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GST Council approves two-tier tax structure of 5% and 18%, effective September 22

Decision reached during marathon 56th meeting of the Council lasting over 10 hrs

40% rate on sin and ultra luxury goods



New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS) The 56th meeting of the GST Council, chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday, approved the rationalisation of GST rates, abolishing the 12 per cent and 28 per cent slabs.

The Council cleared a two-tier tax structure with rates of 5 per cent and 18 per cent, along with a new 40 per cent slab for sin and luxury goods. The decision will come into effect from September 22, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced.

"These reforms have been carried out with a focus on the common man. Every tax on the common man's daily use items has gone through a rigorous review and in most cases the rates have come down drastically. Labour-intensive industries have been given good support. Farmers and the agriculture sector, as well as the health sector, will benefit. Key drivers of the economy will be given prominence," Sitharaman said after the meeting.

As part of the restructuring, 175 broad items of mass consumption, including milk, paneer, snacks and bread, will become cheaper. Goods such as hair oil, toilet soaps, shampoos, toothbrushes, tableware, and kitchenware will now fall under the 5 per cent bracket.

Items like UHT milk, paneer, chenna and all kinds of Indian breads, including parathas, will move from 5 per cent to nil. Spectacles will now be taxed at 5 per cent.

Around 99 per cent of items currently taxed at 12 per cent will now fall under 5 per cent, including natural menthol, fertilisers, handicrafts, and several labour-intensive sectors such as marble and granite blocks. Additionally, 33 life-saving drugs and medicines will move from 12 per cent to nil.

Nearly 90 per cent of goods currently taxed at 28 per cent will shift to 18 per cent. This includes air-conditioning machines, televisions above 32 inches - with all TVs now under 18 per cent - dishwashing machines, cement, and small cars and motorcycles below 300 cc.

Automobiles such as small cars up to 350 cc, buses, trucks, ambulances and auto parts will also move to the 18 per cent slab. Dishwashing machines and bikes will remain in the 18 per cent category.

The inverted duty structure has also been corrected, with man-made fibre moving from 18 per cent to 5 per cent and man-made yarn from 12 per cent to 5 per cent.

The Council also approved a new 40 per cent GST rate for sin and super luxury goods.

The higher slab will apply to items such as paan masala, tobacco, cigarettes, bidis, aerated water, carbonated and caffeinated beverages, as well as luxury items like motorcycles exceeding 350 cc, yachts and helicopters.

Importantly, GST will now be levied on the retail sale price (RSP) of paan masala and tobacco instead of the wholesale value.

GST reforms may incur revenue loss of Rs 2,000 cr annually to Jharkhand : Finance Minister



Ranchi, Sep 3: Jharkhand Finance Minister Radhakrishna Kishore on Wednesday said that the proposed GST reforms could incur an annual revenue loss of Rs 2,000 crore to the state. Taking part in the 56th GST Council meeting in New Delhi, he urged the central government to compensate for the estimated loss.

"The proposed GST reforms are estimated to cause a revenue loss of approximately Rs 2,000 crore in Jharkhand's automobile, cement, and other manufacturing sectors," Kishore said, according to a press statement. He said that Jharkhand is a manufacturing state. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) system has adversely affected the state's internal revenue collection, Kishore claimed. "Jharkhand's per capita income is Rs 1.05 lakh per year. Due to the weak purchasing power of the people, Jharkhand does not fall into the category of a consumer state. Due to this, Jharkhand has suffered a loss from the implementation of GST," Kishore said.

From 2017 to 2024-25, an estimated revenue loss of about Rs 16,408 crore has occurred, and by 2029, the loss is expected to be approximately Rs 61,670 crore, he said. Kishore stated that around 75 to 80 per cent of coal and steel production from Jharkhand is consumed outside the state. Thus, the benefits of GST are accruing to consumer states.

Guvs have no role in lawmaking, Opposition ruled States argue in SC

New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS) Three Opposition-ruled States argued against discretionary powers of Governors in withholding bills and said it is the role of legislature to make laws and Governors have no rule in it. A five-judge Constitution bench on Wednesday (September 3, 2025) continued its hearing on the Presidential Reference which asked whether courts could impose timelines for Governors and the President to deal with bills passed by State assemblies.Kapil Sibal, for West Bengal, argued that a Bill sent to the Governor has to be assented, and the Centre has power to nullify a State law or it may be challeged in courts, but the will of the people must be respected. Former Union Minister Anand Sharma, who made a comeback as a lawyer representing Himachal Pradesh, argued the President or Governors don't even summon the Parliament or Legislative Assemblies. The process is kick-started by the Parliamentary Affairs Minister.

Hindus, Sikhs who entered India till 2024 can stay without passport

New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS) A person from minority community including Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian from neighbouring nations including Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, who were compelled to seek shelter in India due to religious persecution or fear of it and entered into India on or before 31st December, 2024 - with or without valid documents including passport or other travel documents, will be exempted from any penal action, said a government notification.

The declaration, allowing non-Muslim minority migrants to stay in the country without their passports, has been made in the Immigration and Foreigners Act 2024, which came into force after its notification on September 1 (Monday).

The development has been hailed and widely welcomed by the BJP, as this opens doors for harassed and troubled minorities from the neighbouring countries to seek refuge in the country - a concept championed by the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

NHRC seeks report from Godda SP, DC on Surya Hansda case

Ranchi, Sep 3: National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has sought report from DC, SP of Godda in connection with the alleged encounter of Surya Hansda.

Sanjay Mehta had filed a case in the Commission on behalf of AJSU. After which the Commission took cognizance on the application of Sanjay Mehta, central general secretary of AJSU.

The Commission has now sought a report from the DC, SP of Godda in this case within four weeks. After which now the family members have got hope of justice due to the seriousness of the Commission.

NHRC chairperson Priyank Kanungo, has taken cognizance of the matter under Section 12 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. The Commission has prima facie considered the allegations made in the complaint as a serious violation of human rights. The Commission has issued directions in this regard.

Sanjay Mehta, on behalf of AJSU, filed a case in the Commission on 20 August.

On 27 August, a case was registered in the Commission on the application of Sanjay Mehta.

Jitan Ram Manjhi demands 20 seats for HAM to contest Bihar Assembly polls

Patna, Sep 3 (IANS) Preparations have picked up pace in the NDA camp ahead of the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections, with seat-sharing discussions now entering a crucial stage. Leaders of the five alliance partners - the BJP, JD(U), LJP (Ram Vilas), Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM), and Rashtriya Lok Morcha - are engaged in intense brainstorming over the distribution of the 243 Assembly seats. HAM patron and Union Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi has openly placed his demand before the allies.



"If the constituent parties of the NDA have sympathy for us, then our demand will definitely be fulfilled," Jitan Ram Manjhi said, adding that HAM must be allotted at least 20 Assembly seats in order to secure recognition as a full-fledged party.

His statement underlines the growing tug-of-war within the NDA over seat distribution, with each party keen to secure a stronger footing in the alliance ahead of the Assembly polls.

Sonari jewellery shop robbed in broad daylight, shopkeeper injured

Six armed men flee after loot, CCTV captures incident



Jamshedpur, Sep 3: Six armed criminals carried out a daylight robbery at Vardhman Jewellers in Sonari police station area on Wednesday afternoon. The incident, which took place near the ACB office around 12:58 pm, has created an atmosphere of fear in the locality.

According to reports, the gang of six entered the jewellery shop posing as customers. Initially, they enquired about ornaments, claiming they were buying gold for their mother.

Eyewitnesses said the men had already conducted a recce of the shop two hours earlier, clicking pictures of jewellery before leaving. They returned shortly after to execute the robbery.

Once inside, the criminals pulled out firearms and overpowered shop owner Pankaj Jain and his brother Manish Jain. When Pankaj resisted, he was brutally attacked with the butt of a pistol, leaving him with a serious head injury. A shot was also fired during the scuffle, though fortunately no one was hit.

The injured shopkeeper was immediately rushed to Tata Main Hospital (TMH) where he was admitted for treatment. Doctors confirmed that Pankaj sustained significant head injuries but is currently out of danger.

The entire episode was captured on CCTV cameras installed in the shop. The footage reportedly shows the armed miscreants assaulting the owner and creating panic before fleeing with jewellery. While escaping, they left behind bags and caps, which police have recovered as evidence.

Local residents and shopkeepers gathered outside the store as news of the robbery spread. Senior police officials, including the City SP, quickly reached the spot and began investigations. The police have sealed the shop and are interrogating witnesses to gather more details.

Investigators are reviewing the CCTV footage and suspect that the same gang might be involved in earlier robberies. A massive search operation has been launched to trace the culprits.



Daylight robbery raises questions on police efficiency: Saryu Roy



Jamshedpur, Sept 3: Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy expressed serious concern over the daylight robbery incident in Sonari, marking the third such case in the area. In a statement, he questioned the credibility of the police, stating that repeated incidents indicated laxity in law enforcement.Roy urged police officials to strictly monitor constables, officers, and informers at the Sonari police station. He highlighted that the entire incident had been captured on CCTV and pressed for the immediate arrest of the culprits, demanding results by tonight."It is a matter of concern why such crimes are repeatedly happening in Sonari," he said, calling for urgent corrective action.

Robbers flee into Dalma forest, two bikes recovered

Jamshedpur, Sep 3: After robbing Vardhman Jewellery Shop in Sonari on Wednesday afternoon, the criminals fled towards Chandil and are suspected to be hiding in the dense Dalma forest. Acting on clues, police launched a massive search operation with the help of sniffer dogs.

During a joint operation by Sonari and Chandil police, two Pulsar bikes were recovered from a large pond in Kathjod village. The robbers reportedly drowned the bikes before escaping on foot into the forest.

The search is being led by City SP Kumar Shivashish. According to police sources, six robbers had entered Kathjod village on the bikes before abandoning them. Sniffer dogs traced their movement over a long distance, but the gang remains at large. Police believe they have obtained important leads and the hunt is continuing.

Found vital clues, criminals will be arrested soon: City SP

Jamshedpur, Sep 3: Soon after the daylight robbery at Vardhman Jewellers in Sonari, senior police officers, including City SP Kumar Shivashish, reached the spot and launched an investigation.



The City SP confirmed that the police had found vital clues about the criminals and assured that they would be arrested soon. "Bullet shells and live cartridges have been recovered from the site. The culprits looted four to five gold chains before fleeing," he said.

India poised to emerge as hub for semiconductor value chain: PM Modi

New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday highlighted an article by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, which states that in the coming decade, as India's semiconductor units attain scale and maturity, the nation is set to emerge as a competitive hub for the entire semiconductor value chain.

PM Modi said the article elaborates "Bharat's transformative semiconductor journey, noting that the Semicon India Summit 2025 marks the continuation of this path."

The article sees semiconductors as part of foundational sectors such as steel, power, telecom, chemicals, transport and semiconductors. They are the hidden engines inside almost everything we use. Smartphones, cars, trains, medical equipment, defence systems, power grids, satellites, and artificial intelligence, it observes.

The Minister for Electronics & IT has stated that semiconductors are only going to rise in future. Our own consumption and production of electronics is expanding at an unprecedented pace. India today has over 65 crore smartphone users, and our electronics manufacturing is touching Rs 12 lakh crore annually.

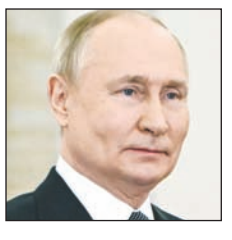


At the same time, the country is also developing AI-based systems, data centres, and electric vehicles that require semiconductor chips. This surge in both demand and innovation makes it essential for Bharat to secure its place in the global semiconductor value chain.

"For decades, India was told it had 'missed the bus' on semiconductors. That refrain is no longer true. Under the India Semiconductor Mission, 10 semiconductor plants have been approved. The construction work of the plants is progressing at a fast pace. Today, we can confidently say that the first "Made in India" chip will be out this year. A pilot production line in one of the units has already started in Sanand, and within a year, we expect four more units to go into production. Global leaders such as Applied Materials, Lam Research, Merck, and Linde are investing in supporting factories and supply chains. This ecosystem approach reflects Prime Minister Narendra Modi's focus on long-term growth of the industry in Bharat," the article states.

Putin says ready to meet Zelenskyy in Moscow, Ukraine calls offer 'unacceptable'

Moscow, Sep 3 (IANS): Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday that he was ready to hold talks with Volodymyr Zelenskyy if the Ukrainian president came to Moscow, but said it remained to be seen whether such a meeting was worthwhile.Mr. Zelenskyy has been pressing to meet Mr. Putin to discuss the terms of a possible deal and U.S. President Donald Trump - who has been trying to broker a peace settlement - has said he wants the two leaders to meet. However, the Kyiv government said Mr. Putin's proposal is unacceptable. Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said that at least seven countries, including Austria, the Vatican, Switzerland and three Gulf states, were ready to host the meeting.



Dist CDPC submits demand letter for idol immersion arrangements

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Jamshedpur, Sept 3: Preparations for Sharadiya Durga Puja 2025 gained momentum as the East Singhbhum Central Durga Puja Committee (CDPC) submitted a demand letter regarding idol immersion facilities. A 10-member delegation, led by Executive President Dharmendra Sonkar and General Secretary Lalan Yadav, met UCIL Narwa PaharPratishthan's CSR Head and Mine Manager M.K. Singh.

The committee emphasized timely repair of Garra River Ghat at Narwa, installation of a lighting system with generators, repair of connecting roads, pruning of overhanging trees, and arrangements for security, drinking water, ambulance, and first aid support. Every year, around 35 public puja committees from Sundarnagar, Parsudih, Chhota-Bada Govindpur, and nearby villages immerse their idols at this ghat.

Local puja committees also sought pre-announcement of immersion dates and appointment of divers for safety. The Central Committee assured them of support and coordination with the district administration. The meeting ended on a positive note, with UCIL management promising to address all demands before Puja.

Special contributions in the meeting came from UCIL's CSR officials D.N. Singh, Subroto Gope, Ghazia Hansda, K.S. Pal, and Central Committee leaders Pawan Upadhyay, S.K. Sharma, and Nandkishore Thakur. (w/gsd)

Durga Puja Committees highlight road, security concerns in South Zone-B Meeting

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Jamshedpur, Sept 3: The South Zone-B meeting of the Central Durga Puja Committee chaired by Vice President Rajesh Rai and conducted by Ram Prasad Jaiswal, saw participation from 32 committees of Sundarnagar and Parsudih areas.

The poor condition of roads dominated the discussions, with members warning that unfinished construction work could disrupt idol processions. Sarjamda Committee demanded government medical support during puja, while Sarvapalli Committee objected to a liquor shop near its pandal. Sundarnagar Committee called for removal of illegal encroachments, and Vidyasagar Palli requested repair of damaged electricity poles. Sopodera Committee sought road repairs, while Kukradih Committee asked for slag supply.

Local committees also urged administrative officials to visit their areas, saying the situation made organizing puja difficult. A request was also made to improve lighting at Narwa immersion ghat.

General Secretary Ashutosh Singh assured that these issues would be presented to the District Magistrate and resolved before the festival. Officials from Parsudih and Sundarnagar police stations, traffic department, electricity board, and health department attended the meeting along with Zone Secretary Somu Bhowmik and other committee leaders. (w/gsd)

Illegal parking, road, power Issues dominate East Zone Durga Puja meeting

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Jamshedpur, Sept 3: The East Zone meeting of the Durga Puja Central Committee was held at Sabuj Kalyan Sangh, Telco. The program began with Durga Stuti by Pradeep Kumar Das.The meeting was presided by Sameer Hor, conducted by Nandlal Singh.The vote of thanks was offered by Mithilesh Ghosh. Representatives of 46 puja committees participated in the meeting. Committees from JEMCO, Manifithighlighted the danger of illegal truck-trailer parking during immersion. The road to Hurlung Ghat was reported in poor condition, while Ramadhin Bagan Committee demanded installation of street lights. Navjeevan Complex, Kalimati Road, Kamdhenu Apartment, and Luabasa committees sought urgent road repairs. Birsanagar and Anand Vihar committees flagged non-functional streetlights, while Chhota Govindpur Market Committee urged repair of a damaged high mast light. Sabuj Kalyan Sangh resolved to ensure an alcohol-free immersion this year. General Secretary Ashutosh Singh assured that slag supply would begin within the week and said that with district administration's support, all issues would be resolved before Puja. Guidelines for immersion will also be shared with committees soon. The meeting was attended by City DSP Sunil Kumar, Telco PS In-charge Prashant Kumar, Traffic Inspector Shailendra Kumar, and Birsanagar PS In-charge Santosh Kumar, along with other officials. (w/gsd)

Peace Committee meeting in Sakchi finalizes arrangements for Juloos-e-Mohammadi

Jamshedpur, Sept 3: A peace committee meeting was held at Sakchi Police Station to review preparations for the upcoming "Juloos-e-Mohammadi" on September 5, marking Eid Milad-un-Nabi. The meeting, chaired by Police Station in-charge Anand Kumar Mishra, stressed the importance of ensuring harmony, discipline, and smooth conduct during the religious procession.

The procession will begin at Mango Gandhi Maidan at 8:30 am, proceed to Aam Bagan Maidan by 10:30 am, and reach Sakchi roundabout by 11:00 am. It will conclude at Dhatkidih by 12:30 pm. Members of the committee assured full cooperation with the administration to maintain order and provide support to participants along the route.

Committee member Paramjit Singh Kale highlighted that members would be present throughout the route to assist both devotees and authorities.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **NEELU RAI,** Wife of Mr. Kamal Narayan Rai, resident of House No. 14, New Subhash Colony, Dimna Road, Mango, P.O. Mango, Town-Jamshedpur-831012, District - East Singhbhum, Jharkhand, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:-

That, I got married with Mr. Kamal Narayan Rai and due to the said marriage we blessed with a female child on 03/08/2009. That, my above said daughter's name has been mentioned in her school record and Aadhar Card as **"TANNISHTHA DAKSHYANI"**. That, I along with my husband, who at present living in Mumbai, have changed our daughter's name from **"TANNISHTHA DAKSHYANI"** to **"MANASVINI KAMAL RAI"**. That, **"TANNISHTHA DAKSHYANI"** and **"MANASVINI KAMAL RAI"** both are name of the same person i.e. my daughter. That, from today onwards my daughter will be known as **"MANASVINI KAMAL RAI"** for all purposes.

Sd/- Deponent

AFFIDAVIT

I, **MD. SHAMIM**, son of Md. Sharif Alam, by faith Muslim, by nationality Indian, Resident of Near Rani Medical, Village-Hashmi Mohalla, PO- Kopali, PS-Chandil, District-Saraikela Kharswan, Jharkhand do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows :

1. That I am an Indian citizen by birth. My Aadhar No. is 7379 3242 4105. I am residing in the above mentioned address.

2. That my actual and correct name is MD. SHAMIM which is correctly mentioned in my above mentioned Aadhaar No. as well as in voter Id, Driving Licence and PAN Card.

3. That in my passport my name mentioned as MOHAMMAD SHAMIM ALAM in place of my correct name.

4. That in view of above in the educational certificates of my son Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations New Delhi, 2025 namely MD. ALTAMAS ALAM my name has been mentioned as Md. Shamim Alam.

5. That both the said names MD. SHAMIM and MD. SHAMIM ALAM represent one and the same person i.e. myself.

6. I swear this affidavit to confirm my above statements and to produce the same before authority concerned for correction of my name as MD. SHAMIM in the documents of my aforesaid son.

Sl. No.1063
Dt.02.09.2025 **Advocate**

AFFIDAVIT

I, **ANSARI SAZIYA SANA MOHD IZAZ ALAM**, D/o. - **Mohd Ijaz Alam Ansari**, by faith Muslim, nationality India, Resident of Ansari Building, Cross Road No.-02, Old Puruliya Road, Zakir Nagar, Mango, Jamshedpur, Azadnagar, District - East Singhbhum, Jharkhand 832110, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:-

1. That I am an Indian citizen by birth.
2. That my name **ANSARI SAZIYA SANA MOHD IZAZ ALAM**, is mentioned in my **School Certificate 10+2.**
3. That **SAZIYA SANA IMTIYAZ ALAM ANSARI** is mention in my Aadhar Card, Vide Number - **3337 0299 7531.**
4. That **ANSARI SAZIYA SANA MOHD IZAZ ALAM** and **SAZIYA SANA IMTIYAZ ALAM ANSARI**, both are same and one person i.e., myself.
5. That, I am submitting this affidavit to get my correct and actual name **ANSARI SAZIYA SANA MOHD IZAZ ALAM** registered instead of **SAZIYA SANA IMTIYAZ ALAM ANSARI**, in my above-mentioned Aadhar Card.
6. That I am swearing this affidavit to confirm the facts above written before the authority concerned.

S.No. 14 **Advocate**
Date: 02/09/2025

Anil Modi thanks members, vows to uphold traders' trust



Jamshedpur, Sept 3: Anil Modi expressed gratitude to the members of the Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and Industry after being reelected unopposed as Vice President (Trade and Commerce). Thanking members for their faith, Modi said his re-election was the result of consistent trust shown by the trading community. He emphasized that he had always worked responsibly, raising traders' issues and striving for positive outcomes. Highlighting the achievements of his previous tenure, he noted that seven office bearers from his team were also elected unopposed, reflecting confidence in their collective leadership. He congratulated Chamber members on the smooth conduct of the elections and voiced optimism that Team Kedia would secure a majority in the remaining posts as well. Reaffirming his commitment, Modi assured that he would continue working in the interest of traders and entrepreneurs, ensuring their voices were strongly represented. (w/gsd)

Sikh community from Sonari donates Rs 31,000 for Punjab flood victims

Jamshedpur, Sept 3: The appeal made by Sardar Bhagwan Singh, chief of the Central Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee (CGPC), to support flood-hit Punjab has begun to show results. After the Mango Gurudwara Sahib, the Sikh Sangat of Sonari has now come forward and contributed Rs 31,000 as aid for the victims. Recently, Bhagwan Singh had urged all Gurudwara committees in the city to extend help according to their capacity for the villages of Punjab devastated by floods. Responding to this call, the Sangat of Sonari collected the amount through collective effort and handed it over to the CGPC. Expressing gratitude to the Sonari Sangat, Bhagwan Singh said, "This initiative is inspiring for the entire Sikh community of Jamshedpur. We are hopeful that other Gurudwara committees of the city will also join this campaign and contribute generously to help Punjab." (W-pb)

Bidyut Mahto reviews Passport Seva Kendra operations at Jamshedpur Head Post Office

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Jamshedpur, Sept 3: MP Bidyut Baran Mahto visited the city's Head Post Office to review the functioning of the Passport Seva Kendra operating within its premises. He interacted with staff, inspected facilities, and learned about the verification and application processes.

Senior Postmaster Shankar Kujur welcomed the MP and briefed him about the center's services. Prakash Kumar Minz, Assistant Superintendent of the Regional Passport Office and Verification Officer, explained the current arrangements for passport issuance.

Employees and visitors appreciated the MP's simplicity and his decision to personally check the system. Mahto recalled that the center was established in Jamshedpur in 2017, following efforts of late Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj, with its inauguration conducted by him.

The MP highlighted how the center had enabled people from both rural and urban areas to access passport services without traveling to Ranchi. He expressed satisfaction over timely delivery of services and assured continued support for public convenience.

Encouraging the staff to work with dedication, he praised their contribution in serving citizens. The visit not only reinforced the relevance of the Passport Seva Kendra but also boosted employee morale. Post office staff described his initiative as inspirational. Mahto affirmed that such people-friendly projects would always remain his priority. (w/gsd)

Car burnt in fire at Maruti stockyard in Mango

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Jamshedpur, Sep 3: Panic spread in Mango's Pardih Chowk area on Wednesday afternoon after a sudden fire broke out in the seconds stockyard of Maruti Company under Azadnagar police station. A Ford Figo car parked inside the yard caught fire while workers were trying to start it after changing its battery.

Eyewitnesses said the vehicle burst into flames within moments, sending up thick black smoke that was visible from a distance. Local residents rushed to the spot, and police as well as the fire brigade were immediately informed. DSP Sikandar Khan said the fire spread rapidly and could have engulfed other vehicles parked in the yard. "A major accident was prevented due to the quick action of the fire brigade," he added.

Soon after receiving the information, Azadnagar police personnel and fire brigade teams reached the site. Firefighters battled the blaze and managed to bring it under control after considerable effort. By then, however, the car had been reduced to ashes.

The incident created chaos for a brief period as people from the nearby areas gathered to watch. Local residents said the smoke spread quickly, triggering fear of a bigger mishap.No injuries or casualties were reported.

Police have started an investigation to ascertain the exact cause of the fire, though preliminary information suggested it started during attempts to start the vehicle after the battery replacement. Officials confirmed that while property loss occurred, a larger disaster was averted due to timely response. (w/gsd)

Appointment of Halt Contractor at Chirugoda & Jugpura stations over Kharagpur Division

Notification No.: Com/G30/PH/Corres/Pt.I dated 02.09.2025

On behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur invites application for appointment of Halt Contractor for sale of tickets to passengers at Chirugoda (CHGA) PH in between Ghatsila-Dhalbhumgarh stations in Kharagpur-Tatanagar section and Jugpura (JRG) Railway Passenger Halt in between Thakurtota-Jogal stations in Rupsa-Bangriposi section as per the following schedule: **Sl.No.:** 1. **Name of Railway Passenger Halt Station:** Chirugoda (CHGA). **Stations in between:** Ghatsila-Dhalbhumgarh. **Sl.No.:** 2. **Name of Railway Passenger Halt Station:** Jugpura (JRG). **Stations in between:** Thakurtota-Jogal. **Contract Period:** 05 (five) years (for Sl.No. 1 & 2 each). **Date of dropping application/tender:** 10:00 hrs. to 15:00 hrs. of 25.09.2025 (for Sl.No. 1 & 2 each). **Date of opening application/tender box:** At 15:30hrs of 25.09.2025 (for Sl.No. 1 & 2 each). **Venue:** Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager's Office/Kharagpur, South Eastern Railway, at-DRM Building Kharagpur, Dist-Paschim Medinipur (W.B.)-721301 (for Sl.No. 1 & 2 each). Eligibility criteria, location, format of application and other details are available at website **www.ser.indianrailways.gov.in**. Any query pertaining to this tender may be obtained from Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager's Office, South Eastern Railway/Kharagpur during working hours on any usual working day. **NB:** It may please be noted if leading of normal life/activities is disturbed by any order of Nation/State Authority on the date of dropping/date of opening of Tender Box, then it shall be postponed. Then date of dropping/opening the Tender box shall be rescheduled on next usual working day at the same venue and time.

(PR-588) **Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Kharagpur**

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Shaheedi Nagar Kirtan: Sikh hoteliers' contribution commended

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Jamshedpur, Sept 3: The Shaheedi Nagar Kirtan of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji concluded with a remarkable display of community service and devotion, as Sikh hoteliers of the city stepped forward to provide accommodation and essential services to devotees arriving from distant places.

The Central Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (CGPC) expressed special gratitude to these hoteliers who, with a spirit of sewa, ensured comfort and care for the visiting jathas. CGPC President Sardar Bhagwan Singh remarked, "The Sikh community in Jamshedpur has flourished due to Waheguru's blessings. The cooperation of the Sangat and local businessmen in making the Nagar Kirtan successful is truly commendable. We look forward to similar support in the future."

Chairman Sardar Shailendra Singh extended heartfelt thanks to all Gurdwara Committees and the Sangat, while General Secretary Sardar Gurcharan Singh Billa noted that the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) had also expressed appreciation for CGPC's arrangements.

The event witnessed the presence of CGPC office-bearers, including President Sardar Bhagwan Singh, Chairman Sardar Shailendra Singh, General Secretaries Gurcharan Singh Billa and Amarjit Singh, Treasurer Gurnam Singh, along with Sukhwinder Singh Raju, Surinder Singh Shinde, Central Sikh Naujwan Sabha President Amrik Singh, and Harshdeep Singh. The Shaheedi Nagar Kirtan once again highlighted the Sikh tradition of service, unity, and devotion, leaving a lasting impression on the community. (W-pb)

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CM to attend RINPAS centenary celebrations

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Ranchi, Sept 3: Ranchi's prestigious mental health institute, Ranchi Institute of Neuropsychiatry and Allied Sciences (RINPAS), is going to complete 100 years of its establishment.

To make this historic occasion special, a grand centenary celebration will be organized on September 4 at the Rinpas campus in Kanke. Many well-known experts and doctors from the field of mental health and psychiatry from the country and abroad will attend the ceremony. On Wednesday, Health Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari met Chief Minister Hemant Soren and invited him to attend the event as the chief guest. The Chief Minister has gladly accepted this invitation.

Health Minister Dr. Ansari issued a press release stating that this centenary year is not only an achievement of the institute, but it is a proud moment for the entire Jharkhand and the country. He expressed confidence that the presence of the Chief Minister will further enhance the dignity of this program.

During the ceremony, several new initiatives will be announced to strengthen mental health services even further.

Health Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari himself visited the venue on Monday and reviewed the preparations. During the inspection, the minister gave clear and strict instructions to the departmental officials. He said that the preparations should be completed on time and with full vigilance. Dr. Ansari described the event as not only a historic occasion but also the beginning of a new chapter for mental health services. He said that this ceremony is a proud moment for the whole of Jharkhand and will bring a new hope for mental patients.

On the request of Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari, Chief Minister Hemant Soren has also agreed to attend the ceremony. (W-rg)

3 illegal weapon sellers nabbed in Khunti

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Khunti, Sept 3: Khunti police has busted a gang involved in buying and selling of illegal weapons.

Police has arrested three accused with weapons from the roadside of Kulhutu jungle of Karra police station area. The arrested accused include Yunus Khan, resident of Upper Hatia Muslim Mohalla of Jagarnathpur police station area of Ranchi, Mo Shamim, resident of Harmu Azad Hind Nagar Bhatta Mohalla of Argora police station area and Ibrar Alam, resident of Bazar Mohalla of Doranda police station area.

Police has recovered four country-made pistols, 44 bullets, Rs 66,860 cash, eight magazines and two mobiles from them. SP Manish Toppo gave this information in a press conference on Wednesday.

Khunti SP Manish Toppo informed the journalists that there was information about the gathering of criminals for buying and selling illegal weapons near Kulhutu forest in Karra police station area of Khunti district.

Based on this information, a raid was conducted under the leadership of Torpa SDPO Christopher Kerketta and all three accused were arrested. SP Manish Toppo said that the accused have confessed their crime. On the information given by the arrested accused Ibrar Alam, two pistols, five magazines, 31 bullets and Rs 52,000 have been recovered from his house in Doranda, Ranchi. (W-rg)

Father, son die after eating poisonous food, 5 ill

Bokaro, Sept 3: A tragic incident has come to light from Karmagoda village of Mango Panchayat under Chas block of Bokaro district. A case has come to light where all the members of the same family fell prey to poisonous food. First of all, 22-year-old Naresh Manjhi died at home around 4 am on Monday after eating poisonous food. After this, his father, 55-year-old Lobin Manjhi also died in Sadar Hospital during treatment at around 5 am on Tuesday. The other five members of the family, elder son 35-year-old Vakil Manjhi, daughter-in-law Somli Devi (30 years), daughter Sohgi Kumari (18 years), grandson Arun Murmu (2 years) and Lobin Manjhi's wife are also seriously ill and are currently admitted in Bokaro Sadar Hospital. As soon as the incident was reported, the district administration came into action and on the instructions of the Civil Surgeon, the village level medical team was immediately sent to the village for investigation. Later the district level medical team also reached Karmagoda and started investigating the whole matter. However, till now it is not clear how the poison got mixed in the food. Former Mukhiya Mantosh Soren and current Mukhiya Pramila Devi told that on Sunday evening all the members of the family had dinner together. At night, Naresh Manjhi first complained of stomach ache and vomiting. Even after giving medicine locally, the condition deteriorated and he died late at night. After this, the health of other family members including Lobin Manjhi also started deteriorating, who were immediately admitted to Sadar Hospital. (W-rg)

Daylight robber at jewellery shop in Jamshedpur, bravery of shop owner averts major heist



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Jamshedpur, Sept 3: The robbery incident at Vardhman Jewelers on Wednesday at Dispensary Road in Christian Pada, Sonari, in broad daylight has created an atmosphere of fear among the business community in Jamshedpur.

However, the talking point is the bravery of the shopkeeper, due to which a big robbery was averted.

According to the CCTV footage, the miscreants entered the shop posing as customers and after a while took out pistols and tried to scare the shopkeeper. All the robbers had weapons in their hands. As soon as the shopkeeper realized the seriousness of the situation, he opposed the miscreants without fear.

However, due to the large number of miscreants, they overpowered him and made him sit on the bench.

But the shopkeeper did not give up and got up again and tried to catch the robbers. On this, the miscreants hit him on the head with the butt of the pistol and spread panic by firing in the air.

The police have also found firing shells from the spot.

The robbers were able to loot only five gold chains, which makes it clear that if the shopkeeper had not shown so much courage, the loss could have been much bigger.

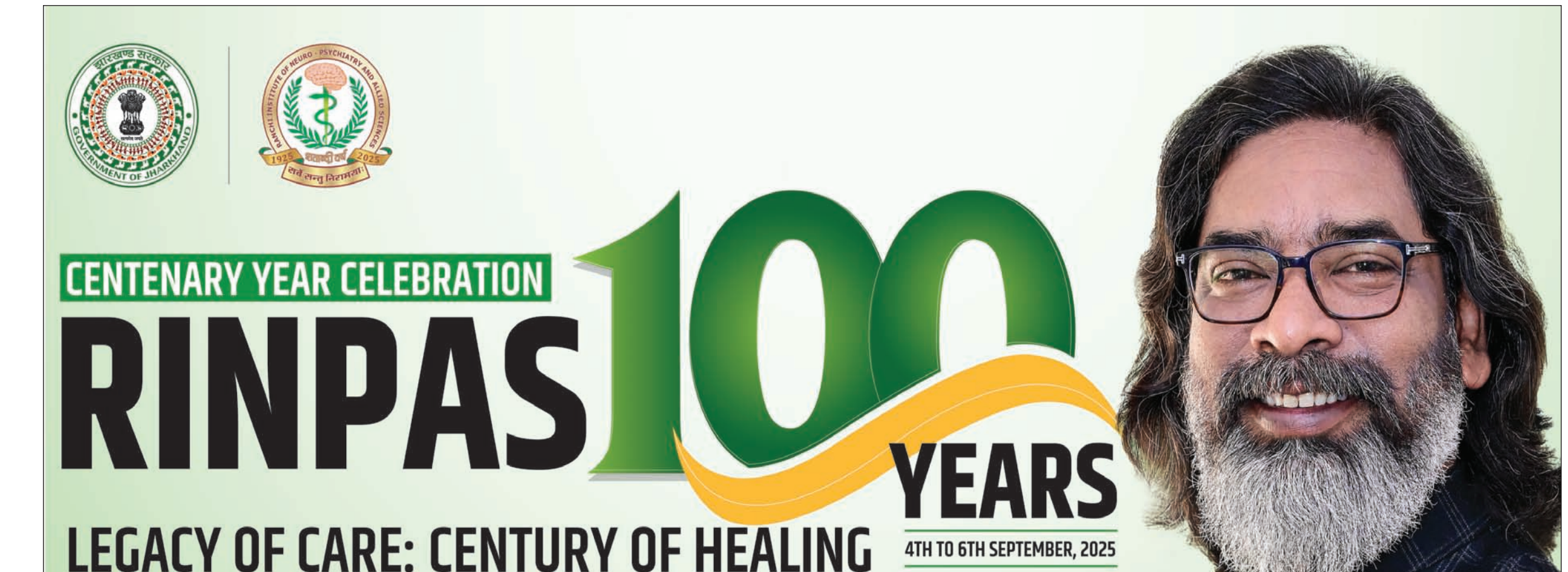
At present, the police is investigating the matter. CCTV footage is being sent to other districts and states so that the robbers can be identified. SSP Piyush Pandey has claimed that the criminals will be caught soon. Informers have been activated in the area. (W-rg)

Residents demand immediate action

Jamshedpur, Sept 3: The daring daylight loot at Vardhman Jewellers in Sonari has triggered anger and fear among traders and residents, who allege that the police and administration have failed to curb rising crime in the area. Once considered the safest and most prosperous locality of Jamshedpur, Sonari has in recent months witnessed repeated incidents of thefts and robberies, including similar strikes at Sumit Jewellers and MP Jewellers. Traders say the latest incident has only deepened their sense of insecurity. "Criminals are moving about fearlessly while the police are busy with illegal collections instead of patrolling. If immediate steps are not taken, Sonari will lose its peace and prosperity," said Sudhir Kumar Pappu, Secretary of the Peace Committee, Sonari. He demanded that the administration dismiss the current police station in-charge and appoint a fearless officer to restore public confidence. (W-pb)

JDU slams administration

Jamshedpur, Sept 3: A daylight robbery at VardhmanJewellers in Sonari has triggered sharp criticism of the district administration, with JDU leaders alleging a complete breakdown of law and order in the city. JDU East Singhbhum District President Subodh Srivastava condemned the incident, warning that crime rates were steadily rising while authorities remained ineffective. He reminded that similar robberies had occurred last year and said that the current situation made citizens and traders feel unsafe. Srivastava urged the administration to devise a special crime-control strategy and take stringent measures to restore public confidence. District Spokesperson Akash Shah echoed the concerns, adding that repeated crimes were creating fear among both common citizens and business owners. He cautioned that unchecked criminal activities could erode traders' confidence, harming the local economy. Shah demanded immediate steps, including stronger police patrolling and stricter action against offenders, stressing that only visible improvements in security could restore peace of mind to residents and the business community. (w/gsd)



Minor killed, car driven by class 9 student hits roadside tree in Simdega



Simdega, Sep 3: A minor was killed and two others were injured on Wednesday when a car driven by one of the four occupants dashed against a tree along NH-143 in Jharkhand's Simdega district, police said.

The accident occurred in the morning near KhairanToli under the SimdegaSadar Police Station limits when the SUV hit the roadside tree, a senior officer said. Simdega Sadar Police Station officer-in-charge Rohit Kumar said that they got the information around 5.30 am about the SUV driven by a class 9 student colliding with a tree and rushed to the spot.

"One of the minors was found dead on the spot, while two others were seriously injured," he said. According to locals, the speeding SUV dashed against the tree while the minor driver was trying to save cattle on the road.

"The intensity of the collision was so severe that SufiyanKhan, around 16 years old, was thrown out of the vehicle and fell into a bush. He died on the spot. Two other occupants of the car - Ayush Prasad and Ankit Kumar - are undergoing treatment at Simdega Sadar Hospital," the police officer said.

The SUV belonged to AmanTopno, a class 9 student, and he was driving the vehicle, accompanied by his friends.

"We could not find Topno on the spot. We suspect that he might have fled the accident site or is undergoing treatment at a private nursing home. We are investigating the incident. The body of Sufiyan Khan, after being declared dead at SimdegaSadar Hospital, has been sent for autopsy," said Rohit Kumar.

The schools are closed due to the Karam festival in Jharkhand on Wednesday, and the youths are suspected to have taken the SUV for a long drive during which the accident took place, the officer said.

"We are trying to ascertain from the parents why they allowed their son to drive the SUV," said another senior police officer. Simdega Superintendent of Police Mohammed Arshi also blamed the parents for allowing minors to drive four-wheelers.

"We have been constantly carrying out awareness drives against traffic violations and reckless driving in Simdega. But the parents should also be responsible and should not allow their children to drive four-wheelers, which is illegal," Arshi.

The police are trying to trace the driver of the vehicle and their parents, he added.

RPF recover lost vanity bag near Kharagpur station



Kharagpur, Sept 3: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) at Kharagpur recovered a missing vanity bag containing an Apple mobile phone and medicines worth around Rs65,000 and returned it to its rightful owner.

On 01.09.2025, a complaint was lodged through Rail Madad regarding the missing bag from a passenger traveling in Train No. 18011 (Howrah-Chakradharpur Express). The family reported that after departure from Salbani, they discovered the bag missing. The mobile's live location indicated it was near Kharagpur railway tracks under thick vegetation. RPF personnel immediately searched the site near KM No. 117/06 and successfully retrieved the bag. The items were secured at RPF Post/Kharagpur, and the complainant was informed. On 02.09.2025, the passenger's father visited the post and, after completing all legal formalities, received the belongings in the presence of witnesses. (w/gsd)

President's Awardee Vinay Krishna Mahato welcomed at Tatanagar



Gamharia, Sept 3: Vinay Krishna Mahato, recipient of the prestigious President's Award in scouting, was accorded a grand welcome at Tatanagar station following his felicitation at Bharat Mandap, New Delhi, by Union Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

The reception, organized by East Singhbhum Bharat Scouts and Guides, saw Assistant Station Master and members of the organization honor him with garlands and bouquets. District Organization Commissioner Neeraj Kumar Shukla, along with Tarun Kumar, Ritesh, Harsh, Umang, and other eminent citizens, were present on the occasion. A former student of Kerala Public School, Gamharia, Mahato earned the award for his exceptional contribution and performance in the field of scouting. The President's Award is the highest recognition conferred by the National Headquarters of the Bharat Scouts and Guides. (w/gsd)

Over 40 Goraipara villagers receive Health Security Under Abua Swasthya Yojna

Gamharia, Sept 3: More than 40 residents of Goraipara village near Tata Steel Gamharia Plant have been enrolled under the Jharkhand Government's flagship 'Mukhyamantri Abua Swasthya Yojna,' which provides health insurance coverage of up to Rs 15 lakh per family for hospitalization and treatment. Previously, villagers were unable to access the scheme due to lack of awareness, eligibility complications, and procedural hurdles. With the efforts of Tata Steel Foundation (TSF), the community is now connected to health security. During the program, Tata Steel Gamharia Chief SHE, Agam Kumar, highlighted the challenges villagers faced due to limited digital access. Medical In-charge Dr. Lakshmi Kumari briefed beneficiaries on the scheme's benefits, empanelled hospitals, and diagnostic centers. She urged villagers to utilize healthcare services promptly. Officials of the Tata Kamgar Union were also present, affirming their support for extending health facilities to underprivileged families. (w/gsd)

Ganesh Chaturthi celebrated at Andhra Samiti Telco



Jamshedpur, Sept 3: The eighth day of Ganesh Chaturthi was observed with great devotion on Wednesday at the Andhra Samiti Telco (East Zone) GanpatiMandir. The day began with Abhishek performed by ShyamSundarRao and his wife Sunita, followed by a GanpatiHavan. Devotees offered Durva, bananas, coconuts, modaks and motichoorladdus to Lord Gajanan, praying for the happiness and prosperity of their families.

In the evening, Ganesh Ji was worshipped with 501 flowers and chanting of mantras as per Telugu customs and rituals. A large number of devotees visited the temple, bowed at the feet of Lord Ganesh, and received his blessings. The day concluded with a grand Mahaarati and distribution of prasad, filling the temple with a deeply spiritual atmosphere. The rituals were conducted under the guidance of priest Anil Kumar. President Rajasekhar Rao, General Secretary K. Ram Mohan Rao, and other committee members were present on the occasion. (W-mb)

Azadnagar Peace Committee, Ulema meeting ahead of Eid Milad Un Nabi

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Jamshedpur, Sept 3: Ahead of Eid Milad Un Nabi, the Azadnagar Thana Shanti Samiti convened a meeting with local Ulema at the Mahal Auditorium to ensure smooth and peaceful observance of the festival. The meeting was attended by prominent religious leaders, including Imam Tauseef Raja of Tayyaba Masjid, Mukhtar Safi, Founder Chairman of MarkaziDarulKirat, and Maulana Shamim Akhtar, along with other clerics.

It was unanimously decided that the Mohammadi procession would not feature trailers or DJs this year. Additionally, hundreds of volunteers from AhleSunnatWalJamaat will be deployed to manage the procession and facilitate the movement of ambulances in case of emergencies.

Addressing sanitation concerns, participants highlighted the garbage heaps along the procession route. In response, the Municipal Corporation has already deployed sweepers for timely clearance. Azadnagar Police Station in-charge Chandra Kumar assured that the entire police force would remain present during the procession to maintain order. DSP Bachchan Dev Kujur cautioned against spreading rumors through social media, warning of strict action against violators.

The meeting was conducted by Peace Committee Secretary Mukhtar Alam Khan, while President Sheikh Badruddin presided. Among those present were Javed Afsar Ansari, Saeed Alam, Mohammad Moinuddin Ansari, Tajim Haider, Sohail Akhtar, Shahid Parvez, ZebaQadri, Farzana Shafi, and police officials including SI Manish Rai, Sabir Hussain, and Amarinder Tripathi. (w/gsd)

Karam Pujan Utsav celebrated in Seraikela



Seraikela, Sept 3: The traditional Karam Pujan Utsav, a festival symbolizing the eternal bond between brothers and sisters, was celebrated with great devotion across Seraikela and nearby villages on the occasion of Karam Ekadashi. The festival, rooted in tribal culture and nature worship, was marked by rituals, fasting, and cultural programs. A special puja was organized at the residence of Jharkhand movement activist Dhanpati Sardar in Padampur village, where the chief priest narrated the sacred story of Karam Puja. Sisters observed a strict fast for the wellbeing and happiness of their brothers. In the evening, they brought the sacred Karam branch, accompanied by traditional songs, and installed it at the worship site along with the nurtured Java seedlings grown over three days. The rituals concluded with offerings and prayers seeking prosperity and protection. Community leader MP Singh Sardar explained that the festival preparations begin three days in advance, when brothers and sisters sowed Java seeds while fasting. These seedlings were carefully nurtured until the day of the puja. The Karam branch, sourced from the forest, was worshipped alongside the grown Java. He emphasized that the festival preserved the cultural heritage, prosperity, and traditions of tribal society, representing an inseparable relationship between nature and humanity. As part of the festivities, traditional songs and cultural performances dedicated to Karam were also organized, adding vibrancy to the celebration. With its unique blend of devotion, nature worship, and cultural pride, Karam Pujan continued to serve as a living testament to tribal identity and unity.

RPF rescues two children

Kharagpur, Sept 3: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel rescued two distressed children in separate incidents under 'Operation NanheFarishtey,' aimed at safeguarding vulnerable minors on railway premises.



At around 05:25 hrs, RPF staff at Midnapur station noticed a seven-year-old boy wandering near Platform No. 1 in a distressed state. The child, identified as Bablu from Garbeta, Paschim Midnapur, was taken to the RPF post and later handed over to the Kharagpur Childlineafter being provided food and counseling. On the same day at about 15:25 hrs, RPF personnel at Kharagpur station spotted a minor girl roaming aimlessly on Platform No. 1. Unable to share any personal details, she was taken to the RPF post, provided food and water, and handed over to Childline officials after completing legal formalities. (w/gsd)

Special ticket checking drive at Baleshwar Station: 58 offenders fined



Baleshwar, Sept 3: Railway authorities conducted a special ticket-checking drive at Baleshwar Railway Station under the supervision of R. Behera, Judicial Magistrate (JRM), Khurda. The inspection targeted ticketless and irregular travel to curb revenue loss.

During the drive, 58 cases of passengers traveling without valid tickets or with irregular tickets were detected. A penalty amounting to Rs 26,230 was collected on the spot as per the provisions of the Indian Railways Act. Officials stated that such drives were essential to promote fair travel practices and discourage violations. The Railway Administration appealed to passengers to always carry valid tickets or passes to avoid penalties and to cooperate in ensuring safe, disciplined, and convenient travel for all. (w/gsd)

Preparations for Julus-e-Mohammadi on Sept 5

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Jamshedpur, Sep 3: Preparations are almost complete for the Julus-e-Mohammadi to be held in the city on the occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi on September 5. The procession will begin from Mango Gandhi Maidan at 8 am, pass through Sakchi Aam Bagan around 11 am, and conclude at Dhatkidih Centre Maidan after speeches, prayers, and dua by religious leaders.

The event is being organized by TanjeemAhleSunnat, which has also issued detailed guidelines to ensure discipline and peace during the procession. At least 500 volunteers will assist in managing the procession and traffic, ensuring no inconvenience is caused to the public. Ambulances and emergency vehicles will be given immediate passage. General Secretary of TanjeemAhleSunnat, Mufti Ziaul Mustafa Qadri, told reporters at a press conference in Dhatkidih Madrasa FaizulUloom that this year's celebration is historic as it marks 1500 years since the birth of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). He said the procession will showcase messages of peace, teachings of Islam, and patriotic themes through banners, decorations, and displays. People have been urged to distribute food, gifts, and educational material during the event. The ulema will lead the procession, followed by the public. Banners praising the Prophet have been placed in mosques, madrasas, and localities across the city. Tanjeem has appealed to participants not to bring DJ sound systems, fake weapons, or indulge in any un-Islamic activities. Motorbikes and small vehicles will move behind the procession, with strict instructions against stunts or rash driving. Only two people will be allowed per bike, and vehicles must follow the prescribed route.

Processions from Parsudih, Makdampur, and Jugsalai will merge with the main route via Bistupur, while those from Telco, Golmuri, Sakchi, Shastrinagar, Sonari, Dhatkidih, Bistupur, Ramdas Bhatta, and New Ranikudar will join at Aam Bagan. Special arrangements have also been made for Friday prayers at Dhatkidih Mecca Masjid, with two congregations scheduled at 1:00 pm and 2:15 pm.

The organizers have advised people to observe a public holiday and celebrate Eid Milad-un-Nabi with joy, discipline, and devotion. They also warned against bringing foreign flags to the procession, stressing that violators will be held responsible. (w/gsd)

88,000 beneficiaries receive Maiyan Samman amount

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Simdega, Sept 3: Before Karma festival, the Jharkhand government has given this month's gift to women. In fact, under the Chief Minister Maiya Samman Yojana, the honorarium of Rs 2500 for the month of August has been transferred to the accounts of the beneficiaries in Simdega district before Karma festival. The number of beneficiaries under this scheme is as follows, to whom the honorarium of the month of August (2500) has been transferred to their account. Bano Block - 12165, Bansjor Block -3949, Bolba Block -3535, Jaldega Block -8751, Kerasai Block -5244, Kolebira Block -9499, Kurdeg Block -6607, Pakartand Block - 5965, Simdega Block -11789, Thethaitanger block - 14464 and Municipal Council Area -6035. In Simdega district, a total of 88003 beneficiaries have been given the honorarium of the month of August 2025 at the rate of Rs 2,500 per beneficiary, a total of Rs 220007500.00 (twenty two crore seven thousand five hundred) through Aadhaar based payment system. (W-rg)

BJP Jamshedpur prepares for 'Seva Pakhwada' from Sept 17 to Oct 2

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Jamshedpur, Sept 3: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will celebrate Seva Pakhwada across the country from September 17, the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to October 2, Gandhi Jayanti. In Jamshedpur, extensive preparations are underway to mark the occasion with a series of social, cultural, and service-oriented programs.

On Wednesday, a one-day workshop was organized at Sheetla Bhawan Auditorium in Bhalubasa under the chairmanship of BJP Jamshedpur Mahanagar President Sudhanshu Ojha. The workshop was attended by Jharkhand BJP State General Secretary and Rajya Sabha MP Aditya Sahu, Jamshedpur MP Bidyut Baran Mahto, former state president Dr. Dineshanand Goswami, former MP Abha Mahto, state secretary Nandji Prasad, Saroj Singh, campaign team members Shailendra Singh and Jatashankar Pandey, district coordinator Babua Singh, and other senior leaders.

Speaking on the occasion, District President Sudhanshu Ojha said "Seva Pakhwada is an opportunity to strengthen the party at the grassroots level by directly connecting with people on issues of social concern." He urged workers to plan and execute the campaign effectively to ensure its success.



Rajya Sabha MP Aditya Sahu elaborated on the wide range of activities scheduled during the fortnight. These included a cleanliness drive across Jamshedpur, the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam tree plantation campaign, blood donation and health camps, distribution of artificial limbs, and an exhibition highlighting the life, struggles, and achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Programs such as 'PrabuddhaVarg Samvad' (intellectual meet), Vocal for Localcampaign, and book distribution on Modi's biography have also been planned. The BJP will also commemorate the birth anniversaries of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay on September 25 and Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri on October 2, promoting Khadi, indigenous goods, and the spirit of self-reliance.

Adding a new dimension to the campaign, Jamshedpur MP Bidyut Baran Mahto announced that a grand MP Sports Competition would be organized under Seva Pakhwada. Covering athletics, football, volleyball, hockey, boxing, wrestling, badminton, basketball, and kho-kho, the tournament will be held from the Mandal to the Lok Sabha level, with the finals scheduled for December. He said the event will encourage healthy competition, discipline, and team spirit among youth, while also aligning with the government's sports initiatives such as Khelo India.

Former state president Dr. Dineshanand Goswami praised Prime Minister Modi as a global symbol of visionary leadership, citing initiatives like Atmanirbhar Bharat, Digital India, Startup India, and Swachh Bharat. He stressed that BJP workers were committed to carrying forward Modi's vision through Seva Pakhwada.

The workshop was anchored conduction by District General Secretary Sanjeev Singh and a vote of thanks was offered by Pawan Agarwal. (w/gsd)

Sudhanshu Shekhar Pani: The unsung torchbearer of Seraikela Chhau music

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Seraikela, Sept 3: At the main bus stand of Seraikela, a humble old man with a tripundtilak on his forehead can be seen sending off buses. To passersby, he may appear to be an ordinary figure, but for those who know him, he is Guru Sudhanshu Shekhar Pani, a legendary musician and the only surviving Shehnai maestro of Seraikela's world-famous Chhau dance tradition.

Popularly known as Sudhanshu Nana, he embodies the rare blend of simplicity and unmatched artistic excellence.

Born on January 22, 1953, into a family deeply rooted in the traditions of dance, drama, and culture, Sudhanshu Pani began training in Chhau at the tender age of ten under the guidance of Natasekhar Ban Bihari Patnaik.

Later, he honed his skills in traditional Chhau music, Shehnai, and flute under the mentorship of Guru Motho Das and Guru Kala Chand Bhol. His talent was recognized nationally when he received the prestigious National Scholarship for Shehnai in 1980, training under Shehnai Nawab Ustad Peer Baksh Khan.

His music has crossed boundaries of villages, states, and nations.

He played Shehnai in Shyam Benegal's iconic TV series Bharat Ek Khoj and contributed compositions for productions such as AmolPalekar'sMrignayani, Jeevan Rekha, and France's Ashoka and Ramayana.

His work with the Saraikela Chhau Nritya Kala Kendra has enriched the cultural fabric of the art form. Guru Pani has represented India globally, performing in cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Hyderabad, as well as across Europe and Asia - including France, Germany, Belgium, Japan, Thailand, and Malaysia. He collaborated with legendary Chhau Gurus such as Padma Shri Kedarnath Sahu, SN Singhdev, and Gopal Prasad Dubey. Besides the Shehnai, he is equally proficient in tabla, dhol, khol, flute, and sarangi, making him a complete musician. Despite international acclaim, Guru Pani leads a simple life. Every morning and evening, he serves as a priest at the Sri Raghunath Temple in the Saraikela Rajmahal, while also continuing his daily routine at the bus stand, greeting and sending off buses. This quiet coexistence of divinity, humility, and artistry makes him a revered figure in the region.

His eyes, though aged, still shine with the hope of seeing Saraikela's Chhau art remain a radiant star on the world stage. For admirers and disciples, Guru Sudhanshu Shekhar Pani is not just a musician but a living bridge between tradition and modernity - an unsung cultural ambassador whose life is a testament to the spirit of dedication. (w/gsd)

Rotary Club Chaibasa distributes fruits to patients in Sadar Hospital



Chaibasa, Sept 3: Rotary Club Chaibasa organized a fruit distribution programme for patients admitted in Sadar Hospital. Deputy Civil Surgeon Dr. Shivcharan Hansda attended as chief guest and praised the Rotary for its service initiatives, calling them commendable and inspiring for society. Rotary Club President Vikas Dodrajka said the organization works for all sections of society and promotes mutual cooperation. Fruits were distributed among elderly patients as well as those admitted in male and female wards. The programme was sponsored by Devbrata Raha, Director of Chaibasa Engineering College. Rotary members Gurumukh Singh Khokhar, Madan Lal Gupta, Deepak Prasad, Durgesh Khatri, Saurabh Prasad, Ajay Mohta and members of the Red Cross Society were present. Programme coordinator Vishnu Bhoot expressed gratitude to all supporters.

JMM West Singhbhum holds meeting for Gua Martyr's Day preparations



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Chaibasa, Sept 3: A meeting of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha West Singhbhum District Committee was held in D.B. of Gua under the chairmanship of District President Sona Ram Devgam to prepare for the Martyr's Day and the 'Antim Johar Yatra' programme in memory of state creator and Dishoom Guru Shibu Soren.

The meeting reviewed preparations to pay tribute to the martyrs of the Gua firing incident. A district-level committee was formed with the inclusion of senior office bearers including Vice President Deepak Kumar Pradhan, Vikas Gupta, Ashok Das, Prem Mundri, District Secretary Rahul Aditya, Spokesperson Budhram Laguri, Treasurer Subhash Banerjee and other block-level leaders.

District President Sona Ram Devgam said JMM workers will take responsibility for ensuring the safe arrival of the martyrs' families at Gua. The Noamundi and Jagannathpur block committees were tasked with mobilizing maximum participation from the surrounding villages. He assured that like every year, this year too, the martyrs will be paid emotional tribute with full enthusiasm.

DC inspects preparations for Chief Minister's programme at Gua Shaheed Sthal



Chaibasa, Sept 3: District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner Chandan Kumar today inspected the Gua Shaheed Sthal in Jagannathpur subdivision ahead of the proposed tribute meeting of Chief Minister Hemant Soren on 8 September. The DC reviewed arrangements at the helipad, meeting venue and other facilities. He instructed officers to ensure proper arrangements for tents, seating, drinking water, toilets, light and sound systems, and parking. Superintendent of Police Rakesh Ranjan directed police officials to strengthen security arrangements for the programme.

DDC Sandeep Kumar Meena, Additional DC Praveen Kerketta, SDO of Sadar and Jagannathpur, along with district-level officers and police officials, were present during the inspection.

MDA-IDA campaign now till 30 Sept

Seraikela,Sept 3: Under the National Vector Borne Disease Control Program, the MDA-IDA campaign being run from 15 to 25 August for the elimination of filariasis in the district has now been extended till 30 September for a special mop up round. So that 100 percent of the targeted people in the district can be given MDA-IDA medicine. District Vector Borne Disease Control Officer Dr. Sujit Kumar Murmu informed that MDA-IDA campaign has been started in the district by the Government of India under the National Vector Borne Disease Control Program. In this campaign, a target has been set to administer medicines to 1182856 people of the district. In which 84% of the work has been completed till Tuesday. He informed that a door-to-door campaign is being run in the urban area of the district. This campaign is being run as a mop up round. Currently, after the departmental instructions, a special mop up round will be run from 15 to 30 September to ensure medicine intake to the migrant population who came home during various festivals.

6th Aviral Memorial Inter School District Badminton Competition concludes

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Chaibasa, Sept 3: The 6th Aviral Memorial Inter School District Badminton Competition 2025, organized by West Singhbhum District Badminton Association and sponsored by Madhusudan Vidyalaya, Asantalia, Chakradharpur and Dr. C.A. Memorial Trust, concluded at Birsa Munda Indoor Stadium, Chaibasa.

The chief guest of the closing ceremony was Superintendent of Police Rakesh Ranjan, while ASP Abhiyan Paras Kumar Rana, former Education Director Arvind Vijay Bilung and Madhusudan Vidyalaya Director Balraj Kumar Hindwar were present as special guests. Trophies were awarded to winners and runners-up by the dignitaries. Addressing the gathering, SP Rakesh Ranjan expressed happiness over the enthusiastic participation of players. He motivated the students by saying that along with sports, studies are equally important and maintaining a balance between both is the key to success. Earlier, West Singhbhum District Badminton Secretary Ashok Joshi welcomed the guests with flower bouquets, and a garland was placed on the portrait of late Aviral in whose memory the tournament is held. Joshi informed that over 250 participants from different schools took part in the competition this year. He expressed hope that in future, players from remote areas like Manoharpur and Noamundi will also participate. Former Education Director Arvind Vijay Bilung recalled how this tournament was initiated in memory of his late son Aviral, with the aim of generating interest in badminton among school students. He said the competition, initially held only for boys, now includes girls as well, following the demand of parents.

He thanked the Madhusudan Vidyalaya Director Balraj Kumar Hindwar for his continuous sponsorship since the beginning.

Bilung emphasized that winning or losing is part of the game, and participation is most important. He congratulated the winners, encouraged those who did not succeed, and motivated all players to continue their practice with dedication.

Rootz Family Salon reopens with modern facilities in Bistupur

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Jamshedpur, Sept 3: Rootz Family Salon, located on the first floor of Nagelia Mansion opposite Bistupur Ram Mandir, was re-inaugurated by Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy.

Speaking on the occasion, Roy praised the efforts of salon owners Subodh Kumar Sharma and Swati Sharma, who have over two decades of experience in the beauty industry, for consistently delivering quality services to their clients.

Spread across 1,500 sq. ft. and fully air-conditioned, the upgraded salon now offers a wide range of skin and hair treatments for men, women, and children. Services include straightening, smoothening, keratin treatment, waxing, facials, manicures, pedicures, body spa, and specialized makeup for weddings, parties, and events. To mark the reopening, the salon is offering a 25% discount on hair and skin care services and 10% off on products until September 30. For appointments and details, customers can contact 9693260687 or 9031251016. (w/gsd)

Seraikela: Karam Mahotsav organised at Burudih

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Seraikela, Sept 3: Pre-evening Karam Mahotsav was organized on Tuesday in Upkramit Uchch Vidyalaya Burudih. During this, BPO of Kharsawan block Pankaj Kumar Mahato was present as the chief guest. On the occasion, he gave detailed information to the school children about Karam Parva and encouraged them by appreciating the dance and music presented by the school children.

The school's headmaster Dharmendra Mahato told the children in detail about the sanctity of the natural festival Karam and its neg rules. School teachers Tushar Kanti Mahato, Pradeep Kumar Mahato, Prashant Kumar Pradhan and Braj Kishore Kumar Bedia made the children aware of the faith, rules and folk tales of the people associated with Karam festival. Along with this, school teacher Tushar Kanti Mahato said that Karam festival is a great natural and cultural festival of Jharkhand. This festival also shows the love of brothers and sisters. During this time, students from class VII to X performed Karam dance in different groups. Sakshi, Radha, Manju, Sumit, Chakro, Pratiksha, Vasundhara, Rishikesh, Dashrath, Raj, Purnima Banra were specially involved in this.

The most attractive dance among all these dances was the dance performed with full enthusiasm by almost all the students from class 1 to 10. The program was conducted by the school student Sangeeta Pramanik and the vote of thanks was given by teacher Prashant Kumar Pradhan.

On this occasion, school teachers Laxman Sahu, Manoj Pandey, Pradeep Kumar Mahato, Swagata Singh, Chanda Rani Maji, Sandhya Pradhan, Neelmohan Mahato, Mousumi Das, Lovely Kumari, Dinesh Mahato, Loknath Mahato, Visheshwar Mahato, Supriya Sahdev and Yudhishthir Pan were present.

Street play performed by PLVs



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Seraikela, Sept 3: Under the aegis of NALSA DAWN Scheme, as per the instructions of Jhalsa, a street play was organized by the PLVs of Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committee Chandil in Nargadih village of Chandil block to make India tobacco free.

The objective of which was to educate people about the ill effects of drugs through street play at the grassroots level, create awareness among people of all sections and encourage them to adopt a drug-free lifestyle, prevent the consumption of cigarettes, bidi, khaini, tobacco, gutkha and intoxicants, focus on counseling and establishing a strong mechanism for the needy people and create critical thinking and knowledge about drugs among the illiterate people in the village.

Villagers were motivated to live a healthy and drug-free life, so that they can contribute to national development. The villagers of Nargadih village and PLVs Mohd Ramzan Ansari, Arun Kumar Mahato, Rajkumar Mahato, Neha Kumari, Vandana Mahato and Shabnam Khatoon etc. were mainly present in the street meeting.

Investigation begins against former administrator of Seraikela Nagar Panchayat

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Seraikela, Sept 3: Investigation has started on the instructions of the District Administration in the matter of purchasing goods worth more than 50 lakh rupees for the Seraikela Nagar Panchayat office in an illegal manner, by keeping the rules aside.

In which the former administrator of Seraikela Nagar Panchayat Shashi Shekhar is under the scanner.

In this regard, an investigation was conducted on Tuesday by a three-member investigation team constituted under the leadership of Seraikela Sub-Divisional Officer Nivedita Niyati. The investigation team, which reached the Seraikela Nagar Panchayat office, examined all the important documents related to the previous purchases on this occasion.

During this period, the investigation team also questioned the office staff separately and collected information. And the bill payment details and stock register related to the purchase were investigated. Investigation team chief SDO Nivedita Niyati informed in this regard that the investigation process is ongoing. Documents are being scrutinized regarding all points of the investigation subject. And its complete report will be presented before the Deputy Commissioner for further action.

The role of the former administrator is under question: It is being told that the purchase which is being investigated by the team was made without completing the tender or approval process. The purchase was made during the tenure of former administrator Shashi Shekhar without any transparency. However, the discussion has once again heated up after the commencement of departmental investigation on the said matter which was a topic of discussion in Saraikela Nagar area.

People are keeping a close eye on the results of the investigation.

Former vice-president of Nagar Panchayat Manoj Kumar Chaudhary had demanded an inquiry from the Deputy Commissioner Manoj Kumar Chaudhary, former vice-president of Saraikela Nagar Panchayat, had demanded an inquiry into the matter from the Deputy Commissioner about a month ago regarding the above-mentioned purchase matter. In which he had given point-wise information to the Deputy Commissioner about the gross irregularities committed in the purchase.

Corruption will not be tolerated at any cost: Manoj Kumar Chaudhary



Seraikela, Sept 3: The former Vice-President of Saraikela Municipal Council and active social worker Manoj Kumar Choudhary had complained to the Deputy Commissioner about the corruption in the amount of Rs 50 lakh allotted in the name of office capacity enhancement in Seraikela Municipal Council.

A three-member investigation team constituted by the Deputy Commissioner under the chairmanship of the Sub-Divisional Officer Saraikela is investigating the corruption in the Municipal Council office on Tuesday. The investigation should be conducted in an impartial and transparent manner. The then administrator of Nagar Panchayat involved in corruption thinks that he will be saved by getting himself transferred. But he and other corrupt people involved in corruption should remember that the bundle of sins will definitely be exposed one day. If negligence is shown in the investigation, then an investigation will be demanded from the department and the government in this regard.

Modi's China visit marks strategic shift in India's Foreign Policy through SCO Platform

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent decision to travel to China for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit has signaled a significant shift in India's foreign policy. More than the outcomes of the summit itself, Modi's visit, his first to China in seven years, and his bilateral meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, the first since the 2020 military standoff, reflected a new approach towards Beijing and the region at large.

The summit was also the first SCO gathering attended by Modi in three years. The SCO, widely seen as a Eurasian grouping leaning towards anti-Western positions, brought together Modi, Xi, and Russian President Vladimir Putin in a rare display of cordiality. Images of the three leaders together evoked memories of the once-active Russia-India-China (RIC) trilateral dialogue, now dormant but still symbolic of shared geopolitical weight.

In his bilateral talks with Xi, Modi approved a normalization roadmap beginning October 2024. The process involves phased withdrawal of troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and acceleration of the long-discussed border settlement process under the mandate of special representatives. Both sides also agreed to resume direct flights, ease visa procedures, and restore economic ties in a bid to "stabilize world trade." Modi reaffirmed that India would pursue relations based on "mutual trust, respect and sensitivity," while Xi responded with a call for "the dragon and the elephant to come together."

This cordiality would have been unimaginable a year ago. The thaw is partly attributed to recent tensions in India's relationship with the United States. Washington's imposition of tariffs and sanctions on India, coupled with New Delhi's mistrust of the Trump administration's strategic intentions, has created room for renewed India-China engagement. Against this backdrop, Modi's outreach suggests a pragmatic recalibration of India's external ties.

At the same time, India has not abandoned its core concerns. China's consistent support to Pakistan - whether during Operation Sindoor, in blocking India's aspirations for UN Security Council reforms and Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) membership, or its reluctance to designate Pakistan-based terrorists - continues to cast a shadow over bilateral relations. Yet, the Tianjin Declaration adopted at the SCO summit carried pointed language against "cross-border activities of terrorists," a clause seen as aligning with India's interests. The declaration also condemned both the Pahalgam attack in Jammu and Kashmir and assaults on Pakistani forces in Balochistan, reflecting a carefully balanced stance.

The declaration further saw consensus on contentious global issues, including the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and condemnation of US-Israeli strikes on Iran. However, India maintained its opposition to the clause endorsing China's Belt and Road Initiative, underlining its longstanding objections to the project's implications for sovereignty. Xi's proposal for an SCO Development Bank and Modi's suggestion to launch a "civilizational dialogue" among SCO members were also noted as forward-looking contributions.

While the visit was broadly hailed as "fruitful" in terms of outcomes and atmospherics, Modi's decision not to attend the "SCO Plus" summit drew some criticism. The absence limited opportunities for direct engagement with leaders of neighboring countries and the Global South, constituencies India has actively sought to cultivate.

Nevertheless, Modi's China visit stands out as a deliberate and calculated move in India's foreign policy journey. It reflects New Delhi's effort to balance strategic compulsions, rebuild trust with Beijing, and assert a role in shaping Eurasian dialogue at a time of shifting global alignments.

From the Editorial Desk

U.S. tariffs on India and the push for "Make in India"



Tanya Ranjan



The imposition of U.S. tariffs on Indian exports has reignited debates on how India can strengthen its domestic economy while navigating the turbulent waters of global trade. American protectionist policies-often framed around safeguarding local industries-inevitably create ripple effects in developing economies like India, where export-driven sectors such as textiles, pharmaceuticals, jewellery, and chemicals face sudden disruptions. While these measures challenge India's access to U.S. markets, they also present an opportunity to deepen self-reliance through the "Make in India" initiative.

Launched in 2014, Make in India was envisioned as a transformative strategy to position India as a global hub for manufacturing and innovation. By encouraging both domestic and foreign investment, reducing regulatory hurdles, and focusing on key sectors like defence, electronics, automobiles, and renewable energy, the initiative aims to create jobs, enhance skills, and boost exports.

U.S. tariffs underline why such a push is vital. Dependence on volatile foreign markets leaves India vulnerable to external shocks. A strong domestic manufacturing base ensures that even when global trade barriers arise, India's internal demand can sustain industries and safeguard livelihoods. Moreover, fostering a resilient industrial ecosystem helps Indian firms climb global value chains rather than remain dependent on raw material exports or low-value-added products.

The shift also aligns with geopolitical realities. As supply chains diversify in the post-pandemic era, India has the chance to present itself as a reliable manufacturing alternative to countries like China. Initiatives like the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, along with infrastructure improvements and digitalisation, can reinforce India's attractiveness to global investors.

In this sense, U.S. tariffs-though disruptive in the short term-could catalyse India to accelerate the "Make in India" mission. The long-term response lies not in lamenting lost market access but in creating a robust economy that is both export-competitive and domestically resilient.

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Extraditing Sheikh Hasina: Terrorists plot hostage siege at India's Mission in Dhaka

An Intelligence Bureau alert has revealed that a major attack was being planned on the Indian High Commission in Dhaka. The plot, according to the information, was being planned by Al Qaeda in the Subcontinent and the Jamaatul Ansar fil Hindal Sharqia.

These terror groups planned to lay siege to the Indian High Commission in Dhaka and then hold the diplomats hostage. The demand is to extradite Sheikh Hasina from India. Since the fall of her government, Sheikh Hasina has taken refuge in India.

This issue has been a thorn in the ties between the two countries. Bangladesh has been demanding her extradition and has blamed this issue on the failing relations between the two nations.

Security officials say that this plan could not have been planned by the two terror groups on their own. There is clearly an ISI link to it. Under Sheikh Hasina, the ISI was kept at a distance. This was an irritant for the Jamaat-e-Islami too, as it is a proxy for the ISI and also a known "India-hater."

Under Sheikh Hasina, ties with India were rock solid, and this was proving to be a major irritant for the ISI and Jamaat. With the regime change, a lot has changed in Bangladesh, and the ISI has been given a free hand in the country.



While the government under Sheikh Hasina did not give much importance to Pakistan, there were a few in Bangladesh who were hand in glove with the ISI. The ISI had with the help of its cronies, managed to smuggle in arms and ammunition into Bangladesh since 2023. This suggests that there was a major plan on hand to destabilise the government and also hurt India's interests.

The ISI has been trying for a long time to bring down the Sheikh Hasina government. Back in 2014, too, an attempt was made. The Burdwan bust in West Bengal was a clear indicator of the same. Cottage industries in large numbers were preparing bombs that were meant to be transported to Bangladesh. The idea was to carry out a series of blasts across the country and then demand the resignation of Sheikh Hasina on moral grounds for failing to secure the nation.

To plan an attack on the Indian mission in Dhaka serves the ISI's agenda perfectly. Many of these terror groups remained underground under the regime of Sheikh Hasina. An attack of this magnitude would keep these terror groups happy, and they could cite the same to increase funding and recruitments.

The ISI, since the regime change, has been in overdrive mode in Bangladesh. It has been setting up training camps. It has even sent in terrorists of the Jaish-e-Muhammad to train the Bangladeshi terrorists.

Indian officials say whatever the ISI may do has an India angle to it. The primary agenda is to hurt India, and building up terror groups in Bangladesh means the northeastern border remains highly volatile at all times, like we see in the case of the Line of Control (LoC).

The Jammat too toes the line of the ISI and having Hasina back and trying her is a political statement in Bangladesh. Hence, the idea of laying siege to the Indian High Commission and then demanding the extradition of Sheikh Hasina was a plan that the Jamaat readily agreed to.

With the elections tentatively scheduled to be held in February next year, Sheikh Hasina would be a major issue. Hasina's Awami League has been banned from contesting the elections, thus indicating it would be a one-sided affair.

While the BNP is the frontrunner to win the elections, it is clear that the Jamaat will continue to call the shots. Upon the insistence of the ISI, the Jamaat is hell bent on ensuring that Hasina is back in Bangladesh and tried. This serves as both an election issue and the Jamaat and ISI's way of seeking revenge.

After all, both parties failed to lift their heads under Hasina's regime in Bangladesh.

Amid geopolitical turbulences, can BRICS be bridge for South



Once coined as an economic acronym by Goldman Sachs, BRICS has evolved over 15 years into a forum with undeniable global weight, thanks to expanded membership, financial institutions, and growing influence in governance.

But the question remains: can it deliver tangible outcomes for the Global South, or does it remain an informal talk shop?

As a formal grouping, BRICS started after the meeting of the Leaders of Russia, India and China in St Petersburg on the margins of the G8 Outreach Summit in 2006.

The grouping was formalised during the first meeting of BRICS Foreign Ministers on the margins of UNGA in New York in 2006. The first BRICS Summit was held in Yekaterinburg, Russia, in 2009.

With global debt crossing $102 trillion -- $31 trillion owed by developing countries -- fiscal space for essential investments in health, education, and climate adaptation is shrinking. In this strained context, BRICS is increasingly cast as a "silver lining", offering alternatives to debt-ridden economies through people-centric and non-conditional platforms, according to a report by 'Modern Diplomacy'.

Brazil and India exemplify this pragmatic approach. For Brazil, BRICS is less an anti-Western bloc than a bridge for convergence, pushing climate finance, vaccine R&D, and digital trade facilitation. President Lula da Silva recently likened BRICS to the Non-Aligned Movement, calling it a platform for multipolarity.

Brazil also backs India's demand for a permanent UN Security Council seat, signalling support for institutional reform. India, meanwhile, views BRICS as a vehicle for delivery. New Delhi plans to push low-cost digital solutions, energy security via the International Solar Alliance, and women's development via this grouping. India's experiments with local currency settlements and adapting its Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for cross-border use are seen as scalable innovations that could cushion developing economies.

Yet paradoxes persist. While India, Brazil, and South Africa emphasise reform within multilateral structures, China and Russia often frame BRICS as a counterweight to the West.

Beijing has promoted platforms like the New Development Bank and BRICS Pay, while Moscow leans on anti-Western rhetoric, as seen at the 2024 Kazan summit.

Proposals for a BRICS Secretariat highlight growing calls for institutionalisation. The grouping's credibility now hinges on delivery -- extending finance without intrusive conditionalities, advancing trade, and amplifying the Global South's priorities sidelined elsewhere.

Azharuddin likely to be inducted in Telangana Cabinet

Congress leader and former Indian cricket captain Mohammed Azharuddin may be inducted in the Telangana Cabinet following the decision to nominate him as a Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) under the Governor's quota.

The Cabinet's decision came as a surprise, as only a few weeks ago, Azharuddin had declared himself as the Congress candidate for the upcoming by-election to the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency.

After the defeat in the 2023 elections from his home constituency, he was keen to reenter the fray as the seat fell vacant following the death of sitting MLA Maganti Gopinath of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS).

Azharuddin's reaction to the Cabinet decision indicates that the party leadership had already persuaded him to accept the nomination as MLC. "Deeply honored and humbled by the Cabinet's decision to nominate me for the MLC post under the Governor's quota in Telangana," the former cricketer posted on X on Sunday. He thanked the Congress leadership and assured that he 'remains committed to serving the State with integrity and dedication'.

Congress leaders say Azharuddin's nomination as MLC will pave the way for his induction into the State Cabinet. This will meet the long-pending demand for Muslim representation in the Cabinet.

The Congress had come under flak from various Muslim community groups for not giving representation in the Cabinet even 20 months after coming to power. Some Muslim groups had termed this as betrayal by the Congress after garnering support from Muslims in the elections.

Azharuddin, the Working President of Telangana Congress unit and who was recently named a member of the Political Affairs Committee of the state unit, was one of the three Muslim candidates fielded by Congress in the 2023 Assembly polls. None of them could be elected.

Azharuddin had lost to Gopinath in Jubilee Hills by a margin of 16,337 votes. In a multi-cornered contest, Gopinath secured 80,549 votes while Azharuddin polled 64,212 votes. BJP's L. Deepak Reddy came third with 25,866 votes.

Asaduddin Owaisi-led All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), which was a friendly party of then ruling BRS, had entered the fray to queer the pitch for Azharuddin. AIMIM candidate Rashed Farazuddin had finished a distant fourth with 7,848 votes.

Former minister and senior leader Mohammed Ali Shabbir, who lost the 2023 election from Nizamabad Urban constituency, was likely to be nominated as MLC and made



a minister to ensure Muslim representation. However, he was appointed as advisor to the state government on BCs, SCs, STs and minorities. Names of various Muslim leaders of the Congress have been doing the rounds as the possible choice for MLC and minister.

However, the Congress sprang a surprise in January 2024 by deciding to nominate Amer Ali Khan, news editor of the Urdu daily 'Siasat', to the upper house of the state legislature along with M. Kodandaram, a former professor of political science at Osmania University and the President of Telangana Jana Samithi (TJS). Amer Ali Khan's nomination was also seen as a thanksgiving gesture by the Congress for the newspaper's support during the elections.

However, they could not take the oath as the High Court set aside their appointment on the petitions by BRS leaders Dasoju Sravan and Kurra Satyanarayana, whose nomination as MLCs was recommended by the previous government of BRS in July 2023, but the same was rejected by then Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan on the grounds that the two were "politically aligned persons".

The High Court had subsequently quashed the Governor's decision to reject the nominations of Dasoju Sravan and Satyanarayana.

Following the High Court order, the BRS leaders had requested the Governor to nominate them as MLCs. However, as the BRS had lost power to Congress, the Governor rejected the request.

Sravan and Satyanarayana had challenged the Governor's refusal in the Supreme Court. On August 14, 2024, the Supreme Court declined to pass any orders but made it clear that if the state and the Governor proceed further with appointing Congress nominees in the two vacant slots, such appointments would be subject to the final outcome of the pleas.

A few days later, the Cabinet again recommended Kodandaram and Khan as MLCs. Governor Jishnu Dev Varma accepted the recommendation. They took the oath as MLCs.

However, on August 13, the Supreme Court stayed their appointment after Sravan and Satyanarayana challenged it on the grounds that it violates the interim order of the apex court.

The Supreme Court order also came as an opportunity for the ruling party to replace Amer Ali Khan with Azharuddin. It, however, decided to retain Kodandaram.

Azharuddin was elected to the Lok Sabha from Moradabad constituency in Uttar Pradesh in 2009, a few months after he joined the Congress. The Congress had fielded him from Rajasthan's Ton-Sawai Madhopur in 2014, but he lost the election.

In 2018, he was appointed as the Working President of the state Congress. He had campaigned for the party in the 2018 Assembly elections, but the party did not field him in either the Assembly or Lok Sabha polls.

A Cabinet expansion is likely in the next few months to fill three vacancies.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and 11 ministers were sworn in on December 7, 2023. After a long delay, the Cabinet was expanded on June 8 this year with the induction of three ministers. However, the Muslim community was once again ignored.

As the party leadership kept three posts vacant, one of them is likely to be filled with Azharuddin's induction after his appointment as MLC.

The state Cabinet can have a maximum of 18 ministers, including the Chief Minister.

Tata Motors launches the All-New LPT 812

New Delhi, Sep 3: Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, today announced the launch of the all-new Tata LPT 812, its latest offering in the Intermediate, Light and Medium Commercial Vehicles (ILMCV) segment. Setting new benchmarks in operational efficiency, and total cost of ownership, the Tata LPT 812, with its higher payload capacity, is engineered to deliver greater profitability for fleet owners. Equipped with factory-fitted air-conditioning, the LPT 812 is India's first 4-tyre truck with a 5-tonne rated payload - offering unmatched payload capacity with easy urban operability. Built on Tata



Motors' proven LPT platform, the vehicle delivers the ruggedness of a 6-tyre vehicle with the efficiency, agility, and lower maintenance of a 4-tyre truck. Offered with multiple load body options, the vehicle supports a wide range of applications including industrial goods, market load, F&V, courier, among others.

Commenting on the launch, Rajesh Kaul, Vice President & Business Head - Trucks, Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles, said, "The launch of the Tata LPT 812 sets a new benchmark in customer profitability in the segment. This category-defining truck addresses the growing need for improved productivity, while delivering superior fuel efficiency, ease of operations, and maximum uptime. It reflects our commitment to understanding evolving market requirements, and developing advanced solutions that drive long-term business growth for our customers." Powered by the trusted 4SPCR diesel engine, the Tata LPT 812 delivers 125hp and 360Nm torque-ensuring superior performance with high fuel efficiency. It is paired with a 5-speed gearbox and a booster-assisted clutch for smooth gearshifts and reduced driver fatigue. Safety and durability are enhanced through improved braking and heavy-duty radial tyres for effortless load carrying. Built for optimal comfort and handling, the truck features parabolic front suspension with an anti-roll bar, full S-Cam air brakes, and tilt & telescopic power steering. Backed by a 3-year/3 lakh km warranty, the LPT 812 assures long-term reliability, peace of mind, and strong value for fleet owners.

Govt warns against fake websites posting jobs, receiving applications

New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS) The Ministry of Labour and Employment on Wednesday warned citizens about two websites posting and inviting job applications posing as undertakings of the Central government.

"It has come to the notice of the Ministry of Labour & Employment that certain websites like https://viksitbharatrozgaryojana.org/ and https://pmviksitbharatrozgaryojana.com/ are falsely claiming to be undertakings of the Government of India and allegedly inviting applications for recruitment at pan-India locations under the name of the Ministry," the ministry said in a statement.

It has denied any association with these websites or their activities and advised citizens not to share any personal information, engage with, or make any payments through such portals. PIB Fact Check, the fact-checking unit of Press Information Bureau (PIB), also labelled 'viksitbharatrozgaryojna.org' a fake portal, denying it has any association with the Ministry of Labour and Employment. "A website (https://viksitbharatrozgaryojana.org) is falsely claiming to recruit for various positions across India, portraying itself as an organisation affiliated with the Ministry of Labour & Employment (@LabourMinistry)," PIB Fact Check said in a post on X.



Team PSF's centurion blood donor reached Kadma Shri Bala Ganpati Vilas, bowed down and took blessings. Senior officials of the committee welcomed him warmly and honoured him.

MS Engineers celebrates 12th Foundation Day with global participation

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Sept 3: MS Engineers marked its 12th Foundation Day with grandeur, bringing together employees, officers, and distinguished guests in a festive celebration. The event was graced by the company's Chairman VK Singh and Managing Director Manish Singh, alongside hundreds of enthusiastic participants.



The program began with lamp lighting and a welcome speech, followed by an address from Chairman VK Singh. He credited the company's successful 12-year journey to the dedication of its team and the trust of its customers, reaffirming that quality and reliability would remain the company's guiding principles.

Managing Director Manish Singh highlighted the workforce as MS Engineers' greatest strength and expressed commitment to achieving new milestones through technology and innovation.

On this occasion, the company announced several social initiatives focused on education and skill development to empower local youth with training and employment opportunities. Adding an international dimension, representatives from Wuhan, China-XieTian and Mo Shen Chao-attended as Guests of Honour, exploring avenues for Indo-Chinese technical collaboration.

Prominent guests included Radhey Shyam Singh, Prabhat Joshi, Rajiv Kumar, B.K. Singh, and Neha Singh. The celebration concluded with colorful cultural performances, including songs, dances, and drama, followed by a banquet.

MS Engineers, with its blend of technical excellence and social responsibility, has set a strong example for future generations through its 12 years of growth and service. (w/gsd)

Development work inaugurated in Sakchi and Burmamines

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Sept 3: Residents of Sakchi East and Burmamines areas received major development projects on Tuesday. Jamshedpur MP Bidyut Baran Mahato and Jamshedpur East MLA Purnima Sahu jointly laid the foundation stones for two projects sanctioned by the Urban Development and Housing Department.

Under these projects, paving block installation and drain repairs will be carried out from Kalimati Chowk to Basant Central Road in Sakchi, while new roads will be built in Laxminagar and Ramdhin Bagan of Burmamines. The total expenditure on the projects is estimated at Rs 28.42 lakh. Addressing the gathering, the MP and MLA said the projects would ease local problems and contribute to area development. They instructed contractors to maintain quality and complete the work on time. They also announced that more development projects would be implemented soon.



The event was attended by MP representative Sanjeev Kumar, MLA representative Gunjan Yadav, Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Vijay Anand Munka, BJP functionaries Yuvraj Singh, Suraj Singh, Arun Mishra, Shashi Singh, Ritesh Jha, Satyendra Rajak and a large number of shopkeepers, traders, party workers and local residents.

Shri Naam Das Prabhu motivates students at RVSCET

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Sept 3: RVS College of Engineering and Technology (RVSCET) hosted a motivational lecture by Shri Naam Das Prabhu, President of ISKCON Dhanbad, as part of its ongoing induction program. Shri Naam Das Prabhu, a noted motivational speaker, has inspired students at leading institutes including IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and IIT Kharagpur, and regularly addresses premier educational institutions across India. In his lecture, he urged students to stay focused on their academics and maintain discipline in life. Highlighting the growing influence of smartphones, he strongly advised students to distance themselves from excessive mobile usage, especially reels and social media, which he described as potential sources of distraction and self-destruction.



Using the analogy of a raw clay pot, he explained that the formative years of a student's life determine their future. "Whatever is imprinted now will remain with you forever," he remarked. Shri Naam Das Prabhu also shared real-life examples to emphasize his message and encouraged students to develop the habit of reading for at least an hour daily to broaden knowledge and strengthen character.

The program concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Subrata Mahto, who appreciated the valuable insights shared during the session. The lecture left a deep impact on the students, motivating them to adopt healthy habits and work towards academic and personal excellence. (w/gsd)

Croma reveals 22% market growth trajectory for FY26

Ranchi, Sept 3: The monsoon season has triggered a sharp surge in India's water purifier market, with demand rising 32 percent as households focus on safe drinking water and health protection. Croma reports that nearly 35 percent of annual purchases occur during the rainy season, driven by concerns over waterborne diseases like cholera, typhoid, and hepatitis A.

Croma's research shows North India leads RO purifier purchases at 31 percent, followed by South (30 percent), West (25 percent), and East (15 percent). RO technology dominates 90 percent of electric purifier sales, while black remains the most popular color. Over half of purifiers now include UF and UV filtration, 15 percent feature alkaline technology, and 8 percent employ copper. Premium models priced above Rs15,000 with mineral-enhancing functions are increasingly popular.

In the April-June 2025 quarter, Croma recorded 11 percent volume growth and 12 percent value growth. Maharashtra remains the largest market (25 percent), with Karnataka (15 percent) and Gujarat (12 percent) following closely. Under-the-counter installations rose 30 percent year-over-year, reflecting urban consumers' preference for minimalist kitchens. A spokesperson at Croma-Infiniti Retail Ltd. said, "Families are looking for real solutions, not just appliances. Our experts guide them on filtration needs and space-saving designs.

Shopsy announces The Grand Shopsy Mela

Bengaluru, Sep 3: As Bharat gears up for the upcoming festive season, Shopsy by Flipkart is bringing back its most anticipated shopping celebration and biggest sale of the year, the Grand Shopsy Mela (GSM). Scheduled from August 29 to September 7, the event promises unmatched excitement with the theme 'Aise Girenge Dam, Shopping HogiSubahShaam.

'With the shopping fervour high and customers looking to pamper their loved ones during the festive season, Shopsy is helping families across Bharat to shop within budget. This year, GSM brings over 1 crore products under ?149/-, spanning across fashion, lifestyle, home, and beauty-thoughtfully curated to delight value-conscious shoppers. GSM will offer exceptional value with prices that are hard to match, making festive shopping more rewarding than ever. For millions in Tier 2, 3, and 4 towns, GSM signals the beginning of the festive season, offering the joy of indulgence at unmatched affordability. With enhanced supply chain readiness and curated offers across every festive need, Shopsy is prepared to make this season's shopping more exciting, accessible, and inclusive than ever before.

PM Modi to address Global Maritime CEO Forum: Sarbananda Sonowal

Mail News Service

Guwahati/Ranchi, Sept. 3: The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), Sarbananda Sonowal announced that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the upcoming 'India Maritime Week'in Mumbai from Oct. 27-31, where he will deliver the keynote address at the Global Maritime CEO Forum. Speaking at the Water Voyage Northeast 2025 conference in Guwahati, Sonowal described the event as "a historic opportunity to showcase India's maritime strength to the world" with participation expected from over 100 countries and more than 100,000 stakeholders.



SarbanandaSonowal said the Prime Minister's presence will reaffirm India's global maritime leadership at a time when the sector is undergoing unprecedented transformation. "India Maritime Week will not only be a confluence of ideas, but a confluence of confidence, Sarbananda Sonowal said. "The way Prime Minister Modi has guided our maritime vision, the world now looks at India as a trusted partner and a rising maritime power. His presence at the Global Maritime CEO Forum will inspire global industry leaders to invest in India's growth story." The Minister also revealed a major development for the Northeast: two luxury cruise ships are being built at a combined investment of 250 crore for deployment on the Brahmaputra River. These ships, currently under construction at Hooghly Cochin Shipyard in Howrah, Kolkata, will be launched in 2027, providing a new dimension to Assam's river tourism under the Cruise Bharat Mission.

GST slab revision could make goods cheaper, boost demand: Economists

New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS) Economists on Wednesday said that the ongoing 56th meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council, chaired by Finance Minister NirmalaSitharaman, could pave the way for a major tax reform that will directly benefit consumers.

They say that any revision in the GST slabs will make goods cheaper and give a strong push to demand in the economy. Economist Rajeev Sahu told IANS that the two-day council meeting is particularly crucial as it is expected to bring changes to the four-tier GST slab structure introduced in 2017.

"This will be a big reform, one that Prime Minister NarendraModi had hinted at during his Independence Day speech from the Red Fort," he said. Currently, the GST regime has four slabs -- 5 per cent, 12 per cent, 18 per cent and 28 per cent.

According to Sahu, the proposal under discussion includes merging the 28 per cent slab into the 18 per cent slab and bringing the 12 per cent slab down to 5 per cent. This, he noted, would make most products significantly cheaper. Economist Surya Narayanan echoed the view, saying that prices of goods, particularly fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG), could fall by at least 15 per cent.

Bhagwan Mahavir Manipal Hospital makes advanced cardiac care accessible in Ranchi

Mail News Service

Ranchi, Sept 3: Bhagwan Mahavir Manipal Hospital, Ranchi, has reaffirmed its position as a leading centre for advanced cardiac care in Jharkhand by successfully performing some of the most complex and high-risk procedures, eliminating the need for patients to travel outside the state. Led by a team of experts - Dr. Dhananjay Kumar, Consultant - Cardiology; Dr. Deepak Kumar, Consultant - Cardiology; Dr. Rohit Kumar, Consultant - Cardiology; and, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Senior Consultant - Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery; the hospital has performed several advanced life-saving procedures.



These procedures include MICRA- a leadless pacemaker implantation, Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVI), high-risk angioplasties supported by Impella device (a small temporary pump that supports the heart during high-risk procedures), and other advanced cardiac interventionswhich earlier required patients to seek treatment in metro cities. With these breakthroughs, Bhagwan Mahavir Manipal Hospital has established itselfas a comprehensive cardiac care destination, offering world-class expertise, cutting-edge technology, and multidisciplinary management available right under one roof. These facilities are now accessible right here near home, reaffirming the hospital's role in transforming the healthcare landscape of Eastern India.

At BhagwanMahavirManipal Hospital, Ranchi, the team of cardiac specialists has been transforming outcomes for patients with some of the most complex heart conditions. Recentsuccess stories includereplacing a narrowed valve through a minimally invasive TAVR for a 70-year-old patient with severe heart failure; implanting a tiny leadless pacemaker in a high-risk patient with multiple health problems; performing a life-saving triple-vessel angioplasty supported by the Impella heart pump in an 84-year-old patient who was in critical condition; and treating a 60-year-old woman with a blocked, heavily calcified heart artery through advanced stenting techniques. Each of the cases reflects the hospital's unmatched blend of world-class technology, experienced doctors, clinical trust, and patient-centric care.

Bulandshahr confectioner receives Rs 141 crore Income Tax notice, FIR lodged over misuse of documents



Bulandshahr (Uttar Pradesh), Sep 3 (IANS) In a bizarre case, a small confectioner in Uttar Pradesh's Bulandshahr district has been served an Income Tax (IT) notice of Rs 141 crore, leaving his family shocked and distressed.

Sudhir Gupta, who runs a modest sweet shop in the Nayaganj area of Khurja Nagar Kotwali in Bulandshahr, received a notice from the Income Tax Department accusing him of tax evasion amounting to Rs 1,41,28,47,126.

Gupta said his family went into shock on seeing the notice. He said that he had never carried out such massive transactions.

"It is unimaginable. I am just a small businessman. I have never done business of crores, let alone billions of rupees. Suddenly, such a big notice came, and my entire family is devastated," Gupta told IANS.

Preliminary investigations have revealed that some Delhi-based companies allegedly misused Gupta's Aadhaar and PAN cards to conduct transactions worth billions of rupees. By fraudulently using his documents, the companies showed large-scale business dealings and shifted the liability of tax evasion onto him.

The victim filed a written complaint at the local police station, following which an FIR was registered and an investigation initiated.

Gupta added that this was not the first such incident -- he had received a similar notice in 2022 as well.

"We request the police to ensure justice and take strict action against the culprits. It seems someone used my Aadhaar and PAN to open firms and carry out huge transactions without paying taxes," Gupta added.

Police officials said the matter is under investigation and assured the family that corrective action would be taken.

Meanwhile, Gupta continues to live under stress, awaiting clarity from authorities. Cybercrime experts have warned that the fake identification and forged documents point to organised networks of criminal activity, often targeting small traders and labourers who are not digitally literate.

Are Rhea Chakraborty and Nikhil Kamath dating? Viral photo from cafe sparks buzz again



New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS): Social media is abuzz after a casual photograph taken at a cafe appears to show Zerodha co-founder Nikhil Kamath and Bollywood actress Rhea Chakraborty together. The image, shared by X user Tanisha Sheth, has sparked speculation about the duo, who have been linked in the past.

What's Happening

- Tanisha Sheth, while capturing her meal at Subko, unintentionally included Nikhil Kamath in the background of her photo. Sharing the pictures on X, she wrote, "pizza by subko (annoying that that podcast guy came into my tiramisu shot)."
- In one of the shots, Kamath is seen seated with a group of friends. Social media users quickly pointed out that one of the people sitting next to him appeared to be Rhea Chakraborty, though her face was partially obscured by a phone.
- "I see this woman Rhea as well. Plus the Zepto Guy too. What's cooking?" one X user wrote. Another asked, "Is that his celebrity girlfriend?"
- Speculation also arose about the identities of the other people in the group. While some thought Zomato CEO Deepinder Goyal was present, Tanisha clarified, "No that's his brother," referring to Nithin Kamath. Another observer guessed that Zepto's Aadit Palicha could be the fourth person, though the individual's face was turned away from the camera.

Background

This is not the first time Nikhil Kamath and Rhea Chakraborty have been spotted together. Last year, the actress was seen riding pillion on Kamath's bike in Mumbai. A few months later, fans noticed that the two appeared to celebrate Christmas together in Goa, following Rhea's Instagram posts showing beachside pictures. Both Nikhil and Nithin Kamath are based in Bengaluru, though the location of the recent photograph remains unclear. Fans are now eagerly examining the image to see if the rumoured couple has been captured in another public outing.

Influencer shares 4 morning habits behind her 70 kg weight loss



New York, Sep 3 (IANS): Weight loss is not about some secret hack or overnight change. It is about being consistent day after day.

Small things add up, and that is usually where people either make progress or lose track. It does not mean you need to follow a strict diet or push yourself into crazy workouts. What really matters is building simple habits you can actually stick to.

What

Influencer Kate Daniel, who also works as a Bariatric Coach, talked about her weight loss, in one of her recent Instagram videos.

Kate has manage to maintain her weight loss of more 70 Kg in just two years post her gastric sleeve surgery. She says that instead of focusing on complicated routines, she credits her success to four basic morning habits that helped her.

These easy practices gave her structure, kept her motivated and slowly turned into a lifestyle.

Here are the simple habits she shared that helped her along the way.

1. Do not skip breakfast

Skipping breakfast does not really save calories. It usually just leads to more snacking and overeating later in the day. Starting the morning with something quick, protein-packed and tasty keeps energy steady and hunger in check.

2. Move before overthinking it

It does not have to be a full workout. A walk, some stretches, even a little dancing around the kitchen counts. Moving the body early helps calm the mind and creates a sense of consistency without the pressure of "exercise."

3. Water first, then everything else

A glass of water before coffee or breakfast goes a long way. Staying hydrated supports energy, reduces cravings and keeps digestion running smoothly. It is one of the easiest ways to feel better overall.

4. One small promise at a time

Instead of chasing big, overwhelming goals, start with one small commitment. Following through on something simple builds momentum and gradually shifts the mindset from giving up to showing up.

Kate Daniel's journey shows that weight loss does not have to be extreme - it is all about building simple habits and staying consistent.

Playboy model claims American airlines attendant told her to 'button up' before boarding plane



New York, Sep 3 (IANS): In a viral social media rant, former Playboy Playmate Sara Blake Cheek has accused American Airlines of mistreating her over her outfit. The 34-year-old model and influencer, who boasts over 1.2 million Instagram followers, detailed the ordeal on X after a chaotic travel day on September 1. Ms Cheek was en route from an unspecified location to Atlanta when her flight was cancelled, rescheduled twice, and delayed. Already frustrated, she boarded wearing a black crop top exposing her midriff, a baggy yellow flannel shirt, leggings, high socks, and sneakers.

As she prepared to board, a flight attendant allegedly instructed her to "button up" her shirt, citing the airline's vague dress code. Ms Cheek, a platinum member of American Airlines' frequent flyer program, pointed out that other women in similar outfits weren't approached.

"The flight attendant on @AmericanAir told me I needed to button up my shirt before boarding my flight. I was unaware American Airlines had a dress code that said you can't wear athletic attire if you have big boobs," she posted on X, alongside photos of her ensemble.

American Airlines quickly responded to her posts, apologising for the "less than consistent and friendly service." The airline stated on X, "We have a deep culture of respect for both our customers and our team members, and we're sorry for anything less than consistent and friendly service. We're sharing this experience with crew leadership internally, and we'd like to have our specialist take a closer look if we can."

The airline's official dress code, per the website, requires passengers to "dress appropriately; bare feet or offensive clothing aren't allowed," but lacks specifics on crop tops or athletic wear.

This isn't the first such controversy for airlines. In 2022, former Miss Universe Olivia Culpo claimed she was asked to cover up in skintight shorts and a crop top. More recently, in October 2024, two women accused Spirit Airlines of sexism for removing them over crop tops.

Should you exchange currency at the airport? The truth about rates and fees

Mumbai, Sep 3 (IANS): Travelling abroad is exciting. New sights, sounds, and experiences are all part of it, but one of the most important aspects of any trip is managing your money. Many travellers unknowingly make the mistake of exchanging currency at the airport. While it feels convenient since the counters are easy to find, the reality is that airport exchange rates are usually higher. Not only does this reduce the amount of money you get, but it also cuts into your travel budget before your trip has even begun. The good news is that with a little planning, you can avoid this trap and make your money go further. Airports are busy, stressful places, and needing local cash quickly is common. However, exchanging money there often comes at a cost:

1. Poor Exchange Rates

Airport exchange rates are rarely as good as those offered by banks or online platforms. This means you end up getting less local currency for your money.

2. High Service Charges

Commission fees add up quickly and can either be a flat rate or a percentage of the amount exchanged. This further reduces the cash in your hand.

3. Limited Competition

With only a handful of currency exchange providers at airports, competition is scarce. As a result, you are left with less favourable rates and higher fees.

If you are in a hurry, exchange only a small emergency amount at the airport. Save the bulk of your money exchange for better options elsewhere.

Smart Alternatives To Airport Currency Exchange

Planning ahead makes a big difference. Here are some better options to consider:

1. Authorised Money Changers

Available in most cities, they often provide competitive rates. Lower overhead costs allow them to offer customers better exchange values.

2. Banks

Banks are reliable, safe, and usually cheaper than private counters. They often provide more favourable rates, especially if you have an account with them. Plus, you avoid the risk of scams or fake dealers.

3. Forex Cards

These prepaid cards, loaded with foreign currency, are convenient and secure. You can load multiple currencies on one card and even reload it when needed. This reduces the need to carry large amounts of cash while abroad.

4. Online Forex Platforms

These platforms let you lock in exchange rates before your trip and often include doorstep delivery. You can compare rates, make secure transactions, and even schedule delivery in advance, saving both time and money.

Documents Needed For Currency Exchange In India

Before exchanging money in India, you will need the right paperwork. Most authorised dealers and banks ask for:

1. A valid passport
2. A confirmed air ticket
3. A copy of your visa
4. PAN card details for higher amounts



How Much Foreign Currency Can You Carry From India?

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) sets clear guidelines on how much foreign currency you can carry abroad. At present, Indian residents travelling abroad are allowed to carry up to USD 3,000 or equivalent in cash. For higher amounts, travellers can use forex cards, travellers' cheques, or bank drafts. Keeping within the legal limit ensures a smoother journey and avoids unnecessary questions at customs.

Is It Better To Exchange Currency In India Or Abroad?

This is one of the most common questions among travellers. In most cases, exchanging in India before departure is smarter. You can compare rates between multiple banks and forex dealers to get a good deal. Abroad, especially in tourist-heavy destinations, you are more likely to face inflated charges. If you must exchange abroad, do it in city centres or at authorised banks instead of airports or small tourist kiosks.

Using Credit And Debit Cards Abroad

Carrying physical cash is not always practical, which is why many travellers now rely on debit and credit cards for payments abroad. International cards are widely accepted at hotels, restaurants, and shops. However, it is important to check the foreign transaction fees with your bank before travelling, as some cards charge between 2 to 4 per cent per swipe. Also, always inform your bank before your trip so that your card is not flagged for suspicious international activity. Where possible, use cards that offer zero foreign transaction fees or reward points on international spending.

Safety Tips For Carrying Foreign Currency While Travelling

Handling money while travelling requires some extra caution. Here are some simple but effective safety tips:

1. Do not keep all your cash in one place. Split it between your wallet, hotel safe, and luggage.
2. Carry only the cash you need for the day and leave the rest locked safely in your hotel.
3. Avoid displaying large sums of money in public places.
4. Use a money belt or hidden pouch in crowded areas to avoid pickpockets.

These habits reduce the risk of theft and ensure that even if you lose some money, you have a backup.

How To Avoid Fake Currency Abroad

If circumstances force you to exchange money overseas, here are a few ways to avoid scams:

1. Exchange Only At Authorised Banks

Choose official sources like authorised money changers, banks, or regulated currency exchange offices.

2. Avoid Street-Side Exchanges

Street exchangers may advertise attractive rates but often carry risks such as counterfeit notes or shortchanging. Always prioritise safety and use legitimate providers.

3. Keep All Receipts

Retain receipts or transaction slips. They are essential if you need to reconvert leftover currency later or prove the legitimacy of your funds.

Best Time To Buy Foreign Currency Before Travelling

The timing of your purchase can affect how much money you save. Exchange rates fluctuate daily, so it helps to plan ahead:

1. Start tracking exchange rates 2-3 weeks before your trip.
2. Buy in smaller portions if you notice rates improving.
3. Avoid last-minute exchanges at airports or right before departure.
4. Use online forex platforms where you can secure a favourable rate in advance.

Tips For Getting The Best Exchange Rates

If you want to save money while exchanging currency, here are some practical tips:

1. Compare rates online before leaving, as many websites and apps list real-time forex prices.
2. When paying by card abroad, avoid Dynamic Currency Conversion. Always pay in the local currency rather than your home currency.
3. Keep some emergency US dollars or euros, as they are widely accepted worldwide.
4. Plan your exchange in advance instead of leaving it for last-minute counters.

Now that you know the pitfalls of airport currency exchange and the smarter alternatives, plan ahead, keep an eye on rates, and exchange your money wisely. This way, you will have more to spend on your international trip instead of losing it to unnecessary fees.

German FM calls on PM Modi, appreciates India's call for Ukraine ceasefire



New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS) Visiting German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Wednesday, conveying appreciation for India's call to end the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Wadephul noted that India and Germany have taken steps to expand strategic partnership in various sectors, especially in security and defence, economy and trade as well as skilled labour.

"Had great talks with Narendra Modi today. Our countries have taken good steps to expand our strategic partnership across the board, particularly in security and defence, economy and trade as well as skilled labour. We also greatly appreciate India‘s call for a ceasefire in Ukraine," Wadephul posted on X after the meeting.

Earlier in the day, Johann Wadephul held talks with External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar at the Hyderabad House. During the meeting, the two leaders backed greater collaboration in furthering industry linkages, talent mobility, digital, semiconductors and critical technologies.

EAM Jaishankar appreciated Germany's strong advocacy for closer ties between India and the European Union (EU) and proactive pushing in concluding the Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

"Held detailed discussions on our bilateral agenda as we prepare for the next round of Inter-Governmental Consultations to be held in India. Explored greater collaboration in furthering industry linkages, talent mobility, digital, semiconductors and critical technologies. Appreciate Germany’s strong advocacy for closer India-EU ties and proactive push in concluding the FTA. Also exchanged views on our multilateral cooperation and global issues, including the Ukraine conflict, situation in Middle East/West Asia and the Indo-Pacific," EAM Jaishankar posted on X. On Tuesday, Johann Wadephul arrived in New Delhi after concluding his engagements in Bengaluru. In a statement shared on Facebook, German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul called India a "key strategic partner" for Germany and described "tech hub Bengaluru" as the "turbine of economic power house".

In a statement shared by the German Foreign Ministry on Facebook, Wadephul stated, "India is not only the largest democracy and most populous country in the world, but also a key strategic partner for Germany – politically, scientifically, culturally and economically. Tech hub Bangalore is the turbine of this economic powerhouse. During my visit to the million metropolis yesterday, this was felt at every corner. This is where technology, innovation and knowledge exchange go hand in hand. Businesses and people benefit from it - in India as well as in Germany."

"What this means is particularly clear here in Bangalore: In the largest development center of Mercedes-Benz outside Germany, over 8,500 people are working on innovations of tomorrow. I was able to open the new Experience Center at the SAP campus - a strong signal for the German-Indian technology partnership," he added.

He also visited Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru and mentioned that India is massively investing in research and high-tech.

Members of reform commissions frustrated with Yunus government

Dhaka, Sep 3 (IANS) Several chairmen and members of reform commissions have voiced their frustration over the lack of visible progress in reforms under the Muhammad Yunus-led interim government.

They stressed that more than a year after the interim government assumed power, their roles have been mostly confined to submitting proposals, without meaningful implementation, local media reported.

Additionally, they highlighted that women's perspectives are being pushed aside in the reform process.

These remarks were made at an event organised by the Citizens' Platform for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), Bangladesh, which also witnessed the launch of a new initiative titled 'Bangladesh Reform Watch'.

Despite the establishment of 11 commissions in two phases, six in the first phase and five in the second phase, aimed at driving reforms across various sectors, the speaker said, these have yielded negligible results.

"What was in place earlier is still there. Local government, media, health, and women's commissions are in the weakest state. Those who worked hard in the hope of reforms are now disheartened because nothing has moved beyond report writing," Bangladesh’s leading newspaper, The Daily Star, quoted Tofail Ahmed, chairman of the Local Government Reform Commission, as saying.

Labour Reform Commission Chairman Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmed expressed disappointment over the non-implementation of essential reforms, including minimum wage and workers' rights.

“We didn't expect reforms overnight, but at least some activities should have begun. That hasn't happened, which is deeply frustrating,” he stated.

Elderly woman accused of slashing tongue of man

Dumka, Sep 3: An elderly woman, along with six other people, are alleged to have cut the tongue of a man in Jharkhand's Dumka district, police said on Wednesday. Shikaripara police station officer-in-charge, AmitLakra, said that they received a written complaint on Wednesday morning about a 38-year-old Laltu Sheikh, a native of LataKandar village, alleging that an elderly woman, along with six other people, had cut his tongue on Tuesday night. "We have detained the accused woman KalavatiMurmu who is alleged by locals of selling Hadia (a traditional drink made from fermented rice popular among tribals in Jharkhand) and country made liquor at her house, along with another woman Minu Mohali who stays near her house for interrogation on the basis of complaint lodged by Laltu Sheikh's wife JelunBibi," said Lakra. The police officer further said that Laltu Sheikh had been admitted by relatives to a private hospital in Rampurhat in Birbhum district of West Bengal, which is adjacent to Dumka. Police said JelunBibi, in her complaint, had stated that her husband had gone for some work on Tuesday evening but did not return till late evening.

Cong meeting focuses on organization building, leadership selection

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Sept 3: A meeting of the Nagar Congress Committee Adityapur was held at Rapcha Gram Panchayat Community Hall in Adityapur, chaired by city president Rahul Yadav and led by Gamharia block president Akhilesh Tiwari. The discussion centered on strengthening the organization and the district president selection process. The meeting was attended by AICC Observer Dr. Vishwa Ranjan Mohanty, PCC Observer Manzoor Ansari, District President Ambuj Kumar, District Observer Ramashray Prasad, and State General Secretary Ajay Singh. Dr. Mohanty interacted with leaders and workers, gathering their suggestions.

During the event, Dr. Upendra Nath Madina and Itu Madina, along with their associates, joined the Congress Party. Dr. Mohanty formally welcomed them by pinning the party badge.

Several senior leaders and workers, including Suresh Dhari, Sangeeta Pradhan, Jharna Manna, Srinivas Yadav, and others, were present.

10 prisoners released after Sentence Review Board approval

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, Sep 3: Ten prisoners from Jamshedpur were released on Tuesday following the approval of the Jharkhand State Sentence Review Board. Eight prisoners walked out of Ghaghidih Central Jail, while two were released from Sakchi Sub Jail. A total of 51 prisoners were being freed under this order in Jharkhand. The inmates were released based on their good conduct and health conditions. Jail authorities bid them farewell with garlands and words of encouragement, urging them to lead better lives as responsible citizens. Jail Superintendent Ajay Kumar Prajapati and Jailer Bablu Gope personally oversaw the release. All those released were convicts serving life sentences, most in connection with murder cases. Among them was 60-year-old Sangram Sinku of Mongra village in West Singhbhum, convicted in a murder case. Similarly, 61-year-old Konka Bera of Baharagora and 59-year-old Togo Samadd of Dumaria were also convicted of murder.

Others released include 47-year-old Sanatan Sundi of Tonto, 52-year-old Sunil Hansda of Chakulia, and 44-year-old Saheb Jamuda of Chakradharpur, all serving life sentences for murder. From Sakchi Jail, 38-year-old Mithun Kumar of Pathal village, convicted of murder in Ghatsila, was freed.

The list also included 46-year-old Jumbal Nayak of Jhinkpani, convicted in a witch-hunting related murder case, and 52-year-old Sunil Bari of West Singhbhum, serving life imprisonment for murder and destruction of evidence.

Another released convict was Binod Sinku of Mongra, serving a life term in a murder case.

After years behind bars, the released prisoners stepped out to breathe fresh air and begin life anew. Authorities expressed hope that they would reform and reintegrate into society with dignity. (w/gsd)

One killed, two injured in elephant attacks

Khunti/Hazaribag, Sep 3: A man was killed and two others were injured in three separate incidents of elephant attacks in Jharkhand's Khunti and Hazaribag districts, officials said on Wednesday.

The deceased was identified as Krishna Singh (32). He, along with other villagers, was trying to drive away the elephants from a farm field at Bongtel village under Rania police station area on Tuesday night, they said. "During the course of driving the animals away, Singh came under attack of the elephants, and was trampled to death around midnight on Tuesday," said Khunti divisional forest officer (DFO) Dileep Kumar Yadav. According to Bongtel villagers, the movement of elephants in the village has increased over the past 15 days, and they are living in fear.

The DFO said a youth was injured after being attacked by an elephant at Deranag village in Khunti district on Tuesday evening. "The youth, identified as PetrusGuriya, was returning from a market. An elephant suddenly came out of the bushes and attacked him. The injured youth was admitted to a hospital for treatment," Yadav said. A 40-year-old woman was injured when a herd of elephants attacked her mud house in Dharampur area of Hazaribag district on Wednesday morning, officials said.

Cyber criminals in Jamshedpur dupe 12 US citizens, probe launched at multiple levels

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Sep 3: In a major cyber fraud, at least 12 US citizens were cheated by local cyber criminals operating out of Jamshedpur in Jharkhand, officials said on Wednesday.

The matter surfaced when the victims lodged complaints with the US police, which were later forwarded to India's Ministry of External Affairs.

Following this, investigative agencies in India have swung into action, initiating a probe at several levels.

Preliminary findings revealed that phone numbers originating from Jamshedpur were used to carry out the fraud, prompting central agencies to alert the Jharkhand Police.

Acting on this input, Jamshedpur City SP Kumar Shivashish issued directives to all DSPs and station in-charges to intensify surveillance and crack down on cyber fraud networks in the city.

According to police, the racket is believed to be operating from areas such as Sakchi, Mango, Telco, Govindpur, and Baridih. Several suspects have already



been identified, and raids are underway to nab them.

Investigators said the gang used a sophisticated modus operandi, often posing as technical support executives or even government officials. They would contact unsuspecting US citizens, gain their trust by citing fabricated computer, banking or technical issues, and then trick them into transferring money.

"The gang had effectively set up a call-centre-like operation, where English-speaking members would specifically target foreign nationals," an official said.

The network is suspected to have international footprints, with investigators not ruling out the possibility of victims in other countries besides the US.

"We are coordinating with central and international agencies to trace the financial trail and identify the masterminds," said a senior police officer.

So far, evidence suggests that the gang's core operations were concentrated in Mango, Telco and Sakchi, from where calls were made and money transfers orchestrated. Police believe that the group may have been running for months, if not years, before being exposed through the complaints filed overseas. (W-mb)

Vihangam Yoga in Narbheram Hansraj School today

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Sept 3: The spiritual wave of Vihangam Yoga will touch Jamshedpur on September 4, when Sadguru Pravar Vigyan Dev Ji Maharaj arrives to address devotees at Narbheram Hansraj School auditorium, Bistupur. The program will begin at 5 pm, where Pravar ji will share insights on the upcoming Samarpan Deep Spirituality Festival, scheduled to be held in Varanasi from November 25 to 26, marking the 102nd annual celebration of the Vihangam Yoga Institute.

This information was given by advisor Nagina Singh in a press conference held on Tuesday at the Vihangam Institute office, Jubilee Road. He informed that the Varanasi festival will witness a grand 25,000 Kundiya Vedic Mahayagya, and Saint Pravar Vigyan Dev Ji Maharaj is currently on a public awareness campaign for the event.

"Vihangam Yoga is essential for the peaceful development of human life. People must connect with it for a balanced and harmonious society," Singh quoted Saint Pravar's vision. Thousands of devotees from across Kolhan are expected to participate in the Jamshedpur program.

As per the tour schedule, Saint Pravar Vigyan Dev Ji will be in Jharkhand from September 1 to 7. After visiting Ramgarh, he will reach Jamshedpur on September 4 and proceed to Ranchi the next day.

Advisor Singh has appealed to the residents of Jamshedpur to take advantage of this rare opportunity.

Among those present in the press conference were Shambhu Pandit (Program In-charge and Seraikela-Kharsawan Coordinator), Vijendra Upadhyay (Coordinator, East Singhbhum), Ravi Singh (Social Welfare, South Jharkhand), Rohit Kumar, Sandeep Ranjan, Mahavir Vidyarthi, Nagendra Sharma, Sushil Sharma, NK Singh and Kuber Sharma. (w/pb)

MNPS organizes CPR training for senior students

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Jamshedpur, Sept 3: Motilal Nehru Public School recently organized a comprehensive CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) training session for students of Classes 11 and 12, equipping them with vital life-saving skills and the confidence to respond in emergency situations.

The training was conducted under the guidance of Dr. P.K. Ghosh from Tata Main Hospital’s Casualty Department along with his team. Students were given practical demonstrations and hands-on experience in performing CPR techniques, with a focus on responsiveness activation and emergency procedures.



Principal Sangeeta Singh, under whose leadership the school emphasizes holistic development, said the initiative reflects the institution’s vision of nurturing not only academically strong students but also socially responsible and compassionate individuals.

“This effort will go a long way in fostering a culture of safety, responsibility, and empathy among our students. By equipping them with life skills, we are ensuring they can extend timely help to those in need,” she added. The session was well-received by the students, who actively participated and expressed confidence in their ability to act during emergencies. The program stands as a testament to the school’s commitment to holistic education and community well-being. (W-pb)

UCIL distributes umbrellas to children



Jadugoda, Sept 3: Aspart of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) distributed umbrellas to protect schoolchildren from heavy rains in Jharkhand. The program, launched at Primary School Talsa under the Turamdih Uranium Project, benefited 150 students from nearby government schools. UCIL CSR Coordinator Jitesh Kumar announced that similar distributions will soon take place in schools around Narwa Pahar and Jadugoda to ensure children did not get drenched while attending school. The initiative brought smiles to the children's faces, reflecting the positive impact of UCIL's community welfare efforts. Project Manager Girish Gupta, CSR Coordinator Jitesh Kumar, and other officials were present during the program. (w/gsd)

Karim City College pens MoU for AI course

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, Sept 3: Karim City College, Jamshedpur, took a significant step toward integrating cutting-edge technology into its curriculum by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Learnet Skills Limited, New Delhi, to launch a 40-hour short-term course on Artificial Intelligence (AI). The MoU was signed during a one-day workshop on AI, organized by the Faculty of Commerce of the college in association with Learnet Skills Ltd.

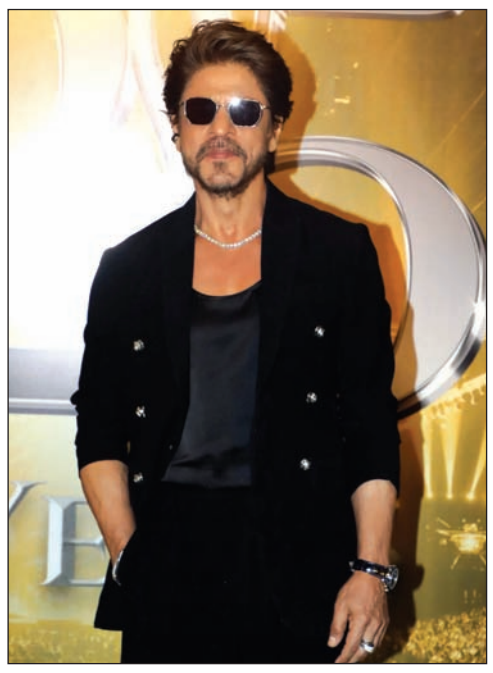
The new course, to be conducted under the Faculty of Commerce, is aimed at equipping students with practical, industry-relevant knowledge in AI and providing them with a structured learning pathway in this rapidly growing domain.

The workshop began with a welcome address by Principal Dr. Mohammad Reyaz, who said, “We are proud to partner with Learnet Skills Ltd. This collaboration is a testament to our college's dedication to providing industry-relevant education. Together, we are creating a pathway for our students to gain practical, sought-after skills that will give them a competitive edge in the job market.”

Head of the Faculty of Commerce, Dr. Md. Moazzam Nazri, introduced the workshop, emphasizing that artificial intelligence is “not just a buzzword but the future of every field.” He encouraged students to enroll in the newly launched short-term course. Sreya Banerjee, Program Manager of Learnet Skills Ltd., Ranchi, outlined the features of the new course and its benefits for students.

The workshop also featured two resource persons: Dr. Jitesh Pradhan, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, NIT Jamshedpur, who spoke about the wide applications of AI in business, transportation, healthcare, and science and technology; and Sri Mrityonjay Mitra, Vocational Coordinator, Learnet Skills Ltd., Ranchi, who explained the foundational concepts of AI in an engaging manner. More than 400 students enthusiastically participated in the event. The proceedings were conducted by Dr. G. Vijaylakshmi, Dr. Rashmi Akhtar, and Dr. Fozia Tabassum, while Dr. Aftab Alam proposed the vote of thanks, marking the successful conclusion of the session. (W-pb)

Shah Rukh Khan says, 'the spirit of Punjab shall never break' as he sends prayers to flood victims



Mumbai, Sep 3 (IANS) Bollywood heartthrob Shah Rukh Khan said, "The spirit of Punjab shall never break" as he sent his prayers for those affected by the floods in the state of Punjab.

Expressing his concern, King Khan wrote on social media, "My heart goes out to those in Punjab impacted by these devastating floods. Sending prayers and strength… The spirit of Punjab shall never break… may God bless them all."

Before this, his 'Dear Zindagi' co-star Alia Bhatt also extended her prayers to all those affected by the Punjab floods.

The 'Highway' actress hoped that every affected family would get the support required for them to heal and rebuild their lives.

Taking to the stories section of her Instagram account, Alia wrote,"My heart goes out to everyone affected by the floods in Punjab. Sending love, strength and prayers to all those impacted, and gratitude to the people working tirelessly on the ground to help. May every family find the support they need to heal and rebuild. (sic)"

Many other big names from Bollywood, such as Karan Johar, Ajay Devgn, Sidharth Malhotra, Vicky Kaushal, Ranveer Singh and others, used social media to show their support for the people who have lost everything in these devastating floods.

Punjab battles a massive natural calamity as the rivers Sutlej, Beas, and Ravi overflow due to heavy rains in their catchment regions across Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir. Gurdaspur, Fazilka, Kapurthala, Tarn Taran, Ferozepur, Hoshiarpur and Amritsar are some of the areas that have been most affected by the floods.

Meanwhile, the rescue operation is currently underway in full swing. The Army's Western Command said that more than 5,500 civilians and 300 personnel of paramilitary forces have been rescued. Not only that, more than 3,000 civilians have received medical aid, and 27 tonnes of rations and essential supplies have been delivered to the flood-affected communities.

Alia Bhatt sends prayers to those affected by the Punjab floods: 'They need to heal & rebuild'



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Not just Alia, but many other prominent Bollywood personalities have voiced their concern about the ongoing situation in Punjab.

Filmmaker Karan Johar wrote: "It's been a tough time for our friends & family in Punjab with the brutality of the floods. Sending my prayers and strength to overcome this adversity. Please do your part in any way possible and share only verified information."

The post of the 'Dharma' head also included a list of helpline numbers, ensuring that affected people have access to rapid assistance.

Ajay Devgn shared: "It's truly heartbreaking to witness the distress caused by the floods in the North. My thoughts are with all those impacted. I hope assistance reaches the affected areas swiftly."

Manoj Bajpayee on if he has been typecast in middle class characters: 'I find them relatable'



Mumbai, Sep 3 (IANS) Acclaimed actor Manoj Bajpayee reflected on whether he has been typecast in middle-class characters during his career.

During an exclusive conversation with IANS, Bajpayee shared that he likes embracing real-life, middle-class characters that resonate deeply with audiences. 'The Family Man' actor added that observing everyday personalities brings authenticity to his roles, making acting a rich and fulfilling experience.

Speaking to IANS, Bajpayee shared: "I enjoy doing these roles, I enjoy playing common people because I relate to them. Each and every character that I read, I feel like I have seen them somewhere - in real life, in a documentary, in my initial days in Mumbai, in the train. When we were in theatre, observation was a big, big exercise for us." Sharing an incident from his theatre days, he added: "Once I spoke to a director and I said, 'We can't be observing all the time, people will eventually beat us up - Why are you looking at me? '" He made it very easy, he said, "Observation is such a big part of an actor's personality that even if he is not looking at someone, he is observing.

Gauahar Khan & Zaid Darbar become parents for the second time, blessed with a baby boy again

Mumbai, Sep 3 (IANS) Actress Gauahar Khan and Zaid Darbar have embraced parenthood yet again as they welcomed their second child, a baby boy on September 1 this year.

Announcing the latest addition to their lovely family, Gauahar and Zaid issued a joint post that read, "Zehaan is overjoyed to graciously share his kingdom with his new baby brother born on September 1, 2025. Seeking everyone's continued love and blessings for our elated family. Grateful and giggling partners Zaid and Gauahar."

As soon as the announcement was made, wishes started pouring in for the new parents.

Actress Richa Chadha said, "congratulations" in the comment section, along with a red heart emoji.



Actress Kriti Kharbanda wrote "Congratulations!!!", followed by four red heart emojis.

Singer Neeti Mohan penned, "OMG! We are overjoyed to hear this news. Many many congratulations to all of you especially Zehaan."

Singer and actress, Sophie Choudry shared, "Awwwmash Allah… huge congrats to you both!!"

Actress Amyra Dastur also wished the happy couple, saying, "Congratulations."

Actress Swara Baskhar added, "SO many congratulations Gau!".

Actress Dia Mirza also reacted to the post with two red heart emojis.

Gauahar and Zaid, who is the son of music composer Ismail Darbar, got engaged back in November 2020, and the couple tied the knot in December of the same year.

Two years later, in December 2022, the 'Bigg Boss 7' winner announced that she was expecting her first child. The couple was blessed with a baby boy, Zehaan, in May 2023.

Anushka Sen teaches a lipsmacking avocado recipe

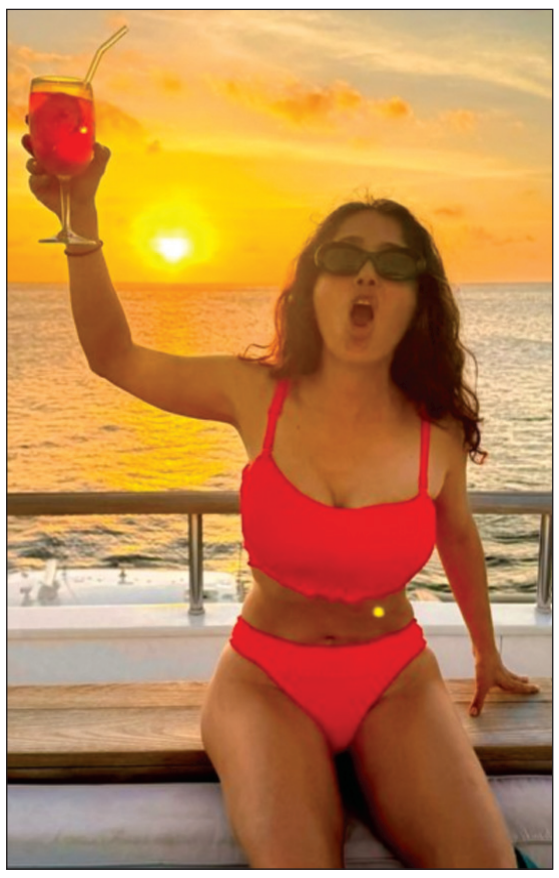


Mumbai Sep 3 (IANS) Actress Anushka Sen has always been extremely active on her social media. The actress always gives her fans a fun sneak peek into her life. Going by the same, Sentoday took to her social media account to share a video of herself making a healthy avocado toast. While making the entire recipe from scratch, Anushka, in the voiceover, was heard saying, "Today we are making my favourite breakfast, and hum lenge avocado blender mein dal denge, phir hum lenge lemon (we will take avocado and put it in the blender and squeeze lemon), and we're going to squeeze it on top of it. Phir hum lenge garlic (then we will take some garlic), and the mix is ready. Wait, I'm forgetting something - mirchi (chilli), and now we are going to cut some paneer; aap tofu bhi (you can take tofu) le saktehain, and then some cheese, and just put it all together in the blender."

She added, "With that, I love this particular coffee; it's just espresso, honey, and salt, and that's it. Add your favourite type of milk, and it's literally the best coffee ever. Now the mix is ready; aap koi bhi bread le saktehain (you can spread the mixture on any bread of your choice); my favourite is sourdough. Hello, Mama! Phir hum pan mein butter lenge, hum sourdough bread dal denge (we can take butter in a pan and put sourdough bread on it) and then just cook it a little bit, put the mix, and it is ready. It tastes so good, like literally the best."

Anushka, who enjoys 39.5 million followers on Instagram, is currently touted as one of the most popular celebrities of her generation. At 23 years old, Sen boasts of some quality investments in real estate and recently bought a plush apartment in one of the most upbeat areas of Mumbai. The Bong diva kickstarted her career as a child actor in 2009 with Zed TV's show 'Yahan Main Ghar Ghar Kheli'.

Salma Hayek says she's 'still dancing' as she turns 59



Los Angeles, Sep 3 (IANS) As she turned 59 on September 2, Hollywood star Salma Hayek marked her birthday with a note filled with gratitude and said that she is "still dancing" through life.

The actress, who is the most powerful and influential Latina actress, took to Instagram, where she shared the actress enjoying a vibrant sunset by the sea dressed in a fiery red bikini and sunglasses. She is holding up a cocktail glass, raising it happily.

Taking to the caption section, the actress shared a bilingual message with her fans.

She wrote: "59 trips around the sun and still dancing, cheers to all of you & thank you for the love. 59 vueltasalrededordel sol y ¡sigobailando! Saludportodosustedes y graciaspor el cariño!" she wrote.

Hayek began her career in Mexico with starring roles in the telenovela Teresa as well as the romantic drama Midaq Alley. She soon established herself in Hollywood with appearances in films such as Desperado, From Dusk till Dawn, Wild Wild West, and Dogma.

Hayek's portrayal of painter Frida Kahlo in the biopic Frida made her the first Mexican actress to be nominated for the Academy Award for Best Actress.

The actress on August 20 remembered the late actor Matthew Perry. She had shared a picture and a video from their movie 'Fools Rush In'. The actress wrote in the caption, "Thinking of you today Matthew".

'Fools Rush In', which was released in 1997, is a romantic comedy film starring Matthew Perry and Salma Hayek, directed by Andy Tennant. In the film, Matthew essayed the role of Alex Whitman, a New York City project manager aka architect, is sent to Las Vegas to supervise the construction of a nightclub that his firm has been hired to build.

Health

Cancer cases highest in women in India, men more at risk of mortality: ICMR study



New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS) Women reported the highest incidence of cancers in India, while the risk of death was more among men, according to a study led by the National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research, Indian Council of Medical Research.

The study, published in the journal JAMA Network Open, is based on 708,223 cancer cases and 206,457 mortality cases reported from 43 population-based cancer registries (PBCRs) between 2015 and 2019.

Over 50 per cent of cancer incidences were reported among women, compared to 49 per cent in men. On the other hand, mortality was reported more among males (55 per cent) than females (45 per cent). The most common cancers in males consisted of mouth cancer (113,249), followed by lung cancer (74,763) and prostate cancer (49,998).

Among females, the most common cancers were breast (238,085), cervix (78,499), and ovarian (48,984).

Female genital system cancers were estimated to account for 171,497 cases. In males, cancers of the oral cavity and pharynx were estimated to contribute to 217,327 cases.

"This underscores a need to strengthen the ongoing efforts for cancer prevention and control measures to reduce the burden of cancer in India," the researchers said.

Notably, the cancer burden was found to increase rapidly in rural areas.

Several districts in Kerala and Assam -- with more than 50 per cent rural population -- reported the highest cancer burden among women and men.

"An average of 76 men and 67 women per one lakh population have cancer in areas with over 50 per cent rural population," the study showed.

Further, regions such as Aizawl, East Khasi Hills, Papumpare, Kamrup Urban and Mizoram of northeastern India consistently recorded the highest incidence rates of cancer.

Oesophageal cancer was most prevalent in the northeastern region of the country.

Among the metro cities, Delhi had the highest number of overall cases, 146 per 100,000. Ahmedabad saw a striking rise in 4.7 per cent of men and 6.9 per cent of women.

Based on the findings, "the estimated cancer incidence for 2024 was 1,562,099 cases, while the estimated cancer mortality stood at 874,404 cases," stated the researchers.

For females, the estimated new cases stood at 781,277, and among males, it was 780,822, the study showed.

Cousins Esha Deol and Madhoo reunite at Lalbaugh Cha Raja



Mumbai Sep 3 IANS: The festival of Ganesh Chaturthi is being celebrated in full swing across Maharashtra, and like every year, Bollywood celebrities have flocked to various Ganpatipandals across Mumbai to seek blessings of the divine.

Among them was Bollywood actress Esha Deol, who recently visited the famous Lalbaugcha Raja and was clicked at the pandal. The actress' mother Hema Malini, was seen missing at the location this year.

Dressed in a gorgeous traditional green salwar suit with floral embroidery and a flowydupatta, Esha looked stunning. She teamed up her look with minimal jewellery that consisted of small earrings and a bracelet and kept her makeup simple yet classy. Just with her soft makeup, with kohled eyes and a little smudge of pink lipstick, she highlighted her features.

Both the actresses walked barefoot to the pandal, like every devotee, and folded their hands in prayer before the divine. Actress Madhoo Shah looked stunning in a dark brown saree teamed up with a mustard-coloured blouse. The saree had golden motifs and gave it a complete traditional feel. Shah accessorised it with a heavy golden necklace, heavy earrings and hands full of bangles. She kept her makeup soft and elegant, featuring a muted lip colour, a red bindi and her hair neatly tied back. The actress looked gorgeous.

Apparently, both Esha and Madhoo bumped into each other at the pandal, and what followed was pure joy on their faces. Fans who witnessed their reunion love were in for a pleasant surprise to see both the cousins together.

For the uninitiated, Madhoo Shah is the distant niece of Bollywood superstar Hema Malini, who also happens to be the mother of EshaDeol. Madhoo is often seen at Hema Malini's house at every important function and occasion. Esha and Madhoo share a very warm bond with each other.

High-stakes BCCI AGM to decide new president, IPL chairman in September



Mumbai, Sep 3 (IANS) The BCCI Annual General Meeting at the end of September will be an interesting affair with a few top posts, including that of president and IPL chairman, up for grabs.

The current IPL chairman Arun Dhumal in all likelihood is set to go for a mandatory cooling-off for three years, having completed a cumulative period of six years in office, with a host of names doing rounds as his potential successor.

For now, Devajit Saikia, who has completed three years cumulatively as joint secretary (2 years and three months) and secretary (nine months), will continue in his position. So would joint secretary Rohan Gauns Desai and Prabhtej Bhatia, who are into their first year as office bearers.

For IPL chairman's post, the name of former Mumbai Cricket Association secretary Sanjay Naik and current BCCI vice-president Rajeev Shukla's names are doing the rounds although nothing has been finalized yet. In case, Congressman Shukla once again becomes IPL chairman, Bihar Cricket Association president and BJP leader from the state Rakesh Tiwary could become a contender for BCCI vice-presidency.

The AGM is expected to be held in the last week of September. Only a couple of vacancies are expected since this year's election will be held as per the association's own rules. The coming into force of National Sports Governance Act may still be some time away and the BCCI wouldn't be waiting that long.

Roger Binny, after completing his 70th birthday in July, also cannot be re-elected as per current constitution.

The most of interesting choice will be that of BCCI president as decision makers want an India player of stature to replace Binny.

"There is a feeling among important stakeholders that a cricketer of distinction should always be elected as president. Sourav Ganguly was a decorated India skipper and Roger Binny India's first World Cup winning hero. However, how many such cricketers of repute would be interested in taking up an honorary top job is a big question," a veteran BCCI official said on conditions of anonymity.

Ex-BCCI boss N Srinivasan, 80, returns as CSK chairman in 'big boost' for IPL team



Chennai, Sep 3 (IANS) Record Indian Premier League champions Chennai Super Kings have rolled out a major statement by bringing back former BCCI president N Srinivasan as their chairman. Known for his sharp administrative mind and decades of experience in Indian cricket, Srinivasan's return comes at a crucial moment as the franchise looks to bounce back from a difficult IPL 2025 season. At 80, he will serve in an advisory role, staying closely connected to the team's daily operations while limiting travel commitments.

CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan confirmed Srinivasan's re-entry, underlining the boost his presence brings to the franchise's management and strategy.

"See, it's a great boon for CSK and he's been the best administrator for us and I'm very happy that he's come back into CSK. He'll be in an advisory role only because he doesn't travel much, but we'll be in contact with him," Viswanathan said.

Sikandar Raza becomes No. 1 ODI all-rounder for the first time



Dubai, Sep 3 (IANS) Zimbabwe's Sikandar Raza for the first time reached the all-rounder summit in the latest ICC Men's ODI rankings after a fine show in the two-match series against Sri Lanka in Harare.

The 39-year-old scored 92 and 59 not out in the two matches and took one wicket in the series to overtake the Afghanistan pair of Azmatullah Omarzai and Mohammad Nabi, who are now placed second and third, respectively. Raza's previous best was the second position that he attained in December 2023.

Raza's aggregate of 151 runs also lifted him nine places to 22nd position in the batting rankings, which is two places off his career-best 24th position reached in June 2023. He has also gained one spot to reach 38th position among bowlers, ICC reports.

Together, we will move forward with respect, responsibility: Virat Kohli to families of B'luru stampede victims



Bengaluru, Sep 3 (IANS) Talismanic batter Virat Kohli, reacting for the first time regarding the June 4 Bengaluru stampede tragedy which claimed 11 lives near Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru during the RCB celebrations, has stated on Wednesday that, "What should've been the happiest moment in our franchise's history… turned into something tragic and vowed to move forward with care and respect."

Royal Challengers Bengaluru took to social media to share Kohli' statement that read, "Nothing in life really prepares you for a heartbreak like June 4th. What should've been the happiest moment in our franchise's history… turned into something tragic."

Virat Kohli further stated, "I've been thinking of and praying for the families of those we lost… and for our fans who were injured. Your loss is part of our story now. Together, we will move forward with care, respect and responsibility."

The RCB, commenting on this post stated in bold letters, "Virat Kohli reflects on his emotions, and echoes how all of us at RCB feel."

Earlier, the Bengaluru based franchise, under the 'RCB Cares' initiative announced Rs 25 lakh each for the families of the deceased persons.

RCB cares official announcement stated on August 30 that, "Our hearts broke on June 4, 2025. We lost eleven members of the RCB family. They were part of us. Part of what makes our city, our community & amp; our team unique. Their absence will echo in the memories of each one of us.

"No amount of support can ever fill the space they've left behind. But as a first step, and with the deepest respect, RCB has extended Rs 25 lakh each to their families. Not just as financial aid, but as a promise of compassion, unity, and ongoing care.

This is also the beginning of 'RCB Cares': a long-term commitment for meaningful action that begins by honouring their memory. Every step forward will reflect what the fans feel, expect, and deserve."

'We'll find our strength again': RCB skipper Patidar

New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS) Royal Challengers Bengaluru's IPL-winning captain RajatPatidar broke his silence on the deadly stampede that claimed the lives of 11 fans during the team's maiden IPL title-winning celebration and reaffirmed the sentiment of always standing by their fans.

A few hours after RCB posted Virat Kohli's first official statement since the incident, skipper Patidar stated the team will find their strength again.

"Every time I walk out for RCB, it's with passion, and that passion comes from you. From your love, your belief, and your unwavering support. You've always stood by us. And from the bottom of my heart, I want you to know that we stand with you too. You've all been in my thoughts and prayers. With all of us holding on to each other, we'll find our strength again," read the statement by Patidar, shared via RCB's official social media handle.

India eye victory against Afghanistan in last push for CAFA Nations Cup play-offs



New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS) A qualification spot in the Playoff Stage of the CAFA Nations Cup 2025 will be on the line when India take on Afghanistan in their last match of Group B at the Hisor Central Stadium in Hisor, Tajikistan, on Thursday. The Indian men's team needs to avoid defeat in the do-or-die match and hope the result of the other match goes in their favour to stay in contention in the tournament.

India have played two, won one, and lost one against Tajikistan (2-1) and IR Iran (0-3), respectively, so far in the CAFA Nations Cup. The Blue Tigers are tied on three points with Tajikistan, and the former are ahead by virtue of a better head-to-head record. The top teams from each group will progress to the final, while the two second-placed teams will make it to the third-place match, both to take place on September 8.

As things stand, the Blue Tigers need a win against Afghanistan, and hope that Tajikistan do not win against Iran, to progress. A draw against Afghanistan may also be enough for India, if the match between Iran and Tajikistan also ends in a draw or an Iranian victory. However, a defeat will result in elimination, as Tajikistan, in such a scenario, would have the better goal difference in the matches played between the three teams who would end up on three points each (Tajikistan, India, and Afghanistan).

India head coach Khalid Jamil, however, is not thinking of such permutations and combinations ahead of this crucial tie.

US Open: Alcaraz dismisses Lehecka to enter semifinals

New York, Sep 3 (IANS) Carlos Alcaraz dominated Jiri Lehecka in the US Open quarterfinals with a one-hour, 56-minute match to stay in contention for his first hard-court major title since 2022.

The 22-year-old Spaniard hustled for a 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 victory to reach the semi-finals in New York without dropping a set.

With a Tour-leading 59 wins and six titles in 2025, according to the ATP Win/Loss Index, Alcaraz looks in good stead to better his career-best tally of 65 wins and six trophies from 2023.

Into the last four at a hard-court major for the first time since the US Open in 2023, Alcaraz awaits four-time champion Novak Djokovic or last year's finalist Taylor Fritz.

US Open: Djokovic edges Fritz to set Alcaraz showdown in semifinals



New York, Sep 3 (IANS) Novak Djokovic advanced to his fourth semifinal in as many majors this year after beating Taylor Fritz, 6-3, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4, in the US Open quarterfinals in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The four-time US Open champion tied Jimmy Connors by improving to 14-0 in US Open quarterfinals as he aims to reach his 11th US Open final-with the ultimate goal of a 25th major title.

Djokovic will next face rival Carlos Alcaraz in a blockbuster semi-final clash. Tje Serbian leads the Spaniard 5-3 in their ATP Head2Head series, including victories in their past two matches. Friday will mark their first encounter at Flushing Meadows.

Djokovic broke Fritz early and sealed a tense first set after saving six break points in a thrilling 10-minute final game, clinching it on his second set point.

D.B. Sundara Ramam takes over as JSA President

Hemant Gupta appointed Vice President



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, September 3: The Governing Body of the Jamshedpur Sporting Association (JSA) has announced the appointment of D.B. Sundara Ramam, Vice President - Corporate Services, Tata Steel, as the new President of JSA. The position had been vacant since the superannuation of former President Chanakya Choudhary.

Alongside this, Hemant Gupta, Head - Sports Academies, Tata Steel, has been appointed as Vice President of JSA.

The association expressed confidence that the leadership of Ramam and Gupta will further strengthen JSA and contribute significantly to the promotion and development of sports in the region. JSA continues its legacy of over 80 years in nurturing sporting talent.

East Zone Badminton C'ship to begin in Jsr today

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, September 3: The Jharkhand Badminton Association (JBA) is set to host the East Zone Badminton Championship 2025 from 4th to 7th September at the Tata Badminton Training Centre, Jamshedpur. The championship is expected to see the participation of nearly 200 players from six states - Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Odisha.

JBA Secretary K. Prabhakar Rao informed that the tournament will be held in two formats - Team Championship and Individual Championship. The Team Championship will be played on September 4 and 5, followed by the Individual Events on September 6 and 7. The prize distribution for the Team Championship is scheduled for September 5 at 5:30 PM.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by JBA President Deepak Varma (Retd. IPS) as the Chief Guest and Tata Steel Chief of Sports Mukul Vinayak Choudhari as the Guest of Honour. Rao added that several top-level players from across states are participating and expressed confidence that the Jharkhand State Team will put up a strong performance before the home crowd.

US Open: India's Yuki Bhambri makes maiden Grand Slam quarterfinal

New York, Sep 3 (IANS) India's Yuki Bhambri and his partner Michael Venus of New Zealand progressed to the men's doubles quarterfinals of the US Open.

Seeded 14th, Bhambri and Venus defeated the No. 4 seeds, Germany's Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz, in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4.

Bhambri, India's top-ranked men's doubles tennis player at world No. 32, has reached the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam for the first time in his career.

Sarthak Golui inspires young footballers at Loyola School



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, September 3: Jamshedpur FC defender Sarthak Golui visited Loyola School, Jamshedpur, where he spent quality time with young footballers, sharing his experiences and joining them on the pitch. The visit turned into a memorable day for the students, who had the rare chance to interact and play with a professional footballer.

Sarthak took part in training drills with the children, encouraged them during small-sided games, and offered valuable advice on discipline and dedication in football. The youngsters were thrilled to see the JFC player in their own school ground, creating an atmosphere filled with excitement and inspiration.

Speaking on the occasion, Sarthak Golui said, "It was great to interact with the students and see their passion for football. I was once in their place, dreaming of becoming a professional player, so I know how important moments like these can be. I hope they continue to enjoy the game and chase their dreams."

The initiative was part of Jamshedpur FC's continuous effort to connect with the community and inspire the next generation of footballers.

JSA League: Hansda Star enter A-Division final with 3-1 win

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Jamshedpur, Sep 3: Hansda Star booked their place in the A Division final with an impressive 3-1 victory over Mohammedan Sporting Club at Armoury Ground. Mohammedan started brightly as Aman Kumar netted in the 4th minute, but Hansda Star quickly turned the tide. Joseph Murmu struck twice in succession to give his side the lead, before Nayki Marandi added a third goal before halftime. The second half saw Hansda Star defend resolutely, denying Mohammedan any chance of a comeback. With this win, Hansda Star advanced to the final scheduled for September 7, where they will face the winner of the second semi-final between Urban Services and Smile Club. Both finalists will earn promotion to the Super Division.



Jharkhand Sporting Club beat Classic Eight 4-2

Jharkhand Sporting Club (JSC) outclassed Classic Eight Football Club (NSC) Narwa 4-2 in their Premier Division clash at JRD Tata Sports Complex on Wednesday. Sunil Munda opened the scoring for Classic Eight in the 57th minute, but Sukhlal Hembram quickly equalized. Ajit Tirkey then took charge, scoring twice in the 67th and 88th minutes to give JSC a commanding lead. Mongla Hansdah added a fourth in the 90th minute. Though Gaurav Mukhi reduced the deficit deep into stoppage time, JSC sealed a deserved victory.

Classic Eight and Manbhum FC share points

In the Super Division, Classic Eight and Manbhum FC played out a 1-1 draw at Tinplate Sports Complex. Bikram Hansda scored for Classic Eight in the 39th minute, but Manbhum responded swiftly after halftime with an equalizer from Akhil Murmu in the 48th minute. Both sides had chances to grab the winner, but strong defending and missed opportunities kept the scoreline unchanged. Classic Eight picked up three yellow cards, while Manbhum maintained a clean record.

Punjab floods: 5,500 civilians, 300 paramilitary personnel rescued by Army



Chandigarh, Sep 3 (IANS) Over 5,500 civilians and 300 personnel of paramilitary forces have been rescued, more than 3,000 civilians received medical aid and 27 tonnes of ration and essential supplies have been delivered to flood affected communities, the Army's Western Command said on Wednesday.

In addition, seven fresh columns have been launched in Punjab's areas of Tarn Taran, Ferozepur, Shahkot, Phillaur and Dhatewal and in areas of Sarala and Harchandpura owing to rising water levels in the Ghaggar river.

The Western Command continues to mount large-scale Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations under Operation RAHAT across the flood-affected areas of the Jammu-Pathankot sectors and various regions of Punjab. With more than 50 Army columns on the ground activated till now, relief efforts have been running round the clock, rescuing stranded people, restoring vital infrastructure and delivering life-saving assistance. It said troopers are continuously supporting the civil administration and the Border Security Force (BSF) in debris clearance and emergency construction tasks.

Engineer Regiments have reconstructed the Jaitpur Bund in the Mamun sector, repaired the main water supply line at the Sidhra bridge and employed heavy machinery to restore damaged roads between Bikraman helipad and Tawi view point. In Punjab, Army teams remain engaged in strengthening bunds at vulnerable locations, transporting food and fodder to isolated villages and clearing key water channels to prevent further flooding.

Amid these ongoing operations, Western Command troops also undertook a life-saving evacuation that symbolises their dedication.

A pregnant woman stranded in Sumb, a village completely cut off by road, was airlifted to a hospital for urgent care, reflecting the Indian Army's resolve to protect every life even under the most challenging conditions. The continuous and coordinated efforts of Western Command under Operation RAHAT highlight the Army's unwavering commitment to saving lives, supporting civil administration and restoring normalcy across flood-hit regions.

Cabinet approves Rs 1,500 crore incentive scheme to boost critical mineral recycling



New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS) The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved a Rs 1,500 crore incentive scheme to develop recycling capacity in the country for the separation and production of critical minerals from secondary sources.

This scheme is part of the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM), which is aimed at building the domestic capacity of and supply chain resilience in critical minerals. The critical mineral value chain, comprising exploration, auction and mine operationalisation, and acquisition of foreign assets, has a gestation period before it can supply critical minerals to the Indian industry. A prudent way to ensure supply chain sustainability in the near term is through the recycling of secondary sources, according to an official statement.

The scheme will have a tenure of six years from FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31. Eligible feedstock is e-waste, Lithium Ion Battery (LIB) scrap, and scrap other than e-waste & LIB scrap, such as catalytic converters in end-of-life vehicles. Expected beneficiaries will be both large, established recyclers, as well as small, new recyclers (including start-ups), for whom one-third of the scheme outlay has been earmarked.

The scheme will be applicable to investments in new units as well as expansion of capacity, modernisation and diversification of existing units. The scheme will provide incentives for the recycling value chain, which is involved in the actual extraction of critical minerals, and not the value chain involved in only black mass production.

Oppn 'anti-women', Rahul Gandhi should retire from politics: Kangana

New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS) BJP MP and actress Kangana Ranaut on Wednesday sought Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's resignation over the alleged abuses hurled against Prime Minister Narendra Modi's late mother, Heeraben Modi, during the INDIA bloc's Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar's Darbhanga. Terming the incident totally unacceptable, she said: "It reflects the mindset of the RJD's mentality towards women. They have hurt the self-respect of women and sisters of the country."Calling the Rashtriya Janata Dal anti-women, the BJP MP said, when the opposition is not sparing the late mother of Prime Minister Modi, one can imagine what they think about us, who are their rivals in Parliament.Stepping up the attack, Ranaut said apologising is not enough, Rahul Gandhi should resign over the entire incident.Pointing out that PM Modi's mother did not take any benefits of the government and led a life of a "tapasvi", she said, still, the opposition made "derogatory" remarks against her.

Ex-Bengal minister Paresh Chandra Adhikari, daughter Ankita get bail in school jobs case

Kolkata, Sep 3 (IANS) Former West Bengal minister Paresh Chandra Adhikari and his daughter Ankita Adhikari have been granted bail in the School Service Commission (SSC) teacher recruitment case. Earlier on Wednesday, both surrendered before the Special CBI court in Kolkata's Alipore in a case related to corruption in the SSC recruitment process. At the same time, they also applied for bail. At the end of the day, the court granted conditional bail to both father and daughter. They were granted bail on a personal bond of Rs 7,000.At the same time, Debashree Sinha, wife of former convener of the School Service Commission Advisory Committee Shantiprasad Sinha, was also granted bail by the court.Recently, the CBI has submitted the final charge-sheet in the SSC recruitment case for 9th-10th and 11th-12th classes.On last Friday, the final charge-sheet was submitted to the Alipore court in the Group-C recruitment case as well. Earlier, the CBI had submitted two more charge sheets in that case. In total, four charge sheets have been submitted.

Underworld Don Arun Gawli walks free on bail after 18 years

New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS) Underworld don and former legislator Arun Gawli walked out of Nagpur Central Jail on Wednesday after the Supreme Court granted him bail, nearly 18 years after his conviction in the sensational murder case of Shiv Sena corporator Kamlakar Jamsandekar.

The 73-year-old gangster-turned-politician had been serving a life sentence in Nagpur jail since 2012, when a Mumbai sessions court held him guilty in connection with the 2007 murder of Jamsandekar. Gawli was found guilty of orchestrating the killing, which was linked to political rivalries in Mumbai's civic body.

'Historic moment': First trial run of Patna Metro successfully completed



Patna, Sep 3 (IANS) The long wait of the people of Patna is finally coming to an end as the first trial run of the Patna Metro was successfully conducted on Wednesday.

In this initial run, a three-coach metro train operated on an 800-meter-long track inside the depot, where every technical and safety parameter was closely tested.

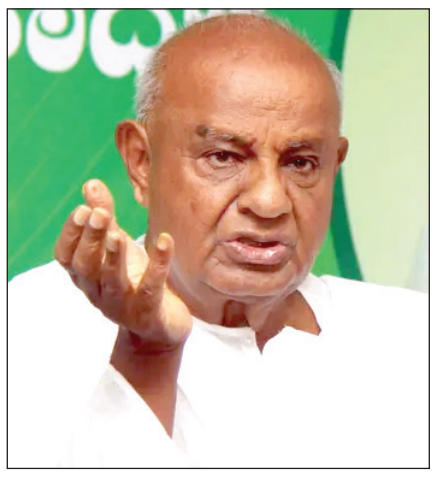
Officials said this marked a historic milestone for Bihar's capital city.

With the depot trial completed, the next phase will see the metro run on a longer stretch -- from Patliputra Inter-State Bus Terminal (ISBT) to Bhootnath Station. This extended trial, scheduled to last a week, will assess the speed, braking system, power supply, and safety equipment of the metro.

A team of experts will continuously monitor the operations to identify and rectify any technical issues on the spot.

Urban Development Minister Jivesh Mishra was present during the trial run and expressed optimism about the project's progress.

PM Modi's efforts will put India in middle of global peace and prosperity: Former PM Deve Gowda



Bengaluru, Sep 3 (IANS) Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda on Wednesday wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding his successful visit to Japan and China, stating that his efforts would place India at the centre of global peace and prosperity.

The letter stated, "I closely followed the news of your visit to Japan and China. I am relieved, like millions of Indians, that you have been actively pursuing alternatives after the United States started an unreasonable and unjust tariff war. I trust you had a very successful visit, and India will reap the benefits of your negotiations and new initiatives."

"The United States too will have to come around sooner than later because dharma is on our side, and our nation offers a combination of economic, demographic and democratic advantage like no other in the world," Deve Gowda said.

"The photographs and videos of yourself with President Putin and President Xi Jinping that have flooded the media across the globe communicated something beyond routine bonhomie and friendship between heads of state. It symbolised a new awakening and perhaps the beginning of a new world order that will put India in the middle of global prosperity and peace," the former stated.

Greatly value Germany's understanding about India's fight against terrorism: EAM Jaishankar



New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS) External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Wednesday said that India greatly values the understanding shown by Germany regarding its fight against terrorism. The EAM highlighted that Germany's Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul has been explicit regarding India's right to defend its people against terrorist attacks.

While speaking to reporters alongside Wadephul following their meeting in New Delhi on Wednesday, EAM Jaishankar also recalled how Germany warmly received India's parliamentary delegation in June following the decisive Operation Sindoor.

"During the day today, we've had detailed discussions on various aspects of our ties. This includes our political cooperation, security and defence, economic relations, research and future technologies, climate and energy as well as education, skilling, mobility and people-to-people exchanges. So, let me share with you some key points which came out of today's discussion. One, we greatly value the understanding that Germany has shown with regard to India's fight against terrorism. Minister Wadephul has himself been explicit about our right to defend our people against terrorist attacks. A parliamentary delegation that visited Germany in June after Operation Sindoor was also warmly received," he said.

Operation Sindoor was launched on May 7, following the heinous April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, which claimed the lives of 26 innocent people. The operation involved coordinated efforts by the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force in a punitive strike across the Line of Control and deeper into Pakistan-occupied territories, aiming to dismantle terror infrastructure at its roots.

EAM Jaishankar emphasised that there has been an uptick in India-Germany defence and security partnership and recalled the participation of Germany in the Tarang Shakti exercises. The External Affairs Minister said that he and Wadephul agreed for continuation and expansion of such participation.

Nagarjuna, Naga Chaitanya record statements in defamation case against Telangana minister



Hyderabad, Sep 3 (IANS) Popular actor Nagarjuna Akkineni and his actor son Naga Chaitanya on Wednesday recorded their statements at a city court in the criminal defamation case filed by them against Telangana minister Konda Surekha.

They appeared in the Nampally Metropolitan Magistrate Court and recorded their statements before the judge.

Nagarjuna told media persons outside the court that the matter is before the court, which will decide it.

On October 2 last year, the Minister for Forest and Environment Konda Surekha made certain comments on the divorce of Nagarjuna's son Naga Chaitanya and actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu.

She had blamed Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao for the divorce.

Samantha had issued a statement clarifying that her divorce was with mutual consent and amicable. She urged the minister not to trivialise her journey and to be responsible and respectful of individuals' privacy.

Amit Shah felicitates 'Op Black Forest' heroes, reiterates resolve for Naxal-free nation



New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS) Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday met and honoured the personnel of CRPF, Chhattisgarh Police, DRG, and CoBRA battalion, along with their families, for successfully carrying out 'Operation Black Forest' -- one of the largest anti-Naxal drives in the Kereguttalu hills, a Maoist hotbed on the border adjoining Chhattisgarh and Telangana.

The felicitation ceremony was held at Amit Shah's residence in the national capital, where he praised the forces for their indomitable courage and valour in confronting and eliminating the Naxals during the 'Operation Black Forest'.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma were also present on the occasion.

Notably, the 'Operation Black Forest' has been dubbed the largest anti-Naxal operation, which lasted continuously for 19 days in the remote hills of Kereguttalu.

During the daring operation, the brave jawans achieved historic success by eliminating more than 30 Naxals, including some dreaded comrades like Nambala Keshav Rao, alias Basavaraju, the general secretary of CPI-Maoist.

AI, cybersecurity and sustainable development will give new direction to UP: CM Yogi

Kanpur, Sep 3 (IANS) Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday threw light on the importance of industry-academia collaboration in shaping India's technological future.

He was speaking at IIT Kanpur's engagement programme 'Samanvay'. Addressing faculty, students, and industry leaders, the Chief Minister said that the scope of cooperation between industry and academic institutions today extends far beyond research and innovation. "It is directly linked to improving the standard of living of the common citizen, addressing global challenges, and achieving sustainable development," he noted. Highlighting the focus areas of the event, Yogi said discussions on Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, and Sustainability would not only strengthen India's self-reliance but also pave the way for establishing the country as a global hub for technology and development. He reminded the audience of India's rich economic history, pointing out that the country contributed nearly 25 per cent to the world's GDP until the 17th century, before a steep decline during colonial rule brought it down to just 2 per cent by 1947.

Rahul Gandhi urges PM Modi to announce relief package for flood-hit states

New Delhi, Sep 3 (IANS) Amid devastating floods sweeping across northern India, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take immediate action and announce a Special Relief Package for the affected states, especially Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and J&K.

In a post on social media platform X, Gandhi called for urgent Central government intervention and relief for thousands of families battling the disaster."Modi Ji, the floods in Punjab have caused devastating destruction. The situation in Jammu-Kashmir, Himachal, and Uttarakhand is also extremely worrying," he posted on X."In such difficult times, your attention and the active help of the central government are extremely necessary.

BJP to remain in power till 2047: Assam Deputy Speaker



Guwahati, Sep 3 (IANS) Assam Legislative Assembly Deputy Speaker and senior BJP leader Numal Momin on Wednesday exuded confidence that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will retain power in the state until 2047. He sharply criticised the Congress, labelling it a "rotten egg," and predicted the grand old party would secure no more than 15 seats in the 2026 Assembly polls.

Addressing the media, Momin emphasised the BJP's relentless ground-level preparedness, which he stated is a continuous process throughout the year.

He detailed the party's extensive organisational network, highlighting that workers at every booth regularly listen to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat'.

This, he said, ensures consistent engagement and is supplemented by frequent mandal, booth, and district-level meetings across all constituencies.

Momin pointed to a recent massive rally in Guwahati, attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and all Panchayat representatives, as a testament to the BJP's formidable organisational strength.

He asserted that the party is always election-ready, a stark contrast to opponents like the Congress and regional parties, whom he accused of becoming active only in the run-up to polls.

Accusing the Congress of practising "minority appeasement politics," Momin claimed it would backfire, limiting the party to a dozen-odd seats. He stated that voters are intelligent and can see through tactics devoid of ground-level work.