and a woman going through a trial. It is thrilling to experience how powerful cinema can be while depicting the tough moments of life. Marjaana gave me space to be vulnerable, and I hope that honesty connects with the audience the way it connected with me while shooting”.

Shilpa Shetty on SRK: Long before world called him King Khan, he believed he was a king

Mumbai, Sep 5 (IANS) Actress Shilpa Shetty has spoken about Shah Rukh Khan and said that the best thing about the Bollywood superstar is that long before the world called him King Khan, he believed he was a “king.”

The actress, who is seen as a judge on the dance-based reality show “Super Dancer Chapter 5” was blown away by a contestant named Sukriti, who set the stage on fire with her breathtaking performance on Shah Rukh Khan’s hit song “Sachi Yeh Kahani Hai” from the movie “Kabhi Haan Kabhi Naa”.

Comparing Sukriti’s confidence to Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan, Shilpa said: “The best thing about Shah Rukh Khan is that long before the world called him King Khan, he believed he was a king.”

“That unshakable confidence in himself made others believe it too. And that’s the power of self-belief: it makes the world see you the way you see yourself.”

Shilpa said that she sees the same



fire in the contestant.

The actress said: “She believes she’s a queen, and just like one, she rules the stage the moment she steps on. She owns the stage.”

Talking about Kabhi Haan Kabhi Naa, the 1993 coming-of-age comedy drama film is directed by Kundan Shah, starring Shah Rukh Khan and Deepak Tijori. It also featured Suchitra Krishnamurthy and Naseeruddin Shah.

Shah Rukh Khan has bought the rights to the film under his banner, Red Chillies Entertainment.The film was remade in Telugu as Swapnalokam with Jagapathi Babu and Raasi in the cast.

“Super Dancer Chapter 5” airs on Sony Entertainment Television and SonyLIV.

On the acting front, Shilpa was last seen in “Sukhee”, a humorous slice-of-life tale It told the story of Sukhee, who relives her teenage years while experiencing a variety of things over the course of just seven days, emerging reignited, reborn, and making the hardest shift of her life. She will next be seen in KD: The Devil, a Kannada action drama film directed by Prem. The film stars Dhruva Sarja in the titular role, alongside Sanjay Dutt, Shilpa Shetty, V. Ravichandran, Ramesh Aravind, Reeshma Nanaiah and Nora Fatehi.

Rochelle Rao expresses how her 1st year of motherhood felt like

Mumbai Sep 5 (IANS) Actor Keith Sequeira and Rochelle Rao have been busy as bees with their new roles as parents. Rochelle and Keith's daughter turned a year old recently, and the doting mother took to her social media account to express what one year of motherhood felt like.

Rochelle expressed what it felt like “when she finally stopped trying to be perfect”. Through a carousel of posts, Rochelle stated that when they stopped trying to be perfect, she allowed “sand in their eyes”, “forgot to put on pants”, “ate a few rose petals”, “put feet on the table” and “had a time of their lives”.

She shared a few cute photos of herself along with her little baby girl. Rochelle, on the 4th of September, took to her social media account to share her experience of being a mother to her baby.

She captioned it as, “#ayearasjojosmom Just wondering if any other moms out there felt the way I did for the first year of their Child’s life? Like



everyone else got to play and have fun with her while you were always using that time to get things done around the house and at work, because if the baby was “happy” it meant she didn’t need you…”

The couple had announced their pregnancy through a beautiful social media post in 2023. announced big news with a new addition to their family.

They wrote, "We stood on this same beach 5 years ago and vowed to spend the rest of our lives together; today we watch the sun rise on the horizon as this new phase dawns in our lives.

Chunky Panday calls daughter Ananya Panday’s ‘glam’ a ‘comedy show’

Mumbai, Sep 5 (IANS) Bollywood actress Ananya Panday gave fans a glimpse of her glam look in a new video but with a dollop of humour as her actor-father Chunky Panday quipped her glam session looked like a “comedy show.”

Ananya took to Instagram, where she shared a video of her dressing up. In the clip, the actress could be heard asking her father about his thoughts on her hair and Chunky replied “it’s like a comedy show.”

The video also featured the actress all dolled up and wearing a dress made out of pearls as she posed for a photo-shoot in the luxe ensemble.

She captioned the post: “Not my dad saying my glam is looking like a comedy show… Is anyone into pearl shaking ASMR .. this video is for you. It’s the chaos for me obsessed w the the dress (sic).”

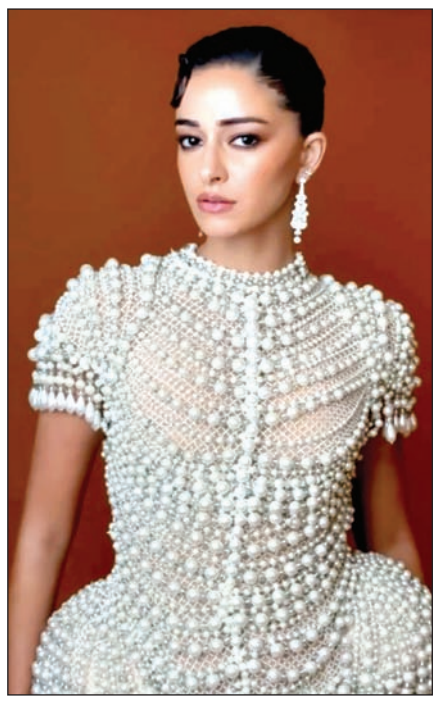
Ananya shared the same video on her stories section and captioned it as “Chaaaaaotic.”

On the acting front, Ananya will be seen in “Chand Mera Dil” with Lakshya Lalwani and ‘Tu Meri Main Tera, Main Tera Tu Meri’ alongside Kartik Aaryan.

The actress had earlier spoke to IANS about the films and said that she hopes that the audiences connect with her through the film in their own way.

“Yes, I’m super excited! Both films let me explore very different sides of myself, and I can’t wait for audiences to see them and hopefully connect with them in their own way,” Ananya told IANS, when asked about the two films.

“Chand Mera Dil”, which was announced last year in November, is a



passionate love story. The film is directed by Vivek Soni, who has previously made “Meenakshi Sundareshwar”, starring Sanya Malhotra and Abhimanyu Dassani in 2021.

Talking about his upcoming film, ‘Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri’, it also features Jackie Shroff, Neena Gupta and others in pivotal roles.

The upcoming film marks Kartik and Ananya's second on-screen collaboration after their 2019 release ‘Pati Patni Aur Woh’, a remake of the 1978 film of the same name, which also stars Bhumi Pednekar and Aparshakti Khurana.

BCCI hikes Team India jersey sponsorship rates after Dream11's exit

Mumbai, Sep 5 (IANS): Sponsoring the Indian cricket team is set to get costlier with the BCCI raising the amount to Rs 3.5 crore per match for a bilateral series and Rs 1.5 crore for a game in a multilateral event.



According to a report in Cricbuzz, these figures will apply in competitions sanctioned and organised by the ICC and Asian Cricket Council (ACC).

Citing industry sources, the report added that these figures are slightly higher than the current rates of Rs 3.17 crore for bilateral games and Rs 1.12 crore for multilateral matches.

The development comes in the wake of Dream11's exit as jersey sponsor, which was triggered by the government's Online Gaming Act, 2025.

Following the government's recent Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025, the BCCI promptly cancelled the contract of the Indian team's lead sponsor, Dream11.

With this revision, which will come into effect only after the end of the upcoming Asia Cup, the BCCI could potentially earn over 400 crore rupees, though the final figure may be higher depending on the bidding outcome.

The BCCI on Tuesday invited bids for the Indian team's title sponsorship rights after fantasy sports giants Dream11's pullout and barred companies dealing in real money gaming and crypto currency from the process due to a government ban on such entities.

The Indian team will be without a title sponsor in the Asia Cup starting September 9 in the UAE as the Board has set September 16 as the last date to submit bids.

Dream 11 recently shut down its real money games due to the 'Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act 2025', which states that "no person shall offer any, aid, abet, induce, indulge, engage in offering online money gaming services nor shall involve in any advertisement which directly or indirectly promotes any person to play any online money game".

Duleep Trophy: Jagadeesan's 197 powers South Zone to 536, Central Zone in control

Bengaluru, Sep 5 (IANS): Run-making continued to dominate on the second day of the Duleep Trophy semifinals at the BCCI Centre of Excellence grounds on Friday, with South Zone piling up a massive first-innings total against North Zone while Central Zone's top order made strong progress in reply to West Zone's 438.



For South Zone, Narayan Jagadeesan was the star of the day with a sparkling knock of 197. The opener, who looked set for a double century, anchored the innings from the start and played with authority, striking boundaries across the park. He eventually fell just three runs short of a landmark, but by then he had set up South for a commanding total of 536. His effort was supported by Ricky Bhui and Tanay Thyagarajan, who chipped in with half-centuries to frustrate the opposition bowlers.

The day was particularly tough for North Zone's attack. Pacers struggled to find much movement or penetration, leaving the bulk of the work to spinner Nishant Sindhu. The youngster, who was part of India's victorious 2022 Under-19 World Cup squad, sent down as many as 48 overs and finished with a hard-earned five-wicket haul (5/125). Anshul Kamboj, who recently made his Test debut against England, claimed two wickets, but the rest of the attack found little success as South marched past the 500-run mark.

In the other semifinal, Central Zone gave themselves a chance of staying level with West Zone thanks to solid top-order batting. Chasing 438, openers Danish Malewar and Ayush Pandey gave them a strong platform with a 93-run stand. Malewar, fresh from his double hundred in the quarterfinals, continued his rich form with a fluent 76 off 136 balls, showcasing his temperament and precise footwork. Pandey struck a brisk 40 before falling in the morning session.

Malewar's dismissal, caught behind off left-arm spinner Dharmendra Jadeja, brought Shubham Sharma to the crease. The experienced right-hander played a cautious knock, weathering testing spells from the spinners to reach his half-century off 118 deliveries. He was unbeaten on 60 at stumps, with captain Rajat Patidar alongside him on 47. The pair added 69 runs for the third wicket, steering Central to 229 for two by close of play.

US Open: Anisimova sets final clash with Sabalenka with SF win over Osaka

New York, Sep 5 (IANS) Amanda Anisimova continued her breakout season with another statement victory, edging past Naomi Osaka to book her place in the US Open final.

Just two months after reaching her first Grand Slam final at Wimbledon, the American rallied from a set down to defeat the four-time major champion 6-7(4), 7-6(3), 6-3 in a thrilling contest that stretched just under three hours inside Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Anisimova's win was historic, making her the first player to ever beat Osaka in a major semifinal. The match saw both players trade breaks relentlessly through the opening two sets before Anisimova steadied herself in the decisive stages. Osaka dominated the first-set tiebreak, but the 27-year-old American hit back in the second, racing through her own breaker to level the match, as per WTA.

"Naomi is playing amazing tennis," Anisimova said after the match. "She's back where she belongs, and I told her I'm so proud of her. After having a baby, to be playing at this level -- it's insane. She was really giving me a run for the final, and I wasn't sure I'd make it past the finish line.

"This tournament means so much to me, and I think that was really getting to me. In the end, I was just trying to fight my way through and enjoy the moment. We were both playing some amazing tennis, and sometimes I was like, 'How are we making these shots?' But we were -- and we just kept going."

US Open: Yuki Bhambri's dream run ends with semifinal loss

New York, Sep 5 (IANS) India's Yuki Bhambri and his partner Michael Venus of New Zealand lost to British duo Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski in the US Open men's doubles semifinal, bringing their dream run to an end.

Bhambri and Venus, who only just teamed up this summer after success with others, suffered 7-6(7-2), 6-7(5-8), 4-6 loss in the thrilling semifinal against the British duo.

Bhambri, who playing her maiden Grand Slam semifinal, was the last remaining Indian challenge at this year's US Open. Anirudh Chandrasekar and Vijay Sundar Prashanth's run came to an end with a 6-4, 6-3 defeat to Brazil's Fernando Romboli and Australia's John-Patrick Smith.

Earlier, Indian veteran Rohan Bopanna and his partner Romain Arneodo of Monaco crashed out in the opening round on Saturday. Arjun Kadhe and his partner, Diego Hidalgo of Ecuador, also made a first-round exit.

NZ great Ross Taylor comes out of retirement to play for Samoa

New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) Former New Zealand legend and ICC World Test Championship winner Ross Taylor has come out of retirement to represent Samoa at the upcoming Asia-East Asia-Pacific T20 World Cup 2026 Qualifier in Oman in a bid for the nation's maiden men's global event qualification. Taylor was included in the Samoa squad named on Friday morning, the final step in Samoa's path to ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026. The Asia-East Asia-Pacific T20 World Cup 2026 Qualifier begins on October 8. "I'm proud to announce that I'll be pulling on the blue and representing Samoa in cricket. This is more than just a return to the game love it's the huge honour to represent my heritage, culture, villages, and family.

Haryana leads Indian contingent with 31 athletes for World Para Athletics Championships 2025

New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) India on Friday announced a strong and diverse contingent of para-athletes from across the country who have qualified for the World Para Athletics Championships 2025, set to take place at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi, from September 27 to October 5, 2025.



Led by star javelin thrower and two-time Paralympic gold medallist Sumit Antil, the team features a powerful blend of experienced medallists and emerging talent. The squad boasts illustrious names such as Praveen Kumar, Nishad Kumar, Hokato, Simran Sharma, Preeti Pal, Navdeep, Dharambir Nain, Pranav Soorma, and many more.

Paralympic gold medalist Dharambir Nain and double bronze medallist sprinter Preeti Pal have been honoured with the prestigious role of flag bearers for the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony.

The qualifiers represent a wide geographic spread, highlighting the growth of para athletics infrastructure and support nationwide. Haryana leads with 31 players, followed by Uttar Pradesh with 12 players, Gujarat with 5, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Uttarakhand with 4 each, Tamil Nadu 3 players, Telangana 2, and several other states-including Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Nagaland, Delhi, Punjab, Meghalaya, Andhra Pradesh, and Kerala-each contributing one athlete.

World Boxing C'ships: Sumit, Neeraj register contrasting wins as India continue winning momentum

Liverpool, Sep 5 (IANS) Sumit Kundu (men's 75kg) and Neeraj Phogat (women's 65kg) registered contrasting victories to advance to the pre-quarterfinals of their respective weight categories as Indian boxers continued to impress at the World Boxing Championship in Liverpool, UK, on Friday.



Sumit was rarely in any trouble throughout the three rounds against Jordan's Mohammad Alhussien in the men's 75kg first round to win 5:0, while Neeraj had to dig deep into her reserves to outlast Finland's Krista Kovalainen and eke out a 3:2 verdict.

India has fielded a 20-member strong contingent in the inaugural World Championships being held under the aegis of the World Boxing, a recently-formed international governing body for boxing, and is looking to continue building on its strong outings in the World Boxing Cup legs in Brazil and Kazakhstan.

Neeraj was first to take the ring on the second day of competition and was under pressure as the Finnish national champion, Kovalainen, mounted a strong comeback in the second round. But the Indian took the attack to her opponent in the third round and got four of the five judges to back her to win the bout and advance.

'Logical thing is I won't make it': Messi on playing in 2026 FIFA WC

New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) After what was Lionel Messi's final competitive match in Argentina in a 3-0 World Cup qualifying win over Venezuela at the Estadio Monumental in Buenos Aires, the all-time great was visibly emotional and said he does not think he will play in the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

Messi grabbed a brace in his final competitive game in his home nation and admitted he dreamt of signing off in this way.

"We'll see. There are so many emotions, I've experienced so many things on this field. It's always a joy to play in Argentina with our people. We've been enjoying match after match for many years. I'm very happy, being able to finish in this way here is what I always dreamed of.

"For many years, I have had the affection of Barcelona, and my dream was to have it here, too, in my country with my people. For many years, a lot of things were said, but well, I'll stay with all the good. All the good with the group that tried it couldn't get it and concentrate.

"Then, I was given it and some of the players in the roster and the past one. Everything we lived was beautiful. Today was the last one for points here," said Messi.

The Argentina skipper has represented the nation on 193 occasions and scored 112 goals in total. The Inter Miami star has captained the Albiceleste to the famous FIFA World Cup win in 2026 and two Copa America titles.

East Zone Sport Climbing C'ship to begin today

125 athletes to compete

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, September 5: The 29th East Zone Sport Climbing Championship 2025, will take place at the JRD Tata Sports Complex, Jamshedpur from 6th September to 8th September, 2025. TSAF and IMF East Zone will be collaborating for conducting the event. The event is supported by JCAPCPL and Tata Steel Foundation.



Over the next three days, around 125 athletes from Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand, and West Bengal will compete for top honors in this prestigious event. The championship promises an exciting display of skill, stamina and courage as young climbers push their limits on the wall. Kumar Gaurav and Babulal Rawat, Coaches at TSAF Sport Climbing Academy, and Raju Karmakar, Coach from Odisha TSAF Sport Climbing High Performance Centre, along with several grassroots coaches from TSAF Sport Climbing Academy, are serving as officials for this event. The competition will feature all three Olympic climbing formats - Lead, Speed, and Boulder. In Lead, climbers will attempt to reach the highest point on tall, challenging walls testing their strength and endurance. Speed will offer thrilling duels where athletes race against each other to the top in just seconds. Boulder, on the other hand, will showcase creativity and explosive power on short but technically complex routes. These gripping contests will not only crown zonal champions but also decide the athletes who qualify for the National Sport Climbing Championship, giving participants a chance to shine on the bigger stage.

Praveen Kumar has not applied for BCCI senior selection panel: Sources

New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) Former India pacer Praveen Kumar has not applied for a position in the BCCI senior men's selection panel, sources close to the bowler told IANS on Friday.



There were earlier reports suggesting that Praveen had applied for one of the two advertised spots in the Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee, whose application deadline ends on September 10.

Praveen, who represented India in six Tests, 68 ODIs and 10 T20Is between 2007 and 2012, picked up 112 international wickets. However, a top BCCI official also confirmed that the board has not received any application from him.

Since last year, Praveen has been serving as the chief selector of Uttar Pradesh senior men's team. As per the description put out by the BCCI, the new applicants for the senior men's selection committee must have been retired from playing cricket at least five years ago.

JFC youth players celebrate Teachers' Day with surprise gestures

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, September 5: Jamshedpur FC's youth team players marked Teachers' Day in a unique way, surprising coaches, academy staff, and club employees with heartfelt tokens of appreciation at the JRD Tata Sports Complex and the Tata Football Academy. The young footballers arrived with custom-made greeting cards featuring their photos and a short note about themselves, along with chocolates and cupcakes, bringing smiles to the faces of their mentors.



The celebration was a surprise visit planned by the players, who went around personally handing over the cards and sweets to JFC employees and administrative staff, before heading into TFA to honour their coaches and support staff. The gesture left the coaches moved, as the players expressed gratitude for their guidance and role in shaping their journeys, both on and off the pitch.

Alvin Khyriem, one of the youth team players, said, "We just wanted to say thank you in our own way. Our coaches and the JFC staff do so much for us every single day, and this was a small gesture from us to show our respect and love for them."

Adding to the festivities, the youth players took part in a special friendly football match against their coaches at the JRD ground, symbolising the bond of respect and learning between the two sides. The contest was played in great spirit, with plenty of laughter and camaraderie, reflecting the essence of Teachers' Day.

Kundan Chandra, Head of Youth Development at Jamshedpur FC, remarked, "It was a wonderful moment to see the boys take the initiative to honour their coaches and staff. The friendly match was the perfect way to celebrate Teachers' Day full of fun, learning, and the bond that keeps us all connected through football."

Tata Steel thrash Jharkhand Sporting Club 4-1

JFC Reserves held to 1-1 draw against BSLFA

JSA League

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Sept 5: Tata Steel stamped their authority in the Premier Division with a resounding 4-1 win over Jharkhand Sporting Club at Sumant Moolgaokar Stadium, Telco, on Friday. The victory was powered by goals from Sunil Lohar, Aashaman Hembram, Rahul Mukhi, and Vikash Nayak, while Jharkhand Sporting Club could only manage a late consolation through Sukhlal Hembram.

The match came alive in the 14th minute when Sunil Lohar broke the deadlock for Tata Steel. Just before halftime, Aashaman Hembram doubled the lead, giving Tata Steel a comfortable cushion. In the second half, Tata Steel showed their dominance as Rahul Mukhi struck in the 63rd minute, followed closely by Vikash Nayak's goal two minutes later, effectively sealing the contest. Jharkhand Sporting Club's misery deepened when Sakla Mardi was sent off in the 58th minute after receiving two yellow cards. Although Sukhlal Hembram pulled one back in the 78th minute, the contest was well beyond their reach.Meanwhile, at the JRD Tata Sports Complex, Jamshedpur FC Reserves were held to a hard-fought 1-1 draw by Babulal Soren Football Academy (BSLFA). Budhan Soren opened the scoring for BSLFA as early as the 6th minute, but JFC Reserves equalised before the break through Devjit Majumdar in the 42nd minute.



The second half was tense, marked by heavy tackles and multiple bookings. JFC's Mars Ningthoujam was sent off in the 55th minute for a second yellow card, leaving his side with ten men. Soon after, BSLFA also went down to ten when Budhan Soren was dismissed in the 60th minute. Despite chances at both ends, neither side could find the winner, and the points were shared.

Both matches showcased grit, intensity, and high drama, setting the stage for more exciting Premier Division action in Jamshedpur.

President Droupadi Murmu confers National Teachers Awards, lauds their contribution in nation-building



New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) On the occasion of Teachers' Day, President Droupadi Murmu felicitated 45 exceptional educators and conferred national awards on them at a special event held in the national capital's Vigyan Bhawan.

President Murmu hailed the teachers for transforming the classrooms and preparing the children to become capable and upright citizens of tomorrow.

Addressing the gathering, the President spoke about the importance of education in our lives and laid special emphasis on investing in girls' education, stating that this would be an invaluable investment in the building of our family, society and nation.

Notably, the awardee teachers, including 24 male and 21 female teachers from schools in metros, towns, and far-flung villages, were chosen through a rigorous three-stage selection process for their innovation and impact on student learning.

President Droupadi Murmu said that education is essential for a person's dignity and security, much like food, clothing and shelter.

"Education makes a person capable. Children from the poorest backgrounds can touch the skies of progress with the power of education. Affectionate and devoted teachers play the most important role in giving strength to the flight of children. The biggest reward for teachers is that their students remember them throughout their lives and make commendable contributions to the family, society and country," she said.

The President said that building the character of students is the primary duty of a teacher. Recalling her own time as a teacher, she described it as one of the most meaningful periods of her life and said that sensible teachers work to instil a sense of dignity and security in children.

"Sensitive, responsible and dedicated students who follow moral conduct are better than those students who are only interested in competition, bookish knowledge and selfishness. A good teacher has both emotions and intellect," she remarked.

The President made a special thrust on the education of girls, terming it a matter of utmost importance.

"By investing in girls' education, we make an invaluable investment in the building of our family, society and nation. She stated that providing the best possible education to girls is the most effective way to promote women-led development," she said.

The President further said, "Smart blackboards, smart classrooms and other modern facilities have their own importance. But the most important thing is smart teachers. Smart teachers are the teachers who understand the needs of their students' development. Smart teachers make the process of study interesting and effective with affection and sensitivity. Such teachers make students capable of fulfilling the needs of society and the nation."

Speaking on the significance of the National Education Policy (NEP), she said that it aims to make India a Global Knowledge Superpower. "For this, our teachers must be recognised as the best teachers in the world. Our institutions and teachers have to contribute actively in all three areas of education -- school education, higher education and skill education," she said.

EAM Jaishankar meets Bhutan PM Tobgay, hails unique and time-tested ties

New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar called on Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay in New Delhi on Friday, conveying greetings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and hailing the "unique and time-tested" partnership between the two nations.

Following their meeting, EAM Jaishankar in a post on X wrote, "Delighted to call on PM Tshering Tobgay of Bhutan this evening. Conveyed warm greetings of PM Narendra Modi. Our unique and time-tested partnership continues to move from strength to strength. Thanked him for his leadership and guidance."

Earlier in the day, Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, accompanied by his wife, Tashi Doma, visited the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple in Ayodhya and offered prayers to the Ram Lalla.

Bhutanese PM and his wife's visit to the Ram temple marks a historic first, as he is the first Prime Minister of any foreign nation to pay obeisance to Ram Lalla at the premises.

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal shared the photos of their visit to the sacred temple and termed the visit a 'historic first'. Tobgay, accompanied by his spouse, is on an official visit to India from September 3 to 6.

Tshering Tobgay and his wife stayed in the complex for about an hour and 40 minutes. They offered prayers at the temple, Ram Darbar, Hanumangarhi Temple and also visited temples of Kuber Teela, Jatayu and Sapta Mandapam. The duo also witnessed the ongoing construction.

While sharing the pictures on X, Jaiswal wrote, "In a historic first, PM Tshering Tobgay of Bhutan visited the Shri Ram Mandir at Ayodhya today."

Yamuna flood: Delhi CM Rekha Gupta reviews situation, orders prompt relief work

New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Friday directed officials to monitor the Yamuna water level round-the-clock and ensure prompt safety and relief work to help those hit by flood in low-lying areas.

After a meeting, the Chief Minister said on X, "Today, I held an online meeting with all the District Magistrates of Delhi to review the water level of the Yamuna and the situation of heavy rainfall."

"Clear instructions have been given to the officials that 24x7 monitoring should continue, there should be no laxity in relief work, and the safety of every Delhi resident should be the topmost priority. The entire government team is alert and fully prepared to deal with every situation," she wrote.

Two senior JD-U leaders join Jan Suraaj, Uday Singh targets Nitish Kumar

Patna, Sep 5 (IANS) In a fresh setback to the Janata Dal United (JD-U), two of its senior leaders, Dasai Chaudhary and Bhuvan Patel, along with their supporters, joined the Jan Suraaj Party on Friday.

An event was organised at the Sheikhpura House residence of the party's national president, Uday Singh, where both leaders were welcomed with the party's yellow scarf.

Addressing the media, Uday Singh launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, saying: "Nitish Kumar had once started walking on the right path with good people like them, but now he has lost his way. He is surrounded by people who are pushing Bihar towards destruction. His name will no longer be written in golden letters in history."

He clarified that the leaders were not leaving JD-U for posts but because they felt "suffocated" in the party.

Dasai Chaudhary, the three-time MLA, former MP, ex-minister in the Chandrashekhar government, said he supported Nitish Kumar against Lalu Yadav but was never given organisational or government responsibility.

"I am not here to contest elections. I only want to work for the organisation with dignity," Choudhary said.

Bhutan PM Tshering Tobgay visits Ayodhya's Ram Temple with wife

Ayodhya, Sep 5 (IANS) Bhutan Prime Minister Daso Tshering Tobgay, currently on a four-day tour to India, paid a visit to the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple in Ayodhya on Friday and offered prayers to the Ram Lalla. He was accompanied by his wife, Tashi Doma.

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The Ministry of External Affairs shared the photos of their visit to the sacred temple on its social media handle and termed the visit a 'historic first'.

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'Don't do politics, we teach it': Khan Sir reacts to Congress' Bihar-Bidi post

New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) Popular educator and YouTuber Khan Sir has strongly reacted to the controversy sparked by the Congress Kerala unit's social media post comparing Bihar with 'bidi', which triggered widespread criticism from political leaders and social media users across the country.

Responding to the remarks, Khan Sir slammed those responsible for the comparison, saying they lacked basic education.

"Tell those who want to do all this that they lack education. We will teach them, we will teach them for 99 rupees, if they want, we will teach them for free. We do not do politics, we teach politics," Khan Sir told IANS.

A major political row erupted on Friday after the Kerala unit of the Congress party posted a controversial message on X, comparing Bihar to "bidis". Following the uproar, the Congress deleted the post from its official X handle.

Apart from reacting to the row, Khan Sir also addressed the Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms on education and healthcare, a demand he has been vocal about for months.

"We have been requesting GST reforms for a year now, that GST should be reduced on education and healthcare," he said.

He thanked the central government for reducing GST on some essential items but urged a complete waiver on tuition and coaching services.

India reaffirms support for peace in Ukraine, calls on parties to proceed constructively



New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) Reiterating its support for an end to the conflict in Ukraine, India on Friday appreciated the recent efforts towards establishing lasting peace in the region and expressed hope that all parties would move ahead constructively.

"We welcome all the recent efforts towards establishing peace in Ukraine. We hope that all parties will proceed constructively. India supports an early end to the conflict and the establishment of an enduring peace," said Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal while addressing a weekly press briefing in New Delhi.

Earlier this week, on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in China's Tianjin, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during a bilateral meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, welcomed the recent efforts to resolve the conflict in Ukraine. PM Modi said that the entire humanity wants an end to the war and restoration of peace and stability in the region.

"We welcome all the recent efforts in the direction of resolving the conflict. We hope that all the involved parties will proceed further constructively. We will have to figure out ways to end the conflict as soon as possible to restore regional stability and peace. This is the call of the entire humanity," said PM Modi.

In his opening remarks at the SCO Summit, Putin said that he highly valued the contributions of India and other strategic partners in facilitating a resolution to the Ukraine conflict.

"We highly value the efforts and proposals of China, India, and our other strategic partners, aimed at facilitating the settlement of the Ukrainian crisis," Putin said, speaking at the (SCO) Summit.

Four months after Operation Sindoor, Modi govt unveils 15-year defence roadmap



New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) Four months after Operation Sindoor, which showcased the Indian Security forces apt planning and measured targets, the Modi government has now prepared a 15-year roadmap during which India's armed forces will be transformed through the infusion of billions of dollars and cutting-edge technology.

According to a report by NDTV, the roadmap includes the "addition of nuclear-powered warships, next-generation battle tanks, hypersonic missiles, stealth bomber drones, AI-powered weapons, and space-based warfare technology to India's arsenal.'

As per this report, the Indian Army will induct nearly 1,800 future tanks to replace the Soviet era T-72 fleet, 400 light tanks for mountain warfare, 50,000 tank-mounted anti-tank guided missiles, and over 700 robotic counter-IED systems.

Similarly, the Navy will get a new aircraft carrier, 10 next-generation frigates, 7 advanced corvettes, and 4 landing dock platforms.

"Nuclear propulsion for warships has been greenlit, as well as electromagnetic aircraft launch systems," the report claimed.

The Air Force will also acquire 75 high-altitude pseudo-satellites, 150 stealth bomber drones, hundreds of precision-guided munitions, and over 100 remotely piloted aircraft.

This roadmap is being seen as a major and bold step to enhance India's security warfare apparatus, which includes AI, space warfare and other critical domains which have become a necessary tool in the present context, given the lessons being learnt from the ongoing wars between Russia-Ukraine, Israel-Gaza and the concluded war between Israel-Iran-America.

'No fear, just beauty': Astronomer calls Sept 7 lunar eclipse a rare celestial spectacle



New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) The upcoming lunar eclipse on Sunday (September 7) will be a rare astronomical alignment, a leading astronomer said.

The eclipse, visible across most parts of India, will be the year's longest and is expected to spark wide public curiosity from villages to cities.

Speaking to IANS, Nehru Centre Planetarium (Mumbai) Director Arvind Paranjpye noted that this will be a total lunar eclipse beginning at around 8.58 p.m.

The totality, when the Moon is completely covered by Earth's shadow, will start close to 11 p.m. and reach its peak at 11.42 p.m. The eclipse will last well into the night, finally ending at 1.26 a.m.

"This is a long-duration eclipse. At its peak, the Moon will appear dark and may even take on a brick-red hue," Paranjpye told IANS, adding that such colour changes occur because Earth's atmosphere scatters blue light while allowing red light to reach the lunar surface.

He also said that while astrology often associates lunar eclipses with auspicious or inauspicious effects, science views them as a purely natural event.

"There is no need for fear or superstition. Unlike a solar eclipse, you don't need any special filters to watch a lunar eclipse. It is perfectly safe to view with the naked eye," he noted.

Lokesh meets PM , seeks support for Andhra's investment, development initiatives



Amaravati, Sep 5 (IANS) Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education, Information Technology, and Electronics, Nara Lokesh, called upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Friday, seeking greater Central support for investment promotion and developmental initiatives in the state.

During the discussion, Minister Lokesh highlighted that after the formation of the coalition government in the state, multiple welfare and development programmes have been rolled out successfully with the Union government's support and cooperation over the past 15 months. He affirmed Andhra Pradesh's commitment to contributing to the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 under Prime Minister Modi's leadership. Discussing some relevant state-specific issues, Minister Lokesh also apprised the Prime Minister of various other contemporary developments in Andhra. According to a statement from Minister Lokesh's office here, the Prime Minister responded positively and assured that the Centre would extend full cooperation to support Andhra Pradesh's growth and development Minister Lokesh thanked the Prime Minister for approving the Advanced System in Package (ASIP) semiconductor unit for Andhra Pradesh, a move he said would mark a turning point for the state's industrial growth. He also urged the Centre's continued cooperation in establishing IT and electronics industries in the state, emphasising the state's potential to generate large-scale employment and boost the local economy.

Congress' post on Bihar and Bidis sparks row, NDA leaders hit back



Patna, Sep 5 (IANS) A controversial post from the Kerala unit of the Congress party's official X handle comparing Bihar with 'bidis' has triggered strong backlash from NDA leaders in the state.

The post was deleted by Congress as the controversy erupted.

Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary condemned the remark, saying, "They have first insulted the mother of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and now they are insulting the entire Bihar. This is the real character of Congress, which has been exposed before the nation."

JD(U) MLC and chief spokesperson Neeraj Kumar said the INDIA bloc has turned the insult of Bihar into its political identity.

"Sometimes bidi, sometimes taunts on Biharis. Bihar is intelligent, belongs to Buddha, Sita, and Sufi saints. Tejashwi Yadav must answer - is Bihar a synonym of bidi? The public will reply through EVMs," he stated.

Union Textile Minister Giriraj Singh also lashed out at the Congress leadership, remarking, "The brainless Rahul's malicious Congress always misbehaves with Bihar… their destruction is certain."

The controversy stems from a now-deleted post by @INCKerala that read: "Bidis and Bihar start from B. Cannot be considered a sin anymore."

This comes at a time when NDA has already been in an aggressive campaign mode after derogatory remarks were allegedly made against PM Modi's late mother during the Voter Adhikar Yatra in Darbhanga.

The Prime Minister himself had described the attack as not only an insult to his mother but to the entire nation.

India in touch with Albanese govt, diaspora: MEA on anti-immigration protests in Australia

New Delhi, Sep 5 (IANS) India remains in touch with the Australian government and various diaspora organisations over the recent anti-immigrant protests that took place in the country, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday.

While addressing a media briefing on Friday, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated that the Indian High Commission in Australia had shared concerns raised by Indian community members with the Australian government before the protests. The High Commission had received a formal response from the Australian side, where they acknowledged that the protests were of concern for diverse communities in Australia.

When asked about the anti-immigration protests in Australia and singling out of Indians, Jaiswal responded, "We all are aware that anti-immigrant protests happened in several cities in Australia on 31st of August. Our High Commissioner and Consulate Generals in Australia, they were in regular touch with the Australian Government as also with our community members in this regard. As you know that we have a large diaspora in Australia, almost about a million. Before the protests took place, our High Commission conveyed whatever concerns that were shared with them by the Indian community members to the Australian government. In response, we actually received a formal response from the Australian side, where they acknowledged that the protests in Australia may be of concern for Australia's diverse communities."



"At the same time, we would have seen that senior leaders and politicians, both from the Australian government side and also from the opposition side, they have issued statements supporting the multicultural identity of Australia. They've also recognised the role played by the Indian Australian community in the overall progress and development of Australia and they appreciate and acknowledge this role very much. On our side, we continue to firmly believe that diversity is strength. We value a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with Australia of which our people-to-people ties are a very important element and in fact it bolsters our strategic ties and the Government of India remains committed to securing the welfare and well-being of all Indians abroad and we are in touch with the Australian Government as also with the diaspora organisation in Australia in regard to developments which are happening," he added.

Protests erupted in Australia on August 31, with thousands of people participating in rallies in capital cities and regional centres, carrying Australian flags and demanding an end what they term "mass migration" into Australia. The organisers termed the protest 'March for Australia'.