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Development necessary, but not at cost of sustainability: Hemant Soren in Davos



Davos, Jan 21 (IANS): Steadfast on a sustainable development approach, Jharkhand is looking to attract investments in green energy initiatives, skill development and balanced ecosystem development, Chief Minister Hemant Soren has said.

For the first time at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting here, Soren said that there are multiple investment opportunities in the state beyond the traditional mining sector, but a balance between industrial growth and environmental protection can't be compromised. He thanked the Union government for including his state in the Davos representation, saying it is a great place to learn new things and showcase Jharkhand.

Asked whether investments and industrial growth get hampered in the state because of it not being governed by the ruling party at the Centre, Soren said, "If he would think like that, it would be detrimental to the state as well as the country".

"As a responsible state government, we can't think of hurting the state or the country. We are here to strengthen our state, and when all states get stronger, the country will definitely get stronger," he added.

He said all states have different development patterns, and Jharkhand was created only 25 years ago.

We have a strong 2050 roadmap when we will complete 50 years, and it's a great opportunity for a tribal state with tribal leadership to be present at such a global platform.Soren said Jharkhand has traditionally been focused on the mining sector, but his government is trying to explore parallel growth opportunities and fulfil the aspirations of the youth.

He said the development is necessary, but it is essential to have balanced ecosystem development without harming the environment.

Hemant holds talks with Infosys on AI, digital skills

Davos, Jan 21 (IANS): The Jharkhand government on Wednesday held discussions with Infosys Global on potential collaboration in technology, artificial intelligence (AI), and digital skills development during the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos.

Chief Minister Hemant Soren met Ashish Kumar Das, executive vice-president, Infosys Global (California), to explore areas where technology-led interventions could support the state's long-term development priorities. Officials said the discussions were exploratory and focused on identifying areas for further evaluation rather than announcing specific projects or investments.

One of the key areas under discussion was skill development for Jharkhand's youth, particularly in digital technologies and AI. According to officials, the state is examining ways to expand re-skilling and up-skilling programmes to improve employability in technology-driven sectors. Infosys' digital learning platform, Wingspan, was discussed as a possible medium to support structured training programmes, subject to further assessment and alignment with the state's requirements.The meeting also covered the use of AI-based solutions in the mining sector, which plays a significant role in Jharkhand's economy. Discussions included how digital tools and data-driven systems could be used to improve productivity, operational efficiency, and safety in mining operations.

US was stupid to give Greenland back: Trump at Davos



Davos, Jan 21 (IANS): United States President Donald Trump on Wednesday criticised Denmark at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos over Greenland, calling it 'ungrateful' and saying the US was 'stupid' to 'give Greenland back' after the Second World War.

"We set up bases in Greenland for Denmark. We fought for Denmark. We saved Greenland and prevented our enemies from gaining a foothold in our hemisphere. After war we gave Greenland back to Denmark. How stupid were we to do that. How ungrateful are they now," Trump said.

Expanding on his remarks, Trump linked the issue to Denmark's wartime history, saying the country had 'fallen to Germany' and was 'unable to defend itself and Greenland'."US was compelled to send its own forces to hold that territory at great cost and expense. Denmark knows that," the US President said.Trump, however, said he has tremendous respect for the people of Denmark and Greenland."But every NATO ally must defend their territory. No nation is in any position to secure Greenland other than us," Trump said, adding that Greenland is vital for US and NATO security against Russia and China as the Arctic opens up due to melting ice and major powers compete for strategic advantage.

Trump's remarks came as Greenland continues to dominate diplomatic conversations at Davos, with his push to acquire the autonomous territory opening one of the biggest rifts between Washington, DC and its western allies in decades.

Trump earlier said he would hold a number of meetings on Greenland at the summit.

Asked how far he was prepared to go to acquire Greenland from Denmark, a fellow NATO member, Trump told reporters, "You'll find out."

Stopped 8 wars, including India-Pak: Trump reiterates in Davos

Davos, Jan 21 (IANS): US president Donald Trump once again underlined that he stopped eight wars, including the four-day India-Pakistan military conflict in May last year, at the World Economic Forum in Davos on Wednesday. "I settled eight other wars. India, Pakistan, I settled other wars that were... Vladimir Putin called me, Armenia, Ajerbaijan. He (Putin) said, I can't believe you settled that one. They were going on for 35 years. I settled it in one day. And President Putin called me. He said, 'You know, I can't believe I worked on that war for 10 years trying to settle it. I couldn't do it'. I said, 'Do me a favour, focus on settling your war. Don't worry about that one'," Trump said.

HC seeks rules to track outsiders, summons home secretary

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Ranchi, Jan 21 : The Jharkhand High Court has summoned the state Home Secretary to appear online on January 27, expressing serious concern over lapses in a long-pending missing minor girl case from Gumla and the absence of guidelines to monitor people entering the state from outside.

The court observed that the lack of identification and monitoring mechanisms has made Jharkhand vulnerable to child trafficking and related crimes.

Hearing a habeas corpus petition linked to the disappearance of a six-year-old girl in 2018, the bench noted an inordinate delay in investigation, pointing out that an FIR was lodged in 2020 while a Special Investigation Team was formed only in 2025.

The court questioned the inaction against responsible officers and flagged the role of organised trafficking networks operating under the guise of business.

Terming the issue one of public importance, the High Court directed the Home Department to frame clear guidelines for regulation, verification and monitoring of outsiders entering Jharkhand, including police verification at the local level.

The court also sought concrete measures from the home secretary to curb child trafficking and ensure accountability in missing children cases. (w-pm)

Will have a great deal with India: Trump calls PM Modi a fantastic leader

Davos, Jan 21 (IANS): US President Donald Trump on Thursday expressed confidence about a strong trade agreement with India and praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, calling him a "fantastic leader," during remarks made at the World Economic Forum in Davos.

Speaking to Indian media, Trump said India and the United States would strike a favourable deal. "Will have a great deal with India," he said, underlining optimism on bilateral trade ties.

Trump also spoke warmly about his relationship with the Indian Prime Minister. "I have great respect for your Prime Minister.

In October 2025, United States President Donald Trump heaped praise on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, calling him the "nicest looking guy,"



Trade talks between India and the US fell apart and Trump then doubled tariffs on Indian goods in August to 50%, among the world's highest rates, including a levy of 25% to punish New Delhi for purchasing Russian oil.

The two nations have been close to a deal on several occasions since they agreed to negotiate in February last year, India said last week.

Cabinet clears Rs 5k cr equity infusion for SIDBI to boost MSME credit

New Delhi, Jan 21 (IANS): The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved giving Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) equity support of Rs 5,000 crore to strengthen its capital base and enhance credit flow to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

The Department of Financial Services will infuse the capital over three years. Of the total amount, Rs 3,000 crore will be infused in FY26 at a book value of Rs 568.65 per share as on March 31, 2025. The remaining Rs 2,000 crore will be infused in two tranches of Rs 1,000 crore each in FY27 and FY28 at book values as on March 31 of the respective preceding financial year.

According to a press statement, the capital infusion is expected to significantly expand SIDBI's outreach. The number of MSMEs receiving financial assistance is projected to rise from 7.626 million at the end of FY25 to about 10.2 million by the end of FY28, adding nearly 2.574 million new beneficiaries.

Pakistan violates ceasefire on LoC in J&K, India responds

Srinagar, Jan 21 (IANS) The Pakistan Army violated the ceasefire on the Line of Control (LoC) overnight in the Keran sector of J&K's Kupwara district, officials said on Wednesday. The incident occurred on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday when Rashtriya Rifles soldiers came under attack. "The incident occurred when troops from the 6 Rashtriya Rifles were setting up high-tech surveillance cameras in the Keran Bala area to strengthen border security and fill blind spots along the LoC. Pakistani troops fired two rounds of small arms to disrupt the installation of surveillance cameras," an official said.

"In response, Indian forces fired a single calibrated shot. No casualties were reported from either side in this exchange of fire," he added, "Following the skirmish, the Indian Army launched a cordon and search operation in the dense forest area, as the army suspects that the fire could have been a diversion for an infiltration bid", officials said.

Maoists strike terror in Bijapur, former sarpanch brutally murdered

Raipur/Bijapur, Jan 21 (IANS) Maoists struck terror in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district by brutally murdering a former sarpanch, reigniting fear among villagers in this Maoist-affected region of the Bastar division, an official said on Wednesday. The victim, identified as Bhima Madkam (also known as Madakam), a resident of Kanchal village aged around 35-40, was shot dead in his agricultural field at Kaurgatta village under the Pamed police station area. Eyewitnesses reported that armed Maoists ambushed him while he was working in the field, firing multiple rounds from an AK-47 rifle in a cold-blooded attack.The assailants fled immediately after the shooting, leaving the scene in chaos as locals panicked. Police sources confirmed the involvement of Maoists, citing the use of sophisticated weaponry and the victim's background as a former elected village head.

Raj Thackeray's MNS offers support to Sena-BJP in KDMC

Mumbai, Jan 21: A new political equation has taken shape in the Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation in Maharashtra's Thane with the Raj Thackeray-led Maharashtra Navnirman Sena offering support to the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena, which fought the local election with the Bharatiya Janata Party as Mahayuti combine.

Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde on Wednesday made the claim about the MNS offering support to his party. However, local MNS leaders could not be contacted despite attempts.

SC expresses concern over rampant missing children cases, mulls nationwide SOP

New Delhi, Jan 21 (IANS) Expressing concern over the alarming number of missing children cases across the country, the Supreme Court has said that authorities were not giving such incidents the "right amount of attention or priority" and indicated that it would work towards evolving a common Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for their recovery.

A bench of Justices Ahsanuddin Amanullah and R. Mahadevan was hearing a plea filed by a Tamil Nadu man seeking the recovery of his daughter, who went missing in September 2011 at the age of one year and ten months and has not been traced so far.

"From the submission of learned counsel for the parties and the material on record, it transpires that the state has now woken up to the problem, and in the present case, certain steps have been taken which are in the right direction," the Justice Amanullah-led Bench observed in its order.

Noting that while the Tamil Nadu government had taken certain steps, the Supreme Court said that the issue required a nationwide response, stating: "We find that such incidents are rampant all over the country and probably the right amount of attention or priority is not being given by the authorities concerned in such matters, which concerns us."

It ordered that the Union of India, through the Union Home Secretary, and all state governments and Union Territories (UTs), through their respective Home Secretaries, be impleaded as party respondents in the matter.

Military power the ultimate arbiter, but will to use it is more important: IAF Chief

New Delhi, Jan 21 (IANS) Air Chief Marshal AP Singh on Wednesday underscored the significance of a robust military, cautioning that in its absence "you can be subjugated by anybody"."We must understand that military power stands as the ultimate arbiter of national power... Any one of these powers is very important but finally, what is required is a robust military, because if you don't have it, you can be subjugated by anybody. Venezuela is the most recent example," he said.The Air Chief added that the will to use military power with "restraint" will work only if we are strong enough."Military power is important, but what is more important is the will to use that military power... Unless you have that will, you can keep showing restraint, but that restraint will be seen as a weakness. It is only when you're strong enough, and you show restraint, that it is seen as a capability," he said."The part of military power that has come in handy, or which has delivered what was required to be delivered, is air power. It becomes very important that we focus our attention on this part of the military in case we want to be a force to reckon with," he added.The Air Chief mentioned the recent operation by the IAF to destroy terrorist infrastructure inside Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir during Operation Sindoor to buttress the significance of air power."Whether it is getting people out of the conflict zone, whether it is to give a blow to terrorist infrastructure and their perpetrators, or whether it is attacking bases in Pakistan in a matter of a few hours to send a signal that enough is enough and bring them to their knees, it was air power which did the trick, and that has to be remembered... Let us not rest on past glory. Let us brace up for the future challenges," he said.

Jharkhand delegation engages UK experts on conservation of Megalithic heritage

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Ranchi, Jan 21: A high-level delegation from the Government of Jharkhand, led by Minister Sudivya Kumar, held a series of strategic meetings in the United Kingdom aimed at strengthening the conservation and global recognition of the state's ancient megalithic and monolithic heritage. The visit marked a significant step in Jharkhand's efforts to adopt international best practices for preserving one of India's most distinctive and culturally rooted archaeological landscapes.

During the official engagements, the delegation interacted with leading heritage institutions, archaeological organisations, and engineering consultancies to explore scientific approaches to documentation, restoration, and long-term management of megalithic sites. Discussions focused on structural conservation, landscape and site management, community participation, and the use of advanced technologies for recording and monitoring heritage assets.A key outcome of the meetings was deliberation on building a credible and comprehensive framework to prepare Jharkhand's megalithic heritage for potential nomination to the UNESCO World Heritage List. Emphasis was placed on ensuring that conservation efforts remain sensitive



to the cultural significance of these sites, which are deeply intertwined with the traditions and identities of indigenous communities across the state.The delegation identified several areas for potential collaboration, including archaeological research, conservation engineering, heritage advisory services, and institutional capacity-building. International experts shared insights on phased conservation planning, risk assessment, and sustainable tourism models that balance preservation with education and public engagement. Based on these inputs, the Jharkhand government plans to develop a structured and time-bound roadmap to strengthen conservation at structural, cultural, and educational levels.

Key meetings were held with representatives from Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA), University College London, Wardell Armstrong/SLR Consulting, Simpson & Brown, AECOM, Wessex Archaeology, and Arup. These interactions provided the delegation with a broad spectrum of global perspectives on heritage management.Speaking after the meetings, Minister Sudivya Kumar said the international consultations were a decisive step towards scientifically safeguarding Jharkhand's megalithic heritage and positioning it on the global heritage map. He added that, under the leadership of Chief Minister Hemant Soren, the state government is committed to protecting this legacy not merely as an archaeological resource, but as a living cultural tradition. The government, he said, will pursue conservation through scientific methods, community involvement, and sustained international collaboration to ensure its preservation for future generations. (w-rg)

EVs central to Tata Motors' commercial vehicle strategy: Kaul

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Jamshedpur/New Delhi, Jan 21: Tata Motors on Tuesday reiterated the central role of its Jamshedpur plant in driving the company's commercial vehicle journey, while outlining its aggressive push towards electric and hydrogen-powered mobility. Senior officials of Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles shared these views while interacting with mediapersons from Jamshedpur on the sidelines of the launch of 17 next-generation trucks at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

Rajesh Kaul, Vice President and Business Head - Trucks, Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles, said Tata Motors currently has the largest number of electric commercial vehicles operating on Indian roads. He said the company is not only expanding its EV portfolio but is also addressing key challenges associated with electric vehicles. These include better training for mechanics, ensuring adequate charging infrastructure, resolving rear axle-related issues and mapping local charging operators.

Kaul said Tata Motors is moving rapidly towards its goal of achieving zero carbon emissions by 2047. "We are working on vehicles powered by both electric and hydrogen engines," he said. He added that the company will collaborate with the central government and private agencies to establish charging stations along national highways to encourage EV adoption. "Just as charging stations have been set up every 50 to 100 kilometres on the Chennai-Bengaluru highway, similar infrastructure on other highways will significantly boost electric vehicle usage," he said. Referring to hydrogen mobility, Kaul said the central government has set a target of net-zero emissions by 2070 and is preparing a policy and roadmap for hydrogen engine vehicles in coordination with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. Tata Motors, he said, is actively contributing to the development of this ecosystem by providing inputs on hydrogen refuelling stations and implementation strategies. (W-mb)

Jamshedpur plant upgraded with modular assembly line: Vishal

Jamshedpur/New Delhi, Jan 21: Highlighting manufacturing capabilities, Vishal Badshah, Vice President of Operations, Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles, said the Jamshedpur plant remains the backbone of the company's truck operations. He said Tata Motors is developing a modular assembly line at the Jamshedpur facility, enabling vehicles to be manufactured based on customer orders. "Ten of the 17 next-generation vehicles launched are manufactured at the Jamshedpur plant," he said.

Badshah said all Signa and Prima trucks, including electric variants, are produced at Jamshedpur. "This shows how the mother plant is delivering world-class products while addressing customer needs related to profitability, fuel efficiency, sustainability and safety," he said. He added that continued investments in infrastructure and systems at the plant will also generate employment opportunities.

Reiterating confidence in the facility, Badshah said, "With upgraded infrastructure and future-ready technologies, Jamshedpur will continue to play a key role in Tata Motors' growth journey.

Young minds say no to tobacco at KSMS



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Jamshedpur, Jan 21: A Tobacco Control Awareness Session was successfully conducted on Wednesday at Kerala Samajam Model School under the initiative of the Care and Share Club. The programme witnessed the active participation of around 200 students along with 15 teachers.

The session was addressed by Dr. Md. Asad, District Epidemiologist, East Singhbhum; Mousumi Chatterjee, District Consultant, National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), East Singhbhum; and Kundan Kumar, Social Worker, NTCP, East Singhbhum. The resource persons sensitized students about the harmful effects of tobacco consumption, its long-term impact on physical and mental health, preventive measures, and the importance of adopting a tobacco-free lifestyle. The programme was conducted under the able guidance and support of the Principal, Nandini Shukla, along with the Vice Principals, whose encouragement and cooperation played a vital role in the smooth and successful conduct of the session.

The speakers motivated students to act as ambassadors of change by spreading awareness among their peers and families, emphasizing the role of youth in building a healthy and tobacco-free society. (W-pb)

Brazen mid-day break-in at Mango clinic, one held

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 21: A daring burglary in broad daylight shocked the Mango area on Wednesday after two miscreants broke into a dental clinic and fled with electronic equipment. The incident occurred around 12:30 pm at Lalita Parshuram Dental Clinic on Sankosai Road No. 1, where the accused allegedly entered the premises by breaking a rear wall and stole a television set and a laptop. Their escape attempt was thwarted when alert locals noticed the act and gave chase, managing to catch one of the accused. His accomplice, however, managed to flee. Police from Mango police station reached the spot soon after and took the arrested accused into custody for questioning.Efforts are on to trace and arrest the absconding accused. The incident has raised concerns over daytime security in the area, prompting residents to seek increased police vigilance and regular patrolling. (w-pm)

Rs 25 lakh theft during wedding night in Jugsalai

Jamshedpur, Jan 21: A major theft was reported from Jugsalai police station area after unidentified thieves decamped with cash and jewellery worth nearly Rs 25 lakh from a house in Naya Bazar, Ramtekri Road near Firingi Chowk. According to the FIR lodged at Jugsalai police station, the incident took place in the early hours of January 21, around 2 am. The complainant, local resident Amritpal Singh Saggu, stated that a wedding was being held at his house, due to which several guests were present. Taking advantage of the situation, an unknown thief allegedly entered the house and committed the theft. The entire incident has been captured on CCTV cameras installed at the premises. The stolen items include two gold bangles weighing 60 grams, two gold rings weighing 30 grams, a 20-gram gold chain, a 5-gram gold locket, four pairs of gold earrings weighing 40 grams, twelve silver bangles weighing 150 grams, two wristwatches worth Rs 10,000, and Rs 30,000 in cash. Police have registered a case and initiated an investigation. Efforts are underway to identify the accused with the help of CCTV footage.

Sanjay Gorai appointed Kolhan regional in-charge of JLKM



Gamharia, Jan 21: In a key organizational move, the Jharkhand Loktantrik Krantikari Morcha (JLKM) has appointed Sanjay Gorai, a central committee member, as the regional in-charge of the Kolhan region.

The appointment aims to strengthen the labor organization and expand its influence in the region. Workers praised Gorai's experience, grassroots activism, and dedication to workers' rights, expressing confidence that his leadership will enhance JLKM's labor policy and organizational outreach. Sanjay Gorai, on assuming the role, promised to fulfill his responsibilities with dedication and honesty, focusing on addressing workers' issues at the grassroots level and strengthening the organization across Kolhan.

Seraikela-Kharsawan pioneers online auction of seized sand

Seraikela, Jan 21 : In a landmark move towards transparency and technology-driven governance, the Seraikela-Kharsawan district administration has successfully conducted Jharkhand's first-ever online auction of seized sand, generating Rs 2.30 crore in revenue.

The auction involved nearly 12 lakh cubic feet of seized sand, with a base price of Rs 1.72 crore.

Competitive online bidding led to higher-than-expected revenue for the state.

Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh said the initiative reflects good governance, ensuring transparency, curbing illegal mining, and creating legitimate revenue sources. He added that similar online auction mechanisms will be adopted in future for the lawful disposal of seized minerals. (w- pm)

DAV Bistupur observes Road Safety Week

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 21: The Safe Club of DAV Public School, Bistupur, organised a road safety awareness programme on Tuesday to mark Road Safety Awareness Week 2026. The programme was conducted under the guidelines of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, with the aim of educating students about road safety measures and responsible behaviour on roads.

The event was graced by several dignitaries, including Dhananjay, District Transport Officer (DTO), Jamshedpur; Niraj Kumar, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Traffic), Jamshedpur; Prakash Kumar Giri, Road Safety Manager, Jamshedpur; and IshwarLalSahu, Motor Vehicle Inspector (MVI), Jamshedpur. The guests interacted with students and shared important insights on road safety and traffic discipline.

As part of the programme, the school organised a slogan writing competition for students of Classes IV and V and a mask-making competition for Classes VI and VII. Through creative expressions, students conveyed strong messages on road safety and responsible road use. A pantomime performance by students further highlighted the importance of following traffic rules and avoiding careless behaviour.

Adding to the impact of the event, a nukkadnatak performed by the District Administration's team delivered a powerful message on the consequences of reckless driving and the need for



public awareness. Addressing the gathering, DTO Dhananjay emphasised the importance of discipline on roads and spoke about rising accident cases due to negligence and ignorance of traffic rules. He urged students and citizens to make road safety a daily habit. Principal Pragya Singh, also ARO Jharkhand Zone-E, praised government initiatives on road safety and appreciated the Safe Club's efforts in organising regular awareness programmes. She encouraged students to strictly follow traffic rules both on roads and within the school campus. The programme concluded with a road safety pledge taken by students, teachers and staff members, reaffirming their commitment to safer roads. (W-mb)

Rotary Inter-Club Cricket Tournament on Jan 26

Jamshedpur, Jan 21: The Rotary Club of Jamshedpur Steel City, under Rotary International District 3250, is all set to organise the Rotary Inter-Club Cricket Tournament on January 26, marking Republic Day with sportsmanship and fellowship. The tournament will be held at the C H Area Cricket Ground from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm, where the venue is expected to resonate with enthusiasm, healthy competition, and team spirit. The sporting event is being jointly organised by the Rotary Club of Jamshedpur, Rotary Club of Jamshedpur West, and the Rotary Club of JSR Steel City.

DBMS College marks Parakram Diwas with patriotic prog

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Jamshedpur, Jan 21: DBMS College of Education celebrated ParakramDiwas with great enthusiasm under the joint banner of NSS Unit-1 and the Social Science Club. The programme paid rich tribute to NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose and highlighted his life, ideals and contribution to India's freedom struggle.

The event was smoothly anchored by students Nandini and Akanksha. Pragya delivered a Hindi speech, while Amrita presented an English speech, both highlighting the courage, leadership and patriotism of Netaji. A documentary on the life and struggles of NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose was presented by Rohit and Ravi, giving students deeper insights into his revolutionary journey. Poetry recitation by Anjali and Rashmi added an emotional and patriotic touch to the programme. One of the major attractions of the event was a stage enactment depicting various characters of the Rani Jhansi Regiment. The powerful performance captivated the audience, with Parimal Pal's portrayal of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose leaving a strong and lasting impression. The programme was meticulously planned and coordinated by NSS Programme Officer PoonamKumari, under whose guidance the student presentations and enactments were widely appreciated.

Addressing the gathering, College Principal Dr Joohi Samarpita spoke about the glorious history of the Azad Hind Fauj and shared lesser-known aspects of Netaji's personal life. She urged students to imbibe the values of patriotism, sacrifice and discipline in their lives. The event received significant support from Vice-Principal Dr. Monika Uppal, Secretary Sripriya Dharmarajan and Joint Secretary SudhaDilip. (W-mb)

AFFIDAVIT

Through an affidavit of 20.01.2026 vide Sl. No. 66 from Executive Magistrate, Dhalbhum, Jamshedpur, I, Md. Aftab Alam, S/o Md. Nizamuddin (UID No. 2851-4470-9523) resident of 26A, Road No. 07, Bagan Shashi, Near Sharbi Masjid, Post Azadnagar, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand do hereby declare that in my Voter Card (EPIC No. JVN0579409) my name is recorded as Md Afatab Alam Siddiki. That in my SBI A/c (10519785598) my name is Md. Aftab Alam Siddiquee. That my names MD AFATAB ALAM SIDDIKI and MD AFTAB ALAM SIDDIQUEE and MD AFTAB ALAM are of one & same person i.e. myself only for all intents and purposes.

AFFIDAVIT

Through an affidavit of Sl. No. 14, Date 21.01.2026 from Jamshedpur Court, I, **PUJA DAS**, W/o Subhasish Das, R/o H.No. 46, 3rd Phase, Krishnapur, Near Hyva India Pvt. Ltd., Adityapur Industrial Area, Dist. Seraikela-Kharsawan, Jharkhand-832109 declare that my previous name **PUJA ADAK**, now I have change my name as **PUJA DAS** which is mentioned in my all documents and papers.

AFFIDAVIT

Through an affidavit of Sl. No. 04, Date 10.01.2026 from Ghatsila Court, I, Mohammad Jameer Khan, S/o Md. Safar Khan, of Vill. Kamarigora, P.O. & P.S. Chakulia, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand declare that Mohammad Jameer Khan is my NAME as per my Aadhar Card. That in my Passport Certificate No. T3967657, my wife nick name is mentioned as NAZIA BEGAM, inplace of NAZIA KHATOON which is my wife's actual name and as per her Aadhar Card and Passport No. C5222248. That NAZIA KHATOON and NAZIA BEGAM is the name of same and one identical lady i.e. my wife.

AFFIDAVIT

Through an affidavit of dated 19.01.2026 from Jamshedpur Court, I, **MD. ABID KHAN,** S/o Ahmad Khan, R/o Vill.- Potka Ichinda Sai, P.O. & P.S. Chakradharpur, Dist. West Singhbhum, Jharkhand-833102 declare that the actual and correct name of my father is **AHMAD KHAN** mentioned in my Aadhar Card vide No. 6864 1821 4436 and in my all documents, but in my Passport, bearing No. T3821568, my father's name is recorded as **MD. AHMAD KHAN.** That AHMAD KHAN and MD. AHMAD KHAN is one and the same person i.e. same person with same personality, who is my father. That I want to correct my father's name in my Passport as AHMAD KHAN in place of previous recorded name mentioned above in the Passport from the authorised concerned.

Arka Jain, Netaji Subhas varsities shine at sports meet

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, Jan 21: The two-day inter-college sports tournament Kridankam concluded successfully at RVS College of Engineering & Technology on Tuesday, drawing enthusiastic participation from several colleges across the city. The event featured competitions in cricket, football, volleyball, basketball and badminton.

After preliminary rounds held on the first day, teams that qualified for the finals competed on Tuesday in closely contested matches. In cricket, Arka Jain University emerged as the champion. NetajiSubhas University won the football title, while Arka Jain University finished as runners-up. In basketball, Karim City College dominated both categories, winning the boys' and girls' titles, with RVS College of Engineering finishing runners-up in both events.

In volleyball, RVS College of Engineering clinched the boys' title, while Co-operative College secured the runners-up position. In the girls' volleyball final, Mrs. KMPM Vocational College emerged victorious, with Jamshedpur Women's University finishing second. Badminton events were also conducted, with winners and runners-up being rewarded for their performances.

Following the completion of all finals, a prize distribution ceremony was held in the presence of RVS Trust Chairman Binda Singh, Treasurer Shatrughan Singh, College Principal Prof. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Tiwari and Training and Placement Head Dr.Vikram Sharma. Winners and runners-up were awarded medals, certificates, shields and cash prizes. The cricket and football winners received Rs 6,000 each, while runners-up were awarded Rs 3,000. In boys' basketball and volleyball, winners received Rs 3,000 and runners-up Rs 1,500. In girls' events, winners were awarded Rs 2,000 and runners-up Rs 1,000. Badminton winners received Rs 1,000 and runners-up Rs 500. (W-mb)

PhD Awarded



As per the order of Vice Chancellor, Arka Jain University, Jharkhand (NAAC Grade A), **Kumari Payal** (Reg. No. AJU/191357), (**D/o Mr. M. P. Singh & Mrs. Shakuntala Singh, W/o Mr. P.K.Singh**) has been awarded Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) Examination in the subject English held on October 16, 2025 as per the provision of the UGC.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SONALI DAS @ SARA BEGUM**, W/o Shahbaz Khan, by faith Muslim, by Nationality Indian, resident of H. No. - 8, Park Road Mandir Path Bhatiya Basti, Kadma, Jamshedpur, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand 831005, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows :-

1. That I am an Indian citizen by Birth.
2. That my actual and correct name is **SARA BEGUM**.
3. That after my married I changed my name from **SONALI DAS** to **SARA BEGUM** and also changed my religion too.
4. That my name **SONALI DAS** mentioned in my Aadhaar Card, Pan Card, Voter ID Card and my all-educational certificate.
5. That **SARA BEGUM** and **SONALI DAS** names are same and one person i.e. myself.
6. That I am swearing this Affidavit to confirm and true the above facts, and from today I have known as **SARA BEGUM** instead of **SONALI DAS** and to produce before the any authority concerned for the same, hence this affidavit.

Sl. No. : 25
Date : 19-01-2026 Advocate

AFFIDAVIT

I, **RAJINDER KAUR BHATIA**, wife of Raghubir Singh Bhatia, Daughter of Gurucharan Singh Bhatia, by Nationality Indian, Resident of Dispensary Road, Behind Gurudwara, PO Jugsalai, Jamshedpur, East Singhbhum, state of Jharkhand 831006, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows :-

1. That I am Indian citizen by birth. And residing at above mentioned address.
2. That my actual and correct name is **RAJINDER KAUR BHATIA**.
3. That my name **RAJINDER KAUR BHATIA** mentioned in my pan card bearing no **ADDPB5425A**, Aadhar Card bearing no **2299 8722 6648** and voter card bearing no **KQR866575.**
4. That my name mentioned as **RAJINDER KAUR** in my passport bearing no Z3124366, issue date 15-12-2015.
5. That RAJINDER KAUR BHATIA and RAJINDER KAUR is same and one person i.e My self
6. That I swear this affidavit to confirm the above fact are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date : 15-11-2025 Advocate

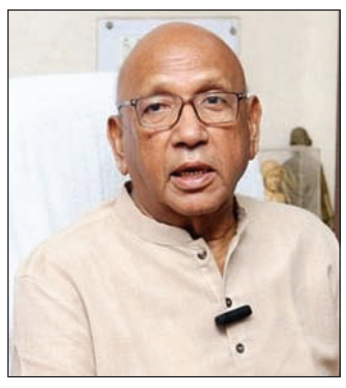
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Saryu Roy rebuts 'Misleading Report', issues video warning ahead of Mango civic polls

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 21: Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy has strongly refuted what he termed a "misleading and false report" aired by a local news channel regarding the poor condition of Old Purulia Road in Mango.

In a video statement released on Wednesday, Roy accused certain section of journalists and political opponents of spreading misinformation as the Mango Municipal Corporation elections draw near. Reacting sharply to the report, Roy said the Old Purulia Road had been constructed twice in the last five years during the tenure of former minister Banna Gupta, and both times the road deteriorated. He pointed out that Gupta himself had admitted this fact in an interview on the same channel.





According to Roy, the road was first rebuilt in 2022-23 with blacktopping work, and then reconstructed again two years later, but failed to last.

Roy clarified that he assumed office as MLA only towards the end of 2024, and a fresh estimate for the road was prepared in 2025 after its condition became "extremely dilapidated," with potholes at multiple locations. He said the estimate was forwarded in July 2025 to the Jharkhand government's Central Design Organisation, which completed the design and sent it to the Engineer-in-Chief on December 9, 2025.

"The file has been pending there since then," Roy said, questioning who was responsible for stopping the work.

Emphasising that he works even in areas where he does not receive electoral support, Roy said several schemes under the MLA Local Area Development Fund have been recommended for Mango. He added that engineers have been instructed clearly not to carry out cosmetic repairs but to build a strong and wider road once approvals are cleared.

Launching a scathing attack on Banna Gupta, Roy alleged large-scale irregularities in road repairs and sanitation works during Gupta's tenure.

He questioned why the same roads required repairs twice within five years and alleged discrepancies in sanitation contracts. "If a contractor is supposed to deploy 50 workers but only 15 are found on site, where are the remaining 35 whose salaries are being drawn?" Roy asked, alleging that favoured contractors were being shielded.

Roy said he has formally written to the Mango Municipal Corporation seeking action against erring contractors and announced that he would personally question the Deputy Municipal Commissioner on Thursday regarding the steps taken so far.

Dismissing claims that a future mayor could improve these roads, Roy said Old Purulia Road falls under the Road Construction Department and has no connection with the mayor's office.

He also accused Gupta of being under the "illusion" that his wife would become mayor.

Warning citizens against "political traps" ahead of the civic elections, Roy said corruption would be exposed during the polls. Drawing an analogy, he cautioned residents to remain vigilant. "The hunter will come, set traps and bait. Do not fall for the lure," he said, alleging attempts to replicate in the municipal corporation what he described as unchecked corruption in the health department during Gupta's ministerial tenure. (w- pm)

Govt to strengthen public health with 245 BPHUs

Mail News Service

Ranchi, Jan 21: Health Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari has announced a landmark initiative to modernize and decentralize the state's public health system with the establishment of 245 Block Public Health Units (BPHUs) across all assembly constituencies, at a total investment of Rs 205 crore. The move aims to enhance clinical services, improve disease surveillance, and provide timely, evidence-based health interventions, particularly for tribal, remote, and underserved communities.



Each BPHU will integrate an existing health facility such as a community health center or block PHC, a Block Public Health Laboratory, and a Block Health Management Information System cell. The units will act as a decentralized platform for health service delivery, planning, emergency preparedness, and coordinated public health response at the block level.

Dr. Ansari emphasized that the initiative will strengthen healthcare at the grassroots, ensure quality diagnostics, rapid response to outbreaks, and greater accountability. Coordinated with platforms like ESIC and digital health systems, BPHUs are expected to improve both technical and non-technical aspects of healthcare delivery in the state.

The program, supported under the Prime Minister's Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission and the 15th Finance Commission, marks a historic step toward creating a resilient, citizen-centric public health model. With the launch of BPHUs, Jharkhand aims to become a leading example of modern, decentralized healthcare in India, ensuring strong health protection for every village, especially in tribal and remote areas. (W-rg)

Fair price shopkeepers urge inclusion of their demands in Abua Budget

Gamharia, Jan 21: Phulkant Jha, Kolhan convenor and State Secretary of the Jharkhand Fair Price Shop Dealers Association, has written to Chief Minister Hemant Soren, urging the inclusion of PDS shopkeepers' interests in the upcoming Abua Budget. Copies of the letter were also sent to Finance Minister Radhakrishna Kishore and Food Supply Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari. The letter outlines 11 key demands, including the payment of pending commissions under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) before Durga Puja and timely release of Green Card and NFSA commissions for 2023-24 and 2024. Shopkeepers also seek health insurance coverage up to Rs 15 lakh through smart cards, minimum assistance of Rs 3 lakh for families in case of accidental death, and a monthly allowance of Rs 3,000 to cover shop rent, e-POS machine rent, and electricity bills. Other demands include a monthly subsistence allowance of Rs 10,000 for retired shopkeepers, provision of rice for funeral rites for poor families in each panchayat, phased recruitment of youth, and distribution of 2 kg of sugar per family per month. Phulkant Jha stated that PDS shopkeepers form the backbone of government welfare schemes but have long been denied their rightful dues and respect. He appealed to the government to consider these demands, noting that their inclusion would strengthen both the shopkeepers' economic condition and the efficiency of the public distribution system.

JAC releases exam schedule for classes 8, 9 and 11

Mail News Service

Ranchi, Jan 21: The Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) has released the examination schedule for Class 8, Class 9 and Intermediate (Class 11). According to the notification issued by the council, all subject examinations will be conducted on OMR sheets, and candidates will be given an additional 15 minutes to read the question paper.

As per the schedule, the Class 8 examination will be held on February 24, the Class 9 examination on February 28 and March 2, while the Intermediate (Class 11) examination will be conducted from February 25. The Class 8 and Class 9 examinations will be held in two shifts, while the Class 11 examination will also be conducted in two shifts over multiple days.

The Class 8 examination on February 24 will be held in two shifts, with the first shift from 9:45 am to 1:00 pm for Hindi, English or any other language, and the second shift from 2:00 pm to 5:15 pm for mathematics, science and social science. Each subject will carry 50 marks in the form of multiple-choice questions, while internal assessment of 100 marks will be conducted at the school level. Admit cards for Class 8 students will be available for download from the council's official website from February 14, and internal assessment marks will be uploaded online between February 26 and March 10, 2026.

The Class 9 examination will be held on February 28 and March 2, 2026. On February 28, the first shift will be for Hindi A, Hindi B and English, while the second shift will be for mathematics and science. On March 2, the first shift will be held for social science and other language subjects. Each subject will carry 40 marks through MCQs, along with 10 marks for internal assessment at the school level. Admit cards for Class 9 will be available from February 20, and internal assessment marks will be uploaded between March 5 and March 15, 2026.

The Intermediate (Class 11) examination will be conducted from February 25 to February 27 in two shifts. The first shift will be held from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm, while the second shift will be from 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm or 5:15 pm, depending on the subject. The examinations will cover core language subjects, physics, chemistry, accountancy, biology and optional subjects. Each subject will include 40 marks of objective questions, while some subjects will have examinations of 80 or 120 marks. Internal assessment marks for Class 11 will be uploaded by March 2, 2026. The Jharkhand Academic Council has appealed to all schools, colleges and students to strictly follow the guidelines issued for the examinations. (W-rg)

Rs 2 lakh murder plot exposed in Godda, magistrate's wife killed, kin held

Godda, Jan 21: In a shocking revelation, police have cracked the murder case of Vandana Kumari Sah, wife of a Judicial Magistrate posted in Samastipur, exposing a meticulously planned contract killing worth Rs 2 lakh.

Three accused, including the magistrate's brother Subodh Kumar Sah, have been arrested, while raids are underway to nab three others involved in the crime.

Addressing a press conference on Wednesday, Superintendent of Police Mukesh Kumar said the case was solved through a combination of technical surveillance and human intelligence.

The arrested accused have been identified as Subodh Kumar Sah, Mohammad Arif, and Shyam Kumar Sah.

According to the SP, Vandana Kumari Sah had filed a case against her husband in the Godda court, where her testimony was in progress.

On the day of her court appearance, Subodh Kumar Sah arrived in Godda and allegedly orchestrated the attack.

While returning after recording her statement, Vandana was shot at the behest of Subodh by hired shooters from Kahalgaon.

Police revealed that Subodh himself identified the victim for the shooters and paid them Rs 2 lakh to execute the murder.

Free cataract surgeries conducted

Gamharia, Jan 21: Anandamarga Universal Relief Team Global, in partnership with Saraikela-Kharsawan and Trinethram Eye Hospital, conducted free cataract surgeries for six patients, including two women and four men. Blankets were also distributed to the patients.

The patients were identified during a free eye check-up camp held on January 17 at Anandamarga School, Kandra, where eight cataract cases were detected. Six patients underwent successful surgeries, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Vivek Kedia and Dr. Atish Pradhan of Trinethram Eye Hospital, and volunteers Gopal Barman, Surya Prakash, Piyush Anand, Jiten Barman, Bhartrihari, and others from Anandamarga Universal Relief Team Global.

Roy submits draft of Jharkhand Geo-Heritage Bill to Guv



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 21: Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy has submitted the draft of the Jharkhand Geo-Heritage (Fossil) Bill to the Governor of Jharkhand, seeking permission to introduce it as a Private Member's Money Bill in the upcoming Budget Session of the Jharkhand Assembly, 2026.

Explaining the constitutional requirement, Roy said that prior approval of the Governor is mandatory before a Money Bill can be introduced in the Assembly.

Accordingly, he handed over the draft to the Governor on Wednesday and requested consent for its presentation.

The Governor assured Roy that the draft would be forwarded to the state government with recommendations and, once it reaches him through the prescribed legislative process, permission for its introduction would be granted at the earliest.

Notably, Roy had earlier submitted the draft of the Bill to the Speaker of the Jharkhand Assembly on Tuesday, formally informing him of his intent to present the Private Member's Bill during the forthcoming Budget Session. According to Roy, a large number of fossilised wood remains are scattered across the Rajmahal hills, particularly in Sahibganj and Pakur districts. These rare geological assets are being damaged due to mining and other human activities, despite their significance as valuable national heritage. He emphasised that a dedicated law and regulatory framework are urgently required to ensure their protection and conservation. (w- pm)

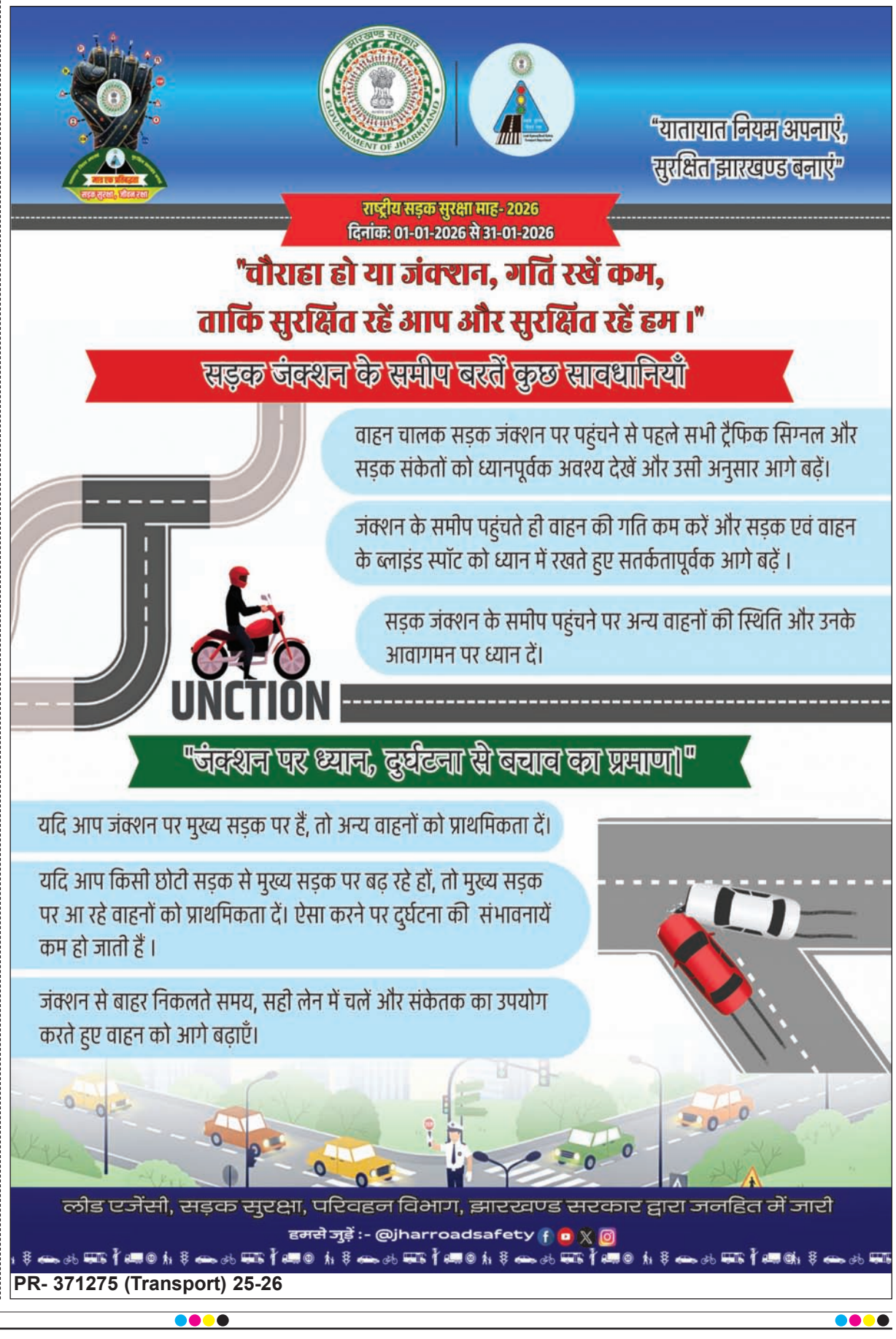
SP reviews law and order in monthly crime control meeting



Mail News Service

Seraikela, Jan 21 : Superintendent of Police Mukesh Luniyat chaired the district's monthly crime control meeting on Wednesday at the office conference hall of the district headquarters.

Detailed discussions were held on strengthening security and maintaining law and order in view of the upcoming Republic Day and Saraswati Puja. The SP directed all police station in-charges to keep a strict watch on anti-social elements during the festive period and enhance police visibility in their respective areas. During the review, he ordered intensified action against the illegal sale of narcotics and brown sugar, and stressed making the awareness-cum-verification drive to curb opium cultivation more effective. Emphasising women's safety, the SP instructed that investigations in rape and POCSO Act cases must be completed within 60 days under all circumstances. Issues related to traffic management and road safety were also discussed, with directions to launch extensive checking drives to reduce road accidents. The performance report of Dial 112 was shared in the meeting, which showed the district's average response time at 8 minutes and 51 seconds. The SP asked officials to further improve the response time. He also issued strict instructions to complete passport verification within five days, strengthen cyber crime control measures, and take firm action against illegal mining. Sub-divisional police officers, circle inspectors and all police station in-charges were present at the meeting. (w-pm)



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Tata Steel EDIC and TSF promote rural talent through sports

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Gamharia, Jan 21: To encourage sports, talent development, and physical well-being among rural students, Tata Steel's Engineering & Projects (EDIC) Department, in collaboration with the Tata Steel Foundation, organized a sports competition at the new primary schools of Shivpur and Salampathar under Burudih Panchayat.

Held under the guidance of Chief Human Resources Officer RasheedJafri, the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of Classes 1 to 5. Young participants showcased their abilities in various sporting activities, highlighting the immense potential and hidden talent present in rural areas.

During the programme, Arun Kumar, Head of EDIC, announced that Tata Steel has adopted both schools for a period of one year. Under this initiative, the company will implement a range of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes aimed at the holistic development of students. These initiatives will focus on educational support, infrastructure development, health, and overall well-being.

The winners of the sports events were awarded prizes by teachers Shivram Nayak and Prabha Mandal, who appreciated Tata Steel's efforts to motivate and inspire rural children through sports. The event was successfully coordinated by Head of Administration Pradip Ghosh and Ashish Kumar Sharma.

Several EDIC team members, including Manager Dr. Sunil Kumar Sharma, Subodh Kumar Chaudhary, Nirmal Kumar Pandey, Naveen Kumar, Ravi Kumar Singh, and Reena, were present on the occasion.

Through such initiatives, Tata Steel continues its commitment to community development and nation-building by nurturing young talent through education and sports in its operational regions.

Historic online auction of seized sand generates Rs 2.30 cr

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Seraikela, Jan 21: In a landmark initiative toward transparency, technology-driven governance, and revenue enhancement, the Seraikela-Kharsawan district administration successfully conducted Jharkhand's first-ever online auction of seized sand, generating a total revenue of Rs. 2.30 crore. Under this legal and transparent process, approximately 12 lakh cubic feet of seized sand was auctioned online. The base price for the auction was fixed at Rs. 1.72 crore, but competitive bidding resulted in a significantly higher final amount, ensuring additional revenue for the state. Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh described the initiative as a major step toward good governance. He stated that adopting online auction mechanisms not only strengthens control over illegal mining but also ensures lawful utilization of seized mineral resources while maximizing state revenue. He further clarified that the district administration will continue to prioritize transparent and competitive online auctions for the disposal of seized minerals in the future.

Special excise drive destroys illicit mahua liquor dens

Seraikela, Jan 21: Following strict directives from Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh, the district administration launched a special enforcement drive against illegal liquor under the leadership of Superintendent of Excise Kshitij Minj in the Chandil sub-division.

During the operation, surprise raids were conducted on four illegal Mahua liquor distilleries operating near Bhadudih in the Chandil police station area, including the villages of Hamsada, Jariadih, and Khokhrodi.

Approximately 1,100 kilograms of fermented Mahua was recovered and destroyed on the spot, while 50 liters of ready-made illicit liquor was seized.

Cases are being registered against the operators under relevant sections of the Jharkhand Excise Act, and further legal action is underway.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated a zero-tolerance policy against illegal liquor manufacturing and directed officials to maintain continuous surveillance, especially in sensitive and border areas.

Dr Satpathy visits Seraikela Temple



Seraikela, Jan 21: With the objective of spreading the spiritual message of Shirdi Sai Baba, a convoy led by Dr. Chandrabhanu Satpathy, a prominent Sai devotee and renowned Indian scholar, reached the Seraikela Sai Temple. Dr. Satpathy was warmly welcomed by religious worker and former Vice Chairman of Seraikela Nagar Panchayat, Manoj Kumar Chaudhary, who honored him with a bouquet of flowers and presented a Gita diary, seeking his blessings. Addressing devotees, Dr. Satpathy emphasized Sai Baba's core teachings of Shraddha (faith), Saburi (patience), and selfless service to humanity. He said Sai Baba's path is not limited to spiritual upliftment alone but also serves as a powerful medium for social harmony, compassion, and humanitarian service. Born in Cuttack, Odisha, Dr. Satpathy is a former police officer, author, astrologer, and humanitarian. He has established several Sai temples across the country and authored numerous books on spirituality, Vedic astrology, astronomy, and religious philosophy.

BIT Mesra inaugurates international conference in language learning



Ranchi, Jan 21: The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Birla Institute of Technology (BIT), Mesra, inaugurated a three-day International Conference on "Technology, Ethics, and Cultural Dimensions in Foreign Language Teaching and Learning" in hybrid mode. The conference saw active participation from academicians, researchers, and students from India and abroad.

The inaugural session began at 10:00 AM in Seminar Hall-I, R&D Building, with dignitaries including Officiating Vice Chancellor Dr. Ashoke Sharon, HOD Dr. Bhaskar Karn, Dr. Dharmendra Kumar Chand, Convener Dr. Mrinal Kumar Pathak, and Dr. Sandeep Kumar Biswas. The chief guest was Mrs. Julia Martin from the French Embassy, India, who shared insights on promoting French language and culture globally.

The ceremony featured traditional lamp lighting, BIT prayer, and presentation of mementoes and shawls to the guests. Dr. Karn emphasized integrating ethics and cultural sensitivity in tech-based language education. Dr. Pathak highlighted AI's benefits and challenges, calling it "a wonderful servant but a disastrous master." Dr. Sharon spoke on AI and digital innovation in higher education, while Mrs. Martin delivered the keynote on "Foreign Language Teaching in the AI Era: Opportunities and Challenges," linking AI to the myth of Prometheus.

Post-inauguration, Prof. Sushant Kumar Mishra (JNU) delivered a lecture on technology reshaping language learning, emphasizing AI's role in enhancing memory while balancing teacher-guided creativity. Multiple paper presentation sessions followed, chaired by Prof. Mishra, Dr. Rohit Kumar Pandey, and Dr. Ananya Saha, enabling in-depth scholarly discussions. The first day concluded with active academic exchanges, enriching participants' learning experience.

Numan, Alishka shine at Andhra Association Sports Day

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, Jan 21: Andhra Association English School, Kadma, celebrated Annual Sports Day 2026 with great enthusiasm at the JRD Tata Sports Complex, witnessing vibrant participation from students across classes. The event highlighted the school's focus on physical fitness, discipline and all-round development. The programme was graced by Col. VinayAhuja, Commanding Officer, 37 Jharkhand Battalion NCC, as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, he lauded the school's efforts in encouraging sports among students and urged young athletes to pursue excellence with determination, discipline and a strong sense of teamwork. The Sports Day began with an impressive ceremonial march past by the four houses, drawing loud applause from parents, teachers and well-wishers present at the venue. This was followed by a series of track and field events, where students showcased agility, stamina and sportsmanship. Participants competed with great zeal, creating an atmosphere of excitement throughout the day. The prize distribution ceremony was the highlight of the event. Numan Khan of Class X was declared Best Athlete (Boy) with 12 points, while AlishkaMarandi of Class X emerged as Best Athlete (Girl) with an impressive 18 points. Ruby House (Red) won the Best March Past award and also lifted the overall championship with 73 points, while Sapphire House (Blue) finished as runner-up with 66 points. The chief guest congratulated the winners and encouraged all students to remain actively involved in sports for their physical and mental well-being. Several winners of track and field events were felicitated on the occasion.

Road safety awareness under National Road Safety Month

Seraikela, Jan 21: Under National Road Safety Month–2026, a series of awareness programs were organized across Seraikela-Kharsawan district in line with the theme "Safety through Learning, Transformation through Technology."

The programs aimed to reduce road accidents by encouraging citizens to strictly follow traffic rules.

A school-level awareness program and painting competition were organized at Vikramaditya +2 High School, Leptand (Ichagarh block), where students creatively conveyed strong messages on road safety.

In the Gaurangkocha area, traffic rule violators were counseled, helmets were distributed, and safe driving practices were explained. Additionally, road safety messages were disseminated through an awareness vehicle in the Chauka area, while pamphlets were distributed in rural regions highlighting the importance of helmets, seat belts, speed limits, and responsible driving.

Tata Steel launches first electric truck at West Bokaro, boosts net zero drive



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, January 21: Tata Steel today marked a significant milestone in its journey towards sustainable operations with the launch of its first-ever Electric Truck at the Washery #3 Complex, Coal Beneficiation Plant, West Bokaro. This pioneering initiative, a first for the company's Raw Material Division, underscores Tata Steel's unwavering commitment to achieving Net Zero Emissions by 2045.

The strategic deployment of the electric truck is a result of invaluable partnerships with Montra Electric and Tycoon Industries Pvt. Ltd., reflecting a shared vision for a greener future in heavy industry.

This electric truck is targeted to operate with pure zero emissions, preventing 64 tonnes of CO_2 annually - an environmental benefit equivalent to planting 3,000 trees for each vehicle. The company plans to conduct extensive trials over the coming months to evaluate its performance and assess phased adoption across other operational areas. "This is a truly proud moment for our West Bokaro Division and the entire Raw Material Division team," stated B V Sudhir, Chief, Coal Beneficiation, West Bokaro Division, Tata Steel.

"The introduction of electric trucks is a tangible step towards integrating sustainability into our core operations, reducing our carbon footprint, and supporting India's transition to a low-carbon industrial ecosystem."

By replacing traditional diesel-powered vehicles with electric alternatives, Tata Steel aims to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, decrease noise pollution, and lower long-term operating costs.

This initiative reinforces Tata Steel's leadership in championing sustainable practices within the heavy industry sector.

Marang Buru Stone lifts football tournament title



Seraikela, Jan 21: Marang Buru Stone emerged as champions of the region's prestigious football tournament organized under the aegis of AJC Chora at the Chora Ground in Kolabira. The much-anticipated final match was played between Marang Buru Stone and Nunaram Football Club, where Marang Buru Stone displayed excellent teamwork and strategy to secure a decisive victory.

Nunaram Football Club finished as the runner-up, while SJKs Sarkagajar claimed third position and Satyam Supporting secured fourth place.

The tournament witnessed enthusiastic participation from players and strong support from local spectators, reflecting the deep-rooted passion for football in the region. District Council Member Shambhu Mandal, present as the chief guest, distributed trophies and prize money to the winning teams. Addressing the gathering, he stated that Seraikela-Kharsawan district and Jharkhand as a whole are rich in sporting talent, especially in football. He emphasized that with proper platforms, infrastructure, and encouragement, local players have the potential to make their mark at national and international levels. The runner-up team was awarded by Prakash Mahto, the third-place team by Junior National Archer Gurucharan Besra, and the fourth-place team by Dewashish Hansda.

Bhagvat Katha describes Sudama's friendship and devotion

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, Jan 21: The seven-day Shrimad Bhagavata Katha organized by Sharanagati Parivar concluded at Tulsi Bhavan, Bistupur, with a Havan Yagna and grand community feast. Renowned storyteller Rasiya Baba from Vrindavan narrated the life of Sudama, highlighting the priceless nature of true friendship and devotion.

Through Sudama's unwavering friendship with Lord Krishna, the Katha conveyed lessons of detachment, selfless devotion, and liberation from worldly bonds. Rasiya Baba emphasized that wealth and possessions are insignificant compared to love and devotion.

The Katha explained that happiness, sorrow, wealth, and poverty are illusions; only love for God is eternal.

More than 500 devotees participated in the final Havan and partook in the Prasad. The discourse underscored that every divine act guides the soul toward salvation, and heartfelt devotion opens the doors to liberation.

The event's success was attributed to the efforts of organizers including Brijmohan Bagri, Vimal Ringsia Agrawal, Pradeep Mittal, and others.

BGU invites applications for new MBA in communication management

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Ranchi, Jan 21: Birla Global University (BGU), a premier university, invites applications for the first batch, i.e., 2026-28 batch of its MBA in Communication Management programme.

The program responds to the strong industry demand for skilled communication managers across corporate, media, consulting, and public policy domains.

In alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, emphasizing interdisciplinary education, experiential learning, and competency-based outcomes, BGU marks a significant step in strengthening its management education portfolio, with a focus on communication-led leadership.The MBA in Communication Management at BGU has been designed to prepare future-ready professionals capable of navigating the evolving landscape of brand communication, corporate communication management, crisis management, media engagement, and digital communication.

Prof. (Dr.) KulbhushanBalooni, Vice Chancellor, Birla Global University, said, "At BGU, We are committed to shaping future-ready leaders who can thrive in a data-driven and digitally connected world.

As communication increasingly defines leadership, trust, and organisational success, our focus is on integrating strategic thinking, industry relevance, and experiential learning to empower students to create impact, build influence, and drive meaningful informed transformation across sectors.

"Speaking on the launch, Dr. Shiv Shankar Das, Dean, Birla School of Communication, Birla Global University, said, "The MBA in Communication Management reflects BGU's commitment to addressing the evolving needs of organisations where communication plays a strategic role in leadership, governance, and brand building. The programme is designed to create professionals who can think strategically, communicate ethically, and lead confidently in complex business environments."

Farmers' Fair showcases agricultural growth in West Singhbhum

Mail News Service



Chaibasa, Jan 21: A one-day district-level farmers' fair and agricultural exhibition was organized at the premises of the Chief Minister's Excellent +2 District High School, Chaibasa, in West Singhbhum district. The event was held under the aegis of the Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, and Cooperative Department, Government of Jharkhand, with the objective of promoting modern agricultural practices and strengthening farmers' livelihoods.

The fair was formally inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Deepak Birua, Minister of Revenue and Land Reforms and Transport, Jharkhand, by lighting the ceremonial lamp. The occasion was graced by Special Guest Mrs. Joba Majhi, Member of Parliament from Singhbhum, along with Guests of Honor Niral Purti, MLA Manjgaon, and Jagat Majhi, MLA Manoharpur. District Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner Chandan Kumar and Deputy Development Commissioner Utkarsh Kumar were also present. All dignitaries were welcomed and felicitated by the District Agriculture Office with saplings, traditional attire, and mementos.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Deepak Birua emphasized that India is primarily an agrarian country and that West Singhbhum, too, depends largely on agriculture and forest-based produce. He stated that the Jharkhand government is fully committed to empowering farmers and improving their economic condition. The organization of the district-level agricultural fair, he said, reflects this commitment. He highlighted various government schemes aimed at agricultural mechanization, which enable farmers to increase productivity, reduce costs, and earn higher profits with less effort.

Singhbhum MP Joba Majhi, in her address, said that such agricultural fairs are organized every year to spread awareness among farmers about modern techniques and government schemes. She added that the state government is continuously working to transform farmers into self-reliant, debt-free, and profit-oriented producers. Acknowledging farmers' contribution, she said that the availability of food grains, pulses, and vegetables is the result of their hard work, which is why agriculture remains a top priority for the government.

MLAs Niral Purti and Jagat Majhi also addressed the farmers, informing them about various welfare schemes and urging them to adopt new agricultural opportunities to strengthen their livelihoods.

During the event, assets worth approximately ?60 lakh were distributed. These included a tractor and other agricultural implements under the Chief Minister's Tractor Distribution Scheme, pump sets with a 90 percent subsidy through the Land Conservation Office, a four-wheel-drive vehicle for fish transportation under the Fisheries Marketing Scheme, and Kisan Cards issued by the District Agriculture Office.

After the distribution ceremony, the dignitaries visited and inspected the exhibition stalls, interacted with farmers, and observed agricultural produce displayed by participants from different blocks of the district.

Bharat Singh congratulates Nitin Nabin

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 21: Senior BJP leader and State Executive Committee member Bharat Singh congratulated Mr. Nitin Naveen on his election as the National President of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Singh hailed it as a proud moment for every party worker, attributing Naveen's success to his hard work, dedication, and loyalty. He expressed confidence that under Naveen's leadership, the party will strengthen organizationally and further promote nationalism and development across the country. Singh praised Naveen as a dynamic speaker and skilled organizer, whose visionary approach and youth engagement will elevate the party to new heights.

District Judge reviews work of Legal Aid Defence Counsel



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Chaibasa, Jan 21: As per the directives of Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (JHALSA), Ranchi, the monthly review meeting of the Legal Aid Defence Counsel (LADC) was held under the chairmanship of Principal District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Shakir, who is also the Chairman of DLSA Chaibasa.

During the meeting, the District Judge reviewed the monthly performance and functioning of the Legal Aid Defence Counsel and issued necessary instructions to ensure effective legal assistance to underprivileged and needy litigants.

Officials present included Chief of LADC Surendra Prasad, Deputy Chief Surendra Prasad Das, Assistant DLSA Ratnesh Kumar, and Pooja Chaurasia.

Apprenticeship-cum-job fair at Srinath University on Feb 20

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Jamshedpur, Jan 21: Srinath University, Jamshedpur, will host a Mega Apprenticeship-cum-Job Fair on February 20, 2026, at its Adityapur campus. The event is being organized in collaboration with the Board of Practical Training (Eastern Region) under the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS), Ministry of Education, Government of India. The initiative aims to bridge the gap between academic institutions and the corporate sector by providing apprenticeship and employment opportunities to young graduates and diploma holders in reputed companies across the country. The fair is expected to offer structured, government-supported apprenticeship programmes along with direct job opportunities. The event will be open to graduates and diploma holders in Engineering and Technology, as well as students from general disciplines such as B.A., B.Sc., B.Com., Nursing, and other non-mining branches. Candidates who have passed out between 2021 and 2025 from recognized institutions and universities will be eligible to participate.

Dr. J. Rajesh, Dean of Administration at Srinath University, stated that the job fair aims to enhance youth employability by providing industry exposure and practical training. He added that the programme would play a key role in skill development and career advancement for young aspirants. Srinath University has appealed to nearby educational institutions to circulate information about the event and encourage eligible students to register in advance through the official link and QR code: https://acjf-moe.in/Registration.

The job fair will be held from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM. The organizers expressed confidence that the Mega Apprenticeship-cum-Job Fair will provide a strong platform for youth employment and skill-based career growth.

Loyola school students visit cheshire home



Jamshedpur, Jan 21: On January 17, 2026, members of the Interact Club and Jyoti Club of Loyola School, Telco undertook a meaningful social outreach visit to R. P. Patel Cheshire Home and Ashirwad Bhawan Old Age Home. The initiative reflected the school's commitment to fostering compassion, social responsibility, and respect for human dignity among students. The visit was designed as a value-based learning experience, enabling students to step beyond the classroom and engage with society through empathy, service, and shared humanity. Rather than limiting their efforts to the distribution of essential items, the students focused on building emotional connections with the elderly and differently abled residents.

During the visit, the students sang songs, performed dances, shared meals and snacks, listened attentively to personal stories, and spent quality time interacting with the residents. These heartfelt interactions created moments of joy, warmth, and companionship, leaving a lasting emotional impact on both the students and the residents. Through this experience, students gained valuable lessons in kindness, gratitude, patience, and inclusion. Many realized that emotional support, genuine presence, and attentive listening often matter more than material assistance. The smiles and emotional exchanges during the visit became powerful reminders of the importance of empathy and respect. The outreach programme beautifully echoed Loyola School's mission to nurture students who are not only academically competent but also morally grounded and socially sensitive. It reinforced the belief that true education extends beyond textbooks and examinations, finding its true meaning in service, empathy, and love for others.

JDU to celebrate Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's jayanti

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Jamshedpur, Jan 21: The Janata Dal (United) will celebrate the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on January 23 at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Maidan, Aam Bagan.

The program will commence at 11 AM, with Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy as the chief guest. Subodh Srivastava, JDU East Singhbhum president, said party members from across the district will attend the celebrations.

The event will feature floral tributes at Netaji's statue and remembrance of his heroic journey, with participants pledging to contribute to nation-building in his spirit. Preparations for the event are reported to be in full swing.

NCC cadets lead Birsa Munda awareness march in Ghatshila

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Ghatshila, Jan 21: NCC cadets of Ghatshila College organized a foot march to spread awareness among the younger generation about the legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and the vital contribution of the tribal community to nation-building. The march was flagged off from the college's main gate by Principal Dr. R.K. Chaudhary and Sub-Divisional Police Officer Ajit Kumar Kujur.

During the march, the cadets used slogans, pamphlets, and posters to educate the public about Bhagwan Birsa Munda's role in uniting the tribal community and leading the historic Ulgulan movement against British exploitation. They highlighted how his struggle ignited national consciousness during the colonial era and continues to inspire tribal communities and youth across India. The awareness march was organized under the coordination of NCC Officer Lieutenant Maheshwar Pramanik. Several prominent dignitaries joined the cadets to encourage the initiative, including Ghatshila MLA Somesh Chandra Soren, District Councilor Devyani Murmu, Kolhan University Senate member Lakhan Mardi, Ghatshila Block Head Sushila Tudu, Pawda Panchayat Mukhiya Parvati Soren, East Maubhandar Panchayat Deputy Mukhiya Rupesh Dubey, and Environmental Friends Circle Convener and Taku President Prof. Indal Paswan. Accompanied by a band, the march covered a distance of nearly eight kilometers. Starting from the Ghatshila College campus, the march proceeded through Maubhandar and culminated at the statue of Birsa Munda located near the HCL main gate. There, the cadets cleaned the statue premises and paid floral tributes as a mark of respect. MLA Somesh Chandra Soren formally inaugurated the program by garlanding the statue. Several academicians, faculty members, and representatives were present on the occasion, including Jagdish Bhakat, Dr. D.C. Ram, Dr. Sandeep Chandra, Dr. S.P. Singh, Dr. Krishna Prasad, Dr. Kumar Vishal, Dr. Sanjesh Tiwari, Dr. Mohammad Sajjad, Prof. Soma Singh, Prof. Ram Vinay Shyam, Prof. PunjisaBediya, Prof. Basanti Mardi, and Dr. Kanhai Barik, along with a large number of students and staff. Before the march, NCC cadets interacted with students on campus to explain the objectives of the Birsa Munda Foot March. Colonel Vinay Ahuja, Commanding Officer of the 37 Jharkhand Battalion NCC, and Colonel Premchand Jha, Administrative Officer, congratulated the Ghatshila College NCC unit for successfully organizing the program.

TMH Kings clinch title at T-10 Cricket Tournament



Gamharia, Jan 21: A one-day T-10 Cricket Tournament was successfully organized at the TGS Ground, Jamshedpur, witnessing enthusiastic participation and high-energy performances from teams representing Tata Steel Support Services Limited (TSTSL) and Tata Steel Specialized Services Limited (TSSSL). The tournament featured three exciting matches, including qualifier rounds and a thrilling final.

The event was formally inaugurated by Deepak Kamath, CEO, Tata Steel Support Services Limited, who encouraged the players and underlined the importance of sportsmanship, teamwork, and employee engagement through sporting activities.

The tournament was efficiently organized by Shivam Kumar, Ayesha Naha, and Anirudh Pandey from the HR team, whose coordinated efforts ensured the smooth conduct of the event.

Four teams participated in the tournament-Steel Warriors and Steel Titans from TSTSL, and TMH Kings and TMH 11 from TSSSL. In the qualifier match, Steel Titans faced TMH Kings in a competitive contest that set the tone for the day.

In the final match, Steel Warriors batted first and scored 50 runs in their allotted 10 overs. Chasing the target, TMH Kings displayed strong batting depth and composure, reaching the target comfortably in just seven overs to emerge as champions.

Saurav Tiwari of TMH, TSSSL was adjudged Player of the Match for his decisive performance in the final. The tournament concluded on a high note, promoting camaraderie, team spirit, and unity among employees of both organizations.

Annual festival of Baba Buddheshwar Nath Mahadev Temple begins



Seraikela, Jan 21: The three-day annual festival–2026 of Baba Buddheshwar Nath Mahadev Temple, located in Kudarsai, Seraikela, commenced with a grand Kalash Yatra on the auspicious occasion of Saraswati Puja. The festival marks three years since the renovation and consecration of the temple.

Organized by the Baba Buddheshwar Nath Bhakt Mandali, the procession carried 11 sacred water pots from the Kharkai River to the temple premises, accompanied by religious chants and rituals. This was followed by Rudrabhishek performed by priests amid Vedic mantras. In the evening, the deity was beautifully decorated, and Aarti was performed. The festival schedule includes Agni Sthapana and Havan, followed by Bhajan Sandhya and Prasad distribution. The festival will conclude on Friday with Purnahuti.

Five-day training camp on Tussar silk

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Seraikela, Jan 21: A five-day capacity-building training camp for Tussar silk farmers began at the Basic Seed Multiplication and Training Center in Kharsawan block, organized under the aegis of the Central Silk Board. The initiative aims to promote Tussar cultivation and enhance farmers' income through scientific and modern techniques.

The training camp was inaugurated by lighting a lamp by Project Officer Pradeep Kumar Mahto of Hatgamharia, Project Officer Nitish Kumar of Kharsawan, Scientist-B Sabuj Ganguly, Scientist-B Dukre Pradeep Gulab Rao, and Field Assistant Rajkumar Sahu.

Speaking on the occasion, Pradeep Kumar Mahto said that Tussar cultivation is being actively promoted in the Kolhan region. The objective, he stated, is to make farmers self-reliant, increase their income, and help them fulfill family responsibilities while moving towards the goal of doubling farmers' income.

Project Officer Nitish Kumar said that such training programs are designed to empower Tussar farmers by equipping them with advanced technologies and opening up new employment opportunities.

Scientist Sabuj Ganguly highlighted that Jharkhand's land and climate are suitable for a wide variety of crops and that its dense forests provide added advantages for Tussar cultivation, which farmers should utilize effectively.

Scientist Dukre Pradeep Gulab Rao described Tussar farming as highly beneficial due to its low investment and high returns. He said it provides additional income, prevents migration, creates employment opportunities for women and rural populations, and improves the overall economic condition of farming families. With modern technology, he added, farmers can earn substantial income by improving both production and quality. During the training, farmers received detailed guidance on modern Tussar silk production techniques, including silkworm rearing, leaf surface microorganisms (LSM), seed production, pest and disease management, cocoon production, plant protection, and quality enhancement. Experts explained how scientific methods can reduce costs and significantly increase production. Farmers were also informed about various government schemes and subsidies related to Tussar cultivation. Technical materials and hands-on guidance were provided throughout the program. The training is being attended by 18 farmers from Lopta and Byag villages of the Kuchai area, along with officials and experts associated with the Central Silk Board.

Trump's reckless conduct and the growing need for a global pushback

US President Donald Trump's erratic conduct appears to be spiraling further out of control. His impulsive remarks and actions are no longer merely domestic controversies; they have become sources of embarrassment for the United States on the global stage.

Across the world-including among America's traditional allies-Trump has increasingly become an object of criticism, condemnation, and ridicule. Yet there seems to be little indication that this pattern of behavior will end.

In a recent episode, Trump reportedly wrote to the Norwegian Prime Minister complaining that he had not been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize despite claiming credit for preventing more than eight wars, and declaring that peace was therefore no longer his responsibility.

Such a claim betrays either a misunderstanding or a willful disregard of the fact that the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded by an independent committee appointed by the Norwegian Parliament, not by the Norwegian government itself. But factual accuracy has rarely constrained Trump's rhetoric.

In any case, Trump was never a serious contender for the Nobel Peace Prize. Following aggressive actions against Venezuela, including efforts to undermine its government and allegedly orchestrate the removal of its president, his eligibility for any such honor has become entirely implausible. Yet his ambitions did not stop there.

After targeting militarily weak Venezuela and attempting to install a compliant regime, Trump has gone further, openly expressing a desire to acquire Greenland, an autonomous territory of Denmark. In pursuit of this goal, he has shown little regard for international law, diplomatic norms, or basic decency-going so far as to threaten European countries with escalating tariffs until his demands are met.

Where once American presidents projected themselves as global enforcers of order, Trump has surpassed that role to resemble an impulsive and arrogant bully. Recently released images from his office reportedly showed a map depicting Venezuela, Greenland, and even Canada as parts of US territory-an act that borders on political absurdity.

Trump's approach to the Middle East has been no less troubling. He unveiled a plan for the Palestinian territory of Gaza, forming a so-called peace body and inviting several countries, including India, to participate. When the French president declined involvement, Trump responded by threatening to impose a 200 percent tariff on French wine and champagne.

Trump's tariff-driven politics have already inflicted economic pain on countries across the globe, India included. As it becomes increasingly evident that his unilateral and arbitrary actions will not cease, the world's major powers face a stark choice.

To safeguard international norms and collective interests, they must unite and confront this pattern of intimidation. In the face of unchecked bullying, coordinated global resistance is no longer optional-it is essential.

From the Editorial Desk

When terror loses its appeal: How Ops Sindoor triggered JeM-LeT's disinformation spiral



The leaders of the Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba have been indulging in a major disinformation campaign aimed at boosting recruitment. Operation Sindoor dealt such a major blow to these outfits that they never anticipated that a revival campaign would be so hard to undertake.

Clearly, their argument about the importance of waging Jihad against India is not gaining any traction. The youth find them weak after the Indian armed forces hit them hard in retaliation for the Pahalgam attack. Hence, the only option left for these terror groups is to create stories to paint a picture that, in reality, is extremely strong and not affected by Operation Sindoor, an official added.

Lashkar-e-Taiba commanders have been speaking about international issues so that the youth are captivated into believing that Pakistan is a strong country, while India remains isolated. Hafiz Abdul Rauf of the Lashkar-e-Taiba, who is also the head of the outfit's charitable wing, has been speaking about the newfound ties with the United States.

He tells possible recruits that Pakistan will have the backing of the US against India. He even says that India is now cornered by the alliance that comprises US-Pakistan and Bangladesh. Recently, the Jaish-e-Mohammed too circulated audio clips supposedly of their chief Masood Azhar, in which it was claimed that 1,000 people had been recruited specifically to wage Jihad against India.

An Intelligence Bureau official said that this is a completely false claim. The reality is that the audio clip is fake. Secondly, scores of cadres have left these outfits post Operation Sindoor. Officials say that in recent times, terrorists have been boasting in public about the strong position that Pakistan finds itself in, especially when it comes to ties with the US and Bangladesh. It is clearly a desperate move to pull in cadres.

However, in this desperation, they fail to understand that the US cannot be a selling point to recruit. Many hate the Western powers due to their war with the Taliban and other Gulf nations. The US, in their minds, is a country that targets Muslims, and hence they do not want to have anything to do with the country.

Further, most of these persons who are tom-tomming about the US ties are the ones who have been designated as terrorists by the same country. Officials say that these talking points only indicate the level of desperation that has set in. In the aftermath of Operation Sindoor, the fact is that over 200-300 terrorists have ditched their respective organisations, officials note.

Intelligence Bureau officials say that in the days to come, one can expect more such lies to be spread. For now, the narrative has not worked, and hence, more desperate attempts would be made in the days to come, the officials also say. Operation Sindoor is the main reason for this narrative to set in. The other one is the decision by the Lashkar-e-Taiba to join hands with the Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) to battle against Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and Balochistan Nationalist Army (BLA).

This has also had a very negative impact on the recruitment process. Most youth who would have ideally joined these groups feel that they do not want to join an outfit that has to fight their own brothers in Pakistan. Further, the collapse of ties with the Taliban has also been a major factor in the recruitment slowing down, and the number of deserters has increased.

For many Pakistanis, the Taliban has been an all-weather ally. An official said that they are unable to comprehend that Pakistan is fighting the Taliban. Another official said that this is a complete mess by Field Marshal Asim Munir, whose strategy is failing on multiple counts. Due to him, Pakistan has lost allies, and the people have lost faith in the Pakistan army. This, in turn, has had an impact on terror groups as well, who are today relying on lies to further their agenda with the hope that the youth will join them, the official also added.

Jamaat's Sharia gamble: Why strategy is backfiring as elections in Bangladesh near

With less than a month to go for the elections in Bangladesh, the political landscape is changing rapidly. On one hand, the Jamaat-e-Islami is experiencing turbulence with its allies quitting the formation; on the other, the Jamaat is trying to make things right with the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (NCP), which is poised to win the polls comfortably.

The Jamaat and the BNP, in an alliance for several years, split ways recently. They would contest the elections by themselves. Now the Jamaat has had another setback with its ally, the Islami Andolan Bangladesh (IAB), parting ways.

The IAB, after quitting, said that they were disheartened that the Jamaat wants to rule the country under the existing laws if it came to power.



The IAB had hoped that the country would be ruled under Sharia law if the Jamaat alliance came to power.

Bangladesh watchers say that under the Muhammad Yunus regime, the biggest mistake was to give radical Islamists a free hand. The demands for a radical rule under Sharia law have become a new normal in the country. The issue will be a major one during the elections, and the demands for the implementation of Sharia law are only going to increase.

The Jamaat's statement about the Sharia law is hogwash, according to officials. The outfit is aware that in an election year, Sharia is not something that would gain traction with the people of Bangladesh, who are so used to a democracy. This is just a slight alignment that the Jamaat has made to capture the votes. If it is in power, it may not technically implement Sharia law. However, it would give a free hand to radical elements who will try to enforce their will on the people, officials say.

In addition to projecting a democratic face ahead of the polls, the Jamaat is also cozying up to the BNP. Discussions are being held about a possible post-poll alliance with the BNP. The experts say that the Jamaat is aware that the BNP has a good chance of winning the elections. The Jamaat wants a piece of power in Bangladesh, and hence, allying with the BNP would be a good bet. The two have ruled the country in the past together, and hence the Jamaat feels that the alliance could work.

An Intelligence Bureau official says that many of the Jamaat's allies are looking to part ways. The alliance comprises Jamaat-e-Islami, Islami Andolan Bangladesh, Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis, Khelafat Majlis, Bangladesh Khelafat Andolan, Jatiya Ganatantrik Party, Nezame Islami Party, and the Bangladesh Development Party.

All these parties were part of the mass uprising aimed at overthrowing Sheikh Hasina, which they did successfully. Each one of them stood on one foot as they believed that Bangladesh should be governed by Sharia law and should become an Islamic State.

However, the Jamaat's changing stance to woo the voters has upset its allies. Officials say that in the days to come, the rifts would further widen as the allies would settle for nothing less than an assurance that if in power, the Sharia will be implemented, the official also added.

Intelligence agencies warn that the manner in which things are shaping up now, it appears that the elections would be a violent one. Many radical elements that the Jamaat has backed will turn against the outfit toys leading to violence, the agencies also warn.

In this mix is the ISI, which is trying everything to delay the elections. The ISI and many radical elements have also planned large-scale violence in the run-up to the elections, so that a case could be made out that the atmosphere is not conducive to elections in the country.

Azadi or erasure ? The truth behind the Kashmiri Pandits' exodus

Deepika Bhan

Thirty-five years is a long time in the life of a nation. It is long enough for governments to change, for narratives to be rewritten, and for uncomfortable truths to be buried under layers of convenient silence. But for a community driven out of its homeland solely because it was Hindu, time has not softened the pain - it has only deepened the wound.

Three-and-a-half decades after the exodus of the Kashmiri Pandits, the questions remain unanswered. Not because the answers are unknown, everyone in Kashmir knows them, but because the hush around them is deliberate and the cover-up systemic.

Nearly seven lakh people were forced out of their native land in a short span, and conditions were created so decisively that their return was rendered impossible. This was not an accident of history; it was the outcome of a slow, calculated process that began soon after Jammu and Kashmir's accession to India in 1947 and gathered brutal momentum in the late 1980s.

At the heart of this design was a simple, sinister objective: to overwhelm Kashmir demographically and ideologically, so that Muhammad Ali Jinnah's two-nation theory would come to fruition without a formal war. Pakistan lost every war it



fought against India, but in Kashmir, it succeeded where armies failed. A Muslim-majority valley was achieved not by ballots or persuasion, but by terror -- by emptying the land of its Hindu inhabitants.

The Kashmiri Pandits, who constituted barely two per cent of the valley's population, were uniquely vulnerable. A non-martial community mostly into education, administration, and spiritual traditions, they neither possessed the means to retaliate with violence. Faced with targeted killings, public threats, and systematic intimidation, they chose survival with dignity over futile resistance against a terrible monster. In doing so, they were forced to abandon a civilisation that traced its roots back over 5,000 years.

The exodus did not occur overnight. It unfolded in waves of terror. First came those whose relatives were assassinated. Then those whose homes were marked for elimination. Those whose names were on the hit lists prepared in mosques and circulated openly. Finally, those who fled to protect their daughters and wives from what had become inevitable. This was not chaos -- it was orchestration.

And so, the question must be asked: where was the much-celebrated spirit of 'azadi' in this? If the movement was truly about freedom, why was its rage directed at a defenceless two per cent minority? Why were unarmed men, women, and children hunted down? The answer is stark and inescapable. The terrorism in Kashmir was not a liberation struggle; it was a campaign for religious homogenisation. Its success lay in making the valley nearly free of Hindus.

The reality of that success was visible in the refugee camps of Jammu and Delhi, where families accustomed to large ancestral homes were herded into tattered tents under 45-degree heat. Water, food, and medicine were scarce. Many died not by the gun, but from shock, disease, heatstroke, and snake bites.

Every year, January 19 is observed by the Kashmiri Pandit community as Exodus Day or Holocaust Day -- a day to remember the terror unleashed upon them and to mourn the denial of justice that followed. Hundreds were killed, homes looted and burned, women raped and murdered. Yet accountability remains absent. Barely a hundred cases were ever registered by the Jammu and Kashmir Police, and not a single investigation has reached a meaningful conclusion. No arrests, no convictions, no closure.

In these 35 years, many direct victims and eyewitnesses have passed away, taking crucial evidence with them. Successive governments -- both at the Centre and in the erstwhile state and now union territory -- have failed to institute even a commission of inquiry or a Special Investigation Team. Courts have remained unmoved. Human rights organisations, vocal on conflicts thousands of miles away, have found the suffering of Kashmiri Hindus insufficiently compelling. There has been a Gaza in India's backyard all this time, but it never made the right kind of headline.

Part of the tragedy lies in political expediency. The Kashmiri Pandit community is neither large enough nor influential enough to command electoral attention. Their pain does not translate into street protests or international pressure. And so, their suffering is quietly sidelined.

Adding to the misery of the Kashmiri Hindus is the political rehabilitation of those who were in positions of power when the persecution occurred. Valley-based Muslim leaders are today courted across the political spectrum, yet not one of them has acknowledged, let alone championed, the cause of the Kashmiri Hindus. The silence of the valley's leadership and intelligentsia -- at best complicit, at worst supportive of the separatist narrative -- has never been examined or questioned.

The bitter truth today is this: the original inhabitants of Kashmir live as refugees in their own country. Their homes have been usurped, their return systematically blocked, and their dignity deferred indefinitely.

January 19 is not merely a day of mourning for the Kashmiri Pandits. It is a day of national introspection. It marks not only the exodus of a people, but the collapse of India's moral courage and the selective application of its secular conscience. Until justice is served and truth acknowledged, the exodus will not remain history; it will continue as an indictment.

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Budget 2026–27: Affordable housing, tax cuts and women-led growth top expert wish list

New Delhi, Jan 21 (IANS) With the Union Budget 2026–27 set to be presented on February 1, expectations are rising across sectors, including real estate, capital markets, MSMEs, women, and senior citizens, experts said on Wednesday.

They said that the upcoming budget should address ground-level challenges and ensure that its benefits reach ordinary citizens.

Speaking to IANS, Eastern Bihar Industries Association president Govind Agrawal said real estate is a sector that directly affects the common man and plays a key role in the economy.

He noted that the sector contributes nearly 7 per cent to India's GDP and is the second-largest employment generator after agriculture.

Agrawal said the government should revisit the definition of affordable housing in the budget.

He also called for the introduction of GST input tax credit for builders, saying the absence of this benefit increases construction costs and pushes up home prices.

Sharing his views, Bhagalpur-based chartered accountant and economist Pradeep Jhunjhunwala said the budget must be people-centric.

He demanded special tax relief for senior citizens, including a higher TDS threshold and an increase in the tax-free income limit.



He also suggested raising the tax exemption limit in the real estate sector to at least Rs 1 crore.

Meanwhile, tax expert and chartered accountant Sanjay Kumar Sakal said global uncertainty and tariff-related tensions under US President Donald Trump have kept pressure on stock markets worldwide.

He said markets have seen sharp volatility over the past two years due to factors such as wars and tariff issues.

On women-centric expectations, entrepreneur Priya Soni said the government has launched several schemes to empower women, helping many become self-reliant.

However, she said awareness remains low in rural and backward regions. She suggested that information about government schemes should be shared in simple language through large posters and outreach campaigns.

Soni also said financial assistance for women has not kept pace with rising inflation. She called for higher allocations under schemes such as the maternity benefit and nutrition programmes.

In addition, she stressed that women entrepreneurs need not just funding, but also marketing support and dedicated women-centric marketplaces to help them sell their products more easily.

India's manufacturing sector touches record high in Q3 FY26; sentiments up 4 pc

New Delhi, Jan 21 (IANS) The Indian manufacturing sector is seeing sustained growth and "increasing optimism" across scale as the industry's performance index touched an all-time high in the third quarter of FY26, a report has said.

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry's (FICCI) latest Quarterly Survey on Manufacturing (QSM) saw 91 per cent of respondents reporting higher or stable production levels, up 4 per cent from the 87 per cent recorded in the previous quarter.

Industrial confidence soared with "86 per cent of respondents anticipating higher or same orders in Q3 FY 2026 compared to the previous quarter and more so after the latest GST rate cuts were announced," the report noted.



The survey records responses from units with a combined annual turnover exceeding Rs 3 lakh crore.

Financial stability also drove the growth as the average interest rate for manufacturers stood at 8.9 per cent. Almost 87 per cent of respondents reported "sufficient availability of funds from banks for working capital or long-term capital."

Electronics and electricals and miscellaneous sectors are expected to see strong growth with auto components, capital goods, and textiles maintaining a steady, moderate growth trajectory. Countering global headwinds, 38 per cent of manufacturers cited plans to hire additional workers in the next three months, up from 35 per cent seen in the prior year.

The average capacity utilisation already hovered near 75 per cent, an indication of sustained economic activity in the sector.

Around 57 per cent of survey participants noted high production costs or an increase in costs as a percentage of sales. The survey attributed this pressure to "higher raw material costs, currency depreciation, and increased logistics, power, and utility costs."

Around 80 per cent of the industry reported sufficient labour supply, but 20 per cent of respondents mentioned the "lack of skilled workforce," calling for intensified skilling efforts from both the government and private industry.

Another recent report said that India is poised to become a global industrial powerhouse by 2047, with manufacturing's share of gross domestic product (GDP) estimated to rise from about 17 per cent to roughly 25 per cent.

India showcases 3 key objectives of upcoming 'AI Impact Summit' at Davos

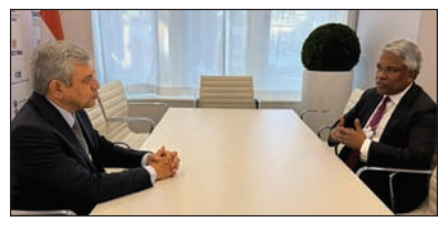
avos, Jan 21 (IANS) The upcoming AI Impact Summit in New Delhi next month has been designed with a clear focus on three outcomes, as India gradually emerges as trusted partner in the world, thanks to sovereign Models, safety frameworks and a strong semiconductor ecosystem, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has stressed.

The first objective of the Summit is impact — how AI models, applications and the overall AI ecosystem can be used to improve efficiency, increase productivity and create a multiplier effect for the economy.

The second objective, Vaishnaw said, is accessibility, particularly for India and the Global South.

Drawing parallels with India's success in building the UPI and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) stack, Vaishnaw noted that the world is now looking to India to see whether a similar, scalable and affordable stack can be created for AI.

The third objective of the AI Impact Summit is safety. He emphasised the need to address apprehensions around AI by



building appropriate guardrails, guidelines and safety features, and stated that the regulatory and safety stack for AI should also be built in India.

The AI Impact Summit next month will see global leaders and technology leaders participate in the event, alongside investment announcements and the rollout of India's AI models.

India now has nearly 200,000 startups and is among the top three startup ecosystems globally. The minister highlighted that 24 Indian startups are designing chips, one of the most challenging areas for startups, and 18 of them have already received venture capital funding, indicating strong confidence in India's deep-tech capabilities.

Bajaj General Insurance introduces Fetal Flourish insurance

Asansol, Jan 21: Bajaj General Insurance has launched 'Fetal Flourish', a pioneering insurance rider designed to support fetal health. Available at an affordable premium of INR 1,025, it covers 16 specialized in-utero interventions and caters to women aged 18-45 years with high-risk pregnancies.

This innovative offering complements existing policies such as "My Health Care Plan" and "Health Guard", addressing a critical need in prenatal care by providing financial assistance for procedures like amniocentesis and fetal surgeries. The aim is to ease the financial strain on families, enabling them to concentrate on their children's well-being.

Dr. TapanSinghel, MD &CEO, highlighted the importance of supporting families during complex pregnancies, stating that Fetal Flourish embodies a commitment to protecting life from its earliest stages. The policy offers coverage up to INR 2 lakh per maternity event, with a nine-month waiting period.

With 17% of women in India giving birth after the age of 35, this initiative significantly enhances maternal healthcare, merging modern medical practices with essential insurance coverage.

Blenders Pride announces launch of Zenith Black edition

Durgapur, Jan 21: Blenders Pride, a leader in India's premium whisky segment, proudly announces the launch of the Blenders Pride Zenith Black Edition-a limited-edition expression that unites a bold black aesthetic with the iconic Blenders Pride blend to create a truly distinctive experience.

Encased in a striking black design that signifies elevated luxury and distinction, the Zenith Black Edition is meticulously crafted for discerning whisky connoisseurs-for the One in a Million. With only one million bottles available, this edition is as rare as it is refined.

In the world of luxury, black represents more than just a colour-it is an attitude, a statement of sophistication and power. Long associated with Blenders Pride, black now takes centre stage in an innovative design expression that redefines the codes of premium whisky. This is not simply new packaging; it is a bold expression of style for those who don't follow trends-they set them.

Debashree Dasgupta, CMO, Pernod Ricard India, said, "Blenders Pride continues to redefine the benchmarks of premium whisky in India. The launch of the Zenith Black Edition marks the brand's most refined expression yet-an evolution that translates its enduring legacy into a bold new design language. This year, Blenders Pride brings its core values to life through an aesthetic that celebrates aspiration, distinction, and craftsmanship. Limited to one million bottles, the Zenith Black Edition is created for individuals who don't merely admire excellence-they embody it."

Motorola rolls out R-Day offers on edge and Moto G series

Asansol, Jan 21: Motorola has announced a range of Republic Day offers on its bestselling smartphones as the FlipkartRepublic Day Sale commenced, offering consumers access to feature-rich 5G devices at significantly reduced prices.\ Under the flagship edge portfolio, the motorola edge 60 PRO is being offered at Rs. 25,999, down from Rs. 29,999. The device comes with a triple 50MP AI-powered camera system, a 1.5K quad-curved display, a DXOMARK Gold Label-rated 6000mAh battery with 90W TurboPower charging, IP68/IP69 water protection and a Pantone-curated premium design. The motorola edge 60 FUSION, a strong seller in the segment, is available at a net effective price of Rs. 19,999, featuring a 1.5K all-curved display, Sony LYTIA 700C camera, military-grade durability and vegan leather finish.

In the mid-range category, the moto g96 5G has been priced at Rs. 16,999, while the moto g86 POWER is available at Rs. 15,999, highlighting large batteries, pOLED displays and enhanced durability. The moto g67 POWER and moto g57 5G are priced at Rs. 14,999 and Rs. 12,999 respectively, focusing on long battery life and strong performance.

Retailers in Asansol said the aggressive pricing is expected to drive strong footfall during the Republic Day period, especially among first-time 5G buyers and young consumers seeking value-driven upgrades. Dealers noted growing demand for mid-range smartphones with premium features, a segment Motorola appears to be targeting aggressively this season.

Motorola said the offers reflect its strategy to make premium design, advanced cameras, AI features and long battery life more accessible across consumer segments during the festive sale window.

Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana: Over 4.53 crore accounts opened since 2015, says govt

New Delhi, Jan 21 (IANS) Over 4.53 crore accounts have been opened to empower the future of girls, under the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY) in the last 11 years, the government said on Wednesday.

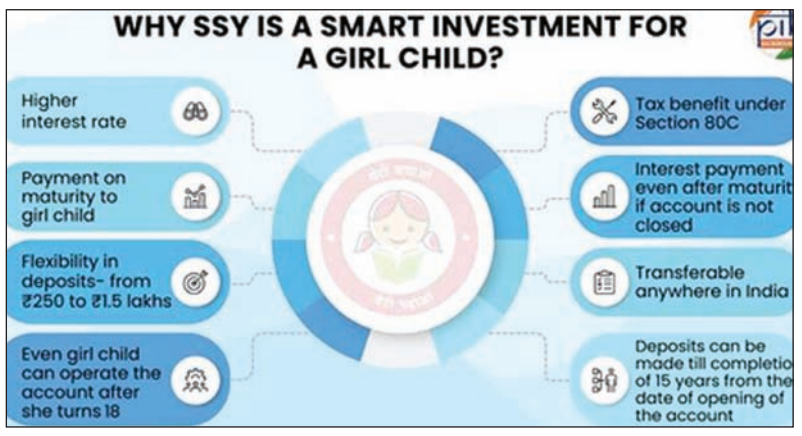
Launched in January 2015 under the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign, the scheme was designed as a bridge between financial security and social transformation.

By encouraging families to plan early for their daughters' education and well-being, SSY has helped instill a sense of confidence, inclusion, and long-term progress at the grassroots level. More than Rs 3.33 lakh crore deposited till December 2025, the govt said, in an official statement.

"As the SSY completes 11 years on January 22, it stands as a testament to the collective faith of millions of families in the promise of their daughters," the statement said.

"Since inception, over 4.53 crore accounts have opened. Total deposits in SSY accounts have crossed Rs 3,33,000 crore, till December 2025," it added.

To avail the scheme, parents or legal guardians can open an account for their girl child at any India Post office or branch of any public sector bank and authorised private sector banks (HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, and IDBI Bank).



The account may be opened anytime from the birth of the girl child until she attains the age of 10 years.

Only one SSY account is permitted per girl child, and a family can open accounts for a maximum of two girl children.

The account is also transferable to any location within India.

Notably, the account is managed by the parent/ guardian until the girl child reaches the age of 18. Upon turning 18, the account holder can take control of the account herself by submitting the necessary documents.

The account can begin with a minimum initial deposit of Rs 250 in the SSY account, with the total annual deposit limit capped at Rs 1,50,000. Deposits can be made for a period of up to fifteen years from the account opening date.

The scheme is aimed at building long-term financial security for the girl child by offering high returns, tax benefits, and flexible withdrawal options for education and future needs. It also provides an attractive interest rate, which is periodically notified by the Ministry of Finance, helping savings grow steadily over time.

TVS Orbiter enters West Bengal EV market

Durgapur, Jan 21: TVS Motor Company has rolled out the TVS Orbiter electric scooter in West Bengal, strengthening its presence in the fast-expanding urban EV commuter segment. Launched at ?1,03,200 (ex-showroom West Bengal), inclusive of the PM e-Drive scheme, the model is aimed at daily city riders seeking range, comfort and connected technology at a competitive price point. From a product and market standpoint, the TVS Orbiter brings several industry-first and segment-first features, including a claimed 158 km IDC range from its 3.1 kWh battery, cruise control, hill hold assist and a large 34-litre under-seat boot with twin-helmet capacity. The introduction of an industry-first 14-inch front wheel is expected to enhance ride stability and comfort. The scooter also focuses on enhanced aerodynamic efficiency to improve overall energy performance. The feature list includes a connected mobile app, coloured LCD connected cluster with incoming call display, edge-to-edge front combination lights with integrated indicators, front LED headlamp with visor, USB 2.0 charging, OTA updates and dual riding modes-Eco and Power-with regenerative braking. Comfort-led design elements such as an 845 mm long flatform seat, 290 mm straight-line footboard and 169 mm ground clearance add to its urban utility. Safety and assurance are supported by geo-fencing, time fencing, anti-theft, towing alerts, crash and fall alerts, parking assist and navigation features. The Orbiter is offered in multiple colour options including Neon Sunburst, Stratos Blue, Lunar Grey, Stellar Silver, Cosmic Titanium and Martian Copper. Commenting on the launch, AniruddhaHaldar, Senior Vice President at TVS Motor Company, said the Orbiter reflects the company's strategy to combine advanced technology with everyday practicality to drive wider adoption of electric mobility.

Sanjeevani introduces 'The Pink Tag Project'

Mumbai, Jan 21 : Sanjeevani: United Against Cancer, a joint initiative of Federal Bank Hormis Memorial Foundation, News18 Network and Tata Trusts, has launched The Pink Tag Project, an innovative campaign aimed at promoting early breast cancer detection among women. Addressing the lack of awareness and stigma around breast health, especially in smaller towns and villages, the initiative uses a simple yet impactful idea. A small pink tag carrying breast self-examination instructions is stitched inside women's everyday garments, placed next to wash-care labels. The tag reaches women during a private, personal moment, gently reminding them that self-care is essential. The initiative is showcased through a short film narrated by actor Sheeba Chaddha, highlighting how everyday moments can spark meaningful behavioral change. Project partners said the campaign focuses on building habits rather than delivering loud messages. By embedding awareness into routine life, The Pink Tag Project aims to normalize conversations around breast health and empower women to take charge of their wellbeing.

Mahindra refreshes Bolero Camper and Bolero Pik-Up

Ranchi, Jan 21 : Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., maker of India's No.1 pickup brand Bolero Pik-Up, has launched refreshed versions of the Bolero Camper and Bolero Pik-Up range with updated styling, improved comfort and added convenience features.The Bolero Camper is now offered with the advanced iMAXX telematics solution on select variants, providing real-time vehicle insights to improve operational efficiency and fleet management. The refreshed model features a bolder front design, new decals, body-coloured ORVMs and door handles. Comfort upgrades include rear seat headrests, air conditioning, heater and a Bluetooth-enabled music system. Reclining driver seat with headrest, wider co-driver seat, central locking and rear seat belts have been made standard across all variants.

The Bolero Pik-Up also gets a new front look along with a reclining driver seat, wider co-driver seat and the addition of air conditioning and heating for all-weather comfort.

Ex-showroom prices for the Bolero Camper range from Rs. 9.85 lakh to Rs. 10.49 lakh, while the Bolero Pik-Up range is priced between Rs. 9.19 lakh and Rs. 9.99 lakh.

Zuventus Healthcare refutes closure rumours

Begusarai, Jan 21 : Zuventus Healthcare Limited, a leading Indian pharmaceutical company founded in 2002 and a subsidiary of Emcure Pharmaceuticals (listed on the BSE and NSE), has issued a formal clarification to address and dismiss false and misleading communications regarding the company's future. Zuventus categorically denies rumors of closure or rebranding. Zuventus further clarifies that there has been no closure, suspension, or transfer of its business assets, and that its field staff continues to operate at full strength across the country.

Zuventus clarifies that it has no association or affiliation with any entity named - Zorvia Healthcare Limited and reiterates that such claims are inaccurate and misleading.

Zuventus is committed towards its responsibility of developing, manufacturing and marketing high-quality and affordable medicines to its stakeholders. The company is actively pursuing appropriate legal remedies under the law to protect its goodwill, amongst its stakeholders.

PM Modi highlights 'Act East, Act Fast' push to empower Northeast on Manipur Statehood Day



Imphal, Jan 21 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that since 2014, his government has worked with the resolve of 'Act East, Act Fast' to empower the Northeastern region, unlock development opportunities, and fulfil the aspirations of people.

In a letter to Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla on the occasion of Manipur's Statehood Day, the Prime Minister said that he has always been a firm believer in the immense potential of the people of the Northeast and reaffirmed the Centre's commitment to their inclusive growth and prosperity.

He said: "I salute my sisters and brothers of Manipur for their remarkable courage and unwavering faith in peace and progress."

It is imperative to continue to work with renewed vigour to strengthen Manipur's development trajectory, the Prime Minister said and assured the Centre's full and steadfast support in this endeavour.

Noting Manipur's vibrant artistic heritage and outstanding sporting culture have showcased the strength, discipline and determination of our youth on the global stage, PM Modi said that equally inspiring is the people's reverence for nature, focus on women empowerment and their commitment to sustainable living, values that offer enduring lessons in contemporary times. This occasion provides an opportunity to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of the people of Manipur to nation-building, he stated.

Saying that Manipur occupies a place of honour in the country's freedom struggle, the Prime Minister mentioned that in the state, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's Azad Hind Fauj first unfurled the Tricolour.

Countless brave men and women of Manipur participated in the freedom movement, some even laying down their lives for the nation, he pointed out.

PM Modi said as a lasting tribute to these sacrifices, Mount Harriet in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands was renamed Mount Manipur, an enduring symbol of national pride.

Referring to his Manipur visit on September 13 last year, he said that during the tour, he was deeply moved by the affection shown by the people of Churachandpur and Imphal, who had gathered in large numbers despite heavy rain.

On September 13, key development projects worth thousands of crores of rupees were inaugurated, and foundation stones for several works were laid by the Prime Minister for the state of Manipur. In his letter, PM Modi reaffirmed his government's unwavering commitment to stand with the people of Manipur and to support every effort aimed at ensuring lasting peace and sustained progress. President Droupadi Murmu's visit to Imphal and Senapati in December last year also resonated deeply with the people, he said.

The Prime Minister said that over the past few years, Manipur has witnessed accelerated development across multiple sectors, and Central assistance to the state has increased substantially since 2014. "Flagship initiatives such as PM-KISAN, Jan Dhan Yojana, Ayushman Bharat and several others have helped improve livelihoods and enhance the overall quality of life for the people. Connectivity remains a cornerstone of our development strategy," he stated.

Nitish Kumar's Samriddhi Yatra reaches Saran, Rs 538 crore projects launched



Patna, Jan 21 (IANS) Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's Samriddhi Yatra (Prosperity Journey) reached Saran district on Wednesday, where he reviewed development and welfare schemes, interacted with the public, and launched a large number of infrastructure projects.

As part of the visit, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for 45 projects worth Rs 451 crore and inaugurated 24 completed projects costing Rs 87 crore, taking the total value of initiatives to Rs 538 crore.

"Under the Samriddhi Yatra aimed at building a prosperous Bihar, I conducted on-site inspections of development projects in Saran district and reviewed the progress of various schemes," Nitish Kumar said.During the visit, the Chief Minister inaugurated the Jeevika Didi tailoring training-cum-production centre in Chhapra, inspected departmental stalls, and distributed cheques to beneficiaries of several welfare schemes.

He also reviewed facilities at the Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Chhapra Sadar, and gathered information about available resources and infrastructure.

At a review meeting with district officials, Nitish Kumar directed that all projects be completed within stipulated timelines, maintaining quality and transparency, and emphasised that the benefits of welfare schemes must reach the last person in society.

He later addressed the public during an interaction program.

Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary, Water Resource and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Vijay Kumar Choudhary and Power Minister Bijendra Prasad Yadav, Saran MP and former Union Minister Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Maharajganj MP Janardan Singh Sigriwal, along with several other dignitaries, were present on the occasion.

India showcases 3 key objectives of upcoming 'AI Impact Summit' at Davos



Davos, Jan 21 (IANS) The upcoming AI Impact Summit in New Delhi next month has been designed with a clear focus on three outcomes, as India gradually emerges as trusted partner in the world, thanks to sovereign Models, safety frameworks and a strong semiconductor ecosystem, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has stressed.

The first objective of the Summit is impact - how AI models, applications and the overall AI ecosystem can be used to improve efficiency, increase productivity and create a multiplier effect for the economy.

The second objective, Vaishnaw said, is accessibility, particularly for India and the Global South.

Drawing parallels with India's success in building the UPI and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) stack, Vaishnaw noted that the world is now looking to India to see whether a similar, scalable and affordable stack can be created for AI.

The third objective of the AI Impact Summit is safety. He emphasised the need to address apprehensions around AI by building appropriate guardrails, guidelines and safety features, and stated that the regulatory and safety stack for AI should also be built in India.

The AI Impact Summit next month will see global leaders and technology leaders participate in the event, alongside investment announcements and the rollout of India's AI models.

India now has nearly 200,000 startups and is among the top three startup ecosystems globally. The minister highlighted that 24 Indian startups are designing chips, one of the most challenging areas for startups, and 18 of them have already received venture capital funding, indicating strong confidence in India's deep-tech capabilities.

ED files supplementary charge sheet in Rs 1,575 cr Pearlvine Ponzi scam

Shillong, Jan 21 (IANS) The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Shillong Sub-Zonal Office, has filed a Supplementary Prosecution Complaint (SPC) against 13 accused persons, including alleged mastermind Neeraj Kumar Gupta, in connection with the Pearlvine International Ponzi scam involving proceeds of crime amounting to Rs 1,575 crore, officials said on Wednesday. According to an official release, the SPC was filed on January 16, before the Special Court under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in Shillong.

Besides Neeraj Kumar Gupta, the accused include his associated companies and close associates Naveen Kumar Gupta, Umesh Garg and Nitin Bharti.

Very exciting time in human space exploration, says Indian-origin astronaut Sunita Williams



New Delhi, Jan 21 (IANS) It is a very exciting time in human space exploration, said Indian-origin NASA Astronaut Sunita Williams, who has announced retirement after an extraordinary 27-year career.

Williams said this while delivering a talk at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi on space experiences and her recent space mission, where she was stuck in the orbital lab for nine months.

"It is a very exciting time in human space exploration. Every new project has its ups and downs, but each one teaches us something and prepares us better for what comes next," said Williams.

"We often work with multiple systems and redundancies, but sometimes the solution is not very complicated; it can be something simple if you are willing to observe carefully," said the Indian-origin astronaut while throwing light on the complexity of space missions.

Williams was part of three space missions -- 2006, 2012, and 2024. The third and the longest mission began in June 2024, when she and fellow astronaut Butch Wilmore became the first to fly to space aboard Boeing's faulty Starliner spacecraft.

While the mission was originally planned for just eight days, it extended to nine months. The duo joined Expeditions 71 and 72 before returning safely to Earth in March 2025.

Asking the audience to imagine zero gravity, the Ohio-born astronaut said, "When you take gravity away, you start to understand the nuances of how materials, medicine, and even human behaviour change.

That understanding helps us learn more about ourselves and the universe."

Williams has completed nine spacewalks, totalling 62 hours and 6 minutes, the most for any female astronaut, and fourth on NASA's all-time list. She was also the first person to run a marathon in space.

SC extends stay on revised Aravalli Hills definition, orders ban on illegal mining

New Delhi, Jan 21 (IANS) The Supreme Court on Wednesday extended the stay on its earlier verdict concerning the definition of the Aravalli Hills and directed that status quo be maintained until further orders.

A three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant said that the interim direction - keeping in abeyance the earlier judgment prescribing a revised definition of the Aravalli Hills - would continue to operate.

The Bench, also comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi, reiterated the top court's proposal to constitute a specialised expert committee to assist it in examining all aspects of the matter relating to the Aravalli range.

The apex court said that the proposed body would consist of eminent environmentalists, scientists and mining experts, working under the direct control and supervision of the Supreme Court.

The CJI Kant-led Bench asked all parties to suggest suitable names of experts with domain-specific expertise to be considered for inclusion in the proposed committee.

"Similarly, we have requested the learned Solicitor General as well as the amicus curiae to suggest the names of some eminent environmentalists/scientists, who are experts having special expertise, so that a body can be constituted to look into and examine all the aspects," the apex court observed, adding that the committee would function under its direct control and supervision.

Uddhav and Raj to announce future strategy on Bal Thackeray's birth anniversary

Mumbai, Jan 21 (IANS) Following their alliance for the BMC elections earlier this month, the Thackeray cousins, including Shiv Sena-UBT president Uddhav Thackeray and the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena chief Raj Thackeray, will share a public platform once again on January 23, the birth anniversary of Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray.

This year is particularly significant as it marks the beginning of Bal Thackeray's birth centenary year (100th year).

This event is their first major joint appearance since the January 15, 2026, BMC elections.

While the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance secured a majority in those polls, the Thackeray brothers are expected to use this stage to announce their future strategy for the upcoming statewide municipal and local body elections. Shiv Sena-UBT won 65 seats and MNS six in the BMC polls.

The reunion of 'Shiv Shakti' (as the UBT-MNS alliance is called) on January 23 is being watched closely for several reasons.Despite the BMC results, the brothers are signalling that their alliance was not just for a single election but is a long-term commitment to 'Marathi Manoos' politics.

Road accident in MP's Betul claims life of Class 3 student, 11 children injured



Betul, Jan 21 (IANS) A road accident in Madhya Pradesh's Betul district claimed the life of a young schoolgirl and left several children seriously injured on Wednesday, sparking concerns over road safety in the region.

The incident occurred near the Purna River in the Bhainsdehi police station area, around 60 km from the district headquarters, police officials said.

A school van carrying young students collided head-on with an oncoming vehicle, causing the van to overturn violently. The crash occurred in the early hours, turning a routine school journey into a scene of horror.

Harshita Patankar, a Class 3 student, died on the spot.

A total of 15 school-going children were travelling in the van. Of them, 11 children sustained injuries, with five in a critical condition.

Local residents rushed to the site and helped rescue the trapped children, who were first taken to the Community Health Centre in Bhainsdehi for immediate medical attention, police said.

The four most seriously wounded were later transferred to the district hospital in Betul for advanced treatment.

The van driver, Sonu Patankar, also suffered injuries in the collision.

Both vehicles were extensively damaged in the impact.

Eyewitness accounts described the scene as chaotic, with debris scattered along the road near the riverbank.

Sunjay Kapur case: Priya Kapur files defamation case against sister-in-law

New Delhi, Jan 21 (IANS) Priya Kapur, wife of late businessman Sunjay Kapur, has initiated a criminal defamation complaint against her sister-in-law, Mandhira Kapur Smith, and another, alleging a sustained campaign of false statements and public attacks against her across digital platforms, podcasts, and media interviews.

On Wednesday, the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate at the Patiala House Courts heard the matter in-camera, with Priya Kapur appearing to record her statement.

The complaint alleges that interviews and content circulated through podcasts, and subsequently republished by sections of the media, are false, misleading and defamatory, and have caused serious harm to her reputation.

Bihar: Tej Pratap Yadav targets Rahul Gandhi over Gandhism, lifestyle



Patna, Jan 21 (IANS) National President of Janshakti Janata Dal, Tej Pratap Yadav, on Wednesday launched a sharp attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, questioning his claims of upholding Mahatma Gandhi's ideals.

Reacting to Rahul Gandhi's allegation that renaming MNREGA amounts to an insult to Mahatma Gandhi, Tej Pratap Yadav said that merely adding Gandhi to one's name does not make anyone a follower of Gandhian principles.

"Why is he so worried about who is insulting Gandhi and who is not? He rides a bullet motorcycle - did Mahatma Gandhi ever ride a bullet? He wears jeans and shirts - did Mahatma Gandhi wear jeans and shirts?" Yadav remarked.

Emphasising Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy, Tej Pratap said that Mahatma Gandhi promoted the spinning wheel and Khadi across the country as symbols of simplicity and self-reliance.

"If Gandhi ji advocated Khadi, then why does Rahul Gandhi himself wear jeans and T-shirts?" he asked.

He further alleged that Rahul Gandhi does not practice the ideals he speaks about, stating that symbolism without personal conduct is hypocrisy.

"Simply adding 'Gandhi' to a name or title does not make someone a saint," he said.

Tej Pratap Yadav asserted that Mahatma Gandhi was not merely an ideology but a symbol of simplicity, restraint, and sacrifice.He added that leaders who invoke Gandhian values should reflect them in their lifestyle and conduct, and not just in speeches.

India and Spain must pool resources and capabilities to fight terrorism: President Murmu



New Delhi, Jan 21 (IANS) President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday stated that India and Spain must pool their resources and capabilities to fight terrorism in all its forms and manifestations as both countries have a shared position on countering the menace, which remains a common threat to global peace and stability.

President Murmu made these remarks as Spain's Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation Jose Manuel Albares called on her at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. She also stated that India and Spain must work together on multilateral platforms like the United Nations and G20 to further their shared goals of peace, prosperity and stability across the world.

President Murmu said that India and Spain will mark the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations this year by celebrating the 'India-Spain Dual Year of Culture, Tourism and Artificial Intelligence', according to a statement released by the Rashtrapati Bhavan following the meeting.

Highlighting the economic ties between two nations, President Murmu stated that India and Spain have a steadily growing economic relationship, with increasing trade and investment. She noted that Spain's strengths in engineering, railways, renewable energy, urban services, and defence aerospace complement India's development priorities. She expressed confidence that trade ties between India and Spain will be strengthened with the signing of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and European Union.

"Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain Mr Jose Manuel Albares called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The President expressed happiness at the launch of the 'India-Spain Dual Year of Culture, Tourism and Artificial Intelligence', which will showcase the strong cultural bonds and people-to-people affinity, tourism avenues, and deepening technological collaborations between India and Spain," President's Secretariat posted on X.

Sunita Williams retires from NASA after 27 years, three missions and record 608 days in space

New Delhi, Jan 21 (IANS) Sunita Williams, one of the most accomplished astronauts in the history of human spaceflight, has retired from the American space agency NASA after an extraordinary 27-year career. Her retirement follows a historic and unexpected nine-month mission aboard the International Space Station (ISS), marking the conclusion of a journey defined by endurance, leadership, and scientific excellence.

According to a statement by NASA, Sunita Williams retired from the agency, effective December 27, 2025.

"Suni Williams has been a trailblazer in human spaceflight, shaping the future of exploration through her leadership aboard the space station and paving the way for commercial missions to low Earth orbit," said Nasa Administrator Jared Isaacman, announcing the Indian-origin space legend's retirement.

"Her work advancing science and technology has laid the foundation for Artemis missions to the Moon and advancing toward Mars, and her extraordinary achievements will continue to inspire generations to dream big and push the boundaries of what's possible. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement, and thank you for your service to NASA and our nation." Williams was born in Euclid, Ohio, and considers Needham, Massachusetts, her hometown. Her father, a neuroanatomist, was born in Jhulasan in Gujarat's Mehsana district and later migrated to the United States, where he married Bonnie Pandya, who is of Slovenian origin. Outside her professional life, Williams and her husband, Michael, enjoy spending time with their dogs, working out, renovating houses, working on cars and aeroplanes, and participating in outdoor activities such as hiking and camping.



Her spaceflight career began in December 9, 2006, when she launched aboard Space Shuttle Discovery as part of the STS-116 mission and returned on Space Shuttle Atlantis with the STS-117 crew. During Expeditions 14 and 15, she served as a flight engineer and completed a then-record four spacewalks, demonstrating exceptional technical skill and endurance.

In 2012, Williams launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan for a 127-day mission as part of Expeditions 32 and 33. She later became the commander of Expedition 33, making her one of the few women to lead the ISS. During this mission, she conducted three spacewalks to repair a leaking station radiator and replace a key power distribution component.

Her third and longest mission began in June 2024, when she and fellow astronaut Butch Wilmore launched aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft as part of NASA's Crew Flight Test mission. The mission was originally planned for a shorter duration but extended to nine months. The duo joined Expeditions 71 and 72 before returning safely to Earth in March 2025.

Babbar Khalsa terrorist was released by Biden admin, says DHS

Washington, Jan 21 (IANS) A suspected Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terrorist from India was released into the interior of the United States under the Biden administration before being arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said.

Harpreet Singh is wanted in India in connection with terrorist activities that included planning more than a dozen grenade attacks on police officials. He is linked to BKI, which has been designated as a foreign terrorist organisation.

According to the Department of Homeland Security statement on Tuesday, he entered the country illegally in Arizona on January 27, 2022. He was then released into the interior of the country under the Biden administration, the DHS said.



ICE arrested Singh in April 2025, according to the DHS recap of enforcement actions taken under the leadership of President Donald J. Trump and Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem since January 20, 2025. DHS released the statement highlighting what it described as the "worst of the worst" criminal illegal aliens ICE took enforcement action on during President Trump's first year in office. "On President Trump's first day in office, he unleashed ICE to target the worst of the worst criminal illegal aliens, including pedophiles, murderers, gang members, terrorists, and rapists," said Assistant Secretary Tricia McLaughlin.

Pakistan's Lahore ranked world's most polluted city

Islamabad, Jan 21 (IANS) Lahore has been ranked at the top of global pollution charts with an Air Quality Index (AQI) of more than 450, according to the Swiss air quality monitor IQAir, local media reported on Wednesday.



Lahore, with an AQI of 452, was ranked in the first spot among the most polluted cities of the world on Wednesday, Pakistan's leading daily Dawn reported. Karachi, with an AQI of 179, was ranked at the ninth spot among the most polluted cities of the world.

Air pollution in Pakistan has become one of the most pressing environmental crises faced by the country in the past few years. Various cities of Pakistan, especially Lahore, deal with smog, particularly in the winter months, and this is caused by industrial emissions, vehicular pollution, stubble burning and air movement.

On Tuesday, the platform issued an air quality alert for Pakistan as major cities experienced "unhealthy" to "hazardous" levels of air pollution. At the time, Lahore had an AQI of 501 while Karachi ranked at the sixth spot among the most polluted cities of the world with an AQI of 178 on Tuesday.

In the alert, the platform stated, "Residents are advised to limit outdoor activity, keep windows closed, wear masks when outside, and use air purifiers indoors."

France, Canada call for solidarity among middle powers to counter great powers' threat

New York, Jan 21 (IANS) In reactions to US President Donald Trump's move to acquire Greenland and his renewed interest in annexing Canada, leaders at the World Economic Forum in Davos have called for unity among the middle powers to resist pressures from the great powers.

French President Emmanuel Macron said the answer to the "instability and imbalances" facing the world is to build "bridges and more cooperation with the emerging countries, the BRICs and the G20, because the fragmentation of this world will not make sense".

India is a member of BRICS and the G20.

Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney said,



"The middle powers must act together because if you are not at the table, you're on the menu".

Unlike them, the "great powers can afford now to go it alone", he said.

With a touch of fatalism, he added that there was a "breaking of the world order, the end of a pleasant fiction and the beginning of a brutal reality where the geopolitics of the great powers is not subject to any constraint".

Without naming Trump or the US, he said, "Let me be direct: We are in the midst of a rupture, not a transition".

Trump has threatened to impose next month a 10 per cent tariff on France and seven other countries backing Denmark against his demand to annex its territory of Greenland.

Japanese court sentences former PM Shinzo Abe's killer to life in prison

Tokyo, Jan 21 (IANS) A Japanese court on Wednesday sentenced the man charged with the assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in 2022 to life in prison, terming the shooting using a homemade gun with adequate lethal power "vile and extremely vicious," local media reported.

The Nara District Court sentenced Tetsuya Yamagami (45) to life in prison as prosecutors had demanded.

Yamagami admitted to killing Abe using a homemade firearm while the former Japanese PM was delivering a speech in Japan's Nara.

During the court proceedings, Yamagami's defence counsel stated that his prison term should not be more than 20 years and claimed that Yamagami was a victim of harm caused by a religious group and that his "tragic" upbringing motivated him to shoot Abe, Japan's Kyodo News reported.

Bangladesh: Clashes between BNP, Jamaat over election campaign leave several injured

Dhaka, Jan 21 (IANS) As Bangladesh heads towards February 12 elections, several workers and supporters of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and the radical Islamist Party Jamaat-e-Islami engaged in escalating clashes over election campaigning, local media reported.

Amid rising political tensions, the workers of the BNP and Jamaat clashed in Dhaka's Mirpur area on Tuesday, leaving several people injured.

Citing witnesses, Bangladesh's leading newspaper, The Daily Star, reported that the clash erupted around 4:00 pm on Tuesday when a group of Jamaat workers were campaigning near the Mubarak Mosque.

Reports suggest that the Jamaat workers were confronted by BNP men while attempting to enter a 10-storey building named "Heaven Tower"in the capital.

जिला परिषद् का कार्यालय, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ

अति अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई– निविदा सूचना संख्या – 07/25-26/ZP/DE/SARAIKELA/(3rd Call)

1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी:

क0 सं0	ग्रुप सं0	प्रखण्ड का नाम	योजना का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मुल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	7	कुचाई	ग्राम कोर्रा में स्वास्थ्य उपकेन्द्र का निर्माण।	5550000.00	111000.00	10000.00	12 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 27.01.2026
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 27.01.2026 से दिनांक 03.02.2026 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक
4. ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान – जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद्, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ।
5. ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय – 05.02.2026 अपराह्न 3:00 बजे
6. ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पताः– जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद्, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ
7. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 9431183167
8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तद्नुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

जिला अभियंता,
जिला परिषद्, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ

PR.NO.371267 Panchayati Raj(25-26):D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, जमशेदपुर
Email ID- rdsdjamshedpur@gmail.com

अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या– RDSD/JAMSHEDPUR/10/25-26

ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामीण कार्य मामले)/ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची के अधीन समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदकों से निम्नांकत कार्य के लिए मुहरबंद निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

विज्ञापनदाता का नाम :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेश प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर।
परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री की तिथि :– दिनांक 30.01.2026 को कार्यालय अवधि में।
परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री का स्थान :– कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेश प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर (कार्यालय अवधि में)।
निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि, स्थान एवं समय :– दिनांक 31.01.2026 को ग्रामीण विकास विशेश प्रमंडल, जमशेदपुर का कार्यालय परिसर में 11.00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से अपराह्न 2.00 बजे तक।
निविदा खोलने की तिथि, स्थान एवं समय :– दिनांक 31.01.2026 को अपराह्न 3.00 बजे कार्यपालक अभियंता के कार्यालय कक्ष में।

क्र0 सं0	कार्य का नाम (समाज कल्याण)	प्राक्कलित राशि (रू0)	अग्रधन की राशि (रू0)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रू0)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1.	धालभूमगढ़ प्रखण्ड अंतर्गत पंचायत रावताड़ा के बाबैदा ग्राम में आँगनबाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का निर्माण।	1108200.00	24000.00	2,500.00	6 माह

नोट :– (1) ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामीण कार्य मामले)/ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग झारखण्ड, राँची के अधीन समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदक ही निविदा में भाग ले सकते है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल
जमशेदपुर

PR 371273 Rural Development (25-26)_D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चक्रधरपुर

अति अल्पकालीन ई0 निविदा सूचना

निविदा सं० :- CKP/Water & facilities:- 06/2025-26 (1st Call)

1	विभाग का नाम		पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची।				
2	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि		दिनांक 27.01.2026 अपराह्न 3.00 बजे तक।				
3	निविदा प्राप्ति (ऑन लाईन बिडींग) की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय		दिनांक 09.02.2026 अपराह्न 4.00 बजे तक।				
4	सरकार के सचिव, सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी एवं ई– गवर्नेस, झारखण्ड मंत्रालय, के ज्ञापांक 120 दिनांक 03.10.2023 के आलोक में विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राशि Online जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय		दिनांक 09.02.2026 अपराह्न 2.00 बजे तक।				
5	तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय		दिनांक 10.02.2026 अपराह्न 2.00 बजे तक।				
6	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता		कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, चक्रधरपुर।				
7	निविदा प्रोक्यूरमेन्ट सेल (e-procurement cell) का दूरभाष संख्या		06587–238164				
8	हेल्पलाईन नम्बर		9430725642				
क्रमसं	कार्य का नाम	ग्रुप/संख्या	लक्ष्य की संख्या	प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रूपये में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रू० में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	Drinking Water and Facilities in Anganbari Centre in Govt. Building under Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Chakradharpur for the year 2025-26 on turn Key Basis	CKP/Water & facilities-01	24 nos	4.97784	10000.00	750.00	30 दिन
		CKP/Water & facilities-02	12 nos	2.48892	5000.00	500.00	30 दिन
		CKP/Water & facilities-03	09 nos	1.86669	4000.00	500.00	30 दिन

नोट–1.निविदा की शर्ते एवं परिमाण विपत्र विभागीय वेबसाईट www.Jharkhandtenders.gov.in से Download की जा सकती है।
2. परिमाण–विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चक्रधरपुर।

PR 371347 West Singhbhum(25-26)#D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, जमशेदपुर।
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अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या– RDSD/JAMSHEDPUR/09/25-26/2nd Call

ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामीण कार्य मामले)/ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची के अधीन समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदकों से निम्नांकत कार्य के लिए मुहरबंद निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

विज्ञापनदाता का नाम :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर।
परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री की तिथि :– दिनांक 30.01.2026 को कार्यालय अवधि में।
परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री का स्थान :– कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर (कार्यालय अवधि में)।
निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि, स्थान एवं समय :– दिनांक 31.01.2026 को ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, जमशेदपुर का कार्यालय परिसर में 11.00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से अपराह्न 2.00 बजे तक।
निविदा खोलने की तिथि, स्थान एवं समय :– दिनांक 31.01.2026 को अपराह्न 3.00 बजे कार्यपालक अभियंता के कार्यालय कक्ष में।

क्र0 सं0	कार्य का नाम (PM JANMAN FUND)	प्राक्कलित राशि (रू0)	अग्रधन की राशि (रू0)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रू0)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1.	मुसाबनी प्रखण्ड अंतर्गत सबर टोला ग्राम में आँगनबाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का निर्माण। (खाता नं0–186)	1166300.00	24000.00	2500.00	6 माह
2.	मुसाबनी प्रखण्ड अंतर्गत सबर टोला ग्राम में आँगनबाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का निर्माण। (खाता नं0–200)	1166300.00	24000.00	2500.00	6 माह

नोटः– (1) ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामीण कार्य मामले)/ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग झारखण्ड, राँची के अधीन समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदक ही निविदा में भाग ले सकते है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल,जमशेदपुर।

PR 371272 Rural Development(25-26)D

जिला दण्डाधिकारी–सह–उपायुक्त का कार्यालय,
पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा, (पंचायत शाखा)
E-mail ID – chaibasa.dpro@gmail.com

आम सूचना

सचिव राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग, झारखण्ड, राँची के पत्रांक 144 दिनांक 11.02.2025 एवं पत्रांक 100 दिनांक 15.01.2026 के आलोक में नगरपालिका आम निर्वाचन, 2026 के निमित्त नगर परिषद् चाईबासा के वार्ड संख्या – 03/02 का प्रपत्र–4 में तैयार फोटोयुक्त संशोधित मतदाता सूची का प्रारूप प्रकाशन **दिनांक 19.01.2026** को विहित स्थानों यथा **जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी (नगरपालिका)–सह–उपायुक्त, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा का कार्यालय, अनुमण्डल पदाधिकारी का कार्यालय सदर चाईबासा, अंचल कार्यालय सदर चाईबासा एवं नगर परिषद् कार्यालय चाईबासा** में प्रकाशित किया जाता है।

संशोधित मतदाता सूची का प्रारूप प्रकाशन निर्दिष्ट स्थानों पर **दिनांक 19.01.2026 से 28.01.2026 तक प्रातः 11:00 बजे से सायं 5:00 बजे तक (सार्वजनिक अवकाश के दिनों को छोड़कर)** रखी जायेगी। यदि कोई व्यक्ति दावा या आपत्ति प्रस्तुत करना चाहे तो **संबंधित अंचल कार्यालय सदर चाईबासा में** प्रपत्र–'क' (परिशिष्ट–1) एवं प्रपत्र– 'ख' (परिशिष्ट–2) में अपना दावा/आपत्ति लिखित रूप में दर्ज करा सकते है। प्रकाशन अवधि के उपरांत किसी प्रकार की आपत्ति स्वीकार्य नहीं होगी।

जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी (नगरपालिका)
–सह–उपायुक्त,
पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा

PR 371256 West Singhbhum(25-26)#D

उप नगर आयुक्त का कार्यालय
मानगो नगर निगम, जमशेदपुर—831012

अति अल्पकालीन ई०–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

अति अल्पकालीन ई०–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–UDHD/MMC/12/2025-26
दिनांक–19.01.2026

ग्रुप सं0	कार्य का नाम	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	2	4	5	6
UDHD/MMC/01	मानगो नगर निगम के कार्यालय कार्य हेतु (कुशल) वाहन चालक/कार्यालय सहायक की आपूर्ति कार्य।	50000.00	5,000.00	01 वर्ष
UDHD/MMC/02	मानगो नगर निगम के कार्यालय कार्य हेतु (अर्ध कुशल) खलासी/गार्ड /Desludging Machine हेतु मजदुर की आपूर्ति कार्य।	50000.00	5,000.00	01 वर्ष

1	ई0 निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम	उप नगर आयुक्त, मानगो नगर निगम।
2	वेबसाईट पर ई0 निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक–20.01.2026 (अपराह्न 05.00 बजे से)
3	ई0 निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक–28.01.2026 (अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक)
4	ई0 निविदा का खोलने की तिथि	दिनांक–29.01.2026 (अपराह्न 5.00 बजे)
5	ई0 निविदा से संबंधित जानकारी हेतु मोबाईल नंम्बर	8709854108, 8789415324
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Sunny Leone reveals her kids have been coming to Splitsvilla sets since they were born: 'They genuinely love the show'



Mumbai Jan 21 (IANS) Actress Sunny Leone who celebrates her 10th year as a host on the reality show Splitsvilla, spoke to IANS about how her kids have literally grown up on sets of the show. She also mentioned that her kids watch it with complete focus, and that she does not find anything wrong in it.

Talking to IANS in an exclusive conversation, said, "My kids have been coming to Splitsvilla since they were born, and I think this is their seventh year on the sets."

She added, "They genuinely love Splitsvilla. They haven't watched it on television, but they have been there on the sets, watching everyone work. The entire crew knows my children, as they have met them since they were babies."

She further added, "I even have pictures of my boys in the pool on the Splitsvilla sets when they were very small. They were always with me while I was working, and those memories with the show and my kids are truly special."

The mother of three added that she does not see anything wrong with her kids watching Splitsvilla.

"I honestly don't feel there is anything wrong with what they see. During one challenge, they were watching very closely and even picked up on the smallest details. Later, they came to me saying things like someone was cheating, someone didn't follow the rules, or why people were fighting. I explained to them in simple terms that everyone was competing to win the challenge, and they understood it from their level."

She added, "They may not understand all the words being used, but since I explain things to them later, I feel comfortable with it. "

The actress elaborated that while her kids don't watch the entire show, they still manage to grasp the challenges and understand the thrill.

"They don't watch the entire show; they just see one challenge here and there. Until last year, they had only watched bits and pieces, but recently they have started understanding what's happening. They don't watch the dome sessions because it gets too late and they go to bed."

Mithila Palkar reveals trick shared by Vir Das for landing punches



Mumbai, Jan 21 (IANS) Actress Mithila Palkar, who can be seen in the recently released film 'Happy Patel: Khatarnak Jasoos', has revealed the trick shared by her director Vir Das.

The actress spoke with IANS during the promotions of the film, and shared that Vir Das asked her to just focus on her lines, and not worry about delivering the punch or its timing. That one trick did the job, and the actress ended up unlocking a new skill as an actor.

She told IANS, "What he helped me with was that he said, 'Don't overthink it. I have to make people laugh right now. You're not, it's not your job as Roopa to make people laugh. People will laugh with you when you say your lines'. Like I said earlier, he said, 'Don't play that comedy. Say the lines, the comedy will happen'. So that was really helpful".

She further mentioned, "Yeah, it's a different genre, but I'm still an actor and I'm still doing what I know how to do and what to do. So that definitely helped. I feel like who better than Vir Das to guide you through the comedy genre. So I knew I was in safe hands. Even if I got lost somewhere, they would bring me back on track.

Bhagyashree shares life lesson using Kishore Kumar's iconic song, encourages positive thinking



Mumbai Jan 21 (IANS) Bollywood actress Bhagyashree has taken to her social media account to share an uplifting message with her fans, and has urged them not to deep dive into negativity or get affected by others' negative opinions.

She asked fans to instead emphasise on self-growth and inner peace, and encouraged people to focus on filling their minds and souls with positivity rather than opinions of others about them.

Citing the legendary singer Kishore Kumar's iconic song Kuch Toh Log Kahenge, Bhagyashree said that people will always have something to say, but it is up to each individual to decide whether to dwell on the negative thoughts or let them go. She concluded her beautiful message by stressing that choosing happiness, self-belief, and positivity is what truly matters.

Sharing the video message on her social media account, Bhagyashree captioned it as,"#tuesdaytipswithb Never let negativity bog you down. Criticism should not undermine you or your capabilities. Comparison should be to better yourself with each passing day. Strive to improve your skills, make yourself better tomorrow than you were yesterday."

Bhagyashree is seen often sharing multiple tips for quick hacks to keep fit amidst busy schedules.

Simultaneously, the 56 year-old actress also shares many hacks for a pain free body.

A few days ago, Bhagyashree shared a video to reduce stiffness in the body.

She was seen showing a few quick exercises for the same.

Bhagyashree captioned it as, "Wake up with no back pain. Do these simple muscle release exercises and reduce the stiffness in your lower back and hips. Wake up fresh as a daisy, ready to take on the new day. Happy New Year in advance.

Tejasswi Prakash relives her 'Swaragini' days with Helly Shah



Mumbai, Jan 21 (IANS) Popular television actress Tejasswi Prakash has taken a trip down memory lane, fondly revisiting her "Swaragini - Jodein Rishton Ke Sur" days. The actress, who made her acting debut with the thriller 2612, took to Instagram, where she shared a gamut of images from the drama series, which also featured Helly Shah, Varun Kapoor, and Namish Taneja.

"2016 has my And it always will #swaragini," she wrote as the caption.

"Swaragini - Jodein Rishton Ke Sur" followed two estranged sisters, who meet by accident and make a pact to reunite their parents and rekindle their lost love. However, in the process, their own love life gets complicated. The show marked a major turning point in Tejasswi's career, earning her widespread recognition for her portrayal of Ragini.

Raveena Tandon's 2016 flashback hides a glimpse of little Rasha Thadani



Mumbai, Jan 21 (IANS) Actress Raveena Tandon is the latest Bollywood celeb to join the ongoing "2026 is the new 2016" trend.

Turning back the clock, the 'KGF: Chapter 2' actress took to her Instagram and dropped some throwback photos and videos from 10 years ago.

Along with some stunning glimpses of Raveerna from 2016, the post also provided the netizens with a glimpse of little Rasha Thadani, who recently stepped into Bollywood with "Azaad".

In one of the stills, Raveena and Rasha are facing the camera together with a smile.

We could also see little Rasha posing with her mother, Raveena, and brother Ranbir Thadani.

Tiger Shroff & Jackie Shroff pen lovely wishes for birthday girl Krishna Shroff



Mumbai, Jan 21 (IANS) Bollywood actor Jackie Shroff's daughter, Krishna Shroff, turned a year older on Wednesday. Marking the special occasion, the 'Hero' actor took to his official Instagram handle and uploaded a couple of rare photos with his daughter.

The first picture in the post was of Jackie and Krishna flaunting their high-glam look in a stunning photograph. This was followed by a still of little Krishna gazing at something intently with her innocent eyes.

In another capture, baby Krishna was seen melting hearts with her adorable smile while posing on the couch.

Posting another blast from the past, Jackie published a pic of toddler Krishna with a dirty mouth, flashing her teeth at the camera.

The post also had another throwback pic of Krishna in her mother Ayesha's arms.

We also saw some more recent pictures of the father and daughter duo in the post captioned with a red heart emoji and hashtag #HappyBirthday.

In one of these photos, Krishna is showing her dirty hands after a day of gardening.

Shivangi Joshi's guilty pleasure: Cartoons, Barbie films, doing absolutely nothing



Mumbai, Jan 21 (IANS) Television actress Shivangi Joshi has revealed her simple guilty pleasures, saying that she still enjoys binge-watching cartoons she loved as a child.

The actress on the podcast titled Honestly, Why Not by Balaji Telefilms shared that shows like Oswald, Noddy, and Doraemon continue to be her comfort watch even today.

Along with cartoons, Shivangi also enjoys watching Barbie movies, saying these feel-good choices never really go out of her life.

Asked if she has a guilty pleasure or a hobby that she indulges in secretly, the actress said: "Guilty pleasure? Yes, I do. I mean, I binge-watch.. And that too cartoons. Jab main choti thi, jo main tab cartoons dekhti thi. I like watching Oswald, Noddy, and Doraemon."

"Yeah, even now. Aur Barbie movies aur yeh saari cheezein main abhi bhi dekhti hu. And also, when I'm not doing anything, I like to do nothing. Sleep. And do nothing. Just be in my room and do nothing," she added.

The 27-year-old actress began her television career with a cameo appearance in Parvarrish – Kuchh Khattee Kuchh Meethi and later made her full-fledged acting debut in 2013 with Khelti Hai Zindagi Aankh Micholi.

The actress was then seen in shows such as Beintehaa, Begusarai, Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai. She then portrayed Anandi Chaturvedi in Balika Vadhu 2 and Barsatein – Mausam Pyaar Ka.

She was recently seen in "Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 4," the fourth installment of the Bade Achhe Lagte Hain franchise. It featured Harshad Chopda and Shivangi. The show explores themes of healing from past trauma, trust, and the messy reality of love when intertwined with revenge, with plot points involving fake marriage complications and parental disapproval.

In the same podcast, the actress spoke about her take on love and dating.

Health

Govt launches new online AI course to train doctors, boost healthcare delivery



New Delhi, Jan 21 (IANS) The National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, on Wednesday, launched an online training programme on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in medical education.

The programme aims to provide about 50,000 doctors with a foundational understanding of AI and its practical applications in clinical practice, diagnostics, clinical decision-making, research, and medical education.

The initiative will enhance digital competencies among medical professionals and enable them to effectively integrate AI-based tools into healthcare delivery and academic practice.

"The initiative is both timely and forward-looking," said Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Anupriya Patel, during the launch of the programme.

"In a country grappling with a significant burden of non-communicable diseases and the continuing challenge of tuberculosis, such programmes can support a shift from reactive to more proactive and prevntive approaches to healthcare delivery," she added.

Hrithik Roshan admits his hardwired obsession with 'Bollywood Biceps'



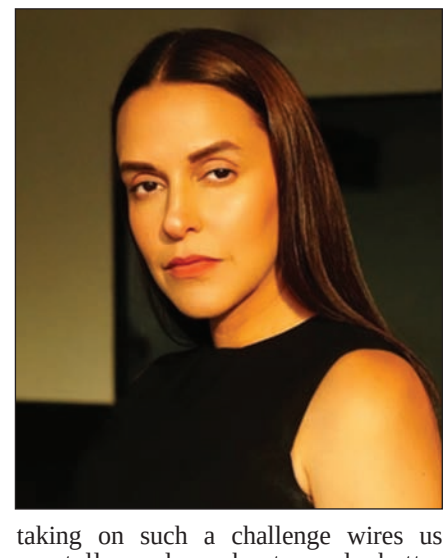
Mumbai, Jan 21 (IANS) Bollywood hunk Hrithik Roshan's love for fitness is well known. In many of his movies, he has been seen flaunting his toned physique, and now the 'War' actor has finally admitted to his hardwired obsession with 'Bollywood Biceps'.

In his latest Instagram post, Hrithik published photos of himself flexing his huge biceps at various stages of his life, from 1984 to 2022. One thing in common in all of these photos is Hrithik's love for posing and fitness.

"2016, 1984, 2019, 2022 and yesterday. No matter how many books I read or how evolved and nuanced my understanding of life gets , this hardwired obsession with "Bollywood Biceps" just doesn't seem to end. I hope I get over it eventually. Pray for me. (sic)," he wrote the caption.

Reacting to the post, one of the users commented, "So you're saying one of the pic is from Yesterday ?! man I swear these pics looks alike that you're still in your 30s". Another one penned, "Hrithik Sir, this isn't obsession… this is inspiration in its purest form...You don't just have Bollywood biceps, you have a Bollywood legacy.

Neha Dhupia turns to 'Indian nuskhas' for mindful, everyday wellness



Mumbai, Jan 21 (IANS) Actress Neha Dhupia says her wellness challenges are rooted in simplicity and sustainability, drawing from tried-and-tested methods rather than quick fixes.

Emphasising the importance of consistency over perfection, she shared that initiatives such as her anti-inflammation challenge are aimed at encouraging small, everyday habits that can be sustained in real life.

"The thought behind doing these challenges, be it the anti-inflammation challenge or now this one, the idea is to use my tried and tested methods and share simple wellness rituals. These natural wellness methods, or what we Indians call 'nuskhas', are never about perfection or quick fixes," Neha told IANS.

"It's about reminding ourselves that health is built through small, consistent choices that are sustainable in real life and taking on such a challenge wires us mentally and works towards better health."

Alcaraz survives 78-minute opening set in Australian Open R2 victory



Melbourne, Jan 21 (IANS) In a bid to complete a career Grand Slam, world No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz battled back from a break down in a thrilling 78-minute opening set against YannickHanfmann to record his second straight-sets victory at the Australian Open here on Wednesday. The top seed was put to the test by Hanfmann at Rod Laver Arena before triumphing 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-2 in 2 hours and 44 minutes to clinch his second win this year in Melbourne Alcaraz played the longest first set of his career at the Slams when Hanfmann led 3-1 in the first set and saved two break points at 5-5, later building a 4/3 lead in the tie-break before Alcaraz rattled off four straight points at the Rod Laver Arena. The 34-year-old German was seeking to become the first player outside the Top 100 of the ATP Rankings to defeat Alcaraz at a major.

Sabalenka eases into Australian Open third round

Melbourne, Jan 21 (IANS) World No. 1 ArynaSabalenka eased into the third round of the Australian Open after beating Chinese qualifier BaiZhuoxuan 6-3, 6-1 in 32 minutes on Wednesday.

It was a first meeting between Sabalenka and former World No. 83 Bai, who went through the wringer last year with injuries and arrived in Melbourne ranked world No. 702.

Wednesday's win marked Sabalenka's 25th singles match win as World No. 1 and made her the sixth player since 2000 to achieve the feat, following Serena Williams, Lindsay Davenport, Justine Henin, Ash Barty and IgaSwiatek.

Gauff seals fourth consecutive third-round appearance

Melbourne, Jan 21 (IANS) Coco Gauff smoothly advanced to the third round of the women's singles at the 2026 Australian Open, demonstrating an assertive performance on Wednesday at Margaret Court Arena in Melbourne Park.

The world No. 3 secured her 251st WTA win, just two days after achieving her 250th career victory in the Grand Slam's opening round.

The two-time Grand Slam champion defeated Olga Danilovi? in straight sets, securing the win with scores of 6-2, 6-2 in 1 hour and 17 minutes.

Gauff delivered a commanding performance at Margaret Court Arena, quickly asserting her dominance by winning five straight games in the first set.

Dishant Yagnik appointed as Kolkata Knight Riders' fielding coach



New Delhi, Jan 21 (IANS) Three-time champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) have appointed former Rajasthan wicketkeeper-batter DishantYagnik as their fielding coach ahead of the 2026 Indian Premier League (IPL) season. "Yagnik is set to bring a wealth of experience and a sharp eye for fielding excellence to KKR, with the franchise set to enter the IPL with a fresh, new-look support staff unit led by AbhishekNayar (Head Coach), DJ Bravo (Mentor) Shane Watson (Assistant Coach), Tim Southee (Bowling Coach) and Andre Russell (Power Coach)," said KKR in a statement on Wednesday. Hailing from Banswara in Rajasthan, Yagnik, 43, featured in 25 IPL matches from 2011 to 2014 for Rajasthan Royals. He played 50 first-class, 41 List A, and 56 T20 matches in his domestic career spanning 13 years.

Indonesia Masters: Sindhu, Srikanth through to Round of 16



Jakarta, Jan 21 (IANS) Former world champion PV Sindhu faced a tough first-round match but ultimately secured a straight-games victory over Japan's ManamiSuizu in the opening round of the Indonesia Masters here on Wednesday.

Sindhu had a surprising start in the first game, trailing 2-11 at the mid-game break. She had to defend four game points but managed to win the game 22-20, scoring six consecutive points.

In the second game, she led throughout but couldn't establish a comfortable lead over Suizu until she ultimately won 21-18. The India ace will face either Denmark's Line Kjaersfeldt or China's Han Qian Xi in the second round. Meanwhile, former World No. 1 Kidambi Srikanth, who made it to the finals of the Malaysia Masters and Syed Modi International last year, faced Japan's Koki Watanabe in an exciting first-round match and edged out his Japanese opponent with a 21-15, 21-23, 24-22 victory.

After a strong start with aggressive shot-making in the opening game, Srikanth's game faltered in the second as he made errors, giving Watanabe a chance to catch up.

In the third, he led 7-4 but made several errors and couldn't fully dominate Watanabe. Ultimately, in key moments, Srikanth's aggressive strokeplay helped him secure the win, keeping Watanabe at bay. Srikanth will next face fourth seed Chou Tien Chen in the second round.

U19 WC: Ben Mayes registers highest-ever score by an English batter



Harare, Jan 21 (IANS) Ben Mayes made history by setting the highest individual score by an England player at the ICC Under-19 Men's Cricket World Cup, scoring 191 runs from only 117 balls against Scotland in Harare, Zimbabwe, on Wednesday.

Mayes' score was also the joint second-highest of all time in U-19 World Cup history, tying with Sri Lanka's HasithaBoyagoda and just one short of the world record set by ViranChamuditha, who achieved this record earlier in the tournament against Japan.

Mayes came in to bat after England lost Ben Dawkins early and quickly started attacking the opposition. Along with Joe Moores, Mayes launched an aggressive partnership, achieving an 188-run stand in roughly 22 overs.

The 18-year-old Mayes played a leading role in the partnership, consistently overpowering the opposing bowlers.

During his innings, he hit 18 boundaries and eight sixes, thoroughly dismantling the Scottish bowling attack.

His performance helped England reach 404/6 against Scotland, marking the sixth-highest score in ICC Under-19 Men's Cricket World Cup history and the highest of the tournament so far.

Bhambri-Garansson march into men's doubles second round



Melbourne, Jan 21 (IANS) India's Yuki Bhambri and his Swedish partner Andre Garansson progressed to the second round of the Australian Open 2026 men's doubles event with a win over local wild cards James Duckworth and Cruz Hewitt, the son of former World No. 1 and multiple Grand Slam winner Lleyton Hewitt, in Melbourne on Wednesday. The 10th-seeded Indo-Swedish pair registered a 6-3, 6-4 victory in just 57 minutes. In the second round, Bhambri and Goransson will face either Mexico's Santiago Gonzalez and the Netherlands' David Pel or the Brazilian pairing of Marcelo Melo and Fernando Romboli.

Bhambri and Goransson dominated proceedings from the start, delivering a near-perfect serving performance.

In the opening set, they held four of their five service games to love, dropping just a single point in the ninth game.

A break in the eighth game against Duckworth and Hewitt was all they needed to clinch the set.

The momentum carried into the second set, where Bhambri and Göransson once again won four of their five service games to love.

ECB appoint Troy Cooley as England men's elite pace bowling lead coach

London, Jan 21 (IANS) The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has appointed Troy Cooley as the men's elite national pace bowling lead coach, where the Australian will oversee the development of fast bowlers across England's senior men's and pathway teams. Cooley will be responsible for coaching pace bowlers in the England men's side as well as the England Lions and Young Lions squads. Cooley, 60, returns to a role he previously held between 2003 and 2006, a period that included England's Ashes victory at home in 2005. He had been England's pace bowling coach in Australia for the Ashes and Lions squads in 2021. Cooley also spent 15 years with Cricket Australia's National Performance Programme in Brisbane, before recently finishing a stint as the fast-bowling coach at the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) Centre of Excellence (COE) in Bengaluru, where he began work in 2021. Cooley also served as the bowling coach for the Indian women's team during the T20 World Cup held in South Africa in February 2023 and played a similar role for the India men's A team during their England tour in May-June 2025. "I am proud of the foundation built in recent years and grateful to the BCCI team, led by VVS Laxman, for their support. Joining the ECB is an exciting opportunity to help shape the next phase of England's pace bowling future - bringing together the art of performance and the science of long term development.



ICC rejects BCB's request, keeps Bangladesh's T20 World Cup fixtures in India



New Delhi, Jan 21 (IANS) The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Wednesday confirmed that Bangladesh's matches in the upcoming 2026 Men's T20 World Cup will be played in India, as per the original schedule.

The decision comes after an ICC Board meeting, featuring all members, which took place via video conferencing, after the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) requested that its fixtures be shifted to Sri Lanka, due to the BCCI instructing Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) to remove Mustafizur from its IPL 2026 squad amidst deteriorating relations between both countries.

The ICC said its decision was based on security assessments, including independent reviews, which found no threat to Bangladesh players, officials, media, or fans at any of the tournament venues in India. "Over the past several weeks, the ICC has engaged with the BCB in sustained and constructive dialogue, with the clear objective of enabling Bangladesh's participation in the tournament.

"During this period, the ICC has shared detailed inputs, including independent security assessments, comprehensive venue-level security plans, and formal assurances from the host authorities, all of which consistently concluded that there is no credible or verifiable threat to the safety or security of the Bangladesh team in India.

"Despite these efforts, the BCB maintained its position, repeatedly linking its participation in the tournament to a single, isolated, and unrelated development concerning one of its players' involvement in a domestic league. This linkage has no bearing on the tournament's security framework or the conditions governing participation in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup," said an ICC spokesperson in a statement.

"The ICC's venue and scheduling decisions are guided by objective threat assessments, host guarantees, and the tournament's agreed terms of participation, which apply uniformly to all 20 competing nations. In the absence of any independent security findings that materially compromise the safety of the Bangladesh team, the ICC is unable to relocate fixtures.

Should Bangladesh withdraw from the mega event, Scotland are expected to take their place, with the team ranked 14th in T20Is and the highest-ranked side not already qualified.

'The man with the toughest job after PM,' says Tharoor after meeting Gambhir



Nagpur, Jan 21 (IANS) Congress MP and noted author ShashiTharoor on Wednesday shared warm words of appreciation for GautamGambhir, head coach of the Indian men's cricket team, after meeting the former India batter in Nagpur ahead of the first T20I of the five-match series against New Zealand at the New VCA Stadium in Jamtha. Sharing a photograph of their meeting on the social media platform X, Tharoor described Gambhir as a man entrusted with one of the toughest roles in the country, highlighting the immense scrutiny that comes with leading the Indian cricket team. He also called Gambhir his old friend.

"In Nagpur, I enjoyed a good and frank discussion with my old friend GautamGambhir, the man with the hardest job in India after the PM's!" Tharoor wrote in his post.

The senior parliamentarian acknowledged the constant pressure faced by the former Indian opener, noting that Gambhir is subjected to relentless public judgment daily. "He is being second-guessed by millions daily but stays calm and walks on undaunted," Tharoor said, praising Gambhir's calm attitude in handling the pressure.

Sport Fest: Adil Hussain, Samia Nazwin essay contest



Jamshedpur, January 21: The ten-day TafazzulKarim Sports Festival, organised by the Aman Welfare Society, began on Wednesday in Mango with various competitive events. On the opening day, competitions in carrom, chess, debate and essay writing were held. AdilHussain and SamiaNaz emerged as winners of the inter-school essay writing competition, securing first place in their respective categories.

The winners were felicitated by organising committee president Dr AfrozShakeel and educationist TahirHussain, who presented them with cheques of Rs 7,000 each. RafatAra, MohdShahid and others were present. Around 500 students from different schools are participating in the festival.

Dayaan Farooqui's PWL poised to make wrestling India's next sporting phenomenon



Noida, January 21: At a time when Indian sport is searching for its next great national movement beyond cricket, DayaanFarooqui, Chairman of the Pro Wrestling League (PWL), is leading a bold mission to reimagine one of the country's oldest sporting traditions. His vision is not merely to run a successful league, but to transform wrestling into a cultural force - one that captures modern audiences while staying deeply rooted in India's sporting soul. Farooqui believes wrestling has always been embedded in India's DNA, evolving naturally from the akhada to the international mat. What the sport has lacked, he asserts, is not talent or legacy, but a contemporary platform that allows it to be celebrated at scale. Under his leadership, PWL is positioned as that bridge - a league designed to elevate wrestling's visibility, storytelling and stature, giving it the grandeur expected of a modern professional sport while honoring its homegrown origins.

Balancing commercialization with authenticity remains central to Farooqui's philosophy. While PWL embraces modern production, global standards and league economics, the essence of Indian wrestling remains untouched. The league consciously preserves the discipline, grit and cultural ethos that define the sport, ensuring that as wrestling grows globally, it does so without losing its Indian identity. Farooqui's long-term ambition is clear: to build wrestling into a global sporting superpower that still feels unmistakably Indian.

A critical marker of success, according to Farooqui, will be when wrestling becomes aspirational for the younger generation. His vision extends beyond packed arenas and broadcast numbers - he wants wrestling to become a Gen Z way of life. The rising participation of young athletes in PWL already signals this shift, as the league inspires a new generation to see wrestling not as a niche pursuit, but as a mainstream career with national recognition and pride.

Women's wrestling stands at the heart of PWL's evolving structure, reflecting Farooqui's commitment to meaningful inclusivity. With the 2026 format placing renewed emphasis on gender parity, the league is implementing concrete structural changes to ensure women's wrestling is competitive, visible and integral - not symbolic. By creating consistent exposure, competitive depth and a clear progression pathway, PWL aims to drive a genuine transformation in women's wrestling at both national and international levels.

Looking toward the next decade, Farooqui envisions PWL as a cornerstone of India's grassroots sports ecosystem. His legacy goal is ambitious yet deeply rooted in purpose - to make wrestling evoke the same passion, aspiration and mass appeal as cricket, while consistently producing world-class and Olympic champions. If realized, DayaanFarooqui's vision will not only redefine the Pro Wrestling League, but also secure wrestling's rightful place at the heart of India's sporting future.

Jharkhand's folk soul comes alive at grand Tusu fair in Gopal Maidan





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Jamshedpur, Jan 21: The historic Gopal Maidan in Bistupur turned into a vibrant hub of Jharkhand's folk culture as the Jharkhand Vasi Ekta Manch organised a grand Tusu Fair, drawing lakhs of visitors from across the region. The event showcased a rich confluence of Jharkhand's traditions, music and collective spirit.

People arrived from far-flung areas carrying massive Tusu idols and 'Chaural', while celebrated Jhumur singer Santosh Mahato, fondly known as the Jhumur Samrat, enthralled the crowd with popular folk numbers like "Bhaloi Dhaan Hoilo Ei Bochor…" and "Chal Sajni Regal Maidane…".

His performance transformed the evening into a true Tusu celebration, with audiences and dignitaries alike swaying to the rhythms. The fair was graced by several prominent leaders including MP Bidyut Baran Mahato, former Health Minister Banna Gupta, Ichagarh MLA Sabita Mahato, Jugsalai MLA Mangal Kalindi, former Rajya Sabha MP Pradeep Balmuchu, and other public representatives and social leaders. Addressing the gathering, MP Bidyut Baran Mahato said the Tusu festival reflects unity in diversity across Jharkhand and urged people to protect their culture, traditions and educate the next generation. Banna Gupta added a folk touch to his speech by beginning with a Tusu song and appealed to people to celebrate the festival with joy and safety. MLA Mangal Kalindi recalled that the vision of late MP Sunil Mahato-to bring the rural Tusu tradition to the heart of the city-has now become a reality.

Social activist Astik Mahato emphasised the need to bridge differences between the Kurmi and Adivasi communities, appealing for unity and restraint, especially on social media. He reminded the audience that Jharkhand was formed through the collective sacrifices of all communities. A special tribute was paid to martyrs of the Jharkhand movement and legendary figures including Birsa Munda, Sidho-Kanhu, Nirmal Mahato, Sudhir Mahato and Sunil Mahato, with floral offerings at the main stage. Cash prizes were given away to the Tusu competition winners. The event stood out not just as a cultural festival, but as a strong message of unity, heritage and collective identity of Jharkhand. (w- pm)

The fair also hosted competitive cultural performances, with winners announced in various categories

Tusu Competition

First: Dhananjay Mahato, Padnamsai – Rs 41,000
Second: Jagannath Mahato, Kharsawan – Rs 35,000
Third: Chadri, Rajnagar – Rs 31,000
Fourth: Deepak Mahato, Manpita – Rs 25,000
Fifth: Angad Mahato – Rs 20,000
Sixth: Phoolchand Gorai – Rs 15,000

Chaural Dance Competition

First: Adivasi Puran Samiti, Khunti (Virendra Puran) – Rs31,000
Second: Adivasi Kisan Chaural Samiti – Rs 25,000
Third: Sarna Chaural Samiti – Rs 21,000
Fourth: Shri Shri Maa Durga Samiti (Hemraj Mahato) – Rs 15,000

Budhi Gadi Dance Competition

First: Mahavir Mahato, Patamda – Rs 15,000
Second: Harihar Tudu, Khakhidih – Rs 11,000
Third: Narwa Khurshi – Rs 7,000
Fourth: Jayachandra, Seraikela – Rs 5,000

SCCI seminar highlights solar energy for cost-effective power solutions



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Jamshedpur, Jan 21: The Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) organized an informative and well-attended seminar on "Utilizing Solar Energy for a Better and Cleaner Future" at Chamber Bhavan, Bistupur. The programme drew active participation from industrialists, traders, professionals, and Chamber members, reflecting growing interest in clean and renewable energy solutions.

The primary objective of the seminar was to create awareness about the increasing importance of solar energy, its environmental benefits, and its potential to significantly reduce electricity costs for industries and households. Key topics discussed included the functioning of solar energy systems, reduction of power expenses for industries, return on investment (ROI) and payback periods, net metering mechanisms, financing options for rooftop solar installations, and subsidies available under the PM Surya Ghar Yojana for residential consumers.

An interactive question-and-answer session further enriched the programme, allowing participants to clarify technical, financial, and policy-related queries. The chief guest, Ajit Kumar, General Manager, Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (JBVNL), and the guest of honour, V. P. Singh, General Manager (Power Services), Tata Steel Utilities and Services Limited (TSUSL), shared valuable insights on power distribution systems, government policies, and the growing relevance of renewable energy in the region. Both encouraged industries and households to adopt solar energy for long-term economic and environmental gains.

Addressing the gathering, SCCI General Secretary Puneet Kauntia said the Chamber would continue supporting initiatives that help reduce operational costs while promoting environmental sustainability. Industry Vice President Harsh Bakrewal added that such knowledge-based programmes bridge the gap between policy, technology, and real-world implementation.

The seminar was co-sponsored by Tata Power Solar Rooftop and KGDC Enterprises LLP. Experts from both organizations provided practical guidance on solar solutions, financial models, and implementation challenges. The programme concluded with networking and dinner, offering participants an opportunity to interact with experts and fellow members.

Loyola School, Telco hosts tobacco control awareness prog

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Jamshedpur, Jan 21: Loyola School, Telco organized a comprehensive Tobacco Control Awareness Programme to educate students about the harmful effects of tobacco consumption and encourage the adoption of a tobacco-free lifestyle.

The programme aimed to sensitize young minds to the serious health, social, and psychological consequences associated with tobacco use.

The awareness session was conducted under the guidance of the Chief Medical Officer-cum-Civil Surgeon, East Singhbhum, as part of the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), an initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, implemented in collaboration with the Education Department, Government of Jharkhand.

The programme began with a welcome address by Shubham Ghosal. This was followed by an informative and interactive session led by Ms. Mousumi Chatterjee, District Consultant, NTCP, East Singhbhum, and Mr. Kundan Kumar, Social Worker, NTCP. The speakers explained how the tobacco industry deliberately targets children and



adolescents through attractive advertisements, celebrity endorsements, and misleading depictions in films and television that portray tobacco use as fashionable and glamorous.

They warned that addiction is not limited by age and highlighted growing concerns about children as young as 10-12 years becoming vulnerable to substance abuse. Tobacco, they explained, is medically recognized as a gateway substance that often leads to more severe forms of addiction. The speakers also discussed the dangers of both active and passive smoking, noting that toxic particles linger in the air, cling to clothing, and can even harm pets.

Addressing health implications, the speakers pointed out that India is considered the oral cancer capital of the world. Tobacco damages nearly every organ of the human body and significantly reduces life expectancy. Parents were urged to serve as positive role models, as children often imitate adult behavior.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by NiharikaNandy, who emphasized the importance of awareness and education in nurturing a healthy, responsible, and tobac-

Milder winter days in Jharkhand as daytime temperatures stay above normal

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Jamshedpur, Jan 21 : Winter loosened its grip slightly across Jharkhand on Wednesday, with most districts recording higher-than-normal daytime temperatures, even as nights remained cool but comfortable.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) reported dry and stable weather conditions across the state during the past 24 hours, with no rainfall, fog, or cold wave observed anywhere.

According to the realised weather bulletin based on 8.30 am surface observations, several cities experienced a noticeable rise in maximum temperatures.

Chaibasa in West Singhbhum emerged as the warmest location, recording a maximum temperature of 31.2°C - about 6°C above normal.

Jamshedpur also reported warmer conditions, with the mercury touching 30.5°C, nearly 3.3°C above the seasonal average. The state capital Ranchi recorded a maximum temperature of 26.6°C, around 2.4°C above normal. Bokaro (Thermal) and Daltonganj followed with highs of 28.2°C and 29.2°C respectively.

The IMD noted only marginal variations in daytime temperatures, indicating steady and settled weather patterns across the region. Night temperatures remained largely pleasant, though a few locations reported slightly higher-than-normal readings. Gumla AWS recorded the lowest minimum temperature in the state at 8.4°C, making it the coldest place during the observation period. Ranchi's minimum temperature stood at 12.9°C, about 3.1°C above normal, while Jamshedpur recorded 13.2°C.

Automated Weather Station (AWS) data showed similar trends across Jharkhand.

Seraikela reported a maximum temperature of 31.2°C, while Jagannathpur in West Singhbhum recorded 30.2°C.

Minimum temperatures at most AWS locations ranged between 10°C and 13°C, reflecting the absence of harsh winter conditions. Visibility across the state remained mostly normal. The lowest visibility, measured at 1,500 metres, was reported at the Meteorological Centre in Ranchi. The IMD confirmed that no fog events occurred, ensuring uninterrupted road, rail, and air operations. The state also remained completely dry during the observation period, with all surface observatories and AWS stations reporting nil rainfall. The IMD reiterated that no cold wave conditions were realised anywhere in Jharkhand.

Surya Temple committee to celebrate sixth anniversary of Shri Ram Temple

Jamshedpur, Jan 21: A key meeting of the Surya Temple Committee, Sidgora, was held on Wednesday at the Suryadham complex under the chairmanship of committee president Bhupendra Singh. The meeting resolved to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the grand consecration of the magnificent Shri Ram Temple with great devotion and splendor.

It was also decided that a grand Garuda Pillar would be installed and the Shivalinga would be reinstalled within the



Surya Temple premises. The meeting witnessed the prominent presence of the committee's chief patron and former Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das, along with patron Chandragupta Singh, office bearers, executive members, and special invitees.

Providing details, president Bhupendra Singh informed that a three-day religious program will be organized from February 25 to 27. During this period, the installation of the Garuda Pillar and the reinstatement of the Shivalinga will take place at the Surya Temple complex. A grand Deepotsav will be held on February 27 at 5 pm. On February 28, a Sundarkand recitation will be organized, followed by a grand community feast (Mahabhandara) at 7 pm.

To ensure the smooth and systematic conduct of the celebrations, a sub-committee was formed and responsibilities were assigned for procession, prasad distribution, city decoration, traffic management, sound and lighting arrangements, press and media coordination, Sundarkand recitation, and Kalash Yatra.

The committee also decided that its members would visit devotees' homes in their respective areas to personally invite them to participate in the festival. Several committee members and volunteers were present at the meeting, expressing their commitment to making the celebrations a grand success.

Johar Haat celebrates three years of tribal enterprise and cultural exchange

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Jamshedpur, Jan 21: Johar Haat, an initiative launched in 2023, to provide entrepreneurial opportunities to tribal grassroots artisans, traditional healers, and home cooks, marked its third anniversary in January 2026. Over the past three years, the platform has emerged as a vibrant space for promoting indigenous livelihoods while fostering meaningful connections between tribal communities and the people of Jamshedpur.

Since its inception, JoharHaat has supported 118 groups and individual stall owners, collectively benefiting 378 artisans from 29 tribes across 17 states and 2 Union Territories. The initiative has recorded cumulative sales of ?95.96 lakh and welcomed over 20,000 visitors, reflecting its growing reach and impact. The 3rd anniversary edition, held from 14th to 20th January 2026, coincided with MakarSankranti and focused exclusively on Jharkhand's tribal heritage. This special cycle brought together 25 participants from five tribes - Santhal, Ho, Oraon, Munda, and Kharwar, showcasing handicrafts, textiles, tribal cuisine, and traditional healing practices.

Food continued to be a major attraction during the event. SagunMahilaSamiti served signature Jharkhand dishes, while the SISI Self-Help Group highlighted indigenous ragi-based products, promoting sustainable and nutritious food traditions. Visitors enjoyed winter-special snacks, Sankranti delicacies, and popular favourites such as Madwamomos and traditional soups.

Sharing her experience, Sandhya Singh, Co-founder of



The Ong Apparel, said, "I first came to JoharHaat in September 2023, and since then it has been a deeply enriching journey. What makes JoharHaat special is the opportunity to meet artisans from different tribes, each with a unique craft and story. Despite language barriers, the way everyone connects with customers is inspiring, and every visit becomes a learning experience." Another participant, Roma Horo from Mango, Jamshedpur shared: "JoharHaat is a unique platform where we get the opportunity to showcase our products and receive direct feedback from customers. Since being part of this platform, I have been able to reach more people and take my products to a wider audience. It brings together artisans from different tribal communities and allows us to share our culture and traditions while earning a livelihood. I encourage everyone to visit JoharHaat and support us."

The anniversary week featured training sessions for participants, bead jewellery-making workshops, Sohrai painting sessions, live tribal cooking experiences, and interactions around traditional healing practices, offering visitors an immersive cultural experience. Extending its presence beyond the main venue, JoharHaat kiosks were displayed at the Tata Steel Zoological Park from 14th to 18th January, where artisans from four tribes showcased crafts such as jute work, tribal textiles, Sohrai paintings, crochet, and embroidery. JoharHaat also participated in Jam@Street at Bistupur on 18th January, bringing tribal cuisine and handicrafts to a wider urban audience.