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In Brief

Khunti youth held for killing wild animals

Ranchi, April 22: A youth in Jharkhand's Khunti district has been booked for allegedly killing wild animals and posting videos online to gain popularity. The accused, identified as Lutar Puri, was seen hunting protected species, including a Russell's viper and an Indian rock python. Following complaints by activists, the Forest Department registered a case and took him into custody. Officials said the act violates wildlife laws. Family members claimed he is mentally unwell and sought medical treatment while apologising.

Govt to hold steel import meet

New Delhi, April 22: The Ministry of Steel will hold an Open House on April 27 to discuss issues related to steel imports amid global tensions. Companies and associations can present concerns by registering via email before April 24. The meeting will run from 11 am to 5 pm with limited participation. Meanwhile, India's steel exports to the United States rose sharply in 2025, highlighting its growing global presence.

Direct Jammu-Srinagar train from April 30

Jammu, April 22: Direct train service between Jammu and Srinagar will begin on April 30, with the Vande Bharat Express flagged off by Ashwini Vaishnaw and Jitendra Singh. The service will extend existing trains from Katra to Jammu, improving connectivity. The route is part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link, offering faster travel and support during highway disruptions.

Amritpal Singh to be arrested again

Chandigarh, April 22: Amritpal Singh will be formally re-arrested by Punjab Police after his detention under the National Security Act ends. A police team has reached Dibrugarh to execute the arrest in the 2023 Ajnala police station attack case. He will remain lodged in Dibrugarh jail, with court proceedings to be conducted via video conferencing, officials said.

Court denies relief in TCS case

Nashik, April 22: A court in Maharashtra's Nashik has denied interim protection from arrest to Danish Shaikh in a case linked to alleged harassment and forced conversion at Tata Consultancy Services. Already in judicial custody in another FIR, Shaikh sought interim bail, which the court rejected. The prosecution has been asked to file its reply by April 27, while an SIT continues probing multiple related cases.

India-bound ship among 2 vessels attacked, seized by Iran in Hormuz after Trump extends ceasefire

Tehran/New Delhi, April 22 (IANS): A Gujarat-bound cargo ship was among two vessels attacked and seized by Iran's Revolutionary Guards on Wednesday, hours after US President Donald Trump extended the two-week fragile ceasefire. The incident is bound to escalate tensions between Iran and India after two India-flagged ships attempting to cross Hormuz, a vital energy corridor, were attacked last week.

The two ships - Panama-flagged MSC Francesca and Liberia-flagged Epaminodes - are now in IRGC custody and have been taken to Iran, Iranian state television reported. A third vessel - Greek-owned Euphoria - was also targeted and is now stranded along Iran's shores. Maritime traffic data shows Epaminondas was headed towards Mundra Port in Gujarat. It was coming from Dubai. The Iranian navy stated that the



Trump signals 'possible' Iran talks within 36-72 hours

Washington, April 22 (IANS) :In a day of high-stakes brinkmanship and conflicting signals, US President Donald Trump on Wednesday hinted at a "possible" diplomatic breakthrough with Iran, even as maritime tensions in the Strait of Hormuz threaten to collapse a fragile regional ceasefire. The President's optimism, delivered via a text message to The New York Post, follows his decision to extend a two-week ceasefire, a move he claims was requested by Pakistan's leadership to give a "seriously fractured" Iranian government time to present a unified proposal. According to The New York Post, renewed talks could take place within a timeframe of approximately "36 to 72 hours", citing the Pakistani sources.

India denies cash, crypto pay to Iran for Hormuz passage

New Delhi, April 22 (IANS) : India on Wednesday denied making any payments - either in cash or cryptocurrency - to Iran to secure safe passage for its vessels through the Strait of Hormuz amid heightened tensions in the region. While New Delhi has consistently rejected claims of any financial arrangements with Tehran for ship movement through the critical energy corridors, some reports linked the April 18 incident to a crypto scam. Reports suggest scammers are offering shipowners fake safe passage through the strait in exchange for crypto. At a news briefing, Mukesh Mangal, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, termed as "fake news" the report of any payment being made for the safe passage of Sanmar Herald.

vessels did not have "required authorisation" and "manipulated navigation systems", endangering maritime safety. Earlier, the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) said three merchant ships came under fire in Hormuz, which has effectively been under Iran's control since the start of the war. Iran's chokehold on the waterway has crippled oil supplies and sent crude prices soaring. One of the ships suffered damage to its bridge (the central command centre) after being hit by gunfire and rocket-propelled grenades, Reuters reported. The crew, however, did not suffer any injuries.

Phase 1 voting in Bengal today

Kolkata, April 22 (IANS): A total of 152 assembly constituencies will go to the polls tomorrow in West Bengal under the first phase of Assembly election covering 16 districts. Voting will take place in 44 thousand 376 polling stations including 2 thousand 958 auxiliary booths. The Election Commission has made all preparations for a peaceful voting. Total two thousand 407 coys of Central Armed Police Forces have been deployed in the first phase. Webcasting will be done in all the polling stations. Commission has stressed that booth jamming, source jamming will not be tolerated and all the miscreants will be severely punished. As a precautionary measure, suspected persons have been detained and surveillance has been tightened in border areas. Quick Response Team QRTs has also been deployed. Basic amenities and voter assistance will be provided at all the polling stations. Drinking water, waiting area with shade, toilet, and sitting arrangements will be in place in all the polling stations. Mobile phone deposit facility for voters will be provided outside the entrance of the polling station. Voter Assistance Booths have been set up at every polling station location to assist electors in locating their polling booth number and serial number in the electoral roll.



SC raises alarm over Mamata-ED row

New Delhi, April 22 (IANS): The Supreme Court on Wednesday came down heavily on West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and observed that her alleged interference during a raid by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) at the premises of political consultancy firm I-PAC in Kolkata earlier this year, put "democracy in peril."

Stating that the incident cannot be seen as a dispute between the Centre and the state, a bench of Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and N V Anjaria remarked, "This is not a dispute between the Centre and the state. A chief minister of any state just walks in in the midst of an inquiry or investigation, puts democracy in



peril and then you say it is a dispute between the Centre and the state." The remarks came when senior advocate Menaka Guruswamy, appearing for a senior West Bengal official, questioned the maintainability of the ED's plea alleging obstruction of duty, saying the dispute is essentially between the Centre and the state. "This (alleged obstruction) is per se an act com-

CM calls for complete voter enrolment

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Ranchi, April 22 : Chief Minister Hemant Soren called for a massive push to ensure that every eligible citizen is included in the voter list, stressing that no rightful voter should be left out. Addressing a training programme on special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, he said adding names, correcting errors and ensuring inclusion is not just a procedural exercise but protection of democratic rights. The programme

was organised by Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) at chief minister's residence on Kanke Road, where party leaders, MPs, MLAs and office bearers from 12 districts participated for the second consecutive day. Detailed discussions were held on SIR and upcoming census, with focus on strengthening organisational preparedness. Soren urged party workers to actively engage at booth, panchayat, block and district levels to ensure maximum participation in the revision process. Referring to current political climate and developments in states like Bihar and West Bengal, he asked cadres to stay alert and prepared for all possible situations arising out of voter list revision. He emphasised that organisational responsibility has increased in the present scenario and directed strengthening of party structure at all levels, including urban and metropolitan committees, to ensure effective grassroots presence. During the meeting, party leaders raised concerns over intent behind SIR, alleging that Bharatiya Janata Party could use the process to deprive tribals, locals, backward and marginalised communities of voting rights and welfare benefits such as ration cards and pensions. Leaders asserted that party workers are fully committed to safeguarding public interest and strengthening organisation.

Mamata questions CRPF deployment during Bengal polls

Kolkata, April 22 (IANS): West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday expressed surprise over the deployment of Central Reserve Police Force armoured vehicles for maintaining law and order during the assembly polls, alleging that the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Centre has engaged all wings of the government to work in its favour. "Elections are a festival of democracy, not for killing anyone," the TMC chief said, urging supporters to lodge FIRs if they face any atrocities. "Around two lakh central force personnel have been brought into Bengal for the elections. This is unprecedented. Are they trying to intimidate me by deploying so many forces?" she asked.

Kolkata in connection with a money-laundering probe. The bench observed that several judgments, including the historic Kesavananda Bharati verdict of 1973 that laid down the "basic structure doctrine" of the Constitution,

were cited before it during the hearing. "But none of them would have ever conceived of a situation that in this country, a day will come when a sitting chief minister will walk into the office....," Justice Mishra said.

Two killed in Koderma elephant attack

Ranchi, April 22: The menace of wild elephants continues unabated in several districts of Jharkhand. In a fresh attack, two people were trampled to death by a herd of jumbos in the Koderma district of the state. The elephant herd caused damage to property and crops in the Seraikela-Kharsawan district, officials said on Wednesday. In Koderma's Jainagar police station area, a herd of elephants attacked a brick kiln at Kanjhiyadih village on Tuesday night, damaging makeshift houses and triggering panic among workers. A 32-year-old labourer, Rajkumar Manjhi of Fatehpur village in Bihar, and a 12-year-old boy, Lovkush, were killed in the attack. Three others sustained serious injuries in the incident -- Rajkumar Manjhi's wife Gauri Devi, Lovkush's mother Kari Devi, and a one-and-a-half-year-old child. They have been admitted to a hospital for treatment. Following the incident, local residents expressed anger against the forest department, alleging that no effective steps were being taken to drive away the pachyderms despite their continuous presence in the area.

Jharkhand man held in tourist assault

Bengaluru, April 22 (IANS) Shocking details have emerged in connection with the rape of an American tourist. In her complaint, the victim stated that the accused, Vrijesh Kumar, allegedly spiked her drink and sexually assaulted her after she lost consciousness. Following the incident, the homestay owner reportedly prevented her from contacting anyone for three days, police said on Wednesday. The woman tourist from the US, who had come to India on a trip, was staying at Devi Villa Homestay in Kutta village. During this time, a man identified as Vrijesh Kumar, a native of Jharkhand, allegedly mixed an intoxicating substance into a sweet drink and gave it to her. According to the complaint filed by the victim, he sexually assaulted her after she lost consciousness. The complaint also states that the homestay owner, Vishal, allegedly attempted to cover up the incident after learning about it. He reportedly prevented the victim

from contacting anyone for three days and even disconnected the homestay's Wi-Fi. After three days, the victim told them that she was going to Mysuru and managed to leave the place. Upon reaching Mysuru, the woman contacted the American Embassy and informed them about the horrifying incident. The Embassy officials then reached out to Mysuru authorities via email and directed them to register a case. Following these instructions, a case was registered at a police station in Mysuru. After the incident came to light, officials from the Ministry of External Affairs from Delhi and Chennai visited Kodagu on Tuesday. Meanwhile, both the rape accused and the homestay owner have been arrested in connection with the case. The court has remanded them to judicial custody until May 3. The district Superintendent of Police stated that the investigation is ongoing and that further details cannot be disclosed at this stage.

Army defuses World War II-era bomb in Baharagora, panic ends in riverbank villages

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Jamshedpur, April 22: In a major relief to residents, the Indian Army successfully carried out a high-risk operation to defuse a World War II-era bomb recovered from the Subarnarekha River near Baharagora in East Singhbhum. The powerful explosive, believed to be an old aerial bomb weighing around 200-227 kg, was discovered along the Panipada-Nagudsai stretch during excavation and fishing activities, triggering panic among villagers.



A Bomb Disposal Squad from the Army's engineering unit took charge of the operation and conducted a detailed assessment of the site, terrain, and river flow



before initiating the defusal process. The bomb, reportedly marked as a US-made "AN-M64 500lb" device, is suspected to date back to World War II.

To ensure safety, the Army used a controlled technique by digging a deep pit and surrounding the bomb with sand-filled bags to absorb the impact of any explosion. The operation base was set up at a safe distance, and a one-kilometre radius around the site was completely sealed. Nearby villages were evacuated as a precautionary measure. Officials revealed that more than one such bomb has been recovered from the same river stretch in recent weeks, raising concerns about additional unexploded ordnance in the area.

Authorities have intensified surveillance and may conduct further searches along the riverbed. Following the successful operation, residents expressed relief after days of fear and uncertainty. Investigation agencies are now examining the recovered fragments to determine the exact origin and history of the bomb. The incident has highlighted the need for continued monitoring of the Subarnarekha river region, where remnants of past conflicts may still lie buried beneath the surface.

49 Naxals still active in Jharkhand, Rs 5.20 cr bounty announced

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Jamshedpur, April 22: Despite sustained anti-insurgency operations, Jharkhand continues to have 49 active Naxals, according to the latest figures released by the state Police Headquarters. In a strong push to curb Left-Wing Extremism, the government has announced a total reward of Rs 5.20 crore for information leading to their capture.

Officials stated that the list includes 42 members of the Communist Party of India (Maoist), along with operatives from other banned outfits such as the Jharkhand Jan Mukti Parishad, People's Liberation Front of India, and Tiritiya Prastuti Committee. The Police



Headquarters has appealed to the public to share information, assuring that the identity of informants will be kept strictly confidential.

In a major development, East

Singhbhum has been officially declared a Naxal-free district. However, security forces remain vigilant as nine absconding Naxals from the district are still at large. The

Jamshedpur police continue intensive search operations, and properties of several accused have been attached in an effort to pressure them to surrender.

The number of wanted Naxals has declined from 58 earlier to 49 at present, indicating progress in ongoing operations. Notably, the names of nine individuals- including 'Anal Da,' who carried a reward of Rs 1 crore- have been removed from the list, suggesting recent arrests, surrenders, or eliminations.

Among those still on the most-wanted list, rewards of Rs 1 crore each have been announced for Asim Mandal, a Central Committee member associated with the Belpahari squad, and Misir Besra, a senior

Politburo leader.

The Police Headquarters has also announced rewards of Rs 15 lakh each for Ram Prasad Mardi alias Sachin, Madan Mahto, and Bela Sarkar.

A reward of Rs 10 lakh has been declared for Pushpa Mahto alias Shakuntala, while amounts ranging from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 5 lakh have been set for several other operatives.

Authorities said that while the reduction in numbers reflects progress, the continued presence of armed extremists highlights the need for sustained vigilance. The state government has reaffirmed its commitment to eliminating the remaining Naxal network and ensuring long-term peace and security. (W-pb)

DBMS Career Academy marks Earth Day with creative activities



Jamshedpur, April 22: DBMS Career Academy celebrated Earth Day with enthusiasm, organising a series of activities to promote environmental awareness among students. The programme began with a speech competition in Hindi and English, where students shared their views on protecting the environment and preserving the planet.

A painting competition on the theme "My Earth, My Only Home" highlighted students' creativity and concern for nature. Participants expressed ideas of a cleaner and greener future through their artwork. A "Best Out of Waste" competition was also organised, encouraging students to reuse discarded materials and create useful items, spreading the message of recycling. (W-mb)

Earth Day celebrated at Baridih High School



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Jamshedpur, April 22: Earth Day was celebrated at Baridih High School with active participation from students, teachers, and parents. The programme began with a speech on environmental protection, followed by a skit highlighting the effects of pollution and deforestation.

A ramp walk featuring eco-themed costumes by parents and children added creativity to the event. Dance and song performances based on nature further made the programme engaging and informative. (W-mb)

Carmel students promote care for nature



Jamshedpur, April 22: Earth Day was observed at Carmel Junior College, Sonari, where pre-primary students took part in an awareness programme on caring for the planet. The children brought saplings and used props, adding colour and excitement to the event.

Students delivered short speeches with simple messages on saving trees, protecting nature, and keeping the surroundings clean. Principal Sister Sharel appreciated their efforts and encouraged responsibility towards the environment. Teachers guided the children in understanding the importance of loving and protecting the Earth. (W-mb)

Students promote water conservation at CPS



Jamshedpur, April 22: Earth Day was observed at Central Public School, Adityapur, under the 'JalPakhwada - 2026' initiative. The programme began with a pledge during the morning assembly, followed by a tree plantation drive on campus. Students also organized a rally in nearby areas, spreading awareness about water conservation. Principal Rama Shankar Singh urged students to adopt sustainable habits and take responsibility for protecting natural resources. (W-mb)

DBMS College brings students together for sustainability push

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Jamshedpur, April 22: The Eco Club of DBMS College of Education organized a series of activities on the occasion of Earth Day to promote environmental awareness and sustainability. The event saw participation from seven colleges across the city, with drama and debate competitions being the main highlights. Anni Amrita and PoonamMahanand served as judges.

Addressing the gathering,



College Principal Dr. Joohi Samarpita said that protecting the environment is crucial for survival, especially in an industrial city like Jamshedpur. Vice-Principal Dr. Monica Uppal highlighted the

importance of the five elements of nature-earth, water, fire, air, and sky- and stressed the need to conserve them. In the drama competition, the first prize was won by Anjali Kumari, Artika Jyoti, Tanishka Yadav, Guriya Kumari, Navneet Kaur, and Isha Kumari. In the debate competition, Rambha College of Education won the first prize, followed by DBMS College of Education. Nitya Jha was awarded Best Speaker, while Priyanka Tiwari secured second place. (W-mb)

Jusco School Kadma hosts eco-themed ramp walk

Jamshedpur, April 22: Earth Day was celebrated at Jusco School, Kadma with enthusiasm under the theme "Our Planet, Our Power."

Students participated in an awareness rally carrying placards with messages on conservation. Saplings were also distributed to nearby schools, including DBMS Kadma, Baldwin School,

Farm Area, and KPS Kadma, promoting sustainability. An eco-themed ramp walk held at KudyMahanty Auditorium showcased creative, environment-friendly ideas through student presentations. In addition, class-wise co-curricular activities from LKG to Class 10 were organised, engaging students in meaningful ways. (W-mb)



Students showcase talent for a cause



Jamshedpur, April 22: Earth Day was celebrated at Modern English School, Sakchi, with active participation from students. Representing four houses-Red, Blue, Green, and Yellow- students organised cultural and awareness programmes highlighting nature conservation through speeches, skits, songs, and dances. Around 40

students participated, with performances by Smith Kaur, Sajal Kumari, Archi Poddar, and others drawing appreciation. Assistant Secretary Satbir Singh was present.

Principal Santokh Singh urged students to adopt simple habits like planting trees, saving water, reducing plastic use, and conserving energy to protect the environment. (W-mb)

KSMS wins national award for smart pollution tracker

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Jamshedpur, April 22: Kerala Samajam Model School (KSMS) has won a prestigious award under "Innovative Student-Led Environmental Solutions" at the Classrooms to Climate Action Crusaders 2026, held at Asia Plateau, Panchgani, Maharashtra. The award was presented by Anil Swarup. The recognition was given for the project "Smart Industrial Pollution Tracker," developed by students A. KaushalKiran, NamanBhagat, and VedantSinghal under the guidance of ATL in-charges Sagamil and Rakhi.

The project focuses on monitoring industrial pollution



through smart technology, enabling real-time data tracking and promoting awareness and accountability. It reflects the students' innovative approach towards solving environmental challenges. The school expressed pride in the achievement,

highlighting its commitment to encouraging scientific thinking and student-led innovation. The management also thanked noted educationist VijayamKartha and her team for their guidance and support in helping the students achieve this milestone. (W-mb)

Young achievers honoured at Tarapore School

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Jamshedpur, April 22: Tarapore School celebrated its Appreciation Day with great enthusiasm, recognising the achievements of senior students from Classes VI to IX and XI in academics and overall development. The event was marked by pride and joy as students were honoured for their dedication and performance. Chairman Bailey Bodhanwala, Senior Education Consultant NargisMadon, and Principal IshitaDey graced the occasion and encouraged students to continue striving for excellence.

A large number of students were felicitated across various

Riddhima, Ayush, Saanvi, Shubham lead all-rounder list



categories. As many as 21 students received the Good Conduct Award, while 32 students were honoured for 100% attendance during the

2025-2026 academic session. The Best Endeavour Award was presented to 73 students for consistent efforts, and 30 students received the Highest

Achievers' Award. Additionally, 51 students were recognised with the Academic Excellence Award for securing top positions in their respective classes.

The prestigious All-Rounder Award was presented to students who demonstrated excellence in academics as well as co-curricular activities and conduct. The awardees included Riddhima, Ayush Raj, Saanvi Singh, and Shubham Kumar, all from Class VIII, who were widely applauded for their outstanding all-around performance.

Special awards were also presented in different fields. The Kalakriti Award for excellence in Art and Craft was

given to M. Bharat, Falaque Shamim, Anik Paul, Haidri Hassan, and Utkarsh Kumar. The Melody Maestro Award for Music was awarded to Adhayan, Harshita Kumari, Pratyay Goswami, Swastik Gourav, and Yuvraj Singh. In the field of Performing Arts, the Groove Star Award was presented to Ankita Kumari, Shagun, Mishika Mukhi, KamalakshiTanvi, and Adhrija Roy. The Eloquent Speaker Award for public speaking was conferred on Harkirat Kour, Ananya, Sanvi Singh, Prakhar Srivastava, Shrishti Samanta, Ishita Pandey, and Tanisha Sharma for their impressive articulation and confidence. (W-mb)

Andhra Association promotes environmental responsibility



Jamshedpur, April 22: Earth Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at Andhra Association English School and Andhra Association Middle School, Kadma.

At English School, LKG students engaged in hand-printing art, while UKG students made tree cut-outs using pasting and colouring. Classes I and II presented leaf pasting and "Save Earth" drawings. Class III organised a "Magic Beans" activity, and Class IV prepared eco-friendly newspaper bags. Class V set up a nature-themed photo booth, while Class VI students wrote letters to Mother Earth and conducted an awareness rally with slogans like "Save Earth, Save Life." (W-mb)

GV students spread awareness through art and skit



Jamshedpur, April 22: Earth Day was observed at Govind Vidyalaya (GV), Tamolia, where students highlighted the importance of protecting the environment through artwork and a short skit. The skit focused on preventing tree cutting and the harmful effects of pollution and deforestation.

School Secretary Abhishek Sharma, Principal Krishna Modak, and other faculty members, including teachers from the Geography Department, were present and encouraged students to adopt responsible environmental practices. (W-mb)

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Punyadev Pandey**, S/o **Ramakant Pandey**, resident of Vill Gola Pakdiya, P.O. Majirava, Chirala, Bhelwa Circle, East Champaran, Bihar - 845315, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:-
1. That I am by Nationality Indian.
2. That my actual and correct name is **Punyadev Pandey** which is recorded in my Voter ID bearing No. IAZ0129460.
3. That my Aadhar Card bearing No. 8580 1609 0408 my name has been written and recorded as **Rishi Deo Pandey** inadvertently.
4. That **Punyadev Pandey** and **Rishi Deo Pandey** are the names of one and same person i.e. represent my self only.
5. That I am swearing this affidavit to confirm the above facts and produce it before concern authority for needful purpose.
DATE : 18.01.26 **ADVOCATE**

AFFIDAVIT

We, (1) **PANKAJ KUMAR PATHAK**, son of **Vijay Shankar Pathak**, and (2) **NITU KUMARI PATHAK**, wife of **Pankaj Kumar Pathak**, both by faith Hindu, by Nationality Indian, resident of House No. 111 Teacher's colony, Dimna Road, Mango, Near Murty Line, P.O. Mango, Town Jamshedpur, district East Singhbhum, Jharkhand, PIN 831012, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:-1. That we are Indian citizen by birth.
2. That we are residing at above mentioned address with family members.
3. That our son's actual and correct name is **AKARSAHAN BHARDWAJS** and 2ndaffiliant's actual and correct name is **NITU KUMARI PATHAK** mentioned in her UID Card No. 7118 1524 0939.
4. That 2nd affiliant **NITU KUMARI PATHAK** delivered a male child on dated 27.01.2019 in T.M.H. Jamshedpur vide Birth certificate Regd. No. B-2019: 20-90019-001171 dated 09.02.2019 but in the said certificate our son's name is wrongly mentioned as **RUDRA KUMAR PATHAK** and 2nd affiliant's name as **NITU PATHAK**.
5. That both the names **AKARSAHAN BHARDWAJS** and **RUDRA KUMAR PATHAK** represents same and one person's name i.e. our son and **NITU KUMARI PATHAK** and **NITU PATHAK** both names represents same and one person's name i.e. the 2nd affiliant.
6. That we swear this affidavit to confirm the above facts true and same present before the concerning authority to rectify our son's name **RUDRA KUMAR PATHAK** to his correct name **AKARSAHAN BHARDWAJS** and 2nd affiliant's name **NITU PATHAK** to her correct name **NITU KUMARI PATHAK**, hence this affidavit.
ADVOCATE

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Nikhil Patadia**, S/o late **Ashok Kumar Patadia**, resident of House No.H, Contractors Area, Bistupur, P.O and P.S. Bistupur, Town Jamshedpur, District East Singhbhum, Jharkhand, do hereby solemnly affirm declare as follows:
1. That my name is **Nikhil Patadia** as mentioned in my Aadhar card vide Aadhar No. 9166 5802 7780, but in my educational and other documents, my name is mentioned as **Nikhil Kumar Patadia**.
2. That both names, **Nikhil Patadia** and **Nikhil Kumar Patadia**, indicate and represent to one and the same person, who is myself only.
3. That I swear this affidavit to confirm above fact as true and correct for all purposes.
SL.No : 24
DATE : 17.04.26 **ADVOCATE**

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Isha Singh**, D/o **Madhusudan Singh**, R/o vill Shankerpur P.O Sarjamda P.S. Prasudhi Jamshedpur, Dist- East Singhbhum Jharkhand Pin no- 831002 UDI 3958 6223 6253. M.No- 8210679115, do hereby solemnly affirm declare as follows:
1. That I am an Indian citizen since birth;- And I am residing above mentioned address.
2. That my actual and correct name is "**Isha Singh**" Which is Aadhar card bearing no 3958 6223 6253 & date of birth 01.05.2005.
3. That my name is mentioned in my all documents "**Jyoti Singh**".
4. That "**Isha Singh**" and "**Jyoti Singh**" both are same is one i.e. myself. hence this affidavit.
5. That I swear this affidavit to confirm above fact as true and correct.
SL.No : 23
DATE : 22.04.26 **ADVOCATE**

DGP reviews security; preparedness for NEET, JEE, CUET exams

Mail News Service

Ranchi, April 22: DGP Tadasha Mishra on Wednesday held a high-level review meeting via video conferencing from police headquarters to assess preparedness for upcoming national and state-level competitive examinations, including NEET, JEE, CUET and those conducted by Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission (JSSC). During the meeting, Mishra conducted a detailed review of arrangements for smooth conduct of NEET (UG) 2026 scheduled on May 3. She directed all superintendents of police to ensure robust exam management by forming district-level coordination committees and maintaining fairness and transparency throughout the



process. She instructed officials to deploy adequate police personnel at all examination centres and ensure secure transportation of question papers from strong rooms under strict

police supervision. Directions were also issued to appoint nodal officers in each district to inspect examination centres before exams. Mishra emphasised strict monitoring of hotels, lodges, dharamshalas and hostels ahead

of examinations, along with enhanced surveillance on social media platforms to prevent any malpractice. She also called for close watch on cyber cafes and locations suspected of illegal activities

near exam centres.

Further, officials were asked to maintain vigilance at bus stands, railway stations and crowded areas to ensure law and order and track suspicious movements. Nodal officers were directed to inspect examination halls and rooms before commencement, while authorities were told to strengthen traffic arrangements so that candidates can reach centres without difficulty.

Senior officials present included additional director general Manoj Kaushik, inspector general (special branch) Prabhat Kumar, inspector general Patel Mayur Kanhaiyalal and superintendent of police (operations) Deepak Kumar Sharma. Range IGs, DIGs, SSPs and SPs from across state also joined meeting through video conferencing. (W-rg)

Gulmohur School hosts investiture ceremony for young leaders



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22: Gulmohur High School, Telco organised Primary Section Junior Student Council Investiture Ceremony, continuing its 17-year tradition of promoting leadership among young students. The event was conducted with dignity and highlighted the importance of responsibility and discipline.

Newly appointed School Captains and Vice-Captains took a pledge to uphold the school's values and lead by example. The school also introduced student leaders for Ethics, Discipline, and Safety to guide children from Nursery to Class 5 and ensure a respectful and secure environment. Addressing the gathering, Principal PritiSinha said that consistent efforts at the foundational level have helped shape responsible and confident individuals. She added that such initiatives encourage students to practise values and grow into empathetic and disciplined citizens. (W-mb)

NHES hosts quiz and e-waste drive



Jamshedpur, April 22: Narbheram Hansraj English School (NHES) conducted various activities to spread environmental awareness among students. The junior section held a special assembly and skit highlighting issues like pollution and deforestation. Teachers encouraged students to adopt habits such as saving water, reducing plastic use, and planting trees, followed by a pledge. In the senior section, an environmental quiz and an e-waste drive were organised, promoting knowledge and responsible disposal practices among students. (W-mb)

Earth Day Celebrated at St. John's School



Jamshedpur, April 22: A vibrant and meaningful celebration of Earth Day was held at St. John's School Jamshedpur, where students and teachers came together to promote awareness on environmental conservation through a series of engaging activities.

The programme began with a thought-provoking play by the school's Eco Club students under the guidance of Shabnam Parveen. The performance highlighted crucial issues such as pollution control, conservation of natural resources, and the importance of sustainable living, leaving a strong impact on the audience. (W-pb)

NGO initiative brings dropouts back to school

Jamshedpur, April 20: United Forum for Health and



Environment in partnership with Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur East organised event as part of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti at Vivekananda Humanity Center, Birsanagar. The event was held for students of the NGO's night school. The programme began with a welcome address by Dr.Meena Mukherjee, who paid tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Students participated enthusiastically by delivering speeches on his life and contributions, along with patriotic songs and cultural performances. An awareness session highlighted Dr.Ambedkar's role as the chief architect of the Indian Constitution. A quiz competition, conducted by teacher Priya Nag, further engaged students. As part of a special initiative, three dropout students, accompanied by their mothers, rejoined school, marking a positive step towards education and community development. (W-mb)



Jharkhand Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar greets Union Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth at Lok Bhavan, Governor House in Ranchi.

Guv flags rising cases of missing minor girls

Mail News Service

Ranchi, April 22: Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar has expressed serious concern over rising cases of missing minor girls in the state. In this regard, the governor's additional chief secretary Nitin Kulkarni has written to the director general of police, directing immediate and necessary action.

Letter noted that in recent days, multiple incidents of minor girls going missing have been reported across the state. It highlighted that in several cases, delay or lack of timely response by local police has led to serious and unfortunate consequences, raising concern over handling of such sensitive matters.



Governor has expressed displeasure over the functioning of police administration and directed that all districts conduct a special review of missing cases. He

emphasised that investigations must be carried out on priority and completed swiftly so that affected families receive justice at earliest.

Instructions have also been issued to prepare updated district-wise data on pending cases and submit it to Raj Bhavan. Governor stressed that there must be a strong deterrent against such crimes and strict action should be taken against those involved. He underlined that safety of every girl in the state is of utmost priority and authorities must ensure a secure and fear-free environment. It has been stated that Raj Bhavan has received several representations related to disappearance of minor girls, prompting these directions after serious consideration. (W-rg)

Crackdown on illegal sand mining yields no violations

Seraikela, April 22: Acting on the directives of District Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh, a late-night surprise enforcement drive was carried out to curb illegal sand mining and transportation across the district.

The drive was led by District Mining Officer Jyoti Shankar Shatpathy and covered key areas under the Chandil subdivision, including Ichagarh, Chandil, and Chauka police station limits. The operation, conducted between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, focused on intensive inspections of sensitive and transport routes suspected of illegal activity.



Jharkhand Chief Minister and President of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha Hemant Soren along with JMM MLA Kalpana Murmu Soren and party workers attend executive committee meeting in Ranchi.

Kendriya Vidyalaya defies heatwave advisory

Mail News Service

Seraikela, April 22: Amid an intense heatwave sweeping across Jharkhand, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan-run Kendriya Vidyalaya in Seraikela has come under scrutiny for allegedly ignoring official directives on revised school timings. Despite clear instructions issued by the state's School Education and Literacy Department, the institution continues to operate classes until 1:40 PM, raising serious concerns over student safety.

According to the revised guidelines, classes from Kindergarten to Grade VIII are to be conducted between 7:00



AM and 11:30 AM, while students of Grades IX to XII should attend school from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM. These changes were mandated in view of the prevailing extreme weather conditions and rising temperatures across the state.

However, reports indicate that

Kendriya Vidyalaya Saraikela has not implemented the revised schedule, compelling students to remain in school well into the afternoon hours, when heat intensity peaks. This has reportedly led to increasing cases of discomfort among students, including dehydration,

dizziness, and symptoms associated with heatstroke.

Parents have expressed strong dissatisfaction over the school administration's approach, stating that children are among the most vulnerable to the adverse effects of heatwaves. Several guardians claimed that some students have already fallen ill due to prolonged exposure to extreme heat conditions.

In contrast, most other schools across the district have complied with the government's orders and adjusted their schedules accordingly. The district administration, under the direction of the Deputy Commissioner, has also

reiterated the importance of adhering to the revised timings to safeguard students' health.

An official press release from the District Public Relations Office emphasized that all educational institutions must strictly follow the updated timetable in light of the ongoing heatwave.

The continued violation of these orders by certain institutions has now raised questions about accountability and enforcement.

With temperatures continuing to soar, concerned parents and citizens are urging immediate intervention by authorities to ensure compliance and prioritize student well-being. (W-pm)

Zila Parishad members boycott review meet



Mail News Service

Seraikela, April 22: A review meeting at the Zila Parishad office was disrupted even before proceedings could begin, as several members staged a walkout alleging discrimination in fund allocation.

Led by Gamharia Zila Parishad member Shambhu Mandal, a group of members-including Asit Singh Pattar, Amodini Mahato, Jyoti Manjhi, Savitri Mardi, Pinki Mandal, Laxmi Sardar, Savitri Banra, Kalicharan Banra, and Jhingi Hembrom-boycotted the meeting and exited the hall in protest.

The protesting members alleged that development funds under Zila Parishad schemes were not being distributed equitably across regions, resulting in the neglect of certain areas.

The situation briefly turned chaotic at the venue, prompting Zila Parishad Chairman Sonaram Bodra and other officials to step out of the meeting hall. After nearly one and a half hours of heated exchanges, the chairman decided to adjourn the meeting. (W-pm)

TMH contract worker found dead in Bistupur

Jamshedpur, April 22: A tragic incident was reported from the Bistupur police station area on Wednesday, where a contract worker employed at the Tata Steel UISL Public Health Centre in Northern Town allegedly died by suicide, triggering panic in the vicinity.

The deceased has been identified as 45-year-old Megha Mukhi, who

was engaged in fogging work. According to reports, he had arrived for duty at around 11 a.m., but shortly thereafter, his body was discovered hanging inside a godown on the premises. Upon receiving information, the police rushed to the spot, took custody of the body, and sent it for post-mortem examination. An investigation has been initiated,

and officials are examining all possible angles. While preliminary findings suggest it to be a case of suicide, the exact cause behind the extreme step remains unclear. Police are currently questioning family members and co-workers. Meanwhile, representatives of the workers' organization have hinted at possible wage-related issues. (W-pm)

Bureaucrats, intellectuals must lead environmental awareness: Saryu

Mail News Service

Ranchi, April 22: Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy addressed a gathering at the Old Assembly Hall on Earth Day, stating that the work culture of those at the pinnacle of power is currently under scrutiny. Speaking at an event organized by Yugantar Bharti and the Nature Foundation, Roy emphasized that the responsibility for environmental conservation lies more with top-ranking government officials, intellectuals, and bureaucrats than with the common man.

Roy argued that the world needs to transition from "Sustainable Development" to



"Eternal Development." He warned that as we enter the fourth phase of the Industrial Revolution-defined by Artificial Intelligence-the current path of development risks leading to

inevitable destruction.

"Earth has enough resources to meet its needs," Roy stated. "We must master technology only as much as necessary. Technology is a good servant but

a dangerous master. We must keep this in mind while utilizing Artificial Intelligence."

He further criticized current industrial practices, noting that deep-earth mining and high-

current underground testing are causing irreversible damage to the planet's core.

Roy highlighted a disturbing shift in corporate and social trends, where the traditional concept of "Auspicious Profit" (Shubh-Laabh) has been replaced by "Greedy Profit" (Lobh-Laabh). "In the race for excessive profit, the 'auspicious' element has vanished, and greed has taken over," he remarked. Anshul Sharan, President of Yugantar Bharti, introduced the seminar's theme, "Our Earth, Our Future." He pointed out that global temperatures are projected to rise by 0.3 degrees this year alone, a clear signal of impending danger. (W-sm)

Kandra Police campaign to curb child abduction rumors

Mail News Service

Gamharia, April 22: Following directives from Superintendent of Police Nidhi Dwivedi, Kandra Police launched a special awareness campaign to maintain peace and prevent panic among residents.

Under the leadership of Station In-charge Vinod Kumar Murmu, a public rally was organized to counter rumors related to child abduction circulating on social media. Police officials urged residents not to believe in such misinformation and warned that taking the law into their own hands or targeting innocent individuals



based on rumors was a punishable offense. The Station In-charge advised people to stay alert but not fearful, and to report any suspicious activity directly to the police or through emergency helplines 100 or 112 instead of reacting impulsively. (w/gsd)

Preparations intensify for rally on Women’s Reservation Bill

Mail News Service

Saraikela, April 22: A preparatory meeting for the proposed public outrage rally to be held on April 25 at Morabadi Ground in Ranchi was conducted in Adityapur under the chairmanship of District President Hare Krishna Pradhan.

The rally is being organized to protest against the opposition’s stance on the Nari Shakti Vandan Act. Addressing the meeting, former BJP State Minister Subodh Singh Guddu asserted that the party remains committed to implementing the bill and criticized the opposition’s position on women’s rights.

State Minister Shailendra Singh emphasized that a large number of women from the district would participate in the rally. Arrangements have been made for participants to travel to Ranchi via buses and private vehicles on the morning of April 25.

Several leaders including Mayor Sanjay Sardar, former Mayor Bobby Singh, former MLA Anantram Tudu, and other party functionaries shared their views and assured active participation. (w-pb)

Earth Day at NR +2 CM School of Excellence



Mail News Service

Saraikela, April 22: World Earth Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at NR +2 CM School of Excellence, Seraikela, under the guidance of the Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority.

The programme commenced with a prayer highlighting the importance of Earth as the only known life-supporting planet. Students showcased their creativity

through songs, speeches and drama performances, spreading awareness about environmental conservation and sustainable development.

Chief guest Tausif Meraj, Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority, emphasized that Earth Day should not be limited to a single day but observed throughout the year.

He encouraged students to actively contribute towards environmental protection and adopt sustainable practices.

A tree plantation drive was a major highlight of the event, with active participation from students, teachers and guests. The programme concluded with a collective pledge to protect the environment and spread awareness. Principal Ambika Pradhan and teachers Kaushal Kumar Majhi and Ram Pratap Pandey were pres-

Athletes from West Singhbhum shine at state-level

Mail News Service

Chaibasa, April 22: The 15th Jharkhand Senior State-Level Athletics Competition, held over two days at Chandankiyari in Bokaro, witnessed commendable performances by athletes from West Singhbhum district. A total of five players represented the district in the prestigious event. Among them, Dilki Padeya secured a bronze medal in the 1500-meter race, clocking an impressive time of 5 minutes 29 seconds. Laxmi Pinguwa



also brought laurels to the district by winning a bronze medal in the

Foundation laid for roads and drainage projects

Mail News Service

Gamharia, April 22: The foundation stone for three paver-block roads and a drainage system was laid in Motinagar, Ward 4 of Gamharia under Adityapur Municipal Corporation, at an estimated cost of Rs 35 lakh.

Mayor Sanjay Sardar, Deputy Mayor Ankur Singh and Councilor Shubham Pandey inaugurated the projects by per-



forming traditional rituals and unveiling the plaque.

Addressing the gathering, the Mayor said that development work was progressing across all wards and urged residents to monitor the quality of construction.

The event witnessed the presence of several local leaders and residents including BJP Mandal West president Kishan Pradhan and other community members. (w/gsd)

Legal awareness camp and tree plantation mark Earth Day



Mail News Service

Chaibasa, April 22: On the occasion of Earth Day, a legal awareness camp along with a tree plantation drive was organized at Middle School Station Colony under the guidance of the District Legal Services Authority.

The programme was conducted by PLVV Renu Devi and PLVV Hemraj Nishad as per the directions of the State Legal Services Authority, Ranchi, under the supervision of Principal District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman Mohammad Shakir and Secretary Ravi Choudhary.

Addressing the students, Renu Devi highlighted the significance of Earth Day, first celebrated in 1970 and now observed in over 190 countries. She stressed the importance of environmental protection and urged students to plant more trees, conserve water and reduce plastic usage.

Hemraj Nishad informed the students about the structure and functioning of the District Legal Services Authority.

He also advised them to take precautions during the summer season, including wearing cotton clothes, staying hydrated and avoiding prolonged exposure to sunlight.

The programme concluded with a tree plantation drive in the school premises, where fruit-bearing saplings were planted with active participation from teacher Nidhi and students. (w-pb)

Shriram Divine Academy students celebrate Earth Day

Gamharia, April 22: Students of Shriram Divine Academy in Gamharia celebrated World Earth Day with great enthusiasm by organizing a range of activities focused on environmental awareness. The event featured speeches, debate competitions and arts and crafts contests, highlighting the importance of protecting the environment. Through their participation, students emphasized the urgent need to tackle pollution, address climate change and conserve forests for human survival. The handmade artworks created by the students were particularly impressive, effectively conveying messages about pollution control and environmental protection. School Director Shriram Yadav, principal Vandana Singh Rai and vice-principal Hemant Kumar Karna addressed the gathering, encouraging students and appreciating their creativity while stressing the importance of environmental conservation. (w/gsd)



NJVM celebrates Earth Day

Gamharia, April 22: World Earth Day was observed with various activities at Nav Jyoti Vidya Mandir (NJVM), Jagannathpur, Gamharia, with enthusiastic participation from students of Nursery to Class 10.

The programme began with a tree plantation drive by younger students, followed by competitions such as drawing, essay writing, poster making and poetry recitation for senior classes. A street play performed by the students became the highlight of the event, spreading awareness about environmental conservation and the current challenges facing the Earth. Winners of the competitions were awarded prizes at the end of the programme. (w/gsd)

Birth anniversary of Prince Braj Bhanu Singh Dev observed

Mail News Service

Saraikela, April 22: The 78th birth anniversary of noted aristocrat and artist Prince Brajbhanu Singh Dev was observed with reverence at the Rajmahal premises in Seraikela under the aegis of Shri Kalapeeth Sanstha.

Under the guidance of Raja Pratap Aditya Singh Dev, artists and dignitaries paid floral tributes and remembered his immense contribution to the promotion of Seraikela Chhau dance.

Speakers highlighted that Prince Brajbhanu Singh Dev, born on April 22, 1948, was deeply devoted to art from a young age and began practicing Chhau dance at the age of five. Trained under Padmashree Prince Sudhendra Narayan Singh Deo, he played a crucial role in taking the traditional dance form to national and international platforms. Apart from Chhau, he was also skilled in painting and flute playing. Several prominent artists including Rajatendu Rath, Tarun Kumar Bhol and others were present on the occasion. (w-pb)

Parshuram jayanti celebrated with devotion in Rairangpur

Mail News Service

Rairangpur, April 22: Parshuram Jayanti was celebrated with devotion and enthusiasm by the Vipra Foundation and Vipra Mahila Cell at Choubeyji Dharamshala in Rairangpur.

The celebrations began with rituals in the morning, led by General Secretary Badri Nath Sharma. Members of the Brahmin community and women participants gathered in large numbers to take part in the programme.

Foundation President Ravi Joshi and Women’s Cell President Krishna Choubey welcomed the attendees. Prasad and refreshments were distributed among the participants. In the evening, members visited the Rairangpur Gaushala and fed cows with green vegetables, jaggery and soaked gram, reflecting a spirit of compassion.

Women participants were also felicitated during the event. Organizers informed that more cultural and social awareness programmes will be conducted in the future. The programme concluded with active participation from members and office bearers of both the foundation and the women’s cell. (w-pb)

Social activist helps reunite lost children with families

Mail News Service

Chaibasa, April 22: In a heartwarming incident, three children who had lost their way were safely reunited with their families due to the timely intervention of social activist and Congress district spokesperson Trishanu Rai.

Late Sunday night, the distressed children were found sitting near the BSNL office in Chaibasa.

Noticing their condition, Trishanu Rai immediately approached them and informed the Child Helpline as a precautionary measure.

The children were subsequently



taken to Balkunj, where they were provided care and protection while efforts were initiated to trace their families.

After two days of continuous efforts, their families from Sarkand

village in the Majhgaon Assembly constituency were located.

On Wednesday, after due verification and completion of necessary formalities at the Child Welfare Committee office in the Collectorate, the children were safely handed over to their families in the presence of Trishanu Rai. Grateful family members and villagers expressed heartfelt thanks for the noble act.

Balkunj in-charge Mukesh Barik, staff members Pramod Mishra and Sujit Kumar, along with local residents including Manki Hembram and Harish Tanti, were present on the occasion.

Hari Mandir ‘Pran Pratishtha’ ceremony held with devotion



Mail News Service

Jadugoda, April 22: The Pran Pratishtha ceremony of Hari Mandir was conducted in Bahdadih village under Hathi Binda Panchayat with Vedic rituals and devotional fervor. The ceremony began with a grand Kalash Yatra, in which 108 women fetched holy water from the 'Gupt Ganga' at Sadhu Dera in Kokda village and proceeded to the temple in a procession filled with devotion.

The entire village echoed with Harinam Sankirtan, creating a spiritual atmosphere. In the evening, Mahaprasad was distributed along with community feasting.

Villagers including Rabindra Nath Mahato, Kishor Mahato, Pappu Mahato, Deepak Kumar, and several others played key roles in organizing the successful event.

Students protest delay in bicycle distribution in Musabani block



Mail News Service

Jadugoda, April 22: Discontent is rising among students in Musabani block over delays in the distribution of bicycles to Class 8 students.

Thirteen students of Upgraded Middle School, Jobla (Kulamara), have not yet received bicycles, while students of other schools reportedly received them a month earlier. The affected students questioned the delay and demanded clarity on why they have been deprived of the benefit.

Musabani BPO Tapas Kumar Giri acknowledged the issue and said the grievance appears valid, though he was unaware of the pending distribution at the school.

He added that he would verify the matter with the distributor before making a final statement.

Students have also questioned BDO Pawan Kumar regarding the delay and demanded immediate distribution of their due bicycles.

Jhargram admin makes extensive arrangements for peaceful polling



Mail News Service

Jhargram, April 22: The Jhargram district administration has put in place comprehensive arrangements to ensure free, fair, and peaceful polling in all four Assembly constituencies ahead of the first phase of elections scheduled on April 23.

According to the District Election Officer and District Magistrate, a total of 1,176 polling booths have been set up, including 1,101 main and 75 auxiliary booths across Nayagram, Gopiballavpur, Jhargram, and Binpur constituencies.

Rani Indira Debi Government Girls' College has been designated as the Distribution Centre, Reception Centre, and Counting Centre. Polling personnel are being dispatched from here with EVMs and VVPAT machines.

For security, 74 companies of central forces have been deployed, and 17 booths have been identified as sensitive. All polling stations will be under 100% webcasting and CAPF protection to ensure transparency. Control rooms and helplines have also been set up for smooth grievance redressal.

The administration has appealed to voters to participate in large numbers without fear and exercise their democratic rights.

Election duty drivers protest over voting rights in Jhargram



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Jhargram, April 22: Drivers engaged in election duty staged a protest outside the District Magistrate's office in Jhargram, demanding arrangements to ensure they can cast their votes. The drivers alleged that unlike previous elections, no special arrangements such as ballot voting facilities have been made this time, making it difficult for them to vote while being deployed on duty.

They held a sit-in demonstration and raised slogans, warning that they may refuse to operate election vehicles if their demand is not addressed.

The protest created tension outside the DM office, drawing attention from officials. The matter has now been placed before the district administration for urgent resolution ahead of polling.

Discussion on safe drinking water held in Kuchai

Mail News Service

Seraikela, April 22: A 'Sujal Swachh Samvad' programme was organized in Jorasarjam village under Aruwa Panchayat of Kuchai block as part of the Jal Jeevan Mission.

The initiative aimed to engage directly with villagers and discuss the progress and benefits of tap water supply schemes. Key issues such as water quality, maintenance, community participation and conservation were discussed.

Deputy Commissioner Nitish



Kumar Singh joined the programme via video conferencing and emphasized the priority of ensuring safe drinking water for every rural household.

He also directed strengthening

community participation and maintaining quality standards.

The event saw participation from engineers, block officials, village heads, Jal Sahiyas, SHG members, students and villagers. (w/gsd)

KCC hosts two-day national seminar on NEP 2020

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22: A two-day national seminar began at the Faculty of Education, Karim City College (Mango Campus), on the theme 'Quality Education in Higher Education in the Context of NEP 2020.' The seminar focused on innovation, quality enhancement and policy impact in higher education. The inaugural session began with lamp lighting and a welcome song, followed by the registration of participants.

College principal Dr. Md. Reyaz welcomed the guests, while Dr. Parveen Usmani highlighted the



seminar's objectives. Eminent speakers included Dr. Prof. Shibbanur Rahman, Dr. Rajesh Verma, and former Vice-Chancellor Dr. Prof. Syed Safdar Razi, who shared insights on digital education, data relevance and comparative education systems.

Around 200 participants from across the country attended the event. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sucheta Bhuiyan, followed by the National Anthem. A technical session continued till evening. (w/gsd)

Gyan Kendra inaugurated at Matku in Potka block

Jadugoda, April 22: A Gyan Kendra (Knowledge Center) was inaugurated at the Matku in Potka Block by Mukhiya Jyotsna Hansda, who cut the ceremonial ribbon. On the occasion, J.L.K.M. leader and Potka Assembly candidate Bhagirathi Hansda said the centre will provide access to important books for youth and villagers, helping them gain knowledge and progress in life.

The event was attended by Panchayat Secretary Karna Soren, Ward Member Phulo Murmu, and several community members and volunteers, including Vimal Mandal, Thakur Das Murmu, Lakhan Murmu, Arjun Das, Lakshmi Sardar, and Vishwanath Mahato.



DC directs speedy execution of dev schemes, action against delays

Mail News Service

Seraikela, April 22: A monthly review meeting of development schemes implemented by various departments was held at the District Collectorate auditorium under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh.

The meeting reviewed the physical and financial progress of projects undertaken by departments such as Rural Works, Building Construction, Minor Irrigation, NREP, Drinking Water and Sanitation and Electricity.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed officials to expedite pending works and ensure timely inauguration of completed projects for public benefit.



He directed strict monitoring of slow-progress schemes through regular inspections and emphasized fixing accountability of contractors.

Instructions were issued to identify negligent contractors and initiate blacklisting proceedings against them.

The DC also directed all departments to submit monthly progress reports in the prescribed format. Stressing quality and transparency, he instructed that information boards displaying project details be installed at all work sites. Senior officials from various departments attended the meeting. (w/gsd)

Chandan Yadav appointed Congress OBC Mahanagar vice president

Jamshedpur, April 22: In a move aimed at strengthening the organizational structure, Surendra Sharma, president of the Congress OBC Jamshedpur Metropolitan Committee, announced the expansion of the committee. As part of this development, Chandan Yadav, a resident of the Parsudih Koila Tala area, has been appointed as the Congress OBC Mahanagar vice president. Expressing confidence in his appointment, Surendra Sharma stated that Chandan Yadav's experience and active involvement would contribute significantly to the growth of the organization. He further expressed hope that Yadav would play a key role in taking the party's policies to the grassroots level and enhancing the strength and outreach of the organization. (w/gsd)



DC reviews DMFT schemes: stresses transparency, timely execution

Mail News Service

Seraikela, April 22: A meeting of the District Planning Executive Committee was held at the District Collectorate auditorium under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh. The meeting reviewed the updated physical and financial progress of schemes being implemented under the District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) Untied Fund.

During the discussion, emphasis was laid on transparent, effective and time-bound execution of projects. Proposals from various departments including education, health, drinking water, roads, irrigation,



skill development, nutrition, sanitation, power infrastructure and community development, were also deliberated upon.

The Deputy Commissioner directed officials to initiate implementation of approved schemes at the earliest, prioritizing public need. He stressed adherence to quality standards, approved estimates and technical norms, along with regular site inspections.

He also warned of strict action against negligence and directed installation of information boards at project sites. Officials were instructed to submit periodic progress reports to ensure proper monitoring. Senior district officials and engineers were present at the meeting. (w/gsd)

Recommendations in compassionate appointment committee meeting

Mail News Service

Seraikela, April 22: A meeting of the District-Level Compassionate Appointment Committee was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh at the Collectorate.

A total of 26 applications were reviewed during the meeting. After detailed scrutiny and in accordance with departmental guidelines, the committee recommended 10 cases for appointment on compassionate grounds.

The remaining applications were sent back to the concerned departments due to missing documents or technical discrepancies. Officials



were instructed to ensure prompt rectification and resubmission of applications so that eligible dependents of deceased employees could receive benefits without delay. Additional Deputy Commissioner

Jayavardhan Kumar, SDO Abhinav Prakash, District Treasury Officer Aparna Singh, DTO-cum-Deputy Collector Girija Shankar Mahto, and other officials were present during the meeting. (w/gsd)

12-day pig farming training at RSETI from April 30

Mail News Service

Seraikela, April 22: A 12-day training programme on pig farming will begin on April 30 under the PNB Rural Self-Employment Training Institute (RSETI).

Institute Director Uma Shankar Tanti informed that the government-recognized training will be provided free of cost by Punjab National Bank. persons aged 18 to 50 years from the district were eligible to participate.

The programme would include free accommodation, food, study materials and uniforms.

Participants would be trained in modern pig farming techniques along with entrepreneurial skills, enabling them to take advantage of self-employment schemes and start their own ventures. (w/gsd)

Earth Day observed at Sant Nandal Smriti Vidya Mandir

Mail News Service

Ghatshila, April 22: Sant Nandal Smriti Vidya Mandir (SNSVM), Ghatshila, celebrated Earth Day on April 22 with great enthusiasm and active participation from students of both the Primary and Senior wings. The event aimed to raise awareness about environmental protection, sustainable living and the conservation of natural resources, with a special focus on water conservation. The programme



began with a special morning assembly conducted by the Primary Wing. Students

expressed their concern for Mother Earth through various activities, including a thought-

provoking message, an inspiring speech and a meaningful skit emphasizing the importance of protecting nature and reducing pollution. Young students from Nursery to Class II brought saplings and symbolically handed them over to school authorities, demonstrating their commitment to a greener future. Dressed in shades of green, students also displayed creative posters and

participated in lively presentations, with some even dressed as trees. The theme of 'Save Water' remained central throughout their performances. The Senior Wing, guided by the ECO Club, organized activities such as an oath-taking ceremony promoting the judicious use of water. Students delivered speeches highlighting environmental responsibility. Principal Dr Srinibas Mishra motivated students to adopt eco-friendly habits and stressed the urgent need to conserve water for future generations. (w/gsd)

Cleanliness drive at Dimna lake on Earth Day

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22: On the occasion of Earth Day, a cleanliness drive was organized near Dimna Lake on Wednesday through the joint efforts of the Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary, Gyan Ganga Public School and the Personality Development Institute. The initiative was led by DFO Saba Alam Ansari.

Addressing the participants, environmentalist Prasenjit Sarkar emphasized the importance of Earth Day and environmental conservation.

He remarked that the earth was not solely meant for humans but was a shared home for



trees, plants, mountains, waterfalls and all living beings. He described nature as a precious gift that must be preserved. Sarkar further highlighted that animals and plants had equal rights to coexist on this planet, and humans

must learn to live in harmony with nature rather than exploit it. He urged everyone to take responsibility for protecting the environment from pollution and ensure a sustainable future for coming generations. (w/gsd)

GVHS students display creativity on World Earth Day

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22: World Earth Day was observed with various academic and co-curricular activities at Gopabandhu Vidyapith High School (GVHS), Telco. The programme aimed to raise awareness among students about environmental conservation and to instill a sense of responsibility towards protecting the Earth. The event began during the morning assembly with floral tributes offered to the statue of the late Gopabandhu Ji by principal Sanjeev Kumar Tiwari, vice-



principal Manju Kumari and teachers. Students highlighted the importance of Earth Day through posters, banners, poetry and speeches. Various competitions were also organized across different classes, encouraging students to express their creativity while promoting environmental awareness. (w/gsd)

Awareness drive in villages on Earth Day

Seraikela, April 22: On the occasion of World Earth Day, an awareness programme was organized in Lakhupos and Batarbera villages under Tumung Panchayat of Rajnagar block.

The programme was jointly conducted by HDFC Bank Parivartan and Adent Social Welfare Organization, with participation from over 40 women of self-help groups, village development committee members and local residents.

Discussions focused on environmental conservation, climate change, sanitation, tree plantation, organic farming and



reducing plastic usage. Villagers were encouraged to adopt eco-friendly practices and contribute to a cleaner environment. At the end of the programme, participants pledged to keep their villages clean, green and sustainable. Officials including Program Manager Alok Kumar Kundu were present. (w/gsd)

Fun World Disneyland to open at Ambagan Ground on April 24

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22: The much-awaited "Fun World Disneyland" fair is set to be inaugurated on April 24, 2026, at Ambagan Ground in Sakchi. The announcement was made by the event's organizer, Chandrashekhar Parvat, during a press conference. He informed that Jamshedpur MP Bidyut Baran Mahato would attend the event as the chief guest, while Shri-Shri



Vidyanand Saraswati, vice president of Juna Akhara, would be present as the guest of honour. The fair would feature a wide

range of amusement rides suitable for children, youth and families, ensuring both safety and excitement.

In addition, visitors could explore stalls offering toys, textiles from different states, delicious food items and special accessories for women.

The event would also showcase the craftsmanship of artisans from across the country, making it a blend of entertainment, shopping and cultural experience.

Organizers have invited city residents to attend the fair with their families and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere. (w/gsd)

Urgent need to address student mental health in technical institutions

The tragic loss of four students to suicide within just two months at the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Kurukshetra, is a deeply distressing reminder of the growing mental health crisis in India's premier educational institutions. These incidents represent not only an irreparable loss to the institution but also a devastating blow to families and the broader academic community. They expose serious gaps in stress management and mental health support systems that demand immediate attention.

Such extreme steps are rarely impulsive; they often stem from prolonged emotional distress, where individuals feel completely overwhelmed and devoid of hope. The mental anguish endured by these students is difficult to comprehend, yet it is clear that they reach a point where suicide appears to be their only escape. Sadly, society often responds as a silent observer-reducing such tragedies to mere statistics while failing to fully grasp the profound grief experienced by the families left behind.

Behind every student in a prestigious institution lies a story of relentless effort and sacrifice. Many come from modest backgrounds, supported by parents who invest their life savings, take loans, and make countless compromises to secure their children's future. Years of hard work and intense competition culminate in admission to such institutes. When these dreams are shattered by such tragic outcomes, the loss is immeasurable.

In response to the recent incidents, NIT Kurukshetra has formed an inquiry committee, while Rajya Sabha MP John Brittas has called for immediate intervention by the Union Education Minister. Though necessary, such reactive measures raise an important question: can they truly prevent future tragedies, or do they merely follow them?

Data presented by the Ministry of Education reveals that between 2018 and 2023, at least 98 students in higher education institutions died by suicide, with the highest numbers reported from IITs, followed by NITs and central universities. This indicates a deeper, systemic issue within the country's academic framework-one that even the brightest minds struggle to cope with.

India's education system, while academically rigorous, often fails to nurture emotional resilience. Students are trained to excel in examinations but are rarely equipped to handle failure, pressure, or uncertainty. The role of educators, too, appears to have narrowed in many cases, focusing more on academic delivery than on the holistic development of students. At the same time, children are seldom taught coping mechanisms at home, leaving them vulnerable when faced with adversity.

The burden of expectations-both, personal and familial-further compounds this pressure. For many students, the fear of failure becomes overwhelming, pushing them toward extreme decisions. Unfortunately, institutional responses often remain reactive rather than preventive, reinforcing a pattern where meaningful action is taken only after tragedy strikes.

There is an urgent need for a proactive and compassionate approach. Educational institutions must establish robust mental health support systems, regularly monitor students' well-being, and identify those undergoing severe stress. Equally important is the role of parents in fostering open communication and emotional support.

These young individuals are among the nation's brightest talents. Protecting them from the crippling effects of stress is not just an institutional responsibility but a societal imperative. Only through timely intervention, empathy, and systemic reform can we hope to prevent such heartbreaking losses in the future.

From the Editorial Desk

Unlike Afghan war, Pakistan has failed to get cash from US in Iran war



Pakistan could secure huge amounts of aid from the US by offering its territory as a base to oppose the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, which began in December 1979, but it has not been able to get any money from during the Iran war in which it is playing the role of a peacemaker, laments an article in the Pakistani media.

The Soviet-Afghan War began on December 24, 1979. Washington first offered Pakistan \$400 million, but then President General Zia-ul-Haq dismissed it as "peanuts", and Islamabad refused. In 1981, the two sides agreed to a \$3.2 billion six-year military and economic assistance package. A second phase followed-another \$4.0-4.2 billion for 1988-93, states the article by Dr Farrukh Saleem in Karachi-headquartered The News International.

Even Saudi Arabia added \$6-8 billion in parallel flows, while the UN system financed Afghan refugees at \$3-5 billion. The World Bank and IMF provided \$5-7 billion in concessional finance, programme support, and balance-of-payments relief. Add it up: Total inflow (1980s): \$20-27 billion. In today's dollars: around \$60-85 billion, the article pointed out.

"That was not charity. That was geography converted into cash," the article said. After 9/11, the US also released \$600 million in emergency cash to Pakistan. Paris Club creditors then restructured about \$12.5 billion of Pakistan's debt

stock. Congress later backed a \$3 billion five-year package, and Pakistan was also allowed to use FY2003-FY2004 allocations to cancel \$1.5 billion in debt to the US government. During Gen Pervez Musharraf's tenure, the US provided over \$13 billion in military and economic aid, much of it through Coalition Support Funds. That's a total of \$45 billion in today's dollars, the article highlighted.

"In 2026, Pakistan became indispensable. Leaders flew in. Cameras zoomed in. Islamabad became the stage. Hands were shaken. Statements were issued. Islamabad was on every screen in the world. The world watched. This time, geography did not convert into cash," it noted.

"In 1979, war on Pakistan's frontier brought \$60-85 billion in. In 2001, the war on Pakistan's frontier brought \$45 billion again. In 2026, the war on Pakistan's frontier sent \$5.7 billion out of the country. This was not just an outflow. It was a balance-sheet shock against a \$16 billion reserve base," the article lamented.

The hard truth is that the first two wars brought billions into Pakistan. The third is taking billions out. Once, Pakistan's geography earned strategic rent. Now it attracts strategic risk. Once, wars brought grants, debt relief and reimbursements. Now they bring bond repayments, reserve depletion, and capital flight, the article noted.

Sonari-Ranchi air connectivity and Dhalbhumgarh airport : A necessary step towards development



A.K. Srivastava

A major news report was published in the April 19 edition of a Hindi daily regarding the early construction of Dhalbhumgarh Airport and the provision of regular air services from Jamshedpur to Ranchi, Kolkata, and Bhubaneswar.

Jharkhand, particularly the Kolhan region, is rich in minerals, forest resources, and natural wealth. Additionally, large industrial units of the Tata Group are located in Jamshedpur. For the proper utilization of these resources, increased revenue generation, and the overall development of the region, the construction of Dhalbhumgarh Airport is essential.

Jamshedpur is one of the leading industrial cities of the country, yet it is unfortunate that people here still depend on Kolkata for air travel from Sonari. Since Kolkata is an international airport, it offers connectivity to almost all major cities in India and abroad. However, traveling from Jamshedpur to Kolkata involves significant time, cost, and inconvenience.

In such a situation, a practical and immediate solution is to start daily regular flights from Sonari Airport to Ranchi. Ranchi Airport already has direct connectivity to major cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad. If fast and regular air connectivity between Jamshedpur and Ranchi is established, passengers will be able to conveniently travel to any major city in the country.

Currently, traveling from Jamshedpur to Ranchi by road takes around 2 to 2:30 hours, whereas by air this distance can be covered in maximum 30 to 40 minutes. It is estimated that around 120 to 150 passengers travel to Ranchi daily. If small aircraft operate 2-3 flights per day, this service can prove highly successful, especially for emergency and special situations.

In this regard, the active role of



the Jharkhand Government is crucial. This route should be included under the UDAN scheme to provide financial support to airlines. Additionally, tax concessions on ATF (Aviation Turbine Fuel) can make operations more affordable. Coordination with airlines such as IndiGo, SpiceJet, and Air India is necessary to ensure regular services. The infrastructure at Sonari Airport also needs to be strengthened.

An innovative and practical approach could be to provide check-in and boarding pass facilities at Sonari itself, and transport passengers along with their luggage securely to Ranchi Airport via dedicated buses. This would save time and make the journey more organized. However, luggage security must be ensured through barcode/QR tagging, GPS-enabled buses, CCTV surveillance, and tamper-proof sealing systems.

As a long-term solution, the construction of Dhalbhumgarh Airport is extremely important. According to government plans, around 4000-4500 acres of land are required for this project. However, land acquisition has been significantly delayed. While local MP Bidyut Baran Mahato has made continuous efforts and some progress has been achieved, local Chamber of Commerce members have also expressed their concerns through protests, yet adequate land has not

been acquired so far.

If completed in a time-bound manner, this airport can provide connectivity to major cities across the country and, in the future, even international destinations. This will significantly boost investment, trade, and tourism in Jharkhand.

To make Dhalbhumgarh Airport viable and profitable, it must be integrated with regional development. Steps should be taken to revive closed mines in the Ghatshila-Musabani region, promote high-quality paddy cultivation and rice exports in the Baharagora region, and utilize the resources of the Central Rice Research Institute located in Darisol, Ghatshila.

Additionally, processing units should be established for cashew, harra, bahera, and other forest products available in the Baharagora region. The stretch from Ghatshila to Baharagora can be developed as a commercial and residential corridor, including malls, tourism infrastructure, and industrial zones, making it a comprehensive economic hub.

Baharagora's strategic location near the borders of Odisha and West Bengal makes it highly significant for industrial and commercial development. By providing investor-friendly policies and infrastructure, this region can attract investments from across the country.

It is also important that the state

government prioritizes this region in its new industrial policy. Until the airport project becomes economically viable, neither the government nor the private sector will be willing to invest heavily. Therefore, a comprehensive development model must be adopted alongside the airport project. In conclusion, while Sonari-Ranchi air connectivity can provide immediate relief, Dhalbhumgarh Airport can serve as the foundation for Jharkhand's long-term development. It is now essential for the government, administration, and industry stakeholders to take prompt and decisive action to provide the state with the air connectivity it has long needed. To bring this airport project to reality, both the government and private sector must work together to create an enabling environment. Even if the initial investment does not yield immediate profits, it will eventually become a viable and beneficial project. Profit and loss are always part of investment decisions. It is noteworthy that discussions around Chakulia-Dhalbhumgarh Airport have been ongoing since the formation of Jharkhand, yet it is unfortunate that no concrete steps have been taken so far.

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As West Bengal gears up for heated poll battle, close call likely in several seats

As the campaign trail turns hotter under a blazing sun, West Bengal prepares for a two-phase Assembly election on April 23 and 29, where political rivals battle for territorial victory in feet-if not inches-rather than miles, setting the stage for an even more volatile contest than the last one.

Several issues dominate this year's election, where on-ground reports and opinion polls predict an intense contest building up mainly between the Trinamool Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Other political parties are set to collect their mandates largely at the expense of the ruling dispensation. The Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) has further added to the uncertainty, especially with the removal of around 91 lakh names. It is perhaps the first time that the electors' roll remains open for the addition of names till close to polling day.

And the first incident where 'tribunals' headed by judicial officers are adjudicating claims for the addition of names.

The reduction in the electorate from over 7.66 crore to about 6.75 crore post-SIR reflects a 12 per cent drop, which potentially raises chances of several close contests. In the 2021 Assembly election, among the state's 294 Assembly seats, the Trinamool cornered 215, while the BJP emerged as the principal Opposition party with 77. It thus registered a 28 percentage point jump in vote share compared to its 2016 performance.

But the BJP, as analysts have repeatedly pointed out, scores negligible success in high-Muslim areas.

West Bengal has about 85 seats where the minority population constitutes 35 per cent or above against the state average of 27 per cent, according to the 2011 Census. The largest concentration was found mainly in the districts bordering Bangladesh, like Murshidabad (more than 66 per cent), Malda (over 51), North Dinajpur (close to 50),



Birbhum (37), South 24 Parganas (about 36), among others.

If other border districts - such as Nadia and North 24 Parganas - are included, where the 2011 Census noted a Muslim population at around the state average, such seats rise to around 125, where the Trinamool did particularly well, clinching most seats.

In some Assembly seats, however, the mandate favoured the BJP due to extreme polarisation.

Thus, Trinamool candidates faced defeat in Malda's Englishbazar by over 20,000 votes, Habibpur by 19,517 votes, Gazole by less than 2,000 votes, and in Maldaha Assembly constituency, by more than 15,000 votes. Significantly, in the 2024 Parliamentary election, out of the 12 Assembly segments in Malda district, the BJP and Congress led in six each, leaving none for the Trinamool.

In Murshidabad, the BJP won two

of the 22 assembly constituencies in the district in the 2021 Assembly election. Among these two seats were Baharampur and Murshidabad, where it wrested power from the incumbent Congress. Interestingly, in Nadia, out of the 17 Assembly seats in the district, the BJP swept 10 in 2021. Also, post-SIR deletions exceed 2021 winning margins in over 140 seats, hitting the Trinamool hardest in Murshidabad (4.6 lakh cut), Malda (2.4 lakh), and North 24 Parganas (3.3 lakh). Thus, in close-finish 2021 seats, if Muslim voters are disproportionately removed, the results may flip. In the 85 minority-influenced seats, the ruling party's dominance may erode if turnout drops 10-20 per cent, potentially costing 20-30 seats amid SIR protests and litigation.

Meanwhile, the Congress's solo run on all 294 seats splinters anti-Trinamool votes, especially in

Murshidabad and Malda, benefiting the BJP indirectly.

The BJP is eyeing over 100 seats via Hindu consolidation post-SIR, but urban-rural divides persist, and deletions in some pockets could trigger lower turnout or a backlash.

The Trinamool sits content in seats like Sujapur and Malatipur (both Malda), where it registered the highest victory margin of some 1.3 lakh votes in the former and close to 92,000 votes in the other. In Metiaburuz of South 24 Parganas district, the Trinamool candidate won with a margin of 1.2 lakh. The return of Abu Barkat Ataur Ghani Khan Choudhury's scion, Mausam Noor, to Congress, where she is contesting from Malatipur, may not bode well for Trinamool in this contest. Also precariously poised are 40 seats where, going by the number of mandates in the last-held state poll, the victory margin was close to 5,000 votes.

Govt rolls out revised Rs 203 crore TDIP scheme to boost 6G, indigenous telecom innovation

New Delhi, April 22 (IANS) The government on Wednesday unveiled a revamped Rs 203 crore technology development and investment promotion (TDIP) Scheme for 2026-31, aimed at deepening India's role in global telecom standard-setting, strengthening indigenous innovation and fast-tracking the development of next-generation technologies such as 6G. Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, released the revised guidelines, positioning the scheme as a strategic lever to elevate India from a technology participant to a global standard-setter. The event was also attended by Minister of State



for Communications, Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, and Secretary (Telecommunications) Amit Agrawal. Designed as a comprehensive support framework, the TDIP scheme will fund Indian stakeholders to actively engage in international telecom standardisation platforms such as the

International Telecommunication Union, 3GPP and oneM2M. The financial assistance will cover participation in global meetings, submission of technical contributions, leadership roles in study groups and hosting of international standardisation events in India. The move comes as India seeks to shape the evolution of future communication sys-

tems, including 5G Advanced and 6G, by aligning domestic innovation with global frameworks. The Ministry of Communications said the scheme would enable sustained engagement with global bodies, ensuring Indian technologies are reflected in international standards while boosting intellectual property creation and export potential. The revised guidelines significantly widen the scheme's ambit to include startups, MSMEs, academia, research institutions, telecom operators and industry players. This expanded participation is expected to drive collaborative innovation across the telecom value chain and strengthen India's innovation ecosystem.

BEL kicks off FY27 with defence orders worth Rs 569 crore

Bengaluru, April 22 (IANS) Navratna defence public sector undertaking Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has secured orders worth Rs 569 crore, commencing the order acquisition for the current financial year 2026-27. Major orders received include avionics, EW systems, high-energy lasers, communication equipment, tank sub-systems, laser-based fuzes, test equipment, upgrades, spares and services, according to a company statement issued on Wednesday. BEL has established a strong position in the defence sector with a total order book of around Rs 74,000 crore as of April 1, 2026. During FY26, BEL secured orders worth roughly Rs 30,000 crore, contributing to a robust revenue increase and a record turnover of Rs 26,750 crore. The company has also expanded its global footprint, with an export order book of \$495 million and a 33.65 per cent growth in export sales in FY26. BEL is capitalising on emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, advanced electronic warfare, and autonomous platforms. The surge is driven by strong government emphasis on indigenisation (Make in India), reducing import dependence, and enhancing domestic production capa-

bility. BEL on Tuesday signed an MoU with Bit Mapper Integration Technologies Pvt Ltd (BMIT), a global provider of Electronic System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) solutions, to collaborate on the design, development and manufacturing of advanced electronic modules, subsystems, and systems for defence electronics and aerospace, specifically targeting critical technology domains such as electronic warfare (EW), naval radars, and drones. This strategic partnership aims to strengthen efforts towards fostering indigenous design and production capabilities in advanced technology domains critical to national defence.



Govt's big push to manufacturing to counter Iran war drag on growth: RBI's MPC

Mumbai, April 22 (IANS) Amid the outlook of elevated energy prices coupled with supply shock due to disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz, which pose a drag on domestic production in 2026-27, the Government's focus on scaling up domestic manufacturing in several strategic and frontier sectors announced in the Union Budget bodes well for India's ensuing growth trajectory, according to the minutes of the RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) released on Wednesday. On the external front, merchandise exports may be adversely impacted from disruptions to key shipping routes and the concomitant rise in freight and insurance costs in case the conflict is long-drawn. However, sustained momentum in the services sector, persisting impact of GST rationalisation, rising capacity utilisation in manufacturing, and healthy balance sheets of financial institutions and corporates should continue to support domestic demand, the minutes state. RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said the conflict is affecting the Indian economy through multiple channels, including exports, supply of critical commodities, remittances, and heightened uncertainty. At the same time, MPC members noted that the inflation shock remains supply-driven. Dr. Poonam Gupta said underlying inflation pressures remain contained and inflation is expected to stay within the target band despite the rise. Saugata Bhattacharya cautioned that energy prices may not return to pre-conflict levels soon, and persistent supply



chain disruptions could amplify macro-economic pressures. Food inflation, he noted, remains broadly comfortable, though weather-related disruptions linked to El Niño pose a potential risk. Core inflation is also expected to pick up gradually as input cost pressures transmit through the economy. He emphasised that monetary policy has limited effectiveness in addressing supply-driven inflation in the near term and becomes relevant primarily when second-round effects, such as rising wages and unanchored inflation expectations, begin to emerge. However, at present there is no clear evidence of such second-round effects. Their materialisation would depend on how prolonged and widespread the conflict becomes and its influence on inflation expectations, he added. Dr. Nagesh Kumar highlighted India's dependence on crude oil, natural gas and fertiliser imports from the Middle East, noting that the Strait of Hormuz disruption has pushed crude prices sharply higher, with implications for inflation, the rupee and the current account deficit.

Crude oil prices near \$100 again as Strait of Hormuz remains constrained

Mumbai, April 22 (IANS) Global crude oil prices edged higher to nearly \$100 a barrel on Wednesday as traders and investors analysed the outlook for US-Iran peace talks following US President Donald Trump's announcement to extend a fragile ceasefire, even as the Strait of Hormuz remained constrained. International benchmark Brent crude futures traded at \$99.29 per barrel, up 0.82 per cent, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) rose 1.15 per cent to \$90.71. Both benchmark contracts had gained around 3 per cent in the previous session. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), crude oil declined from previous close levels, hitting an intraday low of Rs 8,382, down 0.65 per



cent or Rs 55 as of around 10:30 am. Market sentiment remained cautious after Trump said he would indefinitely extend the ceasefire with Iran to allow more time for negotiations, after initially setting a two-week period.

Moreover, the naval blockade continued, with the Strait of Hormuz remaining constrained. In a social media post, Trump claimed that Iran was 'collapsing financially' and 'losing \$500 million a day', adding that Tehran was

keen to reopen the Strait of Hormuz. Shipping activity through the Strait of Hormuz -- a critical route for nearly 20 per cent of global energy supplies -- remained largely stalled, with minimal vessel movement reported in the past 24 hours, according to reports. Adding to tensions, Iran has indicated it may attempt to break the blockade. In equities, markets showed mixed performance globally. Domestic equities traded lower, with both benchmark indices, Sensex and Nifty, declining about 1 per cent each amid selling pressure in IT, banking and auto stocks such as Infosys, HCL Tech, Tech Mahindra, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Eicher Motors and M&M.

India can grow above 7 pc even with crude at \$90-100: Industry



New Delhi, April 22 (IANS) India's economy has developed strong resilience to high energy prices and is capable of sustaining growth above 7 per cent even if crude oil costs remain in the range of \$90-100 per barrel, ASSOCHAM said on Wednesday. The industry body noted that over the past two and a half decades, India has successfully absorbed multiple oil price shocks without derailing its growth trajectory. Data analysed for the period from 2000-01 to 2025-26 shows that some of India's strongest growth years coincided with moderate to high crude oil prices. For instance, the economy grew 7.6 per cent in 2022-23 when the Indian crude basket averaged \$93 per barrel, and maintained a robust 7.2 per cent growth in 2023-24 with oil prices at \$82 per barrel. According to Nirmal Kumar Minda,

President, ASSOCHAM, India's growth story continues to be driven by strong domestic consumption, which fuels supply-side expansion through increased manufacturing, job creation and rising incomes, creating a virtuous cycle. He added that sustained government spending on infrastructure, particularly through higher capital expenditure, has played a crucial role in cushioning the economy from external shocks. The analysis also highlighted that even during 2011-14, when crude oil prices remained above \$100 per barrel, India's GDP growth held steady between 5.2 per cent and 6.4 per cent. In contrast, the sharpest contraction of -5.78 per cent in 2020-21 occurred when oil prices were relatively low, underscoring that the downturn was driven by the COVID-19 pandemic rather than energy costs.

41 biogas cylinder filling and storage plants granted approval, license issued to 14 plants

New Delhi, April 22 (IANS) The government on Wednesday said that 41 biogas cylinder filling and storage plants have been granted approval, and subsequently, licenses have been issued to 14 plants. A total of 467 applications for compressed natural gas (CNG) and compressed biogas (CBG) dispensing stations were received by the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO), and all were disposed of on a priority basis from March 25 to April 21. Out of 467 cases, in 157 cases, final licenses were granted, and 38 prior approvals were granted for the construction of new CNG/CBG dispensing stations, according to the Petroleum Ministry. The PESO has undertaken multiple facilitative and safety-



oriented measures to ensure the uninterrupted availability of fuels and gas amid the ongoing crisis. Temporary storage relaxations for Superior Kerosene Oil

(SKO) were granted, permitting storage up to 2,500 litres and a one-time relaxation up to 5,000 litres for PDS kerosene to ensure last-mile distribution continuity. "To safeguard domestic avail-

ability, a complete export ban on ammonium nitrate was imposed on March 18. Guidelines permitting LNG filling in cryogenic cylinders were issued to promote decentralised LNG supply,

enhancing fuel flexibility during disruptions," said the ministry. The PESO issued directions on March 20 for time-bound disposal of applications (within 10 days) of CNG stations and decompression units to fast-track infrastructure augmentation. To address immediate supply constraints, permission was granted for LPG unloading at Porbandar jetty on March 14. "For improved transparency, the list of PESO-approved container manufacturers and capacities for PDS kerosene and diesel supply was uploaded on the PESO website on 01.04.2026," said the ministry. Moreover, a temporary six-month exemption from approval requirements for CNG/CBG compressors was issued on April 1 to fast-track commissioning of dispensing stations.

Tesla launches six-seater model Y L in India at Rs 61.99 lakh

New Delhi, April 22 (IANS) Tesla on Wednesday unveiled the new six-seater Model Y L in India, expanding its local portfolio with a family-focused electric SUV designed for space, comfort and performance. The launch took place at the Ballard Pier Downtown Experience Centre, with online bookings opening immediately on the company's official website. The Model Y L will be available for public viewing starting April 23, 2026, at Tesla's experience centres in key locations, including Bandra Kurla Complex in Mumbai, Aerocity in Delhi and Gurugram. The company said deliveries are expected to begin from June 2026 across India. Positioned as a premium family vehicle, the Model Y L offers a claimed driving range of up to 681 km (WLTP) and can accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h in 5.0 seconds. It features a three-row, six-seat configuration with a focus on maximizing cabin space, comfort and versatility. The second-row captain seats come equipped with powered armrests, ventilation, heating and one-touch folding, while the third row offers power recline, climate control vents and easy-fold functionality.



Tata Communications' Q4 profit plunges 75 pc to Rs 263 crore



Mumbai, April 22 (IANS) Tata Communications Limited on Wednesday reported a 74.7 per cent decline in profitability for the fourth quarter (Q4) of FY26. According to an exchange filing, the Tata Group telecom firm's consolidated net prof-

it fell sharply by 74.7 per cent year-on-year to Rs 263.25 crore in Q4 FY26, compared to Rs 1,040.34 crore in the same period previous financial year. Sequentially, too, net profit dropped 28 per cent from Rs 364.28 crore reported in the December quarter (Q3 FY26). The drop in bottom line came despite a rise in core business earnings. Revenue from operations grew 9.4 per cent to Rs 6,554 crore during the quarter, up from Rs 5,990 crore in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal. Operationally, the company showed

improvement. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) increased 14.4 per cent year-on-year to Rs 1,284 crore from Rs 1,122 crore. EBITDA margin also expanded to 19.58 per cent from 18.73 per cent a year earlier, as per its regulatory filing. The company noted that it had reversed an exceptional item cost of Rs 185.52 crore that was incurred in the financial year ended March 31, 2024, which had an impact on comparability. In a move that may offer some comfort to investors, the board of directors recommended a final dividend of Rs 17.5 per share for FY26.

Motorola edge 70 pro launched

Asansol, April 22 : Motorola, a global leader in mobile technology and innovation and India's leading AI smartphone brand, has launched the Motorola edge 70 pro, designed to help users Seize the Night with advanced low-light photography, immersive visuals, and next-gen on-device AI. The device features a Triple 50MP Pro-Grade Camera System led by the advanced Sony-LYTIA™ 710 camera with motoAI, delivering stunning night photography, superior low-light clarity, blur-free shots, Pantone™ Validated True Colours and SkinTone™ accuracy, along with 4K 60FPS video across all



cameras. Powered by the Media Tek Dimensity 8500 Extreme, it further

enhances low-light imaging with advanced on-device AI processing. The Motorola edge 70 pro also introduces the all-new Collections by Motorola design featuring luxurious Satin-Luxe, Tailored Fabric, and Marble finishes in Pantone™ curated colours, paired with a stunning up to 144Hz 1.5K True Colour™ Quad-Curved Pantone™ Validated Extreme AMOLED display. Backed by a massive 6500mAh silicon-carbon battery with 90W Turbo Power™ charging and IP68 + IP69 durability, it delivers a true flagship-grade smartphone experience.

Gold jewellery theft at doctor's residence in Kadma, three booked

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22: A case of theft has been reported from the residence of a doctor living in the TMH Doctors' Hostel under Kadma police station area, where gold jewellery, including a ring and other ornaments, was stolen.

The complainant, Dr. Geetisudha Munda of TMH, has expressed suspicion against her house staff-security guard Ramesh, domestic help Tulsi, and cook Durga.

Based on her statement, a named FIR has been lodged against all three at Kadma police station.

According to the complaint, the theft occurred between 3:30 PM and 7:30 PM on April 20, while the doctor was away on duty.

The incident came to light upon her return when she found the jewellery missing from the cupboard.

Police have initiated an investigation and are currently questioning the accused. Officials stated that efforts are underway to solve the case at the earliest. (W-pm)

Heatwave continues in Jharkhand, rain and thunderstorms likely from April 24



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22: Jharkhand continues to reel under intense summer heat, with several districts recording temperatures above 42-43°C. However, a gradual change in weather conditions is expected later this week, bringing some relief to residents. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Daltonganj recorded the highest temperature at 43.4°C, followed by Jamshedpur and Chaibasa at 42.4°C. Ranchi registered a maximum temperature of 38.6°C, which is 1.6°C above normal. Night temperatures remained relatively stable across the state. Gumla was the coolest at 17.7°C, while most areas recorded minimum temperatures between 22°C and 26°C. Rainfall activity remained minimal, with only 0.2 mm rainfall recorded in Jamshedpur in the past 24 hours. The IMD stated that the prevailing dry weather and clear skies are likely to continue until April 23, keeping daytime temperatures high. However, a change in weather is expected from April 24 due to an upper air cyclonic circulation over north Chhattisgarh and a trough extending from Bihar to the Northeast. Parts of eastern Jharkhand may experience partly cloudy skies along with light rain or thunderstorms. Between April 25 and 27, this activity is expected to spread to northeastern, southern, and central parts of the state, potentially providing some relief from the ongoing heatwave. Residents have been advised to brace for high temperatures for the next two days before pre-monsoon showers begin.

Gold medalist Shubham gets grand welcome in Kharsawan

Mail News Service

Seraikela, April 22: A grand felicitation ceremony was organized to honour Shubham Kumar Pati of Behrasahi, Kharsawan, who recently returned after receiving a prestigious gold medal from President Droupadi Murmu at the convocation ceremony in Wardha, Maharashtra. The event took place at Radha-Madhav Vihar, where local residents warmly welcomed him and honoured him with a traditional shawl. Shubham secured the top position in the Master of Education (M.Ed.) programme (Academic Session 2021-23) at the renowned Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha. In recognition of his academic excellence, the President herself conferred the gold medal upon



him during the university's convocation ceremony.

District President of Utkal Sammilani, Sumant Chandra Mohanty, lauded Shubham's achievement, calling it a matter of immense pride for the Seraikela-Kharsawan district. He emphasized that with strong determination, even youth from

small towns can rise to national prominence. Notably, this is not Shubham's first achievement-he has previously been awarded two other gold medals, reflecting his consistent dedication and academic brilliance.

Aspires to Contribute to Academia as a Professor :

Sharing his future aspirations, Shubham expressed his desire to become a professor and contribute meaningfully to the field of higher education. Currently, he is pursuing research as a Resource Scholar in the field of Education at Delhi University, one of India's premier institutions.

An Inspiring Journey from Kharsawan to Delhi : Shubham's academic journey stands as a source of inspiration. He completed his early education at Saraswati Shishu Mandir in Kharsawan and Seraikela, followed by his intermediate and graduation studies at Karim City College, Jamshedpur. After completing his postgraduate studies in Wardha, he is now steadily moving towards achieving his academic dreams in Delhi. The felicitation ceremony was attended by several prominent members of the community, including Sachindra Kumar Das, Ajay Pradhan, Sapan Mandal, Madhav Charan Satpathy, Alok Das, Sanoj Mahto, Trilochan Pradhan, Babita Soren, Sunil Mahli, Prashant Gop, Sneha Nayak, Khushi Singh, and Radhika Rout, among others. (W-pm)

Excise raid in Mayurbhanj



Mail News Service

Bahalda, April 22: In a major crackdown, the Excise Department seized 153 liters of country liquor and 1,950 liters of mahua poch during raids in multiple villages. Three individuals were arrested, and a motorcycle was also confiscated.

The operation, conducted under the direction of Excise Superintendent Prashant Kumar Kanhar, covered Indtandi, Gidhighati, and Anwalajodi villages. Four cases have been registered, and officials stated that strict action will continue against illegal liquor trade.

IIT Dhanbad celebrates World Earth Day



Dhanbad, April 22: IIT (ISM) Dhanbad marked World Earth Day 2026 with a focus on sustainability, innovation, and collective action at a programme held at the i2h Building on Wednesday. The event was organised by the EIACP Programme Centre of the Department of Environmental Science & Engineering in collaboration with Insearh NGO, Dhanbad.

Aligned with the global theme “Our Power, Our Planet,” the programme highlighted how individuals, institutions, and technology can work together to address environmental challenges. It emphasised sustainable lifestyles,

environmental innovation, and youth engagement as key drivers of change. Adarsh Agarwal, Director, Office of the Director General of Audit (Mines), C&AG, Kolkata, attended as Chief Guest and stressed the importance of accountability and governance in environmental management. He underlined the role of public institutions in ensuring compliance and promoting sustainable practices.

Guest of Honour Prof. Prabhakar Singh, Founder & Chancellor of Sona Devi University, Ghatsila, highlighted the need for environmental education and community participation to achieve

long-term sustainability goals.

The programme was held under the patronage of Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad. Prof. Alok Sinha, Coordinator of the EIACP Centre, spoke about initiatives in environmental awareness, capacity building, and sustainable development, while Prof. Suresh Pandian, Co-coordinator, emphasised community engagement and skill development.

A key highlight was the poster-making competition showcase, where students presented AI-generated posters on environmental sustainability, reflecting a blend of creativity and technology. Students from Sona Devi University, Ghatsila, also participated in an exposure visit to the department and EIACP Centre, gaining insights into ongoing research and outreach activities.

The event witnessed participation from students, faculty, researchers, and environmental advocates, and concluded with a collective pledge to adopt eco-friendly practices and work towards a cleaner, greener future.

NCC Cadets felicitated at army camp

'Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22 : A grand felicitation ceremony was organised at the 37 Jharkhand Battalion NCC Headquarters, located within the Sonari Army Camp, celebrating the achievements and dedication of young cadets.

The event was led by Commanding Officer Colonel Vinay Ahuja and Administrative Officer Colonel Prem Chand Jha, in the presence of the Battalion's Subedar Major, distinguished officials, and NCC cadets.

The highlight of the function was the outstanding performance of cadets from Sant Nandalal Smriti Vidya Mandir, Ghatsila. Four cadets-Corporal Suraj Kumar Paul, Corporal Manvi Pradhan, Lance Corporal Shruti Banerjee, and Cadet Rishabh Saha-were honoured with the prestigious Cadet Welfare Society (CWS) Scholarship Award for their remarkable achievements. Additionally, Cadet Oishi Bhattacharjee was conferred with



the Best Cadet Award.

Addressing the gathering, Colonel Vinay Ahuja delivered an inspiring speech, urging cadets to remain committed to national service and to face future challenges with courage and determination. He praised the cadets for their accomplishments and lauded the significant contribution of NCC Officer Prasenjit Karmakar, whose guidance has played a crucial role in shaping and motivating the youth.

The contribution of NCC

caretaker Sudip Ghosh was also acknowledged for his dedicated support. School Principal Srinivas Mishra, along with Karmakar and the school management committee, extended heartfelt congratulations to all the awardees and wished them continued success in their future endeavours.

The ceremony stood as a proud and motivating moment for the cadets, inspiring them to strive for greater excellence in the years ahead. (W-pm)

RPF intensifies security measures in Bamra-Belpahar section

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22: Following recent reports of theft in the Bamra-Belpahar railway section, the South Eastern Railway (SER), in coordination with the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRP), has strengthened security arrangements to ensure passenger safety.

According to an official press brief, incidents reported in local newspapers have prompted immediate action, including enhanced patrolling, increased surveillance, and swift investigations. Since April 1, RPF personnel from Jharsuguda have been actively conducting drives and escorting trains between Jharsuguda-Rourkela and Chakradharpur routes.

Under "Operation Yatri Suraksha," RPF Jharsuguda successfully solved three theft cases, leading to the arrest of four offenders and recovery of stolen items.

In the first case on April 18, gold ornaments worth Rs 3.72 lakh were recovered from an On April 19, another accused was arrested with stolen items including an iPhone 14, charger, and ticket worth around Rs 54,900, reportedly stolen from Gitanjali Express. In the third case on April 21, two accused were apprehended with silver anklets worth Rs 42,908, stolen from a passenger on Rourkela-Bhubaneswar Express.

All accused have been handed over to GRP Jharsuguda for further legal action. Passengers have been advised to report any suspicious activity immediately to railway authorities or through official helplines.

PSF dedicates 1,818th SDP donation to martyrs



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22: The Pratik Sangharsh Foundation (PSF) dedicated its 1,818th SDP blood donation to civilians and soldiers who lost their lives in the Pahalgam incident. The milestone was achieved through seven individual SDP donations during a special drive. Team PSF honoured contributors including Ravi Shankar Patro, Dr.Vinay Kumar Singh, B. SessaGiri, Ganesh, Shubhendu Mukherjee, Mohammad Danish, and P. Ramakrishnan.

Mass wedding initiative brings hope to needy families in Adityapur



Mail News Service

Saraikela, April 22: Setting a remarkable example of social service, the Magadh Samrat Trust organized a mass wedding ceremony for underprivileged girls in Adityapur. The trust bears the entire cost of the weddings, offering significant relief to economically weaker families.

According to officials, proper coordination and verification of both parties are carried out through Aadhaar before finalizing the wedding date. The couples solemnize their marriage with traditional rituals, including the sacred seven vows around the fire. Post, the newlyweds are provided with essential household items, and food arrangements are made for both families.

The Trust aims to conduct 50 to 100 such marriages annually. President Dr. Jyoti Singh stated that the initiative was started by her father, late Sitaram Singh, a noted social worker. So far, around 151 girls have been married under this effort.

The Trust also questioned the limited implementation of government initiatives like Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao in supporting poor families during marriages.

85% of toilets in Jamshedpur colleges lack sanitary pads

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22: A severe sanitation crisis has come to light in colleges affiliated with Kolhan University and Jamshedpur Women's University, where nearly 85 percent of toilets reportedly lack access to sanitary pads. Despite repeated complaints by students over the past three months, little action has been taken, exposing a glaring gap between official claims and ground realities.

Students allege that funds allocated for sanitation have failed to translate into basic facilities on campuses. From non-functional sanitary pad vending machines to the absence of dustbins and cleaning supplies, the situation reflects widespread neglect. In many colleges, inadequate cleaning staff has further worsened conditions leaving toilets unhygienic and unusable.

Over the past three months,



multiple complaints from students have highlighted that nearly 85 percent of toilets lack access to sanitary pads, while many facilities remain unhygienic and poorly maintained. Students allege that their grievances have largely gone unheard, raising questions over accountability and monitoring mechanisms.

Across several colleges, issues such as non-functional sanitary

pad vending machines, absence of dustbins, clogged drainage systems, and lack of cleaning supplies like phenyl and acid have become commonplace. The shortage of sanitation staff has further aggravated the situation, with reports indicating that in some cases, teachers are compelled to clean their own rooms.

A closer look at key institutions reveals the extent

of the crisis: At Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial College, students complain of toilets without soap or hand dryers, irregular water supply, and frequent power outages. Concerns have also been raised over the absence of security personnel and delays in issuing student ID cards.

Conditions at Jamshedpur Workers' College are reportedly the most alarming. Nearly 70 percent of the building is said to be in a dilapidated state, with unusable public toilets and unsafe structures such as weakened balconies posing serious risks to students.

At Graduate College Jamshedpur, despite having more than ten toilets, only one is accessible to female students. The facility remains poorly maintained, with foul odors and infrequent cleaning. The water tank has reportedly not been cleaned for four years, and the RO purification system is

defunct. Even Jamshedpur Women's College, built at a cost exceeding ?80 crore, is grappling with inadequate facilities.

Students cite water shortages, crumbling infrastructure in administrative blocks, erratic electricity supply, and unhygienic toilets as major concerns. Responding to the complaints, LBSM College Principal Dr. A.K. Jha stated that a memorandum has been received from students regarding sanitation, drinking water, and safety issues. He assured that a thorough investigation would be conducted and necessary steps would be taken to ensure that facilities are provided in accordance with regulations.

The situation underscores a growing gap between policy and implementation, leaving students to struggle with inadequate infrastructure in institutions meant to be safe and healthy learning environments. (W-pb)

Ranveer's 'Dhurandhar-The Revenge' surpasses SRK's 'Pathaan' in UK, becomes No 1 film

Mumbai, April 22 (IANS) Bollywood livewire star Ranveer Singh's "Dhurandhar-The Revenge" has become the number one film of all time in the UK, surpassing superstar Shah Rukh Khan's 2023 action thriller "Pathaan".

On Day 33, Aditya Dhar's directorial has grossed 4.383 million pounds (Rs.55.6 crore), surpassing Pathaan, which minted 4.380 million pounds (55.5 crore) to officially become the highest-grossing Indian film of all time at the UK box office, as per a statement from the makers.

The UK success crowns an extraordinary international run marked by key milestones: First Indian film to cross \$25 million in North America, emerging as the highest-grossing Indian title in the territory (after its third weekend).

As per the statement, the first Indian film to cross 1 million pounds in Germany, unlocking a non-traditional market at scale (after its third weekend) and strong performance in emerging markets such as Finland, further



widening the film's global footprint.

Starring Ranveer Singh, Akshaye Khanna, Sanjay Dutt, Arjun Rampal, R. Madhavan, Sara Arjun, Rakesh Bedi, Gaurav Gera and Danish Pandor, Dhurandhar is a duology. It's first instalment was

based on a high-stakes covert counter-terrorism operation.

It traces an undercover Indian intelligence agent who infiltrates Karachi's criminal syndicates and political power structures in Pakistan in an effort to dismantle a terror network targeting India.

Meanwhile, Dhurandhar: The Revenge, backed by Jio Studios, traces the story of an undercover Indian intelligence agent who continues to infiltrate Karachi's criminal syndicates and Pakistani politics while avenging the 26/11 attacks and confronting bigger threats.

The film's storyline loosely draws inspiration from multiple real-life geopolitical events and conflicts in South Asia.

Talking about Pathaan, the action thriller film is directed by Siddharth Anand. The film stars Shah Rukh Khan in the titular role, alongside Deepika Padukone, John Abraham, Dimple Kapadia, and Ashutosh Rana.

It is the fourth instalment in the YRF Spy Universe and the first instalment in the universe to establish crossovers between characters from other universe films. The film follows an exiled RAW agent who works with an ISI agent to take down a former RAW agent turned rogue, who plans to attack India with a deadly lab-generated virus.

A\$AP Rocky feels Rihanna 'changed a lot' after becoming mother

Los Angeles, April 22 (IANS) Singer-songwriter Rihanna has "changed a lot" after embracing motherhood. The revelation was made by partner A\$AP Rocky.

The couple are parents to RZA, three, Riot, two, and Rocki, who was born in September, and A\$AP Rocky has now opened up about their relationship revealing it's changed over the last few years but Rihanna "has always been magic", reports 'Female First UK'.

He told W magazine, "She has changed a lot because she became a mother in that time span, and that certainly changes you. But this woman has always been magic. Philosophically, the way she operates is on another level. She is the most charming and genuine person on Earth. Her energy is unmatched, one of a kind. I just adore her".

Rocky went on to reveal the couple's favourite activities including watching documentaries and films, adding, "We have so many of the same interests. We were addicted to watching documentaries, like the Bob Marley one. Watching films together is so fun. We must've watched El Cantante 15 times".

As per 'Female First UK', it comes after the musician revealed the couple make a concerted effort to keep their relationship fun and exciting because they have to "still date" and "be friends" despite the responsibilities of being parents.

During an appearance on The Ebro Show,



Rocky said, "You got to spice it up. You got to still date. You got to still be friends. We roll (music) dice. We play cards. Like, you know what I'm saying? Like, she a cheater. We be playing crazy eights. I love that girl to death, man. You know, word. We got to keep the funk going cuz if not, what we doing then? (sic)".

Rocky also confessed that becoming a so-called girl dad has made him "so vulnerable". He explained, "Man, being a girl dad, bro, it's made me so vulnerable. I'm born again. Granted, she's only four months, but when she look at me, Ebro, I just be like, I melt inside.

Ayushmann Khurrana reveals what drives his knack for re-invention as artiste

Mumbai, April 22 (IANS) Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana, who is awaiting the release of his upcoming film 'Pati Patni Aur Wo Do', has shared what pushes him to reinvent himself.

With three distinctly different films set to release in 2026, 'Pati Patni Aur Wo Do', 'Udta Teer' and 'Yeh Prem Mol Liya', the actor is set to showcase a wide creative range that continues to define his filmography.

Talking about his variety in his choices, the actor said, "I've never really approached my career with the intention of ticking boxes or consciously trying to appear diverse. For me, it has always been about instinct and the kind of stories that move me as an audience first. Having three very different films like 'Pati Patni Aur Wo Do', 'Udta Teer' and 'Yeh Prem Mol Liya' coming out



in the same year is exciting, but also a huge responsibility".

He further mentioned, "Each of these films belongs to a completely different space, one is rooted in humour and relationships, one is more quirky and disruptive, and the other is deeply rooted in tradition and family values. As an actor, that shift keeps me on my

toes and pushes me to reinvent myself every single time".

Over the years, Ayushmann has built a reputation for backing content that balances entertainment with originality, and this line-up continues that trajectory. Each film presents a different facet of storytelling and a different Ayushmann. Together, they underline his instinct to avoid repetition and instead lean into variety as a defining strength.

"I've always believed that audiences today are extremely intelligent as they don't want to see you doing the same thing again and again. They want to be surprised, and that is something I constantly strive for. At the same time, I also want to stay true to the kind of cinema I believe in, starting with stories that are entertaining but also have something to say.

Vivek Oberoi pens a heartfelt birthday wish for his 'forever hero', his mother



Mumbai, April 22 (IANS) Actor Vivek Oberoi compiled a heartfelt birthday wish for his 'forever hero and first audience', his mother Yashodhara Oberoi. The 'Masti' actor uploaded a picture posing with his mother on social media, expressing his love and gratitude for his mom, who is the force behind his every dream. His emotional wish for his mom on Instagram read, "The universe began with a single spark, but my world began with you. To my mum, who breathed life into my every dream, celebrating your birthday is like celebrating the source of everything good in my life. You are the grace in my steps and the love in my heart. (sic)" Vivek further thanked his mother for introducing him to the world of dreams, while also keeping him grounded at the same time. "Maa, every time I stand tall, I am simply standing on the foundation of your love. You birthed me into a world of dreams and taught me how to keep my feet on the ground while reaching for the sky,"

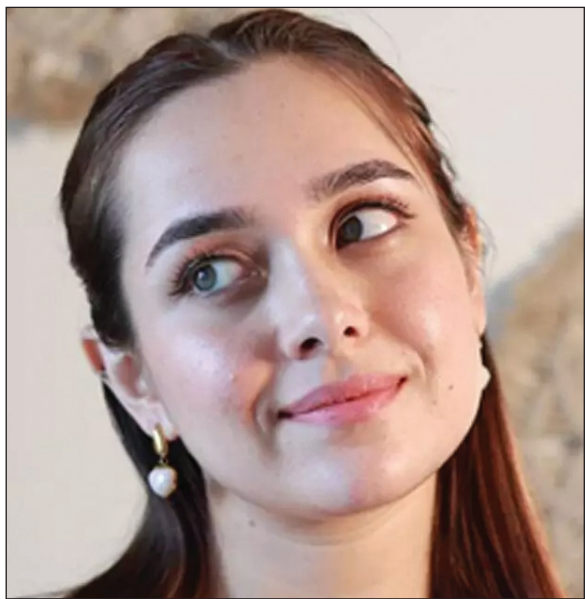
'Seher Hone Ko Hai' actress Rishita Kothari says, 'the love for Seher feels like a dream'

Mumbai, April 22 (IANS) Actress Rishita Kothari is garnering a lot of love and appreciation for her portrayal of Seher in the show, "Seher Hone Ko Hai".

Expressing her gratitude for all the love she has been getting, Rishita shared that it all feels like a dream to her.

She further stressed that she does not take this beautiful phase of her professional journey for granted.

Rishita shared, "The love that Seher is receiving truly feels like a dream. I wake up every day feeling grateful because this kind of appreciation is something every actor hopes for. It's overwhelming in the most beautiful way, and I don't take a single moment of it for granted." Rishita is of the opinion that the emotional depth of her character Seher, has allowed the audience to connect with the story of the show.



She added, "Seher is a character very close to my heart. I have put a part of myself into her, and I think that honesty is what people are connecting with. When audiences tell me that they see

their own struggles and strength in her, it makes everything worth it."

Rishita said that the compliments motivate her to work even harder for every shot.

HEALTH

Govt targets to establish 1 blood centre in every district by Dec 2026



New Delhi, April 22 (IANS) Approximately 10 per cent of districts in the country currently do not have a blood centre, underscoring the need for accelerated expansion of infrastructure, an official statement said on Wednesday.

Similarly, gaps remain in digital integration, with a significant number of blood centres yet to be onboarded on eRaktKosh and BBMS, limiting real-time visibility and monitoring, according to the outcomes of a national-level meeting convened by Health Ministry on India's blood transfusion services with states/UTs through video conference.

The review comprehensively assessed the status of blood transfusion services across the country, covering the five critical stages of service delivery: Licensing and Renewal; Donor Screening and Blood Collection; Testing for Transfusion-Transmitted Infections (TTIs) and referral/linkage of reactive donors; Processing, Storage and Issuance; and Reporting and Record-keeping.

Performance was evaluated against a structured framework of 10 key performance indicators (KPIs), using data from eRaktKosh, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), Blood Bank Management System (BBMS) and inspection records of regulatory authorities.

According to the ministry, the review highlighted both progress and key systemic gaps.

"While several states and Union Territories have demonstrated strong performance across multiple indicators, variability persists in areas such as district-level availability of blood centres, licensing compliance, voluntary blood donation rates, referral and linkage of TTI-reactive donors, component separation capacity and real-time digital reporting," the review found.

Dr Rakesh Gupta, Additional Secretary (Public Health), and Director General, National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), reiterated the national goal of ensuring timely access to safe blood in every district, with zero transfusion-transmitted infections.

He emphasised the milestone of establishing at least one blood centre in every district by December 2026, in line with the National Blood Policy.

The review also noted encouraging practices in several states and Union Territories, including high levels of voluntary blood donation, strong testing proficiency under External Quality Assessment Schemes (EQAS) and effective referral and linkage mechanisms for TTI-reactive donors.

Rupali Ganguly says 'the anger is still alive' as she remembers the victims of the Pahalgam attack

Mumbai, April 22 (IANS) It has been a year since the horrific Pahalgam massacre.

Taking to her official social media handle, renowned television actress Rupali Ganguly said that despite a year having passed by, the anger is still alive in the hearts of the citizens for the innocent lives lost in the terrorist attack.

The 'Anupamaa' actress wrote on her X (Earlier known as Twitter) handle, "One year after the Pahalgam terror attack, the anger is still alive.

Innocents were hunted, identities were targeted. We remember them today, with grief and with resolve. India will never forget. #PahalgamAttack (sic)."

Additionally, actress Isha Koppikar also remembered the victims of the Pahalgam attack with a social media post that read, "Time may have moved forward, but the silence of that day still lingers...(sic)" "A year later...still felt, still remembered", she added the caption.

In June last year, Rupali



took a dig at those who kept mum during Operation Sindoor, a surgical strike carried out by the Indian Forces in response to the Pahalgam attack.

Speaking to IANS, she said, "Operation Sindoor is a matter of pride for every Indian. Whether it is fully successful or still ongoing, it is a very proud feeling." "And at this time, anyone who has not stood with the government of India or with our Indian Army, who has not encouraged them despite having

access to social media, if you haven't tweeted a few words or posted something encouraging on social media all day, then you're not doing much. You may not be able to do much, but your soldiers are posted at the border fighting for the safety of your family. So, at least you can say a few words about them, about their courage and determination. You can put it out on social media. At least you can show that you stand with your country and with your army," added Rupali.

Randeep Hooda on 10 years of 'Laal Rang': Yo rang na chhodta manne

Mumbai, April 22 (IANS) Actor Randeep Hooda has given several memorable performances throughout his career, one of them being his role as Shankar Singh Malik in the 2016 black comedy "Laal Rang".

Marking a decade of the film's release on Wednesday, Randeep said that it has been 10 years, and he can still feel the color on him.

"Das saal hoge par yo laal rang na chhodta manne.. thara favourite kunsu se? (It's been ten years, but this red color still doesn't leave me... which one is your favorite?)," Randeep wrote on his latest Insta post.

Directed by Syed Ahmad Afzal and produced by Nitika Thakur, in collaboration with Krian Media, the primary cast of the drama includes Randeep, Akshay Oberoi, and Piaa Bajpai in significant roles, along with others.

The film follows the journey of Rajesh and Shankar, two friends who



end up becoming a part of the illegal blood bank trade. However, they are soon faced with the consequences of their actions.

Backed by Krian Media, the movie has camera work by Dhirendra Shukla with Shounok Ghosh as the head of the editing department.

Up next, Randeep is preparing for the release of his first movie after embracing fatherhood.

Going by the sources, he is already done with the first schedule of this untitled drama.

A source close to the project revealed, "Post fatherhood, this project marks a meaningful new chapter for Randeep. He was immediately drawn to the film's strong subject and its grounding in true events. The character and the story deeply resonated with him."

Imtiaz Ali shares how Diljit Dosanjh's spontaneity adds value to his stories

Mumbai, April 22 (IANS) Indian auteur Imtiaz Ali, who is gearing up for the release of his upcoming film 'Main Vapas Aaunga', has spoken about how Punjabi superstar Diljit Dosanjh's spontaneity adds value to his stories.

The director spoke with IANS during the promotions of 'Main Vapas Aaunga', and spoke about the duality of challenges and smoothsail while working with Diljit.

When asked how it opens up new avenues for him to have Diljit a spontaneous performer in his stories, he told IANS, "It makes the job very, very challenging, because it makes it easier. And you are at an angle where you feel that you can communicate more, you can communicate very easily. There is an ease in communication that I have with him to begin with. You say half the sentence, he gets the rest of it, and then he comes with so much. He's coming from



a place of purity, he's also more connected to the audience. People get him".

He further mentioned, "People understand what he's going through on screen. So that is a vehicle for me. To work with an actor like that, it is so transparent. It becomes a challenge because I feel, 'am I

giving everything to this demon that he can chew?' The worst thing that one can do with an actor is to restrain them and to under use them. So, one has to be careful about that. But I'm very glad that this is so much a part of his psychosomatic, cultural, social, historical existence of this role".

MI vs CSK: MS Dhoni, Rohit Sharma face late fitness tests ahead of El Clasico

Mumbai, April 22 (IANS) The build-up to the IPL's biggest rivalry clash has been clouded by uncertainty, with both MS Dhoni and Rohit Sharma facing late fitness tests ahead of the much-anticipated MI vs CSK encounter.

Chennai Super Kings bowling coach Eric Simons confirmed that a final call on Dhoni's availability will be taken closer to the match. "Regarding MS, we will know tomorrow. That decision will be made once he, in particular, and the medical staff are completely happy that he is ready to go," Simons said.

The wicketkeeper-batter has missed the opening phase of IPL 2026 due to a calf strain, missing many IPL matches for CSK. However, recent devel-

opments have offered encouraging signs. During a training session at the Wankhede Stadium, the 44-year-old underwent an intensive on-field workout that included both wicketkeeping and batting drills. Dhoni spent close to 40 minutes behind the stumps in the nets, with Sarfaraz Khan and Urvil Patel taking turns with the bat. It marked one of his first extended wicketkeeping sessions of the season and a key step in his recovery.

Despite the positive signs, CSK are expected to tread carefully. With Sanju Samson currently handling wicketkeeping duties, the team management is unlikely to rush Dhoni back into full action. If declared fit, he could be deployed as an impact player



to better manage his workload. Meanwhile, Rohit Sharma's availability remains uncertain, with Mumbai Indians continuing to assess his fitness. The franchise has confirmed that a final decision on the opener's participation will be taken at the toss, just before the match.

Rohit began his IPL 2026 campaign on a high, delivering a match-winning performance

against Kolkata Knight Riders. However, his momentum soon dipped, with a string of low scores disrupting his rhythm. The setback worsened during the clash against Royal Challengers Bengaluru, where a hamstring injury forced him off the field mid-match.

There are, however, encouraging signs regarding his recovery. A Mumbai Indians spokesperson said Rohit is working towards full fitness and was recently seen batting in the nets with his leg strapped, assessing his readiness. He was also spotted spending time with his children ahead of the team's latest practice session, indicating he is in good spirits.

Despite these positive developments, his availability for

Dhoni making a comeback against MI would be really special: Aditya Tare

New Delhi, April 22 (IANS) Former Mumbai Indians batter Aditya Tare believes that the veteran wicketkeeper-batter MS Dhoni taking on the gloves during the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) recent practice is a 'good sign' and anticipated his comeback against MI in their upcoming game on Thursday.

After being sidelined for six matches due to a calf injury, Dhoni spent nearly an hour in the nets, actively engaging in batting and wicketkeeping drills. He looked confident during the session, moving freely and showing no signs of discomfort as he faced pacers like Matt Henry and Jamie Overton.

"I was watching the practice session and what surprised me the most is Mahibhai keeping wickets. I have never seen him wear wicket-keeping gloves in a net session before. He usually just bats or bowls. He never keeps wickets in practice. But in the practice session, he had his helmet, pads, and keeping gloves on. He is probably testing his match fitness after the calf injury," Tare told JioStar.

the clash against Chennai Super Kings remains unfirmed, with the final call to be taken at the toss.

PCB to investigate Nawaz

New Delhi, April 22 (IANS) Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has reportedly started an investigation into all-rounder Mohammad Nawaz after he tested positive for recreational drug use. The positive result comes from testing during the T20 World Cup earlier this year. As a result, his proposed move to Surrey for England's T20 Blast has collapsed, as per ESPNcricinfo report.

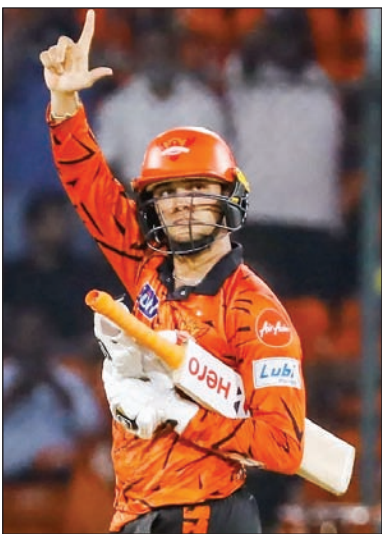
"The International Cricket Council (ICC) has informed the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) about this matter, and PCB has begun the due process. The results of this process will be communicated to the ICC today," a PCB spokesperson was quoted in the report. Nawaz was part of Pakistan's squad for T20 World Cup earlier this year.

I waited for the right matchups: Abhishek

Hyderabad, April 22 (IANS) No.1 T20I batter and Sunrisers Hyderabad's (SRH) promising opener Abhishek Sharma revealed his plan after playing a blistering knock of 135 runs against Delhi Capitals, saying that his approach was largely driven by matchups and built around patience and game awareness.

SRH rode on a sensational unbeaten 135 from Abhishek Sharma to post a daunting 242/2, before producing a disciplined effort with the ball to seal their third consecutive win and climb to third on the points table. "We've been preparing for this for a long time. So, obviously, there was a little wicket today. <

I had to go to the last in one of the top three. So, that was the plan. And I think it was good. The total was good. I was talking to our batting coach, Frankie, for a long time. I talked to him. And I told him, Frankie, it's been a while that I haven't reached the second strategic timeout. So, I want to try that someday," Abhishek said in a video released by the Indian Premier



League (IPL) on X.

"We were talking about it in practice yesterday. So, then we had a plan that we'll talk about the situation in the first strategic timeout. And when he came in, the plan was to keep playing as it was. And I personally felt that it was difficult to hit every ball here. So, you have to be

waiting for your matchups. That's what I was doing. And that's what I was waiting for. And it actually went well. So, that was the plan," he added.

Abhishek further elaborated on his approach of hitting spinners, especially in the power play. "If the spinners come, obviously, we've been practicing for so long. Even if the ball is stopping or moving, it's a very obvious plan for me that I have to plan and play according to the feel. So, for spinners and powerplay, the way they are on the field, and I can dominate them, just to make them in some pressure. That's the plan."

Speaking about partnerships, Abhishek highlighted the importance of maintaining momentum with fellow batters. "And whoever is batting with me, especially Hadi or Ishaan, I know how they hit. So, it's just a simple plan. Whoever is on strike, if there's a boundary on the first two or three balls, then we try to make it a boundary. If it's a long over in power play, then obviously, the ball comes under pressure."

Probably learnt nothing: Andy Murray reflects on coaching stint with Novak Djokovic

London, April 22 (IANS) Andy Murray offered a candid assessment of his brief coaching stint with Novak Djokovic, admitting it was both eye-opening and humbling despite limited success on court.

Speaking to Sky Sports, the former World No. 1 initially joked that he had "probably learned nothing," before quickly clarifying the experience had, in fact, been deeply educational. Murray explained that stepping into a coaching role gave him a fresh perspective on the daily routines and demands of an elite player, especially one operating at Djokovic's level.

"It was interesting to see what his day-to-day looked like in comparison to what I might have been doing, and how those things differ. That was really insightful," Murray said. He added that coaching required a shift in mindset, particularly in how messages are communicated and how players are listened to, something he believes has been shaped by his own experiences off the court.

Murray's stint began around the



Australian Open, but the partnership ultimately fell short of delivering a title. Djokovic reached the semi-finals at multiple majors, including the Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon, but was unable to convert those deep runs into trophies. He also exited the US Open at the same stage.

Losses to top contenders such as Jannik Sinner, Carlos Alcaraz and Alexander Zverev underlined the challenges Djokovic faced in regaining dominance, even as he picked up titles at smaller events like the Geneva Open and Athens Open.

Seraikela-Kharsawan district chess C'ship from April 25

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22: The Seraikela-Kharsawan District Chess Association will organise the 21st District Chess Championship 2026 on April 25 and 26 at TSG, NIT Jamshedpur. The tournament is being held in memory of late Suman Kumar Sinha, former president of the association, who played a key role in promoting chess in the district.

The competition will be inaugurated on April 25 at 10:00 AM, with the first round starting at 10:30 AM. The two-day event will conclude on April 26 at 5:00 PM with a prize distribution ceremony.

The tournament will follow a six-round Swiss system as per FIDE rules. Each

player will get 30 minutes per game, along with an increment of 30 seconds per move.

A total cash prize pool of over Rs. 15,000 has been announced. The winner will receive Rs. 4,000, while the runner-up and third-place winners will get Rs. 2,500 and Rs. 1,800 respectively. Cash prizes will also be awarded to players finishing between fourth and tenth positions. Trophies will be given to top performers in age categories including Under-07, Under-09, Under-11, Under-13, and Under-15. Special prizes have also been announced for NIT Jamshedpur students. The entry fee is Rs. 400, and organisers have invited chess players to participate in large numbers.

JFC captain connects with young football enthusiasts at KPS Burmamines

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22: In a heartwarming display of community engagement, Jamshedpur FC captain Pronay Halder visited KPS Burmamines interacted with approximately 250 enthusiastic students. This event was part of the club's ongoing efforts to connect with fans and inspire the next generation of football enthusiasts in and around Jamshedpur.

Pronay spent quality time with the students, sharing his footballing journey, and showcasing his skills in an impromptu session. To add to the excitement, Pronay



gifted Jamshedpur FC merchandise to the winners of a slogan, drawing and juggling competition organized by the school. During his interaction, Pronay urged the students to attend

Jamshedpur FC's upcoming match against Chennaiyin FC on April 25th, 7:30 PM at JRD Tata Sports Complex, encouraging them to make it a memorable experience with their families. This gesture reflects the club's commitment to building a strong bond with the local community.

"Interacting with the young minds at KPS Burmamines was an incredible experience," Pronay Halder said. "I'm thrilled to see the excitement and passion for football among the students. I hope they will come out in large numbers to support us in our next match."

New committee formed for East Singhbhum Swimming Association

Tata Steel sports head Manish Sinha appointed president

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22: The Annual General Meeting of the East Singhbhum Swimming Association was held at the JRD Tata Sports Complex on April 21, where a new committee was constituted.

Captain Manish Sinha, Head of the Sports Department at Tata Steel, was appointed as President, replacing Vibhuti Adesara. International swimmer Rambalak Singh will serve as the Chairman.

The newly formed committee includes Gautam Singh, Anand Sharma, Lalan Shukla, and Indrajeet Singh Bindra as Vice Presidents.



Firoz Khan has been appointed Secretary, while Ashok Kumar Singh will serve as Joint Secretary. Pradeep Singh has taken charge as Treasurer, with Abhishek Singh as Joint Treasurer.

Other members of the committee include Yuvraj Patel, Aditi Singh, Munna Singh, and Shuvam Nayak. The meeting concluded with discussions on strengthening swimming activities in the district.

JFC U-18 gear up for quarter-final test against Bengaluru

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Mahilpur, April 22: Jamshedpur FC U-18 will face Bengaluru FC in the quarterfinal of the AIFF Elite League on April 23 at 4:30 PM, as the Young Men of Steel look to continue their impressive run in the tournament. Jamshedpur head into the knockout clash as Group B toppers, having remained unbeaten in the final round group stage.

Their campaign has been marked by attacking intent and resilience, qualities that helped them secure crucial results, including a draw against Mohun Bagan Super Giant to seal qualification.

Bengaluru FC, on the other hand, qualified as runners-up from Group



A, winning two of their three matches and losing one. Known for their structured approach and discipline,

they pose a tough challenge in a knockout scenario where margins are expected to be fine. For Jamshedpur, the focus will be on maintaining their attacking rhythm while being more clinical in front of goal, an area that could prove decisive after missed chances in their previous outing.

The team has shown the ability to control games for long periods, and converting those dominant spells into goals will be key. With a semi-final spot at stake, both teams will look to bring their best to the pitch in what promises to be an intense contest. Jamshedpur FC U-18 will aim to build on their momentum and take a step closer to going one better than last season.

India among 12 countries selected for FIFA Women's Development Programme

New Delhi, April 22 (IANS) India, on Wednesday, became one of the 12 countries selected by FIFA for the FIFA Women's Development Programme (Commercial Strategy 2026). The other countries include Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Scotland, Canada, Mexico, Finland, Ghana, Jordan, Lithuania, and Paraguay.

India's inclusion in the programme was confirmed by FIFA after an initial application by AIFF, which was followed by a detailed presentation of the commercial strategy and future plans.

The programme will be held online from May to October, 2026. The course itself will be tailored by FIFA for the various stakeholders in women's football across the country.

With AIFF now backed by a commercial partner, this programme will equip clubs with the tools and knowledge needed to build sustainable models, while also preparing them for the upcoming women's club licensing system that AFC (Asian Football Confederation) plans to introduce.

AIFF Deputy Secretary General M. Satyanarayan said, "I think this is the perfect time for us to grow the commercial aspect of women's football in India as a whole. The qualification of three of our women's teams (senior, U20, and U17) for the AFC Asian Cups in their respective age categories shows our potential, and the ASMITA U13 Women's Football League has helped us create the base at the youth level."

Juhi Chawla leads KKR's green initiative in Kolkata

Mail News Service

Kolkata, April 22: Three-time Indian Premier League champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) today kicked off the 2026 edition of their flagship environmental initiative, 'Runs to Roots', with a plantation drive at SubhasSarovar Lake Park in Kolkata.

KKR Co-Owner Juhi Chawla-Mehta inaugurated the drive, joining hands with NGO 'Grow Billion Trees' to champion environmental responsibility. This year, the initiative takes a significant leap forward, with KKR pledging 10 trees for every run scored during TATA IPL 2026 - a tenfold increase from previous seasons. KKR's sustainability



journey has evolved steadily over the years - from the 'Plant a 6' campaign in 2017 to the more expansive 'Runs to Roots' movement. From planting over 6,000 trees in the ecologically sensitive Sundarbans to adding 4,669 trees across Kolkata in just the past two

IPL seasons, the franchise is now dramatically scaling its ambition to deliver deeper, measurable impact.

Speaking on the initiative, Juhi Chawla-Mehta, KKR Co-owner and environmental advocate, said, "Cricket has always been more than a sport in our country - it is a way of life for millions, and has the potential to create an indelible impact. At KKR, we truly believe that sport has the power to drive meaningful action. With 'Runs to Roots', we're harnessing the incredible energy of fans to create a lasting impact for our future. We're incredibly proud of how this initiative has continued to evolve and has inspired people over the years."

Speeding trailer crushes college students on Chandil by-pass, 1 Killed

Mail News Service

Seraikela April 22 : A tragic road accident on the New Bypass Road under Chandil police station area claimed the life of a college student and left two others seriously injured on Wednesday afternoon.

The incident occurred around 1:30 PM near Bhalukkocha on NH-32/18 when a speeding trailer (JH09BG0332), reportedly en route from Purulia to Jamshedpur, ran over a motorcycle carrying three students of Singhbhum College. All three were riding on a single bike at the time of the accident.

The deceased, identified as 20-year-old Rohit Mahto, suffered fatal injuries after getting trapped under the rear wheel of the trailer and being dragged for nearly 50 feet, leaving his body severely mutilated.

The two other students, Akash and Kranti Mahto, were thrown off the bike and sustained critical injuries. All three belong to Jhimdi village under Nimdih police station.

According to preliminary information, the students had visited Chandil Dam after completing college-related work and were returning when the accident took place.

On getting information, Chandil police station in-charge Dilshan Birua reached the spot with a team. With assistance from local residents



Twelfth grader drowns in Ganjia Barrage

Seraikela, April 22: In a heartbreaking incident on Wednesday, a 17-year-old student, Fahad Rahman, drowned while bathing at Ganjia Barrage under the Gamharia police station area.

The tragedy occurred when five students, who had reportedly left school without informing authorities, visited the barrage for an outing. According to reports, the group entered the water around 11 a.m., but soon drifted into deeper sections and began struggling. Local residents, witnessing the distress, rushed to their rescue and managed to save four of the boys. Unfortunately, Fahad could not be rescued in time and drowned.

Fahad Rahman, a resident of Dhatkidih in Jamshedpur, was a Class XII student at Andhra School. His untimely death has left family members and the local community in shock. On receiving information, the Gamharia police reached the spot and sent the body for post-mortem. Preliminary investigation suggests that the students had left school premises without permission before heading to the barrage. The incident has raised serious concerns regarding safety measures and monitoring at the barrage site. Police have initiated a detailed investigation into the matter. (W-pm)

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Sadar Hospital for post-mortem. The injured were initially

Woman injured in Sonari road mishap



Jamshedpur, April 22: A woman sustained critical injuries in a road accident near Zudio on Marine Drive under Sonari police station area on Wednesday. According to eyewitnesses, an Innova car was reversing near the showroom when a speeding Hyundai vehicle coming from Sakchi rammed into it. The impact was severe, leaving a woman identified as Santoshi trapped inside the Hyundai car. A large crowd gathered at the spot, but panic prevented immediate rescue. Demonstrating courage, locals identified as Haji Saddam, Danish, Raja, and their associates broke open the car door and rescued the injured woman. She was rushed to Tata Main Hospital (TMH) with the help of local residents, where she is currently undergoing treatment. Doctors have described her condition as critical. The incident once again highlights the urgent need for road safety awareness and caution while driving. (W-pm)

admitted to the Community Health Centre in Chandil and later referred to MGM Hospital for advanced treatment.

Traffic Chaos at Pitki Gate Under Scrutiny : The incident has once again highlighted the persistent traffic congestion at Pitki railway gate under the Adra division of South Eastern Railway. Daily traffic jams stretching up to 5 km on one side and 3 km on the other

have become a major concern for commuters.

Police officials stated that such congestion often leads to reckless driving, as motorists attempt to bypass long queues, increasing the risk of accidents.

Station in-charge Dilshan Birua emphasized the importance of road safety, stating that wearing helmets could have reduced the severity of the injuries. He

Head-on collision between cargo trucks in Chandil



Seraikela, April 22: Road accidents continue to plague the Chandil thana area along the national highway, raising serious concerns over traffic safety. In yet another incident early Wednesday morning around 4 AM, two heavy cargo vehicles collided head-on in a high-impact crash. The collision was so severe that the driver of one of the trucks, reportedly traveling from Andhra Pradesh, sustained critical injuries. Upon receiving information, Chandil police promptly reached the scene and, with the assistance of local residents, rushed the injured driver to a nearby hospital for urgent medical care. The accident caused temporary disruption in traffic movement along the highway. Authorities later restored normalcy by removing the damaged vehicles with the help of cranes. With multiple accidents reported in the past week alone, the recurring incidents have sparked growing concerns over road safety measures and enforcement in the region. (W-pm)

urged two-wheeler riders to follow safety norms strictly.

Eyewitnesses blamed the trailer driver's negligence, alleging that the vehicle was at high speed and failed to give way. The trailer has been seized, but the driver is currently absconding. A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway.

Demand for Infrastructure Improvements : Local groups have renewed their demand for

the construction of an overbridge at Pitki railway crossing, citing repeated accidents and daily traffic snarls. They have also called for stricter enforcement of speed limits and no-entry regulations for heavy vehicles on the bypass. The administration is now under pressure to take concrete measures to prevent such tragic incidents in the future. (W-pm)

DDC diktat on supply schemes



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22: Acting on the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Rajeev Ranjan, a comprehensive review meeting of the Supply Department was held at the Collectorate auditorium to assess the performance and implementation of various welfare schemes. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Development Commissioner (DDC) Nagendra Paswan.

The review focused on the current progress of departmental schemes, ground-level execution, service delivery standards, and the effective reach of benefits to eligible beneficiaries. Key schemes discussed included the National Food Security Act, Jharkhand State Food Security Scheme, ration distribution system, Dakia Yojana for PVTG families, pending ration card applications, doorstep delivery mechanism, salt distribution scheme, Chief Minister's chana-dal distribution scheme, and the paddy procurement programme.

During the meeting, officials presented scheme-wise updates, enabling an evaluation of progress against set targets and identifying areas requiring improvement. The DDC emphasized that the department's foremost responsibility is to ensure timely and hassle-free distribution of food grains to all eligible

beneficiaries.

He directed officials to make the distribution system more streamlined, transparent, and accountable. Stress was laid on accelerating the verification process to identify and remove ineligible beneficiaries while ensuring the inclusion of all deserving individuals in a fair and balanced manner. The DDC also instructed officials to conduct surprise inspections to ensure that food grains are distributed in the prescribed quantity and within stipulated timelines.

He warned that any irregularities or negligence at any level would invite strict action. Reviewing the paddy procurement programme, Paswan directed authorities to enhance farmer participation, strengthen procurement mechanisms at LAMPS, and ensure that farmers receive the benefits of Minimum Support Price (MSP).

Additionally, the meeting assessed pending grievances on the PGMS portal and applications under ERCMS at the DSO and BSO levels. Officials were directed to ensure timely disposal of all cases and improve the effectiveness of the grievance redressal system, with a focus on quality resolution of complaints. The meeting was attended by ADM (SOR) Rahul Anand, District Supply Officer Zulfikar Ansari, and other concerned officials of the department. (W-pm)

Cyber complaint against local resident for defaming MLA

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22 : A formal complaint has been lodged at the Cyber Police Station in Bistupur against Gopal Yadav, a resident of Sahara City, Mango, for allegedly attempting to defame Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy through social media.

The complaint was submitted by Pappu Singh, State General Secretary of the Janata Dal (United) Youth Wing, and Neeraj Singh, District President of the Youth Wing in East Singhbhum.

In their application to the Cyber Police Station in-charge, they have urged authorities to register a case against Yadav for spreading misleading and defamatory content.

According to the complaint, on April 21, Gopal Yadav went live



on his Facebook account and made allegations of corruption against MLA Saryu Roy, accusing him of deliberate irregularities in development works in the Jamshedpur West Assembly constituency. The complainants have described these allegations

as "false, baseless, and fabricated."

They further stated that the intent behind the live video was to deliberately damage the social and political reputation of the legislator, create distrust among the public, and disturb the

prevailing harmony in the city.

The leaders alleged that such statements were not only misleading but also aimed at inciting unrest and spreading confusion among residents.

Pappu Singh and Neeraj Singh have termed the act a "deliberate and malicious attempt" to malign a public representative through misinformation. They emphasized that the wide circulation of the video on social media could adversely impact public peace and communal harmony.

The complainants have requested the police to register an FIR under appropriate legal provisions and conduct a thorough investigation into the matter. They have also demanded strict legal action against the accused following due process of law. (W-pm)

Environment seminar to promote sustainable development

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Jamshedpur, April 22: A seminar was organized at the Swadeshi office in Bistupur under the 'Paryavaran Pahal' (environmental initiative) to mark efforts toward environmental awareness and conservation.

Addressing the gathering as the keynote speaker, the All-India Environment Chief of Swadeshi Jagran Manch emphasized that Earth Day should be observed nationwide as a platform to spread environmental awareness. He



stressed the importance of educating youth through workshops, seminars and outreach programs in schools and colleges. Highlighting rising pollution levels, he called for collective efforts to protect the Earth for future generations and

advocated for farmer awareness programs on soil enrichment and conservation. Convener Manoj Kumar Singh pointed out that rising global temperatures and deforestation in Jharkhand were leading to soil erosion and declining biodiversity. He warned

that the reduction in species such as bees, sparrows and vultures was negatively impacting agriculture and crop cycles. He urged citizens to pledge for tree plantation, adopt organic farming practices, avoid plastic use and promote environmental awareness among children. The seminar was conducted by Dr. Anil Rai, with introductory remarks by Kaushal Kishore. The event concluded with the plantation of a guava sapling. Several dignitaries and activists were present on the occasion. (w/gsd)

CGPC felicitates new Station Road Gurdwara president

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22: The Central Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (CGPC) honoured Mahendra Pal Singh, who has been unanimously elected as President of the Station Road Gurdwara for the next three years. The felicitation took place during a religious congregation, where he was presented with a traditional Siropa (robe of honour) and a shawl. Addressing the gathering, CGPC Chairman Shailendra Singh stated that the unanimous election of Mahendra Pal Singh within just five minutes reflects strong unity and consensus within the sangat. He described the development as an inspiring example for other Gurdwara committees. On the occasion, CGPC President Bhagwan Singh highlighted the challenges often faced during Gurdwara elections, noting that a significant amount of time is usually spent resolving disputes. He appreciated the harmonious process at Station Road Gurdwara and expressed gratitude to the congregation for setting a positive precedent. The event witnessed the presence of several prominent members, including Gurdwara Committee Chairman and CGPC Vice-Chairman Hardeep Singh 'Deep', Senior Vice-President Narendra Pal Singh Bhatia, and General Secretary Kamaljit Singh, along with other respected members of the community. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by General Secretary Kamaljeet Singh, who expressed appreciation to all attendees for their participation and support in making the event successful. (W-pb)

Demolition drive stops at Gudri Market

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 22 : A routine anti-encroachment drive in the Tatanagar area's Gudri Market took an unexpected turn on Wednesday when authorities halted the demolition of a shop at the final moment following a legal claim by its owner.

The Railway Engineering Department, accompanied by Magistrate Sudepto Roy, deputed by the district administration, and a substantial police force, had reached the site to carry out eviction proceedings.

The action targeted a shop named "Shri Laxmi Bhandar," operated by local businessman Murari Lal Agrawal, popularly known as Murari Seth.

As officials prepared to demolish the structure, the shop owner strongly objected and informed the administration that he had already filed a petition before the Jharkhand High Court, which had been admitted



for hearing. He requested 15 days' time to obtain a stay order from the court, assuring authorities that failure to do so within the stipulated period would allow the Railways to proceed with demolition without resistance.

Taking cognizance of the pending legal matter, officials held an on-the-spot discussion and decided to temporarily suspend the action.

Magistrate Sudepto Roy directed the shop owner to submit an affidavit at the Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO) office, clearly stating that if no stay order is secured within 15 days, the Railway authorities would be free to resume demolition without obstruction.

He further clarified that subsequent action would depend on the affidavit and the High Court's directives.



The incident has sparked widespread discussion across Gudri Market, with local traders debating whether similar relief would be extended to other encroachers or if the administration would continue its drive with strict enforcement.

Sources indicate that the Railway's anti-encroachment campaign will continue, targeting illegal occupations on its land as per established rules.

The administration has reiterated its commitment to ensuring that all actions are carried out within the legal framework, balancing enforcement with due judicial process.

For now, the Gudri Market episode has ignited a broader debate-highlighting the delicate balance between upholding the law and allowing affected individuals the opportunity to seek legal recourse. (W-pm)