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In Brief

Trump reposts rant calling India 'hell-hole'

Washington, April 23 : Donald Trump reposted a controversial message on Truth Social referring to countries like India and China in derogatory terms. The post criticised birthright citizenship in the United States and raised unverified claims about hiring trends in California's tech sector. The remarks have drawn attention amid ongoing political and legal debates over immigration and citizenship policies in the US.

India extends airspace ban for Pak planes

New Delhi, April 23 : India has extended its airspace ban on Pakistani aircraft until May 24, following the 2025 Pahalgam attack. The restriction, confirmed through a NOTAM, applies to all Pakistan-registered and operated flights, including military aircraft. Pakistan has also extended a similar ban. The continued closure is forcing airlines to take longer routes, increasing fuel costs and operational challenges for carriers.

Bikaji founder Shiv Ratan Agarwal dies

Jaipur, April 23 : Shiv Ratan Agarwal, Chairman and Managing Director of Bikaji Foods International, passed away in Chennai at 74 after a heart attack. He had travelled with his family for his wife's treatment. Agarwal built Bikaji into a leading snack brand from humble beginnings in Bikaner. Ashok Gehlot expressed grief, calling his demise a major loss to the industry.

Centre denies reports of fuel price hike

New Delhi, April 23 : The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has dismissed reports of a petrol and diesel price hike as "mischievous and misleading." It clarified that no such proposal is under consideration. The government said fuel prices have remained stable despite global volatility, including tensions near the Strait of Hormuz. It also assured that LPG supplies are normal and retail fuel outlets continue to operate smoothly across India.

India US trade talks progress constructively

New Delhi, April 23 : India and United States are making steady progress on a proposed trade pact, the Ministry of External Affairs said. Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal termed the talks constructive, aiming for a balanced agreement and $500 billion bilateral trade by 2030. Negotiations with the Office of the United States Trade Representative are nearing completion, with only a few issues remaining.

Record turnout marks historic polling in Bengal,TN

92% voter turnout in West Bengal

Kolkata, April 23 (IANS) Polling for the Assembly elections concluded at 6 pm on Thursday, with West Bengal recording a significantly higher voter turnout of 91.91 per cent in Phase I polling compared to Tamil Nadu, which recorded 84.80 per cent turnout, according to the latest data by the Election Commission of India.

The high turnout figures underline an active electoral exercise as polling drew to a close amid tight security arrangements across constituencies.

Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said that the Commission salutes each voter of both states for coming out in large numbers to take part in the Democracy festival. Several districts in West Bengal recorded over 90 per cent voter turnout. Dakshin Dinajpur led with 94.85 per cent, followed by Cooch Behar at 94.54 per cent, Birbhum at 93.70 per cent, Jalpaiguri at 93.23 per cent, and Murshidabad at 92.93 per cent. The figures reflect consistently high voter participation across the state, with all major districts comfortably staying above the 90 per cent mark.In the 2021 Assembly elections, West Bengal recorded a voter turnout of 85.2 per cent while Tamil Nadu recorded 76.6 per cent. The numbers reflect an overwhelming voter turnout across districts, reinforcing both states' consistent trend of high electoral participation.

Meanwhile, in the by-elections, the Umreth constituency in Gujarat recorded a voter turnout of 59.04 per cent. Whereas, in Maharashtra, Rahuri saw 55.70 per cent polling, and Baramati reported a turnout at 57.77 per cent.



BJP candidate Suvendu Sarkar allegedly manhandled en route to a polling booth amid reports of unrest during Phase 1 of the West Bengal Assembly elections in Dakshin Dinajpur on Thursday.

Tamil Nadu sees 85% voting

Chennai, April 23 (IANS) Tamil Nadu witnessed a high-voltage electoral contest on Thursday as polling for all 234 Assembly constituencies concluded with a robust voter turnout of over 84 per cent, reflecting strong public participation in one of the State's most closely watched elections in recent years.

The election marked a significant shift from the traditional Dravidian two-party dominance, evolving into a multi-cornered contest involving the DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance (SPA), the AIADMK-led NDA, actor Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), and Seeman's Naam Tamilar Katchi (NTK).Polling began briskly in the morning, with steady queues reported across urban and rural regions despite soaring temperatures. By 3 p.m., turnout had already touched around 70 per cent,



indicating a strong voter response that eventually translated into one of the highest participation rates in recent elections.The ruling DMK, led by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, is seeking a second consecutive term, banking on welfare schemes and governance claims.The AIADMK, under Edappadi K. Palaniswami, is attempting a comeback despite internal factional challenges, making this election a crucial test of its political relevance.Adding a new dimension to the contest is Vijay's TVK, which has contested all 234 seats, aiming to convert its growing popularity-especially among youth-into electoral gains. Alongside, Senthamizhan Seeman's NTK has once again fielded candidates across constituencies, focusing on Tamil nationalism, environmental issues, and an alternative political narrative that appeals to sections of young and first-time voters.

Highest ever turnout in WB, TN since Independence: CEC

New Delhi, April 23 (IANS): Saluting voters for their active participation in the festival of democracy, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar said on Thursday that West Bengal and Tamil Nadu recorded the highest-ever voter turnout since Independence as polling concluded at 6 pm."Highest ever percentage of polling in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu since Independence - ECI salutes each voter of West Bengal and Tamil Nadu," CEC Gyanesh Kumar said.

TMC already in position to win: Mamata Banerjee

New Delhi, April 23 (IANS): West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday gave first reaction after record voter turnout in the first phase of polling and said it indicates the TMC is already in a position to win the election.Voter turnout so far in first phase of Bengal polls indicates TMC already in position to win. I am not interested in any post, I only want end of BJP govt at Centre," Mamata Banerjee said at poll rally in Kolkata.Banerjee, also the Trinamool Congress supremo, said at a rally in Bow Bazar area of Kolkata that she will conquer Delhi taking along all opposition parties, after winning the election.

BJP set for landslide victory in Bengal: PM Modi

New Delhi, April 23 (IANS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday congratulated the people of West Bengal for their massive turnout in the first phase of assembly elections, and called the voting figures so far indicative of an "overwhelming mandate for change".Addressing poll rallies in Krishnanagar in Nadia district on a day when voters across 152 constituencies of the state queued up to exercise their franchise in the aftermath of the over 90 lakh SIR deletions, PM Modi also congratulated the Election Commission for keeping "violence during the assembly polls in the state at a minimum"

4 students share top rank with 99.60% marks

JAC Class X results declared, 95.27% students pass

Ranchi, April 23: The Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) on Thursday announced the Class 10 (Matric) examination results at around 3:00 PM, recording an impressive overall pass percentage of 95.27 percent this year. The results brought cheer to lakhs of students across the state, with four candidates jointly securing the top position in the merit list.



Priyanshu Kumari

Priyanshu Kumari, a student of Indira Gandhi Balika High School in Hazaribagh, emerged as one of the state toppers by scoring 498 marks out of 500, achieving an outstanding 99.60 percent. She shares the top rank with three other students-Shivangi Kumari from S.S. High School Bano, Simdega, Prem Kumar Sahu from Premchand High School, Mesra, Ranchi and Sunny Kumar Verma of St. Aloysius High School, Ranchi-all of whom also scored 498 marks.According to official data released by JAC, a total of 4,24,001 students had registered for the matriculation examination this year. Out of these, 4,22,109 students appeared for the exams, and 4,02,178 candidates were declared successful. The results indicate a strong performance by students across the state.A detailed breakdown shows that 2,26,957 students secured First Division, reflecting high academic achievement. Meanwhile, 1,60,673 students passed in the Second Division, and 14,548 students were placed in the Third Division category.

Keep striving for success: CM

Ranchi, April 23: Chief Minister Hemant Soren in his posts on X said, "Heartiest congratulations and Johar to all students who have cleared the JAC Matric exams, along with their parents and teachers. Those who couldn't meet expectations should stay encouraged and keep striving. The Jharkhand government remains committed to ensuring quality education for a brighter future. Best wishes and Johar."

Shopkeeper's son tops East Singhbhum with 98.40%

Jamshedpur, April 23: In an inspiring story of grit and discipline, Om Kumar, a student of Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir, Baharagora, has emerged as the district topper in the JAC Matric Examination 2026, securing an outstanding 98.40%. Scoring 492 out of 500 marks, Om not only brought laurels to his school but also made the entire East Singhbhum district proud. Hailing from a modest background, he is the son of Kamalakant Kar (Pappu), who has been running a small electronics shop in Baharagora for over a decade. The family resides in Kemi village under Bankata Panchayat.Despite limited resources, Om never allowed circumstances to hinder his academic journey. His success stands as a testament to perseverance and focus. He maintained a disciplined routine, dedicating nearly five hours daily to studies while keeping away from social media distractions, using his mobile phone strictly for academic purposes.



Trump orders strike on Iranian boats

Washington, April 23 (IANS): US President Donald Trump has ordered the U.S. military to "shoot and kill" Iranian small boats choking the Strait of Hormuz.Trump's post on social media came shortly after the US military seized another tanker associated with the smuggling of Iranian oil, ratcheting up a standoff with Tehran over the strait through which 20 per cent of all crude oil and natural gas traded passes."I have ordered the United States Navy to shoot and kill any boat, small boats though they may be that is putting mines in the waters of the Strait of Hormuz," Trump posted."There is to be no hesitation. Additionally, our mine sweepers' are clearing the Strait right now.""I am hereby ordering that activity to continue, but at a tripled up level!" Trump added.He also said the military is intensifying mine clearing operations in the critical waterway.



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5 May 1930 — 21 April 2026

With profound grief,
we regret the sad demise of our beloved mother

Smt. Ramkali Devi Agarwal

(W/o Late Sri Mahadeo Prasadji Agarwal)
on Tuesday 21st April 2026.

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Steel industry eyes EAF, IF for green transition

ICSQS-2026 conference on sustainable steelmaking begins at SNTI

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Jamshedpur, April 23: An international conference on sustainable steelmaking began on Thursday in Jamshedpur, bringing together experts from across the steel industry and academia to discuss future-ready technologies and practices.

The International Conference on Sustainable Quality Steelmaking (ICSQS-2026) is being organised at SNTI by Tata Steel in association with the Indian Institute of Metals (IIM) Jamshedpur Chapter, CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory, and the All India Induction Furnaces Association. The two-day event is being held from April 23 to 24.

The conference was formally inaugurated in presence of several dignitaries, including Dr.SandipGhoshChowdhury, Director of CSIR-NML; YogeshMandhani, President of the All India Sustainable Steel Manufacturers Association; SubodhPandey, Vice President (Technology, R&D); AtanuRanjan Pal, Chief Technology Officer (Process) at Tata Steel; and Dr. T. Bhaskar, Chief Quality Assurance (Long Products).

The event aims to provide a common platform for industry professionals, researchers, raw material suppliers, and technology leaders to discuss emerging trends in alternative steelmaking routes such as Electric Arc Furnace (EAF) and Induction Furnace (IF). The programme includes keynote lectures, technical sessions, and industry interactions focused on furnace technology, process improvements, scrap management, and digitalisation.

In his welcome address, Dr. T. Bhaskar, Chairman of ICSQS-2026, stressed the importance of sustainable and high-quality steel production using EAF and IF routes. AtanuRanjan Pal highlighted the initiatives taken by the IIM Jamshedpur Chapter to promote metallurgy and materials science among professionals and students.

YogeshMandhani spoke about the growing role of induction furnaces in India and emphasised the need for adopting new technologies and strengthening collaboration between primary and secondary steel producers. SubodhPandey discussed Tata Steel's operations across different regions and underlined the importance of maintaining steel quality during the transition to green steel, along with cost optimisation and waste management.

Dr.SandipGhoshChowdhury addressed challenges related to scrap quality and the increasing presence of impurities in EAF and IF processes.

The conference has received an enthusiastic response, with over 200 delegates from various parts of the country participating in the event. (W-mb)

Students lead sustainability drive at Jusco South Park



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Jamshedpur, April 23: More than 2,300 students of Jusco School South Park celebrated Earth Day with great enthusiasm by participating in a series of eco-friendly activities on campus.

The celebrations included special events such as eco dance and ramp walk, cyclothon and walkathon, waste segregation in collaboration with Koru Foundation, and an e-waste collection drive conducted by Hulladek Recycling. Students from different classes took part in various activities. Nursery students engaged in leaf impression, while LKG children performed palm printing under the theme "Hands for Earth." UKG students planted saplings. Classes I to III made collages, and Classes IV and V presented recitations on avoiding plastic. Senior students participated in recitations on global warming, poster making, and designing reusable paper bags. (W-mb)

National seminar on NEP 2020 concludes at Karim City College



Jamshedpur, April 23: The two-day national seminar on 'Quality and Innovation in Higher Education under NEP 2020' concluded on Thursday at the Mango Campus of Karim City College.

The second day began with a technical session focusing on research paper presentations, where academicians and researchers shared insights on reforms, innovation and quality enhancement in higher education under the New Education Policy 2020. The valedictory session commenced with a welcome address by Principal Dr. Mohammad Reyaz, followed by concluding remarks from Co-convener Dr. Satya Jha. Chief guest Dr. Vibha Pandey, Deputy Director, Ranchi, highlighted new opportunities for large-scale project funding starting April, along with provisions for fellowships and scholarships in higher education. She emphasized the urgent need to strengthen B.Ed. programs in Jharkhand to develop qualified teachers.

Guest of honour Dr. Amulya Kumar Acharya, Head of the Department of Postgraduate Education at Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, spoke on the importance of NAAC accreditation in maintaining academic standards.

The seminar featured technical session chairpersons including Dr. Mozzamin Nazri, Dr. Zaki Akhtar, Dr. Sanjay Bhuyan, Dr. Manoj Kumar, Dr. Shahla Jabeen, Dr. Md Irshad Khan, Dr. Md Moiz Ashraf and Dr. Juhi Samarpita.

Certificates were distributed to participants by the chief guest. The event was anchored by Dr. Bina Kumari and Prof. Subuhi Rahman, while Prof Ritu Raj Tigga delivered the vote of thanks. The program concluded with the National Anthem. The seminar was convened by Dr. Parveen Usmani, with Dr. Sucheta Bhuiyan serving as Organizing Secretary. (w/gsd)

New block inaugurated at DBMS College of Education

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Jamshedpur, April 23: A new block of DBMS College of Education was inaugurated on Thursday with traditional rituals and religious ceremonies. The event was marked by Ganapati Homam, Navagraha Homam, and Sudarshana Homam, creating a spiritual and celebratory atmosphere on the campus.

The rituals were conducted by Dr. B. Chandrashekhar, President of the D.B.M.S. Trust, along with LalitaChandrashekhar, following proper Vedic traditions. Faculty members, staff, and guests participated in the ceremony and offered prayers for the institution's growth, prosperity, and the success of its students. Speaking on the occasion, Dr.Chandrashekhar described the new block as a significant milestone in the college's development. He said the addition would strengthen infrastructure and improve academic facilities, helping create a better learning environment. He also expressed hope that the new building would promote both education and moral values among students. After the rituals and chanting of Vedic mantras, prasad was distributed among those present, marking the auspicious beginning of the new facility. Sripriya Dharmarajan, Secretary of the College Management Committee, extended her best wishes to the teaching and non-teaching staff for the smooth functioning of the new block. Administrative Secretary Satish Singh and several members of the D.B.M.S. organization, along with faculty and staff, were also present at the event. (W-mb)

DBMS B.Ed. students host 'Shakespearean Era' event



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Jamshedpur, April 23: Students of the Literary Club of DBMS College of Education celebrated World Book Day by organising a special programme titled "Shakespearean Era" at RMS Balichela School in Sonari.

On the occasion, B.Ed. students presented a skit based on The Merchant of Venice, which received appreciation from students and teachers alike. The event also featured competitions such as Ramp Walk and Book Review, in which students of Classes 9, 10, and 11 participated enthusiastically. Principal Pratima Sinha appreciated the initiative and said such activities help students understand literature beyond classroom learning. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Meenakshi Chaudhary, Assistant Professor at DBMS College.

In the Book Review competition, Dolly Patra secured first place, followed by Arush Pushkar and Vishakha. In the Ramp Walk competition, Toshi Raj Verma stood first, while Shweta Singh and Vishakha Kumari secured second and third positions respectively. Winners were awarded certificates and prizes. (W-mb)

JWU celebrates Ambedkar jayanti with poetry and quiz competitions



Jamshedpur, April 23: Jamshedpur Women's University celebrated the birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar with a series of academic and creative events. The Departments of Hindi and English jointly organized a poetry competition to encourage creative expression and foster a love for literature among students. The poetry competition took place under the guidance of a judges' panel featuring Dr. Rizwana Parveen and Dr. Pushpa Kumari. Students presented original works reflecting on the legacy of Dr. Ambedkar and social justice. The Departments of Political Science and Economics collaborated to host a Quiz Competition. A large number of students participated enthusiastically, with Group A clinching the first position. The quiz was judged by Ravi Newar (Yoga Department) and Aditi Shreya (Political Science). (W-sm)

XLRI teams shine at global event in Los Angeles

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Jamshedpur, April 23: In a remarkable achievement on the global academic stage, teams from XLRI -Xavier School of Management have secured top honours at the prestigious International Business Ethics and Sustainability Case Competition (IBESCC) 2026, hosted by Loyola Marymount University, USA.

The competition, held in a hybrid format from April 13 to 17, witnessed participation from 59 teams representing 41 universities across seven countries, with over 270 participants competing before an eminent panel of international judges. The event is regarded as one of the foremost global platforms promoting discourse on business ethics and sustainability.

Multiple accolades for XLRI teams : Demonstrating excellence in ethical reasoning and sustainability-driven problem-solving, XLRI teams delivered outstanding performances in the highly competitive Online Division.

Team A, "Nexus Corporation," emerged as the top performer, clinching the Winner's title in both the 25-minute and 10-minute presentation categories, while also securing the Runners-Up position in the 90-second presentation segment.

Teams "BE Consulting" and "The Climate Compensators" also brought laurels to the institute, each securing Runners-Up positions in the 25-minute presentation category.

Rigorous preparation and mentorship : The success of the teams has been attributed to the sustained efforts of the JRD Tata Foundation for Business Ethics, which mentored and guided participants throughout the preparation process.

The three teams were shortlisted through a rigorous internal selection process involving nearly 30 teams. Continuous mentorship and structured training enabled the participants to effectively tackle complex case scenarios and perform at an international level.

Testing ethical and analytical excellence : The competition evaluated participants across three formats-a 25-minute case analysis, a 10-minute ethical deep-dive, and a 90-second sustainability pitch-challenging teams to integrate ethical, legal, financial, and environmental considerations into business solutions.

XLRI students showcased exceptional analytical depth and practical application of ethical frameworks, reflecting the institution's emphasis on values-based education. (W-pb)

Karni Sena celebrates Veer Kunwar Singh birth anniversary



Jamshedpur, April 23: The Kshatriya Karni Sena paid homage to Babu Veer Kunwar Singh, a legendary hero of the 1857 First War of Independence, on his birth anniversary at Kunwar Chowk in Jugsalai. Marking the occasion with reverence, members garlanded his statue and distributed sweets among the public. Speakers highlighted his life as a symbol of courage, sacrifice and self-respect, inspiring generations across the country. Participants pledged to follow the ideals and values demonstrated by the great warrior. The event was attended by Karni Sena district president Mohit Singh, Hari, Lavkesh, Shravan and several other members. (w/gsd)

AFFIDAVIT

Through an affidavit of Sl. No. 01, date 22.04.2026 from Jamshedpur Court, I, SHADRIKA TARAFDAR, D/o Sri. Shantanu Tarafdar, R/o Flat No.- 1/6, Zena, Aastha Space Town, Sankosai, Dimna Road, Near Ganga Memorial Hospital, Mango, P.S.- Ulidih (Mango), P.O.- Mango, Jamshedpur, Dist. - East Singhbhum, Jharkhand- 831012 declare that That my Name is SHADRIKA TARAFDAR, my father name is Sri. Shantanu Tarafdar and my mother name is Smt. Madhuchanda Tarafdar and My Aadhar No.- is 8180 8115 7932. That my all documents like Birth Certificate, Schools Certificate and Aadhar Card, my name has been mentioned as SHADRIKA TARAFDAR and my father name is Sri. Shantanu Tarafdar and my mother name is Smt. Madhuchanda Tarafdar. That during the childhood at the time of issuing my Passport vide Passport No.- W7764954, issue date 11/04/2023 and date of expiry 17/04/2026, my name mentioned as SHADRIKA SHANTANU TARAFDAR and my father name is Sri. Shantanu Tarafdar and my mother name is Smt. Madhuchanda Tarafdar. That SHADRIKA TARAFDAR D/o Sri. Shantanu Tarafdar and SHADRIKA SHANTANU TARAFDAR D/o Sri. Shantanu Tarafdar both are same and one person @ me. That at present I want to renew my above mention Passport with my correct name as a SHADRIKA TARAFDAR and my father name is Sri. Shantanu Tarafdar and my mother name is Smt. Madhuchanda Tarafdar.

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CCAC promotes climate action in schools across India

Jamshedpur school among top winners in national initiative

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Jamshedpur/Panchgani, April 23: The "Classrooms to Climate Action Crusaders (CCAC) 2025-26" initiative has concluded, promoting environmental responsibility among school students across the country. The programme, inspired by the vision of Late Shri A.P.R. Nair, aimed to encourage schools to integrate sustainability into everyday learning.

Led by the Kerala Public School Trust and supported by TERRE Policy Centre, the initiative was conducted from July 2025 to April 2026. It brought together 78 schools nationwide, out of which 50 completed the programme and 10 reached the final stage.

The project focused on practical environmental actions such as tree plantation, water conservation, waste management, and community awareness campaigns. Schools collaborated with NGOs and local communities, ensuring real-world impact beyond classrooms. Students actively participated and developed leadership skills while working on sustainability projects.

The programme concluded with a three-day national event held at Asia Plateau from April 17 to 19. The event was attended by Anil Swarup as the Chief Guest, who praised the initiative for connecting education with real-life challenges and encouraging problem-solving among students.

Under the Late Shri A.P.R. Nair Memorial Trophies, several schools were honoured for their performance. SBOA Public Senior Secondary School, Cochin, won the top prize, followed by Bhavan'sMunshiVidyashram, Kerala. SBOA Matric Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore, secured the second runner-up position.

Notably, JH Tarapore School from Jamshedpur was declared the third runner-up, bringing recognition to the city.

Special awards were also given for innovative projects like "Pollution Tracker" and "Aqua Core Nexus." All participating schools, teachers, and students received digital certificates, marking the successful completion of the initiative. (W-mb)

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East Singhbhum ranks fourth with 98.02% pass rate

Seraikela-Kharsawan secures 12th rank, West Singhbhum placed at 17th position

Mail News Service

Ranchi, April 23: The district-wise performance in the Class 10 examinations conducted by the Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) has been released, with Gumla emerging as the top-performing district in the state. Gumla recorded an impressive pass percentage of 99.32 percent, the highest among all 24 districts.

According to official data, a total of 13,760 students appeared for the examination in Gumla, out of which 13,667 students passed successfully. Dumka secured the second position with a pass percentage of 99.02 percent, followed by Pakur in third place with 98.56 percent.

East Singhbhum ranked fourth in the state, continuing its strong academic performance. A total of 21,181 students appeared from the district, and 20,762 cleared the examination, resulting in a pass percentage of 98.02 percent.

The capital district, Ranchi, stood at the 15th position with a pass percentage of 94.75 percent. Out of 32,549 students who appeared for the exam, 30,841 were declared successful. In the Kolhan region, Seraikela-Kharsawan secured the 12th rank with a pass percentage of 95.36 percent. A total of 11,652 students appeared from the district, of whom 11,112 passed. Meanwhile, West Singhbhum was placed at the 17th position with a pass percentage of 94.70 percent. Out of 15,394 candidates, 14,579 were successful.

At the lower end of the rankings, Chatra recorded the lowest performance among all districts. The district registered a pass percentage of 91.20 percent, with 16,031 students passing out of 17,577 who appeared. Overall, the state witnessed a strong performance, with 4,22,109 students appearing for the examination and 4,02,178 successfully clearing it. The total pass percentage stood at 95.27 percent, reflecting consistent academic improvement across Jharkhand.



Purunia Khuntpani School achieves 100% pass in Board exams

Chaibasa, April 23: Government-aided +2 High School, Purunia Khuntpani, has achieved a remarkable milestone by recording a 100 percent pass rate in this year's high school examination, setting a new benchmark in the region.

The outstanding performance has brought immense joy to the school community, with students, teachers and parents celebrating the achievement. Among the top performers, Rakesh Nayak secured first position with 78.2 percent marks, followed by Jonga Kudada with 77 percent, and Maki Jamuda with 76.6 percent.

Congratulating the successful students, the school principal attributed the achievement to the combined efforts of students' hard work, teachers' dedication and parents' support. He encouraged the students to maintain their focus and continue striving for excellence in the future.

The impressive result reflected the institution's commitment to quality education, discipline and consistent efforts, bringing pride and recognition to the school across the region. (w/gsd)

District-wise result chart (JAC Class 10, 2026)

Code	District	Appeared	Passed	Pass %
JH12	Gumla	13,760	13,667	99.32%
JH41	Dumka	14,609	14,467	99.02%
JH44	Pakur	7,971	7,857	98.56%
JH51	E Singhbhum	21,181	20,762	98.02%
JH33	Latehar	11,577	11,219	96.90%
JH25	Bokaro	22,721	21,912	96.43%
JH43	Sahibganj	14,132	13,599	96.22%
JH31	Palamu	33,884	32,534	96.01%
JH13	Lohardaga	6,978	6,689	95.85%
JH23	Dhanbad	26,943	25,824	95.84%
JH46	Jamtara	9,174	8,772	95.61%
JH53	Seraikela-Kharsawan	11,652	11,112	95.36%
JH42	Deoghar	20,062	19,116	95.28%
JH21	Hazaribagh	25,048	23,772	94.90%
JH11	Ranchi	32,549	30,841	94.75%
JH27	Ramgarh	11,199	10,606	94.70%
JH52	W Singhbhum	15,394	14,579	94.70%
JH22	Giridih	40,698	38,461	94.50%
JH45	Godda	17,222	16,241	94.30%
JH26	Koderma	12,214	11,465	93.86%
JH14	Simdega	7,460	6,885	92.29%
JH32	Garhwa	22,064	20,235	91.71%
JH15	Khunti	6,040	5,532	91.58%
JH24	Chatra	17,577	16,031	91.20%
-	Total	422,109	402,178	95.27%

Ishwar tops Krishnapur School with 92.8% in JAC exams

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Kharsawan, April 23: Upgraded High School, Krishnapur, has recorded a 100 percent pass result in the JAC Class 10 examinations, with Ishwar Chandra Mahato emerging as the school topper by scoring 92.8 percent marks.

Simran Mahato secured second position with 89.6 percent, while Deepika Mahato stood third with 88.2 percent. Out of 66 students, 48 passed in First Division and 18 in Second Division, with 13 students scoring above 80 percent.

Ishwar Chandra Mahato, son of Bharati Mahato (homemaker) and Pradeep Kumar Mahato (medical worker), aims to become an engineer. He attributed his success to disciplined self-study of around seven hours daily, guidance from teachers and regular practice of model test papers.

Acting Headmaster Manoj Kumar congratulated the students and wished them success in their future endeavors. Teachers including Vishwajit Kumar Satpathy, Nutan Rani, Khirodhar Sahu and others expressed pride in the school's strong performance.

The top 10 list reflected consistent academic excellence, with students securing marks above 82 percent, marking another successful year for the institution. (w/gsd)

Son of daily wager emerges district second topper

Matriculation Exams



Seraikela, April 23: Akash Kumbhakar, a student of Upgraded Plus Two High School, Kolabira, secured the second position in the district and third position in the Kolhan Division in the matriculation examination conducted by the Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC).

Akash scored an impressive 97.6 percent marks, contributing to his school's outstanding 100 percent pass result. Out of 180 students who appeared for the examination, 139 secured First Division while 41 passed in Second Division.

Hailing from a humble background, Akash is the son of Subhash Kumbhakar, a daily wage laborer, and Saraswati Devi, a homemaker. Despite financial hardships, the family consistently supported education. Interestingly, Akash's elder brother, Suraj Kumbhakar, had also secured the third position in the district in the 2020 matriculation results.

Akash credited his success to his parents and teachers and expressed his ambition to become a doctor and serve society. The school administration, district council member Shambhu Mandal and teachers from both his current and primary schools congratulated him for his achievement.

Principal Raghunandan Babu stated that teamwork and dedication of teachers played a key role in the school's success. The school's top 10 students included Amit Pal (95.6%), Raj Kishor Mahto (94.4%), Nishat Parveen (93.4%), and others, reflecting the institution's strong academic performance. (w/gsd)

Mansa tops with 86.4% marks



Jamshedpur, April 23: Guru Gobind Singh High School has achieved a 100 percent pass rate in the Class 10 board examinations conducted by the Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC), Ranchi. All students who appeared for the examination from the school cleared it successfully. Among the top performers, Mansa Tiwari secured the highest marks with 86.4 percent, followed by Soni Kumari with 83.2 percent and G. Yamuna with 82.8 percent. Their performance has brought pride to the school and the Telco area. School Secretary Santosh Singh congratulated the students, parents, and teachers for the excellent results. He said the 100 percent success rate reflects the school's commitment to quality education and discipline.

JAC Class X: Anand Marga Ashram student scores 67.80%



Jamshedpur, April 23: Jhuri Jamuda, an Adivasi student from the Ho community, has secured a First Division with 67.80 percent marks in the Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) Class 10 Board examinations, the result of which was declared on April 23. He studied at ABMP High School and resides at the AnandMarga Ashram. Raised under a single guardian, Jhuri has been supported at the Ashram under the guidance of Sunil Anand, Relief Coordinator of AnandaMarga. He aspires to become a teacher. Members of the Ashram expressed pride over his achievement.

Amar Jyoti High School, Pardih records 100% pass in class X exams

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Jamshedpur, April 23: Amar Jyoti High School, Pardih (Mango), has achieved a perfect 100 percent pass result in the Class 10 board examinations, with all students securing First Division marks.

Virendra Kumar topped the school with 95.4 percent, followed by Palak Kumari (92.4%), Monika Mahto (91.4%), and Manish Kumar Yadav (90%). Other high achievers included Sahadev Das, Priyanka Mahto, Gazala Khatoon, Amarjeet Kuila, Akash Kumar and Sumila Gundua, all of whom secured impressive scores.

Mukhtar Alam Khan, Brand Ambassador of Mango Municipal Corporation and secretary of the Azadnagar Police Station Peace Committee, congratulated the principal, teachers and students on the achievement. He praised principal Sister Surabhi for her dedicated leadership and guidance.

The school campus was filled with joy and celebration following the announcement of results, with everyone extending best wishes to the students for their future success. (w/gsd)

Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir records 100% result

Seraikela, April 23: Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir High School, Saraikela, has delivered an outstanding performance in the JAC Class 10 examinations, achieving a 100 percent pass rate with all 113 students securing First Division. Arun Kumar Mahto topped the school with 95.2 percent marks, followed by Anima Mundri (94.8%) and Rudra Kumar Singh (94.2%). Several other students also performed exceptionally well, with ten students securing positions in the school's top 10 list.

School Principal Parthasarathi Acharya and Vice-Principal Tusharkant Pati congratulated the students and credited the achievement to disciplined study habits, dedicated teaching, and strong teamwork between staff and students.

Parents and guardians expressed happiness over the results, which once again highlight the school's consistent academic excellence in the region. (w/gsd)

Gyan Jyoti Vidyalaya Achieves 100% Pass Result in Matric Examination



Gamharia, April 23: Gyan Jyoti Vidyalaya, Gamharia, has achieved a 100 percent pass result in the JAC Matriculation Examination 2026, with all 15 students clearing the examination successfully. Lakshmi Mahto topped the school with 78.20 percent marks, followed by Shivam Singh (74.80%), Varsha Mandal (74%), Urmila Pradhan (73.20%), and Anushka Kumari (70.40%). On this occasion, School Director Shriram Yadav congratulated both students and teachers for the commendable achievement. He appreciated their hard work and dedication and extended best wishes for the bright future of the students. The school expressed pride in the consistent performance of its students, highlighting the importance of focused learning and teacher guidance in achieving success.

BDSL Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir achieves 100% first division in JAC Class X



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Ghatshila, April 23: BDSL Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir, Ghatshila, has delivered an exceptional performance in the JAC Class 10 examinations, with all 57 students passing in First Division.

Ankita Bindhani emerged as the school topper with 90 percent marks, followed by Khushboo Mahato and Vaishnavi jointly securing second position with 89.40 percent each. Jaydeep Shil stood third with 88 percent marks. Several other students also featured in the top 10 list with strong academic performances.

Notably, eight students also achieved First Division in Santali language, adding further distinction to the school's results. The school management committee, including president Satyanarayan Jain, patron Babulal Singh, secretary Pravin Agarwal, cluster coordinator Raja Karmakar, principal Lakhan Lal Karmali and all staff members, congratulated the students and expressed immense pride in their achievement. The results have created an atmosphere of joy across the school community. (w/gsd)

JP School records 99.9% success in JAC Matriculation results

Jamshedpur, April 23: JP School, Sankosai (Mango), has delivered an outstanding academic performance by achieving a remarkable 99.9 percent pass result in the 2025-26 JAC Matriculation examinations.

Among the toppers, Sourav Maity secured the first position with 459 marks (91.80%), followed by Manisha Sneha Toppo (84.40%) and Hira Ratan Pandey (82.20%) in second and third positions respectively. Several other students also performed well, scoring above 75 percent and contributing to the school's strong overall result. The school management and teachers expressed great satisfaction, stating that the achievement reflected the combined efforts of students, teachers and parents. The principal congratulated all successful candidates and wished them a bright future. A wave of happiness was also witnessed among local residents, with the school's performance being hailed as an inspiration for other institutions in the region. (w/gsd)

Pragati SSV Mandir students excel in JAC class X results

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Jamshedpur, April 23: Students of Pragati Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir, Birsanagar-affiliated to Vidya Vikas Samiti, Jharkhand-delivered an impressive performance in the Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) Class 10 Board Examinations (2025-26), bringing laurels to the institution.

The school's excellent results once again highlighted the strong academic standards maintained in the region. Sagar Pal emerged as the school topper with 472 out of 500 marks (94.40%), followed by Kiran Manjhi with 90.80% and Suman Das with 89.40%, securing the second and third positions respectively.

Other top performers included Komal Kumari (88.40%), Samyukta Dey (87%), Ayushi Kumari (85.20%), Adarsh Kumar Sharma (85%), Kakon Sahu (84%), Shantanu Barik (83.60%), and Srishti Nayak (83.40%), completing the school's top 10 list.

The school administration expressed immense pride over the results. Secretary Arvind Kumar Pandey congratulated all students for their success, while vice-president Indrajit Singh, principal Abhilash Giri, and committee member V. Jaishankar extended their best wishes and distributed sweets to celebrate the achievement.

They encouraged students to continue their dedication and hard work in the future. The school attributed this success to its disciplined academic environment, value-based education system, committed teachers and consistent support from parents. (w/gsd)

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President

Allegations of violence and voter intimidation in Jamboni block

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Jhargram, April 23: Polling in the Jamboni block under the Binpur Assembly constituency was overshadowed by serious allegations of violence and electoral irregularities on Thursday.

According to reports, two voters were allegedly assaulted while on their way to cast their votes at Booth No. 249. The accusations have been directed against personnel of the state police. The incident triggered tension in Kanimahuli village, prompting the deployment of a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Quick Reaction Team (QRT) to restore order.

Local residents alleged that police personnel from Jamboni Police Station conducted door-to-door visits in villages such as Kuldihah and Kanimahuli, intimidating voters and preventing them from stepping out to participate in the election process.

There are also claims that a lathi charge was carried out on several individuals.

Further allegations were made against the Trinamool Congress, with claims that money was distributed to influence voters. Complaints of such activities had emerged from Booth No. 240 as well as Booth Nos. 253, 244, 246, 248, and 249 in the Jamboni area.

The Bharatiya Janata Party strongly condemned the incidents and demanded a thorough and impartial investigation to ensure electoral integrity. (w/gsd)

Administration monitors polling from control room



Jhargram, April 23: The election process across Jhargram district was being closely monitored by the district administration to ensure smooth and peaceful polling. District Magistrate and District Election Officer Aakansha Bhaskar was overseeing the entire operation from the District Control Room, supported by Additional District Magistrates (ADMs) and other senior officials. Authorities were maintaining real-time surveillance of polling booths across the district, enabling swift responses to any emerging issues. Close coordination with security forces was also being maintained to uphold law and order.

Officials assured that all necessary arrangements were in place to conduct free, fair, and peaceful elections, with continuous monitoring and rapid intervention mechanisms ensuring minimal disruption during the voting process. (w/gsd)

TMC MLA Khagendra Nath Mahato joins BJP ahead of polls



Jhargram, April 23: In a significant political development just a day before the West Bengal Assembly elections, Dr. Khagendra Nath Mahato, the sitting MLA from Gopiballavpur, switched allegiance from the Trinamool Congress (TMC) to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

On polling day, Dr. Mahato cast his vote at Booth No. 199 at Banitirtha Vidyalaya, standing in line like other voters. Speaking to the media afterward, he launched sharp criticism against his former party, accusing it of betraying both him and the people. He alleged that the TMC was increasingly being influenced by external consultants and claimed that decisions guided by I-PAC members had led to the neglect of public interests, particularly in the Junglemahal region. Dr. Mahato stated that he had left behind a 24-year-long professional career to serve the people through politics, but felt disillusioned by the party's functioning. Citing a loss of public trust, he said his decision to join the BJP was taken in the larger interest of the region. Expressing confidence in his new party, he predicted that the BJP would secure all four Assembly seats in Jhargram district and bring about a major political shift in Junglemahal. (w/gsd)

Bride consumes pesticide before wedding, marriage cancelled

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Rairangpur, April 23: A shocking incident disrupted a wedding in Vikrampur village under Bahalda police limits in Mayurbhanj district, after the bride allegedly consumed pesticide just before the ceremony.

The marriage between Srikrushna Mahanto of Patepani village and Rashmita Mahanto of Vikrampur had been arranged earlier, with their engagement completed in March and the wedding scheduled for April 21.

On the night of the wedding, the groom arrived with his procession, and preparations were underway for the ceremony when the bride suddenly consumed pesticide, leaving her in critical condition.

Family members rushed her to Rairangpur Hospital for treatment. By the following morning, her condition stabilized, and she was discharged.

However, the unexpected incident forced the cancellation of the wedding, and the groom had to return home without the marriage taking place. (w/gsd)

Seraikela reviews road safety measures, pushes for urgent action

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Seraikela, April 23: A monthly review meeting of the District Road Safety Committee was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh via video conferencing, focusing on strengthening measures to curb road accidents in the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Jaivardhan Kumar, District Transport Officer Girija Shankar Mahto, Sub-Divisional Officers of Seraikela and Chandil, the Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters), the Traffic

Inspector, and other concerned officials. At the outset, compliance with previous directives was reviewed.Officials informed that in March 2026, a total of 22 road accidents were reported in the district, resulting in 20 fatalities and leaving 12 persons seriously injured. Expressing concern over the figures, the Deputy Commissioner directed all departments and executive engineers to work in close coordination to ensure effective implementation of road safety measures.He emphasized prioritizing safety interventions at accident-prone "black spots," including installation and repair of warning signages, speed breakers, turning indicators, zig-zag barricading, zebra crossings, and street lighting.

The progress of ongoing road and culvert construction across various routes was also reviewed. Concerned engineers and agencies were instructed to complete projects within stipulated timelines while maintaining quality standards to ensure smoother traffic flow and reduce accident risks.Traffic Inspector Raju highlighted that the Adityapur Municipal Corporation area experiences heavy traffic congestion between 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM, causing operational challenges. He proposed restricting the entry of heavy vehicles during these peak hours.

Taking note, the Deputy Commissioner directed officials, including the General Manager of the District Industries Centre and the District Transport Officer, to hold coordination meetings with representatives of industrial establishments to implement necessary measures in accordance with regulations.Further, strict enforcement was ordered to ensure that heavy vehicles do not ply on roads where they are prohibited. Regular monitoring and stringent action against violations were also emphasized.Concluding the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner instructed all departments to ensure timely, effective, and coordinated execution of road safety initiatives to reduce accidents and create a safer traffic environment in the district. (W-pm)

Seraikela civic chief conducts surprise WTP inspection

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Seraikela, April 23: Acting on persistent public complaints regarding irregular drinking water supply and concerns over water quality, Nagar Panchayat Chairman Manoj Kumar Chaudhary carried out a surprise inspection of the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) on Thursday. He was accompanied by Vice Chairman Avinash Kavi, ward councillors Vikram Modak and Gautam Nayak, along with a team of municipal officials. Senior personnel from the Water and Sanitation Department—including civil and mechanical engineers, assistant engineers, City Manager Sumit Suman, Junior Engineer Sandeep Kumar, and sanitation supervisors—were present during the inspection.Reviewing the water supply system in detail, Chaudhary issued strict directives, asserting that no compromise on drinking water quality would be tolerated. He ordered monthly testing of raw river water, filtered water supplied through ESR (Elevated Service Reservoir), and samples collected from households at authorised laboratories, with reports to be submitted to the Nagar Panchayat regularly. To strengthen and streamline the supply system, he also instructed officials to explore technical upgrades, including installation of a new motor, feasibility of integrating a Jusci connection, and preparation of a technical report for air-conditioning the motor room.Expressing concern over poor sanitation around the facility, Chaudhary directed immediate cleaning of the WTP premises and prioritisation of culvert and drainage construction to resolve water discharge issues permanently.

Reiterating the civic body's commitment, he said ensuring clean, safe, and regular drinking water supply remains the top priority, warning that any negligence would invite strict action. He also urged residents to practice water conservation and promptly report issues to enable swift resolution. (W-pm)

Sabyasachi Panda appointed sub-collector of Bamanghati

Rairangpur, April 23: In a key administrative reshuffle, the Odisha government has appointed OAS officer Sabyasachi Panda as the new Sub-Collector of Bamanghati in Mayurbhanj district.

According to a notification issued by the General Administration and Public Grievance Department, Panda, who was previously serving as Sub-Collector of Jharsuguda, has been transferred to Bamanghati. He has also been appointed as the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of the subdivision under the provisions of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023. In a related development, an earlier transfer order appointing Ajay Prakash Tirkey as Sub-Collector of Bamanghati has been cancelled. Tirkey, who was serving as Additional Sub-Collector in Kalahandi district, has now been posted as Deputy Secretary in the Energy Department. With his new role, Sabyasachi Panda will oversee both administrative and magisterial responsibilities in the Bamanghati subdivision. (w/gsd)

Railway division reviews Hindi implementation, honours staff contributions

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Jamshedpur, April 23: The quarterly meeting of the Divisional Official Language Implementation Committee of Chakradharpur Division was held under the chairmanship of the Divisional Railway Manager.

The meeting reviewed the progress of Hindi usage across departments for the January–March 2026 quarter. During the session, Senior Divisional Signal and Telecommunications Engineer Neel Madhav Dash and Divisional Traffic Inspector Devashish Sahu were honoured under the Railway Board's Individual Cash Award Scheme for their outstanding work in promoting Hindi. The Personnel Department's Gazetted Section was awarded the Official Language Running Trophy for its commendable performance. Winners of a poetry competition on the theme "Railway Safety" were also felicitated with cash prizes, books, and certificates. The Divisional Railway Manager directed departments to organise more activities such as poetry sessions and Hindi quizzes to further encourage the use of the official language. Senior officials and department heads attended the meeting, which concluded with a vote of thanks by the Senior Translator. (w-pb)

Chandil by-pass gridlock ends after 50 hours, traffic restored

Seraikela, April 23 : After nearly 50 hours of crippling congestion, the massive traffic jam on the Chandil New Bypass was finally cleared early this morning, bringing much-needed relief to commuters. Authorities and local volunteers worked relentlessly for about five hours to restore the flow of vehicles. The gridlock had stretched from Ghoranegi to Nimdih Gate, with an estimated 8–10 km-long queue of trucks, buses, and smaller vehicles. Daily life was thrown into disarray as ambulances, school vehicles, and passengers remained stranded for hours. According to local residents, a recent road accident coupled with the frequent closure of the Pitki railway crossing triggered the situation.

Trains passing every 15–20 minutes led to repeated halts, worsening the congestion that had already intensified following Tuesday's tragic mishap. In a notable show of community initiative, local youths stepped in to manage the crisis. Led by Rakesh Ranjan Mahto, president of the Displaced Rights Forum, along with Krishna Kalindi and other volunteers, the team coordinated traffic movement from Bhalukkocha to the Pitki crossing.

With systematic diversion and clearance of heavy vehicles, the jam was resolved within hours. Mahto criticized the administration's inaction, stating that people were left to suffer for nearly two days. He emphasized the urgent need for a permanent solution, including the construction of an overbridge at the Pitki crossing and deployment of dedicated traffic personnel on the bypass.Following the clearance, truck drivers and stranded commuters expressed gratitude to the volunteers and journalists who assisted in easing the situation.



Locals reiterated the need for long-term measures to prevent such disruptions in the future. (W-pm)

Government outreach camp ensures benefits reach rural households

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Jadugora, April 23: A government outreach camp was organised on Thursday in Dugridih and Sarajom Tola villages under Domjudi Panchayat to facilitate access to welfare schemes.

The initiative was led by Panchayat head Anita Murmu. The camp focused on providing Ayushman cards, ration cards, and old age pensions to eligible beneficiaries. A significant number of villagers attended the programme, highlighting the demand for such services in rural areas.

Representatives from RF Global, including Vishu Mardi and Rupali Mardi, informed that Ayushman cards were issued to 13 elderly individuals aged above 60 during the camp.

The Saras Foundation also supported the initiative by facilitating documentation and service delivery. Organisers stated that similar camps are being conducted across 10 Panchayats in Potka to ensure that government benefits reach every household. Anita Murmu reiterated that such initiatives would continue to strengthen last-mile delivery of welfare schemes. (w-pb)

Workshop promotes women entrepreneurship under RAMP scheme

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Seraikela, April 23: In a significant push towards strengthening women-led enterprises, a district-level orientation workshop under the RAMP (Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance) scheme was organised on Wednesday at the auditorium of Hotel Novanta in Adityapur. The programme was conducted by the District Industries Centre with the objective of encouraging women entrepreneurs and enhancing their participation in economic activities.

The workshop was inaugurated with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by JIADA Regional Deputy Director Dinesh Ranjan, District Industries Centre General Manager Ravi Shankar Prasad, Lead District Manager Varun Chaudhary, and NABARD District Development Manager Ms. Chandana Mishra.

Experts from Ranchi, Ms. Isha Singh and Ms. Aditi, addressed the participants and provided detailed guidance on enterprise establishment, operational strategies, financial management, and market access. They also highlighted opportunities available under various state and central government schemes, focusing on financial and technical support for entrepreneurs. A large number of women entrepreneurs, including members of self-help groups and individuals running small businesses, attended the workshop. Officials emphasised the importance of enterprise registration, coordination with financial institutions, and strengthening market linkages. General Manager Ravi Shankar Prasad stated that such initiatives would continue in the future to promote women entrepreneurship and ensure economic empowerment at the grassroots level. (w-pb)

DC issues strict directives, crackdown on illegal mining intensified

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Seraikela, April 23: The Seraikela-Kharsawan district administration has intensified its crackdown on illegal mining activities, with Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh issuing strict directives during a District-Level Mining Task Force meeting held via video conferencing.

The Deputy Commissioner categorically stated that no mining activity would be permitted without statutory approval and directed officials to take stringent action against illegal operations. Circle Officers were instructed to coordinate closely with Mining Inspectors for regular inspections and enforcement. Additionally, a comprehensive mapping of all brick kilns in the district had been ordered.

A key focus of the meeting was the delay in operationalizing Category-2 sand ghats. Despite auctions being completed three months ago, operations had yet to commence. The Deputy Commissioner directed Block Development Officers of Ichagarh and Kukru to expedite Gram Sabha proceedings and ensure the presence of the Sub-Divisional Officer to facilitate early operations.

District Mining Officer Jyoti Shankar Satapathy reported that between March 11 and April 22, a total of 10 vehicles including Hyvas, tractors and a Tata 407 were seized during anti-illegal mining drives. Approximately 4,000 cubic feet of sand was confiscated, generating revenue of Rs 2.10 lakh.

Taking serious note of illegal mining in the Dalma region, the Deputy Commissioner ordered joint inspections by the task force with mandatory videography to ensure accountability. He also raised concerns over the use of transit permits issued by West Bengal for mineral transportation within the district and directed officials to verify their legality.

In view of upcoming National Green Tribunal (NGT) guidelines effective from June 10, sand stockists had been instructed to maintain adequate pre-stocking to prevent illegal mining. Additionally, a 15-day grace period had been granted to bidders for lifting seized sand.

The meeting was attended by senior administrative, police, and mining officials, along with representatives from the Pollution Control Department, underscoring the administration's commitment to curbing illegal mining and safeguarding natural resources. (w/gsd)

Baisakhi Mela to be held in Birsanagar on April 25

Jamshedpur, April 23: A grand Baisakhi Mela will be organised on April 25 at Kalu Bagan in Birsanagar (Jamshedpur), celebrating the spirit of faith, service, and brotherhood associated with the festival of Baisakhi.

The event is being jointly organised by Dashmesh Prakash Gurudwara and the Sikh NaujawanSabha. The programme will be held from 6:30 PM to 11:00 PM and will feature a variety of cultural and religious performances. According to Paramjit Singh Roshan, President of the Gurudwara, all preparations for the mela have been completed. He said the event will showcase vibrant Bhangra and Giddha performances by the well-known Sunny Bhangra Group of Jamshedpur, along with other cultural presentations celebrating Punjabi traditions.

He appealed to members of the Sikh community across the Kolhan region to attend the mela in large numbers and support such initiatives aimed at preserving cultural heritage.The programme will also include an exciting display of Gatka, along with theatrical performances focused on social awareness.

The mela will feature activities for all age groups, especially children and youth, with a mix of traditional dance, religious plays, and cultural programmes.

Koda flags irregularities in iron ore tender

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Chaibasa, April 23: Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Madhu Koda has raised serious concerns over alleged irregularities in the iron ore crushing tender at the Guwa SAIL mine area. During a visit to the Zero Point site, he observed what appeared to be large quantities of unprocessed iron ore, raising doubts about the execution of the contract. Koda stated that he had received information suggesting that payments may have been made without proper completion of crushing work. On inspection, he found massive piles of iron ore resembling a mountain, indicating possible lapses in the process.

Describing the situation as a serious matter, he called for a high-level and impartial investigation. He announced plans to write to the Union Steel Minister, senior officials of the Steel Ministry, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking a detailed probe. Koda emphasised the need for transparency and accountability in mining operations to prevent misuse of natural resources and ensure protection of government revenue. The issue has sparked widespread discussion locally, with growing public demand for a thorough investigation. (w-pb)

New sports courts and 'Khel Bank' inaugurated at Birsa Munda Stadium

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Seraikela, April 23: In a significant step toward strengthening sports infrastructure in the Saraikela-Kharsawan district, Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh inaugurated newly constructed tennis, basketball and volleyball courts at the Birsa Munda Stadium complex in Seraikela.

On the occasion, a 'Khel Bank' (Sports Bank) was also launched to provide essential sports equipment to budding athletes. The event was attended by Saraikela Nagar Panchayat President Manoj Kumar Chaudhary, District Public Relations Officer Avinash Kumar, District Sports Officer Amit Kumar, representatives from various sports associations and members of the Tata Steel Foundation.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner stated that the Khel Bank initiative aimed to promote sportsmanship and ensure easy access to equipment for aspiring players. He emphasized that the availability of resources would enable local youth to practice regularly, sharpen their skills and perform better at district and state-level competitions. He expressed confidence that the initiative would foster a strong sports culture in the region.

During the program, 13 athletes were felicitated for their outstanding performances in state and national-level competitions. They were also provided tracksuits and sports shoes through the Khel Bank. Notably, the sports equipment for the initiative was supplied by the Tata Steel Foundation under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme. (w/gsd)

Blood donation camp at Arka Jain University collects 30 units

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Seraikela, April 23: A voluntary blood donation camp was organized at the School of Nursing, Arka Jain University (Gamharia College), in collaboration with the Blood Center at Sadar Hospital, Saraikela.

The camp was conducted in the presence of Dr. Nakul Prasad Chaudhary, deputy Superintendent of Sadar Hospital and Dr. Anupama Kumari, In-charge of the Blood Center.

A total of 30 units of blood were collected during the drive.

The Blood Bank team, including lab technicians Shiv Kumar Singh and Ardhendu Kumar Singh, ensured the safe collection of blood from donors. Alongside the donation process, awareness was raised about the importance of voluntary blood donation.

Speakers emphasized that blood donation was a life-saving act and highlighted the message, "Blood Donation is the Greatest Donation."

They also advised that blood donation should be carried out under proper conditions and at regular intervals to ensure both donor safety and public health benefits. (w/gsd)

Health awareness programme stresses first aid and emergency response

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Seraikela, April 23: A one-day training-cum-awareness programme on health protection was organised jointly by the Tata Steel Foundation Health Department and the Institute for Education College.

The initiative aimed to equip participants with essential knowledge of first aid and emergency response.

Dr. Prabal Ghosh and his team, who attended as chief guests, conducted practical sessions on first aid techniques. Emphasising the importance of timely action during accidents, Dr. Ghosh advised participants to prioritise checking the victim's pulse and immediately calling emergency services by dialling 108, instead of wasting time on non-essential activities.

The training also covered cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), with demonstrations on the correct method to assist individuals experiencing respiratory or cardiac distress. College Director R.N. Mahanthy and Principal Dr. Sweety Sinha, along with faculty members and students, were present during the programme. The organisers highlighted the importance of such awareness initiatives in saving lives during emergencies. (w-pb)

New DC, City SP felicitated

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Jamshedpur, April 23: Members of the Central Peace Committee along with leaders of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) extended a warm welcome to the newly appointed Deputy Commissioner Rajiv Ranjan and City Superintendent of Police Lalit Kumar Meena on Thursday.<

The officials were felicitated with bouquets and traditional angavastrams as a gesture of respect and goodwill. Prominent members present on the occasion included Lalan Yadav, Baldev Singh Mehra, Abhishek Kumar, Pawan Upadhyay and others. (w/gsd)

Assistant teachers protest salary delay

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Seraikela, April 23: Widespread resentment is growing among assistant teachers across the state as nearly 15,000 educators appointed during August-September 2025 have not received their salaries for the past nine months due to pending verification of their educational certificates. Despite submitting all required documents along with demand drafts for verification fees on time, the process remains incomplete, allegedly due to departmental delays.

As a result, teachers and their families are facing severe financial hardship. The All Jharkhand Primary Teachers' Association had earlier raised the issue with the Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, and Education Secretary, urging the government to release salaries by taking an undertaking, as was done in previous cases.

Teachers appointed in earlier phases and other categories had received salaries under similar arrangements despite pending verification.

Protesting what they described as discriminatory treatment, teachers across the district wore black badges while continuing their duties on Thursday.

The protest witnessed full participation from educators.

Association representatives warned that if the issue is not resolved soon, a one-day protest will be organised at the district headquarters on April 30.

They also criticised the continued inaction despite repeated representations at the highest levels. (w-pb)

ABTSM celebrates Bhamashah jayanti



Jamshedpur, April 23: The district unit of The Akhil Bharatiya Tailik Sahu Mahasabha (ABTSM) celebrated the 480th birth anniversary of renowned philanthropist Bhamashah with great enthusiasm, observing the day as 'Swabhiman Diwas.' The event was organized at Bhamashah Chowk in Sakchi under the leadership of Acting District President Rakesh Sahu. The program began with the ceremonial lighting of a lamp, followed by floral tributes to Bhamashah.Community members reiterated their commitment to promoting his ideals of sacrifice, patriotism and dedication. As part of the celebrations, cold water, sherbet, jalebis and bottled water were distributed among thousands of people between 12 PM and 4 PM, providing relief amid the summer heat. Distinguished members of the community were also honored with turbans and traditional attire. Songs praising Bhamashah's legacy were performed, highlighting his unparalleled generosity and contributions to society. Addressing the gathering, Rakesh Sahu noted that several welfare schemes inspired by Bhamashah were being implemented in states like Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, reflecting his enduring legacy.The event was anchored by Pappu Saw, while Suresh Kumar delivered the vote of thanks, describing Bhamashah as a symbol of selfless service and patriotism. The program's organizing team included Ranjit Kumar Saw, Shivalochan Sah, Pappu Sahu and others. (w/gsd)

Manoharpur residents unite over rail issues

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Manoharpur, April 23: In response to long-standing railway-related issues, a crucial meeting was held on Thursday at the Sant Narsingh Ashram premises under the chairmanship of District Council member Jaiprakash Mahato.

The meeting brought together intellectuals, social workers, public representatives, traditional community leaders including Mundas and Mankis, and members of various organisations. Participants discussed concerns related to railway gate construction, overbridges, underpasses, irregular train services, and the demand for stoppage of new passenger trains.

The gathering resolved to launch a phased public movement to press for solutions to these issues. A new body, the Manoharpur Citizens' Convenience Association Committee, was formed unanimously to spearhead the campaign. It was also decided that a memorandum detailing the concerns would be sent to senior officials of the South Eastern Railway. Participants expressed hope that a united public effort would accelerate resolution of the region's infrastructural challenges. (w-pb)

Earth Day observed at Institute for Education College

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Seraikela, April 23: World Earth Day was observed with enthusiasm and awareness at the Institute for Education College, focusing on environmental conservation and sustainable practices. The program was held in the presence of chief guest and College Director R.N. Mahanty, Treasurer Kinshuk Mahanty and Principal Dr. Sweety Sinha. Discussions were conducted on critical environmental issues such as pollution, climate change, deforestation and biodiversity conservation. Students participated in speech and essay competitions organized to mark the occasion. They were educated on the importance of waste management, recycling and reducing plastic usage. Emphasis was also placed on conserving water and energy, along with maintaining cleanliness in their surroundings. A collective pledge was taken by students and faculty members to work toward environmental protection and to promote a healthier ecosystem. Participants were encouraged to spread awareness within their communities about sustainable living practices.

The program concluded with a shared commitment to safeguarding the environment and ensuring a clean, green and safe planet for future generations. (w/gsd)

India scorched early: Rising heat waves signal deepening climate crisis

India is witnessing an alarming surge in temperatures much earlier than usual, raising serious concerns about the intensifying impact of climate change and environmental neglect. According to recent data from global monitoring agency AQI.in, 19 of the world's 20 hottest cities are currently located in India --- a stark indicator of the scale of the crisis unfolding across the country.

While climate change remains the primary driver behind this extreme heat, the role of human apathy toward environmental conservation cannot be overlooked. Rapid deforestation, unchecked urbanization, and rising carbon emissions fueled by modern lifestyle patterns have significantly contributed to the escalating temperatures. The cumulative effect is now being felt in the form of prolonged and more intense heat waves.

What makes the situation particularly concerning is the abrupt fluctuation in weather patterns. Just days ago several regions experienced relatively cooler conditions due to rainfall, creating an unusual chill even in April. However, this brief respite was quickly replaced by intense heat wave conditions sweeping across large parts of the country. Such sudden transitions not only disrupt daily life but also pose severe health risks, with many individuals falling ill due to heat stress and related complications.

The severity of the current heat wave is underscored by the recording of a blistering 44.4°C in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), a heat wave is officially declared when temperatures exceed 40°C. Alarmingly, many cities across India have already crossed this threshold by the fourth week of April itself. States including Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, and Odisha are among the worst affected.

In an unprecedented development, Madhya Pradesh has witnessed its first-ever warning for nocturnal heat waves where even nighttime temperatures remain dangerously high, offering little relief from the daytime heat. This phenomenon significantly increases health risks, particularly for vulnerable populations such as the elderly, children, and outdoor workers.

Governments across various states have begun implementing precautionary and adaptive measures to mitigate the impact of the heat. School timings have been revised in several regions, while innovative awareness initiatives are being introduced. For instance, schools in Delhi have started ringing special bells at regular intervals to remind students to stay hydrated.

Authorities have also imposed restrictions on outdoor labor during peak afternoon hours in some areas. Traffic police duty schedules in states like Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh have been adjusted to reduce prolonged exposure to extreme heat. In certain cities, traffic signals have been temporarily switched off to prevent commuters from waiting under the scorching sun.

Public infrastructure is also being adapted to cope with the crisis. Water misting systems are being installed at busy roads, bus stands, and railway stations to provide temporary relief. However, despite these efforts, the heat is already affecting tourism. Reports suggest that visitors at the Taj Mahal have fainted due to extreme temperatures, leading to a noticeable decline in tourist footfall in parts of Rajasthan.

Experts attribute this unusual rise in temperatures to a combination of natural and anthropogenic factors. The pre-monsoon period typically witnesses intense solar radiation, but this year, the effect has been amplified. Reduced snowfall in the Himalayan region has weakened the cooling influence usually exerted by mountain systems. Additionally, warming ocean surfaces are altering atmospheric circulation patterns, reducing the effectiveness of winds that traditionally bring relief.

Dry winds prevailing across northern and central India are further inhibiting cloud formation, diminishing the chances of pre-monsoon rainfall. As a result, there are currently no immediate signs of weather systems that could bring respite from the heat.

Looking ahead, the situation appears increasingly grim. Experts warn that both the intensity and frequency of heat waves are likely to rise in the coming years if current trends continue. With temperatures in cities like Delhi expected to touch 45°C in the coming days, the urgency for both systemic policy changes and individual responsibility has never been greater.

The current heat wave is not merely a seasonal challenge --- it is a stark reminder of a deeper environmental crisis that demands immediate and sustained action.

From the Editorial Desk

Women's Reservation Bill 2026: Explaining its importance, parties' intent and 'politicking'



The introduction of three key bills in the special sitting of Parliament - Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill 2026, Delimitation Bill 2026 and Union Territories (Amendment) Bill could have set in motion - one of India's most consequential electoral reforms since Independence but the amendment failed to fetch two-thirds majority and eventually fell through in the House, stalling all three of them in one stroke.

The Women's Reservation Bill, which could have become a reality and given 33 per cent reservation to women in politics after decades of waiting, was again pushed into cold storage as it became a "victim" of an intense face-off between the ruling party and the Opposition.

For three decades, the country's polity has argued aggressively for "equitable representation" of women in legislative bodies by reserving one-third of Parliamentary and Assembly seats for women. The opportunity was once again lost in Lok Sabha, as the Centre's Amendment Bill was defeated decisively over the Opposition's objections of its linkage with the Delimitation exercise.

Bill's purpose - to make women part of national policy-making

Presently, the women's representation in the country's Parliament and State Assemblies remains low at around 14-15 per cent and 9 per cent respectively. This could be attributed to political parties' ignorance and undervaluation of their potential in politics as well as in policymaking.

The Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill 2026, by guaranteeing 33 per cent reservation to women, sought to institutionalise their presence in legislatures - not just as "tokenism or symbolism" but by seeking their active participation in shaping the country's laws and budgets.

The bill, if passed, would have also given sub-reservation to women from the SC/ST community, within the stipulated 33 per cent quota. The bill had clearly stated goals, i.e. to make them part of the power matrix and bring a structural change in the way the country's Parliament and legislatures function. This would have embedded their voice and opinions in decision-making, thereby facilitating their contribution in policy formulation.

Multiple missed opportunities for women's quota in politics

Over the years, most political parties have pledged support for women's quotas in politics, but the bill didn't get Parliament's approval in the past few decades, multiple times.

The constitutional amendments aimed at reserving seats for women in Parliament and state legislative assemblies were proposed in 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2008, respectively.

The latest instance in 2008 saw the bill passed through the Rajya Sabha, but it lapsed over the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha.

2023 and 2026 push for women's quota

The Constitution Amendment Bill 2023, seeking to reserve one-third of seats in Lok Sabha and the state legislatures for women, was cleared by the Parliament decisively with near-unanimous support. This was seen as a major victory for women's empowerment, as it came after repeated rejections during the UPA eras, in the 1990s and 2000s.

In 2026, the Modi government, making a strong push for early implementation of women's reservation, brought the Amendment bill linking it to Delimitation and exhorted all the political parties to support it, arguing that India cannot call itself a fully representative republic while women remain under represented in the core law making bodies.

It sought to fast-track the implementation of women's reservation in politics and ensure its implementation before the 2029 General Elections, bypassing the earlier condition of holding it after the seat-redistribution exercise.

The amendment, if passed, would have turned the 'idea' of women's reservation in politics a reality, thereby stepping up their share from near 15 per cent to over 33 per cent, across party lines. This would have deepened women's participation in politics, paving the way for their active role in decision and policy making. However, the defeat of the amendment in the Lok Sabha once again stalled it from operationalising.

Why did the opposition stonewall it

The women's reservation bill, despite all-around support, failed to pass the Lok Sabha test primarily because of a united Opposition, which accused the government of pursuing its agenda of delimitation in the guise of women's quota.

From Congress to TMC to DMK, all expressed unequivocal support for the women's reservation in principle, while reaffirming their support on previous occasions in 2010 and 2023, but opposed the 2026 amendment tooth and nail. Their prime contention was that the government reneged on its promise and attempted to amend the 2023 law, particularly over its stance on delimitation and federal balance.

They argued that linking the bill with the delimitation exercise and restructuring of constituencies was politically loaded and motivated. They claimed that this would not just change the electoral map of the country but would also alter the federal balance, expressing fears over increased demographic differences in the North and South states.

They raised an alarm over combining women's reservation with delimitation and possible seat increase, stating that this could dilute their representation in the House.

A couple of Opposition factions argued for additional sub reservation within the 33% quota for women from Other Backward Classes (OBCs), claiming that the benefits would percolate to women from upper caste or socially dominant groups and therefore, insulating those from the disadvantaged class or community was essential.

They accused the Centre of using the women's reservation debate as a pretext to rush through a broader delimitation plan.

What the LS setback means for women

The defeat of the Women's Reservation Bill is widely seen as a major setback for women's political empowerment in the country. The momentum for their greater presence in legislative bodies got significant momentum in 2023, but the latest blowback signals derailment of the drive.

This was an opportune moment to end their under-representation and ensure a healthy gender balance in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies, but that hope has been dashed.

The failure to convert the 2023 amendment into an implementable programme means that the tokenism and marginal representation of women will continue for another electoral cycle.

Many women activists and political watchers see this political divide, rather than politicking over delimitation and seat-redistribution, as the key reason for crushing women's substantive gains at the altar of partisan calculations.

The opportunity, which could become a watershed moment in Indian polity by enhancing women's share from 14-15 per cent to 33 per cent before the 2029 elections, stands lost and therefore rules out women's influence in policy decisions on issues ranging from education, health, childcare and more.

Char Dham Yatra 2026: Why pilgrimage begins from Yamunotri



The Char Dham Yatra, one of Hinduism's most revered pilgrimages, continues to draw thousands of devotees each year to the Himalayan shrines of Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath. A distinctive aspect of this spiritual journey is that it always begins from Yamunotri, a sequence rooted in both religious tradition and geographical logic.

The order of the yatra is not arbitrary but follows a clockwise direction, known in Hindu customs as Parikrama. This directional movement is considered auspicious and is commonly observed in temple rituals and pilgrimages. Beginning from Yamunotri aligns with this sacred pattern, setting the spiritual tone for the journey.

Yamunotri, the source of the holy river Yamuna, holds immense religious significance. In Hindu belief, the Yamuna is worshipped as a goddess and is regarded as the sister of Yama, the god of death. It is believed that taking a holy dip in the Yamuna helps devotees overcome the fear of death and cleanses them of sins, marking a spiritually purifying beginning to the pilgrimage.

The site is also linked to the legend of sage Asit Muni, who is said to have resided in the region. According to mythology, he bathed daily in both the Ganga and Yamuna rivers. In his old age, when he could no longer travel to Gangotri, a stream of the Ganga is believed to have appeared near Yamunotri, further enhancing its sanctity.

Beyond its spiritual importance, the sequence of the Char Dham Yatra also has a practical basis. Yamunotri is the westernmost shrine among the four. From there, the route progresses eastward to Gangotri, then to Kedarnath, and concludes at Badrinath. This natural progression makes the journey more manageable through the challenging Himalayan terrain.

Each dham represents a distinct stage in the path of spiritual evolution. Yamunotri symbolises emotional cleansing through water; Gangotri represents purity and the cleansing of the mind and karma; Kedarnath, dedicated to Lord Shiva, signifies devotion and liberation; while Badrinath, associated with Lord Vishnu, represents ultimate salvation or moksha.

Meanwhile, the Char Dham Yatra began on Sunday with the opening of the portals of Gangotri and Yamunotri shrines in Uttarakhand on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya after a six-month winter break.

Approximately 19 lakh devotees have registered for the pilgrimage so far this year. More than 51 lakh pilgrims undertook the Char Dham Yatra last year.

Japan's 'New Delhi Desk' signals recognition of India's strategic role in Indo-Pacific

Japan's move to open a dedicated office in India to help Japanese firms navigate regulatory hurdles and boost investment signals Tokyo's long term bet on India's economic and strategic role in the Indo Pacific, according to a new report.

The India Narrative report said the office will deepen ties beyond manufacturing, linking Japan's large corporations with India's start up ecosystem, artificial intelligence sector, critical minerals, and clean energy chains.

The proposed centre will act as an information clearinghouse, policy advocate, and coordination platform administered by Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

"It will collect feedback from Japanese companies on issues such as inconsistent state level rules, opaque legal processes, and complex tax and approval structures, and then channel these concerns directly to relevant Indian agencies," the report detailed.



Tokyo's focus on high growth, strategic sectors such as artificial intelligence and critical minerals reflects a shift from seeking low cost manufacturing to anchoring long term technological and supply chain partnerships in India.

The report highlighted a renewed Japanese interest in Indian partnership for over a decade, which has not been fully translated into scale.

Japanese companies wanted Indian partnerships to diversify away from China centric supply chains, but the number of Japanese firms in India has hovered around a modest figure, with little change in recent years, the report noted.

The stagnation stemmed from transaction costs such as varying state wise regulations, unclear implementation of central laws, and administrative bottlenecks that made long term fixed capital planning difficult.

Japan remaining a key foreign investor in India gives the new office a built-in credibility, the media house said, adding: "Tokyo sees India as indispensable, but only if the policy environment becomes more predictable and less opaque."

Tokyo framed India as a critical node in its evolving Indo Pacific supply chain strategy, linking it with semiconductor related collaborations and clean energy partnerships and the dedicated foreign office signalled India as a high potential albeit a "high complexity frontier economy."

Indians stock markets fall for 2nd day over West Asia tensions

Mumbai, April 23 (IANS) The Indian equity markets ended sharply lower for the second consecutive session on Thursday, with benchmark indices declining about 1 per cent each amid escalating tensions in West Asia over the Strait of Hormuz.

Sensex settled at 77,664, down 852 points or 1.09 per cent, while Nifty closed at 24,173, losing 205 points or 0.84 per cent as selling pressure intensified across auto, banking, IT and realty stocks. Major laggards included Tech Mahindra, Infosys, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles (TMPV), Mahindra & Mahindra, Eicher Motors, HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank.

During the session, Sensex slipped as much as 1.2 per cent to hit an intraday low of 77,574, while the Nifty fell nearly 1 per cent or 243 points at 24,134.80.



Sectorally, Nifty Auto, Nifty PSU Bank, Nifty Consumer Durables, Nifty Realty and Nifty IT indices dropped up to 2 per cent each, leading the losses.

In contrast, defensive pockets showed some resilience, with the Nifty Healthcare and Nifty Pharma indices gaining up to 2 per cent.The weakness was broad-based, with wider market indices also ending in the red.

Nifty 100 declined 0.93 per cent, while Nifty 200 fell 0.83 per cent. The Nifty 500 index slipped 0.79 per cent, reflecting overall market pressure.

Category-wise, mid-cap and small-cap segments also witnessed selling, with Nifty Midcap 50 down 0.71 per cent, while Nifty Smallcap 100 and Nifty Smallcap 50 both fell 0.6 per cent each.

In addition, the volatility tracker index India VIX increased by 1.58 per cent to almost 20.

Analysts said market sentiment weakened sharply as geopolitical tensions escalated after uncertainty over Iran ceasefire talks and continued disruptions at the Strait of Hormuz. Rising crude prices, rupee weakness and institutional selling have reinforced a risk-off environment, they added.

For Nifty, market experts stated that the index encountered resistance near the 24,300 level, which previously acted as support and has now turned into an immediate resistance band in the 24,300-24,400 range, thereby capping further upside.

Ship movement via Hormuz halts, global oil prices firm up

New Delhi, April 23 (IANS) Traffic through the Strait of Hormuz has come to a standstill after Iran seized two ships, including one bound for Kandla port in Gujarat, which has increased uncertainty over the movement of oil and gas as 20 per cent of the world's energy exports transit through the waterway.

As a result, oil prices firmed up on Thursday with the benchmark Brent crude trading at over $103 a barrel.

The bulk of India's LPG imports and 50 per cent of crude imports are sourced from the Persian Gulf which have been impacted due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, even as the government is diversifying imports of crude and increasing domestic production of LPG to enhance energy supplies. Some consumers are also switching to alternative fuels such as natural gas, coal and electric cooktops.



'Renewable, EV sectors set to create massive green jobs in future'

New Delhi, April 23 (IANS) The renewable energy and electric mobility sectors in India are set to generate large-scale employment opportunities in the coming years as India accelerates its transition towards a green economy, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh said on Thursday.

Addressing a conference on environmental sustainability at Jamia Millia Islamia on the occasion of Earth Day, the minister said emerging green sectors such as renewable energy, electric mobility, green fuels and circular economy will play a pivotal role in job creation, particularly for the youth.

"Green jobs and green entrepreneurship are set to become the defining driver of the Green Economy of the future, with sectors such as renewable energy, electric mobility, green fuels and circular economy creating large-scale employment opportunities for the youth," according to him,



He noted that the shift towards a low-carbon economy will not only create employment but also strengthen India's sustainable growth trajectory.

Highlighting major initiatives, the minister said programmes like the National Green Hydrogen Mission, with an outlay of over Rs 19,000 crore, are laying the foundation for clean industrial transformation and decarbonisation of sectors such as steel and cement.

He said rapid technological advancements are opening new avenues in green innovation, citing examples from the electric mobility space where conventional vehicles are being converted into electric ones, making solutions more affordable and scalable.

The minister also pointed to emerging opportunities across solar manufacturing, battery production, grid management and biofuels, adding that circular economy practices such as converting used cooking oil into biofuel offer significant entrepreneurial potential.

India, Qatar exploring ways to boost trade, strengthen supply chains: Piyush Goyal

New Delhi, April 23 (IANS) Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday held a virtual meeting with Qatar's Minister of State for Foreign Trade Affairs, Dr Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Sayed, and discussed ways to strengthen bilateral trade and investment ties amid escalating geopolitical tensions. During the interaction, both sides explored opportunities to enhance economic cooperation and improve supply chain resilience in a rapidly evolving global trade environment. Goyal said the discussions focused on deepening trade engagement and expanding investment partnerships between the two countries.

"We discussed ways to further enhance our bilateral trade and investment ties while strengthening supply chain resilience," he wrote on X. Expressing optimism about future cooperation, the minister said he looked forward to deepening the strategic partnership with Qatar in the coming years. "Looking forward to deepening our strategic partnership in the times ahead," he added. Earlier this month, India and Oman also discussed unlocking opportunities under the proposed Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) to boost bilateral trade and investment.



RBI vigilant of evolving West Asia situation : Sanjay Malhotra

New Delhi, April 23 (IANS) Global economic conditions and sentiments have soured after the outbreak of the West Asia conflict, adversely impacting the growth-inflation outlook, Governor Sanjay Malhotra said in the latest RBI Bulletin on Thursday, adding that Central Bank would remain vigilant of the evolving situation and put in place policies that prioritise the best interest of the economy.

The conflict in West Asia has intensified pressures on the global supply chains in March with some easing observed in the first half of April.\ Before the outbreak of the conflict, India's macroeconomic fundamentals exuded confidence with buoyant growth and low inflation.



"Conditions turned adverse in March with the widening of the conflict zone and its intensification. The fundamentals of the Indian economy are on a stronger footing at the current juncture than in previous crisis episodes as well as relative to many other economies, providing it with greater resilience to withstand shocks," Malhotra said in the first RBI Bulletin of FY27.

Global growth faces increasing downside risks as the sharp rise in energy prices and shortages of inputs for various industries have stoked inflation fears and pushed up the geopolitical risk premium in oil markets.

"Heightened uncertainty precipitated by the ongoing conflict is weighing on the outlook. Safe-haven flows have exerted depreciation pressure on currencies of major economies as the US dollar has strengthened. While commodity prices, such as of metal and gold, have moderated, financial markets have become more volatile," the RBI Governor wrote.

Adani Energy Solutions clocks 32 pc net profit growth in FY26

Ahmedabad, April 23 (IANS) Adani Energy Solutions Limited (AESL) on Thursday reported a robust 32 per cent adjusted net profit growth (year-on-year) at Rs 2,393 crore in FY26, aided by double-digit EBITDA growth and flat depreciation during the year.

EBITDA rose 12.7 per cent YoY to a record Rs 8,726 crore, supported by strong growth in the transmission and smart metering segments and steady performance in the distribution business, the Adani Group company said in an exchange filing.

Total income grew a strong 15.9 per cent to an all-time high of Rs 28,325 crore last fiscal, driven by improved operating performance and higher Service Concession Arrangement (SCA) income, reflecting higher capex execution.



"We are pleased to have delivered robust performance in FY26, underpinned by consistent operational execution and disciplined capital management. In Q4 FY26, the company commissioned five transmission projects, including the Mumbai HVDC project, making us the only private sector player in India to have successfully executed two HVDC projects, a testament to our deep technical capabilities and on-ground execution strengths," said Kandarp Patel, CEO, Adani Energy Solutions.

Infosys Q4 net profit rises 28 pc in Q4, headcount falls over 8,000

New Delhi, April 23 (IANS) IT services major Infosys on Thursday reported a 28 per cent quarter-on-quarter growth in its consolidated net profit for the fourth quarter of FY26. The company posted a net profit (after non-controlling interests) of Rs 8,501 crore, an increase of 21 per cent (year-on-year) compared to Rs 7,033 crore in Q4 FY25. On a sequential basis, profit jumped 27.8 per cent from Rs 6,654 crore in Q4.

Operating profit stood at Rs 9,743 crore, up 13.6 per cent year-on-year and up 16.6 per cent on-month.

In terms of revenue, the IT firm reported Rs 46,402 crore in Q4 FY26, up 13.4 per cent from Rs 40,925 crore in the same quarter last year. On a sequential basis, revenue rose 2 per cent from Rs 45,479 crore in the December quarter. The company maintained its operating margin at around 21 per cent on a yearly basis, while margins improved to 21 per cent in Q4 FY26 from 18.4 per cent in the previous quarter. Gross profit rose 16.1 per cent year-on-year to Rs 14,344 crore, while total operating expenses increased 21.9 per cent to Rs 4,601 crore.

Make in India booster: Smartphone production up 8 pc, exports surge 28 pc



New Delhi, April 23 (IANS) The shipments of 'Made in India' smartphones grew 8 per cent (on-year) in 2025, driven by a 28 per cent surge in exports and a 1 per cent growth in domestic sell-in, according to a new report on Thursday. Exports accounted for approximately one-third of all smartphones manufactured in India, said Counterpoint Research's 'Make in India' Tracker. Foxconn Hon Hai emerged as the key beneficiary with a 48 per cent YoY growth in its exports, driven by strong Apple shipments.

Tata Electronics, also a key assembler of Apple devices, further contributed to this export surge. Samsung's in-house production saw an uptick in its export contribution as well, recording a 4% YoY growth.

"Exports are becoming increasingly central not only for India-based smartphone EMS players but also for the country's broader export strategy. Electronics grew to become the third largest export category in FY25 (financial year ended March 31), driven largely by smartphones, and is on track to become the second largest category in FY26," said Research Director Tarun Pathak.

Lokdhun joins PPL India, exits RMPL in major licensing shift

Mumbai, April 23: In a significant development for India's music licensing sector, Lokdhun Telemedia Private Limited has joined Phonographic Performance Limited (PPL India) effective April 1, 2026, ending its association with Recorded Music Performance Limited (RMPL).

Founded in 2016, Lokdhun has a catalogue of over 80,000 tracks and runs popular labels like Wave Music and Lokdhun Punjabi, with strong dominance in Bhojpuri and Punjabi music. Its viral hits, including "Lollipop Lagelu," have garnered millions of streams globally. The move strengthens PPL India's regional portfolio, which already represents 500+ labels. Both companies said the partnership will enable better monetisation and transparent licensing.

Industry experts view this as part of a larger trend towards consolidating fragmented licensing systems. The shift is expected to streamline royalty distribution and make licensing easier for events and hospitality sectors, boosting growth in regional music.

Fenesta expands footprint with new Dhanbad showroom

Dhanbad, April 23 : Fenesta has strengthened its presence in Jharkhand with the launch of its second showroom in Dhanbad and ninth in the state. Operated by Dhanbad Plywood Centre, the outlet is located at Bhiphore Hirak Road, Kunj Vihar.

The showroom showcases Fenesta's wide range of uPVC and aluminium windows and doors, solid panel doors, and façade solutions, catering to modern residential and commercial needs. It aims to provide an immersive experience for homeowners, architects, and builders.

Business Head Saket Jain said Jharkhand remains a key growth market due to rising urbanisation and demand for premium housing solutions. He added that the new showroom will help customers explore products firsthand and make informed choices.

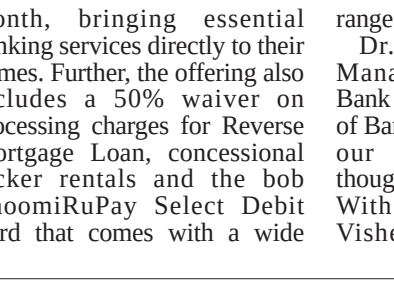
With this launch, Fenesta continues to expand its footprint in East India, focusing on innovation, quality, and customer-centric services.

55,000 km tracks renewed for safer, quicker travel on Indian Railways

New Delhi, April 23 (IANS) Modernisation of railway tracks in the country is powering a faster and more dependable network and track renewal, advanced testing and mechanised maintenance have improved ride quality and ensured higher speeds, according to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on Thursday.

These changes are reducing delays, supporting smoother journeys and helping Indian Railways meet growing passenger and freight demand across the country.

The PMO referred to an article written by Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, which highlights that since 2014, about 55,000 km of tracks have been renewed, thus improving safety and the ride quality and reducing the need for frequent repairs.



Around 44,000 km track of long rail panels have been laid. Longer rail panels mean fewer joints, which leads to smoother and safer train movement. Over 80,000 km track of stronger 60-kg rails are now in use, supporting heavier loads and higher speed, the minister stated.

"Today nearly 80 per cent of network handles train speeds of 110 km per hour or above and rail and weld failures have fallen by 90 per cent. For passengers and businesses these changes are making a real difference," the minister explained.

BoB Senior Citizen Vishesh Samman savings account launched

Mumbai, April 23: Bank of Baroda, India's International Bank, announced the launch of'bob Senior Citizen VisheshSamman', a premium savings bank account offering healthcare benefits and complimentary doorstep banking services for senior citizens. The account is tailored exclusively for customers aged 60 years and above, with a focus on enhancing theiroverall health and financial well-being.

The account provides freeonline doctor consultations for up to six family members, along with concessions on medicines and diagnostic services. In addition, customers can avail two complimentary doorstep banking services per month, bringing essential banking services directly to their homes. Further, the offering also includes a 50% waiver on processing charges for Reverse Mortgage Loan, concessional locker rentals and the bob BhoomiRuPay Select Debit Card that comes with a wide range of lifestyle privileges.



Dr. Debadatta Chand, Managing Director &CEO, Bank of Baroda said, "At Bank of Baroda, we are proud to serve our senior citizens with thoughtfully curated offerings. With 'bob Senior Citizen VisheshSamman', we have designed a premium offering that combines healthcare access, doorstep banking convenience and a host of banking and lifestyle benefits. This initiative reflects our continued commitment to delivering meaningful and differentiated offerings for our senior customers."Key Features of the 'bob Senior Citizen VisheshSamman' Savings Account:

Healthcare & Wellness Benefits (via Practo): Free online doctor consultations for up to 6 family members, Up to 15% concession on online medicine purchases, Up to 20% concession on pathological tests.

Doorstep Banking Convenience: Two complimentary doorstep banking services per month.

Lifestyle Privileges: Free issuance of the bob BhoomiRuPay Select Debit Card with benefits including health check-ups, international & domestic airport lounge access, gym membership, spa/salon, golf, OTT membership etc Banking Benefits: 50% waiver on processing charges for Reverse Mortgage loan, 20% discount on locker charges up to Rs. 500, Free NEFT and RTGS transactions and 50% waiver on IMPS transactions. Premium Account Offering: Designed for senior citizens maintaining a Monthly Average Balance (MAB) of Rs.1 lakh.

Rail commuters to launch signature drive at Tatanagar against train delays

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 23: Protesting persistent delays in passenger train services, the Rail Yatri Sangharsh Samiti has announced a signature campaign at Tatanagar Railway Station on April 26.

The decision was taken at a crucial meeting held in Cable Town on Thursday, attended by Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy.

Addressing the gathering, Roy outlined strategies to ensure the campaign's success and smooth execution. He suggested forming teams of 15 volunteers each, who will cover every platform of Tatanagar Junction to collect feedback from passengers. Pamphlets containing QR codes will also be distributed, allowing commuters to share their grievances digitally.

A whiteboard will be installed outside the station premises to gather signatures from passengers supporting the cause.

The meeting also highlighted the inconvenience faced by commuters from Ghatshila, where several trains fail to halt despite high passenger demand. Participants pointed out that delayed arrivals at Tatanagar further extend travel time for such passengers.

Serious concerns were raised over the prioritisation of goods trains over passenger trains.

Questions were posed regarding whether such decisions were taken by the DRM, Railway Board, or the General Manager, and whether any official circular exists. The Chakradharpur Division's DRM was urged to provide clarity.

Among those present were Samiti convenor Shiv Shankar Singh, Subodh Srivastava, Neeraj Singh, Ajay Kumar and several others.

Meanwhile, a parallel meeting of the JD(U) metropolitan unit was held to strengthen preparations for the April 26 programme. City president Ajay Kumar emphasised enhancing the outreach of the campaign, while East Singhbhum district president Subodh Srivastava suggested extensive mobilisation through team-based efforts.

Convenor Shiv Shankar Singh appealed to citizens and social organisations to assemble at Tatanagar Railway Station at 9:30 am on April 26 and actively participate in the movement. (W-pm)

CM Soren orders probe after Jharkhand workers held captive in TN factory

Mail News Service



Ranchi, April 23: A serious case has emerged involving several workers from West Singhbhum in Jharkhand, who had reportedly travelled to Tamil Nadu in search of employment and are now alleged to be held captive in a textile manufacturing unit.

The workers claim they are employed at a yarn and fabric production company, where they are being subjected to physical assault and harassment, denied proper food, and not allowed to return home. The issue came to light after some of the workers managed to send video messages describing their situation.

Taking immediate cognizance of the matter, Chief Minister Hemant Soren has directed officials to conduct a prompt investigation and ensure that assistance reaches the affected workers without delay. The state administration has been asked to verify the ground situation and take necessary steps to secure the safe return of all stranded workers. (W-rg)

Adarsh Vikas Vidyalaya achieves 100% success in Matric exam



Gamharia, April 23: Adarsh Vikas Vidyalaya, Gamharia, has achieved a remarkable 100 percent pass result in the Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) Class 10 examinations for 2026, with all 106 students successfully clearing the exam.

Among the achievers, Saurabh Kaivart emerged as the school topper with 95 percent marks, followed by Prakash Soren with 93.80 percent and Anu Gorai with 93.20 percent. Out of 106 students, 100 secured First Division, while 6 passed in Second Division.

The school Secretary Ravi Shankar Anand and the Principal expressed immense happiness over the outstanding performance and congratulated all students. They also extended their best wishes for their bright future, attributing the success to consistent hard work by students and dedicated guidance from teachers.

SS High School Gamharia records 100% result



Gamharia, April 23: SS High School, Gamharia, has delivered an exceptional performance in the JAC Matriculation Examination 2026, achieving a 100 percent pass result with all 285 students successfully clearing the exam.

Out of the total, 235 students secured First Division, while 50 passed in Second Division. Dipali Mandal emerged as the school topper with 96 percent marks, followed by Kalpana Mahto (98.80%), Nandini Kumari (94%), Jyoti Kumari (92%), and Varsha Das (90.8%). Other top performers included Nidhi Mahto and Suman Sardar (90.6%), Amit Kumar (89.4%), Somnath Dey (89.2%), Monika Mahto (89%), and Kumkum Mandal (87.4%). Female students delivered an especially strong performance, dominating the merit list.

Headmaster Mithai Lal Yadav congratulated the students and praised their dedication, stating that the results reflect disciplined study, strong teaching, and consistent effort. He wished all students a successful future ahead.

Rajesh Shukla secures historic third term



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 23: In a remarkable electoral feat, senior advocate Rajesh Kumar Shukla has scripted history by winning a third consecutive term in the Jharkhand State Bar Council elections.

Widely respected across the legal fraternity, his victory underscores both his enduring popularity and professional credibility.

Shukla crossed the benchmark figure of 676.55 votes during the elimination round held on Thursday, firmly establishing his lead.

With three more elimination rounds yet to follow, his margin is expected to swell further, potentially setting a new record. His triumph has drawn widespread acclaim from prominent members of the bar, including T.N. Ojha, Ramjeet Pandey, Sudhir Kumar 'Pappu', Akshay Jha, Mithilesh Singh Gautam, and Kulwinder Singh, all of whom extended their congratulations. According to Sudhir Kumar 'Pappu', Shukla's consistent success stems from his humility, integrity, and affable nature—qualities that have earned him support from bar associations across the state. Akshay Jha, a key member of his campaign team, noted that the overwhelming goodwill and encouragement received during the campaign across the Jharkhand High Court and various bar associations had already signaled an inevitable victory. Shukla's third consecutive win not only marks a personal milestone but also reflects the trust and confidence reposed in him by the legal community of Jharkhand.(W-pm)

JMM alleges voter roll manipulation, questions SIR process

Mail News Service

Ranchi, April 23: JMM spokespoerson Supriyo Bhattacharya on Thursday addressed a press conference, raising concern over ongoing electoral roll revision and alleging largescale deletion of voter names under Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

He described the date as significant for Indian democracy, recalling the 1952 general election conducted under Sukumar Sen, and said that even with limited resources at that time, voter lists ensured participation. In contrast, he alleged that the current revision process has led to the exclusion of lakhs of voters, particularly citing developments in West Bengal.

Bhattacharya claimed that over 12 lakh names had already been deleted and warned of further removals. He argued that existing provisions such as Form 6 for new voter registration, Form 7 for deletion and Form 8 for



corrections were adequate, questioning the need for SIR.

He also raised objections to collection of detailed housing data, including house numbers, suggesting it could be used to identify and target specific groups. He said such requirements could disadvantage tenants and people without permanent residences, potentially affecting their voting rights.

Alleging irregularities during polling, he pointed to heavy deployment of paramilitary forces and restrictions around polling stations in West Bengal, claiming such measures were limiting voter movement and access.

Bhattacharya said his party would closely monitor the situation to ensure no genuine voter is removed while preventing inclusion of ineligible names. He also questioned why responses to concerns on election procedures were coming from political parties instead of Election Commission of India. (W-rg)

Five RVS college students placed in Apex Auto

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 23: In a successful campus placement drive, five students of RVS College of Engineering and Technology have been selected by Apex Auto Private Limited, Jamshedpur, a company engaged in the manufacturing of earthmoving equipment and components. A total of 46 final-year students participated in the recruitment process. The selection was conducted in two stages. In the first stage, a written examination was held, in which 25 students qualified. These shortlisted candidates were then called for personal interviews, after which five students were finally selected. The selected students are Aditya Raj, Amit Yadav, Aryan Tudu, Arslan Ahmad Ansari, and Ashish Kumar, all belonging to the Mechanical Engineering department. The Training and Placement Head of the institution, Prof. Dr. Vikram Sharma, confirmed that all selected candidates have already joined the company. Principal Prof. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Tiwari congratulated the students on their achievement and wished them success in their professional careers. Treasurer Shatrughna Singh also appreciated the students' efforts, stating that hard work and determination always lead to success and encourage students to face challenges with confidence. The college management expressed pride over the achievement, noting it as a reflection of quality technical education and effective placement support.

Poster contest marks Earth Day at Excel School

Jamshedpur, April 23: A poster-making competition was organised at Excel India Model School on the occasion of World Earth Day, with students actively participating in creative activities focused on environmental awareness. Students designed posters on themes such as conservation of nature, pollution control, recycling, protection of natural resources, and tree plantation. Through their artwork, they highlighted the importance of keeping the Earth green and promoting sustainable practices.



On the occasion, students also took a pledge to protect the environment and contribute towards a cleaner and greener planet. Principal MamtaKumari appreciated the efforts and creativity of the students and spoke about this year's theme, "Our Power, Our Planet." (W-mb)

CM Soren meets ITAT delegation, assures land for Ranchi bench



Mail News Service

Ranchi, April 23: Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Thursday held two meetings at his residential office on Kanke Road in Ranchi, focusing on institutional infrastructure and grassroots governance initiatives.

A delegation from Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, Ranchi Bench, met him and sought land allocation for construction of an office building. The delegation included judicial member George Mathan, accountant member Ratnesh Sahay, advocate Devesh Poddar and chartered accountant Jaishankar Jaipuria.

Soren assured that the state government would take a positive decision soon on providing land. Chief Secretary Avinash Kumar was present.

In a separate meeting, B. Rajeshwari, Director of Panchayati Raj, Jharkhand, invited the chief minister to attend "Mukhyamantri Panchayat Protsahan Puraskar-cum-Mukhiya Sammelan 2026" to be held on April 24 at Tana Bhagat Stadium in Ranchi on National Panchayati Raj Day.

She briefed him on programme details and preparations, stating that elected representatives and officials from local governance bodies across South Chotanagpur division will participate.

Event aims to recognise outstanding work, encourage local governance institutions and strengthen decentralised administration in the state. (W-rg)

Kalash Yatra in Golmuri marks start of Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mahayagna

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 23: A wave of religious fervour swept through Golmuri on Thursday as the Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mahayagna began with a Kalash Yatra in New Cable Town. The procession featured a vibrant display of devotion, including brass bands, horses, and a decorated chariot, signalling the start of a nine-day spiritual festival. The journey commenced at 9:00 AM from the Lakshmi Narayan Temple in Old Cable Town, where over 1,100 women carried sacred pitchers filled with holy Ganges water on their heads. Prominent figures, including Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy and social worker Shivshankar Singh, joined the massive sea of devotees. To maintain the sanctity of the route, organizers used tankers to sprinkle water ahead of the procession.

A 21-member team of scholars from Varanasi, led by Pandit Lal Mohan Shastri, will conduct the daily rituals. The schedule includes morning prayers, afternoon Havan, and evening sermons by renowned narrator Ramcharitra Das Ji Maharaj. The venue has been transformed with 108 divine idols and remains under CCTV surveillance to ensure the safety of the thousands expected to attend. (W-mb)



Storms brewing over Jharkhand as heat peaks

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 23 : The India Meteorological Department's Meteorological Centre at Ranchi has issued a detailed weather bulletin indicating a sharp interplay of heat and impending thunderstorm activity across Jharkhand over the next five days.

Current Weather Snapshot: Jharkhand continues to reel under intense heat, with several locations recording temperatures well above normal. Daltonganj emerged as the hottest place in the state at 43.2°C, followed closely by Chaibasa (43.0°C), Jamshedpur (42.8°C), and Bokaro (42.1°C). Ranchi recorded a maximum temperature of 38.9°C.



Minimum temperatures also remained on the higher side, with Jamshedpur at 26.4°C, while Ranchi recorded 23.2°C.

Notably, no rainfall was recorded across all major observatories during the period.

Automated Weather Stations (AWS) data further confirmed the prevailing heat conditions, with Saraikela touching 43.2°C, Bokaro at 41.4°C, and Godda at 40.4°C, reinforcing the widespread heat stress across districts.

Forecast & Alerts (April 24-28):

April 24: Thunderstorm and lightning with gusty winds (30-40 kmph) likely at isolated places over eastern Jharkhand.

Heat wave conditions expected in south-eastern districts, including Saraikela, East Singhbhum, and West Singhbhum.

April 25: Thunderstorm/lightning with stronger gusts (40-50 kmph) likely over north-eastern, southern, and central parts of the state.

April 26: Intensification of weather activity expected.

Hailstorm accompanied by thunderstorm/lightning and gusty winds (50-60 kmph) likely over north-eastern and adjoining central regions. Rest of the state may witness thunderstorms with winds of 40-50 kmph.

April 27: Similar conditions to persist.

Indian envoy meets President of Israel, reaffirms New Delhi's commitment to strengthen partnership

Jerusalem, April 23 (IANS) India's Ambassador to Israel, J P Singh, reaffirmed New Delhi's commitment to further strengthen Special Strategic Partnership between the two nations during a meting with Israeli President Isaac Herzog on the sidelines of an event.

Singh met President Herzog during an event celebrating Israel's 78th Independence Day and extended warm greetings of the Indian leadership on the occasion.

"At an event celebrating Israel's 78th Independence Day, Amb. J.P. Singh extended his warmest greetings to President H.E. Isaac Herzog on behalf of the leadership and people of India. Amb. reaffirmed India's commitment to further strengthening the India-Israel Special Strategic Partnership," Embassy of India in Israel posted on X.

On Wednesday, President Droupadi Murmu extended wishes to Herzog on the occasion of Israel's 78th Independence Day and stated that the Special Strategic Partnership between the two nations continues to grow.

"On the joyous occasion of the 78th anniversary of Israel's Independence, I extend heartfelt best wishes to H.E. Isaac Herzog and the people of Israel. The India-Israel Special Strategic Partnership



continues to grow stronger, reflecting the deep friendship and shared commitment of our two nations to peace, innovation and mutual prosperity," the President's Secretariat stated in a post on X.

Responding to President Murmu's wishes, Herzog stated that Israel deeply appreciates its special friendship with India and expressed readiness to work to strengthen it across various sectors.

"Thank you President of India for your good wishes on Israel's Independence Day. We deeply appreciate the special friendship between Israel and India, and we continue to work to strengthen it across all fields of cooperation," Herzog posted on X.

On April 14, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar held a telephonic conversation with his Israeli counterpart Gideon Sa'ar, discussing West Asia situation and the Strait of Hormuz.

"Had a telecon this afternoon with Israel FM Gideon Sa'ar. Our discussion covered different aspects of the West Asia situation," EAM Jaishankar posted on X.

Sa'ar stated that he told EAM Jaishankar that the US' stance in the negotiations that would prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons is important for the international community.

"A good conversation, as always, with my friend, India's Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar. We discussed Iran, the Strait of Hormuz, and Lebanon. I said that the firm American stance in the negotiations on conditions that would prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons (no enrichment in Iran, removal of enriched material from Iran) is critical for the entire international community," the Israeli Foreign Minister posted on X after the call.

"I also said that Iran's harm to freedom of navigation and the global economy through economic terrorism in the Strait of Hormuz requires action that will ensure the freedom of navigation for all countries, including India and our friends in the Gulf," he added.

The Strait of Hormuz, which links the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea, is one of the world's most critical oil transit routes, carrying nearly a fifth of global oil shipments.

The talks between two ministers took place amid tense security situation in West Asia after the first round of negotiations held between the US and Iranian officials failed to produce an agreement.

Envoys of four nations present credentials to President Murmu

New Delhi, April 23 (IANS) President of India Droupadi Murmu accepted credentials from the envoys of four countries during a ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Thursday. Diplomats from Lao PDR, Congo, Namibia and Guinea-Bissau presented their credentials to the President.



Vithaya Xayavong, Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, presented her credentials to the President. India's bilateral relations with Laos have been long-standing, friendly and mutually supportive since diplomatic relations were established in 1956. According to the Indian Embassy in Laos, there is regard and respect for India in Laos and India's story of development. Laos has been supportive of India on many major issues of regional and international concerns, including India's claim for permanent membership of the UN Security Council.

Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Emilie Ayaza Mushobekwa, also presented her credentials to the President. India was among the first countries to establish a diplomatic mission in Kinshasa in 1962. The Indian diaspora is among the largest expats community in DRC with around 25,000 Indian nationals /Person of Indian Origin (PIO), according to the MEA.Wing Commander Alex Lunyazo Tukuhupwele (Retd.), High Commissioner of the Republic of Namibia, also presented his credentials to President Murmu.

Tukuhupwele was nominated as Namibia's High Commissioner-Designate to India by Namibian President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah in February this year.

"President Nandi-Ndaitwah noted that bilateral relations between Namibia and India continue to deepen following the 2025 State Visit to Namibia by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as well as ongoing diplomatic engagements, have strengthened political dialogue and cooperation between the two nations," the Namibian Presidency stated in February.

Antonio Serifo Embalo, Ambassador of Guinea-Bissau, also presented his credentials to President Murmu.

Embalo earlier served as Ambassador of Guinea-Bissau to China. He was also accredited to Singapore, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, South Korea, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam.

Holding a Bachelor's Degree in Tourism Economics from Higher School of Economics in Varna, Bulgaria, he held ministerial roles from 2001 to 2019, including in the Ministry of Trade and Handicraft Industry, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, and the Ministry of Energy, Industry and Natural Resources.

Pakistan cannot even guarantee safe vaccination for its children: Report



Islamabad, April 23 (IANS) Pakistan's deteriorating global reputation has been jolted further by a recent incident at a government hospital in Punjab province where 331 children were infected with HIV.

The incident in Bhakkar city has "shaken the very conscience of humanity", sparking serious questions about national priorities, reported 'Khalsa Vox' while also citing that the country's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) has for long dented the country's image by supporting Khalistani terrorists, gangsters, and drug mafias.Multiple children were reportedly vaccinated with the same syringe — highlighting not only mere negligence but also a broader weakness of a system in safeguarding human life.

"This cannot be dismissed as a routine medical error. It exposes the reality of a fragile and failing system where even fundamental health protocols are not followed. Administering injections to 10 children with a single syringe clearly indicates either a lack of awareness of rules or a complete disregard for them — both scenarios are equally dangerous," the report detailed.

"The infection of 331 children with HIV is a matter that should force any society into deep introspection. This is not just a statistic; it represents hundreds of innocent lives whose futures have been compromised due to preventable negligence. What is even more alarming is that warning signs had appeared earlier, making it clear that this crisis is not sudden but the result of years of neglect," it stated.

The report stressed that the issue extends beyond a single hospital or a few staff members, reflecting the failure of an entire system. In the absence of strong oversight, accountability and timely reform, it said, such incidents tend to repeat rather than remain isolated.

"The strength of a nation is not measured by outward displays but by how well it ensures the basic safety of its citizens. If a country cannot even guarantee safe vaccination for its children, serious questions must be raised about its priorities. It is also worth examining how resources are being allocated. Are critical sectors like healthcare and education receiving the attention they deserve, or are they consistently sidelined in favour of other priorities? This imbalance ultimately leads to such tragedies," it mentioned.

Highlighting Pakistan's grim situation, the report said, "Poverty and helplessness further worsen the situation. Those who have no alternatives are forced to depend on the very system that is failing them. This is not just administrative failure — it is also a form of social injustice."

Police officers among 4 injured following Sydney shootings

Sydney, April 23 (IANS) Two police officers are among four people who have been treated for injuries following separate shootings in western Sydney.

Police said on Thursday that the first incident occurred at around 8:40 p.m. on Wednesday (local time) when officers in the suburb of Punchbowl, 16 km southwest of central Sydney, spotted a car that had been reported stolen.

An officer approached the car to arrest the driver when it stopped in traffic, but the driver accelerated and pinned the 39-year-old man between two vehicles.

Fight against terror needs united front: US lawmakers

Washington, April 23 (IANS) US lawmakers called for a unified global response against terrorism, as they asserted that the threat continues to evolve across regions and argued that this requires coordinated action by countries including India and the United States.

Speaking at a Capitol Hill event, members of Congress stressed that terrorism cannot be tackled in isolation and must be confronted through intelligence-sharing, diplomacy and sustained international pressure on both extremist groups and their enablers.

Congressman Brad Sherman underlined the complexity of dealing with actors linked to terrorism, saying, "You don't make peace with your friends. You make peace with your enemies and the friends of your enemies."

He added that while dialogue is part of diplomacy, outcomes matter. "I'm much more concerned about the content of those talks," he said, stressing the need to ensure that negotiations do not compromise security.

Sherman also pointed to regional risks, noting, "India lives right next to a nuclear armed Pakistan. We certainly don't wanna see a nuclear armed Iran."

Several lawmakers highlighted the role of states and networks that enable terrorism.

In his remarks, Sherman referred to mil-



itant groups that "have found sanctuary in Pakistan," urging stronger international action to dismantle such safe havens.

Congressman Bill Huizenga said countries linked to terrorism must face pressure. "We obviously have to… push back… both diplomatically as well as economically," he said.

Congressman Dave Taylor echoed that position, saying state-sponsored terrorism "has to end," and called for greater alignment among allies to address the threat.

Beyond geopolitics, lawmakers described terrorism as a direct assault on civilians."Terrorism is all about the destruction of human lives and civilian lives in order to advance some kind of perverse political program," said Congressman Jamie Raskin.He urged a comprehensive approach, including financial crackdowns. "We need to crack down on terrorist financing," he said.

वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक का कार्यालय पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RCD, ROAD DIVISION, MANOHARPUR, JHARKHAND

e-Procurement Notice
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e-Tender Reference No. RCD/MANOHARPUR/01/2026-27, **Date-23.04.2026**

1.	Name of the work	Construction of H.L RCC Bridge Over Koyal River at 11th Km of Undhan-Baranga-Dhanapali Road Under Road Division, Manoharpur.
2.	Estimated Cost of Work (in INR)	Rs 36,22,82,160.45 (Rupees Thirty Six Crore Twenty Two Lakh Eighty Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty and Forty Five Paise Only)
3.	Initial Bid Security (Rs In Lacs)	Rs 36.23 Lakh (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Twenty Three Thousand only).
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5.	Cost of Bidding documents	Rs 10,000.00 (Rs Ten Thousand) only.
6.	Time of Completion	30 (Thirty Months)
7.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	28.04.2026 at 10.30 A.M.
8.	Start date of bidding	28.04.2026 from 10.30 A.M.
9.	Last date & Time for online bidding	18.05.2026 up to 12.00 Noon
10.	Type of Bid	Two envelope mode (Technical and Financial Bid)
11.	Last date & time for receipt of Bid Security and other documents in Online form	18.05.2026, 12.00 Noon Through e-tendering portal www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in As per SOP issued by Information Technology and e-Governance Department, Govt. of Jharkhand vide Letter No.120, Dt. 03.10.2023
12.	Date & time for opening of Technical Bid	19.05.2026 at 12.30 PM by Chairman e-Procurement Cell, Room No. 330 A, 3rd Floor, Road Construction Department, Jharkhand Mantralaya, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004.
13.	Date & Time of Pre Bid Meeting	06.05.2026 on 12.30 P.M. At Office of the Chief Engineer (Communication), Road Construction Department, Engineers Hostel No.2, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004
14.	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Manoharpur.
15.	Contact no. of Procurement officer	7903255234
16.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2401010

Above information are only indicative. Detail NIT & SBD published on Tender portal shall be final and mandatory.Details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Manoharpur.

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कार्यालय नगर परिषद् चक्रधरपुर (पश्चिमी सिंहभूम)
email : npchakradharpur@gmail.com

एतद द्वारा सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर परिषद, चक्रधरपुर क्षेत्र अंतर्गत नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार की अधिसूचना संख्या SUDA/AMRUT/Amendment-06/2022/UDHD/1511 राँची, दिनांक 29.04.2022 के आलोक में वित्तीय वर्ष 2026–27 का होल्डिंग टैक्स 30 जून 2026 के पहले जमा करने पर नगर परिषद चक्रधरपुर के करदाताओं को वर्तमान वित्तीय वर्ष में निम्नवत् छूट का प्रावधान है –

- सभी करदाताओं को 5% की छूट।

इसके अतिरिक्त :–

- होल्डिंग महिला के नाम से होने से 5% की छूट।
- वरिष्ठ नागरिक होने से 5% की छूट।
- आर्मी, ट्रांसजेंडर होन पर 5% की छूट।
- दिव्यांग होने पर 5% की छूट।
- स्वयं कार्यालय में आकर जमा करने पर 2.5% की छूट।

➢ यह छुट केवल आवासीय धृतियों पर लागू होगा।
➢ Online (https:suda.jharkhand.gov.in) जमा करने पर अतिरिक्त 5% की छूट।

नोट :– 30 जून के उपरांत बकाए टैक्स पर प्रतिमाह 1% की दर से ब्याज देय होगा।

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चक्रधरपुर नगर परिषद

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जिला परिषद कार्यालय, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर

अति अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
(Through E-Procurement Mode only – www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
Notice Inviting e-Tender No : ESZP/JSR/Epro- 01/2026-27

ग्रुप सं0	प्रखण्ड का नाम	योजना का नाम	कुल प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की तिथि
1	जमशेदपुर	उत्क्रमित मध्य विद्यालय, बाजार टोला, बागबेड़ा में 04 (चार) वर्गकक्ष का निर्माण।	5183900	103678	10000	6 माह
2	जमशेदपुर	सदर अस्पताल, खासमहल, जमशेदपुर अन्तर्गत अस्पताल से Prefabricated अस्पताल तक मरीजों को लाने एवं ले जाने हेतु Coverd Ramp का निर्माण।	1166200	23324	2500.00	3 माह
3	घालभूमगढ़	घालभूमगढ़ प्रखण्ड अन्तर्गत पंचायत मौदाशोली के ग्राम चिदगोड़ा में विभिषण के घर से लेकर हाईवे तक पी0सी0सी0 सड़क का निर्माण।	893200	17864	1250	3 माह
4	घाटशिला	घाटशिला प्रखण्ड अन्तर्गत ग्राम चेंगजोड़ा में अवस्थित "Manjhi Ramdas Tudu Heritage Village, Chengjora" का चहारदिवारी निर्माण।	5208800	104176	10000	6 माह

1	निविदा आमंत्रित करनेवाले पदाधिकारी का नाम	:–	जिला अभियंता जिला परिषद, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर।
2	वेवसाईड पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	:–	04.05.2026 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे।
3	निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि	:–	09.05.2026 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।
4	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	:–	11.05.2026 को अपराह्न 12:00 बजे तक।
5	ई–मेल पता	:–	ddcjsr01@gmail.com
6	निविदा से संबंधित जानकारी हेतु दुरभाष सं0	:–	7667632642
7	जिला परिषद, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर के अन्तर्गत समूचित श्रेणी या एक श्रेणी उपर निबंधित संवेदक ही निविदा में भाग ले सकेगें।		
8	विस्तृत जानकारी वेवसाईट http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्य दिवस में कार्यालय अवधि में जिला परिषद, पूर्वी सिंहभूम के सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है। साथ ही निविदा में अपलोड की गई दस्तावेज की छायाप्रति अनिवार्य रुप से कार्यालय में जमा करना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।		

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जिला परिषद, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर।

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जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा

राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत
09 मई, 2026

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि झारखण्ड राज्य विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, राँची के निर्देशानुसार जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा के तत्वाधान में दिनांक 09 मई 2026 को पूर्वाह्न 07:00 बजे से अपराह्न 12:30 बजे तक व्यवहार न्यायालय परिसर, चाईबासा एवं अनुमंडल न्यायालय परिसर, चक्रधरपुर में राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत का आयोजन किया जा रहा है। उक्त राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत में निम्न प्रकार के मामलों का निष्पादन किया जाना है :–

1. बैकिंग सम्बन्धी मामले
2. धारा 138 एन0आई0 एक्ट
3. मोटर दुर्घटना दावा वाद
4. श्रम विवाद सम्बन्धी मामले
5. पारिवारिक विवाद
6. भू–अर्जन एवं अधिग्रहण मामले
7. उत्पाद से संबंधित मामले
8. सुलहनीय आपराधिक मामले
9. सेवा सम्बन्धी मामले
10. दिवानी मामले
11. राजस्व मामले
12. खनन सम्बन्धी मामले
13. बिजली एवं पानी से सम्बन्धित
14. दूरभाष सम्बन्धी मामले
15. उपभोक्ता न्यायालय से सम्बन्धित मामले
16. वन विभाग से संबंधित मामले
17. विवाद पूर्व निस्तारण योग्य मामले एवं अन्य सुलहनीय मामले

अतः आप सभी से निवेदन है कि अधिक से अधिक संख्या में इस राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत में अपने–अपने वादों का निपटारा कराकर इसका लाभ उठाएं तथा इसे सफल बनायें।

नोटः– इस संबंध में किसी भी प्रकार की विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए आप किसी भी कार्य दिवस के दिन पूर्वाह्न 07:00 बजे से अपराह्न 12:30 बजे तक जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, व्यवहार न्यायालय, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा के कार्यालय में उपस्थित होकर अथवा मोबाइल नं0 +91 6202219832 एवं नालसा टोल फ्री नं0 15100 पर संपर्क कर सकते है।

पुलिस अधीक्षक–सह–सदस्य, जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा।

उपायुक्त–सह–उपाध्यक्ष, जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम,चाईबासा।

प्रधान जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश–सह–अध्यक्ष, जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम,चाईबासा।

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जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार,
पश्चिमी सिंहभूम,चाईबासा।

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Preity Zinta hosts real-life heroes at PBKS match: Touched by their selfless acts of kindness, bravery



Mumbai, April 23 (IANS) Turning the glitzy IPL evening into a heartfelt tribute, actress Preity Zinta hosted a group of real-life heroes during the last match of her team, the Punjab Kings. She said she came across these people on social media and was deeply touched by their selfless acts of kindness and bravery, and by their intent to uplift those around them.

Preity shared a video on X, formerly called Twitter, in which she is seen posing for photos and greeting real-life heroes at the stadium.

The 51-year-old actress said that the last game was special not just for the cricket but also for the guests that came to support our team.

She wrote: “I stumbled upon these people on social media & was deeply touched by their selfless acts of kindness, bravery, & their intent to uplift others around them which truly imbibes the Punjabi spirit of bravery & selfless service to others.”

“We had 6 year old Hargun Singh from Barnala who donated his entire piggy bank for Punjab flood relief. Shvan Singh, a 10 year old from Ferozpur, a brave young boy honoured with the Bal Puraskar for fearlessly serving cold drinks & refreshments in the blistering heat to the Indian Army during Operation Sindhoor,” said Preity.

‘Sapne vs Everyone 2’ trailer promises high-stakes cocktail of film industry and real estate

Mumbai, April 23 (IANS) The trailer of the upcoming season of the streaming series ‘Sapne vs Everyone’ was unveiled on Thursday. It revisits key moments from season one before plunging straight into the chaos that lies ahead.



The series is set against the backdrop of Mumbai’s film industry and the high-stakes world of real estate, the fast-paced montage captures how every decision comes at the cost of leveraging powerful connections, huge sums of money, and power struggles.

Talking about the show, Paramvir Singh Cheema shared, “It has been truly overwhelming to see the love audiences showered on the first season and the way they’ve embraced my character. Getting the opportunity to return as Prashant has been incredibly rewarding. I’m deeply grateful for the support we received and can’t wait for everyone to join Prashant again as he continues chasing his dreams of becoming an actor”.

The series is written and directed by Ambrish Verma. It follows Prashant’s (played by Paramvir Singh Cheema) gritty hustle in an unforgiving film industry and Jimmy’s (played by Ambrish Verma) calculated climb through the cutthroat world of real estate and politics, ruled by power, ambition, and control. As old wounds resurface, their journeys spiral through rejection, revenge, and risky choices.

Ambrish Verma said, “‘Sapne vs Everyone’ has not been just another project for me, but a dream. The incredible love and appreciation that Season one received from audiences across the world inspired us to bring Season two to life, continuing this grounded story that reflects social realities many of us relate to. I am grateful to TVF and Prime Video for giving me the platform to share this journey with audiences in India and beyond. In the new season, you will see characters more intense and evolved, raising both the scale and the stakes”.

Produced by Arunabh Kumar and Vijay Koshy under the banner of The Viral Fever, the series will premiere on Prime Video in Hindi on May 1, 2026.

Twinkle Khanna says ‘mat kar’ is Akshay Kumar’s ‘only contribution’ to her writing career



Mumbai, April 23 (IANS) Author Twinkle Khanna has revealed that superstar husband Akshay Kumar’s “only contribution” to her writing career is saying “mat kar”.

Talking about whether she receives any suggestions from Akshay Kumar, Twinkle said in a statement: "This morning, I was discussing the topics I plan to touch upon in my next column, and he told me, 'Mat karna...do not get into that issue'. Mat kar is basically his only and biggest contribution to my writing career.” Twinkle, who has authored Mrs Funnybones, Mrs Funnybones Returns, The Legend of Lakshmi Prasad, Pyjamas Are Forgiving and Welcome to Paradise, on World Book Day on Thursday, gave a peek nto her lens through which she views the world."My job is to make people reflect on the things that are visible. But our own conditioning blinds us to those factors. It might make people uncomfortable and they might call it offensive... (But) I think about how I will unravel the layers of conditioning not just around them but also around me because I also find my way through life as I write."

Subhash Ghai recalls daring to make ‘Taal’ without a 'villain, violence'; wonders if ‘Taal 2’ is possible today

Mumbai, April 23 (IANS) Veteran ace filmmaker Subhash Ghai sparked nostalgia as he revisited one of his most iconic films, Taal while reflecting on the risks he took while making it years ago.

Sharing a still from the movie featuring Akshaye Khanna and Anil Kapoor, the director spoke about creating a story that was different from the usual selling points of movies of that era in Bollywood.

He wrote, ““PEACE OR PASSION ?
COSMIC OR COSMETIC ?
INNER OR OUTER ?
Is the story of TAAL - a film i dared to make
With no villain. No sex. No violence
Is story even GenZ n alpha love it today.
N become a memorable.



Can we make TAAL 2 ? Today
Is a question in my mind.”
Reflecting on the film, Subhash Ghai highlighted how Taal stood apart from mainstream cinema and not relied on sex, violence or villain, but despite that is still loved by Gen Z and Alpha.

Talking about Taal, the movie released in 1999, and was directed by Subhash Ghai. The movie starred Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Akshaye Khanna, and Anil Kapoor in lead roles.

The movie revolved around a love story between a simple village girl, Mansi, and a young boy from a wealthy business family, Manav, whose relationship is tested by class differences, ambition, and misunderstandings.

Anil Kapoor played Vikrant Kapoor, a flamboyant music producer who sees immense potential in Mansi and later falls in love with her.

The movie’s music was composed by A. R. Rahman and became a a huge highlight.

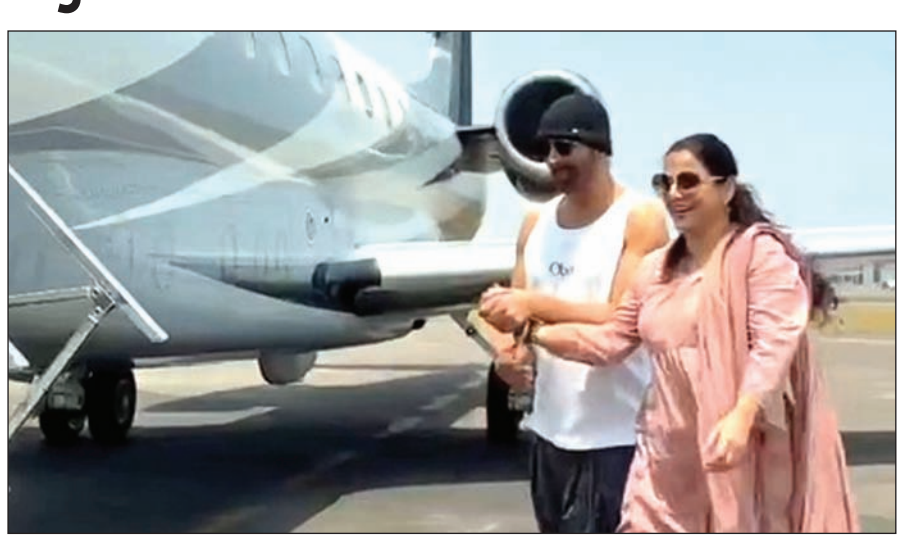
Akshay Kumar and Vidya Balan head to Kerala to shoot for Anees Bazmee's next

Mumbai, April 23 (IANS) Actor Akshay Kumar has collaborated with actress Vidya Balan for his next with filmmaker Anees Bazmee.

Through his latest social media post, Akshay informed that he is headed to Kerala to shoot for the yet untitled drama.

The clip dropped by the 'Houseful' actor on his official social media handle showed him stepping into an aircraft with Vidya. The two can be seen walking holding hands as Akshay guided Vidya into the plane.

Hoping that they are able to create magic on screen yet again, Akshay wrote on the photo-sharing app, "Next stop: God’s own country, the magical Keralam (Palm tree and airoplane emojis) Anees Bazmi’s next is my fourth film with the ever fabulous @balanvidya and I hope the good luck charm of our jodi continues (crossed fingers emoji) (sic)."



Prior to this, Akshay and Vidya have shared screen space in "Heyy Babyy" (2007), "Bhool Bhulaiyaa" (2007), and most recently "Mission Mangal" (2019). All these movies turned out to be a massive hit at the box office.

Akshay is also teaming with filmmaker Anees Bazmee after a long gap of 15 years. The two have previously delivered blockbusters such as "Singh Is Kinng" (2008), "Welcome" (2007), and "Thank You" (2011).

Further details regarding the project's cast and crew are expected to be unveiled as the shoot moves forward.

Shifting our focus to Akshay's other work commitments, he will be a part of the latest instalment in the popular 'Welcome' franchise "Welcome to the Jungle".

Health

Late-night snacking bad for your gut health: Study



New Delhi, April 23 (IANS) Chronic stress can disrupt bowel functions and now, a new report on Thursday suggested that eating late at night amplifies these effects, with implications for both digestive health and the gut microbiome.

Researchers analysed data from more than 11,000 participants in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey in the US to examine links between chronic stress, late-night eating, and bowel dysfunction.

Individuals with a high allostatic load score — the cumulative physiological stress as reflected in body mass index (BMI), cholesterol level, and blood pressure — who also reported eating more than 25 per cent of daily calories after 9 p.m. were 1.7 times more likely to experience constipation and diarrhoea than those with lower scores who did not eat late at night.

"It’s not just what you eat, but when you eat it," said Harika Dadigiri, resident physician at New York Medical College at Saint Mary’s and Saint Clare’s Hospital said the study’s lead author. "And when we’re already under stress, that timing may deliver a ‘double hit’ to gut health," she added. Similarly, data from more than 4,000 participants in the American Gut Project found that people with both high stress levels and late-night eating habits were 2.5 times more likely to report bowel problems. These individuals had significantly lower gut microbiome diversity, suggesting that meal timing might magnify the impact of stress on the microbiome via the gut-brain axis — the two-way communication system involving nerves, hormones and gut bacteria.

Rashami Desai reveals the moment she got the epiphany about life and work



Mumbai, April 23 (IANS) Actress Rashami Desai has spoken up on her epiphany about life when she realised that there’s more to life than just the work.

In an emotional moment on ‘Rashami Ke Dil Se Dil Tak’, the actress was seen getting emotional as she reflected on life beyond work and her growing desire to build a family of her own. The heartfelt exchange unfolded during a special interaction on ‘Rashami Ke Dil Se Dil Tak’ with Dipika Kakar and Shoaib Ibrahim, whose bond left a lasting impact on Rashami.

Witnessing Dipika’s strength and positivity, especially in the face of personal health struggles, deeply touched Rashami during the podcast. What moved her even more was the unwavering support Shoaib extends to Dipika, a partnership rooted in love, strength, and companionship, something that became a defining moment for Rashami on the show. Speaking on the podcast, Rashami shared, “Seeing Dipika and Shoaib together really moved me. The way a family, your partner, your child, becomes your strength in the toughest times is something I felt very deeply.

Varanasi starring Mahesh Babu, Priyanka Chopra heads to Comic Con Experience Mexico

Mumbai, April 23 (IANS) The upcoming S. S. Rajamouli epic ‘Varanasi’, which stars Mahesh Babu, Priyanka Chopra Jonas, and Prithviraj Sukumaran, is set to make an international appearance at Comic Con Experience Mexico 2026.

The film will be showcased through an exclusive panel scheduled for April 24 at the Thunder Stage, marking a significant milestone in its journey toward worldwide audiences. Producer S. S. Karthikeya will present a special segment titled ‘Varanasi to the World’, offering attendees a unique glimpse into the film. The presentation will also feature an exclusive video message from the filmmaker S.S. Rajamouli himself, along with never-before-seen behind-the-scenes footage. The session will conclude with a live interaction, giving fans a rare opportunity to engage directly and experience the vision behind one of India’s biggest cinematic spectacles.



Suniel Shetty wishes sister on birthday, says ‘Some bonds just hold life together’

Mumbai, April 23 (IANS) Bollywood star Suniel Shetty seems to have become emotional on the account of his sister's birthday on the 23rd of April.

The actor took to social media to pen a heartfelt birthday wish for his sister.

With the caption, he gave his fans a glimpse into his close-knit family bond with his sister.

Sharing a warm picture, Suniel expressed gratitude and love for his sister, highlighting the strength of their bond.

“Some bonds don’t need words, they just hold life together. Thank you for being that strength…always. Happy birthday Sujju… @su_hedge” In the picture shared by Suniel, the actor is seen walking alongside his sister at what seems to be a wedding occasion.



The actor has often spoken about the importance of siblings in his life and frequently celebrates them on special occasions.

Last year, on the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan, Suniel had shared a picture with both his sisters, emphasizing on how much they mean to him.

He wrote, “With these two by my side, I’ve never had to look far for strength, love, or grounding. Grateful today… And every single day. Happy Raksha Bandhan.”

In that picture, Suniel is seen posing with his two sisters with all of them dressed in traditional ensembles.

For the uninitiated, Suniel is fondly called as Anna, and has appeared in over 100 films, in a career spanning over three decades.

He rose to fame with his movies like Balwaan, Mohra, Dilwale and Border followed by Hera Pheri, Phir Hera Pheri and Dhadkan. He will next be seen in Ahmed Khan’s upcoming comedy film titled “Welcome To The Jungle”.

Samson lights up Wankhede with sensational ton, equals Rohit Sharma

Mumbai, April 23 (IANS) Opener Sanju Samson hammered a brilliant unbeaten century, his second of Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026, as Chennai Super Kings (CSK) posted 207/6 in 20 overs against Mumbai Indians (MI) at the iconic Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on Thursday.



After being asked to bat first, CSK got off to a strong start. Samson and captain RuturajGaikwad attacked from the beginning, scoring 26 runs in the first two overs, including 19 runs off HardikPandya's second over.

Mumbai got their first breakthrough in the third over when Gaikwad was dismissed for 22 off 14 balls. Despite losing a wicket, Samson kept the momentum going and again took on Pandya, collecting 19 runs in the fourth over bowled by the Mumbai Indians skipper as CSK crossed the 50-run mark quickly.

Sarfaraz Khan played a few attacking shots but was bowled by Mitchell Santner for 14 off 8 balls in the last over of the Power-play. CSK ended the first six overs at 73/2.

After the fielding restrictions were lifted, the Mumbai Indians struck again as AM Ghazanfar bowled ShivamDube with a clever carrom ball. Dewald Brevis then struck some runs, hitting two sixes and a four before getting out for 21 off 11 balls to Ashwani Kumar.

At the other end, Samson continued to bat with confidence and reached his fifty in just 26 balls.

He held the innings together even as wickets kept falling.

Young batter Kartik tried to accelerate in the middle overs with a couple of sixes but struggled later and was dismissed by JaspritBumrah for 18 off 19 balls. Jamie Overton provided a late boost with a quick 15 off 7 balls.

In the final overs, Samson dominated the bowling and brought up his century in style, reaching the milestone in 54 balls with a six. He remained unbeaten on 101, hitting 10 fours and 6 sixes, helping CSK cross the 200-run mark.

For the Mumbai Indians, Ghazanfar was the pick of the bowlers with 2/25, while Ashwani Kumar also picked up two wickets.

Brief scores:

Chennai Super Kings 207/6 in 20 overs (Sanju Samson 101*, RuturajGaikwad 22; AM Ghazanfar 2-25, Ashwani Kumar 2-37) against Mumbai Indians

BCCI's indoor cricket facility in Rangpo set for inauguration by PM Modi, says Saikia

Rangpo (Sikkim), April 23 (IANS) BCCI Secretary DevajitSaikia on Thursday inspected the newly built indoor cricket academy at the Sikkim Cricket Ground in Mining, Rangpo, ahead of its formal inauguration by Prime Minister NarendraModi on April 28.

The Rs 23-crore facility, developed within the premises of the Sikkim Cricket Association (SICA) ground, features modern amenities including net practice areas, a gymnasium, a swimming pool, and other infrastructure aimed at raising cricket training standards in the region.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi is visiting Sikkim on April 28. On that day, the indoor cricket facilities in Sikkim, which we started in 2022, will be completed and ready for inauguration.

"The Prime Minister will inaugurate the facilities in Rangpo as well as in five other Northeastern states. From Gangtok, all six facilities will be inaugurated, which will give a new impetus to the entire North-eastern cricket scene," Saikia said to reporters in Rangpo.

Saikia expressed satisfaction with the quality of the facilities in Rangpo.

Delhi Capitals announces Rehan Ahmed as Ben Duckett's replacement

New Delhi, April 23 (IANS) Delhi Capitals (DC) have signed England all-rounder Rehan Ahmed as a replacement for his compatriot Ben Duckett for the remainder of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 season.



According to an official IPL media advisory, Rehan has been roped in for a fee of INR 75 lakh. The 21-year-old right-arm leg-spinner has represented England in all three formats, featuring in five Tests, nine ODIs, and 13 T20Is, and has taken a total of 49 international wickets so far.

Duckett had withdrawn from what would have been his maiden IPL stint just before the start of the tournament in order to focus on his England commitments following a challenging Ashes tour. The Capitals did not name an immediate replacement at the time, instead opting to reshuffle their batting order, with PathumNissanka opening alongside KL Rahul.

India back at top as Prachi Gaikwad strikes gold

New Delhi, April 23 (IANS) Prachi Gaikwad struck gold, winning the junior women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions (3P) event at the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun in Cairo, Egypt, on Thursday, firing 354.6 in the final to overcome Individual Neutral Athlete (AIN) Darya Chuprys, who shot 354.4. Another AIN shooter, Elena Kretinina, won bronze with a score of 343.3, exiting the 35-shot final after the 34th shot. Naraen Pranav also won bronze in the junior men's 10m air rifle with a score of 229.5 in the final.

This was India's second gold of the competition after Shiva Narwal had won the men's 10m Air Pistol event on the opening day of competitions on Tuesday (April 21), and with four silvers and three bronzes also in their kitty, takes them back to the top of the medal tally.



Prachi was the only Indian to qualify for the junior women's 3P final at the Olympic International City Shooting range. She took sixth spot with a score of 578 and then began the final, placing fifth after the first 10 shots in the Kneeling position.

Thereafter, she surged to second after the Prone round and was just 0.6 behind Darya, who was leading at that stage.

With a 50+ return on the first five shots of the final Standing position, she shot into the lead for the first time in the match. But Darya found a second wind and fired a 51.0 over the next five, as Prachi missed the 10-ring four times, going down to third momentarily with the last five shots remaining.

The minor setback did not deter the Indian as she delivered when it mattered most, hitting the 10-ring four times, including two high 10s, to clinch it from Darya by a margin of 0.2.

Naraen wins bronze

In the junior men's 10m air rifle, three Indians made the cut, with Naraen best placed at third, scoring 630.9. Abhinav Shaw was fourth with 630.0 while DivyanshuDewangan took the seventh qualifying spot with a score of 626.8.

DC pacer Starc cleared by Cricket Australia, set for IPL return from May 1

New Delhi, April 23 (IANS) Australia pace spearhead Mitchell Starc has received clearance from Cricket Australia to resume competitive cricket and is set to join Delhi Capitals in India for the remainder of the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 season.

Starc, who had been recovering from elbow and shoulder issues sustained during the Australian summer, is expected to link up with DC shortly and gradually build his bowling workload.

The left-arm quick is likely to make his first appearance of the season in Delhi's May 1 clash against Rajasthan Royals, after missing the initial phase of the tournament.

The injury setback came after an intense stretch of cricket for Australia, where Starc featured in all five Tests during their dominant 4-1 Ashes triumph, earning player-of-the-series honours, before turning out for the Sydney Sixers in the Big Bash League.

Delhi Capitals, who currently sit fifth on the points table with a 3-3 record, will hope Starc's arrival boosts their bowling attack, led so far by Lungi Ngidi, who has picked up seven wickets in six matches.

Starc had earlier addressed criticism surrounding his delayed arrival through a strongly worded social media post, reaffirming his commitment to the franchise.

"Despite the opinions and views of certain individuals with their platforms in and through the Indian media, I'm currently rehabbing and managing an injury in my shoulder and elbow of which I didn't know the extent of during the Australian summer.



These individuals have made some strong statements around involvement in the IPL and provided heavily misinformed opinions of players, preached them as facts, and claim to know my body better than me.

"With that said I do acknowledge this injury setback and timing is disruptive to the Delhi team and I apologise for that and to the fans for not being available for the early part of this season.

I remain committed to join DC, are in continual communication updating the team, and will continue to do what I can to be available for DC asap," Starc had written.

CSK sign Akash Madhwal as replacement for injured Mhatre

Mumbai, April 23 (IANS) Five-time champions Chennai Super Kings (CSK) have signed AkashMadhwal as a replacement for AyushMhatre, who has been ruled out of the remainder of the IPL 2026 due to a hamstring injury, for a fee of Rs. 30 Lakh. Having served as a net bowler for the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in IPL 2021, Madhwal, a right-arm fast bowler, made his debut for the Mumbai Indians in 2023, wherein he took a five-wicket haul with impressive figures of 5/5 in his debut season for MI in the crucial IPL 2023 Eliminator against the Lucknow Super Giants. However, his performance declined in the 2024 season, where he took only five wickets in five matches. In the previous edition, he played for Rajasthan Royals, claiming four wickets in four games. Overall, he has 23 wickets from 17 matches in the tournament but went unsold at the IPL 2026 auction.



Madhwal, a 32-year-old uncapped Indian right-arm medium-fast bowler from Roorkee, was named captain of Uttarakhand for the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy ahead of the 2022-23 domestic season, highlighting his rising prominence in the circuit.

Trump envoy asks FIFA to replace Iran with Italy at WC

New Delhi, April 23 (IANS) A special envoy to US President Donald Trump has reportedly asked FIFA to replace Iran with Italy in the upcoming World Cup, starting from June 11, after the American president assailed Pope Leo XIV in a social media post.

Trump has launched an unusual and scathing attack on Pope Leo over his opposition to US immigration policy and the war in Iran. He accused the first American Pope of being "weak on crime and terrible for foreign policy" in a Truth Social post, drawing criticism from across the political spectrum.

Italian Prime Minister GiorgiaMeloni called Trump's criticism of Pope Leo XIV "unacceptable". As per the report of the Financial Times, the plan is an effort to repair the relationship between Trump and Meloni, which soured after the former's comments against Pope Leo XIV regarding the war with Iran. "I confirm I have suggested to Trump and (FIFA president Gianni) Infantino that Italy replace Iran at the World Cup. I'm an Italian native and it would be a dream to see the Azzurri at a US-hosted tournament.



With four titles, they have the pedigree to justify inclusion," US special envoy Paolo Zampolli was quoted in a report.

For the first time in FIFA World Cup history, a former world champion failed to qualify for football's biggest stage for three consecutive editions.

Italy's heartbreak came after crashing out on penalties to Bosnia and Herzegovina in play-off, becoming the first World Cup-winning team to miss three consecutive tournaments.

KPS Mango students felicitated for academic excellence

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 23: Kerala Public School Mango organised annual prize distribution ceremony on Thursday at the school campus, celebrating the achievements of students from Nursery to Class 11.

Mango Mayor Sudha Gupta attended the event as the Chief Guest.

Several dignitaries, including Chairperson Manorama Nair and Director Sharat Chandran, were also present.

Students were honoured for their academic excellence and overall performance during the year.

The programme also featured vibrant cultural performances by students, which added colour and enthusiasm to the event. Speaking on the occasion, guests appreciated the efforts of students and teachers in maintaining high academic standards. Also present were Srikant Nair (Director), Rachna Nair (Academic Director), Lakshmi R (Academic Director), Shanta Vaidyanathan (Assistant Director and Founder Principal, KPS Kadma), along with Som Raghunath, Afsan Khan, D. Sonali, Mukhtar Alam Khan, Shahbaz Khan, SajitIsrar, Mashook Baksh, Sharmila Mukherjee, RashmiSinha, and others. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Principal Rupa Ghosh, who acknowledged the contributions of all participants and organisers. (w-mb)



High-stakes clash awaits Jamshedpur FC at home

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 23: Jamshedpur FC have intensified their preparations as they gear up for a crucial home encounter against Chennaiyin FC on April 25 th at 7:30 PM , with the Men of Steel determined to make the most of their remaining fixtures at the Furnace.



With the league entering its decisive phase, Jamshedpur FC now shift focus entirely to their home matches, a factor that could play a significant role in shaping their campaign. Backed by strong support at the JRD Tata Sports Complex, the team sees this as an opportunity to regain momentum and climb back in the standings. Training sessions in the lead-up to the match have been marked by intensity and focus, as the squad works on sharpening both attacking and defensive aspects of their game.

Head coach Owen Coyle stressed the importance of the upcoming fixture and the role of home advantage. "We know how important these games are, especially at home.

The focus is on getting back to winning ways and making the most of the opportunities we create. Three points are crucial for us at this stage, and we have to make sure we deliver," he said.

With only a handful of matches remaining, every point carries added significance. For Jamshedpur FC, the clash against Chennaiyin FC presents not just another game, but a chance to reclaim momentum and reinforce their push in the league. (w-mb)

Heartbreak for Jamshedpur U-18 in quarters

Mail News Service

Mahilpur/Jamshedpur, April 23: Jamshedpur FC U-18's impressive run in the AIFF Elite League came to an end after a hard-fought quarterfinal defeat to Bengaluru FC, with the match decided on penalties following a 2-2 draw in regulation time.



Jamshedpur began on a slow note and were made to pay when Bengaluru FC took the lead in the 16th minute from a corner. The Young Men of Steel gradually settled into the game and grew in confidence as the half progressed.

Their persistence paid off just before the break when Alvin found the equaliser, bringing JFC back into the contest. The second half saw Jamshedpur take greater control, enjoying more possession and attacking with intent.

Mars and Krishna Tudu both came close as JFC pushed for the lead, but it was Bengaluru FC who struck again in the 64th minute, capitalising on a defensive lapse to regain the advantage. Refusing to back down, Jamshedpur continued to press and were rewarded late in the game. In the 87th minute, Satyajitrose high to power in a header and level the scores once again, sending the match into a penalty shootout.

However, the shootout did not go Jamshedpur's way, as missed attempts from Sana and Rayan proved costly.

Bengaluru FC held their nerve from the spot to secure victory, bringing an end to Jamshedpur FC U-18's spirited campaign despite a determined performance in the knockout clash. (w-mb)

39,265 candidates to appear at 93 centers in Jamshedpur on April 26

JET 2026

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Jamshedpur, April 23: The East Singhbhum district administration has completed extensive preparations for the Jharkhand Eligibility Test (JET) 2024, scheduled for Sunday, April 26. A total of 39,265 candidates will appear for the examination across 93 centres in the district during a single shift from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

To ensure a fair and malpractice-free conduct of the exam, Deputy Commissioner Rajiv Ranjan and Senior Superintendent of Police Piyush Pandey conducted a detailed briefing for magistrates, police officers, and centre superintendents at Birsa Munda Town Hall in Sidhgora.

The district administration issued several directives to maintain transparency and security throughout the process. "Static magistrates and observers must arrive at their designated centres at least two hours before the commencement of the exam to manage law and order.

Flying squads will oversee the secure and timely transport of question papers and answer sheets. Furthermore, authorities must video record the entire process of opening and sealing question paper packets to ensure no tampering occurs," a senior official of the East Singhbhum district administration instructed.

Ranjan emphasized strict adherence to the Jharkhand Competitive Examination (Measure for Control and Prevention of Unfair Means in Recruitment) Act, 2023. He warned, "Any form of cheating, use of unfair means, or disruption of the process is a serious offense that will trigger immediate legal action.

Candidates are strictly prohibited from carrying mobile phones, calculators, Bluetooth devices, smartwatches, or any other electronic gadgets into the examination hall."

Pandey directed police officials to maintain a high level of security at all venues. "Every candidate will undergo an intensive check at the entrance, with female police personnel specifically assigned to handle the frisking of female candidates," he said. The SSP also highlighted the importance of crowd management at the gates to avoid candidate inconvenience. "Police will maintain active surveillance on social media to prevent the spread of rumours and keep a close watch on any illegal gatherings near the centres," Pandey added.

The administration also reviewed traffic plans to ensure smooth transit for students. Given the rising temperatures, officers received advice on dehydration precautions to assist both police personnel and candidates. (W-sm)

JWU student Priya tops Bharatiya Sanskriti Gyan Pariksha



Jamshedpur, April 23: Jamshedpur Women's University (JWU) organized an award ceremony on Thursday to honour students who excelled in the Bharatiya Sanskriti Gyan Pariksha (Indian Culture Knowledge Examination). The university's Intermediate (Class 12) students delivered a stellar performance in the examination. Priya Kumari secured the first rank at the State level, while Marjina Parveen clinched the first position at the District level, bringing significant laurels to the institution. Other students who received medals and certificates for their outstanding performance include Priyanka Kumari, Priyanka Yadav, Smriti Kumari, Kanak Mahato, Anupriya Soren, and Sanjana Verma. All participants received certificates of participation. In recognition of the university's active involvement, a commemorative memento was presented by Dr. Deepa Sharan to the Dean of Student Welfare (DSW), Dr. Kishwar Ara. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Deepa Sharan provided detailed insights into the nature of the Indian Culture Knowledge Examination. She emphasized the critical distinction between "Shiksha" (formal education) and "Vidya" (true knowledge/wisdom), highlighting the necessity of cultural roots in modern learning. (W-sm)

Jamshedpur Bar creates history, lawyers suspend work to honour staff member

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Jamshedpur, April 23: In a rare and humane gesture, the nearly century-old Jamshedpur Bar Association set a remarkable precedent by suspending judicial work for half a day to mourn the demise of one of its staff members, Sushant Kumar Namata, popularly known as Bhondu.

The move is being seen as unprecedented across the country.

Namata had suffered a fatal head injury after falling from the roof of his residence in Adarsh Nagar on Mango-Dimna Road a few days ago, following which he slipped into a coma.

He was undergoing treatment at RIMS, with medical expenses jointly borne by members of the Bar and the Association. He passed away on Wednesday. His last rites were performed at the Subernarekha Burning Góhat. Senior members of the Bar, including Vice-President Balai Panda, Executive Committee member Abhay Kumar Singh, and Kulvinder Singh, were present during the funeral. The Association's decision to abstain from judicial work as a mark of respect drew widespread appreciation from advocates, who also expressed gratitude to President R.N. Das, Secretary Rajesh Ranjan, and the executive body. Advocates Vishnu Satpathy, Sudhir Kumar Pappu, T.N. Ojha, and Ramjeet Pandey said the gesture underscored the fact that staff members are integral to the institution, making the tribute deeply meaningful. Meanwhile, senior advocates B.V. Subramanyam, Vishnu Satpathy, Rahul Kumar, and Nishant Kumar mobilised financial assistance for the bereaved family. An amount of Rs 50,000 has already been handed over, with additional support to be provided to his wife, Kalyani Devi, and son, Dulal Namata, to help them perform the last rites in accordance with their traditions. (W-pm)

HC-ordered raid in Golmuri uncovers fake FMCG stock

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Jamshedpur, April 23: In a major crackdown on intellectual property violations, a joint operation was carried out in Golmuri area on Thursday following directives from the Bombay High Court. Authorities seized counterfeit cosmetics and toothpaste worth lakhs of rupees, allegedly smuggled in from Nepal and sold under reputed brand names.

The action stemmed from a complaint filed by Unilever's IP arm, which had been receiving consistent reports of fake products circulating in the market. Acting on the complaint, company representative Diptonil Hazara, along with Golmuri police, conducted targeted raids at identified locations.

During the operation, officials recovered a significant quantity of products bearing forged labels of well-known brands such as Closeup and Pepsodent, indicating clear trademark infringement.

Local resident Ashok Kumar has been named as the primary accused in the case. The raid was conducted under Commercial IP Suit No. 36566 of 2025, with prior legal notice from the High Court affixed at the premises, directing compliance and court appearance. Police confirmed that the seized goods have been taken into custody and further investigation is underway.

Experts view this High Court-backed action as a strong signal of intensified enforcement, with companies and authorities tightening the noose around counterfeit networks to protect both brand integrity and consumer safety. (W-pm)

Advocate killed in hit-and-run case in Mango

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 23: In a tragic incident, a 38-year-old advocate practicing at the Supreme Court of India lost his life after being hit by a speeding car near Mount View School on Dimna Road under the Ulidih OP area on Thursday morning.

The deceased has been identified as Shashi Bhushan, a resident of Subhash Colony. The accident occurred around 7:00 AM when the victim was reportedly standing by the roadside. According to eyewitnesses, the car, moving at high speed and allegedly out of control, rammed into the victim with immense force. The impact was so severe that the victim was dragged for nearly 50 feet before the vehicle came to a halt.

Driver flees after being confronted by locals: In the immediate aftermath, local residents rushed to the spot and managed to apprehend the driver. However, tensions escalated quickly, and the accused was allegedly assaulted by the crowd. Amid the chaos, the driver managed to escape from the scene.

Victim declared dead at hospital : Police personnel from the Ulidih outpost reached the spot soon after receiving information and shifted the critically injured man to MGM Hospital. However, doctors declared him dead after examination.

Had returned from Delhi hours before accident : Family members revealed that Shashi Bhushan had arrived in Jamshedpur from Delhi earlier that very morning. According to his brother, Shashi Shekhar, the victim had briefly stepped out of the house, assuring that he would return shortly, when the fatal accident occurred.

Vehicle seized, manhunt underway : The police have seized the vehicle involved in the accident and launched a search operation to trace the absconding driver. Raids are being conducted at multiple locations as part of the ongoing investigation. The incident has sparked outrage among local residents, once again raising concerns over reckless driving and road safety in the city. (W-pb)

Man sets house ablaze after family dispute



Jamshedpur, April 23: A shocking incident unfolded on Thursday in Golpahari Naya Basti under the Parsudih police station area, where a youth allegedly set his own house on fire following a domestic dispute, triggering panic across the densely populated locality. According to reports, the accused, identified as Raja Prasad, had been creating unrest at home for the past three days under the influence of alcohol.

Around 11:30 am on Thursday, he reportedly assaulted his mother, Putul Devi, his wife, and their three children before forcing them out of the house. He then set a room on fire and fled the scene.

As flames spread, residents acted swiftly to prevent a larger catastrophe. Given the congested nature of the area, locals immediately removed LPG cylinders from nearby houses. Youths used water pipes in an attempt to douse the flames and managed to pull out a cylinder from the burning house just in time, averting a possible explosion that could have engulfed multiple homes.

On receiving information, the Jharkhand Fire Services team rushed to the spot and, with the help of residents, brought the fire under control. However, by then, the house had been completely gutted. Household items, including a television, refrigerator, clothes, utensils, and important documents, were reduced to ashes. Fortunately, no casualties were reported as family members had already evacuated. The accused, reportedly a driver by profession, remains absconding.

Parsudih police have initiated an investigation and launched a search operation to trace the accused. A written complaint has been lodged by the victim, Putul Devi, while locals have demanded strict action against the accused. (W-pm)

Golpahari to Jugsalai Petrol Pump to be converted into a four-lane road



Jamshedpur, April 23: The redevelopment of Tatanagar Railway Station is set to bring a major infrastructure boost to the city, with the road from Golpahari to Sankata Singh Petrol Pump in Jugsalai slated to be widened into a four-lane thoroughfare. Stretching approximately 1.5 kilometers and expanding to a width of 30-40 meters, the upgraded road is expected to significantly ease traffic congestion and improve connectivity in the region.

The Indian Railways has drawn up an extensive redevelopment plan worth around Rs 1,000 crore, and the process to initiate work has been accelerated. In the first phase, a new station building will be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 283 crore. Additionally, a modern coaching depot for Vande Bharat trains will be developed with an investment of about Rs 400 crore.

As part of the expansion, five new platforms will be added to the existing five at the station, increasing the total number of platforms to 10. To enhance passenger convenience, 16 elevators and 14 escalators will be installed, offering improved accessibility for elderly passengers and persons with disabilities.

The project also includes the construction of multi-storey station buildings on both sides. A G+3 structure will come up on the northern side, while a G+6 building will be developed on the southern side. These two structures will be connected through an elevated air concourse, enabling seamless movement of passengers across platforms. The existing station entry point will be redeveloped as the South Station Building, equipped with modern amenities such as food kiosks, taxi counters, help desks, and spacious waiting areas. Meanwhile, the Burmamines-side entrance will be transformed into the North Station Building. " The entire redevelopment project is targeted for completion within 36 months. Once completed, the station is expected to emerge as a modern transport hub offering world-class facilities to passengers while enhancing the overall urban landscape of Jamshedpur," said an official of Tatanagar Railway Station. (W-pb)

Major reshuffle at Tata Steel; key changes in procurement, IT and medical divisions

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 23: In a significant organisational reshuffle, Tata Steel has announced a series of transfers, role changes, and promotions across multiple departments, including Procurement, IT, and Medical Services. The changes, effective May 1, are aimed at strengthening operational efficiency and aligning leadership roles with evolving business needs.

Key deputation and leadership changes : Among the notable developments, Manikant Nayak, an IL-2 level officer, has been deputed to Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Limited. His deputation will continue until June 30, 2028, indicating a long-term strategic assignment.

Major reshuffle in procurement division : The Procurement Department has witnessed significant restructuring. Ashok Kumar, who was serving as Head of Procurement (Jamshedpur), has now been reassigned as Head of Procurement (Electrical). Roma Sahni, previously heading Procurement (OMQ), will now take charge as Head of Procurement (Jamshedpur Delivery Management), reflecting a shift in operational focus. In a key promotion, Siddharth Sonkar has been elevated to the role of Head of Procurement (Group Strategic Procurement). He earlier served as Senior Area Manager (Procurement) and is expected to play a crucial role in strengthening group-level sourcing strategies.

Changes in 'One IT' division : The company has also introduced changes within its 'One IT' division to streamline digital operations. Santosh Kumar, currently Head of IT Services for the New Materials Business, has been directed to oversee operations from Jamshedpur. At the same time, Indranil Majumdar, Head of IT Services (Group Reporting), will now operate from Kolkata, indicating a strategic redistribution of IT leadership across locations.

Additionally, Ashish Agarwal, formerly Head of Coke Plant (Iron Making) at Tata Steel Meramandali, has been appointed as Head of Process Automation (Iron Making) at the same unit, highlighting the company's focus on technology-driven manufacturing.

Changes in TMH and medical services : The reshuffle also extends to the medical wing, including Tata Main Hospital (TMH) and Tata Steel Medical Services. Dr. Renuka Saw, who was serving as Junior Registrar in the Emergency Department, has been moved to the Gastroenterology Department as a Consultant. Dr. Vijay Kumar, previously Senior Registrar in Medical Services at West Bokaro, has been appointed as Plant Medical Officer for the Jamshedpur plant. Dr. Pratyush Anand, Senior Registrar in Emergency Services, has been transferred to the TMH Clinic, while Dr. Dibyendu Patra has been moved from the TMH Clinic to the main hospital facility to serve in the Emergency Department.

Strategic realignment for future growth : The wide-ranging changes underline Tata Steel's continued focus on organisational agility, leadership development, and operational excellence. By realigning roles across critical functions, the company aims to enhance coordination, improve service delivery, and strengthen its position in an increasingly competitive industrial landscape. (W-pb)