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In Brief

No fuel shortage, LPG supply stable: Govt

New Delhi, April 1: The government on Wednesday said there is no fuel shortage at retail outlets and crude stocks are sufficient for the next two months. Joint Secretary Sujata Sharma stated that refineries are operating normally and LPG supply remains stable despite rising global prices. Petrol, diesel and domestic LPG prices remain unchanged, though oil companies are facing losses. The government has also expanded PNG connections and ensured full gas supply for households and CNG transport.

Tata Motors posts record Q4 sales

Mumbai, April 1: Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles reported record Q4 FY26 sales of 201,368 units, up 37 per cent year-on-year, taking annual sales to 641,587 units. Domestic sales rose 36 per cent, while exports surged 201 per cent. Electric vehicle sales jumped 69 per cent in the quarter. MD Shailesh Chandra said FY26 marked a milestone, with strong growth in EV and CNG segments.

CBI files case against Anil Ambani, RCom

New Delhi, April 1: Central Bureau of Investigation has registered a case against Anil Ambani and Reliance Communications over an alleged ?3,750 crore fraud involving Life Insurance Corporation of India. The agency alleged LIC was misled into investing in NCDs based on false claims. The case involves charges of cheating, conspiracy and fund diversion. Investigation is ongoing.

GST collections hit Rs 2 lakh crore

New Delhi, April 1: India's GST collections rose 8.8 per cent year-on-year to ?2 lakh crore in March 2026, driven by strong import revenues. Net collections stood at ?1.77 lakh crore. For FY26, gross GST revenue grew 8.3 per cent to ?22.27 lakh crore, reflecting steady economic activity. Experts said rising consumption, imports and improved compliance supported growth, while higher refunds indicated better efficiency in the tax system.

UPI hits record 22.64 billion transactions

New Delhi, April 1: National Payments Corporation of India data shows UPI recorded a peak of 22.64 billion transactions in March 2026, up 24 per cent year-on-year. Transaction value rose to ?29.53 lakh crore. The platform continues to dominate digital payments, accounting for over half of all transactions in India. UPI is now operational in multiple countries, strengthening India's position as a global leader in digital payments.

US hints at war's end, Iran seeks pledge

Trump says Iran seeks ceasefire, will consider when Hormuz is open

Washington, April 1 (IANS): US President Donald Trump Wednesday said Iran's new leadership has sought a ceasefire with the United States, even as he signalled continued military pressure until key maritime conditions are met. In a post on social media, Trump claimed that Iran's current president had reached out amid ongoing hostilities. "Iran's New Regime President, much less radicalized and far more intelligent than his predecessors, has just asked the United States of America for a ceasefire!" he wrote.

The statement marks a sharp escalation in rhetoric, pairing the suggestion of diplomatic outreach with a warning of continued force. Trump indicated that any consideration of a ceasefire would be conditional.

"We will consider when Hormuz Strait is open, free, and clear," he said, referring to the strategic waterway central to global energy shipments. The Strait of Hormuz has remained a focal point in tensions involving Iran and Western powers.The remarks come as the US leadership has projected confidence in its ongoing operations against Iran. In an interview to Fox News Secretary of State, Marco Rubio said Washington was "closer than ever" to achieving its objectives, signalling momentum in the campaign.

Trump, in earlier comments, had framed the operations in stark terms, saying the US would not allow Iran to threaten global shipping routes or regional stability. He had emphasised that Tehran must ensure safe passage through key maritime corridors before any de-escalation could be considered.Secretary of War Pete Hegseth told reporters a day earlier that the US forces were prepared to sustain pressure and respond decisively to any threats. He stressed that ensuring freedom of navigation remained central to Washington's military posture in the region.

Meanwhile, Iran FM spokesperson Ismail Baghaei has denied that Tehran requested a ceasefire. Iranian state television has also reportedly debunked the claims calling them ' false and baseless.'

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi was also quoted saying earlier that Iran does not seek a ceasefire but for an end to this war.

Reports also suggest that Iran's officials claim that they are ready for long 'war of attrition'.



Tehran rubbishes claims of seeking ceasefire

Iran attacks Amazon's cloud business in Bahrain

Manama, April 1 (IANS): Iranian missiles have struck the headquarters of Batelco, Bahrain's largest telecommunications company , in Hamala, according to reports from local media. The facility also hosts Amazon Web Services infrastructure, making it a significant target in what appears to be a deliberate escalation of Iran's stated campaign against US tech giants in the region. Iran has announced it would start targeting US companies. This appears to be the first strike carried out under that threat. Media reports allege that Bahrain has since confirmed the facility was hit and that Amazon servers housed within the premises have been affected, rendering parts of the complex inoperative.

PM chairs CCS meet to safeguard India from West Asia war fallout



PM fills out the self-enumeration for Census 2027, in New Delhi on Wednesday.

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) to review the evolving situation in West Asia and assess its potential impact on India's national interests. This was the second CCS meeting since tensions escalated on February 28, 2026, following US-Israel airstrikes on Iranian targets and subsequent retaliatory actions, which have led to disruptions in the region, including in the Strait of Hormuz, and volatility in global energy markets.The high-level meeting, held in the evening, was attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, among others. Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chemical and Fertilisers Minister J.P. Nadda, and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw were also present.

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, senior officials including the Principal Secretaries, and Cabinet Secretary T.V. Somanathan also attended the meeting.

Cabinet Secretary Somanathan made a detailed presentation on the global situation and the measures already taken or under consideration by various ministries.

Oracle fires 30,000 employees, including 12,000 in India



Mumbai, April 1 (IANS): On Tuesday morning, thousands of Oracle employees received an email at around 6 am. Oracle's leadership is said to have informed them that their services were no longer needed. It is believed that the layoffs have impacted as many as 30,000 workers or roughly 18 per cent of the company's global workforce. In India, the number of employees getting the dreaded pink slip could be 12,000, according to reports.It is believed that all impacted workers lost their jobs with immediate effect, irrespective of their role or tenure at the firm. But the sudden layoffs have raised questions on the severance package being offered to impacted employees. While Oracle has not revealed the exact severance package - or even the number of employees who have lost their jobs - publicly, laid-off staff is taking to social media and other forums to share some of these presumably intimate details with the rest of the world.

Govt cushions aviation from fuel spike



New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) The government on Wednesday said that domestic airfares are unlikely to see a sharp rise as it has cushioned the impact of a steep surge in aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices by allowing only a partial increase for domestic airlines.

According to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG), ATF prices in India -- deregulated since 2001 -- are revised monthly based on international benchmarks. Given the current geopolitical situation, ATF prices for domestic markets were expected to rise by more than 100 per cent from April 1.

However, in a bid to shield domestic air travel costs from a steep spike, public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), in consultation with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, have implemented only a partial and staggered increase.Domestic airlines will face a limited hike of around 25 per cent, translating to approximately Rs 15 per litre, instead of the full pass-through of global price increases, the government said.

In contrast, airlines operating on international routes will bear the full increase in ATF prices, in line with global market-linked pricing.

19-kg commercial LPG hiked by Rs 195.50

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) State-owned oil marketing companies (OMCs) on Wednesday made substantial revisions to prices of both aviation turbine fuel (ATF) and commercial LPG, with rates surging sharply -- including a more-than-doubling in jet fuel prices -- tracking a spike in global oil prices amid the escalating West Asia conflict. Alongside, OMCs raised the price of 19-kg commercial LPG cylinders by Rs 195.50. Following the revision, a cylinder now costs Rs 2,078.50 in Delhi.

SC satisfied with Bengal SIR exercise

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) The Supreme Court on Wednesday expressed satisfaction over the progress made in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in poll-bound West Bengal, noting that a substantial number of objections have already been adjudicated and the remaining are likely to be decided by April 7. A Bench headed by CJI Surya Kant took on record communications received from the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court, indicating that more than 47 lakh objections have been disposed of so far out of a total pendency exceeding 60 lakh cases.

HC seeks status report on pending constitutional appointments

Ranchi, April 1 : The Jharkhand High Court on Wednesday directed the State Government to furnish details on the filling of long-pending vacancies in key constitutional bodies by April 13.

The constitutional bodies with pending vacancies include the Lokayukta, the State Human Rights Commission, and the State Information Commission.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice M.S. Sonak and Justice Rajesh Shankar was hearing a batch of Public Interest Litigations (PILs) and related contempt petitions on the issue on Wednesday.

Appearing for the State, Advocate General Rajiv Ranjan informed the court that, following the previous hearing, a high-level meeting of the Selection Committee was held at the Chief Minister Hemant Soren's residence, where key decisions regarding the appointments in high constitutional posts were taken. He submitted to the court that the process is now in its final stages.

Ranjan further apprised the bench that Chief Minister Hemant Soren is currently out of the state in connection with the Assam elections, and that the government would formally place on record the decisions taken and the progress made once he returns to the state.Senior Advocate V.P. Singh, representing the petitioner Rajkumar, argued that the prolonged vacancies – pending for several years -- have adversely impacted the state's administrative and quasi-judicial functioning.

It is to be noted that the first PIL seeking the appointment of Information Commissioners was filed in 2020. Despite multiple hearings over the years, the posts remain vacant. The court has time and again made strong observations in several earlier proceedings.

Taking the State's submissions on record, the bench posted the matter for further hearing on April 13.

The petitions, filed by Advocate Rajkumar and the Advocates' Association, seek expeditious appointments to key posts in Jharkhand, including the Lokayukta and the Chief Information Commissioner.



India rejects Islamabad observer talk

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Wednesday strongly refuted circulating reports claiming that India has formally sought observer status in the so-called "Islamabad Peace Process", terming them completely fake.

In an official post on its X handle, @MEAFactCheck, the MEA's fact-checking unit cautioned citizens against believing such misleading claims and urged them to rely on verified information.

The ministry clarified that no such request has been made by India and described the viral reports as baseless.

Crude material suspected in blast outside BJP office in Chandigarh

Chandigarh, April 1 (IANS) Panic gripped Chandigarh on Wednesday after a loud explosion, suspected to have involved crude material, was reported outside the BJP's office in Sector 37, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kanwardeep Kaur said. Preliminary reports indicated that the sound of the blast was heard over a considerable distance, triggering concern among local residents and passers-by.SSP Kaur, who reached the spot, told the media that at around 5 p.m., the police received information about a loud explosion-like sound outside the BJP office."My team and I immediately reached the spot. Prima facie, it appears that some crude material may have been thrown here. Teams from the NIA and the FSL have arrived at the location," she said.On receiving information about the incident, personnel from the police and fire department, along with senior officials, rushed to the spot. The area was immediately cordoned off, and an investigation was initiated to ascertain the cause and nature of the explosion.CCTV footage from nearby areas is being scrutinised to identify any suspicious movement before or after the incident, an official said.According to the police, the explosion resulted in damage to vehicles parked outside the BJP office premises. Photographs from the scene show police personnel deployed in the area and damaged scooters and cars parked nearby.

'Congress' Rajkumar to hit century of loss: PM Modi

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday lashed out at Congress in Assam, aiming at Lok Sabha leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi by referring to him as a "Rajkumar" and predicting continued electoral setbacks for the grand old party. He also expressed confidence that the BJP-led NDA would secure a "hattrick" victory in the state, citing the leadership of Sarbanand Sonowal and incumbent Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

Speaking at a public rally in Gogamukh, the Prime Minister adopted an aggressive tone, indirectly targeting Rahul Gandhi with a remark calling him a "self-styled prince." "This is my first public meeting after the announcement of the Assam elections. This ocean of people in front of me, the enthusiasm of the youth, the blessings of the sisters and daughters, this love is an open declaration that this time a hat-trick is certain," PM Modi said.

Reaffirming his optimism, Modi highlighted both his own electoral track record and the party's performance in Assam. "With the blessings of all of you, I received the opportunity to achieve a hat-trick as Prime Minister.

With your blessings, I also received the opportunity to hit a hat-trick on this ground. I have come here for the third time. And with your blessings, the government in Assam is also going to achieve a hat-trick," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said.

He credited the governance of Assam over the past 10 years to former chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal and incumbent CM Himanta Biswa Sarma, and asserted that the state had entered a new phase of development and stability.



Memorable experience: PM Modi visits tea garden in Dibrugarh

Dibrugarh, April 1 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi began his day on Wednesday in Assam's Dibrugarh district with a visit to a tea garden, where he interacted with women workers and highlighted the global significance of Assamese tea. Sharing his experience on social media platform X, the Prime Minister described tea as the "soul of Assam" and said the state's tea has earned recognition across the world. Calling the visit a "memorable experience", PM Modi engaged with workers, many of whom form the backbone of the tea industry, and appreciated their contribution.

New-age library inaugurated at Sakchi





Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 1: In a significant boost to educational infrastructure, a state-of-the-art district-level library-Dishom Guru Memorial Library-was inaugurated on Straight Mile Road in Sakchi, marking the creation of a new knowledge hub for students, aspirants and book lovers.

The facility was inaugurated in the presence of MLAs Mangal Kalindi, Purnima Sahu, former Development Commissioner Arun Kumar Singh, and Deputy Commissioner Karn Satyarthi, along with other officials and a large gathering of citizens.

The District-Level Library (Dishom Guru Memorial Library) features a library, reading room, shops, and restrooms on the first floor; a District Science Centre-cum-Digital Library, reading room, and restrooms on the second and third floors; and an auditorium for commercial use on the fourth floor. The entire building complex covers a total area of 22,500 square feet, with the structure itself built across an area of 9,300 square feet. The building is equipped with facilities for two elevators and two staircases, and special arrangements for fire safety equipment have been made throughout the entire premises. Addressing the gathering, Mangal Kalindi described the library as a new centre of learning that would benefit both rural and urban students, especially those preparing for examinations. In her address, Purnima Sahu, MLA for the Jamshedpur East Assembly Constituency, remarked that this library would prove highly beneficial for students preparing for competitive examinations, thereby establishing itself as a new focal point for academic study in Jamshedpur. The library will provide high-quality books free of cost to students from underprivileged and rural backgrounds preparing for competitive examinations, while offering world-class study materials to the general reading public. Arun Kumar Singh lauded the district administration's initiative, calling it a commendable step toward empowering youth with access to world-class resources. He stressed the importance of community participation in maintaining and strengthening such institutions.

Deputy Commissioner Karn Satyarthi highlighted that the library currently houses around 8,000 books, with plans to expand the collection to 30,000 in the coming years.

The collection includes subjects such as history, geography, economics, science and general knowledge, along with works by renowned authors.

He added that the facility would also include a digital library, bookstore, coffee shop, ATM, and a multi-purpose hall, along with adequate parking and an air-conditioned auditorium.

He further informed that a dedicated team of officials has been constituted to manage the library and ensure smooth operations. The administration also plans to continuously upgrade facilities based on feedback from users. (W-pb)

Soumitra Majumdar takes charge as GM of S E Rly

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 1 : Soumitra Majumdar has assumed charge as the General Manager of South Eastern Railway with effect from today, April 1.

Prior to this appointment, he was serving as the Additional General Manager of the same zone.

A senior officer of the Indian Railways Traffic Service from the 1989 examination batch, Majumdar brings with him decades of rich and diverse experience in railway administration.

Over the course of his distinguished career, he has held several key positions, including Principal Chief Commercial Manager of Eastern Railway and Chief Passenger Transportation Manager as well as Chief Traffic Planning Manager of South Eastern Railway. Notably, he has also served extensively as Chief Public Relations Officer in both Eastern Railway and South Eastern Railway, gaining significant expertise in media management and public engagement. Majumdar will oversee the responsibilities of General Manager until a regular incumbent is appointed. Known for his in-depth knowledge of railway operations, commercial strategies, and public relations, he is expected to contribute significantly to the continued growth and efficiency of South Eastern Railway. Beyond his professional commitments, Majumdar has a keen interest in sports, music, travel, and cultural activities. He has actively participated in various programmes and previously served as the President of the Eastern Railway Sports Association, reflecting his dynamic personality and leadership beyond the administrative sphere. (W-pm)

DSM School students shine in cricket and boxing

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 1: D.S.M. School for Excellence has added another feather to its cap as two of its students have achieved notable success in the field of sports, bringing pride to the institution.

Nandini Gupta of Class IX Commerce has been selected for the Under-17 Girls Cricket Team and will represent the district in the upcoming match at Dhanbad.

Her achievement comes at a time when women's cricket is witnessing growing recognition at national and international levels, inspiring more young girls to take up the sport with confidence and determination.

Adding to the celebration, Daksh Samad of Class XI Science showcased his talent at the State-Level Boxing Championship held in Ranchi and has been selected to participate in the upcoming National Boxing Championship.

The school management congratulated both students for their commendable accomplishments and extended best wishes for their future endeavours, expressing confidence that they will continue to excel and bring further glory to the institution. (W-pb)

DBMS Kadma High School welcomes Class XI batch of 2026-27

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 1: The DBMS Kadma High School organized a comprehensive orientation program for the incoming Class 11 students (Academic Session 2026-27) on March 31 at the school's Kalakriti Auditorium.

The event, marked by a blend of tradition and modern academic vision, served as a roadmap for the students embarking on their two-year journey in the Science and Commerce streams.

The program commenced with a soulful prayer song, setting a dignified tone for the morning. Principal Gurpreet Bhamra led the formal inauguration, emphasizing that the next two years are not just about clearing board exams but about building a foundation for lifelong careers.

The school's leadership team extended a warm welcome to the new entrants, highlighting the institution's commitment to both academic rigor and holistic development. A core component of the orientation was demystifying the CBSE guidelines. Faculty members and coordinators briefed students and parents on the specific requirements of the Science and Commerce streams, the importance of consistent performance across the two-year cycle, and the school's expectations regarding attendance, conduct, and professional ethics.

DBMS Chairperson B. Chandrashekhar and Administrative President Lalita Chandrashekhar addressed the gathering. They reminded students of the school's legacy, sharing the success stories of alumni who now hold prominent positions in various global industries.

"Your time here is a bridge to your future," noted Chandrashekhar. "We provide the environment, but your dedication will determine the height of your success."

Attendees included Secretary Anita Ramakrishna, Treasurer Bhuvana Krishnan, Joint Secretary Usha Malini, and Joint Treasurer Aruna Ravi. The leadership team, alongside Vice-Principals Suparna Rai and S. Shireen, interacted with parents to address concerns and establish a collaborative partnership for the coming academic year. (W-sm)

NIT gets Centre for Pathology



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 1: In a significant step toward enhancing healthcare facilities on campus, National Institute of Technology Jamshedpur inaugurated a state-of-the-art Centre for Pathology at its Institute Health Centre . The facility was formally inaugurated by Director Prof Goutam Sutradhar in the presence of faculty members, staff, students, and distinguished guests.

The newly established centre aims to strengthen diagnostic capabilities within the institute by providing timely and accurate pathology services to the campus community. Equipped with modern laboratory infrastructure, the facility will offer a wide range of diagnostic services, ensuring better access to healthcare for students, faculty, and staff. Addressing the gathering, Prof Sutradhar underscored the importance of accessible healthcare in an academic environment. He noted that the new centre reflects the institute's commitment to holistic development and well-being, adding that reliable on-campus diagnostic support would contribute significantly to a healthier and more productive learning ecosystem.

Medical Officer Dr Abhay Kumar highlighted that the Centre for Pathology would minimize the need for external referrals for routine tests. This, he said, would not only save time but also ensure continuity of care for patients within the campus. The program was also addressed by Dr M A Hassan and Registrar Prof S K Sarangi, both of whom emphasized the importance of strengthening institutional healthcare infrastructure. They lauded the initiative as a timely addition that would serve the preventive as well as curative healthcare needs of the institute community. (W-sm)

JH Tarapore School honours student achievers

Jamshedpur, April 1: J H Tarapore School celebrated its Annual Recognition Day with great enthusiasm on Wednesday at the Aura Mazda Auditorium, honouring students for their outstanding achievements.

The event was graced by Tina Bodhanwala Sood, Director of Tarapore Schools, whose address added significance to the occasion. The programme began with the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolising knowledge and wisdom. Students who received awards were present on stage, displaying confidence and dedication as they pledged to uphold the values of excellence. Awards were presented for academic performance, good conduct and perseverance, drawing appreciation from the audience. A special honour was given to Primary



All-Rounder Sanvi Snigdha Sethy for her exceptional performance across multiple fields. Students excelling in extracurricular activities such as yoga, dance and various Olympiads were also recognised, reflecting the school's focus on all-round development. In addition, participants of last year's blood donation camp were felicitated for their contribution, highlighting the institution's emphasis on social responsibility and community service. (w/gsd)

NEP 2020 promotes flexible, multidisciplinary learning

Jamshedpur Women's University hosts lecture on NEP 2020

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 1: Jamshedpur Women's University organised a lecture on the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 at its Sidhgora Campus auditorium under the initiative of NEP Saarthies. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Vice Chancellor Dr.Ela Kumar. It began with an introduction to NEP 2020 by the NEP Saarthies, followed by a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony and felicitation of guests. Key dignitaries present included Registrar Dr.Salomy Kujur, Proctor Dr.Sudhir Kumar Sahu, keynote speaker Dr.Ramaa Subhranian, and NEP Saarthi Coordinator Dr.Sonali Singh.

Addressing the gathering, Dr.Ramaa Subhranian highlighted the major features of NEP 2020, stating that it encouraged multidisciplinary and experiential learning along with flexible academic pathways. She explained the National Credit Framework and the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC ID), which allowed students to store and transfer academic credits digitally through platforms like DigiLocker. She also elaborated on the NEP Curriculum Framework (FYUGP), focusing on holistic education, elective choices, and internship opportunities after the fifth semester. Emphasising discipline, she noted the importance of attending both internal and external examinations and adhering to the revised attendance policy. An interactive session followed the lecture, where students raised queries on the new policy. The programme concluded with a presidential address by Dr.Sudhir Kumar Sahu and a vote of thanks by the NEP Saarthies. (w/gsd)

AFFIDAVIT

Through an affidavit of dated 28.02.2026 from Jamshedpur Court, I, **MOHAMMAD QUAIYUM KHAN**, S/o Late Maqsood Khan, R/o. H.No. 5, Cross Road No. 2, Hazrat Nizamuddin Road, Barinagar, Near Ahle Hadess Masjid, North Ghorabandha, P.O. Telco Works, P.S. Telco, Town Jamshedpur, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand declare that my actual and correct name is **"MOHAMMAD QUAIYUM KHAN"** which is mention in all documents i.e. Passport vide No. W5330279 but in Aadhar Card vide No. 6168 1251 0173 mentioned in my name is **"GULAM SARVAR ALI KHAN"** instead of **MOHAMMAD QUAIYUM KHAN.** That **"MOHAMMAD QUAIYUM KHAN" & "GULAM SARVAR ALI KHAN"** is the same and one person i.e. myself for all intents and purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

We. 1. Perwez Akhtar (UID No-3389 8064 6408) S/o Lt. Abdul Salam, 2. Najmun Nisha (UID No-2138 5260 7199) W/o Perwez Akhtar both R/o H.No- 20, Road No-10/A, P.O & P.S Azad Nagar, Mango, Town Jamshedpur, Dist East Singhbhum- 832110, Jharkhand do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that we have three (2) sons and one (1) daughter named as 1. MOHAMMAD SHABBIR, 2. MOHAMMAD ASLAM, and 3. KAHKASHAN NASREEN. respectively out of which eldest son and daughter have already married and younger son is still unmarried. my eldest son Mohammad Shabbir and daughter-in-law (Bahu) Shaniya Nisha are creating nuisance and used to raise filthy languages to me and my wife and our younger son an they are contacted with anti social elements and threatened us to kill . now there is too much difficult to live with them under the same roof therefore, we have decided to debar / Aaque our all moveable and immoveable properties particularly this my scheduled below house property, whereupon we are residing over there, from today the date of execution of this Notice we debar our all properties to my first (eldest) son and bahu to which they shall never be entitled to claim any share for our any kind of properties left in any nature.

GRN No- 2601398920,
Dated- 26 March 2026
(Advocate - Pramod Kumar Bhagat)

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Chief Project Manager (GSU), Chakradharpur, S. E. Railway acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tenders against Open Tender : **Tender Notice No. : CKP-GSU-FENCING -26-27-1; Name of work** : "Provision of safety fencing along the track by Metal Beam Crash Barriers, fixed knots fencing Bezinal-2000, Prestressed concrete and brick work with RCC column from km233.880 to 515.117 (281.237 Tr.km.-(-) 13.57 Tkm(i) Bondamunda A cabin to D cabin and Bondamunda A 4.25 Tkm) (ii) Sonakhan-Sogra (5.0Tkm) (iii) Bagdehi-Dhutra (4.32 Tkm) between Asanboni Jharsuguda station"; **Tender Value** : ₹ 193,55,34,078.71; **EMD** : ₹ 3,87,10,700.00; **Cost of Tender form** : ₹ 0.00; **Date of opening** : 24/04/2026; **Period of Completion** : 12 months; The tender can be viewed at website **http://www.ireps/gov.in**. The tenderer /bidders must have class-III Digital Signature Certificate and must be registered under on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/ bidder can participate on e-tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **NOTE:-** e-Tender forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. (Authority-Rly.Bd's letter No.2020/CE-I/CT/3E/GCC/Policy dtd. 16.07.2020).

(PR- 01)

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G)/ Chakradharpur acting for & on behalf of President of India, invites E-tenders against single tender : **E-Tender Notice No.& Date : 106-EL-WT-2025-26 Dtd. 30.03.2026; Name of work** : Balance work of Soft Upgrades/ improvements at Chaibasa, Bara Jamda, Dangoaposi and Jaroli stations under Amrit Bharat Scheme over Chakradharpur division; **Tender Value** : ₹ 61,09,520.20; **EMD** : ₹ 1,22,200.00; **Tender Document Cost** : Nil; **Date of Closing/Opening** : 15/04/2026 at 15:00 hrs.; The tender can be viewed at web site **http:/www.ireps.gov.in**. The tenderer bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered under IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. . Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **(PR- 05)**

Meeting of Bharat Scouts and Guides stresses rural expansion

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 1: An important meeting of the Bharat Scouts and Guides was held at the district headquarters auditorium in Sakchi. The meeting was attended by Scout Masters, Guide Captains, Nodal Teachers, district office bearers and executive members. It was presided by District Secretary Chandramani Modi. District Organising Commissioner Naresh Kumar began the session with a prayer, after which key agenda items were taken up for discussion. The first agenda focused on the submission of forms for the President's Award. Members were informed that, as per a circular issued by the national headquarters in New Delhi, all forms must be submitted by May. Scouts and Guides who had completed the State Award training camp have been asked to carefully fill and submit their online forms to avoid rejection.

The second item on the agenda dealt with State Award applications, while the third focused on finalising the list of participants and fees for the CRPF Adventure Camp scheduled in Musabani on April 4. Discussions were also held on fixing dates for upcoming training camps. Further, instructions were issued to submit names of interested students for the National Integration Camp in Ganganagar, Kolkata, along with guidelines for annual registration and timely fee submission.

Schools were also asked to submit reports on activities conducted during the 2025-26 session. The meeting stressed student development, expansion of scouting in rural areas, and inclusion of underprivileged children. The vote of thanks was delivered by Treasurer Rajkumar Singh. (w/gsd)

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Thousands of fish found dead in Subernarekha river

Sparks pollution alarm

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 1: In a distressing environmental incident, thousands of fish were found dead along the banks of the Subarnarekha River on Wednesday morning, sparking a major pollution alert in the city. The grim discovery was made near the Bhuiyadih Lal Bhatta slum area, where over four quintals of dead fish washed ashore.

Local residents who reached the riverbanks early in the morning were met with the sight of a vast quantity of dead fish, ranging in size from 250 grams to 1.5 kilograms. While official estimates place the initial recovery at 400 kilograms, locals fear the actual number of dead fish in the deeper sections of the river could be significantly higher.



The Subarnarekha River has long struggled with rising pollution levels. Environmental experts point to a lethal combination of factors: as water travels approximately 30 kilometers from the Chandil Dam to its confluence with the Kharkai River, it is subjected to heavy discharge. A major contributor is believed to be the untreated industrial waste flowing from the Adityapur Industrial Area, which severely degrades the water quality by the time it reaches Jamshedpur.

The sudden mass mortality has raised immediate health concerns for those living along the riverbanks.

Experts have issued a cautionary note, stating that while fish deaths caused purely by a drop in dissolved oxygen levels might not be inherently toxic, deaths resulting from chemical pollutants or toxic effluents pose a "serious threat" to human health if consumed.

The incident has triggered a wave of anxiety among the local population, who rely on the river for various needs. Residents and environmental activists have called upon the district administration and the State Pollution Control Board to conduct an immediate investigation into the water's chemical composition and hold the polluting industries accountable.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the administration is expected to collect water and biological samples to determine whether the cause was a sudden depletion of oxygen or the illegal discharge of hazardous chemicals.

"If the death of fish is due to lack of oxygen in the water, then there will not be much harm from their consumption. But if this incident has happened due to chemical pollution or poisonous elements, then consumption of such fish can become a serious threat to health," said an environmentalist. (W-pb)

Kalpana Soren campaigns for Bhuven Murari in Assam

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Ranchi, April 1: JMM MLA from Gandey Kalpana Soren campaigned in Assam's Chabua constituency in support of Bhuven Murari, a candidate of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, ahead of the assembly elections. She urged voters to ensure a decisive victory for the party nominee.

During the campaign, Kalpana Soren interacted directly with local residents and listened to their concerns, saying the election is not just about choosing a representative but also an opportunity to strengthen voices of common people.

Joba Majhi was also present. Both leaders visited tea garden areas in Chabua and engaged with workers to understand their social and economic conditions. Workers raised issues such as low wages, lack of healthcare facilities, and inadequate access to basic needs.

Kalpana Soren assured that if JMM receives public support, these concerns would be addressed on priority. She emphasized improving living standards of workers as a key commitment of the party. Joba Majhi also said concrete policies are needed to improve conditions of tea garden workers and added that JMM is serious about working in that direction. (W-rg)

Clashes erupt after youth killed in road accident

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Garhwa, April 1: Jharkhand's Garhwa town erupted in violent clashes between police and local residents on Wednesday after a youth was killed in a road accident, leading to tension in the area.

As police carried out a baton charge to disperse the agitated crowd, angry protesting villagers then started pelting stones, in which a police vehicle was badly damaged.

According to reports, Pankaj Kumar, 20, a resident of Jurha village, died after being hit by an unidentified vehicle near Ramgarh Mor on the Garhwa-Nagar Untari main road, which is



currently being upgraded into a four-lane highway. He was reportedly on his way to the market on a two-wheeler when a speeding vehicle rammed into him, killing him on the spot. The incident sparked outrage among villagers, who staged a protest demanding the immediate arrest of the driver and alleging negligence by the road construction company.

Hundreds of protesters blocked key roads, including Shaheed Bhagat Singh Chowk, bringing traffic in the area to a complete halt.

After receiving the information, police rushed to the spot and attempted to pacify the crowd, but tensions escalated after talks failed. The situation worsened when police used mild force, which angered villagers, and they started resorting to stone-pelting and targeted a police vehicle, badly damaging it.

A heavy police deployment has since been made in the area, and efforts are underway to restore normalcy.

Meanwhile, District Council Chairperson Shanti Devi and JMM leaders Tahir Ansari and Deepak Pratap Dev reached the spot, expressed condolences to the bereaved family, and backed the villagers' demands.

Foundation for 5 classrooms at CM School of Excellence

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Jamshedpur, April 1: Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy on Wednesday laid the foundation stone for the construction of five new classrooms at the CM School of Excellence (Girls) located in Garamnala, Sakchi.

The project, sanctioned under the Jharkhand Education Project Council, Ranchi, will be executed at an estimated cost of Rs 86.97 lakh. Recalling the school's transformation, Roy said that in 2014 the institution had barely 50 students and was on the verge of closure. At that time, the then headmistress approached him seeking support.

He extended assistance and facilitated several developmental initiatives to revive the school. To encourage academic excellence, Roy had announced that students



securing 80 percent or more marks would be rewarded with bicycles. Around 35 students benefitted from the initiative, which helped boost morale and enrollment.

Highlighting the school's remarkable progress, Roy noted that it now has nearly 900 students and has earned recognition at the national level. Recently, the school secured the top position at a major event held in Karnataka. Apart from academic achievements, it has also been ranked first in the country in cleanliness.

The newly sanctioned classrooms are expected to further strengthen the school's infrastructure and support its growing student base. (W-pm)

IIT(ISM) Dhanbad to host R&D fair on April 6-7

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Dhanbad, April 1: Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad is set to host the fourth edition of IInvenTiv 2026, the Ministry of Education's flagship R&D fair, on April 6-7. The two-day national event is being jointly organized with Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Varanasi, Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar, and Indian Institute of Technology Patna.

The event will bring together leading academic institutions, innovators, start-ups, venture capitalists, industry leaders, and students to showcase cutting-edge research emerging from India's higher education ecosystem. This year's edition will focus on five key thematic areas-Healthcare, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Materials Science, Earth Sciences, and Semiconductor & Chip Technology. Launched in 2022 at Indian Institute of Technology Delhi during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, IInvenTiv has evolved into a premier national platform bridging academia, industry, and start-ups. Initially limited to IITs, it now includes top institutions such as IISc, IISERs, NITs, IIMs, and other NIRF-ranked institutes. The response to IInvenTiv 2026 has been overwhelming, with over 235 innovation submissions from 37 institutions nationwide. Of these, around 151 innovations and start-ups have been shortlisted for live demonstrations, alongside 46 start-ups incubated within organizing IITs and Technology Innovation Hubs. The event will feature startup-VC matchmaking, pitching sessions, one-on-one investor interactions, and technology demonstration zones. Several Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) are expected to be signed, while select innovations may secure on-the-spot funding from venture capitalists and industry stakeholders. The inaugural ceremony is expected to be graced by Dharmendra Pradhan as Chief Guest.

Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, termed the event a "proud moment" for the institute.

KU sets benchmark by completing retirement formalities in a single day

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Jamshedpur, April 1: Kolhan University demonstrated remarkable administrative efficiency by completing all retirement formalities of Dr. S.N. Thakur, Assistant Professor, on his final working day, setting an example for institutions across the region.

A dignified farewell ceremony was held at the Department of Postgraduate Political Science to honour Dr. Thakur, who retired after 42 years of distinguished academic service. Over the decades, he made significant contributions to both Jamshedpur Co-operative College and the university's Department of Political Science, earning respect as a dedicated teacher and mentor who shaped the academic journeys of countless students.

The occasion also highlighted an exemplary administrative initiative under the leadership of



Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anjila Gupta.

Ensuring a seamless transition into retirement, the university disbursed all due benefits to Dr. Thakur on the same day. These included pension, gratuity, earned leave encashment, group insurance, and the full provident fund amount.

Speaking on the occasion, the Head of the Department of Political Science noted that the initiative reflects the university's sensitivity and commitment towards its faculty, ensuring that a teacher receives due respect and entitlements without delay at the time of retirement.

Colleagues and faculty members shared heartfelt experiences of working with Dr. Thakur, recalling his discipline, dedication, and lasting contributions to the academic community. They described him as an inspiring figure whose legacy will continue to guide future generations.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Dr. Thakur was honoured with a memento and an angavastram as a token of appreciation. The university fraternity extended their best wishes for his good health and a fulfilling future.

Among those present were Dean of Student Welfare Dr. Sanjay Yadav, Proctor Dr. Rajendra Bharti, Registrar Dr. Ranjit Kumar Karn, Finance Officer Dr. Sanjay Singh, Deputy Registrar Dr. M.K. Mishra, Deans of various faculties, Dr. Dara Singh Gupta from the Department of Botany, heads of departments, faculty members, staff, and other university officials. (W-pb)

Top honour for blood donation excellence

Jamshedpur, April 1: The Tata Motors Workers' Union has been awarded the first prize for its outstanding contribution in the field of voluntary blood donation at the 39th Annual function of the Voluntary Blood Donors Association (VBDA).



The award was presented during a function held at Michael John Auditorium in Bistupur, where Union President Shashi Bhushan Prasad and General Secretary R.K. Singh received the honour on behalf of the organization.

Notably, the Union had created a remarkable record on March 3, during its Foundation Day, by organizing a massive blood donation camp that collected an impressive 3,140 units of blood in a single day—an achievement widely appreciated across the state.

Expressing gratitude, President Shashi Bhushan Prasad and General Secretary R.K. Singh jointly dedicated the award to all union members, employees, management, and the generous citizens of the city who contributed to the noble cause. The award was conferred by VBDA's Founder President Sunil Mukherjee, Finance Secretary Amit Bose, President Indrajeet Paul, and General Secretary Kamal Kumar Ghosh, recognizing the Union's exceptional commitment to saving lives through voluntary blood donation. (W-pm)

Jusco School welcomes Class XI with orientation

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Jamshedpur, April 1: Jusco School South Park successfully organised its Orientation Day for Class XI students, marking the start of a promising academic journey ahead. The programme began with the traditional lighting of the lamp, followed by a warm welcome address by Principal Mili Sinha, who highlighted the crucial role of senior secondary education in shaping students' future paths.

During the session, parents and students were familiarised with the school's academic framework, curriculum structure, and a wide



range of subject combinations offered across Science, Commerce, and Humanities streams.

Faculty members from all streams were also introduced, fostering an early connection between students, parents, and teachers. (W-pm)

Four held in Dimna shooting case

Jamshedpur, April 1: In a swift and effective crackdown, the police have solved the sensational shooting incident that took place on March 30 in the Ulidih thana area. Acting under the directives of the Senior Superintendent of Police, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) cracked the case within just two days, arresting four accused involved in the crime and sending them to judicial custody. The incident occurred near Uma Tiffin on Dimna Basti Road, where Vikram Singh alias Vicky, who was travelling in an Alto car, was targeted in a planned attack. The assailants opened fire, leaving him seriously injured. Based on the victim's written complaint, a case was registered at Ulidih OP under relevant sections of the law, including the Arms Act. The SIT, led by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Patamda, carried out a raid on April 1 near Vasundhara Estate, at a dilapidated quarter under the Swarnarekha Project area. During the operation, the police apprehended four accused-Krishna Singh alias Lalla, Rakhal Kumbhakar, Rahul Singh Sardar, and Bikas Mahato. Authorities recovered one country-made pistol, another firearm, three live cartridges, and two motorcycles from the spot. (W-pm)

SCCI hails new income tax reforms as step towards simpler system

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Jamshedpur, April 1: The Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) has welcomed the amended Income Tax provisions set to come into effect from April 1, 2026, describing them as a progressive move toward simplifying the taxation system and making it more transparent and business-friendly.

Chamber President Manav Kedia said the reforms would not only streamline compliance but also encourage more individuals to come under the tax net. He noted that increased tax participation would strengthen government revenues, ultimately accelerating development efforts and contributing to the vision of a developed India.



Honorary General Secretary Punit Kauntia informed that the Chamber will soon organise a seminar for businessmen, entrepreneurs and its members to provide detailed insights and practical guidance on the new provisions.

Highlighting the key features of the reforms, Rajeev Aggarwal, Vice President (Finance and Taxation), said the implementation of the Income Tax Act, 2025 would significantly reduce the complexity of tax laws and improve overall compliance.

He pointed out that one of the major changes is the introduction of a single "tax year," replacing the earlier system of financial year and assessment year, thereby making the process easier to understand. The new tax regime has also been made the default option, while taxpayers will still have the flexibility to opt for the old regime if desired. The reforms are expected to provide relief to the middle class through provisions such as standard deduction and rebates, potentially resulting in zero tax liability for individuals earning up to approximately Rs 12-12.75 lakh annually.

Secretary (Finance and Taxation) Anshul Ringasia highlighted that the increased limit for presumptive taxation would benefit small traders and professionals. He further added that the introduction of new ITR forms and stricter disclosure norms would enhance transparency and accountability in the system.

He also noted that the reforms are likely to reduce disputes arising from technical issues and ensure faster resolution of cases, making the taxation framework more efficient and user-friendly.

The Chamber expressed confidence that these measures would foster a more robust and inclusive tax ecosystem, benefiting both taxpayers and the broader economy. (W-pb)

Seraikela Sadar Hospital goes hi-tech

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Seraikela, April 1: In a significant boost to healthcare infrastructure, the district health department has installed advanced diagnostic equipment—including a Complete Blood Count (CBC) machine, an Immuno Analyzer, and an Arterial Blood Gas (ABG) machine—at the Seraikela Sadar Hospital's pathology unit.

This long-awaited development is set to transform diagnostic services in the district by making a wide range of critical medical tests available within the hospital premises. Patients, especially those from economically weaker sections, will now be spared the burden of traveling to cities like Jamshedpur or Ranchi for expensive investigations.The newly installed CBC machine will enable up to 17 different blood tests—including hemoglobin (Hb), total count (TC), differential count (DC), and platelet count—to be completed within just 2–3 minutes. Previously, only limited tests were conducted manually.

Marking a first for both Seraikela-Kharsawan and West Singhbhum districts, the Immuno Analyzer will facilitate rapid testing of parameters such as CRP, TSH, T3, T4, Troponin, and Vitamin D, delivering results in approximately five minutes.

These tests are typically costly and were not readily accessible within the district until now.

Additionally, the ABG machine will allow comprehensive analysis of blood gases and electrolytes, with results available within one to two hours—further reducing waiting time and improving patient care.Dr. Nakul Prasad Chaudhary, Deputy Superintendent of Sadar Hospital, stated that despite limited resources, the hospital has always been committed to delivering quality healthcare. He emphasized that the introduction of these high-tech machines will significantly enhance diagnostic capabilities and ensure timely treatment for patients. With these advancements, Seraikela Sadar Hospital is poised to offer faster, more accurate, and affordable healthcare services—bringing much-needed relief to thousands of residents across the district. (W-pm)

Annual results of Shishu Mandir declared



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Seraikela, April 1: Annual examination results were declared at Saraswati Shishu Mandir High School Seraikela on Wednesday. The programme began with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony and prayer. Addressing students and parents, Principal Partha Sarathi Acharya said that the results reflected the hard work and dedication of students throughout the year. He encouraged them to learn from past experiences and move forward with confidence to achieve new goals.

Students securing first, second and third positions in each class were felicitated during the event.

Members of the School Management Committee, including Secretary Sudip Patnaik, Joint Secretary Prakash Acharya and Treasurer Prasad Mahto, were present. Vice-Principal Tushar Kant Pati also attended the programme.

A large number of parents and students participated in the event, which concluded with appreciation for students' efforts and encouragement for continued academic progress. (w/gsd)

District Foundation Day on April 4

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Saraikela, April 1: A district-level programme will be organised at Nagar Bhawan on April 4 to celebrate District Foundation Day. Preparations for the event were reviewed in a meeting chaired by Deputy Development Commissioner Reena Hansda through video conferencing. During the meeting, officials discussed arrangements and finalised a plan to ensure smooth conduct of the programme. It was decided that painting and quiz competitions would be organised for school students to highlight the district's journey and achievements since its formation. Officials and staff members who had performed exceptionally in their respective fields would also be felicitated on the occasion. All departments were directed to work in coordination to make the event successful and ensure maximum public participation. The Deputy Development Commissioner emphasised cleanliness and decoration across offices and public places. Instructions were issued for cleaning major roads, squares and intersections, as well as garlanding statues of eminent personalities across the district.

Departments were also asked to ensure proper arrangements at the venue, including cleanliness, security, drinking water and traffic management at Nagar Bhawan. Officials present in the meeting included Dr. Ajay Tirkey, Additional Deputy Commissioner Jayavardhan Kumar, municipal officials, Sub-Divisional Officers, District Education Officer and District Sports Officer, along with representatives from various departments and urban local bodies.

All concerned officials were assigned specific responsibilities and directed to complete preparations within the stipulated time. (w/gsd)

Rishabh Automobiles launches first service centre in Jsr

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Jamshedpur, April 1: In a significant step towards strengthening maintenance support for heavy vehicles in the industrial city of Jamshedpur, Rishabh Automobiles Sales & Service Private Limited has inaugurated its first state-of-the-art service centre.

The new facility is expected to enhance servicing and maintenance standards for trucks and trailers operating across the region.

Speaking to the media, company directors Gautam Dutta and Kushagra Dutta highlighted that a large number of heavy vehicles operate in Jharkhand and Bihar, yet access to high-quality service and maintenance infrastructure remains limited. They noted that the new centre will provide timely and advanced technical services, improving both efficiency and safety of vehicles.

The service centre was formally inaugurated by Gurmukh Singh, Managing Director of York, and Bikash Pahadi.

The event was attended by senior representatives including Sujit Singh and Prateek Behera, along with several key customers and dignitaries.

Representatives from leading firms such as Gold Line Automobiles, Shine Line Automobiles, Reliable Vahan, S Universal, and Associated Engineers were also present on the occasion.

According to the company management, the newly established service centre is equipped with modern tools and staffed by trained technicians, enabling faster, high-quality repair and maintenance of heavy vehicles.

The initiative is expected to provide significant relief to transport operators and contribute to smoother logistics operations in the region.

BJP calls Jharkhand bandh on April 9 over Hazaribag rape-murder

Ranchi, Apr 1: The opposition BJP called for a Jharkhand bandh on April 9, demanding justice for a 12-year-old girl who was allegedly raped and murdered in Hazaribag district. The party also announced torchlight processions across all block and district headquarters on April 3 to mobilise support for the shutdown.

Speaking to reporters at the party's state headquarters in Ranchi, BJP spokesperson PratulShahdeo claimed the law and order machinery has "completely collapsed" in Jharkhand. He alleged that 10,113 rape cases, 11,003 kidnapping cases, over 60,000 theft cases and 9,213 murder cases were registered in the state between 2020 and January 2026. He claimed that police intensified their probe into the Hazaribag case only after state BJP president AdityaSahu raised the issue.

"We have been demanding that the culprits be identified and punished. The April 9 bandh will be historic," he said. The Jharkhand High Court on Monday took suomotu cognisance of the incident and issued notices to the state administration and the DGP.

According to the FIR lodged by the family, the girl had gone with her mother to watch the 'Mangla' procession, taken out as part of Ram Navami celebrations, on the night of March 24.

Tinplate Gurdwara set for grand revival, New Diwan Hall, Langar facility to redefine complex

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Jamshedpur, April 1: A major transformation is underway at the revered Tinplate Gurdwara Sahib, where extensive reconstruction work is progressing swiftly, promising enhanced facilities and a spiritually enriching environment for devotees. Upon completion, the sacred Prakash (installation) of the Guru Granth Sahib will be held in a newly constructed, modern Diwan Hall.

The redevelopment project reflects a blend of devotion and modern planning, aimed at improving convenience for the Sangat while preserving the sanctity of the Gurdwara.

According to Gurcharan Singh Billa, General Secretary of the CGPC and Executive President of the Gurdwara, the initiative has been driven by continuous Sewa during the 2023-2026 tenure under the leadership of Surjit Singh Khushipur, with active support from the congregation. He noted that the ongoing construction visible within the premises stands as a testament to the collective efforts of the community.

The upgraded complex will feature a spacious new Diwan Hall designed to allow natural sunlight to illuminate the interiors, reducing electricity consumption while enhancing the spiritual ambience.In addition, a modern Langar Hall with a seating capacity of 400 people is being developed, ensuring greater comfort during community meals.

A new Nishan Sahib, rising nearly 50 feet high, will further add to the grandeur of the premises. Facilities such as central air conditioning, elevator access, and special arrangements for elderly devotees are also being incorporated, reflecting a focus on inclusivity and comfort. Expanding its footprint, the Gurdwara management has acquired an adjacent 20x40-foot plot at an estimated cost of Rs. 36-37 lakh.

Plans are in place to develop this area into a multipurpose facility with halls and rooms to host Shagun ceremonies and other family functions.

Modern, hygienic "five-star" standard restrooms are also under construction within the complex. Parallelly, development efforts extend to the nearby Tinplate Khalsa School, where renovation work worth ?60-70 lakh has been undertaken with support from the government and corporate partners. The school has received upgraded sanitation facilities and a reconstructed main entrance, significantly improving the learning environment for students. Officials stated that the entire reconstruction project, supported wholeheartedly by the Sangat, is expected to be completed within one to one-and-a-half years. Looking ahead, the installation of a solar power system on the Gurdwara's roof is also planned, aligning the project with sustainable practices.

Prominent members present during the update included Balwant Singh Sheron, Jaspal Singh Ghanike, Manjit Singh Khalsa, Preetpal Singh Lakkhu, Kulwant Singh Pehalwan, Surinder Singh Shinde, Joginder Singh Kaler, and Kuldeep Singh Gyani, among others, reflecting strong community participation in this landmark initiative.

Illegal gas cutting unit busted in Gamharia

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Gamharia, April 1: A suspected illegal gas cutting unit was unearthed during a raid conducted by Sub-Divisional Officer Abhinav Prakash near the Teachers' Training intersection under Adityapur police station area. Acting on a tip-off, the SDO, along with his team, inspected a makeshift shop resembling a hut. On entering the premises, officials found several commercial gas cylinders, including a large 47-litre cylinder, along with pipes, regulators and equipment used for gas cutting operations.

The setup appeared well-organised and included CCTV cameras, an internet connection and a fire extinguisher. Local residents claimed that an agency, 'Indian Gas,' was operating from the site. However, officials said no valid documents or licences were found during the inspection.

The operator reportedly fled the spot upon learning about the raid. The SDO directed the police and concerned departments to take appropriate action. He said strict legal action would be initiated if the unit was found to be operating without authorisation. Police have started an investigation into the matter to identify those involved and verify the legality of the operation. (w/gsd)

Gamharia: Tree plantation marks 'April Cool Day'

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Gamharia, April 1: A tree plantation drive was organised on April 1 at Sanskaroday Academy Julumtand, where the day was celebrated as 'April Cool Day' with a focus on environmental awareness.

The programme was held under the joint initiative of Sanskaroday Academy, Sant Kabir Seva Sansthan and 11 Hours Day Boarding School. The event was led by Director Dr. Digvijay Bharat, popularly known as the "Oxygen Man." Teachers and students participated in the plantation drive, planting saplings within the school premises. On the occasion, participants pledged to spread awareness about environmental conservation and promote a positive approach towards protecting nature.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Digvijay Bharat encouraged everyone to plant at least one tree and take responsibility for nurturing it. He said such efforts would help ensure a greener and healthier future for coming generations. He also prayed for global peace during the programme.

Several members, including Sunil Sardar, Kaushal Kumari, Sonalika Mahto and Mahi Kumari, were present along with teachers and students. The event concluded with a message of environmental responsibility and sustainability. (w/gsd)



Activist of Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) and All India Center for Trade Union (AICTU) raise slogans against Four Labour Codes during a protest rally in Ranchi, Jharkhand on Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

Railway employees protest after colleague's death

Mail News Service



Saraikela, April 1: Tension gripped Sini after the sudden death of a railway employee triggered protests over alleged lapses in healthcare facilities. Shrikant Kumar (35), an employee of the Sini Railway Workshop, fell ill during a morning walk on Wednesday.

He was rushed to the Railway Hospital in Sini, where doctors declared him dead.

Following the incident, railway employees expressed strong resentment, alleging that inadequate primary medical care contributed to his death. They claimed that despite thousands of employees working in various departments in Sini, the available healthcare infrastructure was insufficient.

Employees pointed out that the hospital lacked round-the-clock services, ambulance facilities and adequate medical support.

They said the hospital currently operated only during daytime hours, making it difficult for employees to access treatment after work.

Demanding an inquiry into the incident, restoration of 24-hour medical services and availability of essential medicines, members of the South Eastern Railway Men's Union held discussions with railway health officials. Those present included Branch Secretary Biswajit Baraik, President Sanko Sardar and other union representatives.

The union members met doctors and senior officials, including Divisional medical authorities, to press their demands.

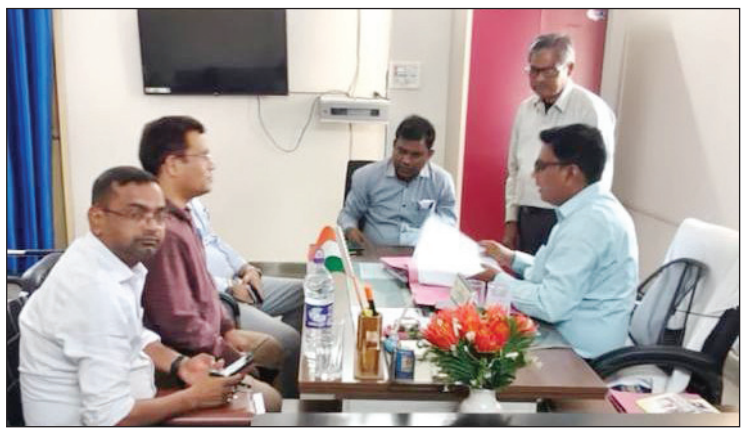
They also raised concerns regarding sanitation issues, including the condition of the Sini Pumpu Pond. After discussions, the body of the deceased was sent to Seraikela Sadar Hospital for post-mortem examination. Employees warned that they would continue to raise the issue until proper healthcare facilities were ensured. (w/gsd)

SDO conducts surprise inspection at Block office

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Chaibasa, April 1: Acting on the directives of Sandeep Anurag, the Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO) of Sadar Chaibasa carried out a surprise inspection at the Block-cum-Circle Office on Tuesday.

During the visit, the SDO reviewed various office registers and examined the maintenance of official records. Officials were instructed to ensure timely disposal of government work and proper daily updating of registers to maintain transparency in administration. The SDO also directed that strict action be taken against employees who failed to report to duty on time. Emphasising accountability, the officer said the administration's priority was to provide prompt and accessible services to the public, and negligence in this regard would not be tolerated. Senior officials present during the inspection included the Deputy Collector for Land Reforms, the Executive Magistrate, the Block Development Officer and the Circle Officer of Sadar Chaibasa.



Odisha Day celebrated at KIS Mayurbhanj

Rairangpur, April 1 : Odisha Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KIS), one of the prominent educational institutions in Mayurbhanj.

The event was held under the guidance of President Ganesh Mishra and inspired by the vision of Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta. Students paid tribute to the legendary figures who played a pivotal role in the formation of a separate Utkal Pradesh, remembering their sacrifices and contributions.

The occasion also witnessed engaging discussions between students, the President, and teachers on the vision of building a progressive and prosperous Odisha.Through speeches, students highlighted the state's overall development and its cultural richness.

The celebration further included various competitions, where winners were felicitated by the President.Adding vibrancy to the event, students actively participated in cultural performances, showcasing their talent and deep-rooted connection to Odisha's heritage.

Among those present were Sanskrit teacher Chakradhar Mahanat, wardens Mahi Tudu, Champamani Soren, Bishnupriya Naik, Sunaram Hembram, Bhupati C, Abhiram Soren, and Taranisen Samad, who played a key role in organizing the program.

Seraikela: Utkal Divas celebrated in Kharsawan

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Saraikela, April 1: The 91st Utkal Divas was celebrated with enthusiasm in Kharsawan on Wednesday by the Utkal Sammelani District Committee.

The programme began at Rajmahal Chowk with the garlanding of statues and portraits of Gopabandhu Das and Madhusudan Das. Members of the committee and the Utkal Sammelani Teachers' Association pledged to work for the promotion of Odia language and culture.

District Vice President Biroja Pati said it was everyone's responsibility to preserve their mother tongue, culture and traditions. He highlighted the contributions of great leaders like Gopabandhu Das and Madhusudan Das, who dedicated their lives to society. District Secretary Ajay Pradhan noted that the state of Odisha was formed on April 1, 1936, and stressed that Odia identity was deeply connected to language and culture. District Observer Sushil Sarangi urged people to declare Odia as their mother tongue during the upcoming census.

He also emphasised the importance of education in preserving cultural heritage and assured support for those pursuing studies in the Odia language. Several members, teachers and students were present during the celebration. (w/gsd)

Ashutosh Chaudhary elected MYM Seraikela president

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Seraikela, April 1: Ashutosh Chaudhary, also known as Ashu, was unanimously elected president of the Marwari Yuva Manch (MYM), Seraikela Branch, for the 2026-27 session.

The decision was taken during a meeting held at the Rani Sati Dadi Temple in Seraikela under the chairmanship of outgoing President Anand Agarwal.

The meeting was attended by members and office bearers, who participated in the selection process.

Two names-Anmol Saxeria and Ashutosh Chaudhary-were proposed for the post. After discussions, members unanimously supported Ashutosh Chaudhary's candidature. Anmol Saxeria also extended his support, leading to Chaudhary's unopposed election. Provincial Convener Akash Agarwal and several senior and active members were present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Ashutosh Chaudhary expressed gratitude for the trust placed in him. He said he would work to strengthen the organisation by enrolling more members and expanding its activities. He also emphasised organising social service initiatives, especially in the healthcare sector, to benefit the community. The Manch announced that the swearing-in ceremony of the new president would be held soon. Members congratulated Chaudhary and wished him a successful tenure. (w/gsd)

DAV Chaibasa begins new academic session

Mail News Service



Chaibasa, April 1: The new academic session (2026-27) was inaugurated at DAV Public School, Chaibasa. The occasion was marked by a traditional havan-yagna and a special prayer assembly conducted as per Vedic rituals, with participation from students and teachers.

The programme featured inspirational songs presented by students and an engaging quiz competition, adding to the vibrant atmosphere. Principal-cum-ARO O.P. Mishra encouraged students to adopt a positive mindset and remain focused on regular studies. Senior teachers Rohit Kumar Dwivedi and Chandrashekhar also addressed the gathering, highlighting the importance of discipline, hard work and dedication in achieving success. Welcoming the new students, the school management announced that several academic and co-curricular activities would be organised throughout the session to ensure the overall development of students.

Utkal Divas observed, pledge to preserve and promote Odia language

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Seraikela, April 1: Utkal Divas was celebrated with enthusiasm in Seraikela on Wednesday by the Utkal Sammelani, Odia Teachers' Association and social activists. The programme began at 9:30 AM at Gopabandhu Chowk with the garlanding of the statue of Gopabandhu Das. Participants took a pledge to preserve and promote the Odia language and culture, reaffirming their commitment to support ongoing efforts for its protection. A second programme was later organised at the Utkalamani Adarsh Pathagar, where portraits of Gopabandhu Das and Madhusudan Das were garlanded. The event was presided by social activist Jalesh Kabi. Speakers highlighted the rich cultural heritage and significance of the Odia language, stressing the need to pass it on to future generations. They unanimously resolved to continue efforts to preserve and promote Odia traditions.

Several dignitaries, including senior artist Sushant Mahapatra, Block President Sudip Patnaik and other members, were present. Teachers and women participants also attended the programme in large numbers.

On the occasion, organisers announced that traditional cultural events would be held during the upcoming Raja Sankranti festival.

These will include Rangoli (Jhunti) and conch-blowing competitions to encourage community participation and promote Odia cultural practices. (w/gsd)

Man beaten to death in Jharkhand over "love triangle"

Gumla, Apr 1 : A 45-year-old man was beaten to death in connection with a suspected love triangle in Jharkhand's Gumla district, police said on Wednesday.

The incident occurred in Chhichhwani village under the Chainpur Police Station limits on Monday, when the man was attacked by KamilToppo, a senior officer said. The deceased has been identified as Rajendra Kumar Minj, he said. Gumla SP said, "An FIR has been registered against the accused. He is on the run. Prima facie, it appears that Minj was killed due to a suspected love affair.

However, the matter is being investigated thoroughly." The incident occurred when Minj was returning home with his daughter from a field. Villagers alleged that the deceased had an extramarital relationship with a woman, and Toppo had a love affair with the same woman.

Odia community protests JTET syllabus issue

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Saraikela, April 1: Members of the Odia community submitted a memorandum to the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), addressed to the Governor, raising strong objections over the publication of the JTET Odia syllabus in Devanagari script instead of the original Odia script.

The memorandum stated that Odia, included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution and recognised as a Classical Language, had its own distinct script, grammar and identity. It also cited constitutional provisions protecting linguistic minorities and stressed that Odia is a second official language in Jharkhand.

Community members alleged that the decision by the Jharkhand Academic Council to release the syllabus in Devanagari had hurt the sentiments of Odia-speaking people.



They also pointed out that candidates opting for Odia faced discrimination, as reading passages included for other languages were missing in the Odia paper.

The memorandum highlighted the lack of adequate textbooks and teachers for Odia education in Jharkhand and called for an evaluation system based on regional languages, in line with NEP 2020 guidelines.

Among the key demands were republishing the Odia syllabus in its original script, including reading passages in the exam paper, and releasing model question papers in Odia.

A copy of the memorandum was also sent to Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Several community representatives were present during the submission. (w/gsd)

NCC Raising ceremony organized at Institute for Education

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Saraikela, April 1: A National Cadet Corps (NCC) Raising Ceremony was organised at the Institute for Education College on Tuesday.

The programme was inaugurated by Chief Guest Colonel Vinay Ahuja. Other dignitaries present included Subedar Major Ravin Khandal, former Vice-Chancellor of Kolhan University Dr. Shukla Mahanty, College Director R.N. Mahanty and Principal Dr. Sweety Sinha. Guests were welcomed with traditional dance and music performances. In her address, Dr. Shukla Mahanty said the introduction of the NCC wing had brought pride and recognition to the institution. Colonel Vinay Ahuja explained the importance of NCC through a presentation, highlighting that it promoted discipline, patriotism and self-confidence among youth. He said cadets received training in activities such as cleanliness drives, tree plantation and disaster relief, along with opportunities to attend national and international camps.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sweety Sinha and the rendition of the National Anthem. (w/gsd)

NH-220 mishap leaves youth critical

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Rairangpur, April 1: A young man was critically injured in a head-on collision between a car and a motorcycle on the Ranchi–Vijayawada stretch of NH-220 near the Shirdi Sai ITI Centre under Bahalda police station area in Mayurbhanj district on Wednesday.

Police from Bahalda rushed to the spot, rescued the victim, and shifted him to Rairangpur Sub-Divisional Hospital.

As his condition worsened, he was later referred to PRM Medical College and Hospital in Baripada for advanced treatment.

The identity of the injured youth remains unknown.

The motorcycle (JH05 CN 6564) is registered to Kunti Devi, wife of Suresh Paswan, a resident of Bhatia Basti in Adityapur Industrial Area of Seraikela-Kharsawan district, Jharkhand.

Both the motorcycle and the car (OD11 J 2595) have been seized.

Police have initiated an investigation to determine the cause of the accident and establish the victim's identity. (W-pm)

Special Lok Adalat from April 20

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Seraikela, April 1: A special LokAdalat will be organised in Seraikela-Kharsawan district from April 20 to April 25 to ensure speedy disposal of cases, particularly those related to the Negotiable Instruments Act.

The decision was taken during a meeting chaired by Ramashankar Singh, Principal District and Sessions Judge and Chairperson of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA). Judicial officers from Seraikela and Chandil courts participated in the meeting, both physically and through video conferencing.

The meeting reviewed preparations for the Lok Adalat, with officials discussing the identification of suitable cases and issuance of notices, which would begin from April 6. The chairperson emphasised that cases under the Negotiable Instruments Act were compoundable and should be prioritised for settlement. He directed judicial officers to devote extra time and handle such cases with seriousness to ensure quick resolution. It was also decided that Para-Legal Volunteers (PLVs) would assist in serving notices to make the process more effective. The initiative aimed to reduce the backlog of cases and provide speedy and amicable justice to litigants in the district. (w/gsd)

Zila Parishad member promotes harmony through organic farming

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Saraikela, April 1: At a time when politics is often criticised for creating divisions, Zila Parishad member Shambhu Mandal is setting an example of social harmony and grassroots connection through his work and lifestyle.

While many political leaders speak about unity, Mandal has chosen to demonstrate his values through action.

Known for staying away from publicity-driven politics, he focuses on community welfare and maintaining strong ties with the people. His approach reflects a commitment to values over personal gain.



Mandal has been actively involved in social initiatives since his youth.

A former football player at the national level, he later founded the Kolabira Rural Football Academy to engage local youth in sports and steer them away from substance abuse.

His efforts have helped create awareness and provide constructive opportunities for young people in the region.

Inspired by his mentor Babulal Marandi, Mandal entered politics with a focus on service rather than power.

He is known for his loyalty and for building a team of dedicated supporters who work collectively for community development. Apart from his political and social work, Mandal remains deeply connected to his agricultural roots. Coming from a farming family, he has taken up organic farming in a small garden, where he cultivates seasonal vegetables using natural methods.

This initiative not only ensures fresh and chemical-free produce for his family and relatives but also provides employment opportunities to local people.

Residents say Mandal's work stands out as he prioritises helping people during difficult times rather than seeking attention during favourable moments.

His efforts in promoting rural development, youth engagement and sustainable farming highlight a positive example of value-based politics in the region. (w/gsd)

Kabul in renewed regional outreach amid its Pak conflict and war in West Asia

Following Pakistan's reported role in an attempt at brokering truce between the United States and Iran in the midst of a month-long war in West Asia, Afghanistan appears to have increased its regional outreach amid its own armed conflict with Islamabad.

While discussing bilateral relations with Afghan Foreign Minister, Amir Khan Muttaqi, Iran's envoy in Kabul, Alireza Bikdeli shared his country's views on the recent developments following what he described as a "war initiated by the United States and Israel", according to a Tolo News report early on Monday.

Muttaqi, in turn, described the situation as an "aggression" by Washington and Tel Aviv against Iran and warned that the expansion of the conflict would be harmful to the region, it added, quoting Kabul's foreign ministry statement.

According to the report, the Afghan Foreign Minister also "expressed appreciation for Iran's positive stance regarding recent tensions between Afghanistan and Pakistan", and added that the government statement emphasised that Kabul seeks to resolve "reasonable demands of both sides through meaningful and sincere dialogue".

On his part, the acting head of Iran's embassy in Kabul, "described cooperation between Afghanistan and Iran - especially in trade, as positive. He said Iran's leadership is closely monitoring the recent situation between Afghanistan and Pakistan and supports a peaceful resolution", the website article added.

The meeting was held to discuss bilateral relations and regional issues, where Muttaqi reportedly described trade relations between Afghanistan and Iran as growing.

In a separate report late on Sunday, the news website also mentioned Muttaqi's phone call with United Arab Emirates (UAE) Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Incidentally, the UAE, too, is said to be among the negotiators between Washington and Tehran. They reportedly discussed bilateral relations, issues between Afghanistan and the United States, the regional situation, as well as "recent tensions between Afghanistan and Pakistan".

According to an official statement that the report quoted, during the conversation, Muttaqi added that Afghanistan, as a neighboring country, seeks to resolve issues with Pakistan through dialogue and mutual understanding and will not allow Afghan territory to be used against Pakistan.

The UAE foreign minister was also stated to have said that continued tensions between Afghanistan and Pakistan benefit neither side and that his country supports efforts to reduce tensions and strengthen stability in the region.

Muttaqi, added the Afghan foreign ministry release, appreciated the UAE's mediating role in the release of an American prisoner and emphasised that issues should be resolved through dialogue.

Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan described relations between Afghanistan and the US as important and added that his country would play a positive role in this regard.

"This comes as rising regional tensions have made the role of mediating countries such as the United Arab Emirates increasingly significant, with expectations that diplomatic efforts could help pave the way for reducing the crisis and ensuring stability in Afghanistan and the region," added Sunday's report.

The beleaguered nation of Afghanistan has Iran on its West and Pakistan on its South and Southeast. While the Pakistan border remain closed since about five months following its war with the neighbour, the US-Israel bombing of Iran has brought volatility to the other side too.

Being a landlocked country, and the Taliban government facing sanctions, global supply of aid and support material remains under stress with the closest seaports being situated in Afghanistan's two immediate neighbours.

From the Editorial Desk

From guns to glamour: Khalistan-linked gangsters lure youth online



Security agencies are closely monitoring a growing network of social media accounts allegedly operated by Khalistan-linked gangsters, who are increasingly using displays of wealth and luxury to attract young recruits in Punjab and Haryana.

According to officials, these accounts -- run either by gangsters or their associates -- frequently showcase images of extravagant lifestyles, including high-end vehicles, designer clothing, and sprawling residences. Investigators believe this curated online persona is part of a calculated recruitment strategy aimed at drawing in impressionable youth.

With the Khalistan ideology gaining no traction among the younger generation, this appears to be the new way to lure them. Security agencies have learnt that in recent weeks, there has been a surge in such content. This has led the authorities to intensify vigilance on the chats that are taking place on social media platforms.

So far, the agencies have learnt that during these chats, the gangster-controlled social media accounts are luring the youth with the dream of a rich lifestyle. They tell the youth that if they join the network, then they too can afford such a rich lifestyle with fancy cars and bikes, flashy clothes and massive houses. An official said that it is a strategy that is likely to work for the Khalistan-backed gangster network. The youth tend to get drawn in easily as most of them want to lead a fancy lifestyle with plenty of money, the official added.

The police are monitoring accounts on Facebook, Instagram and X to find out more about the new type of recruitment process. The police are also watching who is commenting or liking the posts of these gangsters. An Intelligence Bureau official said that the Khalistani groups have instructed the gangster network to undertake a massive recruitment drive. They are in desperate need of the youth in their fold. These elements have realised that the ideology is something that is not catching on with the youth in Punjab, and hence the bait is being laid with the lure of money, the official added.

Another official said that the youth are being recruited so that they can carry out extortion and also targeted killings. They are also to be used in drug smuggling, transport of arms and ammunition. However, high on the agenda are the targeted killings of prominent personalities. Targeted killings regularly instil fear within society, and these Khalistani elements want to capitalise on the same. They feel that the people would back them out of fear, like was the case in the 1980s and 1990s, when the Khalistan movement was at its peak in Punjab, an official said.

This recruitment strategy also comes at a time when there is a massive crackdown on Khalistani elements in Canada. Since India and Canada have reset ties, there has been an agreement on joint work towards eliminating this menace. Canada and India have been working together by sharing Intelligence and other information relating to the Khalistan movement.

Last week, Canada's House of Commons passed the Combating Hate Act Bill (C-90), which proposes to criminalise the public display of symbols linked to designated Khalistan terror outfits. India and Canadian groups have called it a long-awaited step as the Bill is aimed at stopping the public glorification of Khalistani extremism. The Bill also aims to stop attacks on places of worship.

Officials say that this is an important move as public displays glorifying the Khalistan movement will now stop. Terror outfits such as the Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) have, in recent times, put up hate graffiti against India. The Gurpatwant Singh Pannun-led SFJ has targeted places of worship. India has raised this concern several times, and now, with ties reset, Canada has been working closely to solve the problem.

Monk's death in Tibet exposes China's deepening repression



The death of a young Tibetan monk serves as a stark warning of the escalating repression in Tibet, with Chinese authorities treating even acts such as sharing information on a digital messaging platform as potential security threats, a report this week revealed.

According to a report in Pakistan's online magazine 'Bitter Winter', the campaign against Tibetan Buddhism is borne by individuals - young and unarmed - who enter police custody alive but are returned as corpses.

The report highlighted that the body of Tibetan monk Samten was sent back to his monastery in early December, with Chinese authorities offering a "familiar narrative" that he had "fallen suddenly ill and died despite emergency treatment.

It added that no information was shared about the illness, the hospital, or the circumstances of his detention -- rather monks were warned against discussing what had happened.

In Tibet, the report said, silence is not a request but an order, yet in March, a voice has emerged.

"Samten was around twenty-five years old. He was part of Dhitsa Geden Tashi Chöding Ling, one of the four main monasteries in Palung County in the northern Amdo region. Founded by the first Je Shamar Pandita, the monastery has long been a centre for Tibetan-language education and monastic scholarship. It is home to about four hundred monks, many of whom have already felt the tightening grip of state surveillance," the report detailed.

"Dhitsa Geden Tashi Chöding Ling is known for preserving the Tibetan language. Its monks helped create early woodblock prints for modern Tibetan textbooks and took part in language preservation efforts. In the eyes of the authorities, this alone makes the monastery politically suspicious. In Tibet, culture itself is seen as a threat," it added.

The report stressed that Samten's death mirrored a wider pattern of atrocities by Beijing that emerged in the months ahead of the Dalai Lama's 90th birthday.

These included raids on monasteries, confiscation of the Dalai Lama's images, disappearance of senior monks and a rise in political education sessions. "In one case, a respected scholar took his own life after being forced to denounce the Dalai Lama in front of his students. The campaign is coordinated, ideological, and relentless. It aims not only to control Tibetan Buddhism but also to transform it into something unrec-ognisable, something loyal to the Chinese Communist Party rather than its own tradition," it stated.

"The circumstances of Samten's death are disturbingly familiar. Tibetans detained for political or religious reasons often die in custody, their bodies returned with vague explanations and strict orders not to ask questions. The pattern is so consistent that it has become a grim ritual: arrest, silence, death, denial, and forced forgetting. The authorities rely on fear to ensure that the story ends there," it further mentioned.

India's renewable energy surge: Powering growth, security and global leadership



India's rapid transition toward renewable energy is no longer just an environmental priority-it has become a cornerstone of economic resilience, strategic autonomy, and long-term energy security.

As global energy markets face repeated disruptions, India's aggressive push toward clean energy is positioning the country as one of the fastest-growing renewable powerhouses in the world.

The country has already crossed a critical milestone, with 51.93 per cent of its installed power capacity now coming from non-fossil fuel sources, surpassing its initial 50 per cent target ahead of schedule. This marks a decisive shift away from coal and imported oil, reflecting a structural transformation in India's energy mix.

A decade of accelerated growth

India's renewable energy capacity has more than tripled over the past decade-from 76.38 GW in 2014 to 253.96 GW by November 2025. The pace of expansion has only accelerated in recent years. During 2025-26 (up to December 2025), the country added 38.61 GW of renewable capacity, led overwhelmingly by solar energy (30.16 GW), followed by wind and hydro.

This surge has been driven by a combination of strong policy backing, private sector participation, and flagship schemes such as PM-KUSUM, PM Surya Ghar, CPSU solar programmes, and production-linked incentives (PLI) aimed at boosting domestic manufacturing.

Ambitious targets and strategic vision

India's long-term goals remain highly ambitious. The country plans to increase solar power generation by 400% and wind energy by 300% by 2035, while targeting 500 GW of renewable capacity by 2030. Beyond this, India's broader power sector transformation is expected to attract investments worth $2.2 trillion over the next two decades.

Globally, India now ranks fourth in total installed renewable energy capacity, behind China, the United States, and Brazil, according to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). This reflects not just scale, but growing influence in shaping global clean energy markets.

Beyond solar and wind: Diversifying the energy mix

India's clean energy strategy is expanding beyond conventional renewables. The government is actively investing in:

o Green Hydrogen: Under the National Green Hydrogen Mission, India aims to produce 5 million tonnes annually by 2030, with hydrogen hubs planned at key ports.

o Nuclear Energy: The Nuclear Energy Mission targets 100 GW capacity by 2047, ensuring stable, low-carbon baseload power.

o Bioenergy and Small Hydro Projects: Decentralised energy systems are gaining traction, especially in remote and energy-deficient regions.

A notable development is the Small Hydro Power Development Scheme, with an outlay of ?2,584.60 crore. This initiative is particularly significant for regions like Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, where untapped hydropower potential exceeds 20,000 MW. These smaller, decentralised projects offer faster execution, lower costs, and minimal environmental disruption, while boosting local employment and energy access.

Energy security in a volatile world

Global geopolitical tensions-particularly disruptions in critical oil supply routes like the Strait of Hormuz-have exposed the vulnerabilities of fossil fuel dependence. For import-dependent economies, rising oil and LNG prices translate into economic stress and inflation.

In this context, India's renewable push is not just environmentally sound but strategically vital. By reducing dependence on imported fuels, India is insulating its economy from global shocks while enhancing energy self-sufficiency.

Innovation and grid transformation

To sustain this momentum, India is investing in next-generation energy solutions. The integration of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and Pumped Storage Hydropower (PSP) is becoming essential to address the intermittent nature of renewable sources. These technologies will ensure grid stability, efficient peak-load management, and reliable large-scale adoption of renewables.

At the same time, falling renewable tariffs and improved grid infrastructure are making clean energy increasingly competitive with fossil fuels.

Strengthening implem-entation for accelerated growth

India's renewable energy journey continues to gain momentum, supported by proactive policy measures to address challenges such as capital requirements, land acquisition, and transmission infrastructure. Ongoing efforts to streamline regulations and enhance institutional coordination are paving the way for faster and more efficient project execution, including in the hydropower sector.

Sustaining momentum towards global leadership

With the transition reaching a critical milestone, the government is now focused on consolidating gains by ensuring reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy at scale. Backed by consistent policy support, innovative financing, and strategic implementation, India is well-positioned to emerge as a global leader in renewable energy and a model for sustainable growth.

Centre rolls out duty cuts to help SEZ units amid Iran war disruptions

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on Wednesday introduced a special one-time relief measure for eligible units in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to facilitate the sale of manufactured goods to the Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) at concessional rates of duty.



The move comes in pursuance of the Union Budget 2026-27 announcement to address the concerns faced by the manufacturing units in the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) due to ongoing global trade disruptions, according to an official statement. The Union Budget announcement is being implemented through an exemption notification issued under Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962, for manufactured goods cleared by SEZ units to DTA and will be in force with effect from April 1, 2026, till March 31, 2027.

While determining the concessional rates for eligible SEZ units under this relief window, due care has been taken to ensure a level playing field for the units working in the DTA, the statement said.

Under this relief window, concessional rates of customs duty have been prescribed for notified goods. The customs duty of 20 per cent on goods has been reduced to 12.5 per cent, while that ranging from 20 to 30 per cent has been cut to 15 per cent. Similarly, customs duty on goods ranging from 30 to 40 per cent has been slashed to 20 per cent, the statement said.

The SEZ units claiming benefit under this relief window should have commenced production of goods on or before March 31, 2025. Besides, goods manufactured by such units, for which benefit is claimed under this relief window, should have undergone value addition of a minimum of 20 per cent over the inputs.

The emphasis on exports by SEZ units shall remain. DTA sales at concessional rates by the eligible SEZ units shall not be more than 30 per cent of the highest annual FOB (free-on-board) value of exports in any of the three immediately preceding financial years, the statement said.

Sensex, Nifty start FY27 on positive note, snap 2-day losing streak



Mumbai, April 1 (IANS) Indian stock markets ended Wednesday's session on a strong note, although they gave up a large part of their early gains as optimism around easing tensions between the US and Iran faded later in the day. The benchmark indices Nifty and Sensex both closed higher, snapping their two-day losing streak.

The Nifty settled at 22,679.40, up 348 points or 1.56 per cent, while the Sensex rose 1,186.77 points or 1.65 per cent to end at 73,134.34. Commenting on Nifty technical outlook, experts said that on the downside, a failure to hold above 22,500 may trigger renewed selling pressure, potentially dragging the index toward 22,300, followed by a stronger demand zone around 21,700.

"On the upside, the 23,000 mark remains a key psychological resistance and a decisive supply zone," an analyst stated. Markets had opened on a strong footing amid hopes of a possible de-escalation in the US-Iran conflict. However, as the session progressed, the initial enthusiasm cooled, leading to a partial pullback from the day's highs. Among the top gainers on the Nifty were Trent Limited, InterGlobe Aviation, and Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone, which supported the upward movement in the indices.

The broader markets performed even better than the benchmarks. The Nifty MidCap index gained 2.24 per cent, while the Nifty SmallCap index surged 3.24 per cent. On the sectoral front, the Nifty PSU Bank index emerged as the top performer, reflecting strong gains in public sector banking stocks.

Govt extends RoSCTL scheme for apparel exports till September

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) The government on Wednesday announced the extension of the Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) Scheme for exports of apparel, garments and made-ups until September 30, 2026, or until the scheme is approved under the 16th Finance Commission cycle, whichever comes earlier. The extension will continue under the existing guidelines without any changes, the Ministry of Textiles said.Launched on March 7, 2019, the RoSCTL scheme aims to refund embedded state and central taxes and levies that are not covered under any other export incentive mechanism.

The initiative is designed to ensure that exported products are not burdened with unrefunded taxes, in line with the principle of zero-rating of exports, thereby improving the global competitiveness of Indian textile shipments.The scheme has emerged as a crucial support system for the textile export sector, especially for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), which form a significant portion of the beneficiaries. Industry stakeholders have often highlighted the role of such incentives in helping Indian exporters compete with global peers in a challenging market environment.

Oracle staff shocked by sudden layoff emails

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) A regular weekday morning turned into a moment of shock for thousands of employees at Oracle Corporation, as reports of large-scale layoffs surfaced. According to multiple reports, employees across teams began receiving termination emails as early as 6 AM.



What started as a normal workday quickly turned into confusion and uncertainty, with many workers trying to understand the sudden decision while the news spread rapidly online.

Reports suggest that the company may have laid off between 20,000 and 30,000 employees globally. This would account for nearly 18 per cent of its total workforce of around 162,000 people.

However, Oracle has not officially confirmed the exact number of layoffs or provided detailed information about severance packages and support for affected employees.

The reported job cuts are said to have impacted several departments, including engineering, cloud operations, sales, and cybersecurity. In India alone, as many as 12,000 employees are believed to have lost their jobs, although there is no official confirmation on this figure either.

As the news unfolded, many employees took to social media to share their experiences. Several posts reflected the emotional and financial stress caused by the sudden layoffs, with many also seeking new job opportunities.

One employee described the experience as completely unexpected, especially after having joined the company just a year ago. Sharing their story online, the employee wrote that they received a termination email in the morning without any prior indication.

India's industrial, warehousing sector's absorption rises 15.6 pc in Q1 2026

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) India's industrial and warehousing sector recorded absorption of 18.5 million square feet in Q1 2026, marking a robust growth of 15.6 per cent year on year, a report said on Wednesday.

The report from Savills India said that growth was led by the manufacturing segment, while Pune made a notable leap to become the second-largest contributor to overall absorption. Manufacturing accounted for 35 per cent of absorption (about 6.5 million square feet), up from 30 per cent in Q1 2025. Third-party logistics (3PL) segment followed with a 23 per cent overall contribution, while the FMCG and FMCD segment contributed 14 per cent.Grade A space gained prominence with its share of absorption rising to 60 per cent from 51 per cent in Q1 2025 reflecting occupiers' growing emphasis on quality, compliance, and ESG standards, the report noted. Tier I cities accounted for 79 per cent of absorption. Tier-II and Tier-III cities also maintained a meaningful presence, contributing 21 per cent of overall absorption and 16 per cent of overall supply during the quarter. Pune contributed to 4.5 million square feet or 24 per cent of total absorption. Delhi-NCR and Mumbai followed with 19 per cent and 12 per cent, respectively. India's industrial and logistics real estate sector remains strong and resilient, even amid ongoing uncertainty in West Asia.

India's electronics manufacturing surges 6 times to Rs 12 lakh crore: Minister

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) Union Minister of State for Electronics and IT, Jitin Prasada, on Wednesday highlighted that India's electronics manufacturing sector has witnessed a sharp expansion over the past decade, with production rising over six-fold to around Rs 12 lakh crore in FY25 from about Rs 1.9 lakh crore in FY15.



In a written reply in the Lok Sabha, the minister said exports of electronic goods have surged nearly eight times to about Rs 3.3 lakh crore, while mobile phone production jumped 28-fold to Rs 5.45 lakh crore during the period.

The growth has been driven by targeted policy interventions under the Centre's Atmanirbhar Bharat vision, aimed at building a complete electronics value chain -- from finished goods to components, sub-assemblies and capital equipment.

Meanwhile, mobile phone exports saw the sharpest rise, increasing 127 times to Rs 2 lakh crore, transforming India from a net importer in 2014 to a net exporter, with over 300 manufacturing units now operational. Launched in 2020, the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for large-scale electronics manufacturing has played a key role in this transformation. Against a target investment of Rs 7,000 crore, actual investments reached Rs 17,519 crore -- 2.5 times the target -- while production and exports exceeded targets by 36 per cent to Rs 11 lakh crore and 27 per cent to Rs 6.2 lakh crore, respectively, till February.

In terms of employment, the PLI scheme generated around 1.85 lakh direct jobs, achieving about 92 per cent of its target of 2 lakh.

"As a result, India has emerged as the world's second-largest mobile phone manufacturer, with the sector supporting around 12 lakh jobs, both direct and indirect," the minister said.

Vamsi Burra takes charge as Power Grid CMD

Gurugram, April 1: Vamsi Rama Mohan Burra has assumed charge as Chairman and Managing Director of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Power.



Before his elevation, Burra served as Director (Projects) of Power Grid. An experienced engineering professional, he holds an engineering degree along with postgraduate diplomas in Planning and Project Management and Management from the Management Development Institute. He has also completed advanced management programmes, including the Harvard Manage Mentor programme and courses at the Indian School of Business.

Burra belongs to the first batch of Executive Trainees inducted into Power Grid in 1993 and has over 33 years of experience in the power transmission and telecom sectors. During his career, he has handled key roles across projects, procurement, commercial operations, regulatory affairs, asset management and telecom.

He was a founding member of Power Grid 's Regulatory Cell and played a key role in shaping its regulatory strategy. He also contributed to the company's entry into competitive bidding in the power transmission sector.As CEO of Power Grid Teleservices Limited, he led the expansion of the telecom business and initiated the company's first data centre project, marking a major step in its digital growth.

Dollar Lehar launches summer campaign

Ranchi, April 1: Dollar Lehar has launched a new summer campaign featuring a mix of humour, imagination and a unique sci-fi twist to promote its products as daily essentials.

The campaign is set against the backdrop of a highway dhaba, where an ordinary night takes an unexpected turn, creating an engaging and entertaining storyline. With this initiative, the brand aims to connect with consumers during the peak summer season, when demand for innerwear rises significantly.

Speaking about the campaign, Vinod Kumar Gupta, Managing Director of Dollar Industries Ltd., said the association with brand ambassador Saif Ali Khan has strengthened the brand's reach and appeal.

He noted that Saif Ali Khan's personality, wit and credibility resonate well with the target audience, contributing to strong business growth. Gupta added that the collaboration aligns closely with the brand's identity, making the continued partnership a natural decision.

The company expects the campaign to boost visibility and engagement during the summer season.

Adequate seed stock available for upcoming sowing season: Govt

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) The government on Wednesday said it has adequate seed stock available for the upcoming Kharif season amid the West Asia crisis that has hampered global supply chains.



Additional Secretary, Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Maninder Kaur Dwivedi, said during the inter-ministerial briefing that the country has a self-reliant seed system backed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the public sector, in addition to the private sector.

Moreover, a robust pipeline with adequate seed and breeding materials at all stages (certified, foundation, hybrid seeds) is also present in order to cater to any possible disruptions.

The price situation is also being monitored for the wholesale prices for all agro commodities, said Dwivedi, adding that the prices of the top crops, tomato, onion, and potato, are in the range and showing improvement, with an improving trend at the wholesale level.

For Kharif Season 2026, the government reported a comfortable seed availability situation with a surplus of around 19.29 lakh quintals.

The country's agriculture sector requires 166.46 lakh quintals, while the country has 185.74 lakh quintals available.

India's venture capital funding at $16 billion in 2025, deal activity surges 18 pc

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) India's venture capital ecosystem raised roughly $16 billion in 2025 and saw deal activity grow about 18 per cent year on year, with transactions exceeding 1,300 across stages, a report said on Wednesday.



The report from Bain & Company said growth was broad based, driven by strong activity in sub $50 million deals while the upper end also gained momentum with scaled transactions above $250 million doubling to eight.

Fintech deal value rebounded about 2.2 times year on year while software or SaaS funding grew roughly 1.5 times, the report added.

Fund raising by VC and growth funds doubled to around $5.4 billion, led by a surge in $100 million plus vehicles.

Investors focused on companies demonstrating strong unit economics and clearer monetisation pathways, reflecting a market that is increasingly rewarding business quality overgrowth at any cost, the report noted.

IPO-led exits rose 30 per cent over 2024, and strategic exits exceeded $1 billion in value.

Amidst global macroeconomic headwinds, geopolitical uncertainty, and ongoing technological disruptions, this growth was underpinned by improving exit visibility, stabilising valuations, and stronger investor focus on sustainable, capital-efficient growth models.

Maruti Suzuki India, Tata Motors and Toyota post strong double-digit gains

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) India's passenger vehicle market closed FY26 on a robust note, with Maruti Suzuki India, Tata Motors and Toyota Kirloskar Motor posted strong double-digit gains.



Maruti Suzuki India recorded a 16.72 per cent year-on-year (YoY) growth in March 2026, selling 2,25,251 units compared to 1,92,984 units in the same month last year.

Domestic passenger vehicle sales stood at 1,69,428 units, while exports rose to 47,040 units and supplies to other OEMs reached 8,783 units.

For the full year, the company posted around 3 per cent growth, supported by consistent demand for compact cars and a strong export performance.

The company also achieved its highest-ever export volume of over 4.47 lakh vehicles in FY26, marking a growth of more than 34 per cent.

In contrast, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles reported a strong performance, with its highest-ever annual sales of around 6.42 lakh units in FY26 -- reflecting a 15 per cent growth -- almost double the industry growth rate.

The company also secured the number two position in the second half of the year based on wholesales and registrations.

Tata Motors saw strong traction in its electric vehicle portfolio, with EV sales crossing 92,000 units, up 43 per cent year-on-year.

Its CNG segment also performed well, growing 24 per cent to around 1.72 lakh units. In the fourth quarter, the company recorded its highest-ever quarterly sales, crossing 2 lakh units with a 37 per cent growth.

Meanwhile, Toyota Kirloskar Motor also reported strong growth, selling 4,06,081 units in FY26, up 20 per cent from the previous year.

The company maintained positive momentum in March as well, with sales rising 24 per cent to 37,194 units.

Toyota attributed its growth to sustained demand across SUV, MPV and compact segments, along with new product launches and customer-focused initiatives.

Jharkhand faces rising mobile cyber threats

Ranchi, April 1: With rapid digital growth across Jharkhand, mobile-based cybercrime is also witnessing a sharp rise, raising concerns over user safety. From UPI payments and mobile banking to Aadhaar-linked services and e-governance platforms, smartphones have become essential in cities like Ranchi, Jamshedpur and Dhanbad. However, this increased usage has made users more vulnerable to cyberattacks.

According to experts, over 70 per cent of cyber fraud cases now originate from mobile devices. Fraudsters are increasingly using malicious APK files, fake loan apps and phishing links, often shared through platforms like WhatsApp and Telegram. Many users unknowingly install such apps disguised as electricity bills, job offers or government messages, leading to financial losses.

One of the most serious threats is the use of Remote Access Trojans (RATs), which allow cybercriminals to take control of smartphones, access OTPs, monitor activity and carry out unauthorised transactions.

In response to these growing threats, TraceX Labs has launched an AI-powered mobile security application, TraceX Guard, aimed at protecting users from modern cyber risks. The app offers features such as real-time APK scanning, phishing protection, Wi-Fi security analysis and OTP monitoring.

Experts say Jharkhand, which has been linked to cyber fraud hubs like Jamtara, requires strong cybersecurity awareness and tools. The new application is expected to help users detect threats early and prevent financial fraud. With digital adoption continuing to grow, officials stress that securing smartphones has become essential to ensure a safe and reliable digital environment in the state.

Underwater tunnel in Brahmaputra River to bring new dawn of connectivity in Northeast: PM Modi

Guwahati, April 1 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said the Centre has sanctioned an ambitious underwater tunnel project under the Brahmaputra River near Gohpur, which is aimed at transforming connectivity in the Northeast.

Addressing a massive public rally in Assam's Biswanath district, PM Modi said the project, estimated at Rs 18,500 crore, will significantly reduce travel distance between Gohpur and Numaligarh, ushering in a new era of seamless connectivity in the region.

He added that the tunnel will not only improve transportation but also generate substantial employment opportunities for the people of Assam.

"This project will bring a new dawn of connectivity in the Northeast and open up economic opportunities for the youth," PM Modi said, underlining the strategic importance of the initiative.

Taking a veiled swipe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, PM Modi remarked that the opposition leader is heading towards a "century of defeats", while asserting that the BJP continues to enjoy strong public support. Highlighting welfare measures, the Prime Minister said that more than 22 lakh families in Assam have already received pucca houses, with an additional 15 lakh to benefit in the coming years.



He reiterated that a "double-engine government" ensures faster and more effective delivery of schemes.

Focusing on women's empowerment, PM Modi said around three lakh women in the state have become "Lakhpati Baideo", and the BJP aims to increase this number to 40 lakh.

He also announced that the Orunodoi scheme will be expanded to include more women beneficiaries, calling it a key poll promise.

Among other commitments, he said the BJP plans to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in Assam, adding that people trust the party because it fulfils its promises.

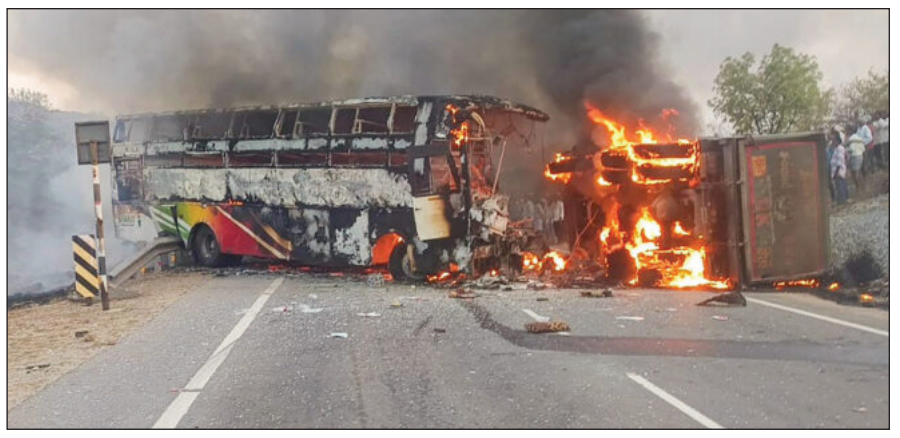
On agriculture, PM Modi said nearly 20 lakh farmers have benefited from the PM-Kisan scheme.

Addressing the state's flood problem, he said Rs 18,000 crore will be invested to make Assam flood-free, including measures such as increasing the depth of the Subansiri River.

Highlighting infrastructure gains, PM Modi said the BJP has completed five bridges over the Brahmaputra in the last decade, with work underway on five more. He also pointed to improvements in healthcare and education, noting that medical colleges have increased from six to 14, with 10 more under construction.

Accusing the Congress of appeasement politics and neglecting Assam's potential, PM Modi said the BJP is committed to protecting indigenous communities and ensuring development while preserving the state's heritage.

Andhra bus fire; owner, driver held



Amaravati, April 1 (IANS) The driver of a private travels bus that caught fire after colliding with a tipper, killing 14 passengers in Andhra Pradesh's Markapuram district on March 26, did not possess a valid driving licence, police said on Wednesday.

The police also announced the arrest of the bus owner, Harikrishna Reddy, and the driver, Yuvaraj.

Both were presented before the media by the police in Markapuram. Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Nagaraju said the travel company owner had hired Yuvaraj as he would have had to pay a higher salary for employing a licensed driver.

The bus, belonging to Harikrishna Travels, was travelling from Jagtial in Telangana to Kanigiri in Andhra Pradesh's Nellore district when it caught fire following a head-on collision with a tipper near Rayavaram on March 26.

Fourteen passengers were charred to death in the incident, while 29 others sustained injuries.

The DSP said Harikrishna Reddy had purchased the second-hand bus eight months ago. The vehicle was not in good condition, and despite being aware of this, he continued to operate it.The investigation also revealed that the bus was originally scheduled to reach its destination via Vinukonda in Prakasam district. However, as the vehicle required frequent repairs during the journey, it was diverted through a national highway.

PM highlights NEP's role

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday, emphasised the importance of National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, under which India continues to nurture curiosity and holistic development with focus on foundational literacy and joyful learning, urging people to read an article penned by the Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

"The first day of school is not just a beginning, but it is also a shared national responsibility among the students that needs to be embedded! Under NEP 2020, India is continuing to nurture curiosity and holistic development with an immense focus on foundational literacy and joyful learning," the Prime Minister said on his official X account, adding, "Read this article by Union Minister @dpradhanbjp to learn in detail."

The NEP 2020 is India's comprehensive framework for transforming its education system to be more inclusive, equitable, and aligned with 21st-century skills.

In his opinion piece, published in The Indian Express, Union Minister Pradhan has stressed on NEP having placed curiosity, understanding and holistic development at the centre of learning, "moving beyond rote memorisation".

Every academic year is a meaningful step forward in realising that vision, the Union Minister said.

"The first day of school is seldom uneventful. It carries a mix of hesitation and joys of new beginnings. Tiny hands hold big emotions and curious eyes capture a whole new world," he shared, underscoring, "The early years must centre on play, exploration and discovery, and define the beginning of a lifelong journey."

Will be punished by people for minority appeasement: BJP chief blasts Cong

Kannur, April 1 (IANS) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President Nitin Nabin, in a scathing critique of the Congress, said on Wednesday that the grand old party will pay the price for 'excessive' minority appeasement at the cost of developmental politics in the impending Assembly elections in Keralam.

The scathing remarks from the BJP Chief, came during a roadshow in Mattannur Assembly constituency, when the latter was questioned about Congress' outreach and indulgence with the Muslim community.



"Congress is deeply rooted in minority appeasement. They are wearing a 'topi' (cap) and offering prayers at shrines but avoiding 'gamcha' (a form of local attire). This is how Congress is behaving. People of Kerala are fed up with the Congress, LDF and UDF. They are going to be punished for blatant appeasement," Nabin told IANS, during the campaign trail in Kannur.

The BJP Chief's remarks also come in the backdrop of Congress-led UDF and LDF, both ruling and Opposition parties of Kerala, launching a diatribe against the BJP over proposed amendments in the contentious Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Bill.A couple of Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, in past few days, have accused the Centre of bulldozing the amendments through the Parliament, describing it as a blatant attempt to destroy NGOs, operated by minority communities in particular.

"This is a blatantly unconstitutional law, which will destroy NGOs and community organisations -- especially those run by minority communities. We will not allow the BJP to arm-twist honest philanthropic institutions through this draconian Bill," Congress General Secretary (Organisation) K.C. Venugopal said in a post on social media platform X.

Four priests arrested in Nalanda stampede case; FIR against 40

Patna, April 1 (IANS) In a major crackdown following the deadly stampede at the Sheetla Mata Temple in Nalanda district, police have arrested four priests and filed a case against 40 people. The incident, which occurred a day earlier, claimed the lives of nine devotees and left several others injured.The stampede took place at a temple in Madhada village under the jurisdiction of Deepnagar police station in Nalanda, triggering immediate administrative action.Given the seriousness of the incident, authorities launched a detailed investigation.An FIR has been registered at the Deepnagar Police Station against 20 named individuals and 20 unidentified persons.

Preliminary findings indicate that negligence and poor crowd management were key factors behind the tragedy.

Police and administrative teams are continuing their investigation, with raids underway to apprehend other accused individuals.Meanwhile, an atmosphere of grief and anger prevails among the families of the victims.

The administration has ensured medical treatment for the injured and has provided all possible assistance to those affected.The incident has once again raised serious concerns regarding crowd control and safety protocols at religious gatherings, especially during peak footfall.

8th Pay Commission members to meet Govt staff for feedback on key issues

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) Members of the 8th Pay Commission have begun consultations on the proposed salary revision for central government employees and pensioners. A key meeting is scheduled in Dehradun for April 24, where representatives of employee unions, pensioners' associations, and other stakeholders are expected to present their views on pay structures, allowances, and pension-related issues.Members of the commission are expected to visit various other parts of the country well to hold similar meetings in order to get better acquainted with the problems faced by employees and retirees. The feedback collected from these meetings will help the Commission decide how much salaries, pensions and benefits should be revised in the future.The Commission said that if any group wants to share their views, they need to request an appointment in advance.

The notice, dated March 30, read, "A team of the 8th Central Pay Commission shall be visiting Dehradun, Uttarakhand on April 24. Interested stakeholders, including central government organisations/institutions and unions/associations desirous of interacting with the Commission at Dehradun, may kindly submit their request seeking an appointment on or before April 10."

'Not even God safe in God's Own Country': Rajnath Singh targets LDF, UDF

Thiruvananthapuram, April 1 (IANS) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday launched a sharp political offensive in Kerala, alleging that "not even God is safe in God's Own Country", as he accused both the Left Democratic Front (LDF) and the United Democratic Front (UDF) of corruption and appeasement politics. Campaigning for NDA candidate Vatsala Prasanna Kumari in Paravur, Singh invoked a Biblical analogy, saying Judas betrayed Jesus for silver coins, and alleged that the LDF had "betrayed Lord Ayyappa for gold".He further claimed that those responsible for the alleged gold theft were being shielded, adding that a photograph had surfaced showing a senior Congress leader alongside the accused.The Defence Minister asserted that the alleged Sabarimala gold theft would be probed by the CBI and demanded strict action against those accused of looting public wealth.

Karnataka targets student screen overuse

Bengaluru, April 1 (IANS) The Karnataka government on Wednesday announced a draft policy aimed at promoting responsible digital use among students, addressing growing concerns over excessive screen time and its impact on mental health.

"The 'Responsible Digital Use Among Students' policy has been prepared by the Department of Health and Family Welfare in collaboration with the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) (in Bengaluru) and other stakeholder departments. It seeks to tackle issues arising from unsafe and excessive use of digital technology among school-going children," Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said.According to the draft, nearly one in four adolescents shows signs of problematic internet use. The policy flags rising mental health concerns such as anxiety,



sleep disturbances, poor academic performance, and social isolation linked to excessive screen exposure. It also highlights increasing risks of cyberbullying, online grooming, and digital exploitation, he said.

"The core aim of the policy is to promote digital well-being, emotional resilience, and responsible technology use through a structured, school-based framework. It proposes a preventive approach focused on early identification and management of digital addiction and related issues."

Mamata hits Cong on SIR row

Kolkata, April 1 (IANS) West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday accused the Congress of failing to respond to her appeal for support to the Trinamool Congress' movement against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, both in the state and across the country.

She also alleged that the Congress did not take the issue of SIR seriously or extend support to voters during the revision process.

"I asked them several times to jointly move against the SIR and jointly approach the Election



Commission of India (ECI). But they did not accept our appeal. They did not care about the people when the revision exercise was being conducted. It was only the booth-level agents of the Trinamool Congress who stood by the voters during the revision exercise," the Chief Minister said at an election rally in Nabagram in Murshidabad district, where the Congress continues to have a strong support base.

Speaking at the rally, the Chief Minister also accused the Election Commission of India of specifically targeting her constituency of Bhabanipur in south Kolkata. "The names of an abnormal number of voters have been deleted from the voters' list in Bhabanipur. But still I will fight and ultimately I will win," she said.

Raghuwanshi family claims rebirth as nephew

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) The family of late transport businessman Raja Raghuwanshi, who was tragically killed by his wife Sonam Raghuwanshi in Shillong, is finding solace in what they believe is Raja's rebirth as the son of his brother.

The newborn child of Raja's brother, Sachin Raghuwanshi, has drawn attention from the family due to striking similarities with the late Raja in both physical appearance and horoscope, prompting them to name the baby Raja.

Speaking to IANS, Raja's mother, Uma Raghuwanshi, said, "I have full faith that Raja has been reborn in our house because the child bears a mark of injury similar to one Raja had in his life. We received a message from Kamakhya Mata Mandir that our son wished to be reborn in our home. His rebirth has brought immense happiness to our family. The child resembles Raja - his eyes, his nose… When he

was born and placed in my lap, he looked straight at me. Even his kundali matches Raja's."

Vipin Raghuwanshi, Raja's brother, added that the family had received a prediction from the priest of Kamakhya Mata Mandir prior to the child's birth.

"I got a phone call from temple's priest who said, in your family, anybody bearing a child should not abort because Raja is coming back. We asked him, whose child is this? We have three sisters and three brothers, and we have nine children. Raja was the youngest among them. My elder brother Sachin's child has now brought Raja back to our family," Vipin said.

Crusader for 1984 Sikh riot victims, ex-AAP MLA HS Phoolka joins BJP

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) The face behind justice for victims of 1984 anti-Sikh riots, human rights lawyer and former AAP lawmaker H.S. Phoolka, on Wednesday joined the BJP.

After joining the BJP here, Phoolka said, "I've been a strong supporter of the BJP since my childhood. From 2014 to 2017, I was in the Aam Aadmi Party. We thought that we had come to this party to end all the corruption that existed under the Congress government at that time, but later, we saw that the situation was quite different."

Welcoming Phoolka, the Punjab BJP said his joining the party was a symbol of the strengthening of justice, truth, and principles

"We extend a warm welcome to the esteemed Panthic personality and former MLA, Sardar H.S. Phoolka Ji, who has been fighting the battle for justice for the victims of the 1984 cases. His joining the BJP family is not merely a political event, but a symbol of the strengthening of justice, truth, and principles. This step will provide a new direction to Punjab's politics and further strengthen the commitment to justice," the BJP said in a post on X.

NHAI constructs 5,313 km of National Highways in FY26, exceeds target by 15 pc

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) constructed 5,313 km of National Highways during the financial year 2025-26, which is about 15 per cent higher than the target of 4,640 km for the year, the government said on Wednesday.

Working relentlessly towards the development of national highway infrastructure in the country, the capital expenditure by the NHAI in FY26 for the development of NH infrastructure was at Rs 2,44,362 crore.

"The capital expenditure for the financial year is about 2.5 per cent higher than the Government Budgetary Support of Rs 2,38,384 crore for the year. The differential amount of Rs 5,978 crore has been met through NHAI's own resources," the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways said.

Meanwhile, the NHAI has realised Rs 28,307 crore through a combination of Public InvIT, Private InvIT,



and Toll-Operate-Transfer (TOT) model, including TOT Bundles 17 and 18 for FY 2025-26.

With bids received for TOT Bundle-19, which are under technical evaluation, the NHAI is well poised to achieve the government's budgeted target of Rs 30,000 crore for the current fiscal. The NHAI has successfully monetised over 310 km of National Highways under InvIT Round-5 as part of its Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) programme.

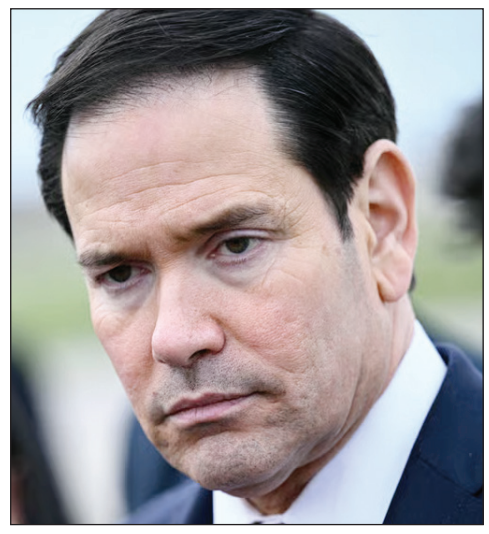
US may rethink NATO after Iran war

Washington, April 1 (IANS) US President Donald Trump is weighing a potential US withdrawal from NATO, a position reinforced by Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who said Washington may "re-examine" the alliance after the Iran conflict amid growing tensions with European allies.

Rubio signalled a possible shift in US strategy, questioning the value of NATO if allies restrict American military operations. "I think there's no doubt… we are going to have to re-examine that relationship," he told Fox News in an interview.

He criticised allies for denying access to bases during the conflict. "If NATO is just about us defending Europe… but them denying us basing rights when we need them, that's not a very good arrangement," Rubio said, warning the alliance risks becoming a "one-way street."

Trump has taken a sharper line, saying he is seriously considering pulling the United States out of NATO after allies declined to join his campaign against Iran. In an interview to The



Telegraph, he described the alliance as a "paper tiger" and said withdrawal was "beyond reconsideration."

He was asked if he would reconsider the US's membership of NATO after the conflict. He replied: "Oh yes, I would say [it's] beyond reconsideration. I was never swayed by NATO. I always knew they were a paper tiger, and Putin knows that too, by the way," the US President told the British daily.

He also criticised European partners for failing to support US efforts to secure the Strait of Hormuz, a vital global energy route. Allies have been reluctant to deploy naval forces despite US requests, fuelling frustration in Washington.

The administration has framed the NATO dispute within the broader context of the Iran conflict, where the US says it is close to achieving its military objectives. Rubio said forces are "on or ahead of schedule" in dismantling Iran's air force, navy, missile launchers and defence industrial base.

"We are very, very close to achieving our objectives," he said, adding that the campaign would make it "nearly impossible" for Iran to develop a nuclear weapon in the near term.

US journo kidnapped in Iraq

Baghdad, April 1 (IANS) An American journalist has been kidnapped in Baghdad by a suspected Iran-backed Iraqi armed group, the US Department of State confirmed, raising fresh concerns over the safety of foreign nationals in the region.

The State Department said it is actively working to secure the journalist's release at the earliest."The US Department of State is aware of the reported kidnapping of an American journalist in Baghdad, Iraq. The State Department previously fulfilled our duty to warn this individual of threats against them, and we will continue to coordinate with the FBI to ensure their release as quickly as possible," Dylan Johnson, Assistant Secretary of State for Global Public Affairs, said in a post on X.He further stated, "An individual with ties to the Iranian-aligned militia group Kataib Hizballah believed to be involved in the kidnapping has been taken into custody by Iraqi authorities."Johnson also reiterated that Iraq remains under a Level 4 travel advisory, cautioning that Americans should not travel to the country under any circumstances and advising those present to leave immediately."The State Department strongly advise all Americans, including members of the press, to adhere to all travel advisories," he added.

Iran missiles could hit Europe: Rubio



Washington, April 1 (IANS) Iran has developed missiles capable of reaching deep into Europe, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said, as he defended the ongoing US military action against Tehran and warned of the broader global threat posed by its weapons programme.

In an interview to Fox News, Rubio said recent launches by Iran demonstrated capabilities that had previously been denied by its leadership. "Those things… could reach well into Europe," he said, adding that Iran had already tested such systems despite earlier claims to the contrary.

Rubio told Fox News that the missile threat was part of a broader push by Iran to expand its military reach, including efforts to develop long-range systems that could eventually target the United States. "They were moving towards eventually having a missile that could reach the continental United States," Rubio said.

Linking the missile programme directly to Iran's nuclear ambitions, he argued that the two must be addressed together. He said Tehran had enriched uranium to 60 per cent purity and retained the capability to quickly reach weapons-grade levels. "From 60 to 90 per cent… takes 12 to 14 days," he said, stressing that such material has no civilian purpose.

"The only reason to have 60 per cent enriched uranium is to be able to enrich it to 90 per cent and put it in a bomb," Rubio added, accusing Iran of refusing multiple opportunities to relinquish its stockpile.

He said the United States had launched a coordinated military campaign to prevent Iran from shielding its nuclear programme behind advanced weapons systems. The operation focuses on four objectives: destroying Iran's air force and navy, degrading missile launchers, and dismantling factories producing drones and missiles."We are on or ahead of schedule on each of those four objectives," Rubio said, adding that US forces are "very close" to achieving their goals.

US envoy casts India as cornerstone of global strategy



Washington, April 1 (IANS) The United States is positioning India at the centre of its long-term global strategy, with Ambassador Sergio Gor outlining an expansive agenda spanning defence, trade and emerging technologies.Gor, the current US. Ambassador to India, said Washington is working to deepen its engagement with New Delhi, aiming to transform the bilateral relationship into what he described as the defining strategic partnership of the 21st century.In an interview to Span magazine, Gor emphasised that his approach is shaped by his experience under US President Donald Trump, highlighting a results-oriented style of diplomacy. "President Trump is the hardest working man in politics. He moves fast and demands results," he said, adding that his focus remains on delivering "something tangible and positive for the American people."He also underscored the importance of leadership-level ties, noting that "President Trump considers Prime Minister Modi a true friend," a relationship he said strengthens the broader partnership between the two countries.Defence cooperation remains the most significant pillar of the relationship, according to the envoy. He pointed to the ongoing Major Defence Partnership and a new 10-year framework that expands collaboration in defence industrial production, science and technology, and operational coordination.

US to triple Patriot missile component output

Washington, April 1 (IANS) The US Department of War has struck a seven-year agreement with Boeing and Lockheed Martin to more than triple production capacity of a critical component used in Patriot missile systems, aiming to strengthen supply chains and accelerate delivery of air defence capabilities.

The agreement focuses on ramping up production of "seekers" for the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) Missile Segment Enhancement (MSE), a key element that enables precision targetting.

Officials said the move is part of a broader push by the administration of Donald Trump and Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth to expand what they call the "Arsenal of Freedom" and place the defence industrial base on a more responsive footing.

The Department said the deal with Boeing, a key supplier, supports a separate arrangement with Lockheed Martin, the prime contractor, to more than triple the output of the PAC-3 MSE missile itself.

The seeker, produced by Boeing, provides "active measurement data used for PAC-3 MSE missile guidance to ensure precision intercepts," the Department said.By securing long-term production commitments, officials aim to address supply bottlenecks and ensure the industrial base can scale up to meet operational demand.

"This agreement marks a pivotal step in executing President Trump and Secretary Hegseth's vision to build the Arsenal of Freedom, accelerate the delivery of critical capabilities to the warfighter, and create thousands of jobs across the defense industrial base," the Department said in a statement.

The initiative is aligned with a new Acquisition Transformation Strategy that prioritises direct engagement with suppliers across all levels of the defence ecosystem, rather than relying solely on prime contractors.

"This approach ensures the entire supply chain - not just the primes - have the stability and long-term demand signals necessary to invest in new facilities, tooling, and workforce development," the statement said.

Under Secretary of War for Acquisition and Sustainment Michael Duffey said the focus is on speed and resilience.

"To build a true Arsenal of Freedom, we must strengthen every link in the chain," Duffey said. "This agreement with Boeing is a direct reflection that speed, volume, and a resilient supply chain are paramount."

Trump to address nation on Iran conflict

Washington, April 1 (IANS) US President Donald Trump will address the nation on Wednesday night (Thursday morning, India time) with an update on the ongoing conflict with Iran, the White House said, as fighting involving the US and Israel enters its second month. White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt announced the address, saying: "Tune In: Tomorrow night at 9 PM ET, President Trump will give an Address to the Nation to provide an important update on Iran." This would be his first address to the nation from the Oval Office of the White House after the Iran war started on February 28.The address to the nation comes amid intensifying military activity and mounting questions over Washington's next steps. The Trump Administration is signalling two fold approach which encompasses both military resolve and a potential diplomatic opening.

The US-Israeli campaign against Iran has stretched into its second month, with recent polling showing growing public unease over the trajectory of the conflict and the risk of deeper American involvement.

Trump has repeatedly framed the US position as one aimed at neutralising Iran's nuclear capabilities while avoiding a prolonged ground war. He has emphasised that the objective is to "end the threat" posed by Iran's enriched uranium programme, according to officials familiar with internal discussions.

Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth, told reporters a day earlier that the Pentagon is prepared for "decisive options" while maintaining that force posture adjustments are intended to deter escalation rather than expand the conflict footprint.

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01	चक्रधरपुर	कुलीतोडांग पंचायत के ग्राम— कुलीतोडांग सामिनी बासासाई चौक से बाईकीपा तक 1820 मीटर पी0सी0सी0 पथ निर्माण।	₹ 2,69,00,800.00	539000.00	10,000.00	09 माह
02	खूंटपानी	भोया पंचायत के ग्राम—बींज में जानुबेड़ा चाईबासा—खरसांवा मुख्य पथ से उद्यान महाविधालय तक पी0सी0सी0 पथ निर्माण।	₹ 3,91,31,800.00	783000.00	10,000.00	09 माह
03	नोवामुण्डी	महुदी पंचायत के महुदी नायक टोला में पुलिया से लेकर सोनाफुलो घर के आगे तक 720 मीटर पी0सी0सी0 पथ निर्माण।	₹ 55,39,800.00	111000.00	10,000.00	06 माह
04	टोन्टो	रैंगड़ाहातु पंचायत के ग्राम— माईलपी चौक से बुन्दुसाई तक पी0सी0सी0 पथ निर्माण।	₹ 81,45,400.00	163000.00	10,000.00	04 माह

2. जिला का वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि— 06.04.2026
3. ई—निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय— दिनांक —13.04.2026 तक समय अपराह्न 2:00 बजे तक।
4. ई—निविदा खोलने का स्थान—कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण नियोजन कार्यक्रम,पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा।
5. ई—निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय —15.04.2026 अपराह्न **05** बजे।
6. ई—निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :—कार्यपालक अभियंता, राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण नियोजन कार्यक्रम, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा।
7. ई—निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं०— **7091319073** (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)
8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट—बढ़ सकती है, तद्नुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9. सरकार के संयुक्त सचिव ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग झारखण्ड सरकार राँची के पत्रांक 02(नि०नि०—17)—251/23 ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग 3130(अनु०), राँची, दिनांक 09.10.2023 द्वारा दिये गये निदेश के अनुपालन में **सभी कागजात के साथ, निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि 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 जवाब देही आपकी होगी।
11. ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामीण कार्य मामले) झारखण्ड, पथ निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड के अन्तर्गत पंजीकृत समुचित श्रेणी के संवेदक भाग ले सकेगें।
12. जिला दण्डाधिकारी—सह—उपायुक्त, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा के पत्रांक 1679 दिनाँक 23.12.2022 के अलोक में निविदा डालने के समय चाईबासा जिला अन्तर्गत किसी भी प्रमण्डल/विभाग द्वारा आवंटित कार्य एकरारित अवधि बीत जाने के बाद लंबित नहीं होने संबंधित शपथ पत्र देना होगा। कार्य लंबित पाये जाने पर उनका निविदा स्वतः रद्ध माना जाएगा
13. बिना कारण बताए किसी भी समय निविदा को रद्ध करने का अधिकार अद्योहस्ताक्षरी कोसुरक्षित रहेगा।
14. निविदा खोलने की तिथि से 05(पाँच) दिनों के अंदर निविदादाता द्वारा अपनी आपत्ति/दावा दर्ज करायें अन्यथा अवधि बीतने के पश्चात कोई भी आपत्ति/दावा मान्य नहीं होगा।

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

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पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा।

PR 376400 (West Singhbhum) 26-27 (D)

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चाईबासा
ई० निविदा सूचना
निविदा सं० :- Chaibasa/O&M Scheme/01/2026-27
Date :- 01.04.2026

1	विभाग का नाम	पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची।
2	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि/समय	दिनांक 04.04.2026 अपराह्न 2.00 बजे तक।
3	निविदा प्राप्ति (ऑन लाईन बिडींग) की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 13.04.2026 अपराह्न 4.00 बजे तक।
4	सरकार के सचिव, सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी एवं ई— गवर्नेंस, झ ारखण्ड 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 13.04.2026 अपराह्न 4.00 बजे तक।
5	तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 15.04.2026 अपराह्न 4.00 बजे तक।
6	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा।
7	ई—प्रोक्युरमेंट पदाधिकारी का फोन नं०	9470309779
8	ई—प्रोक्युरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन नं०	0651—2480345

क्रम	कार्य का नाम	ग्रुप संख्या	प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रूपये में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रू० में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	Repairing of 1,00,000 liter water tower at bada jamda, Noamundi under D.W. & S. Division, Chaibasa for the year of 2026-27	Bara jamda/01	545423.00	11000.00	1250.00	04 Months
2	Operation & Maintenance work for 3 years of Gaisuti rural water supply Scheme consisting of main features such as Operation & Maintenance of Intake Well cum Pump House, R.C.C. Gang Way, 1.0 MLD capacity Water Treatment Plant, ESR 2.5 Lakh Litre capacity with 19 M staging, Raw/Clear water rising main and Distribution Network with allied works etc under D.W. & S. Division Chaibasa. (Excluding the energy cost but including labour cess)	O&M Gaisuti Scheme/ 02	1435523.00	29000.00	2500.00	03 Years
3	Operation & Maintenance work for 3 years of Jaldhar and Adjoining village rural water supply Scheme consisting of main features such as Operation & Maintenance of Intake Well cum Pump House, R.C.C. Gang Way, 1.0 MLD capacity Water Treatment Plant, ESR 1.3 Lakh Litre capacity with 24 M staging, Raw/Clear water rising main and Distribution Network with allied works etc under D.W. & S. Division Chaibasa. (Excluding the energy cost but including labour cess)	O&M Jaldhar Scheme/ 03	746472.00	15100.00	1250.00	03 Years
4	Operation & Maintenance work for 3 years of Murdih & Serengbil rural water supply Scheme consisting of main features such as Operation & Maintenance of Intake Well cum Pump House, R.C.C. Gang Way, 1.0 MLD capacity Water Treatment Plant, ESR 1.83 Lakh Litre capacity with 22 M staging, Raw/Clear water rising main and Distribution Network with allied works etc under D.W. & S. Division Chaibasa. (Excluding the energy cost but including labour cess)	O&M Murdih, Serengbil Scheme/ 04	1050803.00	21100.00	2500.00	03 Years

नोट — प्राक्कलित राशि घट—बढ़ सकती है। निविदा की शर्त्ते एवं परिमाण विपत्र की विवरणी वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in से Download की जा सकती है।

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PR 376377 West Singhbhum(26-27)D

झारखण्ड सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, मनोहरपुर
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प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

इस कार्यालय द्वारा निकाली गई निविदा (e-Tender Ref. No.- RCD/MANOHARPUR/01/2025-26) (Tender ID : 2025_CECOM_103463_1) PR 357112 (West Singhbhum) 25-26 (D) को विभागीय निविदा समिति के निर्णय के अनुपालन में SBD के Clause 32.1 के आलोक में रद्द किया जाता है।

PR 376393 West Singhbhum (26-27)_D

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
प0नि0वि0, पथ प्रमण्डल, मनोहरपुर

JHARKHAND URJA SANCHARAN NIGAM LTD.
CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001704
Office of the General Manager, Transmission Zone-VIII, Chaibasa, Tata Bypass Road, P.O- Chaibasa, Distt- West Singhbhum, Pin- 833201, E-mail ID- tz8cbsa@gmail.com

TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

Due to some unavoidable circumstances **NIT No. – 707/PR/JSNL/2025-26** is hereby cancelled.

स्वहित एवं राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचावें। कृपया अपनी शिकायतों को 18003456570(कॉल सेन्टर) पर दर्ज करायें।

PR No. 370803

Sd/-
General Manager,
Transmission Zone-VIII, Chaibasa

PR 376432 Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd(26-27)#D

जिला परिवहन पदाधिकारी का कार्यालय ,सरायकेला-खरसावाँ

—: आवश्यक सूचना :—

प्रधान महालेखाकार (लेखा परीक्षा) झारखण्ड का कार्यालय राँची के अंकेक्षण दल द्वारा जिला परिवहन कार्यालय, सरायकेला— खरसावाँ का अंकेक्षण के क्रम में आपत्ति दी गयी है कि वर्ष 2021—22 से 2024—25 तक के निबंधन अभिलेखों के जाँच के क्रम में यह पाया गया कि वाहन पोर्टल पर कुल 42 मालवाहक वाहन के स्वामियों द्वारा टैक्स के विलम्ब से भुगतान के मामलों में निर्धारित अर्थ दंड का भुगतान नहीं किया गया है । इन सभी वाहन स्वामियों को इस सूचना के माध्यम से सूचित किया जाता है कि 15 दिनों के अंदर अंकेक्षण दल द्वारा उठाये गए आपत्ति के आलोक में अंतर राशि जिला परिवहन कार्यालय, सरायकेला—खरसावाँ में उपस्थित होकर जमा कराना सुनिश्चित करेंगे । उक्त अवधि तक अंतर राशि जमा नहीं होने की स्थिति में वाहन को Blacklist कर दिया जाएगा तथा वाहन जाँच के क्रम में परिचालित पाए जाने पर वाहन को जप्त मोटर वाहन अधिनियम 1988 की सुसंगत धाराओं के तहत कठोर दण्डात्मक कारवाई की जाएगी । **वाहनों की सूची :—**

Non/Short levy of penalty on transport Vehicles

क्रम०सं०	वाहन संख्या	वाहन स्वामी का नाम	वाहन श्रेणी	कर अंतर राशि
1	AP28Y9368	shammi narang	Goods Carrier	5000
2	AP28Y9368	shammi narang	Goods Carrier	1250
3	AP28Y9374	kamlesh singh	Goods Carrier	1250
4	JH22A0853	sheo shankar yadav	Goods Carrier	10000
5	JH22A1484	cathy enterprises	Goods Carrier	850
6	JH22A1484	cathy enterprises	Goods Carrier	850
7	JH22A1484	cathy enterprises	Goods Carrier	850
8	JH22A1611	harelal const co pvt ltd	Goods Carrier	2500
9	JH22A1612	harelal const co pvt ltd	Goods Carrier	2500
10	JH22A1613	harelal const co pvt ltd	Goods Carrier	2500
11	JH22A1614	harelal const co pvt ltd	Goods Carrier	2500
12	JH22A1615	harelal const co pvt ltd	Goods Carrier	2500
13	JH22A2425	harelal const co pvt ltd	Goods Carrier	800
14	JH22A2427	cathy enterprises	Goods Carrier	6400
15	JH22A2427	cathy enterprises	Goods Carrier	800
16	JH22A3217	sohan kumar roy	Goods Carrier	350
17	JH22C3863	satyam raj	Goods Carrier	2800
18	JH22D5836	basuki nath singh modak	Goods Carrier	8750
19	JH22D6724	m/s nav nirman builder	Goods Carrier	6000
20	JH22D7232	sumitra devi	Goods Carrier	350
21	JH22D7232	sumitra devi	Goods Carrier	700
22	JH22D7232	sumitra devi	Goods Carrier	350
23	JH22E4787	laxman tiriya	Goods Carrier	200
24	JH22F3382	m/s madan prasad	Goods Carrier	700
25	JH22F3490	zahida khatoon	Goods Carrier	850
26	JH22F4088	hiraalal saw	Goods Carrier	1300
27	JH22F4681	sangharsh singh	Goods Carrier	3000
28	JH22F8100	prabhu premi sangh chart trust delhi	Goods Carrier	500
29	JH22F9036	suresh kumar saw	Goods Carrier	5600
30	JH22G0802	nidhi kumari	Goods Carrier	650
31	JH22G3115	sunita bhagat	Goods Carrier	850
32	JH22G3349	ganesh construction	Goods Carrier	2400
33	JH22G6649	ganesh construction	Goods Carrier	2400
34	JH22H1348	md mehtab	Goods Carrier	250
35	JH22H3253	ajaysh kumar pandey	Goods Carrier	400
36	JH22H7320	mohammad akash alam	Goods Carrier	4100
37	JH22H9489	md akash alam	Goods Carrier	5100
38	JH22J5144	adityapur west management pvt ltdm	Goods Carrier	35150
39	JH22J5647	naushad alam	Goods Carrier	900
40	NL01Q9581	shivam fuel carriers	Goods Carrier	14400
41	NL01Q9582	shivam fuel carriers	Goods Carrier	14400
42	UP15AT7384	mr rajendra singh	Goods Carrier	31500
		Total:		**184500**

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जिला परिवहन पदाधिकारी सरायकेला—खरसावाँ

कार्यालय जिला उद्यान पदाधिकारी, प0 सिंहभूम —सह— सरायकेला—खरसावाँ
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निलामी सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि प0 सिंहभूम एवं सरायकेला—खरसावाँ जिला अन्तर्गत अधोहस्ताक्षरी के अधीनस्थ प्रोजनीबाग/प्रखण्ड नर्सरी में आम, अमरूद आदि फलों के निलामी वर्श 2026 एवं वर्ष 2027 के लिए निम्नांकित तिथि एवं समय पर की जाएगी। निलामी निम्नांकित शर्तो के अधीन होगी:—

1. प्रत्येक इच्छुक व्यक्ति निलामी में भाग लेने के लिए निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय पर निलामी स्थान पर उपस्थित होंगे। प्रत्येक डाक वक्ता को फलों के लिए 5000 रू0 मात्र अग्रिम जमानत के रूप में जमा करना होगा। असफल डाक वक्ता को डाक समाप्त होने पर राशि वापस कर दी जाएगी।
2. डाकवक्ता की न्यूनतम संख्या तीन होना आवश्यक है।
3. फलों की निलामी दो मौसमी वर्श 2026 एवं 2027 के लिए होगी। उल्लेखित मौसमी फल के अवधि अथवा निलामी तिथि से 31 दिसम्बर 2027 तक यह निलामी मान्य होगा।
4. प्रोजनीबाग/प्रखण्ड नर्सरी के निलामी हेतु न्यूनतम निर्धारित मूल्य इस प्रकार है—

जिला — प0 सिंहभूम

क्र0स.	नर्सरी का नाम	फलदार वृक्षों की संख्या	निलामी की न्यूनतम दर	निलामी की तिथि/समय एव स्थान
1	प्रोजनीबाग मझगाँव	आम — 109 सं0	60,000 रू0	जिला उद्यान कार्यालय, प0 सिंहभूम, चाईबासा दिनांक 22.04.2026 11:00 बजे पूर्वाहन
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Mithun Chakraborty says, he values obsession with excellence over political ambition



Mumbai, April 1 (IANS) Veteran actor and politician Mithun Chakraborty, has made a bold statement saying that he doesn't harbour political ambitions.

The Dadasaheb Phalke award recipient spoke with IANS in Kolkata recently, and explained why he does not contest elections or aspire to be the Chief Minister of West Bengal.

He said his focus is on cherishing what life has given him, including top honours like the Padma Vibhushan and Dadasaheb Phalke Award, reflecting on his journey from humble beginnings and expressing gratitude rather than political ambition.

The veteran actor told IANS, "I don't have any political ambition. I am not able to handle what God has given me so far, 2nd biggest civilian award, Padma Bhushan. Dadasaheb Phalke award, India's highest honour in cinema. You have given so much to a poor kid like me who came from a footpath. I am not able to handle it".

He further mentioned, "I don't fight because if I fight, I will be limited in one place. I don't want to be limited. Once I enter a place, I will stay there. But I won't go to another place. I will go there and campaign there. I will stay there, eat and drink. That is my way of doing things. Everyone will fight in another place. Let them win. After that, the party will decide".

As a political figure, Mithun has covered the full spectrum of left to right. He was reportedly involved in the Naxalbari movement when he was very young, he left the movement after his family suffered a crisis.

Mahhi Vij rings in 44th birthday with self-love note and nostalgic throwback

Mumbai, April 1 (IANS) Television actress Mahhi Vij celebrated her 44th birthday with a heartfelt post that blended self-love with a touch of nostalgia, as she shared a picture alongside a childhood throwback.

Mahhi took to Instagram, where she shared a picture of herself in an off-shoulder custard-hued dress, holding a birthday cake while striking a joyful pose. Adding a personal touch, the image also featured a childhood photograph of her in the backdrop.

She also shared a string of close-up images of herself with the birthday cake.

"Happy birthday to me," she wrote as the caption.



Mahhi has appeared in numerous music videos including Tu, Tu Hai Wahi. She was the supporting female lead in the TV series Akela in 2006. Her first film was in Malayalam alongside Malayalam star Mammootty which was titled Aparichithan.

She played the lead role of Pratha in Shubh Kadam. Her breakthrough role was that of protagonist Nakusha in the television show Laagi Tujhse Lagan. She was seen in season 4 of Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa as a contestant.

In 2012, she and her former husband, Jay Bhanushali participated in the dance reality show Nach Baliye 5 and became the winners. In 2016, she played Nandini Shekhawat in Balika Vadhu after the generation leap until the show went off-aired in same year.

Deepika Singh is 'grateful' to take on new journey in 'Mangal-Desh Ki Beti'



Mumbai, April 1 (IANS) Television actress Deepika Singh shared a heartfelt note expressing gratitude and excitement as she stepped into a new phase of her journey in "Mangal-Desh Ki Beti."

Mangal Lakshmi Desh Ki Beti, will reportedly now follow Mangal, who takes on a new assignment in life, where she finds herself privileged and chosen to serve the country. Taking to Instagram, the actress said she feels overwhelmed and thrilled to explore this new chapter, while thanking her team for their constant trust and support. For the caption, Deepika wrote: "Overwhelmed, extremely thrilled, and excited to play this new journey of Mangal—"Desh Ki Beti." Deepika also acknowledged the relentless efforts of the team, highlighting their dedication and persistence over the course of 700 episodes, adding that the milestone was made possible only because of the unwavering support from the audience."

Is 7.5-hour 'Dhurandhar' director's cut hitting theatres on April 5, or just an April Fools' prank?

Mumbai, April 1 (IANS) Rumours around filmmaker Aditya Dhar's ambitious 7.5-hour director's cut of "Dhurandhar", starring Ranveer Singh, have sparked curiosity online, with claims suggesting a limited theatrical release on April 5.

As per reports, the extended version combines the duology 'Dhurandhar' and Dhurandhar: The Revenge' has surfaced through a CBFC certificate dated March 31, 2026.However, when IANS reached out to the makers, they were unavailable for comment. There is still no clarity or official statement regarding the ongoing news. As per a source close to IANS, this could also be an April Fool's joke.

Dhurandhar stars Ranveer Singh, Akshaye Khanna, Sanjay Dutt, Arjun Rampal, R. Madhavan, Sara Arjun, Rakesh Bedi, Gaurav Gera and Danish Pandor.

Backed by Jio Studios and B62 Studios, the film will be showcased in premium formats including IMAX and Dolby Cinema, with select theatres hosting two shows per weekend. Originally envisioned and shot as a single film, the project was later split into two parts for its theatrical release due to its length. The curated director's cut stitches the narrative back together, offering a seamless and more immersive viewing experience spanning 450 minutes. The screenings reportedly will feature three intervals, English subtitles, and technical enhancements such as clearer vocals.



Talking about Dhurandhar: The Revenge, the film, as of March 30, it raked in a staggering Rs. 1,365 crore worldwide since its release on March 19.

A tweet from the film's banner Jio Studios on X shared a day-wise break-up that the Ranveer Singh-starrer collected Rs. 867 crore in India NBOC, with a strong hold beyond its opening week, adding Rs. 53 crore on Day 8, Rs. 42 crore on Day 9, Rs. 64 crore on Day 10, and Rs. 71 crore on Day 11.

Globally, the film has amassed a whopping Rs. 1,365 crore gross, including Rs. 1,023 crore from India and Rs. 342 crore from overseas markets.

The first part of the duology, which released in December 5, 2025, too was a box-office success, grossing over Rs. 1,000 crore worldwide within three weeks of its release.

Health

National Mental Health Programme to boost services: Minister



New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) In a bid to strengthen mental health services, the government has implemented National Mental Health Programme (NMHP), which includes postpartum mothers, the Parliament was informed on Wednesday.

The District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) component of the NMHP has been sanctioned for implementation in 767 districts for which support is provided to States/UTs through the National Health Mission, said Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Savitri Thakur, in Rajya Sabha in reply to a question.

Facilities made available under DMHP at the Community Health Centre (CHC) and Primary Health Centre (PHC) levels, inter-alia, include outpatient services, assessment, counselling/psycho-social interventions, continuing care and support to persons with severe mental disorders, drugs, outreach services, ambulance services etc.

In addition to above services, there is a provision of 10 bedded in-patient facility at the district level, the minister informed.

The government has upgraded more than 1.83 lakh Sub Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) to Ayushman Arogya Mandirs.

Mental health services have been added in the packages of services under Comprehensive Primary Health Care provided at these Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, said Thakur.

Operational guidelines and training manuals for various cadres on Mental, Neurological, and substance use disorders (MNS) at Ayushman Arogya Mandirs have been released under the ambit of Ayushman Bharat.

Mouni Roy finds love beyond work while shooting Saucy with Divine, Riar Saab in Singapore



Mumbai, April 1 (IANS) Mouni Roy joined hands with Punjabi singer-rapper Riar Saab and Divine for the song Saucy, which was shot in Singapore. The Bollywood actress shared that it stopped feeling like they were shooting and started feeling like she was falling in love with the city. Mouni said: "Singapore had been on my travel wish list for a while, and now it has my heart. Experiencing this beautiful beautiful country for the first time while shooting Saucy was something else entirely. The food, the fashion, the energy, it all flows together so effortlessly."

She added: We moved through so many different spaces and moods while filming, and the city just kept revealing itself. Bustling one moment, beautifully still the next. It stopped feeling like we were working and shooting and started feeling like I was falling in love with the city. I came to film and ended up completely charmed. I will definitely be coming back." "Saucy" is by independent hip-hop label Gully Gang Entertainment. The track appears on Divine's fifth studio album 'Walking on Water'.Divine said that "Saucy" is that groove record, he wanted to give people something they can just play and feel good.

"Riar and I always have a good energy when we work together, and with Mouni on the video, the whole thing just came together naturally. When we were figuring out where to shoot the track, Singapore just felt right," said Divine.

He added: "I was there recently for F1 and that pace stayed with me, it moves fast but still feels easy. Saucy is a distinct flavour of Walking on Water that I think people needed to witness."

Riar Saab shared: "Bhai and I have a natural chemistry when it comes to making music. Saucy was one of those tracks where the energy was right from day one."

Priyanka Chopra praises her 'dost' Ranveer Singh for 'Dhurandhar', thanks Aditya Dhar for 'artistry'



Mumbai, April 1 (IANS) Global star Priyanka Chopra Jonas has showered praise on her "dost" Ranveer Singh, with whom she has worked in movies such as "Gunday" and "Dil Dhadkne Do", for the blockbuster 'Dhurandhar', while also lauding filmmaker Aditya Dhar for his vision and artistry.Priyanka took to her Instagram stories section to extend her heartfelt congratulations to the entire team of the film. Calling Ranveer her "dost," she expressed admiration for his work. She wrote: "Congratulations mere dost Granveersingh, @rampal72, @actormaddy, #Akshaye Khanna, @duttsanjay, @saraarjunn, @therakeshbedi, @adityadharfilms."

Praising filmmaker Aditya Dhar, Priyanka wrote that he is "a man with a mission," adding that 'Dhurandhar' is "a revelation in every way."

She wrote: "Aditya, you're a man with a mission. Dhurandhar in every way is a revelation.

Thank you all for your artistry."

Priyanka was recently seen in the movie The Bluff, where she played a 19th-century Caribbean pirate in the swashbuckler action drama.

Karisma Kapoor gets emotional remembering Raj Kapoor's enduring love for cinema



Mumbai, April 1 (IANS) As the singing reality show, Indian Idol is all set to celebrate 100 years of Raj Kapoor in its upcoming episode with a heartfelt tribute, Bollywood star and the granddaughter of the legendary superstar Karisma Kapoor marked her presence to celebrate the occasion.

The latest promo shared by the host channel featured Karisma Kapoor, who brought both glamour and emotion to the stage.

Reflecting on her grandfather's deep-rooted passion, Karisma shared, "Thank you Indian Idol. He only loved films, and I think that is something that has come down through the generations."

Visibly emotional, Karisma highlighted how cinema meant the world to her grandfather and that he lived for it.

Ananya Panday wishes Call Me Bae co-star Varun Sood on birthday, calls him "Prince"

Mumbai, April 1 (IANS) Bollywood actress Ananya Panday gave a sweet birthday shoutout to her Call Me Bae co-star Varun Sood, fondly calling him "Prince" in her social media story.

The two shared screen space in the 2024 released series Call Me Bae, and their off-screen camaraderie along with the other young starcast seemed to be just as fun.

In the picture shared by Ananya on her social media story, the group is seen inside a car, capturing a candid and joyful moment.

The actress wishing Varun on his birthday, wrote, "Happy birthday Princeeee! We you (and ur jokes.. occasionally) @varunsood12."



Ananya is seen seated in the front, and is dressed in a striking red outfit paired with a black jacket. Varun Sood is seen sitting at the backseat of the car, posing for the click.

The other cast members of Call Me Bae were seen seated in the same car, laughing and posing for the cameras.

Talking about Ananya Panday, the actress who made her Bollywood debut with Student of the Year 2, has since featured in films like Pati Patni Aur Woh, Khaali Peeli, Gehraiyaan, and Dream Girl 2.

Varun Sood, on the other hand, rose to fame through reality shows like MTV Roadies, Splitsvilla, and Ace of Space.

He later transitioned into acting with projects like Ragini MMS: Returns.

Talking about Call Me Bae, the Hindi-language series headlined by Ananya Panday, marked her digital debut.

The show has been directed by Collin D'Cunha and backed by Karan Johar's Dharmatic Entertainment.

The series also featured Varun Sood, Vihaan Samat, Gurfateh Pirzada, Muskkaan Jaferi and Vir Das in key roles.

The first season of Call Me Bae released in 2024.

Italy miss third straight FIFA WC after playoff loss to Bosnia

Czechia, Sweden and Turkiye qualify for FIFA World Cup 2026

Berlin, April 1 (IANS) Four-time champion Italy have failed to qualify for a third consecutive FIFA World Cup after losing to Bosnia and Herzegovina in a dramatic playoff decided by penalties. The match, held in Zenica, ended 1-1 after extra time before Bosnia triumphed 4-1 in the shootout, securing its first World Cup appearance since 2014.

"We still can't believe it," said Italy defender Leonardo Spinazzola. "It's upsetting for everyone." Head coach GennaroGuttuso apologized after the match, saying the team had fallen short of expectations.



Italy appeared on course early in Zenica when Moise Kean capitalized on a major error by Bosnia goalkeeper Nikola Vasilj to give the visitors a 15th-minute lead, reports Xinhua. But the match turned sharply before halftime when Italy center-back Alessandro Bastoni was sent off for a last-man foul, forcing the visitors into a prolonged defensive battle. Reduced to 10 men, Italy retreated deep and tried to protect the lead, but Bosnia piled on the pressure and finally found a breakthrough in the 79th minute when HarisTabakovicleveled the score at 1-1. Neither side could find a winner in extra time, sending the contest to a penalty shootout that ultimately sealed Italy's fate.

SandroTonali was the only Italian player to convert from the spot. Pio Esposito fired over, while Bryan Cristante struck the underside of the bar and saw his effort bounce out.

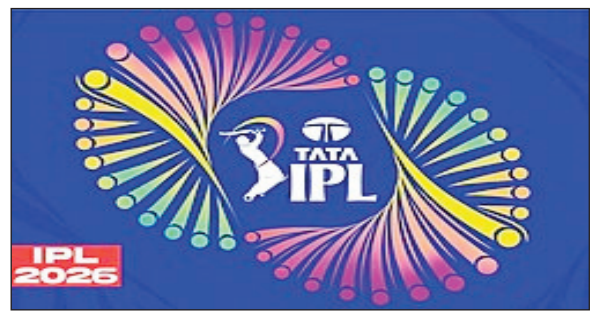
Bosnia converted all four penalties, with Esmir Bajraktarevic dispatching the decisive kick. The defeat means Italy will miss the World Cup for the third consecutive time, having also failed to come through the playoffs for the 2018 and 2022 editions.

The Azzurri last appeared on football's biggest stage at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, where they were eliminated in the group phase.

Elsewhere on Tuesday, the Czech Republic also advanced via a penalty shootout after a 2-2 draw with Denmark after extra time.

The Czechs prevailed 5-3 on aggregate scoring in the shootout to book their place at the 2026 finals.

IPL 2026 opening weekend sets record



New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 season has recorded its biggest-ever opening weekend, with a combined reach of more than 515 million viewers across television and digital platforms for the first two high-scoring games of the ten-team tournament.

Tournament broadcaster JioStar said a combined watch-time of 32.6 billion minutes was reported for the first two games, which meant growth in this was 26 percent as compared to the last edition's opening two matches.

It further added that CTV reach grew by 30 percent and concurrency went up by 61 percent, while on linear television, the first two matches of the 2026 edition witnessed a TVR growth of 24 percent over the previous seasons.

"The start to the season has been extremely encouraging. The combination of high-quality cricket and enhanced viewing experiences is clearly resonating with fans across the country. The IPL has always been about pushing boundaries, and it is pleasing to see how the league continues to set new benchmarks in both sport and fan engagement.

"Our constant effort is to build on this momentum year after year and deliver a tournament that continues to raise the bar for cricket globally. The focus remains on innovation, competitiveness, and creating an experience that connects with fans at every level," said IPL Chairman Arun Singh Dhumal in a statement.

India to tour Zimbabwe for three T20Is in July



New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) Reigning Men's T20 World Cup champions India will tour Zimbabwe for a three-match T20I series in July, said Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC) on Wednesday. The games are scheduled to be played on July 23, 25 and 26 at Harare Sports Club, all starting at 4:30 pm IST. The two sides last met in February during the Super Eight stage of the 2026 Men's T20 World Cup in Chennai, where India won by 72 runs. India last visited Zimbabwe in July 2024 for a five-match T20I series right after winning the 2024 Men's T20 World Cup, which they won by 4-1. The BCCI had previously announced that Zimbabwe will tour India in January 2027 for a three-match ODI series, making it their first bilateral trip to India since March 2002.

Iraq ends 40-year drought, beat Bolivia to claim final FIFA WC 2026 berth

Monterrey, March 1 (IANS) In a historic achievement, Iraq have ended the 40-year-old wait to qualify for the FIFA World Cup 2026 with a thrilling 2-1 win against Bolivia in the final match of the qualifiers played at the Monterrey Stadium on Wednesday.

Iraq last played the multi-national tournament in 1986, which was also co-hosted by Mexico, but the team could not perform well as they exited from the group stage.

And now, after 40 years, they will return to the same place and compete with 47 teams to get their first FIFA World Cup trophy.

Iraq took the early lead in the match when Luton Town striker Amir Al Ammari picked out Al Hamadi from a corner, who nodded his header past the goalkeeper.



However, Bolivia didn't back down to the pressure as they made a strong comeback in the 38th minute with MoisesPaniagua equalizing with a powerful effort from 12 yards following Ramiro Vaca'sdefense-splitting pass.

Iraq's Hussein restored his side's advantage in the 53rd minute, timing his run to perfection to meet Marko Farji's cross with a low first-time volley from eight yards.

Bolivia, bidding for its first finals berth since 1994, pushed for a late goal in a tense finish, but Iraq defended resolutely to secure the last of the 48 World Cup spots.

'We will surprise the world,' says Iraq coach

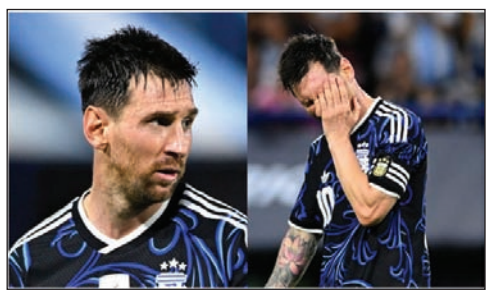
Monterrey, March 1 (IANS) Head coach Graham Arnold has exuded confidence in Iraq's football team, stating that his side will look to surprise the world after they qualified for the FIFA World Cup 2026 with a thrilling 2-1 win against Bolivia in the final match of the qualifiers played at the Monterrey Stadium on Wednesday. The qualification marks a significant milestone for Iraq, which will be making only their second appearance at the World Cup and their first since the 1986 FIFA World Cup. In their previous outing, they exited in the group stage after suffering three defeats.

Reflecting on the draw, Arnold pointed to his previous experience against France during his time with Australia at the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

"Before thinking about facing France, I must mention that I faced them previously with the Australian national team at the 2022 World Cup, and we lost 4-1, but we used that experience as motivation to beat Tunisia and Denmark and qualify for the round of 16," he said after the match, as quoted by Goal.com.

Emotional Lionel Messi breaks down in tears during final match in Argentina

Buenos Aires, April 1 (IANS) Lionel Messi gave football fans across the world an unforgettable and emotional moment as he was seen in tears during what is widely expected to be his final match on Argentine soil for the national team. The legendary forward struggled to hold back his emotions before Argentina's friendly clash against Zambia at La Bombonera in Buenos Aires, as supporters created a heartfelt atmosphere for their beloved captain.



The 38-year-old Inter Miami star was visibly emotional while standing with his teammates before kickoff, soaking in the chants, songs and love pouring in from the home crowd. A viral video from the stadium showed Messi wiping away tears as he became emotional during what could be his farewell match in front of his home fans.

Messi made sure the night remained memorable on the pitch as well, producing a goal and an assist in Argentina's emphatic 5-0 win over Zambia on Tuesday night in a farewell friendly ahead of the World Cup.

The veteran forward set up Julian Alvarez for the opening goal in the fourth minute before getting on the scoresheet himself in the 43rd minute in Buenos Aires, delighting the packed crowd. Apart from Messi and Alvarez, Valentin Barco and Nicolas Otamendi were also on the scoresheet for Argentina.

Abhishek, Kishan retain top two spots, SA's Esterhuizen makes major gain

Dubai, April 1 (IANS) India's Abhishek Sharma and IshanKishan stay in the top two positions, while South African batter Connor Esterhuizen has continued his upward momentum with significant progress in the latest ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings update after his recent performances against New Zealand.

Esterhuizen made a strong start to his international career during South Africa's recent T20I series in New Zealand, scoring 200 runs and earning the Player of the Series award. He rose from outside the top 100 T20I batters to 39th overall, marking a strong fortnight for the powerful right-hander and the Proteas, who secured a close 3-2 series win. Esterhuizen's total of 200 runs was twice as much as anyone else in the five-game series.

Additionally, New Zealand wicketkeeper Tim Robinson, who moved up two places to tie for 32nd, also advanced on the T20I batting list after scoring 81 runs against the Proteas. England veteran Jos Buttler has moved up one spot to eighth, while New Zealand's Tim Seifert has dropped one place to ninth; these are the only top 20 players to change positions this week.

The updated T20I bowler rankings remain led by Afghanistan's Rashid Khan, with several South African players emerging as big winners after their performances against New Zealand.

The Pace trio of Gerald Coetzee (who moved up 36 spots to tie for 52nd), OttneilBaartman (up 10 places to 56th), and George Linde (rising six positions to tie for 62nd) make notable progress.

PBKS captain Shreyas fined 12 lakh

Mumbai, April 1 (IANS) Punjab Kings (PBKS) captain ShreyasIyer has been fined after his team fell behind the required over-rate during the fourth match of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 against Gujarat Titans (GT) at the New International Cricket Stadium in New Chandigarh.

PBKS defeated the 2022 champions by three wickets after chasing down a 163-run target in 19.1 overs. While the Shubman Gill-led side posed as a threat and kept adding pressure, Cooper Connolly's unbeaten 44-ball 72-run knock sealed the deal for the Punjab-based franchise as they opened their campaign on a high.

Woke up with little bit of nerves, Ponting kept me calm and collected

New Delhi, April 1 (IANS) After dazzling with a match-winning 72 on his IPL debut to give Punjab Kings a three-wicket win over Gujarat Titans, batting all-rounder Cooper Connolly said head coach Ricky Ponting's guidance helped him stay calm and collected, which in turn cooled down the nerves he had on the morning of the clash. Connolly struck an unbeaten 72 off 44 balls and held his nerve in a chase of 163 after PBKS suffered a middle-order wobble. "I woke up in the morning with a little bit of nerves, which I was really happy about, but yeah, I was really looking forward to getting out there and playing my part the best I can. "Ricky Ponting just kept me calm and collected. He told me to play my game, go out there and dominate. It was a nice team performance. We were very strong with the ball and made things easier for ourselves. It was a really good day for us.

"I was looking forward to spending time out in the middle with ShreyasIyer and just sort of picking his brains a little bit. He's a world-class player. I've played a little bit of cricket with him for Australia A and Australia. He is a great player for a reason, and hopefully, I can learn as much as I can," said Connolly on JioHotstar.

JFC U-18 finish unbeaten with 4-0 winover RKMFA

Mail News Service

Narainpur/Jamshedpur, April 1: Jamshedpur FC U-18 signed off their zonal Elite League group campaign in style with a commanding 4-0 victory over RKM Football Academy at Narainpur, completing a defeatless run and confirming their strong momentum ahead of the final round.

After a tightly contested and goalless first half, the Young Men of Steel raised their intensity in the second period to break the deadlock. In the 63rd minute, Lawmsangzuala (Mama) opened the scoring, calmly finishing from a Sachin Singh cross. Just five minutes later, Mama doubled his tally, this time converting from a delivery by Mars Ningthoujam to put Jamshedpur firmly in control.

Set for final round



Jamshedpur continued to dominate as the game progressed, with Mars adding a third goal to further extend the lead. In stoppage time, Krishna Tudu put the finishing touch on an emphatic performance, sealing a 4-0 win for the visitors.

With this result, Jamshedpur FC U-18 complete their zonal group stage without a defeat and now turn their attention to the Elite League final round. The team will travel to Mahilpur, Punjab, where the final phase of the competition is set to begin from April 16, as they aim to build on a highly impressive campaign so far.

Mukul Vinayak elected president of ESDCA



Jamshedpur, April 1: The East Singhbhum District Chess Association (ESDCA) held its Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) and triennial elections on March 27 at the Tata Chess Centre in the JRD Tata Sports Complex, with 35 members attending the session. The meeting was presided over by President Mukul Vinayak Choudhari, who also serves as Chief of Sports at Tata Steel. In his address, he thanked members for successfully organising tournaments and outlined plans for future events. The house unanimously approved the previous AGM minutes, the Secretary's report presented by outgoing Secretary N. K. Tiwary, and the audited accounts presented by Jayant Kumar Bhuyan.

The elections were conducted by Election Officer V. Rama Krishnan, Senior Manager (Sports) at Tata Steel. The newly elected executive committee will serve from April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2029. MukulVinayakChoudhari was re-elected as President, while Jayant Kumar Bhuyan was elected General Secretary and ShashankShekher as Treasurer. Other office bearers include Vice Presidents Narendra Kumar Tiwary and Awadhesh Kumar, PR Officer PurabiGhosh and Joint Secretaries ChiranjeeLal, Anup Kumar Singh, Chandan Kumar Prasad and Vishal Kumar Minz.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by N. K. Tiwary. Among those present were Rajesh Das of Tata Motors and Capt. Manish Sinha of Tata Steel.

Honoured to be part of your team: Paes meets Modi



Kolkata, April 1 (IANS) A day after joining the BharatiyaJanata Party (BJP), tennis legend Leander Paes on Wednesday met Prime Minister NarendraModi in New Delhi.

"Humbled by the leadership, energy, and passion of ShriNarendraModiJi for our nation.Honoured to be part of your team and to serve India under your guidance. Jai Hind Jai Bharat," Paes wrote in his reply to a post on X, formerly Twitter, by Prime Minister Modi after their meeting. Earlier, PM Modi made a social media post about their meeting and said they discussed a wide range of issues. "Had a great meeting with Shri Leander PaesJi. India is very proud of its accomplishments in tennis. We discussed a wide range of issues.

His passion towards sports and nation-building is truly admirable," PM Modi wrote in his post.

Earlier on Tuesday, Paes joined the BharatiyaJanata Party (BJP) just before the upcoming Bengal elections.

Nikola Stojanovi enthrals students at Netaji Subhas University

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 1: Jamshedpur FC's Serbian Midfielder, Nikola Stojanovi?, made a memorable visit to NetajiSubhas University, captivating students with his presence and inspiring stories.

The event, organized as part of the club's community engagement efforts, saw Nikola interact with students, share his experiences, and offer valuable insights into the world of professional football.

During the session, Nikola urged the students to come and support Men of Steel at the JRD Tata Sports Complex against MohunBagan SG.



"It was an absolute pleasure to visit NetajiSubhas University and interact with such enthusiastic students," said Nikola Stojanovi? .

"I was truly inspired by their curiosity and passion for football. I hope my story can motivate them to chase their dreams, both on and off the field."

The students were equally thrilled by the visit, taking the opportunity to ask Nikola questions about his career, life choices, discipline and his never giving up attitude,takingselfies, autographs and juggling football.

The football team of NSU played a 5-a-side friendly match against Nikola and learned many tips on footballs.

The event concluded with a group photo and an autograph session, leaving the students with lasting memories and a newfound motivation to pursue their goals.

Census 2027 goes digital in East Singhbhum

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 1 : Marking a decisive shift towards technology-driven governance, the first phase of Census 2027 began in East Singhbhum on Wednesday- April 1, with authorities rolling out a hybrid model that combines traditional door-to-door enumeration with a robust online self-enumeration system.

In a first for the district, residents can now submit their details from home through a dedicated digital portal made available by the Government of India.

The platform, accessible in 16 languages, is aimed at enhancing participation, minimizing errors and ensuring greater transparency in data collection.

District Census Officer-cum-DCLR Sachchidanand Mahto said elaborate groundwork has been undertaken to ensure a seamless exercise. Nearly 4,000 enumerators—drawn from the ranks of teachers, anganwadi workers, sahiyas and other government functionaries—have been trained and deployed across urban and rural pockets.

Equipped with updated guidelines and digital tools, they have been tasked with conducting comprehensive household surveys.

The ongoing phase, known as "house listing," forms the backbone of the census exercise. Enumerators will visit every household to gather detailed information on housing conditions, family composition and access to basic amenities.

The survey includes 33 structured questions covering critical indicators such as source of drinking water, electricity supply, sanitation facilities, internet access, ownership of assets and overall economic status. These inputs are expected to provide a granular picture of living standards and infrastructure gaps across the district. Officials emphasised that the integration of digital tools is not merely a procedural upgrade but a strategic move to improve the accuracy and reliability of data. The self-enumeration option is particularly expected to benefit urban residents, migrant populations and digitally literate households, while also reducing the burden on field staff.

The second phase of the census will shift focus to individual-level data, capturing demographic and socio-economic details such as age, gender, education, occupation and migration patterns. This information plays a crucial role in policy formulation, welfare targeting and resource allocation. The Census exercise, originally scheduled for 2021, had to be deferred due to the Covid-19 pandemic, creating an unprecedented gap in official population data.

The 2027 rollout, therefore, carries added significance as it seeks to update a wide range of socio-economic indicators that underpin government planning at both state and national levels.

According to the 2011 Census, East Singhbhum had a population of approximately 13.5 lakh, with a relatively high literacy rate of around 84%. The district reflected a balanced urban-rural composition, with 55% of residents living in urban areas and 45% in rural regions. The sex ratio stood at 949 females per 1,000 males, indicating scope for further improvement in gender balance. Administrative officials have urged citizens to actively participate in the exercise-whether through direct interaction with enumerators or via the online platform-and to provide accurate and truthful information.

They stressed that reliable census data forms the foundation for effective governance, enabling targeted delivery of welfare schemes, infrastructure development and inclusive growth. With a strong digital push and extensive field deployment, the Census 2027 exercise in East Singhbhum is being seen as a model for a more efficient, transparent and citizen-centric enumeration process. (W-pm)

Banking services in Jharkhand to remain affected for 14 days in April

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 1: Banking operations across Jharkhand are set to face significant disruption in April 2026, with financial institutions scheduled to remain closed for a total of 14 days due to a combination of national holidays, regional observances, and routine weekend breaks. The holiday calendar, issued by the Reserve Bank of India along with state authorities, has prompted officials to advise customers to plan transactions in advance. The month will begin with a closure on April 1 for the annual closing of bank accounts, a routine administrative exercise that temporarily halts public dealings. This will be followed by a holiday on April 3 on account of Good Friday, causing an early interruption in services. Further closures are scheduled throughout the month, including April 14 for Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti. In addition, banks will remain shut on the second Saturday (April 11) and fourth Saturday (April 25), in line with standard banking norms, along with all Sundays falling on April 5, 12, 19, and 26. The cumulative effect of these holidays means that bank branches will remain closed for nearly half the month, potentially impacting routine financial activities such as cheque clearances, loan processing, and in-person transactions. Despite the closures, banking officials have reassured customers that digital services-including internet banking, mobile applications, and UPI platforms-will continue to function without interruption. ATM services are also expected to operate normally, with regular cash replenishment planned.

Stolen scooter recovered, one held

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 1: In a swift and coordinated operation, Bistupur police recovered a stolen scooter and arrested a youth involved in the crime, marking a significant breakthrough amid rising vehicle theft cases in the city.

According to police sources, a complaint was lodged on March 31 by Prakash Kumar Singh, a resident of Birsanagar Zone No. 05, reporting the theft of his scooter (registration number JH-05 BH-8350) by unknown miscreants. Acting promptly on the written complaint, Bistupur police registered a case and launched an investigation. Taking the matter seriously, a special team was constituted under the direction of the City Superintendent of Police and the supervision of the Deputy Superintendent, led by the Officer-in-Charge of Bistupur Police Station. The team meticulously analyzed CCTV footage and other technical evidence to trace the movement of the stolen vehicle. During the probe, it was revealed that the accused had driven the scooter from Modi Park via JRD area towards Jubilee Park in an attempt to evade detection.

Based on technical inputs and human intelligence, the police successfully tracked and recovered the vehicle.

Interestingly, the accused had tampered with the scooter's registration number in an attempt to conceal its identity. However, the police managed to verify and restore the original details.

BJP concludes two-day training drive in Baridih

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 1: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) successfully concluded its two-day Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Maha Abhiyan in the Baridih Mandal under Jamshedpur East Assembly constituency on Wednesday.

The training programme, held at Hindustan Mitra Mandal Auditorium, witnessed enthusiastic participation from party workers and leaders, with former Chief Minister Raghubar Das in attendance.

The training camp, which commenced on Tuesday, comprised a total of eight sessions-three on the first day and four on the second-covering a wide range of topics including BJP's history, booth management, Mann Ki Baat, ideological foundations, organisational expansion, social media, artificial



intelligence, and the use of NaMo App and Saral App.

The inaugural session was jointly attended by Raghubar Das, Jamshedpur Mahanagar BJP President Sanjeev Sinha, District General Secretary Sanjeev Singh, and Mandal President Kumar Abhishek, among others. The programme began with floral tributes to Deendayal Upadhyaya and Syama Prasad Mukherjee, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp.

Addressing the gathering, Raghubar Das emphasised that booth-level workers form the backbone of the BJP. He underlined that a strong booth structure is essential for building a robust organisation and ensuring electoral success.

Urging workers to treat their booths like families, he called for deeper engagement with voters and proactive resolution of public issues.

Highlighting the significance of Mann Ki Baat, he described it as an effective platform through which Prime Minister Narendra Modi connects directly with citizens.

He encouraged party workers to promote the programme and disseminate the government's welfare initiatives and positive societal developments among the masses.

Raghubar Das also stressed the growing importance of digital tools and social media in modern political mobilisation, urging workers to leverage technology to strengthen organisational outreach.

In his address, BJP Mahanagar President Sanjeev Sinha elaborated on the party's history, ideology, and contribution to nation-building.

He noted that BJP is not merely a political organisation but a vehicle for national service, driven by committed and trained grassroots workers.

Several leaders, including former district president Gunjan Yadav, state executive members Mithilesh Singh Yadav and Manoj Singh, former state minister Rita Mishra, and district social media convenor Gyan Prakash, conducted sessions on various organisational and ideological subjects.

The event also featured an exhibition showcasing the BJP's history and the key achievements and welfare schemes of the central government under Prime Minister Modi.

A large number of party office-bearers and workers, including Anil Singh, Binod Singh, Amarjeet Singh Raja, Kaju Shandil, Akhilesh Chaudhary, Kanchan Dutta, Nirmal Gop, Pankaj Priya, and others, were present during the concluding session. (W-pm)

Fun World Disneyland fair from April 24

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 1: The much-awaited Fun World "Disneyland" fair will commence at Ambagan Maidan in Sakchi on April 24, continuing its annual tradition of bringing entertainment and shopping under one roof.

The event was formally inaugurated with a bhoomi pujan ceremony held earlier today.

The ceremony was attended by the organiser, Chandrashekhar Parvat, along with prominent personalities including Shatrughan Giri, Advocate Samarendra Singh, Shekhar Paul, Pratap Singh, Rubai and several other dignitaries.

Addressing the gathering, organiser Chandrashekhar Parvat highlighted that this year's fair will feature major attractions such as the Tsunami Swing, Revolving Chair ride, and a Singapore Airlines-themed aircraft installation, expected to be the centre of attraction.

Other crowd-pullers will include water boats, Tora Tora rides, and a wide range of amusement options



for children.

Apart from rides, the fair will showcase a vibrant marketplace offering handicrafts, cotton garments, and apparel for men, women, and children, along with furniture and other lifestyle products.

Visitors can also enjoy a variety of snacks and cuisines, making it a complete family outing during the summer holidays.

Parvat noted that the fair presents a "mini India," with products and crafts representing diverse states of the country.

He also emphasized that the initiative provides a valuable platform for skilled and trained unemployed individuals to market their products, thereby contributing to livelihood generation.The Fun World Disneyland fair continues to be a major attraction not only for residents of Jamshedpur but also for people from nearby regions, who eagerly await the event each year for its blend of entertainment, shopping, and cultural diversity. (W-pm)

Saryu questions train delays, plans protest at Tatanagar stn

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 1: Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy has sharply criticized the Railways, questioning why trains from across the country have been consistently arriving late at Tatanagar for several years.

He has sought an explanation from the railway minister over the persistent delays.

Addressing a preparatory meeting at his Bistupur residence for a proposed dharna at Tatanagar Railway Junction on April 7, Rai also lashed out at railway committees. He questioned their role and effectiveness, asking what members appointed on recommendation were actually doing.

Roy alleged that no train reaching Tatanagar arrives on time, claiming passenger trains are frequently halted for long durations to allow freight trains to pass.

He argued that while freight operations boost government revenue, passenger convenience is being compromised. "Railways may focus



on business, but public service must remain a priority," he said.

Drawing comparisons with international practices, Roy noted that railway authorities abroad issue apologies and even compensation for significant delays.

He questioned why such accountability measures are absent in India.

He further suggested involving the Bharatiya Janata Party in the protest, stating that as an NDA ally, the party should be invited to participate. He called for wider public mobilization through meetings, social media outreach, and street-corner campaigns.

The meeting was conducted by JD(U) city president Ajay Kumar. Several party leaders, including district president Subodh Srivastava, Kulvinder Singh Pannu, Aftab Ahmad Siddiqui, Naveen Kumar, Usha Yadav, and Anjali Singh, addressed the gathering. Bhanu Rao, who arrived at Tatanagar by the Ernakulam Express earlier in the day, shared details of the train's delay. (W-pm)

Utkal Divas celebrated



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Jamshedpur, April 1: Utkal Divas was celebrated with enthusiasm at the Utkal Association premises in the city, marking the foundation day of Odisha. The programme was attended by Dr.BikramKeshari Das, Director (Finance) of Uranium Corporation of India Limited, as the chief guest. He spoke about Odisha's history, language, literature, trade and its present development. Trustee Manoranjan Das highlighted issues faced by the Odia community, while social worker Sangita Behera spoke on Odia culture and heritage. The welcome address was delivered by President Dr. Sridhar Pradhan, and the secretary's report was presented by Tarun Kumar Mohanty. Vice President BadalBhuiyan read out the citations of those honoured, while Sanjay Pal proposed the vote of thanks. Cultural performances were a major highlight, with Hans Group artists presenting Odissi and Sambalpuri dance. Several personalities, including architect Abanish Prasad Mishra, social worker Avinash Das, musician Dr.Sanatan Deep, mountaineer AstharaniBhuiyan and bodybuilder KundanGope, were felicitated. Artists also performed devotional songs, adding to the festive spirit. The event concluded with active participation and support from members of the organising committee.

Jaya Kishori's discourse on second day leaves devotees spellbound

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 1: Devotees were left deeply moved on the second day of the Nani Bai Ro Mayro religious discourse held in Sakchi, as renowned spiritual orator Jaya Kishori delivered a heartfelt narration from the Vyas Peeth.

With her captivating voice, she elaborated on the episode of the Kumkum Patrika, the journey of saint Narsi Mehta to Anjar, and his divine meeting with Lord Krishna. The poignant depiction of Nani Bai's hardships and her unwavering faith in God left the audience emotionally overwhelmed.

Jaya Kishori explained that the tradition of sending the Kumkum Patrika symbolised an invitation for Mayra (ceremonial offering), sent to Narsi Mehta, father of Nani Bai. She highlighted how, without any worldly concerns, Narsi Mehta set out for Anjar, placing complete trust in the divine.

In a spiritually uplifting narration, she described how Lord Krishna blessed Narsi Mehta



At the sacred ambience of the Bodhi Temple ground, spiritual grace met political presence as revered storyteller Jaya Kishori blessed former Chief Minister Raghubar Das, former minister Banna Gupta, and Mango Mayor Sudha Gupta. Amidst devotion and divinity, moments of warm exchange between leaders added a unique charm to the spiritually uplifting gathering.

with the Kedar Raag and a Tulsi garland, assuring him of his divine presence whenever the raag would be sung. She also recounted the miraculous episode where Lord Krishna, in the guise of a carpenter, repaired Narsi Mehta's bullock cart and guided him safely to his destination. Through the devotional bhajan "Gaadi Mein Bitha Le Re Baba…", she conveyed the message that God always bears the burden of His true devotees. Emphasising pure devotion and steadfast faith, she inspired attendees to walk the path of bhakti with complete surrender.

The three-day discourse is being organised by Narayani Seva Trust at the Chandulal Ashok Kumar Bhalotia Hall near Bodhi Temple Ground in Sakchi and will conclude on April 2. The session began with traditional rituals performed by the hosts, with priest Abhishek Tiwari from Kolkata conducting the puja. The event witnessed an overwhelming turnout of over 3,000 devotees, filling the entire venue. On the concluding day, Jaya Kishori will narrate the sacred union of Nani Bai and Narsi Mehta, along with the divine episode of Lord Krishna and Rukmini participating in the Mayra ceremony.

Several members of the organising committee played key roles in ensuring the success of the event. (W-pm)