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Mess over Messi event in Kolkata

Disappointed fans vandalise Salt Lake Stadium, organiser held



Kolkata, Dec 13: The police in Kolkata have arrested the organiser of the event surrounding Argentine footballer Lionel Messi's visit to the Salt Lake Stadium after chaos broke out when the superstar stayed only for a few minutes and was not visible to most fans in attendance.

Lionel Messi's much-hyped India tour ran into trouble at its very first stop, with disorder at the Kolkata leg forcing police intervention and putting the organisers under scrutiny. The GOAT India Tour 2025, promoted by Satadru Dutta under the banner A Satadru Dutta Initiative, began amid overwhelming fan excitement but ended in unrest at the Vivekananda Yuvabharati Salt Lake Stadium.As tensions escalated, West Bengal Director General of Police (DGP) Rajeev Kumar addressed the media, saying the situation was under control and law and order had been restored. Kumar acknowledged that fans were upset after expecting to see Messi play or spend more time on the field. He added that the organisers had submitted written assurances confirming that refunds would be issued to disappointed ticket holders.

On the chaos at Messi's Kolkata event, West Bengal DGP Rajeev Kumar said, "There was some kind of anger or anxiety in the fans saying that he's not playing. The plan was that he would come here, wave, meet certain people and leave. Now the government has already constituted a committee that will look into all aspects, including whether there was any mismanagement on the organiser's side or anything else. The organiser is giving in writing to those who are concerned that the tickets which have been sold should be refunded. Now the situation is under control... We have already detained the organiser..."

Inspector General (Law and Order) Javed Shamim later confirmed that a formal investigation had been launched. "At this stage, we cannot say who is responsible. The investigation is underway and whoever is found responsible will be fixed," Shamim said, while also confirming that the situation around the stadium had returned to normal. He added that the main organiser had been detained as part of the inquiry.

The police statements followed chaotic scenes inside the stadium. According to eyewitness accounts, Messi's planned lap around the Salt Lake Stadium never fully materialised. As soon as he stepped onto the field, he was surrounded by politicians, officials, celebrities and their family members, along with a heavy paparazzi presence. The congestion around the Argentine icon became so intense that his security team was forced to abandon the lap, drastically limiting his interaction with fans in the stands.Kolkata was the first stop of Messi's three-day India tour, which continues in Hyderabad, Mumbai and Delhi. While authorities maintain that the situation is now peaceful, the turbulent opening has shifted the focus from celebration to accountability, with organisers facing tough questions and fans waiting for the promised refunds.

Mamata apologises to Messi, fans; orders probe

Kolkata, Dec 13: Stating that she was shocked and deeply disturbed by the 'mismanagement' at the Lionel Messi event in Kolkata, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday announced the constitution of a high-level committee to probe the incident.Banerjee said she was on the way to the Salt Lake stadium to attend the event, along with thousands of fans, who had gathered to catch a glimpse of the football icon.'I sincerely apologise to Lionel Messi, as well as to all sports lovers and his fans, for the unfortunate incident,' she said in a post on X. 'I am constituting an enquiry committee under the chairmanship of Justice (Retd.) Ashim Kumar Ray, with the Chief Secretary and the Additional Chief Secretary, Home and Hill Affairs Department, as members,' she added.Banerjee said the committee will conduct a detailed enquiry into the incident, fix responsibility, and recommend measures to prevent such occurrences in the future.'Once again, I extend my heartfelt apologies to all sports lovers,' she said.

BJP makes history in Kerala, wins local body polls



Thiruvananthapuram, Dec 13: The Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has scored a major win in the Kerala local body polls, emerging as the single largest party in the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation and ending the Left Democratic Front's 45-year hold on the civic body. The NDA won 50 of the 101 wards in the corporation, while the ruling LDF was reduced to 29 seats. The Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) secured 19 seats, two went to Independents, and polling in one ward was cancelled following the death of a candidate last week.The result marks a clear shift in the city's political balance and places the NDA in a strong position to form the next corporation administration.The outcome is politically significant as Thiruvananthapuram district is the home turf of senior Congress leader and MP Shashi Tharoor, underlining the scale of the BJP's breakthrough in the state capital.The NDA also registered another key victory by taking control of the Tripunithura Municipality, dislodging the ruling LDF as counting in the 2025 Kerala local body elections concluded on Saturday.

Together, the results signal a major breakthrough for the BJP in Kerala, especially in urban areas where the party has traditionally struggled to translate its vote share into control of local bodies.

Ex-IAF officer held in Assam over alleged Pakistani links

Guwahati, Dec 13: A retired Indian Air Force (IAF) officer was arrested in Assam for his alleged links with Pakistani operatives, while Arunachal Police arrested four Kashmiri residents over the past few days in an alleged espionage case.

Retired Junior Warrant Officer Kulendra Sarma, a resident of the Patia locality of Tezpur in northern Assam's Sonitpur district, was arrested late Friday night.

Preliminary investigation revealed he had shared sensitive documents and information with Pakistani operatives. The police seized his laptop and mobile phone and sent them for a forensic examination.

Superintendent of Police, Barun Purkayastha, told TNIE that the police were tracking the accused for the past few weeks. "We received human intel about him. We kept him under technical surveillance, but slowly the matter was getting serious. We took time to collect evidence and picked him up eventually," Purkayastha said.

Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana boosts women's self-reliance

Palamu, Dec 13: (IANS) The Central Government's 'Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana' has become a major means of making rural women self-reliant. Women's self-help groups are formed and provided with easy loans, skill training, and market linkages to help them start their own livelihoods under this scheme. A large number of women in Palamu, Jharkhand, have also benefited immensely from this scheme.Sushma Devi, a beneficiary and trainer under the 'Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana', told IANS that she received training through an NGO and now prepares and sells food products like pickles and papad in the market. She is also training other women and helping them become self-reliant.

Govt hikes cess on mineral-bearing land to boost revenue

Ranchi, Dec 13: Jharkhand government has increased cess rates on mineral-bearing land with aim of mobilising higher revenue for state development and environmental protection. Move is expected to fetch additional revenue of around Rs 6,000 to Rs 7,000 crore for state exchequer.

Officials said decision has been taken in view of rising costs linked to infrastructure and environmental management. Expenditure on road construction, environmental safeguards and related works has increased by nearly 40 to 60 per cent in recent years. Impact of Covid-19 has also altered industrial activity and financial planning, leading to higher operational costs. In addition, court directives on environmental protection and rehabilitation have imposed greater financial responsibility on mining companies.

State's socio-economic conditions have also been cited as a key factor behind move. Jharkhand continues to face challenges such as poverty, malnutrition and high maternal and infant mortality rates, making enhanced revenue generation essential for sustained development.

Government aims to utilise additional funds for sectors such as education, health, drinking water, nutrition, employment generation and tribal welfare. Part of revenue will also be directed towards rehabilitation of mining-affected areas and development of basic infrastructure, along with initiatives focused on improving human development indicators across state.

Jharkhand clears top-level IAS promotions

Mail News Service

Ranchi, Dec 13: The Jharkhand government has approved the promotion of senior IAS officers Vandana Dadel and Mastram Meena to the Chief Secretary (CS) rank, marking a significant administrative development in the state.

According to sources in state secretariat, the proposal has received the government's nod and formal orders are expected shortly.

Vandana Dadel, a 1996-batch officer, will be granted the Chief Secretary rank with effect from January 1, 2026.

Mastram Meena, also from the 1996 batch and currently serving as Principal Secretary, Drinking Water Department, will be promoted simultaneously.

At present, three Jharkhand-cadre officers holding the Chief Secretary rank are on central deputation:

Shailesh Kumar Singh (1991 batch), Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, due to retire on March 31, 2026



Nidhi Khare (1992 batch), Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs

Satyendra Singh (1995 batch), Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat

Withinthe state, three officers currently hold CS rank:

Avinash Kumar (1993 batch), Chief Secretary

Nitin Madan Kulkarni (1995 batch), Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor



Ajay Kumar Singh (1995 batch), Additional Chief Secretary, Health Department

The state government has also approved the promotion of Amitabh Kaushal (2001 batch), currently in the Commercial Tax Department, to the rank of Principal Secretary.

At present, Rahul Purwar and Sunil Kumar (both 1999 batch) are serving as Principal Secretaries, while Vinay Chaubey (1999 batch) remains under suspension.

Five officers of Principal Secretary rank from Jharkhand are currently serving the Centre:

Sunil Barnwal (1997 batch), CEO, National Health Authority

Rahul Sharma (1998 batch), Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat

K.K. Soan (1998 batch), Additional Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti

Himani Pandey (1998 batch), Additional Secretary, DPIIT

Aradhana Patnaik (1998 batch), Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health

The state has further cleared the promotion of two IAS officers to the Secretary rank:

Amit Kumar (2010 batch), Commercial Tax Commissioner

Amit Kumar (2010 batch), currently on central deputation as Private Secretary to the Union Tribal Affairs Minister

Both officers will soon assume their upgraded roles, completing a major reshuffle and elevation exercise within Jharkhand's senior bureaucracy. (W- pm)

CS reviews Kenduadih gas leak situation

Mail News Service

Ranchi, Dec 13: Jharkhand Chief Secretary Avinash Kumar on Saturday conducted an on-ground review of the gas leakage crisis in the Putki Balihari Colliery area of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) at Kenduadih.

Accompanied by senior state and district officials, he inspected the affected sites and interacted with residents to assess the severity of the situation and the measures in place.

The visit, undertaken on the direction of the Chief Minister, included Acting DGP Tadasha Mishra, BCCL Chairman-cum-Managing Director Manoj Agrawal, Dhanbad Deputy Commissioner Aditya Ranjan, and Senior Superintendent of Police Prabhat Kumar.



Officials reviewed safety arrangements and ongoing efforts to mitigate the risks posed by the leakage.

Describing the situation as serious, the Chief Secretary said the gas emission is largely due to natural and geological factors that cannot be fully controlled.

He added that a detailed scientific study is underway to identify all contributing causes and recommend long-term solutions.

Emphasising the government's commitment to public safety, Avinash Kumar said that if relocation of residents becomes unavoidable, a coordinated approach involving the state and central governments, BCCL management, district administration, and local MPs and MLAs would be adopted.

He also listened to concerns and suggestions from residents living in the high-risk zones.

'Wife earns her living': HC sets aside maintenance order

New Delhi, Dec 13: The Allahabad high court has set aside a lower court order mandating a man to pay maintenance to his estranged wife, observing that she earns her living and did not reveal the true salary in her affidavit.

Justice Madan Pal Singh also allowed a criminal revision petition filed by the man, Ankit Saha.

"A perusal of the impugned judgment indicates that in the affidavit filed before the trial court, the opposite party herself admitted that she is a post-graduate and a web designer by qualification. She is working as a senior sales coordinator in a company and getting a salary of Rs 34,000 per month," the court said in the December 3 order.

"But in her cross-examination, she has admitted that she was earning Rs 36,000 per month. Such an amount for a wife who has no other liability cannot be said to be meagre; whereas the man has the responsibility of maintaining his aged parents and other social obligations," it observed.

The high court observed that the woman was not entitled to get any maintenance from her husband 'as she is an earning lady and able to maintain herself'.

Jharkhand CJ terms human trafficking as serious problem in Santhal region

Dumka, Dec 13: Jharkhand High Court Chief Justice and Chief Patron of Jharkhand Legal Service Authority (JHALSA) Tarlok Singh Chauhan identified human trafficking as a serious social problem in the Santhal Pargana region.

Inaugurating the National Lok Adalat on Saturday at Convention Centre in Dumka which was simultaneously held across the state on the same day, Chief Justice said that human trafficking poses a serious social problem in the entire Santhal Pargana region of Jharkhand.

Expressing concern about the safety of women and children, Chief Justice said that preventing child labour is a major challenge.

He also termed the practice of witch hunting as a curse on the society and stressed on the need for awareness and effective implementation of laws at the ground level to eradicate it.

The Chief Justice felt that justice should not be limited to the courts alone, but should be felt in the lives of ordinary citizens.

"Through legal services and empowerment camps, the judiciary is trying to reach the last person in society, ensuring equal access



to equality, dignity, and justice for every citizen. Platforms like Lok Adalats, legal aid, and conciliation not only resolve disputes but also strengthen social harmony and mutual trust and make legal services collaborative rather than confrontational," the Chief Justice added.

He also said that legal services are no longer limited to free legal aid but have become a means of overall empowerment of citizens.

The Chief Justice appreciated the short film presented by the Legal Aid Clinic, stating that such creative initiatives effectively highlight the problems, struggles, and aspirations of ordinary citizens and help in increasing legal awareness.

Judge of the Jharkhand High Court and executive chairperson of JHALSA Ranchi Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad, said that even today, women and weaker sections of society are subjected to violence by being branded as witches due to superstition.

He clearly stated that there is no such thing as a witch; it is merely a result of ignorance and delusion.

During the program, beneficiaries were provided with legal awareness, information about government welfare schemes, and several facilities on the spot through stalls set up by various state government departments. Services related to social security, health, identity cards, livelihoods, and other schemes were made available on a single platform, directly benefiting the recipients.

High - stakes Marwari outfit polls today

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, Dec 13: The election for the President of the East Singhbhum District Marwari Sammelan for the 2026-28 term will be held on Sunday, December 14, at Jalaram Jain Bhawan in Bistupur.

Polling will take place from 9 am to 5 pm amid tight arrangements to ensure a free and fair process, including CCTV surveillance at the venue.

Voters have been instructed to carry their identity cards in hard copy.

A total of 1,412 voters will exercise their franchise in what is being described as the largest-ever participation in the history of the conference.

Of these, 1,298 voters are from urban Jamshedpur and 114 from rural areas. The electorate includes 212 women and 1,200 men, reflecting growing awareness and active involvement within the community.Three candidates are in the fray, making the contest a keenly watched triangular battle.

Incumbent president Mukesh Mittal is seeking re-election on the strength of developmental and organisational work carried out during his tenure.

Vivek Chaudhary is campaigning on a platform of clean, transparent leadership and a forward-looking vision for the organisation, while Surya Sharma Lippu is highlighting his long-standing social contributions and community service.

Chief Election Officer Suresh Agrawal said all preparations have been completed, with two assistant election officers and a 15-member team overseeing the process.

Counting of votes will begin immediately after polling ends, and the results will be declared the same day, followed by the issuance of certificates to the winning candidate.

The East Singhbhum District Marwari Sammelan, one of the leading socio-cultural organisations of the local Marwari community, has 17 active branches across the district.

The election outcome will determine the next leadership entrusted with steering the organisation's social, cultural and developmental initiatives over the next two years. (W- pm)

Lok Samarpan to hold blood donation camp at Sidhgora



Jamshedpur, Dec 13 : Lok Samarpan, a prominent social organization in Jamshedpur, will organize a one-day mega blood donation camp on Sunday, December 14 at the Son Mandap complex in Sidgora. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a large turnout of youth and women expected. Extensive preparations are underway to ensure the success of the event. Under the leadership of the organization's patron and young social activist Lalit Das, meetings are being held across various city localities to encourage public participation and gather suggestions for better organization. Posters are also being distributed to promote the camp. Lalit Das informed that helmets will be given as gifts to blood donors to promote road safety awareness, along with certificates of appreciation for each donor.

Little Champions shine at Baug-E-Jamsheed Sports Day



Jamshedpur, December 13: Baug-E-Jamsheed School organised its Annual Sports Day on Saturday, December 13, within the school premises. The event was conducted in two batches and witnessed enthusiastic participation from Nursery and Playgroup students.The young children enjoyed the races and activities, making the day lively and memorable. Parents and members of the Managing Committee of the Jamshedpur Zoroastrian Association Education Society were present to cheer the little participants. Many parents expressed happiness on watching their children take part in the first race of their lives.

Principal Anu Tewary appreciated the efforts of the teachers and encouraged the children for their enthusiastic participation. At the end of the event, all children were awarded medals. The sports day aimed to promote the spirit of participation and enjoyment rather than competition, making it a joyful celebration for everyone involved.

Parents, teachers share ideas at KSMS Suggestion Mela

150 participants discuss academics, safety and holistic development



Jamshedpur, December 13: Kerala Samajam Model School (KSMS) organised a "Suggestion Mela" for parents and teachers in the school auditorium on December 13. Around 150 parents and teachers of students from LKG to Class XII participated, making the programme a meaningful and interactive exercise.

Parents actively shared their views and described the initiative as a commendable step towards strengthening the school-parent partnership. School authorities said the suggestions received would be treated as valuable inputs for further improvement.

Discussions covered a wide range of topics, including academics, time management, career counselling, assessment and evaluation, discipline, value-based education, student safety, cyber security, co-curricular activities and skill development.

The programme was conducted under the guidance of Principal Nandini Shukla along with A. L. Abraham, Rina Banerjee, Sujata Singh and Registrar Vrinda. The event was coordinated by Rajan, Pravind Singh, Abodh Singh, Sheela Kumari, Rani Singh, Shilpi Sandwar, Geeta Swami and other teachers. The initiative highlighted the school's commitment to collaborative growth and holistic education.

Young Gulmohur innovators shine on national stage

Smart grid project wins acclaim at Industry-Academia Conclave 2025



Jamshedpur, Dec 13: Gulmohur High School has brought laurels to the city after its Class 8 student team secured an impressive 5th position at the national-level Industry Academia Conclave 2025 held at the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Jamshedpur. The young team competed against senior school teams from across the country, earning wide appreciation for their innovation and technical skills.

The prestigious conclave witnessed participation from more than 600 school teams in the preliminary round. After a rigorous screening process, only 101 teams were shortlisted and invited to showcase their projects on the NIT Jamshedpur campus.

Following detailed technical evaluation, live demonstrations and interactions with an expert jury, the Gulmohur High School team finished among the top 10 teams nationwide. The team received a Consolation Prize of Rs 10,000, awarded to just ten teams during the conclave.

The award-winning project featured a fully functional Microgrid and Smart Grid model. It demonstrated intelligent energy distribution, blackout simulation with automatic microgrid activation, renewable energy integration, predictive load balancing and priority-based power routing. The model highlighted practical applications in grid resilience, disaster preparedness and energy security, showcasing advanced thinking well beyond the middle-school level.

The project was led by team leader Akshat Sarkar, who handled system design, integration and the final presentation. He was supported by team members Aditya Kumar Nath, Shivansh Pandey and Vaibhav Anand, whose technical inputs and teamwork played a key role in the success.

Expressing pride in the achievement, Principal Priti Sinha said the performance reflected the school's focus on experiential and future-ready education. She noted that excelling on a national platform hosted by NIT Jamshedpur demonstrated the students' confidence, creativity and problem-solving abilities.

Cultural festival opens with powerful play "Mahabhoj"





Jamshedpur, Dec 13: A three-day cultural festival was ceremoniously inaugurated at the Tulsi Bhavan auditorium on December 12 under the joint aegis of the Dramatic Association of Tata Employees and the multilingual literary organisation Sahyog. The festival, being held on December 12, 13 and 14, follows a long-standing tradition of promoting theatre and literature in the city.

On the opening day, the renowned literary work "Mahabhoj" by acclaimed writer Mannu Bhandari was staged with great impact and received an overwhelming response from the audience. Published in 1979, Mahabhoj is considered a landmark novel that sharply reflects the realities of Indian politics and society. The play highlights issues such as abuse of power, exploitation of Dalits, political opportunism and the growing nexus between politics and crime. Inspired by real-life incidents like the Belchi massacre, the story presents a strong conflict between idealism and corruption.

The play was directed by noted theatre and film artist Anuj Prasad, whose experienced and sensitive direction added depth and intensity to the performance. The actors delivered powerful portrayals that kept the audience engaged throughout.

The cast included Anjani Nidhi, Shashi Prakash Pandey, Pankaj Jha, Satnam Kaur, Anuj Kumar, Kanhaiya Kumar, Anurag, Satbir, Indranil Hajra, Satyajit Singh, Pooja Chaudhary, T. Ganesh, Partho Das, Mona, Vikas, Suman, Khushid, Sushma Prabha Singh and Mohammad Nizam. Mohammad Nizam, who played the narrator, received special appreciation for his impactful performance.

Several senior and eminent theatre personalities from the city were present and praised the successful staging of the play.

Nehru House declared best at Hill Top School's Annual Sports Day

Best athletes honoured as "Golden Spirit, Infinite Grit" theme comes alive



Jamshedpur, Dec 13: Hill Top School celebrated its 43rd Annual Athletic Meet on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at Sumant Moolgaokar Stadium with great enthusiasm and sporting fervour. Organised as part of the school's Golden Jubilee celebrations, the event revolved around the inspiring theme, "Golden Spirit! Infinite Grit!", highlighting perseverance, teamwork and excellence.

The sports meet began with a grand ceremonial opening, including the welcoming of the Chief Guest, Gurmeet Singh Rao, Director of the Naval Tata Hockey Academy. A disciplined march past, exchange of flags and oath-taking ceremony by the newly elected captains, vice captains and participating athletes set a dignified tone for the day.

Addressing the gathering, Principal Uma Tiwary stressed the importance of sportsmanship, resilience and lifelong fitness. She praised students for displaying enthusiasm and determination, noting that the values learned on the field shape character beyond academics.

The programme featured impressive field displays showcasing coordination and creativity. Highlights included the colourful umbrella drill "Parsol Power" by Classes 3 and 4, an energetic bamboo dance by students aged 8 to 11, a powerful boys' drill titled "Dream Big Fly High: Golden Edition," and the graceful girls' drill "Dreamer's Canvas." Fun-filled races for Nursery to Class 2 students and finals of various track and field events added excitement.

In the prize distribution ceremony, Aditya Kumar, Surya Karmakar, Aarav Thakur and Yuvraj Singh were named Best Athletes in the boys' A, B, C and D divisions respectively, while Saniya Gorai, Aashita, Tithi Biswas and Aradhya Gupta bagged the top honours in the girls' categories. Ashoka House won the Most Disciplined House and March Past awards, while Nehru House was declared the Best House overall.

AFFIDAVIT

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1. That I am an Indian citizen by birth .
2. That previously I and my name Know as Firdosh Tabasum which is mentioned in my Matriculation Certificate.
3. That now I change my nome know os Firdoush Tabassum for all Purposes.
4. That Firdoush Tabassum and Firdosh Tabasum both name are same and person i.e.myself.
5. That I swear this affidavit to comfirm the above facts to be true and correct.

Sl. No. : 56
Date : 24-11-2025 Advocate

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Roashan Perween**, W/O of Mohammad Alauddin Ansari, by faith Muslim by Nationality Indian Resident of of H.NO.2, Cross Rood NO 10 / A, Zakirnagar East. P.o. Azadnagar Jamshedpur Jharkhand do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows :-

1. That I am an Indian citizen by birth;
2. That Previously I and my name Known as Raushan Parween which is mentioned in passport.
3. That now I change my name Know as Roashan Perween for all Purposes.
4. That Roashan Perween and Raushan Parween both name are some and one person i.e. my self.
5. That I swear this affidavit to confirm the above facts to be true and correct.

Sl. No. : 58
Date : 24-11-2025 Advocate

Tiny tots spread Christmas cheers at NHES



Jamshedpur, December 13: Narbheram Hansraj English School (NHES) organised a colourful Christmas Bazaar on December 13, with enthusiastic participation from students and parents of Nursery to UKG. The young students, dressed in bright red outfits, added charm and festive cheer to the celebration.Attractive gift hampers emerged as the main highlight of the event, drawing keen interest from visitors. The bazaar also featured food stalls, fun game counters, and a specially created selfie corner that became a popular spot for families.The event was conceptualised and successfully executed under the guidance of Principal Paramita Roy Chaudhury and acting Vice Principal Harwinder Kaur.

Nakul Kamani, President of the School Managing Committee, along with other esteemed guests, attended the event. The celebration witnessed cheerful moments and a warm festive atmosphere.

DBMS College organises Saree Walkathon for women's rights



Jamshedpur, Dec 13: DBMS College Sports Cell organised a unique Saree Walkathon on Wednesday to promote women's empowerment, cultural heritage, safety, dignity and equality. Women participants took part in the event wearing sarees, making the walkathon a powerful blend of tradition and social awareness. The initiative is being described as possibly the first event of its kind in Jamshedpur.

The walkathon was flagged off by noted mountaineer Asmita Dorjee, marking a symbolic start to the awareness drive. The route began from Kadma Post Office, passed through Link Road and concluded at the Post Office, drawing attention from local residents along the way. Women from the DBMS community and various DBMS units participated in large numbers, while B.Ed. students also showed enthusiastic involvement.

A total of 101 women and 121 students took part in the event. In the women's category, Shanti Raju secured first position, followed by Mamta in second place and Pansuri Hansda in third. Among male students, Ayush Parashar won first prize, Raja Dongre stood second and Parimal Paul finished third. In the female students' category, Pramila Kumari secured first place, Shraddha Topno second and Rupa Kumari third. Snacks for participants were sponsored by N. Dilip Kumar. The programme was successfully conducted under the supervision of Meenakshi Chaudhary, Moderator of the Sports Cell, and Anjali Ganeshan. Several senior citizens were present at the event. Patron of DBMS Trust Bhanumathi Neelakanthan graced the occasion, while President B. Chandrasekhar and Lalitha Chandrasekhar encouraged the participants. College Secretary Sripriya Dharmarajan, Joint Secretary Sudha Dilip, Treasurer S. Dharmarajan, Administrative Secretary Satish Singh, Principal Dr. Joohi Samarpita, Vice-Principal Dr. Monika Uppal, along with faculty and staff, contributed to the success of the event.

AFFIDAVIT

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2. That **ABDUL HAMID (UID NO. 2121 73529981) S/O MD SHARIF** is my son.
3. That my name in my above mentioned son's **Passport No. G3577966**, is recorded as **SHAHNAZ FATMA.**
4. That my actual and correct name is recorded as **SHAHNAZ KHATOON,** and the same is recorded in my **Passport No. C1575892, in my Aadhaar Card vide UID NO. 7078 8150 6172, & in my PAN Card - OZZPK1281P.**
5. That, **SHAHNAZ KHATOON & SHAHNAZ FATMA** is same and one person, represented by myself.
6. I swear this affidavit to confirm the above facts are true to the best of my knowledge, belief and information to produce the same before the authority concern of the aforesaid society for all intents and purposes.

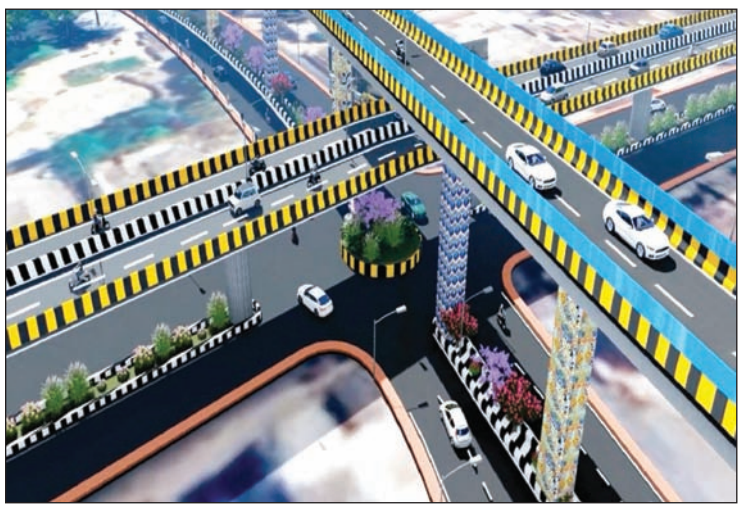
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Ranchi to get 3.2 km flyover linking Karmtoli, Science City and Chiraundi

Ranchi, Dec 13: In a major step to ease growing traffic pressure in Jharkhand capital, state government has approved construction of a new flyover from Karmtoli via Science City to Chiraundi Chowk. Stretching about 3.216 km, project aims to provide relief from frequent congestion in some of city's busiest zones.

Flyover will directly connect Karmtoli, Science City and Chiraundi Chowk, while an additional 516-metre link road up to Morabadi is also planned to ensure smoother traffic movement. Once completed, traffic load at Albert Chowk, Divyan Chowk, Science City and Chiraundi—known for persistent jams—is expected to reduce significantly.



Project is likely to benefit vehicles travelling to and from Ramgarh and Hazaribagh, besides improving connectivity between Ring Road and NH-20. This enhanced linkage is expected to streamline both intra-city and inter-city traffic flow.

Chief Minister Hemant Soren has given formal approval to project and directed officials to begin further procedures at earliest. Earlier, after reviewing a departmental presentation in September, he had asked for preparation of DPRs for flyovers from Argora Chowk to Kathal More and from Karmtoli to Science City.

Recent months have already seen improvement in Ranchi's traffic situation following completion of flyovers at Sirmatoli–MECON, Koker–Bahubazar and Ratu Road. With this new flyover proposal, residents are hopeful of yet another major relief from congestion in capital city.

Sadar Hospital Ranchi earns three major achievements in healthcare services

Ranchi, Dec 13: Sadar Hospital Ranchi has achieved three significant milestones in healthcare services and has been honoured for its outstanding performance under the Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan. District Ranchi received recognition from Shashi Prakash Jha, campaign director of National Health Mission, Jharkhand, for exemplary work under programme.

Hospital was awarded for excellence in major surgeries, non-communicable disease screening and overall improved performance in service delivery. Honour was received by DRCHO Dr Aseem Kumar



Manjhi and district data coordinator Sanjay Tiwari on behalf of district health administration. On occasion, Ranchi civil surgeon Dr Prabhat Kumar congratulated all officers and staff working in district and appreciated their collective efforts. He encouraged them to continue working with dedication and take Sadar Hospital Ranchi to greater heights in coming days.

Major mishap averted as empty tanker overturns



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Dec 13: An empty tanker overturned near the Old Court Mor under the Sakchi police station area at around 6 am on Saturday, narrowly averting a major accident.

As vehicular movement was minimal at the time of the incident, no casualties were reported.

Morning walkers noticed the overturned tanker lying by the roadside and immediately informed the Sakchi police.

Acting promptly on the information, police personnel reached the spot and assessed the situation. According to the police, the tanker was empty, which prevented any loss of life or property.

The accident caused temporary disruption to traffic on the busy stretch of road.

However, the police swiftly initiated the process of removing the tanker and seized the vehicle.

The tanker driver fled the scene following the incident. Preliminary investigation suggests that over speeding or driver negligence may have led to the tanker losing control and overturning.

The police have launched a search to identify and apprehend the driver and are scanning nearby CCTV footage while questioning locals.

With the help of a crane, the tanker was removed from the road, and normal traffic was restored shortly thereafter. Local residents expressed relief that the tanker was empty, as a more serious mishap could have occurred otherwise.Sakchi police are continuing their investigation to ascertain the ownership of the tanker, its route, and the reasons behind the driver's disappearance after the accident. (W- pm)

Divye Ratna bags top honors at Jharkhand E-Shiksha Mahotsav 2025

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Dec 13 : Divye Ratna, a Class XI student of CM School for Excellence, Sakchi, has brought laurels to her school and district by securing the first prize at the district level of the Jharkhand E-Shiksha Mahotsav 2025 State-Level ICT Championship.

At a function held at the East Singhbhum District Collectorate today, Deputy Commissioner Karn Satyarthi felicitated Divye Ratna with a gold medal, a smartwatch, and a certificate for her outstanding performance at the district level.

Earlier, at the block-level award ceremony organized by the East Singhbhum



Education Department, she was awarded first position, receiving a silver medal, a school bag, and a certificate in recognition of her achievement.

The results of the state-level ICT Championship are yet to be announced.

Additionally, Divye Ratna is also set to receive a bronze medal and certificate for securing first position at the school level.

Notably, Divye Ratna has previously won the first prize in solo music singing at the district-level Kala Utsav, highlighting her multifaceted talent.

Congratulating the student, Principal Manju Sinha of CM School for Excellence expressed confidence that Divye Ratna would excel at the state level as well, adding that the school takes immense pride in her achievements.

She also noted that this was the first time the Jharkhand Government organized such an E-Shiksha Mahotsav, making the achievement even more significant.Computer teacher Rishikesh Kumar Pathak praised Divye Ratna, stating that she excels not only in academics and ICT but also in music, and wished her a bright and successful future.

Divye Ratna is the daughter of Rajesh Kumar Lal Das, a Doordarshan correspondent.She is also an artist with All India Radio and Doordarshan and continues to make remarkable progress in the field of music alongside her academic pursuits. (W- pm)

MLA Purnima Sahu talks to Tata Steel UISL GM, presses for quick solution to public grievances in Jamshedpur

Jamshedpur, Dec 13: MLA of Jamshedpur East, Purnima Sahu, held a meeting with Tata Steel UISL General Manager R.K. Singh on Saturday to press for a quick resolution to public grievances in the city. During the meeting at her residential office in Agrico, Sahu spoke at length on the infrastructure problems in the Jamshedpur East Assembly constituency, including Burmamines, and demanded that these concerns be addressed immediately.

After the discussion, Singh assured that he would immediately hold talks with the concerned officials and ensure that necessary action on all these issues is initiated at the earliest.

During the meeting, MLA Purnima Sahu stated that the poor condition of



roads, increasing dust pollution, inadequate streetlights, and haphazard parking are causing great inconvenience to residents in the Burmamines area. She demanded that roads be regularly cleaned with road sweeping machines and that water be sprinkled regularly to control dust pollution. She also stressed the need for adequate streetlights on all major roads and residential areas, including the route from Burmamines to the station. She also called for the deployment of security guards equipped with the necessary resources at the company's parking lots.

The MLA also demanded that broken roads and weak infrastructure should be repaired quickly. She stated that the demolition and dismantling of Tata Steel quarters have blocked access to the bustees, which should be reopened immediately. Sahu also objected to the delays in providing electricity and water connections to various bustees by Tata Steel UISL and demanded that these be resolved immediately.

ACB catches executive engineer taking bribe in Chaibasa

Mail News Service

Chaibasa, Dec 13: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Jamshedpur unit, today arrested Arvind Kumar Singh, Executive Engineer of the Building Construction Department, Chaibasa, while allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 70,000. The arrest was made in connection with a construction project of the Narcotics department building located within the old Deputy Commissioner's office.

According to official sources, the total cost of the project was Rs 55 lakh, out of which Rs 29 lakh had



already been paid to the contractor.

For clearing the remaining bill amount, the executive engineer allegedly demanded a commission of 2.5 percent, amounting to Rs 70,000.

Distressed by the repeated demand for bribe, contractor Ritesh Chirania approached the ACB Jamshedpur and lodged a formal complaint.

After verifying the complaint, the ACB team laid a trap and caught the engineer red-handed while accepting the bribe amount.

The ACB team recovered the Rs 70,000 bribe money from the possession of the accused engineer at the old Deputy Commissioner's office premises.

Following the arrest, further legal proceedings are underway.

The incident has created a stir within the Building Construction Department. The action is being seen as a strong message against corruption in government offices.

Complainant Ritesh Chirania has expressed gratitude to the ACB for its prompt action, expressing hope that such strict measures will help curb corruption in public departments. (W- pm)

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya entrance exam conducted peacefully in Seraikela

Seraikela, Dec 13: The Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Entrance Examination 2026 for admission to Class VI at JNV Sijulata was conducted peacefully across 15 examination centres in the district.

Out of 3,646 nominated candidates, 3,087 appeared for the examination, while 559 remained absent. District Education Officer Kailash Mishra stated that the examination was conducted in a completely peaceful and malpractice-free manner.

The examination centre at NR CM School of Excellence, Seraikela, was inspected by Block Education Officer Dinesh Kumar Dandapat. Under the supervision of Centre Superintendent Ambika Pradhan, the exam was conducted smoothly. Of the 297 enrolled candidates at this centre, 265 appeared, while 32 were absent.

Steel experts discuss innovation, efficiency at Technical Meet

Jamshedpur, Dec 13: The second day of the highly anticipated 65th Operating Committee Meeting of Blast Furnaces and Sinter Plants hosted by Tata Steel, concluded with enthusiastic participation from steel plant representatives across the nation. The sessions focused on (1) pivotal advancements in Process solid waste management and recycling practices in sinter plants and (2) tuyere life enhancement in blast furnaces, a crucial area for improving efficiency and reducing maintenance downtime.

Benchmark data was shared among the participants, fostering an open exchange of knowledge and best practices. These interactive sessions provided a valuable platform for addressing common challenges and exploring collaborative solutions.



A key highlight of the day was the delegates' visit to Tata Steel Jamshedpur Works. Participants toured the state-of-the-art sinter plant and blast furnace facilities, observing first-hand the operational excellence and advanced practices implemented by Tata Steel.

The day's proceedings concluded with a comprehensive feedback session and deliberation plan led by S. Dhara, Secretary, Operating Committee. Surajit Sinha, Chairman Organizing Committee, delivered the concluding remarks, emphasizing the collective progress and future roadmap for the industry. The event wrapped up with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks from G. S. R. Murthy, Convenor Organizing Committee, acknowledging the contributions of all participants and organizers.

Tata Workers' Union AGM approves constitutional amendments

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Dec 13 : The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Tata Workers' Union (TWU), the recognised union of Tata Steel, was held in a historic and grand manner at the works lawn inside the Tata Steel premises on Saturday.

The meeting witnessed the participation of thousands of employees, who unanimously approved key constitutional amendments along with the audited accounts for the financial year 2024-25.

The AGM commenced at 3:30 pm with Union President Sanjeev Chaudhary "Tunnu" welcoming the members and introducing office-bearers and committee members.

A two-minute silence was



observed in memory of former members of the union.

Addressing the gathering, the president highlighted the initiatives undertaken during his tenure for the welfare of employees and stressed that unity among members is the greatest strength of the institution.

Treasurer Amod Dubey then presented the audited accounts for 2024-25.

He informed the members that copies of the audited statements had already been displayed on the notice board and that suggestions were invited in advance. Members approved the accounts by a show of hands.

As per the agenda, president Tunnu explained the need for constitutional amendments in view of the implementation of the four Labour Codes by the government and structural changes within Tata Steel.

He said that several meetings of the executive committee were held on November 26, November 28 and December 2, 2025, following which a draft of



the proposed amendments was prepared.

General secretary Satish Singh presented the amended provisions before the House, which were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Key amendments include the decision that Tata Workers' Union will function as a federation of trade unions. The number of committee members will now be determined on the basis of one seat per 50 employees, subject to a minimum of 160 or the calculated number, whichever is higher, to be elected by employees.

Co-option in the union will now be limited to serving or former Tata Steel employees only, discontinuing the practice of co-opting external members.

It was also decided that vacancies will be filled through by-elections or co-option within six months, unless the vacancy arises within six months of the end of the term, in which case no by-election will be held.

The tenure of the union committee will be three years or as provided under the Trade Union Act or the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, as amended from time to time.Under the revised provisions, the Election Officer and Election Sub-Committee will be empowered to constitute constituencies with a permissible variation of plus or minus 30 percent in membership strength.

The number of proposers and seconders for committee member nominations will be three each, while for office-bearer nominations it will be four each. Nomination papers will not be rejected on the basis of spelling or minor technical errors.The AGM concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Deputy President Shailesh Kumar Singh. (W-pm)





People purchase decorative items ahead of 'Christmas' Festival and New Year 2026 in Ranchi, Jharkhand on Friday, December 12, 2025. Photo By-Rajesh Kumar

Police bust illegal liquor racket

Mail News Service

Jhargram, Dec 13: Acting on a tip-off, Beliabera police conducted a raid on Friday evening at Chorchita village under Gopiballavpur Block-II, uncovering an illegal liquor operation in the area. The raid followed repeated complaints from local residents regarding the unlawful sale of liquor.

During the operation, police seized around 10 litres of illicitly brewed ID liquor, 38 bottles of country-made liquor, and 24 bottles of beer from the premises. According to police sources, the accused had been engaged in the illegal liquor trade for a long period.

The swift police action has dealt a significant blow to the illegal liquor network in the locality.

Residents welcomed the crackdown and praised the police for taking decisive steps to curb unlawful activities.

The seized liquor has been confiscated, and legal proceedings against the accused are underway. Police officials stated that similar drives will continue to maintain law and order in the region.

Trinamool intensifies grassroot drive in Gopiballavpur



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Jhargram, Dec 13: Ahead of the forthcoming Assembly elections, the Trinamool Congress has stepped up its organisational activities in the Gopiballavpur-II block of Jhargram district. A key strategy meeting was held on Saturday at Tapshia-3 to strengthen the party's grassroots structure.

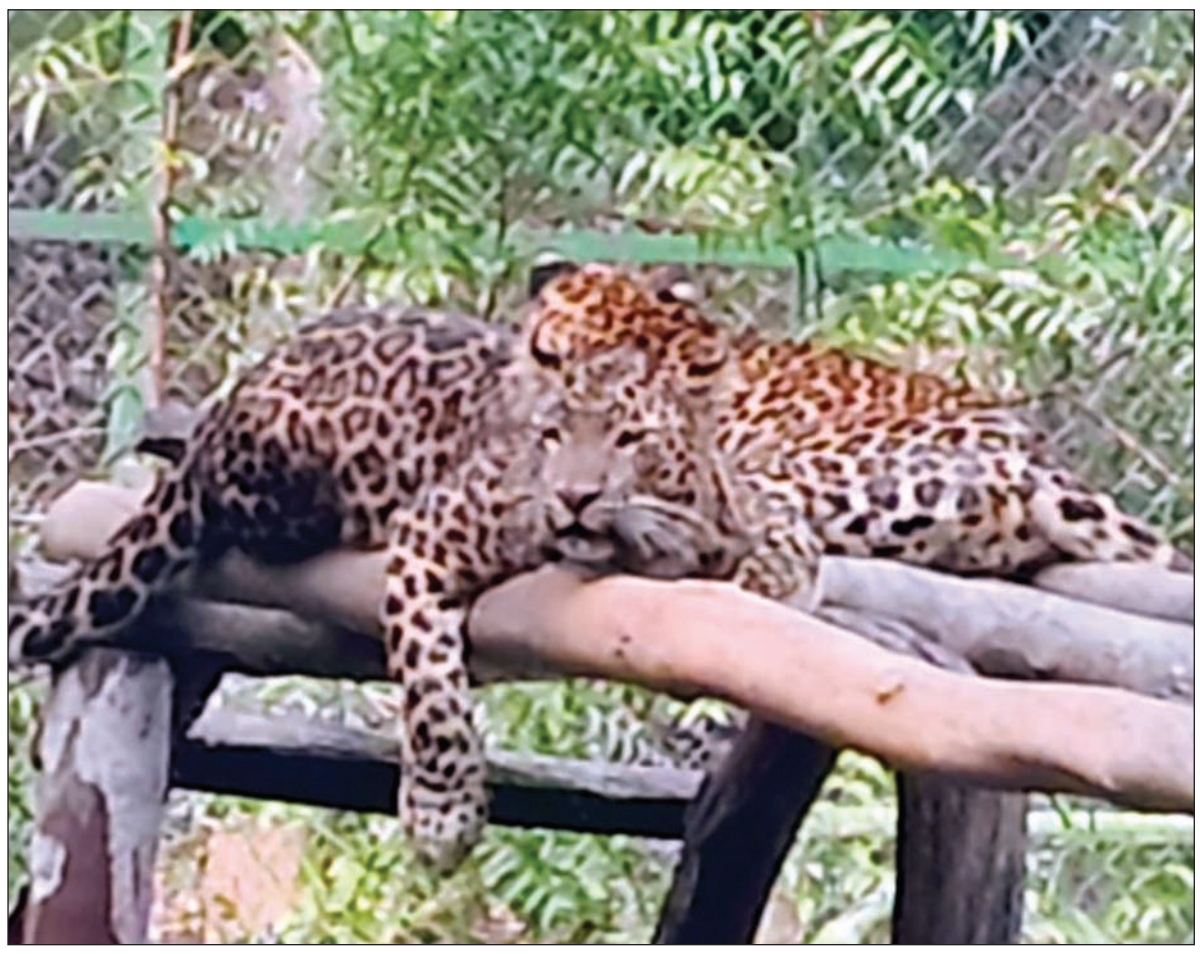
The meeting was chaired by Block Trinamool Congress President Tinku Pal and attended by Jhargram Zilla Parishad mentor Swapan Patra, Block Trinamool Youth Congress President Anupam Mallick, Tapshia-3 Regional Trinamool Congress President Shaktipada Karan, Gram Panchayat Pradhan Birmali Saren, along with several party leaders and workers.

Discussions focused on reinforcing booth-level committees, energising party workers, and enhancing public outreach ahead of the elections. Leaders emphasised the importance of taking the state government's development initiatives and welfare schemes to the grassroots.

The meeting marked the beginning of a focused and coordinated campaign as the party prepares for the upcoming electoral battle.

Negligence slur on leopard cub's death at Jhargram zoo

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Jhargram, Dec 13: The death of a leopard cub at the Jangalmahal Zoological Park in Jhargram has sparked controversy, with allegations of negligence being raised against zoo authorities. The incident has triggered serious concerns regarding animal safety, monitoring, and management within the zoo premises.

The cub was one of three born to leopard Harshini and had become a major attraction for visitors. Tourists frequently gathered near the enclosure to watch the mother leopard play with her cubs, often capturing videos and photographs. However, over the past week, visitors noticed that one cub was missing, leading to growing concern among locals and wildlife enthusiasts.

According to a section of zoo staff, the cub reportedly sustained injuries about a week ago after being bitten by its mother during play inside the enclosure. The cub later succumbed to those injuries. It has been claimed that a post-mortem examination was conducted, but the zoo management has so far not released any official statement clarifying the circumstances surrounding the death.

Sources said the Forest Department has sought a detailed report on the incident. Jhargram Divisional Forest Officer Umar Imam is currently on leave, while Medinipur DFO Deepak M has been given additional charge. He stated that the exact cause of the cub's death is still under investigation and that the matter is being examined thoroughly.

Local residents expressed deep sorrow over the loss of the cub and alleged that improved vigilance and monitoring might have prevented the incident. With the zoo expected to receive more animals in the future, there have been increasing demands for stricter supervision, better animal care protocols, and greater accountability to avoid similar incidents.

Mass marriage brings social change



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Jhargram, Dec 13: Jhargram once again witnessed the transformative power of social initiatives as the Tribeni Yuva Janakalyan Organisation successfully organised its 18th annual mass marriage ceremony on Friday night.

The event was held at Rasikananda Maidan in Sri Pat Gopiballavpur and stood as a strong example of community-driven reform in remote and border areas.

This year, 14 couples were married under the programme. According to the organisers, a total of 3,526 girls have been married through this initiative over the past 18 years, making it one of the most impactful and sustained social movements in the region.

The ceremony was inaugurated by Mahant Sri Sri Krishnakeshabananda Devgoswami of Sri Pat Gopiballavpur. Several distinguished guests attended the event, including former state minister Churamani Mahato, Gopiballavpur Police Station IC Kartik Chandra Ray, Panchayat Samiti Vice-Chairperson Satyaranjan Barik, and other public representatives. The organisation was represented by its secretary Sanatan Das, treasurer Anup Kar, Subrata Singha, and other members.

The marriages were conducted amid vibrant cultural programmes that continued throughout the night. As part of the initiative, the newly married couples were gifted essential household items such as beds, almirahs, bicycles, clocks, bedding, utensils, and gold ornaments. The initiative primarily aims to curb child marriage and human trafficking in the Subarnarekha riverbank areas along the Odisha-Jharkhand border. A large number of local residents attended the programme, while guests praised the organisation for its long-standing commitment to social welfare and reform.

Blood camp on Babu Genu's Martyrdom Day



Jamshedpur, Dec 13 : Under the leadership of Swadeshi Jagran Manch's (SJM)Jamshedpur city coordinator Rajpati Devi, a blood donation camp was organized on Friday at the Jamshedpur Blood Bank, Bistupur, to mark the martyrdom day of Babu Genu Ji. Held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the camp successfully collected 98 units of blood. The event saw active participation from Bande Shankar Singh, Manoj Kumar Singh, Manju Thakur, Dr. Anil Rai, Amit Kumar Mishra, Pankaj Kumar Singh, KP Chaudhary, Sanjeet Singh, Sanjeet Pramanik, Ashok Kumar, Vikas Jaiswal, Mukesh Thakur, Sangeeta Srivastava, Kiranjit Kaur, Saroj, Ramesh Singh, Raja Ramkumar, and others.

December 12 marks the day in 1930 when Babu Genu attempted to stop a truck carrying foreign cloth in Mumbai. During the protest, British police opened fire, leading to his martyrdom a sacrifice that became a powerful inspiration for the Swadeshi movement.

Shri Rani Sati Satsang Samiti to organise blood camp today



Jamshedpur, Dec 13: The Shri Rani Sati Satsang Samiti, Jugsalai, Jamshedpur, would organise its 23rd blood donation camp on Sunday, December 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camp will be held on the first floor of the Shri Rani Sati Dadi Temple, located on Jugsalai Girls School Road.

The blood donation camp is being organised in memory of the founding member of the committee, late Nirmal Bhardwaj, on his death anniversary. Committee president Anil Kumar Agarwal and programme coordinator Kamal Agarwal informed that the Samiti has been consistently organising blood donation camps for the past 22 years with the active participation and support of all its members. They added that the initiative reflects the organisation's long-standing commitment to social service and humanitarian causes. A large number of voluntary blood donors are expected to participate in the camp.

Sant Nandlal Smriti Vidya Mandir celebrates 43rd Foundation Day

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Ghatshila, Dec 13: Sant Nandlal Smriti Vidya Mandir, Ghatsila, celebrated its 43rd Foundation Day with great enthusiasm and splendour on December 13, 2025. The occasion marked more than four decades of the institution's commitment to academic excellence, value-based education, and holistic development.

The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. B. M. Pat Pingua, Vice-Chancellor of Sona Devi University, in the presence of several distinguished guests. Among them were Mr. Karan Singh, Zilla Parishad (Urban); Mrs. Devjani Murmu, Zilla Parishad (Rural); Mr. S. S. Shetty, HCL/ICC Unit Head; Mr. Ajit Kujur, SDPO, Ghatsila; Mr. Sunil Chandra, SDM, Ghatsila; Smt. Nirmala Devi Kanodia, Vice-President, Satsang Sadan, Kolkata; Mrs. Rajo Devi Kejriwal; School Joint Secretary Mr. S. K. Deorah; Manager Mrs. Shobha Ganeriwal; Principal Dr. Srinibas Mishra; Administrative Officer Dr. Prasenjit Karmakar; and members of the School Managing Committee. The programme opened with Ganesh Vandana and Guru Vandana dance performances, invoking divine blessings. In keeping with school tradition, the guests were welcomed with fruit baskets. Delivering the welcome address, Joint Secretary Mr. S. K. Deorah greeted the dignitaries and highlighted the school's achievements and activities during the year.

On the occasion, the dignitaries formally released the school's annual magazine, *"Ankur."* Mr. Deorah congratulated the institution on completing 43 successful years and encouraged students to pursue excellence with dedication and integrity.

Outstanding students were felicitated thereafter. Board toppers of Classes X and XII (2024-25), subject toppers, scholars, and students who excelled academically were honoured with medals, certificates, and scholarships. Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Pingua congratulated the achievers and wished them a bright future. He was felicitated with a shawl, a copy of *Ankur*, and a memento. The cultural programme showcased India's rich and diverse heritage under the theme "Cultural Bioscope: The Untouched Colours of India," highlighting tribal civilisation and traditions from various states. An exhibition depicting Jharkhand's 25-year journey was also organised.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by School Manager Vandana Agarwal, followed by the National Anthem.

Target of 3 lakh quintals set for paddy procurement in W Singhbhum

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Chaibasa, Dec 13: A meeting of the District Level Monitoring Committee under the Paddy Procurement Scheme for the Kharif Marketing Season 2025-26 was held today in the auditorium of the West Singhbhum District Collectorate under the chairmanship of District Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner Chandan Kumar.

During the meeting, it was informed that a target of procuring 3 lakh quintals of paddy has been fixed for the district. The government has announced a support price including bonus of Rs 2450 per quintal for general category paddy and Rs 2470 per quintal for Grade A paddy. So far, 7,895 farmers have been registered on the Kisan Procurement Portal.

A total of 16 LAMPS have been selected for procurement and linked with six millers, with magistrates and personnel deputed at all levels. The Deputy Commissioner stated that the primary objective of the scheme is to ensure farmers are not forced to sell their produce below the support price.

It was informed that payments will be made through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) into farmers' bank accounts within one week of procurement. The Deputy Commissioner directed officials to ensure availability of weighing machines, sacks, moisture meters, transport facilities and installation of CCTV cameras at all procurement centres. Block Development Officers were instructed to conduct extensive farmer outreach and encourage registration on the portal. Strict monitoring of middlemen activities was also ordered. Paddy procurement will be inaugurated at all centres on December 15 in the presence of local public representatives.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Praveen Kerkatta, District Supply Officer Sunila Khalko, District Cooperative Officer Amrita Kumari, District Agriculture Officer Amarjeet Kujur, along with district and block-level officials and LAMPS representatives, were present.

Paddy procurement to begin from December 15

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Saraikela, Dec 13: The district administration of Saraikela-Kharsawan has announced that paddy procurement will begin from December 15. A total of 27 government-authorized procurement centers have been established to facilitate farmers, with the Minimum Support Price fixed at Rs 2,450 per quintal. DC Nitish Kumar Singh instructed PACS operators to ensure a transparent, smooth, and farmer-friendly process while maintaining courteous behavior. Farmers were advised to sell paddy only at authorized centers to avoid middlemen and receive full MSP benefits. The administration will closely monitor the process to ensure fairness and efficiency.

Harrier, Nexon lead Tata Motors volleyball tournament



Jamshedpur, Dec 13: The second day of the Tata Motors Workers Union Volleyball Tournament saw thrilling matches as teams battled for semi-final spots. Harrier and Nexon currently top the standings, each winning three matches.

Saturday's action began with Tigor defeating Signa in the opening match. Nexon followed with a win over Prima in the second match. In the third match, Tigor secured another victory against Safari. Nexon then defeated Tiago in the fourth match.

The highlight of the day was the fifth match between Signa and Harrier. In a closely contested game, Harrier emerged victorious, led by their captain Chandu's outstanding performance. The final match saw Prima defeating Punch to conclude the day's fixtures.

After the second day, the points table stands with Harrier and Nexon at three points each, while Tiago and Tigor have two points apiece.

The semi-finals are scheduled for Monday, December 15, at the Telco Colony volleyball ground. The first semi-final will feature Harrier against Tiago, and the second will see Tigor face Nexon in what promises to be exciting contests.

Chief Justice offer prayers at Baba Baidyanath Dham



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Deoghar, Dec 13: The Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court, Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan, visited the revered Baba Baidyanath Temple in Deoghar on Saturday and offered prayers along with his family.

On arrival, temple priests conducted the rituals with Vedic chants and performed the sankalp ceremony.

Justice Chauhan thereafter performed 'jalabhishek' and worshipped the sacred Dwadash Jyotirlinga, seeking the blessings of Lord Baba Baidyanath.

Following the prayers, Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Magistrate Naman Priyesh Lakra and Superintendent of Police Saurabh felicitated the Chief Justice by presenting a memento, traditional ang vastra, and holy prasad of Baba Baidyanath.

On the occasion, the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Sub-Divisional Officer-cum-Baba Baidyanath Temple In-charge, along with other administrative officers, magistrates, police officials, and staff were also present. (W- pm)

National Lok Adalat in Seraikela creates record, 7,468 cases disposed

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Seraikela, Dec 13: A grand National Lok Adalat was organised on Saturday under the guidance of Principal District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Ramashankar Singh. The Lok Adalat was held simultaneously at the Civil Court, Seraikela, and the Sub-Court, Chandil.

In a record-breaking achievement, 7,468 cases were disposed of through eight benches, generating a total revenue of Rs 1,33,74,186. Of these, 6,349 pre-litigation cases resulted in revenue of Rs1,16,03,002, while 1,119 pending cases generated Rs17,71,184.

Apart from judicial settlements, benefits under various social welfare schemes were distributed. Appointment letters were handed over to selected candidates, and benefits under maternity schemes were also provided with the support of the Labour Department.

A large number of litigants attended the Lok Adalat, assisted by paralegal volunteers at each bench. The event stood out as a remarkable example of justice delivery combined with public welfare.

Indian Red Cross Society trains students in CPR and First Aid



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Saraikela, Dec 13: The Indian Red Cross Society, Saraikela-Kharsawan, has launched a special awareness and training initiative across schools in the district to equip students with life-saving skills. As part of the programme, around 200 students participated in a CPR and first aid training session on Saturday at Rani Padmini Upgraded High School, Saraikela. Dayashankar Mishra, District Secretary of the Indian Red Cross Society, highlighted the importance of making quick and correct decisions during emergencies. He demonstrated CPR techniques and essential first aid measures, including controlling bleeding, treating burns, fractures, and handling unconscious persons. Rajesh Kumar Mishra from the Disaster Management Cell shared practical tips on staying safe and assisting others during disasters such as earthquakes, fires, and road accidents. The session included a mock drill to familiarize students with the use of a first aid kit and emergency contacts. Vishwanath Padhihari, in-charge of the Junior Red Cross Society, also raised awareness about creating a plastic-free environment. The school principal, teachers, and staff attended and supported the programme.

Special road safety drive collects Rs 32,650



Saraikela, Dec 13: Following instructions from the Deputy Commissioner, a special road safety inspection drive was conducted on Saturday along the Hata-Chaibasa main road under Rajnagar police station. Led by District Transport Officer Girija Shankar Mahto, the campaign aimed to strengthen traffic discipline and ensure safe driving practices.

During the drive, Rs 32,650 was collected under the Motor Vehicles Act. Heavy vehicle drivers' licenses and documents were thoroughly checked, and strict instructions were given against overspeeding, overloading, and allowing unlicensed persons to operate vehicles. Officers also educated drivers on the importance of adhering to traffic rules for road safety. Rajnagar Police Station In-charge Vipul Ojha and traffic personnel were present during the drive. Authorities appealed to citizens and drivers to cooperate for reducing road accidents.

11th MYM indoor tournament begins in Chaibasa



Chaibasa, Dec 13: The 11th MYM Indoor Tournament was inaugurated today at the Birsa Munda Indoor Stadium under the aegis of the Marwari Yuva Manch, Chaibasa Branch, with Rungta Steel TMT as the title sponsor. The two-day district-level tournament witnessed enthusiastic participation from young players across the region.

The competition was formally inaugurated by lighting the ceremonial lamp by chief guest Sohanlal Mundada, Dr Vijay Mundada, former national president Balram Sultania, Marwari Sammelan city president Ashok Vijayvargi, advisory members Anil Murarka and Sushil Chaumal, provincial headquarters vice president Shweta Jalan, Jagriti branch president Chanda Agarwal, West Singhbhum District Badminton Association secretary Ashok Joshi, and Marwari Yuva Manch president Ashish Chaudhary.

A total of 180 players are competing in singles and doubles badminton events, while 60 players are participating in the carrom competition. Winners in the Under-13, Under-15 and Under-17 boys' and girls' categories will be awarded cash prizes and trophies at the prize distribution ceremony scheduled for tomorrow at 4 pm.

Addressing the players, the chief guest congratulated the participants and appreciated the consistent efforts of the Marwari Yuva Manch Chaibasa branch in promoting sports among youth. Mukund Rungta, Director of Rungta Steel and noted industrialist, also visited the venue, praised the event and wished the players a bright future.

The programme was conducted by Basant Khandelwal, Secretary of Marwari Yuva Manch. Rajesh Bari served as chief referee for badminton and Rohit Biruli for carrom. Event coordinator Manav Joshi, national assistant secretary Harsh Sultania, Mahesh Agarwal, Kanhaiya Garg, Lilesh Khirwal, Aditya Raj Agarwal, Kunal Daurrajka and others were present.

Inclusive education orientation workshop concludes in Seraikela

Seraikela, Dec 13: The three-day district-level orientation workshop on inclusive education, organised at NR District Chief Minister Excellence School, Seraikela, concluded successfully today.

Addressing the closing session as chief guest, Block Education Extension Officer Dinesh Kumar Dandapat highlighted the role of technology in integrating children with disabilities into the mainstream. He cited inspiring examples of Lakhan Mahali, who secured second place at the national level in IIT, and Bhola Mandal, who brought laurels to the district in Special Olympics powerlifting.

District In-charge of Inclusive Education Manoj Kumar stated that children with disabilities are not inferior and only require the right platform and environment. Resource teachers provided detailed sessions on identification of 21 types of disabilities, provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, and various government welfare schemes.

Participants were informed that discrimination against persons with disabilities is punishable with fines ranging from Rs 50,000 to ?5 lakh and imprisonment of six months to two years. Headmasters from Rajnagar, Gamharia and Kukudu blocks participated and pledged to strengthen inclusive education in schools.

National Lok Adalat in Jhargram disposes of 832 cases



Jhargram, Dec 13: The National Lok Adalat held at the Jhargram District Court on Saturday successfully resolved 832 cases and facilitated the recovery of more than Rs 1.17 crore, providing speedy and amicable justice under the framework of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).

Seven benches were constituted at the district court, each presided over by a judicial officer, with support from advocates and para-legal volunteers of the Jhargram District Legal Services Authority.

Cases were settled with the mutual consent of the parties, ensuring a swift, cost-effective, and amicable resolution.

A total of 2,256 cases were listed across the seven benches, including long-pending disputes. Resolved cases covered a variety of matters, such as bank loan defaults, pre-litigation cases involving finance companies, electricity department dues, BSNL bills, and general civil cases (GR and NGR).

Riha Trivedi, Secretary of the Jhargram District Legal Services Authority and Judicial Officer, stated that this was the fourth and final National Lok Adalat of the year, conducted as per NALSA guidelines. She highlighted the role of Lok Adalats in reducing the burden on regular courts while delivering timely justice to citizens.

Established under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, Lok Adalats provide free legal aid to weaker sections of society and facilitate the peaceful settlement of disputes. Awards passed by Lok Adalats carry the same legal status as a civil court decree and are final and binding. Officials noted that the increasing participation of litigants demonstrates growing public trust in the Lok Adalat system as an effective and accessible mechanism for justice delivery.

BJP appoints seven new Mandal presidents

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Saraikela, Dec 13: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) announced the appointment of seven new Mandal presidents at its district office on Saturday. The announcement was made by election observer and former minister Amar Kumar Bauri and district election in-charge Jatashankar Pandey. District President Uday Pratap Singhdev and other senior leaders welcomed the new presidents with garlands and briefed them on party responsibilities. Amar Kumar Bauri urged the appointees to diligently fulfill their duties, describing the role as a "crown of thorns" rather than just an honour. The newly appointed Mandal presidents and representatives are: Nimdih West - Jaydev Rajak (President), Mihir Chand Mahato (Representative); Chandil Central - Jagdish Mahato (President), Pramod Kumar Pahan (Representative); Chauka - Chamu Munda (President), Jagdish Singh Munda (Representative); Gamharia West - Sadhan Kumar Mahato (President), Krishna Das (Representative); Kharsawan East - Akhilesh Mahato (President), Deepak Mandal (Representative); Saraikela East - Murli Pradhan (President), Ashwini Singhdev (Representative); Kharsawan West - Dharmendra Pradhan (President), Vishwajit Pradhan (Representative).

The Hameed precedent

The conviction and sentencing of former ISI chief Lt General Faiz Hameed is a sign of what is to come for Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan. The establishment has already decided that Imran Khan would be tried for treason and his party, the PTI, would be banned.

Hameed was sentenced to 14 years by a Field General Court Martial.

His testimony and the evidence that the army has gathered have paved the way for Imran Khan to be tried.

In Pakistan, the Federal Law Ministry has already held consultations following the conviction of Hameed. It has now been decided that a comprehensive draft lawsuit would be prepared before formal proceedings could begin against Imran Khan.

Intelligence agencies have gathered that the decision to try Imran Khan for treason would then pave the way to ban the PTI. This is the reason that Pakistan has decided to try its former Prime Minister under the Official Secrets Act.

An image of Imran Khan as being anti-national would be protected, and this would be used as the reason to ban his political party, which even today enjoys plenty of support from the people of Pakistan, officials say.

The establishment has been arguing that Imran Khan had information about national secrets since he was the Prime Minister. It has been accusing him of passing on those national secrets to vested interests, and hence a case under the Official Secrets Act can be made out against him.

The establishment hopes that this would not only lead to the conviction of Imran Khan but would also change the people's perception of him.

Experts say that the establishment hopes that his conviction in a treason case would brand Imran Khan an anti-national, and this would eventually lead to his support base dropping dramatically.

However, Imran Khan is not the only one who is on the radar of the establishment. Along with him, the establishment also plans to try his close aides and senior military officials.

Pakistan watchers say that these trials would be anything but fair, as they would be held in military courts under the provisions of the Official Secrets Act.

The other charges that Imran Khan and his aides would be tried under include instigating mutiny and encouraging attacks on the military, its installations and assets during the violence that broke out on May 9, 2023, when his supporters were protesting against his arrest the same year.

The case of the military against Imran Khan and his aides has been bolstered by the fact that the Supreme Court, while hearing cases relating to the May 9, 2023, violence, said that civilians involved should be tried in the military courts.

In addition to this, there is also political pressure building around this case.

The Punjab Assembly recently passed a resolution seeking Imran Khan's trial for treason and calling for a ban on his political outfit.

Officials say that the military was waiting for the conviction and sentencing of Hameed so that they could kickstart the trial against Imran Khan.

Hameed's testimony and the evidence he has provided would be used to put out a case against Imran Khan.

A statement by the ISPR regarding Hameed said that he was involved in fomenting vested political agitation and instability in cahoots with political elements.

Imran Khan has been in jail since his multiple convictions. They include 14 years in the Toshakhana case, seven in the Iddat case, and 14 years in the Al-Qadir Trust case.

From the Editorial Desk

Why fear Sir

Dr Duggaraju Srinivasa Rao



Now that the Supreme Court gave the green signal for the Election Commission of India (ECI) proposed Special Intensive Revision (SIR) and asked the concerned state governments not to interfere with the process and even warned of action against the state government who are pressurising Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to act in a particular political way, as is happening in Bengal, the SIR should go unhindered. But such a happy ending for SIR is not in sight as the political opponents of NDA continue to call for discontinuance of SIR as they believe that religion centric deletions of names is the intention of that exercise.

Art. 326 of Indian constitution envisaged voting by only eligible Indian voters and ECI is mandated for revision and verification of electoral rolls. Parties opposing the SIR is missing the point that mere verification and updates is not malicious and disenfranchisement or targeting any particular voter or a group. It is a purification of voters list that is necessary and periodically done by ECI during all these years. It is the political trust deficiency between the ruling and opposition which is making the opposition to target ECI. Parties fail to understand that the SIR is a huge task in vast country like ours with inherent difficulties in ascertaining the nationality more so when borders are porous and language spoken by the people is the same on either side of the border. ECI is doing the onerous task of excluding the ineligible persons while ensuring that no eligible citizen is excluded from the list.

Bihar has passed the SIR test. Over 7.5 crore entries were verified in that state using the services of booth level officers including the booth level assistants deputed by the political parties and supreme court designated legal services authority personal. A total of 65 lakh electors were removed and draft list of voters was published. Over 2.5 lakh objections were received after the publication of rolls and out of which only 36,500 were claims for inclusion. Not a single appeal was filed against any deletion. This proves that SIR exercise was done with near perfection and that was reflected in the enthusiastic participation of voters and zero complaint on the missing in voters list on their names.

Such a successful exercise grounded in careful manner with transparent methodology and accountable scrutiny in Bihar, the other states where the SIR exercise is announced should have welcomed the ECI actions and cooperated. But unfortunately the political narrative of 'biased ECI' is spread and their party cadre are incited in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala by Mamata Banerjee, M.K. Stalin and Pinarayi Vijayan respectively.

West Bengal is a state where illegal migration across border is routinely allowed and those illegal people were used as the vote bank by political parties. Media reports of people of Bangladesh origin working and enjoying state government social benefits going back to their native country as they fear imminent arrest once SIR is on. While that voluntary return to home country is happening, it is unfortunate that the ruling TMC in Bengal is opposing the SIR. In fact the illegal Bangladesh people are a burden on the state and as such Mamata Banerjee should feel happy that her government funds will be saved by SIR. For retaining the power, using the non-Indian voters is a sin and is against the democratic spirit and any party committing such a sin has no right to stake claim to power in the state. The Bangladesh illegal migrants spread across the country with the assistance of religious network and are employed in many fields for a lesser pay compared to the locals. They are competing with limited resources available and are politically patronised. Stories of illegal Bangladeshi people dominating the society, with their violence prone background, in Bengal's border districts is documented.

Tamil Nadu and Kerala may not have such a large scale immigrants and may not have numbers to tilt the electoral fortunes of the parties. In such a situation those two states should have welcomed the SIR as the new verified electoral rolls will add more weight to their political victory. Rational thinking has given way to manufactured threatening posture for consolidating the minority community votes in their favour. For the short term political gain the long term national interests are bartered and that is the tragedy in India.

Unfortunately ECI is under attack, the Chief Electoral Commissioner (CEC) being the prime target, including the parliament floor threats from Rahul Gandhi, for doing a constitutionally mandated job. Once completed, SIR and judicial scrutiny is done, elections completed the ECI will come out with flying colours with its reputation of impartiality intact.

(Author is retired professor. Views expressed are personal.)

Emerging importance of the Pak-Afghan belt



Afghanistan, once described as the 'geographical pivot of history', is once again living up to that reputation as signs of the return of the Cold War could be seen on the Afghan horizon.

In the rivalry between the British and Russian empires in the 19th century, called the 'Great Game', Afghanistan was the key to Central Asia, and was eventually looked upon as a buffer between the two competing powers.

The emergence of the Kabul Emirate in 2021 has again created a situation where the Afghan regime was being cultivated by China and Russia, while US President Donald Trump had sought Pakistan's collaboration in establishing a deep-water American Naval Base at the Port of Pasni on the Arabian Sea.

The US move is meant to counter the impact of Gwadar Port on the coast of Baluchistan near the Persian Gulf, which had come up as an extension of the Chinese-managed China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). India has to watch out for developments in the Pakistan-Afghanistan region, which was a breeding ground of Jehad- based violence primarily exploited by Pakistan for cross-border terrorism against India. The manoeuvrings of Pakistan to remain in the good books of the US, China and Russia - all at the same time - also deserved to be taken note of.

The recent political history of Afghanistan will help to clarify what India could or could not expect from this country of a checkered past.

Afghanistan had the distinction of having compelled the Army of the two Superpowers, first the Soviet Union and then the US, to withdraw from its territory, and in both cases, this was achieved through an "asymmetric war" of attrition.

Following the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan in 1979, the militant opposition to the invasion was first internal -coming from the Islamic terror groups controlled by Pakistan, ISI, primarily Hizbul Mujahideen (HuM), the storm troopers of the Jamaat-e-Islami, Pakistan - but was soon joined in by MI6 and CIA as Pakistan was known to be an ally of the US-led West.

The anti-Soviet armed campaign in Afghanistan was run on the war cry of Jehad and was fully supported by the US.

However, the internal resistance could not wear down Soviet troops effectively enough, compelling Benazir Bhutto, Prime Minister of Pakistan, to send the Taliban to Afghanistan in 1993 to clear the mess there.

Taliban were a "radical" Islamic force comprising the products of Deobandi Madrasas in Pakistan that followed the extremist form of Islam and carried the legacy of the Wahhabi "revolt" of the 19th century against the British encroachment on 'Muslim lands'.

The leading Ulema of the times, including Al Tijani in Algeria, Abdul Wahab in Arabia and Shah Waliullah in India, had all given a call for Jehad against the West, attributing the political decline of Islam to the alleged deviation of the rulers from the path of puritanical religion.

Radical Islamic Terrorism thus goes with 'Islamic Revivalism'. The Jehad, whose epicentre was in the then North West Frontier Province (NWFP), lasted many years but failed against the superior British power.

However, it left the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa-Afghanistan belt radicalised, and the effect of that can be seen even today.

In both KP and Baluchistan, there is a lot of unrest against the ruling dispensation of Pakistan because of the pro-US character of the Pakistani army.

Coming back to the Taliban, they swiftly took control of Kabul with their ruthless drive and, with Pakistan's backing, established the Emirate in Afghanistan in 1996.

The Taliban-Al Qaeda regime, however, soon bared its fangs against the US and allowed Osama bin Laden a free hand- Osama was a close relative of Mulla Umar, the Emir.

Reportedly, Afghan territory was also used in the planning of the 9/11 terror attack that resulted in the US-led "war on terror" in Afghanistan and the ouster of the Taliban Emirate in late 2001.

The stationing of the American troops in Afghanistan later faced a simmering opposition from the Taliban and became a political burden for the US. Pakistan mediated in the talks of Taliban with US at Doha- the capital of Qatar, a US ally- in the Biden administration, and in 2021, the US withdrew its troops from Afghanistan, permitting the return of the Kabul Emirate.

An uncertain relationship has since continued between the US and Taliban because the latter cannot shed its extremist and radical character. Meanwhile, the Sino-Pak strategic alliance allowed a 'give and take' arrangement between China and the Taliban, by which China extended its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to Afghanistan as economic assistance, and the Taliban agreed not to raise issues of Muslim minorities in China, particularly in Uzbekistan next door.

For reasons of its high stakes in the Central Asian Republics, Russia is also standing by the side of China. The Moscow Format Consultations, sponsored by Russia in 2017, is a regional diplomatic platform for facilitating dialogue among Afghanistan's neighbours and other stakeholders. It has become more active ever since Donald Trump spoke about taking over Bagram air base in Afghanistan, which had been the command centre of US military operations in the 'war on terror'.

At the recent Moscow Format Consultants meeting held in the Russian capital on October 7, which was attended by both India and Pakistan and where Afghanistan was present as a member for the first time, the idea of any foreign military presence in Afghanistan was firmly opposed.

The US, under President Trump, is trying to reestablish its presence in Afghanistan, particularly in the wake of the developments in the Middle East, where the military confrontation between Iran and Israel led to China and Russia taking sides with Iran because of their political opposition to the US and Iran moving to take Hamas in its embrace, adding to the threat to Israel.

Shia fundamentalism is opposed to Western Capitalism, and Hamas, a Sunni radical Islamic force, also considers the US as its prime enemy.

The turbulent Middle East was already pushing geopolitics towards a new Cold War, and President Trump- keen to project himself as the "peacemaker of the world" - had initiated a plan to bring about a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel as a prelude to peace negotiations between the two.

Trump had already claimed repeatedly that he had got the ceasefire enforced after a military confrontation broke out between India and Pakistan - both nuclear states - following the terror attack at Pahalgam.

India's stand has been that it accepted a request for a ceasefire made directly by the DGMO of Pakistan. India has rightly supported the Gaza initiative of the US President, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has conveyed this. This is in keeping with India's policy of favouring peace talks for resolving military conflicts with global repercussions, such as the Ukraine-Russia 'war' and upholding the cause of humanity that had been put in jeopardy in Gaza.

India cannot relax its vigil against Pakistan, which was playing a clever game between the US and China to keep up its terror offensive against India. India's strategy of seeking bilateral friendships with all for preserving its security and economic interests-without aligning with any world power, seemed to be working well.

India is a major power by itself, and it has justification for treating the world as a multipolar order and pursuing the path of peace and humanity on a note of strategic autonomy.

India has identified the hostile Sino-Pak alliance as something that came right on top of its national security agenda, particularly after seeing the military collaboration of China with Pakistan in the Indo-Pak confrontation that followed Pahalgam.

India should be prepared to deal with any coordinated attempt from these two hostile neighbours to launch an offensive in future as well. India has to step up its diplomatic and geopolitical moves to counter these adversaries on the border at a time when they were engaged in fostering an anti-India environment in the countries around India.

The strategy of remaining active in both BRICS and Quad and supporting Moscow Formation Consultations serves this objective in the long term.

The outreach to the Taliban government, resulting in the first visit to India by its Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi on October 10, is also in line with the Indian strategy of denying Pakistan a hold in Afghanistan. Muttaqi was treated with full diplomatic honours even though India had not given "recognition" to the Taliban regime as yet, and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar held talks with him.

The visiting dignitary reiterated that the Afghan soil would not be allowed to be used for any militant activity against another country- this would act as a check on Pakistan's game of inducting Islamic radicals in the cross-border terror operations against India. India upholds the sovereignty of Afghanistan against Pakistan's violations of the Pak-Afghan border.

Muttaqi made the anticipated visit to Darul Uloom, Deoband - the alma mater of the puritanical philosophy of Islam, established in 1867 after the failure of the Wahhabi revolt.

The radical character of the Taliban Emirate does provide scope to Pakistan to strike faith-based cords with it, but due to the anti-US orientation of the Kabul regime, the latter did not approve of Pakistan's moves to draw close to the Pentagon.

The hostility of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) against the Pak regime can be seen against this backdrop. Be that as it may, India has the ongoing challenge of countering Pakistan on Afghan territory as well.

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India remains bright spot amid global uncertainty: CEA Nageswaran



New Delhi (IANS) India remains a bright spot amid global uncertainty, with a robust 6.5 per cent growth rate, improved fiscal health, strong domestic demand, and structural reforms fostering resilience, Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran said on Saturday.

Lauding India's strong fundamentals and growth trajectory at a Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) event here, Nageswaran stated that despite global headwinds, India's economy is well-positioned for sustained growth, leveraging technology, infrastructure development, and demographic advantages to maintain momentum.

Highlighting the strength of the domestic economy and capital markets, Sundararaman Ramamurthy, MD and CEO of BSE India, acknowledged that India's economy has shown remarkable resilience amid global challenges, supported by progressive government measures that strengthened fundamentals and boosted confidence.

"Capital markets remain a pillar of long-term wealth creation, driven by proactive and collaborative actions by the regulator to ensure transparency and stability. As India moves towards Viksit Bharat, deep reforms, strong domestic participation, and technology will power inclusive and sustainable growth," Ramamurthy said.

IndiGo operates over 2,000 flights for 2nd day in a row



New Delhi, Dec 13 (IANS) IndiGo has operated more than 2,000 flights for the second day in a row, the company said on Saturday.

This comes as the airline faced significant flight disruptions earlier this month, with thousands stranded in airports nationwide.

As per its revised schedule, scaled down in line with government directive, the airline, in a statement, said that it is "demonstrating continuous operational normalisation and stability consecutively for the last five days, IndiGo is set to operate over 2,050 flights".

"All our 138 operational destinations are connected, and our on-time performance has been consistently normal as per IndiGo standards," it added.

The airline has been continuously increasing its number of flights. It operated over 1,700 flights on December 8, over 1,800 on December 9, over 1,900 and 1,950 on December 10 and 11, respectively.

The airline noted it operated over 2,050 flights on December 12, with only two cancellations due to technical issues, and all affected customers were reaccommodated in alternate flights immediately.

It is expected to be more than 2,050 on December 13, the statement added.

Post the major disruption that had erupted in the domestic civil aviation industry due to operational failure of the airline, IndiGo appointed an independent aviation consultancy -- Chief Aviation Advisors LLC -- to carry out a detailed review and identify the factors that caused the issue.

Meanwhile, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu said in the Lok Sabha that it would not be feasible for the government to cap airfares throughout the year in a deregulated market.

The Aviation Minister in the Lok Sabha pointed out that regulating airfares is "not a one-way solution," as the government must consider the long-term viability of the entire aviation ecosystem, including airlines, airports, and the operational network that connects them.

Indian stock market ends in bullish tone over hopes of renewed FII inflows



Mumbai, Dec 13 (IANS) Indian equity benchmarks made marginal losses during the week amid sustained FII outflows and uncertainty surrounding the US-India trade negotiations.

However, the market ended the week in a bullish tone with Nifty surging 0.57 per cent on the last trading day after the US Federal Reserve announced a 25-bps rate cut.

Benchmark indices Nifty and Sensex dipped 0.36 and 0.17 per cent during the week to close at 26,046 and 85,267, respectively.

Indian equities opened the week on a subdued note, amid continued rupee depreciation and negative global cues due to rising Japanese bond yields.

The US Fed rate cut later in the week eased liquidity concerns and fuelled hopes of renewed FII inflows. With supportive central bank policies, steady domestic investments, and optimism over trade progress despite unclear timelines, benchmarks closed the week on a strong note.

India's year-on-year inflation rate based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was estimated at 0.71 per cent for November this year which was marginally higher than the 0.25 per cent in October, according to figures released by the Ministry of Statistics.

Broader indices underperformed, with the Nifty Midcap100 and Smallcap100 down 0.51 per cent and 0.67 per cent, respectively, in a week.

Sectoral performance was mixed, with IT under pressure while PSU banks, real estate and consumer durables witnessed selective buying.

Hrishikesh Yedve, AVP Technical and Derivative Research, Asit C. Mehta Investment Interrmediates, said that Nifty's weekly chart shows buying interest at lower levels.

Nifty has 26,200 and 26,325 as stiff resistance levels while 25,700 will act as support zone, he added.

Analysts said that markets will likely remain positive in near future but sensitive to rupee stability, FII flow trends, trade agreement clarity, and cues from major central banks abroad.

Amidst risks from currency fluctuations and global trade uncertainties, improving earnings visibility and liquidity support provide a constructive backdrop and downside protection, they added.

Rs 1 lakh cr RDI fund enabling private sector to accelerate, lead deep-tech growth: Minister



New Delhi, Dec 13 (IANS) The recently launched Rs 1 lakh crore Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) fund will act as a historic catalyst to empower India's private sector, said Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, on Saturday.

Addressing the RDI Fund Outreach Programme in New Delhi, the Minister said that funds will enable the private sector to drive the next wave of R&D, IP creation, and commercialisation in frontier technologies in the country.

He noted that the initiative represents a first-of-its-kind global model where the Government steps forward to financially enable private-sector innovation through long-term, unsecured, low-interest loans and equity-based instruments, signalling unprecedented trust and confidence in Indian industry.

"This is not charity or benevolence, it is a catalyst to support the private sector and accelerate India's collective rise in deep tech," the Minister said.

He added that the RDI Fund is part of a wider national ecosystem that includes missions in AI, semiconductors, quantum technologies, cyber-physical systems, MedTech, clean energy, and the reform-driven expansion of the space and nuclear sectors.

The RDI Fund acts like "the initial push to start a stalled engine", after which the private sector is expected to take charge, scale up, and contribute significantly to national progress. He added that the initiative reflects Prime Minister Narendra Modi's bold reforms, which have opened sectors such as space, atomic energy, and advanced technologies to private participation at an unprecedented pace.

Blaupunkt extends brand partnership with BPIN for 15 more years



New Delhi: Blaupunkt, a globally trusted name in car infotainment and audio accessories, has announced the extension of its brand licensing partnership with BPIN Pvt. Ltd. for another 15 years, continuing the association till 2041. The renewed agreement marks nearly 27 years of collaboration built on innovation, trust, and a shared commitment to delivering world-class automotive solutions for Indian consumers.

The extension reinforces Blaupunkt's long-term focus on India's fast-growing automotive market and underlines BPIN's role as a key strategic partner. Mr. Pankaj Jagwani, Managing Director, BPIN Pvt. Ltd., said India remains one of the most promising markets for the brand and the partnership aims to bring global innovation to Indian roads.

Mr. Thorsten Gebhardt, Director Licensing, Blaupunkt, said the renewal strengthens a successful partnership and sets the stage for next-generation smart and connected in-car solutions.

India actively engaging with global maritime industry to bolster ports, shipping sector



New Delhi, Dec 13 (IANS) The government on Saturday said it has been actively engaging with various countries, multilateral organisations and global maritime industry partners for collaboration in ports, shipping and maritime logistics.

These include partnerships for port modernisation, development of shipping infrastructure, green shipping initiatives, digitization and maritime skill development, said Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, in a written reply to the Lok Sabha.

Notable engagements include India-Russia partnership to explore Northern Sea Route, Eastern Maritime Corridor and training of Indian Seafarers in Polar Waters, Indo-Danish Centre of Excellence in Green Shipping and India-Singapore partnership for Green and Digital Shipping Corridor.

Further, Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) in Gujarat has collaborated with Port of Rotterdam for setting up technically advanced, state-of-the-art supply side facilities including storage, handling, transportation and dispatch facilities for green hydrogen/green ammonia and derivatives at DPA, Kandla.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is also allowed in port sector in India. DP World, UAE currently operates container terminals at various location such as Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Maharashtra, Cochin Port in Kerala and Chennai Port in Tamil Nadu.

Further, DP World is also developing a container terminal at Tuna Tekra, Deendayal Port in state of Gujarat. Similarly, PSA Singapore operates terminals at Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Maharashtra, informed the minister.

India's AI strategy reflects PM Modi's vision of democratising technology: Minister



New Delhi, Dec 13 (IANS) India's AI strategy is based on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of democratising technology, Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Electronics and IT, has said.

In a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha, the minister noted that the 'IndiaAI Mission' aims to address nation-centric challenges and create opportunities.

The 'IndiaAI Missio'n was launched in March 2024 to build a strong and inclusive AI ecosystem in the country. In less than 18 months, the mission has created a solid foundation by expanding affordable access to compute infrastructure, with over 38,000 GPUs made available to Indian startups and academic institutions through a common compute facility.

The mission has also focused on developing indigenous AI capabilities.

Twelve organisations and consortia have been selected to build foundational models, including Large Language Models (LLMs), while AIKosh has been launched as a national dataset platform to provide access to India-specific data from government and non-government sources, the minister said.

In addition, 30 applications have been approved to develop AI solutions tailored to Indian needs. To ensure long-term sustainability, the IndiaAI Mission is investing heavily in talent and infrastructure.

According to Prasada, the mission aims to support 500 PhD scholars, 5,000 postgraduates and 8,000 undergraduates, has already set up 27 India Data and AI Labs with 174 more approved, and is offering foundation-level courses in AI and data-related fields to strengthen the country's AI talent pipeline.

Additionally, the India AI Governance Guidelines, released on November 5, provide a comprehensive national framework to ensure the safe, responsible, and inclusive development and deployment of artificial intelligence in the country.

"It outlines the principles and best practices for transparency, accountability, fairness, safety, and security in AI systems," the minister noted.

SBI cuts lending, retail deposit rates from Dec 15



New Delhi, Dec 13 (IANS) The State Bank of India (SBI) has announced marginal reductions in key lending benchmarks and select term deposit rates, effective from December 15. The bank reduced the rate on 2 to less than 3 years tenor to 6.40 per cent from 6.45 per cent. Senior citizens will receive a 50 bps premium over it, and their rate was cut to 6.90 per cent from 6.95 per cent. Other retail term deposit slabs were kept unchanged, a statement said. The changes affect domestic retail term deposits below Rs 3 crore, the Marginal Cost of Funds based Lending Rate (MCLR), the External Benchmark Linked Rate (EBLR) and the Base Rate.

The bank reduced the popular 444 day "Amrit Vrishti" deposit rate to 6.45 per cent from 6.60 per cent.

The SBI also eased borrowing costs of home, auto and MSME loans by reducing or Marginal Cost of Funds based Lending Rate (MCLR) rates across all tenors by 5 basis points. The MCLR rate overnight and one month was reduced to 7.85 per cent, three months to 8.25 per cent, six months to 8.60 per cent, one year to 8.70 per cent, two years to 8.75 per cent and three years to 8.80 per cent. Further, the External Benchmark Lending Rate (EBLR) used to price many floating rate retail loans was lowered by 25 basis points to 7.90 per cent from 8.15 per cent. The Base Rate or BPLR for a small segment of legacy borrowers was cut to 9.90 per cent from 10.00 per cent, effective the same day.

Earlier this week, the government informed that there has been no capital infusion by the government in public sector banks since the financial year 2022-23, as they have significantly improved their financial performance to turn profitable and strengthened their capital position.

Meanwhile, the reduction in goods and services tax (GST) is expected to cut consumer price index (CPI) inflation by roughly 25 basis points in the September-November 2025 period and could reduce 35 basis points this fiscal (FY26), State Bank of India (SBI) said in a report.

CPI inflation to average 2.5 pc in FY26, GST cuts to support core inflation: Report



New Delhi, Dec 13 (IANS) The consumer price index (CPI) inflation is likely to average 2.5 per cent this fiscal (FY26) and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will stay data dependent on future rate decisions, especially amid an uncertain global backdrop, according to a Crisil report.

Inflation based on CPI quickened to 0.7 per cent in November from 0.3 per cent in October, driven by the slower pace of deflation in the food and beverages category and a pick-up in fuel and light inflation.

Core inflation excluding gold - a better indicator for measuring demand-side price pressures and assessing the impact of goods and services tax (GST) rationalisation - eased slightly again in November (2.5 per cent compared to 2.6 per cent).

It was helped by the continuing pass-through of lower GST rates on mass consumption goods, said the report.

The surge in gold inflation (58.5 per cent compared to 57.8 per cent), though, kept core inflation steady at 4.3 per cent.

While deflation in the food and beverages category continued for the third straight month, the magnitude of the moderation slowed. This was particularly in the food index, where deflation narrowed to -3.9 per cent from -5.0 per cent, due to slowing deflation in vegetables and pulses as the base effect fades out.

However, non-alcoholic beverages, and prepared meals, snacks and sweets enjoyed the benefits of GST rate cuts, the report mentioned.

According to the report, the effect of inflation varies across income groups since spending share of food, fuel and core categories differs.

Essential items, such as food and fuel, account for a greater share of the consumption basket for lower income households.

"Since the food category remained in deflation in November, the rural poor, which have the highest share of food in their consumption baskets, saw the lowest inflation rate," the report mentioned.

Commerce ministry lists progress on free trade pacts, robust startup growth



New Delhi, Dec 13 (IANS) Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said that the number of government-recognised startups crossed the two-lakh mark, apart from highlighting progress on free trade agreements (FTAs) and bilateral engagements.

The minister outlined key developments from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry over the past 10 days on the social media platform X, highlighting progress on FTA, bilateral engagements and domestic industry milestones.

"The ministry held high-level discussions with the EU's Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security, Maros Sefcovic, to provide strategic direction to the FTA negotiating teams as both sides strive for an early conclusion of the agreement," the minister highlighted.

He also met Claudia Sanhueza, Treasury Undersecretary in Chile's foreign ministry, following the successful conclusion of the fourth round of the India-Chile CEPA negotiations.

Both sides reviewed the substantial progress made during the talks and reaffirmed their commitment to concluding the agreement at the earliest.

PM goes all out in Malayalam as BJP cracks Kerala capital, signals new political battle



Thiruvananthapuram, Dec 13 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi's four social media posts -- three of them in Malayalam -- captured the BJP's sense of arrival in Kerala after the party scripted history by emerging as the single largest force in the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation, a first in the state's political trajectory.

The unusually sustained and language-specific response from the Prime Minister underlined the national importance the BJP leadership is attaching to the result, projecting it as a turning point in Kerala's politics rather than a routine local body victory.

Thanking voters across the state for backing BJP-NDA candidates in the local body polls, PM Modi said the people of Kerala were disillusioned with both the Congress-led UDF and the CPI(M)-led LDF, and were now looking at the NDA as the only credible alternative capable of delivering good governance and building a "Vikasita Keralam" -- a developed Kerala offering opportunities for all.

His Malayalam posts were clearly aimed at Kerala's electorate, signalling the BJP's intent to deepen its grassroots connect and position itself as a serious contender in the State.

In another message, PM Modi described the mandate in the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation as a "watershed moment" in Kerala politics. He said the verdict reflected people's belief that the State's development aspirations could be fulfilled only under the BJP and assured that the party would focus on the growth of the capital city while improving the 'Ease of Living' for its residents -- a pointed pitch to urban voters ahead of future electoral contests.

The Prime Minister also used the moment to spotlight the party's organisational strength. Thanking BJP workers for their tireless efforts, PM Modi said the victory was the culmination of decades of sustained work by grassroots karyakartas across generations in Kerala.

"Our karyakartas are our strength; we are proud of them," he said in yet another Malayalam post, a message that struck a strong chord within the party ranks.

The fourth post, in English, tied the narrative together, reinforcing the BJP's assertion that the Thiruvananthapuram outcome marks a shift not just in the capital but in Kerala's broader political landscape.

PM Modi's remarks were quickly echoed by senior Union Ministers, including Rajnath Singh, Piyush Goyal and Nitin Gadkari, who took to social media to congratulate the Kerala unit on what they termed a historic breakthrough.

Party leaders see the result as evidence of the BJP's expanding footprint in the state and a sign that Kerala's political equations are beginning to change, with the capital city emerging as a new battleground ahead of the next year's Assembly elections.

Haj pilgrims should choose only authorised operators: Kiren Rijiju

New Delhi, Dec 13 (IANS) Union Minister for Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju on Saturday urged Indian Muslims planning to undertake the Hajj pilgrimage in 2026 to complete their bookings well in advance and ensure that they choose only authorised Hajj Group Organisers (HGOs) or Private Tour Operators (PTOs).

The appeal came through an official circular shared by the minister on X, highlighting key timelines issued by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for Hajj-2026.

According to the circular, the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah of Saudi Arabia has fixed February 1, 2026, as the last date for finalising housing and service contracts for Hajj pilgrims.

These contracts include accommodation, transportation and other essential logistical arrangements in Saudi Arabia, which are mandatory for the smooth conduct of the pilgrimage.

In view of these deadlines, the circular strongly advises all prospective pilgrims opting to travel through private HGOs or PTOs to secure their bookings well in advance.

It underlines that the timely completion of bookings is critical for operators to meet procedural requirements and conclude contracts within the timelines prescribed by Saudi authorities.

"All pilgrims are advised to complete their booking formalities on or before January 15, 2026, to ensure finalisation of the required housing and service contracts within the prescribed deadline and to avoid last-minute inconveniences and to ensure timely completion of all mandatory processes," the circular stated.

Delhi slips into 'severe' air category, stage-III GRAP curbs enforced across NCR



New Delhi, Dec 13 (IANS) With air quality in the national capital deteriorating sharply, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on Saturday invoked Stage-III restrictions under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) across Delhi-NCR, placing the region in the 'Severe' pollution category.

The decision was taken after Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) crossed the 400 mark on Friday morning, touching 401 by 10 am. Data reviewed by the Sub-Committee on GRAP showed a steady worsening trend over the past three days, with AQI levels rising from 259 on December 10 to 307 on December 11 and 349 on December 12, before breaching the 'Severe' threshold.

According to CAQM, adverse meteorological conditions, including very low wind speed, a stable atmosphere and unfavourable dispersion parameters, have led to the trapping of pollutants over the region.

A shift in wind direction to easterlies has further aggravated PM2.5 concentrations, the dominant winter pollutant, with nearly all monitoring stations in Delhi reporting high fine particulate matter levels. Under Stage-III GRAP, all actions prescribed for 'Severe' air quality will come into force with immediate effect, in addition to the measures already operational under Stages I and II.

These include stricter checks on dust control at construction sites, intensified enforcement against polluting activities and enhanced monitoring by civic and enforcement agencies across the NCR.

Zero tolerance to terrorism is administration's policy : L-G Manoj Sinha hands jobs to kin of terror victims

Srinagar, Dec 13 (IANS) Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said the administration follows an unequivocal policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism, asserting that justice, dignity and rehabilitation for victims of terror remain a top priority.

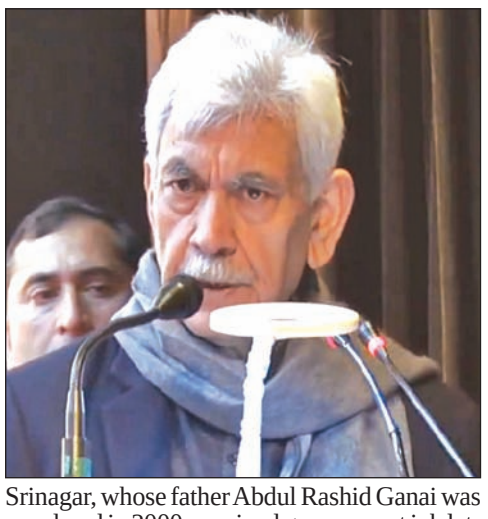
The Lieutenant Governor handed over appointment letters to 39 Next of Kins (NoKs) of terror victims from the Kashmir Division at LokBhawan. Reiterating the government's commitment, Sinha said the administration is determined to deliver justice, employment and dignity to families devastated by terrorism.

During the event, family members of terror victims, whose loved ones were mercilessly killed by terrorists, narrated the horrifying incidents and the trauma they endured for decades in silence.

"For these families, today the long wait for justice has ended. With concrete steps for rehabilitation, we have restored their dignity and renewed their faith in the system," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Sinha said terrorism had not only claimed innocent lives but had also shattered families, condemning entire households to decades of silence, stigma and poverty. "Behind every brutal killing by terrorists lies the story of a home that never recovered, of children who grew up without parents," he said.

He cited several cases where long-pending grievances were finally addressed. Pakeeza Riyaz of Anantnag, whose father Riyaz Ahmed Mir was killed in 1999, and Shaista of Hyderpora in



Srinagar, whose father Abdul Rashid Ganai was murdered in 2000, received government job letters, bringing an end to their prolonged struggle for justice and economic stability.

Ishtiyaq Ahmad, son of BSF braveheartAltafHussain, who was martyred in a terrorist encounter nearly 19 years ago, also secured a government job, providing support to a family that has endured immense hardship since his father's supreme sacrifice.

Justice was also delivered to the family of Dilawar Ganie and his son FayazGanie of Qazigund, who were brutally murdered on February 4, 2000. "In a single day, Fayaz's little daughter Fozy lost the two pillars of her life - two generations of support and guidance. The family home, once filled with warmth and laughter, turned into a place marked by silence. They have lived in fear and grief for 25 years," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also referred to the case of Abdul Aziz Dar, a resident of Srinagar who was murdered by terrorists 30 years ago. "Today marks the end of his family's prolonged search for justice," Sinha said.

The Lieutenant Governor said that after the abrogation of Article 370, families of terror victims have found new courage and self-confidence, and are now speaking out against the terror ecosystem without fear.

"For generations, the system failed these victims by not giving their cases the priority they deserved. We are empowering victims' voices and ensuring they receive the rights and dues they deserve. We are also committed to swift and fair justice for the perpetrators," he said.

Sinha stressed that the fight against terrorism is a collective responsibility of society. "We must pledge to fight this scourge with determination and patience, and foil the designs of our adversary," he said.

"For a long time, the pain and trauma of these families were ignored. Real victims of terrorism and true martyrs were hounded by elements of the terror ecosystem. On one hand, overground workers (OGWs) were given government jobs, while on the other, the NoKs of terror victims were left to fend for themselves," he said.

J&K: Crackdown against OGWs, over 150 detained in Srinagar



Srinagar, Dec 13 (IANS) J&K Police and security forces on Saturday carried out a crackdown against Over Ground Workers (OGWs) of terrorist outfits and detained over 150 suspects for questioning.

Police said over 150 suspects have been detained so far in Srinagar, while a crackdown is going on against OGWs in several parts of the Valley.

An official said that the crackdown has been launched against OGWs to dismantle the terror network of the banned outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and other terror outfits across the Valley.

"The raids are underway at several locations across several parts of the Kashmir Valley as part of the massive crackdown against the OGW network," he said.

J&K Police and the security forces have been carrying out aggressive operations against terrorists, their OGWs and sympathisers as part of the revised strategy to dismantle the entire support system of terrorism.

Drug smugglers, drug peddlers and those involved in hawala money rackets and other unlawful financial activities are also on the scanner of the security forces.

Don't believe MLA Iqbal Hussain : Shivakumar on leadership change

Bengaluru, Dec 13 (IANS) Reacting to Congress MLA IqbalHussain's remarks, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister Shivakumar said on Saturday that no one should believe Hussain's words.

"No one should believe Iqbal Hussain's words. Legal action needs to be taken against him. Iqbal Hussain has a habit of talking too much. No one should believe him," said Shivakumar.

Earlier, Iqbal Hussain said that the post of Chief Minister should be handed over to Deputy CM Shivakumar.

"He must be given an opportunity. The high command is responding to this demand. There are chances of Shivakumar becoming the Chief Minister on January 6. And January 6 and January 9 are lucky numbers for D.K. Shivakumar. We are 140 MLAs, and it does not matter who has the numbers in terms of strength. The Congress is a disciplined party, and we are committed to the decision of the high command," he said.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that he would



abide by the high command's decision on the leadership issue.

Another Congress MLA, Shivaganga Basavaraj, said that if Shivakumar were to assume the Chief Minister's post on January 6, he would be the happiest.

"Numerologically, 6 and 9 are lucky numbers for Shivakumar. He is a god-like figure to me," he added.

Despite repeated appeals by the party leadership to refrain from issuing statements on the ongoing leadership issue in Karnataka, Congress leaders have continued to comment on the matter.

Iqbal Hussain, a staunch supporter of Shivakumar, also said on Friday that the hard work which the Deputy CM has put in for the Congress will yield results.

Speaking to the media in Belagavi, MLA Hussain also added that this would happen soon after the Assembly session concludes.

Responding to claims from the Siddaramaiah camp that Shivakumar does not enjoy the support of MLAs, IqbalHussain said that the numbers do not matter; what matters is the directive of the Congress High Command.

Commenting on the strong rumours of the organisation of a dinner meeting to show off his strength against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister and State Congress President Shivakumar had said, "I am not displaying any strength, nor do I need to."

Two Punjab women commissioned as flying officers in Air Force



Chandigarh, Dec 13 (IANS) Reaffirming the government's commitment to support the aspirations of young women, Mai Bhago Armed Forces Preparatory Institute (AFPI) for Girls in Punjab's Mohali has added another achievement to its illustrious history with two of its distinguished alumni, CharanpreetKaur and MehakDahiya, being commissioned as Flying Officers in the Indian Air Force.

They passed out from the Air Force Academy in Dundigal in Hyderabad, on Saturday, bringing pride and glory to their alma mater. They were commissioned in an impressive passing-out parade that was reviewed by the Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan. Flying Officer Charanpreet Kaur is the daughter of Harminder Singh Banwait, a driver by profession hailing from Kurali in Mohali, whereas Flying Officer Mehak Dahiya is the daughter of Anil Kumar Dahiya, a government teacher who also hails from Mohali. Flying Officer Charanpreet Kaur has been commissioned in the Administrative Branch, while Flying Officer Mahak Dahiya has been commissioned in the Accounts Branch of the Air Force.

PM Modi, MPs pay tributes to security personnel killed in 2001 Parliament terror attack

New Delhi, Dec 13 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with several other parliamentarians, paid homage on Saturday to the security personnel who were martyred in the 2001 terror attack on Parliament.

On December 13, 2001, five terrorists belonging to the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) targeted the Parliament complex, leading to the deaths of six Delhi Police personnel, two members of the Parliament Security Service, and a gardener. All five terrorists were neutralised by security forces during the attack.

India is observing the 24th anniversary of the deadly assault on Saturday.

Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan also reached the Parliament premises to pay tributes to those who lost their lives in the terror attack.



Several senior leaders were present during the tribute ceremony, including Union Ministers Kiren Rijiju, Piyush Goyal, Jitendra Singh and Arjun Ram Meghwal, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi and other parliamentarians.

Earlier, taking to X, Home Minister Amit Shah said: "Today is the day to once again remember the indomitable valour and courage of our security forces against terrorism, when in the year 2001, they thwarted with their spirit the cowardly terrorist attack on the temple of the world's largest democracy, our Parliament House."

"I pay homage to the brave soldiers of the security forces who attained martyrdom while giving a befitting reply to the terrorists. This nation will forever remain indebted to the sacrifice and martyrdom of these heroic warriors," he added.

Priyanka Gandhi also paid homage to those who lost their lives, saying: "We pay heartfelt tribute to our brave soldiers who were martyred in the cowardly terrorist attack on the Indian Parliament on this day. The nation will forever be indebted to these valiant martyrs and their families for sacrificing their lives in defence of the country's honour."

On December 13, 2001, five JeM terrorists drove into the Parliament complex in a car bearing forged Home Ministry and Parliament labels.

Govt plans to serve local cuisine in Vande Bharat trains

New Delhi, Dec 13 (IANS) Railways Minister AshwiniVaishnaw on Saturday discussed with officials on providing local cuisine of the region in Vande Bharat trains, and then roll it out across the railway network in the future.

Interacting with officials in a review meeting at Rail Bhawan here, the minister said that introducing local cuisine will significantly enhance the passenger experience by offering food that reflects the culture and tastes of the regions being traversed. This facility will be expanded to all the trains progressively in future.

The Minister also noted that the crackdown by Indian Railways on train ticket booking through fake identities is yielding positive results. Following the introduction of a stringent system to establish user identity and detect fake IDs, about 5,000 new user IDs are now being added daily on the IRCTC website.

Before the latest reforms, this number had touched nearly one lakh new user IDs per day. These steps have already helped Indian Railways deactivate 3.03 crore fake accounts.

Another 2.7 crore user IDs have either been temporarily suspended or identified for suspension based on the suspicious activities they are indulging in.

US lawmakers introduce Congressional resolution to end 50 per cent tariff on India

Washington (IANS) A group of influential Democratic lawmakers, led by Indian American Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, has introduced a resolution in the US House of Representatives to terminate the 50 per cent tariff on imports from India, which they describe as illegal and economically damaging.

Krishnamoorthi, along with Congresswoman Deborah Ross and Congressman Marc Veasey, has introduced a resolution that moves to terminate President Donald Trump's national emergency authorizing tariffs of up to 50 per cent on imports from India, which they describe as illegal and economically damaging.

The initiative follows a bipartisan, Senate-passed measure to end tariffs imposed on Brazil and curb what lawmakers see as the president's misuse of emergency authorities to raise import duties.

According to the sponsors, the resolution would terminate the national emergency that President Trump invoked under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) to impose sweeping tariffs on Indian products. It would also rescind the additional 25 per cent "secondary" duties that took effect on



August 27, layered on top of earlier reciprocal tariffs. Together, those actions raised duties on many Indian-origin goods to as high as 50 per cent.

"President Trump's irresponsible tariff strategy toward India is a counterproductive approach that weakens a critical partnership," Congressman Krishnamoorthi said. "Instead of advancing American interests or security, these duties disrupt supply chains, harm American workers, and drive up costs for consumers. Ending these damaging tariffs will allow the United States to engage with India to advance our shared economic and security needs," he said.Congresswoman Ross said the impact of the tariffs extends beyond Washington's trade policy debates and is being felt directly in states such as North Carolina, which has close commercial and community ties with India.

"North Carolina's economy is deeply connected to India through trade, investment, and a vibrant Indian American community," she said. "Indian companies have invested over a billion dollars and created thousands of good-paying jobs in our state - especially in the Research Triangle's life sciences and technology sectors."

Ross asserted that the relationship is two-way, with North Carolina manufacturers exporting large volumes of goods to India each year.

"North Carolina manufacturers export hundreds of millions of dollars in goods to India each year, including pharmaceuticals, chemicals, and advanced machinery," Ross said. "When Trump destabilizes this relationship with illegal tariffs, he puts North Carolina jobs, innovation, and our long-term competitiveness at risk."

Congressman Veasey, in a statement, underscored the consumer impact of the tariffs, particularly amid broader affordability pressures across the United States. "India is an important cultural, economic, and strategic partner, and these illegal tariffs are a tax on everyday North Texans who are already struggling with affordability at every level," he said.

Trump invokes cold war 'miracle on ice' while weighing Ukraine war

Washington, Dec 13 (IANS) US President Donald Trump on Friday drew explicit parallels between a Cold War-era sporting triumph and present-day global conflict, invoking the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" victory over the Soviet Union as he spoke about ongoing efforts to end the Russia-Ukraine war.

Speaking at the White House event during a bill-signing ceremony honouring the US Olympic hockey team that defeated the Soviet Union at the Lake Placid Winter Games, Trump said the historic upset carried lessons beyond sports.

"They beat the powerhouse Soviets," Trump said, recounting the match that has become emblematic of American resolve during the Cold War. "Nobody thought it was possible."

When asked what lessons the victory offered for today's conflicts, Trump directly referenced Ukraine. "It's a similar situation, isn't it?" he said. "Let's see what happens."

Trump said his administration was working to end the fighting, even as casualties continued to mount. "We're going to see a lot of death last month, fellas," he said. "25,000 soldiers were killed in Ukraine and Russia - 25,000. Can you imagine that?"

"All I want to do is I want to stop the death of 25,000 people a month," the President added.

The remarks came as Trump signed legislation authorising commemorative medals for the 1980 hockey team, a moment he described as "one of the greatest moments in the history of US sports."

"This team united us, and they inspired us," Trump said. "The United States was brought to a level of sports that they've never seen." Team captain Mike Eruzione, who scored the winning goal against the Soviet Union, reflected on the game's political resonance. "People always talk about the Soviet game," he said, noting that its importance became clearer over time.

20 US states sue Trump over $100,000 H-1B visa fee

Washington, Dec 13 (IANS) Twenty US states filed a lawsuit challenging the Trump Administration's decision to impose a $100,000 fee on new H-1B visa petitions, arguing the policy is unlawful and threatens essential public services. The lawsuit targets a policy implemented by the Department of Homeland Security that sharply increases the cost for employers seeking to hire high-skilled foreign workers under the H-1B visa programme, widely used by hospitals, universities and public schools.California Attorney General Rob Bonta, whose office is leading the case, said the administration lacked authority to impose the fee.

Former Nepal PM Oli alleges conspiracy behind destruction during Gen-Z protests

Kathmandu, Dec 13 (IANS) Nepal's former Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli on Saturday described the destruction of public and private properties during the Gen-Z protests in early September as a conspiracy prepared over time to destroy the constitution, constitutional processes, and democracy in the country.

After several Gen-Z protesters were killed by police on September 8, the country witnessed widespread destruction of government and private buildings and other infrastructure, including structures inside Singha Durbar - the main administrative complex of the Nepali government, the President's Office, the Supreme Court, the homes of political leaders, hotels, shopping malls, and police posts, among others.As many as 77 people lost their lives in Gen-Z protest-related incidents, and property worth NPR 84.45 billion was destroyed, according to estimates by a committee formed by the Nepali government to assess the damages. The Gen-Z movement ousted the government led by Oli, who is also the chairperson of the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist), or CPN (UML), paving the way for the current apolitical government led by Sushila Karki."Was the frenzy of September 9 merely the result of protests by a dissatisfied group, or was a much bigger game being played under its cover? Was its goal merely to change the government, or was there a hidden plan to break the very backbone of the state?" Oli questioned while addressing the 11th General Convention of the CPN (UML). "Let there be no confusion - if the aim was only to change the government, the country should not have been turned to ashes."He stressed that the destruction of government and private property was part of a grave conspiracy, prepared over time, to destroy the constitution, constitutional processes, and the democracy achieved through seven decades of struggle - creating a vacuum, instability, and a state of statelessness.

US warns ISIS threat remains despite territorial defeats

Washington, Dec 13, (IANS) The United States continues to face an evolving threat from the ISIS and al-Qaida despite years of counterterrorism operations, President Donald Trump's nominee for the State Department's top counterterrorism role has said.

Gregory D LoGerfo, nominated as coordinator for counterterrorism and ambassador-at-large, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that extremist groups remain active and capable of inspiring attacks worldwide.

"ISIS and al-Qaida continue to recruit, radicalise and encourage their followers across the globe to conduct attacks in their home countries," LoGerfo said during his conformation hearing.

He cited recent violence as evidence of the continuing danger.

"The New Year's Day attack in New Orleans was a stark reminder of ISIS' persistent reach, capabilities and ambitions," he said.LoGerfo said the Trump administration is focused on preventing attacks by dismantling terror networks and holding state sponsors accountable.

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1.	Date of Publishing of bidding document on www.jharkhandtender.gov.in	On 15.12.2025
2.	Pre-Bid Meeting	19.12.2025 at 12.30 A.M in the office of the TIA
3.	Date of start for submission of Bid	On 20.12.2025 at 09:00 A.M.
4.	Closing date of online submission	On 28.12.2025 till 05.00 P.M.
5.	Hard Copy of Tender Documents	29.12.2025 till 05.00 pm (by registered post/speed post only)
6.	Opening of technical bid	On 30.12.2025 at 12:30 P.M. All the bidders must have submit online tender fee of Rs. 5000/- (Non Refundable) & EMD 50000/- in through www.jharkhandtender.gov.in. The tenders of only those bidders will be opened, who have submitted the Hard copy.

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01.	For details of tender terms, conditions & specification please visit website www.jharkhandtender.gov.in
02.	No claims/changes will be considered after pre-bid queries and finalization of tender documents.
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		NATS	50	Graduation/Diploma/ B.Tech	NA	Ex/Fresher	Male	18-30 Yrs.	12000-15000/-		
		Staffing	100	ITI Fitter/10th /12th	NA	Ex/Fresher	Male	18-30 Yrs.	12000/-		PF+ESIC
		Accountant	05	Graduation	NA	Ex/Fresher	Male/ Female	20-35 Yrs.	15000/-		
		BDM	05	Graduation/ MBA	NA	Ex/Fresher	Female	25-35 Yrs.	20000-25000/-	Ranchi	
		Marketing Executive	10	BBA Or MBA	NA	Ex/Fresher	Male/ Female	22-35 Yrs.	15000-20000/-	JSR/ Ranchi	
		Graphic Designer	05	Graduation	NA	Ex/Fresher	Male/ Female	22-35 Yrs.	12000-15000/-	Jamshedpur	
		Driver	05	10th	NA	Ex/Fresher	Male	20-35 Yrs.	12000-15000/-		
		Filed Sales	100	10th	NA	Ex/Fresher	Male	18-40 Yrs.	12000-15000/-	Jharkhand	-
		Courier	50	10th	NA	Ex/Fresher	Male	18-40 Yrs.	12500/-	Jharkhand	PF+ESIC
02	Elite Foods Private Ltd. Sidco Industrial Estate, Thrissur, Kerala	Production Helpers / Packing Helpers / Housekeeping Helpers / Material Handing Helpers	100	10th/ ITI	–	Ex/Fresher	Male/ Female	18-40 Yrs.	CTC- Rupees 18000 per Month	Thrissur and Kochi Plant in Kerala/ Hosur in Tamilnadu Near Bangalore Border	Overtime Allow., Food and Accoumadation free, Overtime Allow. Bonus, PF, ESIC Facility
03	Stream Digital Services, Dimna Chowk, Jamshedpur	Telesales and Customer Service	100	Minimum of 12th Pass/ Intermediate & Graduate	Required Skill Set : Good Communication skills in Hindi and English. Regional languages will be prioritized : Bangla, Oriya, Punjabi, Gario Khashi & Assamese.	Ex/Fresher	Male/ Female	18-30 Yrs.	CTC – Upto 17000 Monthly	Jamshedpur	Huge earning opportunity in the telesales process through incentive
04	Blink Commerce Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad	Pick and Pack/ Scanning Loading and Unloading	100	8th	-	Ex/Fresher	Male/ Female	18-35 Yrs.	12000-22000/-	Gurgaon/ Rajpura/ Hyderabad	EPF+ESIC Bonus
05	Yogik Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Golmuri, Jamshedpur	SAP Project Trainee	02	BBA/B.Com/Bsc	BE/MCA/ MBa	Ex/Fresher	Male/ Female	18-22 Yrs.	15000/-	PAN India	Agreement to serve 5 Yrs.
06	Seva Sahyog Securities And Facility Management Pvt. Ltd, Adityapur	Security Guard	90	10th	-	Ex/Fresher	Male	18-45 Yrs.	10000-18000/-	Jharkhand, West Bengal, Orissa	-
		Security Supervisor	05	Graduation	-	Ex/Fresher	Male	22-45 Yrs.	15000-20000/-		
		Area Manager	02	Graduation	-	Ex/Fresher	Male	18-45 Yrs.	20000-25000/-		
		Field Officer	03	Graduation	-	Ex/Fresher	Male	25-45 Yrs.	15000-25000/-		
		Marketing Executive	05	MBA From Marketing	-	Ex/Fresher	Male	30-50 Yrs.	16000-25000/-		
07	P.M. Construction Co. Sakchi, Jamshedpur	Dumper Driver	10	10th	-	Ex/Fresher	Male	25-42 Yrs.	Rate as per Govt.	Jamshedpur	-
		Excavator Operator	10	10th	-	Ex/Fresher	Male	25-42 Yrs.			
		Safety Supervisor	02	Diploma in Safety	-	Ex/Fresher	Male	25-42 Yrs.			
		Welder Cum Gas Cutter	02	10th	-	Ex/Fresher	Male	25-42 Yrs.			
08	Shri Shyam Udyog, Chakulia	Plant Operator	02	Pass Higher Secondary	-	Ex/Fresher	Male	30-40 Yrs.	12000/-	Chakulia	-
		Boiler Operator	01	Pass Higher Secondary	-	Min. 2 Yrs. Exp. In package boiler	Male	30-40 Yrs.	15000/-		-
09	Automotive Axles Limited, Chhota Govindpur, Jamshedpur	Diploma Apprenticeship Training (NATS)	15	Diploma (Mechanical/ Automobile/ DT/DM/Electrical)	-	0-6 Months Exp.	Male/ Female	18-24 Yrs.	13314/- (+500/- Attendance Bonus & +Canteen Facility)	Jamshedpur	-
		ITI Apprenticeship Training (NAPS)	10	ITI (Fitter/ Welder)	-						
10	Yuvashakti Foundation, Jamshedpur	Apprenticeship Trainee	100	Diploma in Mechanical, Electrical & BSc, B.Com ITI (Fitter, Machinist, Turner, Electrician, Welder)	-	Fresher	Male	18-28 Yrs.	11000-14000/-	Govindpur, Adityapur, Gamharia	-
11	Talent Nexa Services Pvt. Ltd. Jamshedpur	MIG Welding, Gas Cutter Grainder, Semi Fitter, Fabrication Fitter Drawing Fitter CNC, VMC, HMC, Lethe	50	10th Pass	-	1-2 Yrs. Exp.	Male	18 Yrs. Above	13500-18000/-	Adityapur, Jamshedpur	OT, PF, ESIC, Bonus, Canteen, Uniforms & Safety Shoes
12	2 Coms Group Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata, West Bengal	Assembly Operator	200	10th , 12th , ITI, Diploma, BE, BSc, B.Tech Any Graduate	-	Ex/Fresher	Male/ Female	18-35 Yrs.	14000-25000/-	PAN India	-
		Machine Operator	150		-						
		Quality Controller	200		-						
		Production Operator	200		-						
13	Sanjeev Raman Security Agency, Adityapur	Security Guard	100	10th Pass	-	Ex/Fresher	Male	26-45 Yrs.	13500-25000/-	Adityapur, Chaibasa	-
		Security Supervisor	10	Graduation	-	Ex/Fresher	Male	30-45 Yrs.	17500-30000/-		
		Field Officer	05	Graduation	-	Ex/Fresher	Male	35-45 Yrs.	20000-25000/-	Adityapur	
14	Centre of Excellence-Voltas Tata Strive, Bistupur, Jamshedpur	AC & R Technician (Central AC) – Training + Placement Assistance	30	10th or 12th Pass	-	-	Male/ Female	18-30 Yrs.	As per Industry (10000-15000/- for freshers after placement)	Jamshedpur and other location	Free Training, Additional Skills (English, Computer Literacy, Personality Development), Placement Support
15	LIC of India (Ghatsila Branch)	Bima Sakhi	200	10th Pass	-	-	Female	18-70 Yrs.	7000/- Monthly Stipend for Three Years Plus Commission, (T&C Applied	Home Block	All Vanancies are performance & Commission Based
		Agent	300	10th Pass	-	-	Male/ Female /Third Gender	18-65 Yrs.	Commission, (T&C Applied)	Home Block	
16	SBI Life Insurance Co. Ltd, Jamshedpur	Life Mitra	100	10th Pass	Graduate	–	Male/ Female	25 Yrs.	Commission + Incentive Min. 15000- No Limit	Jamshedpur & Ghatsila	-
		Development Manager	05	Graduate	-	Sales Experience (Min 1 Yrs.)	Male/ Female	25 Yrs.	2.5 Lakh + Incentive	JSR, Chaibasa, CKP.	-
17	RVS Skills Academy, Edalbera, Jamshedpur	Mobilizer	55	10th Pass	-	-	Male/ Female	21-45 Yrs.	17000+ Accommodation & Fooding	All Over Jharkhand	-
18	K.K. Enterprise, Bena, Budhudih, Jharkhand	Machine Operator, Assembly Line, Quality Deprt.	100	10th , 12th , ITI, Graduate, Diploma	-	-	Male	18-35 Yrs.	18000-20000/-	Rajkot	After 8 Months work company will take own payroll
19	Maruti Suzuki, Gujarat	FTC	100	ITI (ITI year of Pass – 2019 to 2025 Pass out) Both SCVT & NCVT)	-	-	Male	18-26 Yrs.	25300/- CTC	Hansalpur Plant, Gujarat	Canteen Facility at Subsidised Rate
19	Maruti Suzuki, Gujarat	Apprentice	100	ITI Fitter, Diesel Mech., Motor Mech., Turner, Machinist, Welder, Electrician, Tool&Die Maker, Plastic Processing Opr. Tractor Mech. Painter, Electronics, Wireman, Sheet Mattel.	(ITI year of Pass – 2024 & 2025 pass out) Both SCVT & NCVT)	--	Male	18-26 Yrs.	19500/- CTC	Hansalpur Plant, Gujarat	Canteen Facility at Subsidised Rate
20	Career Tree HR Solutions Pvt. Ltd	Training	100	ITI Fitter, Diesel Mech., Motor Mech., Turner, Machinist, Welder, Electrician, Tool&Die Maker, Plastic Processing Opr. Tractor Mech. Painter, Electronics, Wireman, Sheet Mattel. Diploma Any Stream	(ITI year of Pass – 2018 to 2025 Pass out) Both SCVT & NCVT)	--	Male	18-25 Yrs.	22176/- CTC	Hosur, Tamil Nadu	Canteen Facility at Subsidised Rate- Rs. 300
21	Delphi TVS	Operator	80	10th , 12th , 1 Year ITI	Year of Pass – 2018 to 2025 Pass out)	--	Male	18-24 Yrs.	16800/- CTC	Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu	Canteen Facility at Subsidised Rate- Rs. 300
22	H1 HR Solution Pvt. Ltd.	Technician	50	ITI	Diploma	--	Male	18-38 Yrs.	17000-21000/-	Gujarat	Room & Bus free Canteen charge 45 Rs. For 2 times food.
		Picker Loader Scanner Audit office	100	Any	Any	--	Male	18-38 Yrs.	17500/-	Bengalore, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Chennai	Room, Bus & 1 time food free
23	Talent Management Center, Gamahariya, Saraikela-Kharsawan	Customer Support Executive	10	12th Pass	Graduate	--	Male/ Female	18-35 Yrs.	15000-20000/-	Work From Home	Good in English And Hindi Communication
		HR Intern	05	Graduate	MBA (HR)	--	Male/ Female	18-28 Yrs.	15000/-	Gamaharia	
		CNC Machine Operator	05	10th , 12th, ITI	ITI	--	Male	18-35 Yrs.	13500-15000/-		Knowledge of Machine
		VMC Machine Operator	05	10th , 12th, ITI	ITI	--	Male	18-35 Yrs.	13500-15000/-		

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Paras Arora calls his character Jeetu in Gharwali Pedwali 'beautifully relatable'



Mumbai, Dec 13 (IANS) Actor Paras Arora has been roped in to play Jeetu Pandey in the upcoming show, "Gharwali Pedwali". Shedding light on his role, Paras called his character beautifully relatable.

He shared, “Jeetu is a beautifully relatable character, someone who wants a simple, peaceful life but always ends up in complicated situations."

Paras added that the unpredictability of the character is what drew him to the show.

"Playing a man balancing two wives, one real and one supernatural, is both hilarious and creatively challenging. What drew me to this role was its innocence and unpredictability".

"Comedy as a genre is incredibly rewarding, and this script instantly connects with me because it offers humour rooted in emotion. I am excited for viewers to see Jeetu’s confusion, charm and journey as he navigates this utterly chaotic double life," he added.

Priyamvada Kant, who will be seen as Latika in the show, also termed her character as dramatic, affectionate, and delightfully mischievous.

'Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai 2.0' promises comedy & chaos with a supernatural twist



Mumbai, Dec 13 (IANS) In another treat for the admirers of the popular comedy show "Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai", the makers are all set to come up with the sequel, "Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai 2.0", expanding the comedy universe.

The sequel is a fresh and exciting take on its iconic comedy show, promising laughter and surprises, along with a playful supernatural twist.Dropping the initial glimpse of the forthcoming drama, the makers wrote on social media, "Ghoonghatganj ki galiyon se ghoonghat uthaake, aa rahi hain asli se bhi asli Bhabhiji hansi ka tadka lagaane. Sahi Pakde Hain!

Dekhiye naye avtaar m e i n , #BhabijiGharParHain2.0, bahut jald, sirf &TV par. (sic)."

The drama has been set against the backdrop of the intriguing town of Ghunghatganj, a place where tradition meets mystery, with secrets hiding in every corner.

A few unforeseen circumstances led our beloved Tiwari, Angoori, Anita, and Vibhuti to this eccentric town. Their arrival triggers a chain of comic chaos, unexpected situations, and hilarious interactions with the quirky residents of Ghunghatganj.

We are also introduced to Vidya, a mysterious and enigmatic figure whose arrival keeps everyone on their toes. All of them coming together leads to moments of laughter, suspense, and delightful surprises.

Produced by EDIT II Productions, "Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai 2.0" perfectly blends some light-hearted comedy, with drama, suspense, and supernatural fun.

"Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai 2.0" is expected to premiere on &TV and Hindi Zee5 shortly.

Health

India has potential to become global leader in AI-supported stroke management: Experts



New Delhi, Dec 13 (IANS) With proper training and increasing digital infrastructure, India has the potential to become a global leader in artificial intelligence (AI)-based stroke care, said health experts here on Saturday.

Speaking at the Stroke & AI 2025 conference at the India Habitat Centre, the experts discussed the integration of AI in modern stroke care and its significance in the country, especially in rural areas.

“For a country like India, where access to stroke specialists remains uneven, AI-enabled systems can play a transformative role by extending expertise beyond tertiary centres and ensuring timely, life-saving interventions,” Dr. Dhiraj Khurana, DM (Neurology), PGIMER, Chandigarh, told IANS.

“India has the potential to be a global leader in AI-supported stroke management, provided we invest in structured training, digital infrastructure, and rapid-response systems,” added Dr. P. Vijaya, President of the Indian Stroke Association (ISA).

The experts also highlighted the increasing relevance of tele-stroke models and cloud-based AI platforms that make specialist guidance accessible even in remote locations.

“Artificial intelligence is rapidly becoming an essential ally in stroke care. From faster interpretation of brain imaging to smarter triage in emergency settings, AI is helping clinicians make critical decisions when every minute counts,” Khurana said.Stressing the importance of national-level adoption and training, the experts noted that AI has the potential to bridge critical gaps in imaging interpretation, emergency triage, and treatment planning, particularly in resource-limited settings.

Sonakshi Sinha & Zaheer Iqbal advocate for social media ban for kids in India



Mumbai, Dec 13 (IANS) Bollywood couple Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal spoke in favour of social media ban for kids in India, following the footsteps of Australia.

During a panel discussion, which took place in MET (Mumbai Education Trust) College, Mumbai, Sonakshi and Zaheer were asked to comment on Australia's social media ban for people aged under 16.

Reacting to this, Sonakshi called it a 'very good thing', saying that the ban should be implemented in India as well.

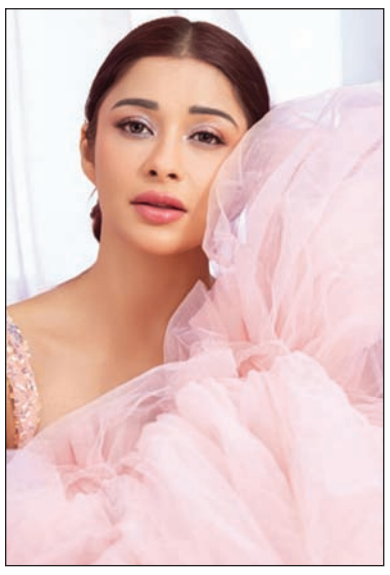
Pitching in, Zaheer shared that according to him, one does not always need to impose a ban; however, it is crucial to control what kind of content the kids are watching on social media.

He said, "You can do extreme also. And you can ban things. But it's also that you can control it properly. Like in my house, when my niece comes over, she has an iPad, but it's very controlled in what she can use on the iPad. So, I think there's a way to control it. You don't have to. I mean, it's good."

Sonakshi was of the opinion that till the time a kid is unable to differentiate between right and wrong, they should not be exposed to social media.

"No, I think it's avoidable. Till a certain age at least. Till a child is old enough to understand the difference between right and wrong, and what is good, and what is bad. I think till that age, it should not be exposed to a child," the 'Dabangg' actress added.

Nyrraa M Banerji on 'One Two Cha Cha Cha Chaa': It allowed me to reinvent myself as a performer



Mumbai, Dec 13 (IANS) Bollywood actress Nyrraa M Banerji, who will be seen in One Two Cha Cha Cha Chaa, credits the film for helping her reinvent herself.

Nyrraa shared, “This is a full different, funny character I played in the film. It’s something I haven’t done before, and getting to explore this side of comedy was an absolute blast. The film is light, entertaining, and I think audiences will have a great time watching it.”

The actress, who has previously been seen in dramatic and romantic roles, is excited to explore a completely different side of her craft.

Nyrraa added: “When I first heard the narration, I instantly felt connected to the character’s energy. She’s unpredictable, spontaneous, and very real. Playing her pushed me to break out of my comfort zone and tap into a rhythm of comedy that feels organic rather than forced.”

She added: “I wanted audiences to see a version of me they’ve never seen before—raw, goofy, and unapologetically fun. This film allowed me to reinvent myself as a performer, and that’s always the most rewarding part of any project.”

Talking about her journey with the film, Nyrraa added, “I love experimenting with my characters. Every role teaches you something new, and this one taught me how to time comedy and connect with the audience differently. I can’t wait for everyone to see it.”

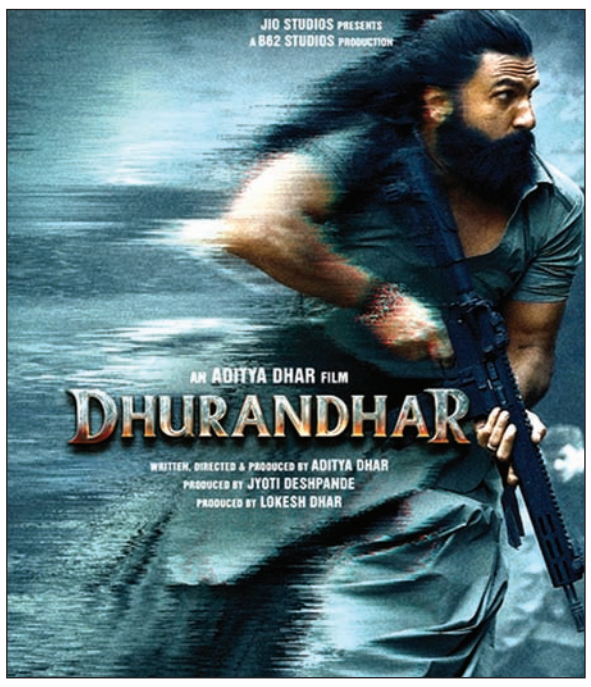
Tridha Choudhury admires Priyanka Chopra’s journey of strength and unshakeable confidence



Mumbai, Dec 12 (IANS) Actress Tridha Choudhury, who recently starred in the film “Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2,” has expressed her deep admiration for Priyanka Chopra. Speaking exclusively to IANS, she highlighted the global star’s unwavering strength and determination. Tridha praised Priyanka’s ability to stay focused and believe in her talent even during the most challenging moments of her journey. For Tridha, Chopra stands as a powerful reminder of how resilience and self-belief can help one rise above setbacks and achieve remarkable success. Speaking about PeeCee, the ‘Aashram’ actress shared, “I admire her resilience. Even when she felt everything was falling apart, she had faith in her talent. She never backed down.”

Notably, Tridha, who considers Priyanka Chopra one of her biggest inspirations, has been very vocal about drawing motivation from the actress’ global journey and the way she continues to stay rooted while achieving international success.

Aditya Dhar says 'Dhurandhar Part 2 is coming' on Hrithik Roshan's second review



Mumbai, Dec 13 (IANS) Filmmaker Aditya Dhar, who is currently basking in the success of his latest release “Dhurandhar”, promised “part 2 is coming” and that he will “live up to this encouragement” after Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan shared his second opinion about the film.

Hrithik on December 11, had first written on Instagram about “Dhurandhar”, which read: “I love cinema, I love people who climb into a vortex and let the story take control, spin them shake them until what they want to say is purged out of them onto that screen. DHURANDAR is an example of that. Loved the storytelling. It's cinema.”

“I may disagree with the politics of it, and argue about the responsibilities us filmmakers should bear as citizens of the world. Nevertheless, can't ignore how I loved and learnt from this one as a student of cinema. Amazing. #akshaykhanna has always been my fav and this film is proof why. @ranveersingh the silent to the fierce what a journey and so damn consistent. @actormaddy bloody mad grace, strength and dignity!!”

“But man @rakeshbedi what you did was phenomenal.. what an ACT, brilliant !! A huge big round of applause for everyone especially the makeup and prosthetics dept! I can't wait for part 2 !!!" Hrithik concluded.

Hrithik then shared his second thoughts about the film on X. It read: “Still can't get DHURANDHAR out of my mind. @AdityaDharFilms you are an incredible maker man. @RanveerOfficial the silent to the fierce what a journey and so damn consistent. #akshayekhanna has always been my fav and this film is proof why.”

“@ActorMadhavan bloody mad grace, strength and dignity!! But man @bolbedibol what you did was phenomenal.. what an ACT, brilliant !! A huge big round of applause for everyone especially the makeup and prosthetics dept! I can't wait for part 2 !!!”

Replying to Hrithik on his second post, Aditya wrote: “Deeply humbled by your love for #DHURANDHAR, @iHrithik Sir. Every actor and every department gave more than 100%, and your appreciation is a huge boost for the whole team. Thank you for celebrating their craft. Part 2 is coming… and we’ll try our best to live up to this encouragement.”

Dhurandhar also stars R. Madhavan, Arjun Rampal, Sanjay Dutt, Sara Arjun and Rakesh Bedi with Manav Gohil, Danish Pandor, Saumya Tandon, Gaurav Gera, and Naveen Kaushik in supporting roles.

Regena Cassandrra celebrates birthday indulging in ‘good South Indian food’, and her close ones

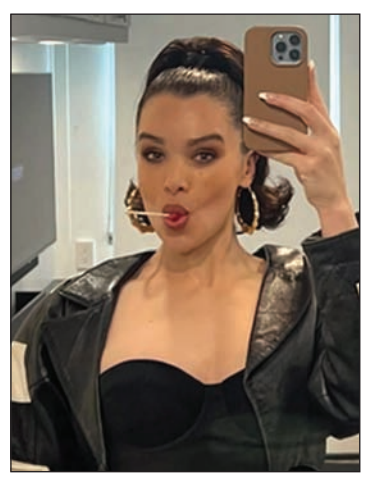


Mumbai, Dec 13 (IANS) Actress Regena Cassandrra has shared what her birthday looks like as she turns 35 on Saturday. The actress shared that she is celebrating her birthday in the company of her loved ones, and enjoying a scrumptious meal.

The actress told IANS, “Turning 35 with a lot of gratitude for my life, family, well wishers. I am celebrating with them and it’s just going to be good vibes and a lot of positivity along with good South Indian food which is my favourite”.

She further mentioned, “This year has been special as I also completed 20 years of acting and being a part of Indian Cinema and I only feel like I’m just getting started and there’s a lot to look forward to. Looking forward to both my releases Mookuthi Amman 2 and The Wives in 2026 and a whole lot more”.

Hailee Steinfeld set to welcome first baby



Los Angeles, Dec 13 (IANS) Actress Hailee Steinfeld, who has worked in films such as True Grit, Pitch Perfect 2 and Bumblebee, is all set to welcome her first child with her Buffalo Bills quarterback husband, Josh Allen.

They announced the news together in her Substack newsletter, which listed her 29 favourite moments from the past year as part of her 29th birthday. At the end of the clip, the Hawkeye star included a video in which she revealed the joyous news.

She posed in the snow and displayed her bump as Josh kissed her stomach. The smitten couple then smiled and posed together as Hailee donned a fleece that had "mother" emblazoned across it, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

At the end of the video, the camera panned out to reveal the Sinners star and Josh standing on either side of a small snowman.’

After it was announced in her newsletter, the couple made a joint Instagram post with the same clip, which they captioned with a single red-heart emoji.

Her husband commented on the sweet clip with: "I love you."

It then garnered thousands of congratulatory messages in the post's comments section, including from their celebrity pals.

The Electric State actress Millie Bobby Brown, 21, penned: "OH MY GODDDDD HAILS!!!!! (sic)."

Fashion model Gigi Hadid, 30, wrote: "Omg yaaaaayyyy (sic)."

TV personality Jenn Tran, 28, said: "GIRLLLLL im so happy for you (sic)."

In November, the actress was asked in an interview with Bustle if she and Josh would have kids, to which she replied: "Of course."

'All the ministers surrounded Messi, we couldn't see anything'

Kolkata: Lionel Messi's much-hyped visit to the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata on Saturday lasted 22 minutes, just enough to underline everything that is wrong in Indian football and the state administration's mismanagement.

What was billed as a historic celebration of the game's greatest icon degenerated into a spectacular breakdown of planning, policing and priorities, as angry fans ran riot at the venue after failing to get even a glimpse of their favourite superstar from Argentina.Messi's second visit to Kolkata -- part of a four-city India tour with Hyderabad, Mumbai and New Delhi to follow -- came against the backdrop of the Indian football team's alarming slide to 142nd in the latest FIFA rankings, its lowest since October 2016.

Arguably the greatest player of all time, Messi arrived just as the sport in the country hit rock bottom, with the domestic calendar in limbo and governance in disarray, and the events at the Salt Lake Stadium summed it up better than any ranking ever could.

What was meant to be a red-letter day for the City of Joy turned into a nightmare by noon. About 50,000 spectators, many of whom had paid Rs 4,000 to Rs 12,000 -- and in some cases up to Rs 20,000 in the black market -- watched helplessly as a swarm of politicians, VVIPs, security personnel, and assorted hangers more interested in selfies than crowd control surrounded Messi.

The build-up had been electrifying with fans spending sleepless nights to catch his midnight arrival and then making a beeline to the stadium from early morning. The gates were opened at 8am.

Over 50,000 fans packed the stadium, chanting 'Messi, Messi'



as former footballers from Mohun Bagan and Diamond Harbour FC -- all sporting No.10 jerseys -- played a 35-minute exhibition match.At 11.30am, the GOAT arrived dressed in black, and stepped out of a white Audi to a thunderous applause, and the stadium literally shook. Messi was flanked by longtime Barcelona teammate Luis Suarez and Argentina World Cup winner Rodrigo De Paul.

Then it all began to unravel. Within minutes, Messi was surrounded by a bevy of politicians, police officers, VIPs and their aides, forming a human blockade that ensured the paying public saw everything except Messi.Messi looked confused and bemused, gamely signing autographs for former players while attempting a slow circuit of the ground. The situation only worsened.

Promoter Satadru Dutta, his voice choking, repeatedly pleaded over the public address system: "Please leave him alone. Please vacate the ground."

The appeals fell on deaf ears as dignitaries continued to pile on, and Messi was virtually camouflaged amid a swarm of bodyguards and officials.Ironically, the easiest way to locate him was by first spotting state sports minister Arup Biswas -- clad in a white kurta-pyjama and Jawahar coat -- whose attire made him visible from afar.

As word spread that the 'Prince of Kolkata' SouravGanguly has arrived, tensions escalated further.

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan, waiting outside near the Vivekananda statue, eventually abandoned his plans altogether.

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee who had already started from her residence for the venue had to make a U-turn and change her plans.

Messi was finally escorted out well before his scheduled one-hour stay, leaving the stadium after spending just 22 minutes, and all hell broke loose thereafter.

Angry fans stared with hurling bottles -- banned items in an otherwise sporting venue. It was baffling how they were allowed to enter with these objects, which also included food packets. Chairs were then ripped out and thrown.

3rd T20I: If you are mentally strong, you can do well at any number, says Tilak Varma

Dharamsala, Dec 13 (IANS) Ahead of the third T20I against South Africa, India's left-handed batter TilakVarma said being mentally strong allows a batter to succeed at any position in the batting order. India's batting flexibility left everyone puzzled when Axar Patel was sent out to bat at number three in a chase of 214 in New Chandigarh.

But Axar struggled to get rhythm and fell for a run-a-ball 21, as India fell short by 51 runs. Amidst the likes of Shubman Gill and SuryakumarYadav not getting big runs, Tilak gave India something to cheer by making a 34-ball 62.

"Everyone is flexible except openers. Everyone is flexible and open to bat anywhere. I am up for batting at 3, 4, 5, 6, or anywhere. Where the team prefers for me to bat, I am up for it. Everyone knows that they are flexible in every batting order. If you are mentally strong, you can do well in any number," said Tilak in the pre-match press conference.



Asked about the Indian team's decision to send Axar at three ahead of recognised batters, including himself, Tilak said, "It depends. As you can see, Axar Patel has already done the same thing in the World Cup, and he has done well in that position as well. It keeps happening in one odd game. It depends on the situation. In a tactical situation, if the team feels that it is the best in that situation, then anyone goes ahead, keeping in mind the team's interests."

"Ups and downs happen, but the same player has done that in the World Cup as well. I am ready to bat anywhere for the team, and I will always try to do my best for the team. The other players are doing the same, and as I said, everything is flexible, and we are making the decisions that we feel will benefit the team."

The HPCA Stadium has shown a trend of producing high-scoring pitches, and Tilak felt batting first or chasing won't matter much at the venue. "I have played previously here in the Under-19 series for India. After that, I am coming here now, and we are just going to watch the wicket. I think there will be a high-scoring wicket here. We will play with a positive intent," he said.

"In the first two matches, the one who bats first has won. Because the weather is cold everywhere, there is a little bit of seam and swing for the bowlers. So I think there is not much difference in batting first and second. Unfortunately, we collapsed in the last game, but we will play with the same intent."

"Whatever we have been doing in the last 15-20 matches, we will play with the same intent and get good results. So, I would say, it won't matter much if it's the first or second batting because the match starts at 7 pm and that is the time when dew starts to form," he added.

Tilak signed off by saying the Indian team has prepared well for countering the dew expected to come early in the game.

"There was a due in ODIs as well, and we have mentally prepared for it in practice. We don't have the toss result in our hands, but we are mentally preparing for the dew. We have practised before, and the ball does get a little wet. But we have prepared for whatever we can get in the game during the practice."

Ashes: England face fresh scrutiny after team guards altercation with media

New Delhi, Dec 13 (IANS) England's troubled Ashes campaign has drawn further attention following an incident involving a member of the team's security staff and a Channel Seven cameraman at Brisbane airport. The altercation occurred on Saturday as the England squad was preparing to travel to Adelaide ahead of the third Test, scheduled to begin on Wednesday. Footage shared by Australia's Channel 7 shows a member of the England and Wales Cricket Board's (ECB) security team confronting a cameraman during the check-in process. In the video, the ECB security guard is heard repeatedly telling the cameraman to step back. Channel 7 described the exchange as 'aggressive', while images published by CODE Sports appear to show the security official standing back as the cameraman continued filming.



The ECB chose not to comment on the incident, which sections of the Australian media have nonetheless seized upon as another setback in what has been portrayed as a difficult tour for England.

The episode occurs at a delicate moment for Ben Stokes' team, which is trailing 0-2 in the five-match series and facing increasing scrutiny over their readiness. With three Tests left, England are under pressure to prevent losing the Ashes before the upcoming high-profile matches in Melbourne and Sydney.

Questions about the team's preparation have been recurring throughout England's tour. The decision not to field senior players in a pink-ball warm-up match against a Prime Minister's XI in Canberra drew criticism, leading to extra training sessions in Brisbane. Yet, after experiencing a second heavy defeat in a row, head coach Brendon McCullum implied that the team might have been "over-prepared," a comment that sparked further debate.

Although the Noosa break was scheduled in advance and justified as a chance for players to reset, images of the squad playing football on the beach did little to reassure critics, who argue that England have struggled to find the right balance during this tour.

Fit India Sundays on Cycle heads to Goa for Vijay Diwas special; legendary footballers, Olympians set to grace event

Panaji, Dec 13 (IANS) The scenic coastline of Goa will turn into a vibrant arena of fitness, patriotism and community spirit, as the Fit India Sundays on Cycle hosts its mega edition in the state to mark Vijay Diwas, paying tribute to India's armed forces.

The special edition will be held from Miramar Beach Circle to Dona Paula Circle, with the ride flagging off at 7 am. The event is a flagship event of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and is being organised in Goa in collaboration with the Directorate of Sports, Goa.

A press conference was held in Goa on Saturday and addressed jointly by Mayank Srivastav, Deputy Director General, Sports Authority of India, and Dr. Ajay Gaude, Secretary, Sports Authority of Goa, as a precursor to the mega event to be held on December 14.

Speaking at the press conference, Srivastav said, "Fit India Sundays on Cycle (SOC) will be a Fitness Carnival where people of Goa can participate in a plethora of activities such as zumba, yoga,



rope skipping, besides Cycling. This is the 53rd edition of SOC, and already about 20 lakh citizens across the country have participated in the last year. We are very happy to bring this national event to Goa."

"Earlier, we used to have the mega event in Delhi, but on popular demand and also with an effort to promote fitness across the country, the event has now shifted out of the nodal event in New Delhi to other States and UTs. The first event hosted outside Delhi was in Varanasi, the second event is being hosted in Goa, which has the perfect scenic beauty, wide roads, and fresh air," he further added. Speaking about Goa's participation in the event, Dr.Gaude said, "We are happy to collaborate with the Sports Ministry for this event that strives to improve the overall health of citizens. I would also like to announce that the Sports Authority of Goa is also starting a cycling club where common citizens can participate."

The Goa edition will be graced by Dr. Ramesh Tawadkar, Sports Minister, Government of Goa, and Santosh Gunwantrao Sukhadeve, IAS, Secretary (Sports), Goa. Several renowned sportspersons will also be present, including Olympian and World Championship gold medallist boxer Jaismine Lamboria, Olympian Subedar Manish Kaushik, Arjuna Awardee footballer Bruno Coutinho and Padma Shri and Arjuna Awardee Brahmanand Sankhwalkar, one of Goa's most iconic football legends.

Adding further inspiration, Maymol Rocky, the first-ever female head coach of the Indian Senior Women's National Football Team, will also join the ride. Renowned Telugu comedian Md. Ali and actor Manchu Manoj Kumar will also grace the Goa event to motivate citizens.

The Vijay Diwas theme will be strengthened by the presence of senior officers and units from the Army, Navy, and NCC, underscoring the deep connection between fitness, discipline, and national service. Fit India Champions and Ambassadors from the state will also take part, reinforcing the movement's grassroots strength.

Launched in December 2024 by Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Fit India Sundays on Cycle has completed over a year, spreading from a nodal event to states and Union Territories across the country. After successful editions in Jaipur and Varanasi, Goa becomes the next host city, reflecting the initiative's expanding national footprint. Over the past year, lakhs of citizens across thousands of locations have participated, making it a true people's movement promoting #FightObesity and #PollutionKaSolution.

With the backdrop of the Arabian Sea and the spirit of Vijay Diwas, the Goa edition promises to be a meaningful celebration of fitness, freedom, and the sacrifices of India's armed forces, inviting citizens to pedal not just for health, but also for honour and unity.

AIFF issues statement following Lionel Messi's GOAT Tour chaos in Kolkata



New Delhi, Dec 13 (IANS) The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Saturday issued a statement expressing deep concern over the events that unfolded at the Vivekananda Yuba BharatiKrirangan in Kolkata. Thousands of fans gathered to see football icon Lionel Messi as he visited the city as part of his GOAT Tour alongside Luis Suárez and Rodrigo de Paul, but their excitement turned to frustration due to poor management at the venue.

"The All India Football Federation is deeply concerned by the events that transpired at the Vivekananda Yuba BharatiKrirangan, where thousands of fans gathered to witness world football stars Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez, and Rodrigo de Paul," the AIFF said in a statement that they put out across social media.

"This was a private event organised by a PR agency. The AIFF was not involved in the organisation, planning, or execution of this event in any capacity. Furthermore, the details of the event were neither communicated to the AIFF nor was any clearance sought from the Federation. We urge all attendees to extend their full cooperation with the relevant authorities and to maintain order. The safety and security of all individuals involved must remain the paramount priority," the statement further read.

SRK and AbRam's fan moment with Messi

While most fans were left disappointed at the stadium, Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan did get his moment with the football legend. Shah Rukh, who travelled to Kolkata especially for the event, met Messi at the hotel along with his son AbRam. AbRam was seen clicking pictures with Messi and his teammates Luis Suarez and Rodrigo De Paul, as the actor looked on, visibly delighted.

The interaction quickly went viral on social media, with fans celebrating the rare 'legends meet legends' moment. Shah Rukh, a self-confessed admirer of Messi, appeared to have a fan moment of his own.

U19 Asia Cup: Seneviratne's five-for powers Sri Lanka to big win over Nepal



Dubai, Dec 13 (IANS) Sethmika Seneviratne's five-wicket haul set up Sri Lanka's emphatic eight-wicket win over Nepal in their Group B clash of the Men's Under-19 Asia Cup at The Sevens Stadium on Saturday. Asked to bat first by Sri Lanka captain Vimath Dinsara, Nepal were steady at 30 without loss before a run out of Niraj Kumar Yadav for 10 in the eighth over resulted in the innings unravelling quickly.

Seneviratne struck in successive spells, removing Sahil Patel (12), VanshChhetri (0) and Dilsad Ali (0) to leave Nepal reeling at 37/4, with the side losing their four wickets for just seven runs within six overs.

Captain Ashok Dhami and Cibrin Shrestha (18) briefly resisted with a 24-run stand, but Rasith Nimsara struck to dismiss the former for nine at the start of the 21st over. From there, Nepal folded to 82 all out, with Shrestha being the top run-scorer.

Seneviratne completed incredible figures of 5-25, and was ably supported by Rasith Nimsara, Vigneshwaran Akash, Dulnith Sigera and Chamika Heenatigala, taking a scalp each.

Sri Lanka's chase of 83 was briefly dented when Nepal reduced them to 25/2, Dayanand Mandal getting a scalp. But Dimantha Mahavithana (39) and Kavija Gamage (24) ensured there were no further alarms in Sri Lanka's chase.

Their unbroken 59-run stand for the third wicket sealed victory for Sri Lanka with 35.1 overs to spare. Sri Lanka will next face Afghanistan at the ICC Academy Ground in Dubai on Monday, while Nepal is slated to take on Bangladesh on the same day.

Brief scores: Nepal U19 82 all out in 28.5 overs (Cibrin Shrestha 18, Sethmika Seneviratne 5-25, Dulnith Sigera 1-3) lost to Sri Lanka U19 84/2 in 14.5 overs (Dimantha Mahavithana 39 not out, Kavija Gamage 24 not out, Dayanand Mandal 1-16) by eight wickets.

Odisha Masters: Isharani, Unnati, Kiran George enter finals after gritty semifinal battles



Cuttack, Dec 13 (IANS) India will have strong representation in the finals of various categories at the Odisha Masters 2025 BWF World Tour Super 100 as IsharaniBaruah, Women's Singles top seed Unnati Hooda and Men's Singles second seed Kiran George booked their places in the summit clashes following hard-fought semifinal victories at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Cuttack, on Saturday.

Isharani Baruah booked her place in the final after overcoming Tanya Hemanth in the semifinal. After dropping the opening game 18-21, Isharani staged a dominant comeback, taking the next two games 21-7, 21-7 to seal the match in 54 minutes. She will now face top seed Unnati Hooda in the final.

Unnati earned her spot in the title clash with a composed semifinal win over Tasnim Mir. Tasnim, who had enjoyed an impressive run after defeating top seeds in the earlier rounds, claimed the first game 21-18. However, Unnati responded strongly, winning the next two games 21-16, 21-16 to close out the contest in 60 minutes.

In the men's singles, second seed Kiran George progressed to the final following an all-Indian semifinal against RounakChouhan. Kiran edged the opening game 21-19 before Rounak bounced back with a 21-8 comfortable win in the second to force a decider. Kiran held his nerve in the third, clinching it 21-18 to book his place in the final in 53 minutes, where he will face Indonesia's Muhamad Yusuf.

India's doubles campaign came to an end with defeats in the semifinals, as Sathwik Reddy and Reshika Uthayasooryan in mixed doubles, along with Ashwini Bhat and Shikha Gautam in women's doubles, bowed out against their respective opponents.

Crackdown on traffic violations in rural areas, Rs1.10 lakh fine collected

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Jamshedpur, Dec 13: Acting firmly on the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Karan Satyarthi, the Transport Department launched a strict vehicle inspection drive in the rural areas of East Singhbhum district, sending a strong message against traffic violations and reckless driving. During the drive, fines amounting to Rs1.10 lakh were collected from the drivers of 55 vehicles found violating traffic rules.

The special inspection drive was conducted near the Galudih toll plaza and was led by District Motor Vehicle Inspector (MVI) Suraj Hembram.

The initiative was aimed at strengthening road safety measures, particularly in rural areas where the number of road accidents has been rising at an alarming rate. More than 143 vehicles were thoroughly inspected during the operation.

Officials focused on critical safety parameters, including mandatory helmet use by two-wheeler riders, seat belt compliance by car drivers, overloading on motorcycles and buses, and the use of illegal black film on vehicle windows. Several drivers were penalised on the spot for flouting safety norms and endangering their own lives as well as those of others. Speaking on the occasion, MVI Suraj Hembram said that such inspection drives will continue across rural pockets of the district. He underlined that negligence such as riding without helmets and overloading vehicles is a major cause of fatal accidents in rural areas. "Strict action is being taken to curb these violations and reduce road accidents. Wearing a helmet is not just a rule, it is a lifesaving necessity," he said.

Appealing to the public, Hembram urged two-wheeler riders to wear helmets from the moment they step out of their homes and follow traffic rules diligently. He emphasised that adherence to safety norms can significantly prevent loss of life and property. The Transport Department reiterated its commitment to enforcing traffic laws rigorously and ensuring safer roads for all.

Tarapore principal honoured at Star Education Awards 2025



Jamshedpur, Dec 13: Principal of Tarapore School, Ms. Ishita Dey, has been conferred with the Best Principal in School - Jharkhand (Jamshedpur) award at the Star Education Awards 2025. The awards were organized by ESFE in collaboration with The Times of India.

The prestigious award ceremony was held on 11 December 2025 at Hall No. 5, NESCO, Bombay Exhibition Centre, Goregaon East, Mumbai. This honour recognizes Dey's unwavering commitment to education, her visionary leadership, and her meaningful contributions to shaping progressive learning environments. Her dedication has played a pivotal role in steering Tarapore School towards academic excellence and holistic development. The achievement stands as a proud moment for Tarapore School and the city of Jamshedpur, reflecting the institution's sustained pursuit of excellence. The Tarapore School congratulated Dey on this and wished her continued success in her inspiring educational journey.

Auto driver, accomplice arrested in Bistupur robbery case



Jamshedpur, Dec 13: The Bistupur police have successfully cracked a robbery case reported on December 11, in which a Mango resident, Nandlal, was looted while returning home from Tatanagar Railway Station. City SP Kumar Shivashish disclosed the details of the case on Saturday. According to the City SP, the victim had boarded an auto-rickshaw from Tatanagar Station to go back to Mango. When the auto reached a deserted stretch near Motilal Nehru School under the Bistupur police station area, the auto driver suddenly stopped the vehicle. At that point, the driver and his accomplice threatened Nandlal with a knife and robbed him of his mobile phone and Rs 500 in cash before fleeing the spot. Following the incident, the victim lodged a written complaint at the Bistupur police station.

Acting promptly on the complaint, the police launched a search operation. Based on technical evidence and confidential inputs, the police arrested both accused-Sheikh Suleman and Sarfaraz Ansari. On the basis of their disclosure, the police recovered the robbed mobile phone and also seized the auto-rickshaw used in the crime. The police stated that both accused have criminal tendencies, and further interrogation may reveal their involvement in other offences as well. Both the accused have been sent to judicial custody. City SP Kumar Shivashish urged citizens to remain cautious while travelling late at night or through isolated areas and to immediately inform the police about any suspicious activities. (W- pm)

National Lok Adalat grants quick justice: Kin of 2 road accident victims granted Rs 1.8 crore

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Jamshedpur, Dec 13: The National Lok Adalat on Saturday granted motor vehicle claims worth Rs 1.8 crore to relatives of two victims who died in road accidents. Principal District and Sessions Judge Arvind Kumar Pandeygave away cheques totaling Rs 1.8 crore to claimants in the motor vehicle claim cases.

In ADJ 6 Court, a cheque for Rs 1.1 crore was presented to Dolly Bose and Subroto Ghosh, parents of deceased Nilanjana Bose, a resident of Sonari.In the other case, a check ofRs 70 lakh was given to PoopenKhalko, the wife of deceased Bimal Khalko, a resident of Chakradharpur. Both claims were paid through Tata AIG Insurance Company. Insurance company officials were also present on the occasion.

Judge Pandey said that this step not only demonstrates the social responsibility of the judiciary but also represents an important initiative towards connecting victims with the mainstream and raising their standard of living.

National Lok Adalat was organized on Saturday in Jamshedpur Civil Court and Ghatshila Court premises to make justice accessible to the people and ensure speedy disposal of pending cases. The court was held under the aegis of the District Legal Services Authority and was inaugurated in Jamshedpur by Principal District and Sessions Judge Arvind Kumar Pandey.

Highlighting the importance of the Lok Adalat, he said that the court is a boon for the poor and marginalized, providing speedy justice without the expense and lengthy process. He appealed to all parties to take maximum advantage of this platform for mediation and conciliation. The National Lok Adalat is a successful example of the integration of justice and social upliftment. To ensure the successful conduction of the National Lok Adalat, a total of 16 benches were constituted, including 12 at the Jamshedpur Court Complex and four at the Ghatshila Court. These benches conducted expeditious hearings and settlements of cases, ensuring speedy justice for litigants. Cases across various legal categories, like motor accident claims, dishonouredcheques, matrimonial disputes, and bank loan matters, were resolved promptly through mutual reconciliation and settlement.

Judicial officers, court staff, and PLVs played an active role in conducting this entire event in Jamshedpur and Ghatshila on Saturday. Principal Judge of Family Court Ajit Kumar Singh, Judge ADJ 1 Kankan Pattadar, Judge POCSO Court Bimlesh Sahay, District Bar Association President RN Das, Secretary Kumar Rajesh Ranjan, DLSA Secretary Dharmendra Kumar, with other judicial officers were also present at the National Lok Adalat.

Earlier in the day, the National Lok Adalat was inaugurated online from Dumka with the lighting ofa ceremonial lamp jointly by the Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court, Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan, Executive Chairman of the Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (JHALSA) Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad, and Member Secretary of JHALSA, Principal District Judge Kumari Ranjana Asthana and other dignitaries.

A total of 2,75,936 cases were disposed of at the National Lok Adalat, including 2,64,775 pre-litigation cases and 11,159 pending cases. The total revenue generated from case disposal was Rs 10.98 lakh.

Police solve Sitaramdera murder case



Jamshedpur, Dec 13 : The Sitaramdera police have solved the murder case of a young man who was shot dead near Devanagar Ashram under the Sitaramdera police station area on the intervening night of December 2 and 3.

The incident had created panic in the locality and triggered anger among the victim's family members and local residents. The victim was identified as Shekhar Sandil, who was brutally murdered by unknown assailants. Taking the seriousness of the case into account, senior police officials constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the matter. Under continuous police raids and pressure, the prime accused Rahul Singh surrendered before the court on December 9. Based on his confession, the police arrested his two associates, Sanjay Pal and Santosh Karmakar. During interrogation, all three accused confessed to their involvement in the crime. According to the police, the deceased Shekhar Sandil and the main accused Rahul Singh were neighbours and had been involved in a long-standing dispute. The rivalry gradually intensified and eventually led to the murder. Rahul Singh, alongwith his two accomplices, allegedly conspired and executed the killing. The police have recovered a country-made pistol used in the crime and a motorcycle used during the incident from the possession of the accused. Investigations revealed that the murder was pre-planned, after which the accused went into hiding. All three accused have been sent to judicial custody. Further investigation is underway to ascertain whether any other persons were involved in the murder. (W- pm)

Inter-Church Christmas celebration at St. Joseph's Cathedral

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Jamshedpur, Dec 13: An Inter-Church Christmas gathering was held on Saturday evening under the auspices of St. Joseph's Cathedral, bringing together members of various Christian denominations and faith communities in a spirit of unity and celebration. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by Roman Catholic Bishop Reverend Telesphore Toppo, Mo. Waris, Pandit Manmohan Choubey, Kulbinder Singh, Pastor Manoj Charan, Father Edward Saldanha, and Sister Rajwanti. The Gospel and Word of God from the Holy Bible were read by Pastor Manoj Charan of Beldih Baptist Church. Bishop Telesphore Bilung of Jamshedpur addressed the gathering, emphasising that despite differences in religion and faith, the spirituality of all religions unites humanity. He highlighted that the message of Lord Jesus Christ-peace, love, compassion, mercy, and forgiveness-should guide everyone, regardless of life's challenges. Sanatan Dharma scholar Pandit Manmohan Choubey, Vice Principal Mohammed Waris of Al Kabir Management and Technology, Sister Rajwanti of the Brahma Kumaris Mission, and advocate Kulwinder Singh spoke on the importance and essence of religion in fostering harmony and understanding. The cultural programme included an emotional dance performance by students of Mercy Nursing and St. Joseph's School, celebrating the glory of the Lord's arrival. Christmas carols were performed by congregations from Emmanuel Baptist Church Sitaram Dera, St. Joseph's Cathedral Golmuri, and CNI St. George Church Bistupur. The event was conducted by Sister Manisha and Sabrina. The successful organisation of the event was credited to the efforts of Pastor Arun Barwa, Sister Nidhi, Pastor Eliezer Toppo, Civil Samuel, Joseph Arun, Ravi Joseph, Bimal Lakra, Hema Lakra, Cyril David, Manisha, Sabrina, Lloyd Smith, Hesketh, and other volunteers. Guests were warmly welcomed by Vicar General Father Alwyn and parish priest Father Edward Saldanha. The evening concluded with heartfelt Christmas and New Year greetings, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony, leaving attendees with a sense of joy, unity, and festive spirit.

Legal fraternity mourns death of two advocates

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Jamshedpur, Dec 13 : The Jamshedpur legal fraternity was plunged into deep grief on Saturday following the untimely demise of two senior advocates of the Jamshedpur District Bar Association-Subhash Kumar Singh and Jugal Kishore Mishra.

Advocate Subhash Kumar Singh (54) lost his life in a road accident near the Bhuiyandih roundabout on the evening of December 12. He was immediately rushed to Tata Main Hospital by his elder son, where doctors declared him brought dead.

A regular member of the Jamshedpur District Bar Association since 2005, his sudden demise shocked colleagues, especially as a large number of advocates were present in court on Saturday due to the National Lok Adalat. After post-mortem on December 13, his mortal remains were taken to his native village Patori in Darbhanga district, where his last rites will be performed. On the same day, Advocate Jugal Kishore Mishra (77) also passed away at around 10.30 pm after a prolonged illness.

A member of the District Bar Association since 1977, he was widely respected for his calm and gentle demeanor. His last rites were performed on December 13 at the Swarnarekha Burning Ghat. The Bar Association observed a somber atmosphere as members remembered the invaluable contributions of both advocates to the legal community. (W- pm)

Anger erupts in Burmamines over pollution, traffic woes

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Jamshedpur, Dec 13: Resentment has reached a boiling point in the Burmamines area over worsening civic conditions, including severe dust pollution, frequent traffic jams, narrow roads, illegal parking of heavy vehicles, and what residents allege to be the high-handed and dictatorial attitude of Tata Steel management. In response, the Basti Bachao Sangharsh Samiti announced a one-day massive protest along with a complete road blockade at both gates of Burmamines on December 14.

Details of the proposed agitation were shared during a press conference held at a hotel in Golmuri on Saturday. Former BJP district president Rambabu Tiwary, who is leading the movement, said that from 10 am onwards on Sunday, both Tata Company gates in Burmamines will be fully blocked and a large-scale protest will be staged to draw attention to the long-pending grievances of local residents.

Addressing the media, Rambabu Tiwary leveled serious allegations against Tata Steel management, claiming that houses are being demolished without prior notice under the guise of an anti-encroachment drive, creating fear and panic among residents. He alleged that while the company remains indifferent to public hardships, the condition of roads in Burmamines has deteriorated to an alarming level. The protest, he said, aims to awaken the authorities and strongly convey the collective voice of the people. Tiwari further stated that due to years of encroachment by Tata Steel, roads in Burmamines have become dangerously narrow, resulting in round-the-clock traffic congestion. Ambulances, school-going children, office commuters, and passengers traveling to and from Tatanagar Railway Station are forced to pass through the area daily under unsafe conditions. He also highlighted the serious health risks posed by dust emanating from the slag point near the Burmamines market, affecting both residents and commuters.

The protest leader also targeted NuvoCo Cement Company, alleging that illegal parking of trucks is being allowed within the Punj company premises in exchange for hefty payments. According to him, the continuous lining up of trucks leads to prolonged traffic jams and increases the risk of accidents throughout the day in the area. Emphasising growing public anger, Tiwary said the people of Burmamines are no longer willing to tolerate injustice and neglect. He appealed to intellectuals, political parties, social organisations and citizens of the city to join the movement in large numbers and raise their voices against what he termed arbitrary actions of Tata Steel.

The Basti Bachao Sangharsh Samiti also warned that if the administration and company management fail to address the issues promptly, the agitation will be expanded on a much larger scale. Prominent figures present at the press conference included BJP Sikh youth leader Satbir Singh 'Somu', BJP leader Deepak Jha, Chuna Bhatta settlement head Burma Kansari, Bhakti Nagar's Ram Mardi, Gandhi Basti head Dharam Nag, Ashram's Mahesh Yadav (Guddu), Sidhu Kanu Basti's Ashok Pandey, Raghuvar Nagar's Ravijit Singh, East Plan Basti's Saurabh Srivastava, and Shashi Singh.