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In Brief

RBI cancels Paytm Payments Bank licence

New Delhi, April 24: The Reserve Bank of India on Thursday cancelled the banking licence of Paytm Payments Bank Limited with effect from April 24, 2026, barring it from all banking operations. The RBI said it will approach the High Court for winding up the bank. The move marks a major escalation in regulatory action, following restrictions imposed on the bank over the past two years.

Normal LPG supply, 17.83 lakh sold

New Delhi, April 24: The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas said LPG supply remains normal, with no shortages reported. Over 17.83 lakh 5 kg cylinders were sold in April, mainly used by migrant workers. The government also strengthened monitoring, conducting raids to curb black marketing. Citizens have been advised to avoid panic buying and rely on official updates, while refineries continue operating at high capacity to ensure steady fuel supply.

Bharat Taxi expands Mumbai Urban Mobility

New Delhi, April 24: Bharat Taxi has launched its driver onboarding initiative in Mumbai, inaugurated by Piyush Goyal. The move aims to strengthen urban transport and improve driver earnings through a technology-driven platform. The programme saw strong participation from drivers and unions. The initiative will enhance transparency, simplify onboarding, and expand opportunities, as Mumbai joins other cities in Bharat Taxi's growing national network.

Govt plans city data reports initiative

New Delhi, April 24: The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has proposed publishing annual statistical reports for 47 million-plus cities to strengthen urban planning. Using data from PLFS and ASUSE, the initiative aims to provide detailed insights into labour markets, informal sectors, and economic activity. It will support city-level policy, improve data availability, and aid GDP estimation, with stakeholder feedback invited on the proposed framework.

Govt boosts safety in pilot training

New Delhi, April 24: The Ministry of Civil Aviation has released Phase 2 rankings of DGCA-approved Flying Training Organisations, showing improved safety and performance. Avyanna Aviation Pvt Ltd secured the top 'A' category. The initiative, led by Ram Mohan Naidu, aims to enhance transparency and training quality. The government expects rising demand for pilots, with major aviation expansion planned in the coming years.

CM bats for stronger panchayats

Awards to top panchayats with focus on village-centric governance

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Ranchi, April 24: Reinforcing the central role of villages in shaping Jharkhand's future, Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Friday underscored that sustainable development must begin at the grassroots.

He was addressing the "Chief Minister's Panchayat Incentive Award Ceremony-cum-Mukhiya Conference 2026 (South Chotanagpur Division)" held at the Harivansh Tana Bhagat Indoor Stadium in Khelgaon, Ranchi.

Recognising Grassroots Excellence

At the function, the Chief Minister felicitated top-performing Panchayats from across the state, honouring excellence in categories such as Outstanding Gram Panchayat, Best Gram Sabha, and Clean & Healthy Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad.

The awards, accompanied by incentive grants worth crores, aimed



to inspire local bodies to raise governance standards and foster healthy competition.

Emphasising a village-centric governance model, Soren stated that empowered Panchayats are critical to ensuring that welfare schemes translate into tangible benefits at the ground level.

He highlighted the pivotal role of elected representatives in bridging the gap between policy and implementation, ensuring last-mile delivery of services.In a significant step toward decentralisation, a "Terms of Engagement" agreement with UIDAI was handed over during the event. This initiative will enable Aadhaar-related services to be delivered directly at Gram Panchayat centres, reducing dependency on distant facilities and improving accessibility for rural residents.

With summer intensifying, the Chief Minister called for proactive measures to tackle water scarcity. He urged Panchayat leaders to prioritise pond rejuvenation, promote rainwater harvesting, and construct soak pits near hand pumps to sustain groundwater levels.

Soren also advocated for the adoption of solar energy in rural areas, encouraging villagers to utilise unused agricultural land for solar power generation.

He assured that the government would procure the electricity generated, opening new avenues for rural income and self-reliance.

Strengthening Transparency and Participation

Calling for stronger collaboration between citizens and public representatives, the Chief Minister stressed transparency, accountability, and active community participation. He noted that recognising exemplary work not only motivates achievers but also sets benchmarks for others to follow.

The event witnessed the presence of ministers, MLAs, senior officials, and Panchayat representatives, marking a renewed push toward strengthening grassroots governance in Jharkhand.

AAP rocked as 7 RS MPs quit; Chadha among 3 join BJP



New Delhi, April 24 (IANS): In a massive jolt to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Friday, its Rajya Sabha MPs including Raghav Chadha, Sandeep Pathak and Ashok Mittal quit the party.Raghav Chadha, Sandeep Pathak and Ashok Mittal joined the Bharatiya Janata Party on Friday after severing ties with the AAP.The MPs formally joined the BJP in the presence of BJP president Nitin Nabin at the party headquarters in New Delhi.Nabin marked the occasion by distributing sweets to the MPs.Chadha and Pathak on Friday announced that they are joining the Bharatiya Janata Party along with five other MPs of the party.

Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, Chadha said that seven out of 10 Rajya Sabha MPs of AAP are set to merge with the BJP."As per the Constitution, two-thirds of the total MPs of a party can merge with another party," Chadha said."We have submitted a letter to Rajya Sabha Chairman C P Radhakrishnan in this regard today... submitting all the documents required, " he told reporters.

Chadha said other AAP Rajya Sabha MPs who are joining the BJP are Harbhajan Singh, Rajendra Gupta, Vikram Sahni, Swati Maliwal and Ashok Mittal.Sandeep Pathak and Ashok Mittal, both AAP Rajya Sabha MPs, were present with Chadha at the press conference.

SC allows CBI probe in Ranchi ED case

New Delhi/Ranchi, April 24 In a setback to the Jharkhand government, the Supreme Court on Friday refused to stay the Jharkhand High Court's order transferring the probe into an FIR against Enforcement Directorate officials in Ranchi to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

A bench of Justices M.M. Sundresh and N. Kotiswar Singh dismissed the state government's plea, which had challenged the High Court's decision and sought a halt to the CBI investigation.

Senior advocate Meenakshi Arora, ap-



pearing for the state, argued for a stay on the probe, but the apex court declined to grant any relief.

With the dismissal of the plea, the CBI will continue its investigation into the case.

The controversy stems from a complaint filed by Santosh Kumar, an employee of the state's Drinking Water and Sanitation Department and an accused in a money laundering case. He alleged that he was assaulted and mentally harassed by officials of the Enforcement Directorate during questioning at its Ranchi office on January 12.

Following the complaint, an FIR was registered against ED officials at the Airport police station in Ranchi. Subsequent action by the Ranchi Police at the ED office triggered a major row, with the ED terming it illegal interference in the functioning of a central agency and alleging mala fide intent. The agency then moved the Jharkhand High Court.

Hazaribagh bank heist, Rs 6 Cr looted

Hazaribagh, April 24: In a major bank robbery, armed criminals decamped with gold and cash worth several crores of rupees from a branch of the Bank of Maharashtra in Barhi town of Jharkhand's Hazaribagh district on Friday evening, officials said.

According to preliminary estimates, the gang looted around four kg of gold valued between Rs 6 and Rs 7 crore from the bank's strong room, along with Rs 5 lakh in cash from the counter.

The incident has caused panic in the area and raised serious questions over police and bank security



arrangements.

As per eyewitnesses and bank officials, the robbery took place around 4 p.m.

The criminals committed the crime in a well planned manner. Bank's Deputy Manager Raushan Singh said two young men first entered the bank under the pretext of opening a current account. Soon after, three more accomplices followed them inside. Once inside, all five pulled out firearms and held bank staff and customers at gunpoint.

When some employees resisted, the robbers allegedly assaulted the bank manager and other staff members. The entire operation was completed in about 20 minutes. The criminals forced everyone into a corner, seized the keys, and targeted the strong room.

They filled the gold deposited by customers for gold loans -- about four kg -- into bags and also collected the cash lying at the counter. After committing the robbery, the gang locked the bank from the outside to prevent any immediate pursuit and fled the scene.

Bank employees later managed to get out and informed the police.

Iran's Araghchi to travel to Pak amid US talks deadlock

Tehran, April 24 (IANS): An Iranian delegation led by Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi is likely to arrive in Islamabad on Friday night for the second round of peace talks with the US, according to Pakistani media reports.Quoting government sources, multiple Pakistani media reported that a US logistics and security team is already present in Islamabad. Iranian Foreign Minister Araghchi is expected to arrive tonight with a small negotiating team, Dawn reported, citing sources.

The development comes hours after Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and Araghchi, in a phone call, exchanged views on the US-Iran ceasefire and Pakistan's ongoing diplomatic efforts.

US backs truce extension

Washington, April 24 (IANS) US President Donald Trump announced a three-week extension of the ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon, describing it as a "historic" step and signalling possible direct talks between the two sides in Washington.

The development followed an Oval Office meeting attended by senior officials from both countries, including Lebanese Ambassador to the United States Nada Hamadeh Moawad and Israeli Ambassador Yechiel Leiter.

Samrat wins trust vote in Bihar

Patna, April 24 (IANS): The NDA government led by Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary won the vote of confidence by a voice vote in the Bihar Assembly on Friday.

Assembly Speaker Prem Kumar congratulated the new government on winning the confidence motion in the House.

Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary started his political career in the late 1990s when he was appointed a minister in the RJD government led by the then Chief Minister Rabri Devi in 1999.

Notably, Samrat Choudhary countered RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav's allegation that he was a product of 'Lalu



Pathshala'. Samrat asserted that power is no one's personal fiefdom.

"No one comes here straight out of a classroom. I would say that if Lalu Ji had not jailed me, I would not have joined politics and would not have become the Chief Minister. Lalu Ji forcibly imprisoned 22 members of my family. Later, Lalu Ji publicly apologised at the Miller School grounds, admitting that he had made a mistake," he contended.

"Whenever you launch a personal attack, you must be prepared to face a personal retort. I have worked with Lalu Prasad Ji as well. It was Lalu Ji who was the first to bow down before the Sangh," he remarked.

Meanwhile, "I do not deny that it was Nitish Kumar's wish that I should become the Chief Minister of Bihar," he said.

Hosbale highlights RSS trust model

Washington, April 24 (IANS) RSS General Secretary Dattatreya Hosabale said the organisation's ability to build scalable and socially impactful models rests on a foundation of trust, teamwork and a spirit of sacrifice, offering lessons for institutions globally. Responding to a question during a discussion with eminnet Indian Americans on practical and scalable solutions for society, Hosabale emphasised the central role of youth and lived experience in shaping effective models."The younger generation, the youth, and also learn from experience," he said, pointing to the importance of values-driven engagement rather than purely institutional design.He said the RSS approach draws from the idea of extending family values into broader social structures. "The values family can extend to any group of people," Hosabale said, suggesting that social cohesion and shared purpose can be replicated beyond traditional community settings.Highlighting the operational philosophy behind RSS-inspired initiatives, he identified teamwork as a core principle. "The spirit of this teamwork, that is their secret," he said, adding that such collaboration is sustained through mutual trust and willingness to contribute beyond individual interests.



TMC won't open account in many districts: PM Modi

Kolkata, April 24 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday claimed that the Trinamool Congress will not be able to secure a single seat in the Assembly elections in some districts of West Bengal.

"In some districts, Trinamool Congress will not even be able to open its account this time. This is clear from the polling pattern in the first round of polls on Thursday, which witnessed a record polling percentage. This record will also have to be broken in the second round on April 29. The people of West Bengal will ensure the defeat of Trinamool Congress," the Prime Minister said at a campaign rally at Baruipur in South 24 Parganas district on Friday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Modi was also critical of what he described as an "anti-national ambience" being



created within the iconic Jadavpur University in South 24 Parganas district."Threats are being made inside the Jadavpur University campus. Anti-national slogans are being written on the walls. Students are being forced to walk in processions. There is not a proper academic ambience within the campus. We want to save Jadavpur University. When a state government is unable to save the largest educational centre in the state, how can it save the state?" the Prime Minister said.Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was quick to react to the remarks through a social media post.

"Pained to ask: is this the way you describe the meritorious students of the esteemed Jadavpur University? Is this your concept of decorum and courtesy? Jadavpur University has been receiving top ranks in your government's NIRF ranking framework year after year, and you descend to insult that centre of excellence? You stoop so low?

"The students of Jadavpur University have earned their place through merit and walk out with degrees, with intellect, with the ability to question. That is not anarchy. That is education and that is excellence. Anarchy is not students raising their voices," the Chief Minister said in the post.

Modi takes boat ride on Hooghly, tries his hand at photography

Kolkata, April 24 (IANS) Narendra Modi took a boat ride on the Hooghly River in Kolkata on Friday morning, where he interacted with boatmen and morning walkers.

Sharing photographs from the visit on social media, Modi was seen seated on a wooden boat with a camera, with the Howrah Bridge and Vidyasagar Setu visible in the background.

"Tried my hand at photographing this great river. Also caught a close glimpse of the Vidyasagar Setu and Howrah Bridge," the Prime Minister said on X.

"For every Bengali, the Ganga occupies a very special place," he said."One can say that the Ganga flows through the soul of Bengal. Her divine waters carry the timeless spirit of an entire civilisation.""This morning in Kolkata, I spent some time on the banks of the Hooghly river, an opportunity to express gratitude to Maa Ganga," Modi said on social media.

India needs dual steel strategy: Tata Steel VP

ICSQS 2026 concludes at SNTI with focus on sustainable steelmaking

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Jamshedpur, April 24: The International Conference on Sustainable Quality Steelmaking (ICSQS 2026) concluded on April 24 at the SNTI in Jamshedpur, bringing together industry experts, researchers and professionals to discuss the future of sustainable steel production.

The two-day conference ended with a valedictory session addressed by Rajiv Mangal, Vice President - Safety, Health & Sustainability, Tata Steel. He highlighted the growing importance of safety and quality assurance, especially in steel produced through scrap-based routes such as Electric Arc Furnace (EAF) and Induction Furnace (IF). "India is witnessing strong growth in steel demand alongside increasingly stringent environmental norms. This requires a balanced and parallel development of both EAF capacities and blast furnace routes," Mangal said.

He also noted that while Tata Steel's European operations are gradually shifting towards EAF-based steelmaking in a stable demand environment, India presents a different scenario with expanding demand and evolving sustainability challenges. Emphasising collaboration, Mangal added, "The steel ecosystem must not see itself as competitors but as collaborators, working together to improve safety, quality, sustainability and efficiency."

The valedictory session was also attended by Dr. T. Bhaskar, Dr. S. Sanyal and Dr. A. Ammasi, who shared their insights on advancing steelmaking technologies.

Day 1 of the conference featured keynote addresses, technical sessions and panel discussions focusing on scrap quality, steel cleanliness, energy efficiency and decarbonisation in EAF and IF steelmaking.

Day 2 saw in-depth discussions on furnace technology, raw material quality, metallurgical process control, digitalisation and innovation. Experts stressed the need for process optimisation and sustainable practices to meet future industry demands.

The conference concluded with a feedback session, marking the successful closure of ICSQS 2026. (W-mb)

Guru Nanak School achieves 100% Matric result, Shweta tops

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Jamshedpur, April 24: Guru Nanak High School Sakchi recorded an outstanding performance in the Class 10 (Matriculation) examination conducted by the Jharkhand Academic Council, achieving a 100 percent pass rate this year. A total of 182 students appeared for the examination, including 76 girls and 106 boys, and all successfully cleared the exam, bringing joy and celebration across the school campus.

Among the achievers, ShwetaKumari emerged as the school topper with an impressive score of 90.40 percent. Her performance has brought pride to the institution and inspired fellow students to aim higher in their academic pursuits. School Principal Madhubala expressed happiness over the results, stating that the success reflects the combined efforts of students, teachers, and parents. She congratulated all the students and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence in the future. Members of the Gurudwara Management Committee, Sakchi, also lauded the achievement. SardarNishan Singh, along with General Secretary Paramjit Singh Kale, and School Secretary Sukhwinder Singh Nikku, congratulated the students and staff for the excellent performance. (W-mb)

JWU students lead community outreach initiative



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Jamshedpur, April 24: The Faculty of Education at Jamshedpur Women's University (JWU) organised a community service initiative on April 23 under the leadership of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ela Kumar. Around 100 B.Ed first semester students participated in the programme.

Divided into groups, students visited institutions including School of Hope (Bistupur), BalVihar School (Sonari), MukhBadhirSiddheshwar School (Baridih), and Adarsh Old Age Home. They engaged with children and elderly residents through interactive activities.

The programme included learning sessions, art and craft workshops, quiz competitions, and distribution of snacks and essential items. These activities helped boost creativity and confidence among participants.

At the old age home, students spent time with residents, listening to their experiences and offering companionship. The visits to special schools also gave students practical exposure to inclusive education and diverse learning needs. (W-mb)

JH Tarapore observes safety week

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Jamshedpur, April 24: J. H. Tarapore School observed Safety Week 2026–27, engaging students from all levels in a series of life-skill workshops and awareness drills. Operating under the theme "Safety First: Learn, Act, Protect," the initiative aimed to teach the students vigilance and responsibility within the school community.

The Primary Department focused on foundational safety through interactive and age-appropriate activities. Students participated in understanding the concepts of good touch and bad touch. They were also shown safety-themed videos designed to simplify complex emergency procedures.

Students from Classes VI to XII transitioned into more specialized safety themes. The curriculum included the design of Emergency Contact Cards and Cyber Safety posters, addressing the growing need for digital literacy and online protection.

The week's standout event featured a self-defence workshop for Class XII, led by Shihan L. Nageshwar Rao and his expert team. The session provided students with practical karate techniques, situational awareness strategies, and confidence-building exercises to handle real-world threats.

The school organized a mental health awareness session for Class XI. The workshop emphasized the importance of emotional well-being, self-care, and the resilience needed to navigate academic and personal challenges. (W-sm)

Gamharia English School records 100% result in JAC Class X exams

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Gamharia, April 24: Gamharia English School has delivered an excellent performance in the Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) Class 10 examinations, achieving a 100% pass result. All students who appeared in the 2026 board exams successfully cleared the examination, reflecting the dedication of both students and teachers.

Arpita Nayak emerged as the school topper with 85.4%, followed by Rohan Pradhan with 78%. Neelam Mahakur secured third position with 76%, Srishti Mahato stood fourth with 75%, and Kumar Abhishek finished fifth with 74%.

School President Rinku Roy and Director Subrato Roy congratulated the students and their parents on the outstanding results. They also appreciated the efforts of the teaching staff for their consistent guidance and support in achieving this success.

Loyola students learn first aid, fire safety and CPR skills

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Jamshedpur, April 24: Loyola School Jamshedpur celebrated Safety Week from April 20 to April 24, aiming to build awareness and preparedness among students on various safety aspects. The week-long programme was organised by the school's SAFE Club and witnessed enthusiastic participation across classes.

The celebrations began on April 20 with creative competitions. Students of Classes 6 and 7 took part in a First Aid Box Making Competition, while those from Classes 8 to 10 showcased their artistic skills in a poster-making contest on the theme 'Food Safety'. Winners were awarded medals for their efforts. On April 21, a special session on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) was conducted for Class 12 students at St. Joseph's Hall. The session was led by Dr.BinayenduPrakash, who



shared practical knowledge on life-saving techniques and emergency response.

The focus shifted to emergency preparedness on April 22 with a fire safety drill conducted by a fire brigade official, who trained students and staff on handling fire emergencies. An evacuation drill followed on April 23 for students of Classes 6 to 12 under the supervision of sports teachers, ensuring awareness of safe exit procedures.

The week concluded on April 24 with a cyber safety presentation by the SAFE Club for junior students, highlighting responsible online behaviour. (W-pb)

Tata Steel scales global AI strategy with Google Cloud deployment

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Jamshedpur, April 24: Tata Steel and Google Cloud announced a major expansion of their strategic partnership, deploying a massive fleet of over 300 specialized AI agents across the steelmaker's global value chain. The move shifts Tata Steel's AI strategy from experimental projects to a unified, enterprise-wide "agentic" ecosystem, scaling autonomous capabilities across the organization in just nine months.

Tata Steel's transformation rests on two primary platforms that turn decades of siloed operational data into a competitive advantage. Zen AI, an internal low-code platform, allows software developers and frontline managers-not just data scientists-to build and deploy their own AI agents. Using Google Cloud's Agent Development Kit (ADK) and BigQuery, Zen AI unifies structured data with unstructured sources like video and documents. The Tata Steel Digital Assistant (TDA) is a sophisticated portal that acts as a command centre for decision-making. TDA synthesizes global public data, internal financial records, and proprietary user data (like call recordings and spreadsheets) to provide predictive market intelligence and navigate supply chain shifts. The partnership brings AI directly to the manufacturing floor with a focus on high-risk zones. The specialized agent Safety EyeQ analyzes live video feeds to ensure workers strictly adhere to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). The agent triggers real-time alerts if it detects hazards, such as equipment moving too close to hot materials. Additionally, Asset Sphere agents evaluate equipment health to provide proactive maintenance plans, significantly reducing unplanned downtime. In customer service, multimodal AI models now analyze complaint images and text automatically, slashing average response times by 50%. "Working with Google Cloud has allowed us to turn AI from a technical experiment into a specialized partner for every employee," said Jayanta Banerjee, Chief Information Officer, Tata Steel. (W-sm)

Tata Steel launches Excellence in Education version 2

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Jamshedpur, April 24: Tata Steel launched the second version of its Excellence in Education Programme (TEEP) on April 23, 2026. The inaugural session, hosted at Kerala Samajam Model School (KSMS), focused on the development of social and cultural skills-one of five key competencies identified by city school principals for the 2026-27 academic cycle.

The program aims at the holistic upskilling of students. The launch event was attended by 340 students and teachers representing 17 schools from across the city.

The initiative's success stems from the strategic involvement of Vidya Battiwala and Kajal Patel from Tata Steel, who spearheaded the departmental coordination required to bring this skill-development vision to life.

Jiren Topno of the Tata Steel Foundation led the session. Through an engaging 75-minute presentation, he introduced the audience to the diverse tribes and languages of Jharkhand. The session provided deep insights into how tribal communities structure their internal leadership and social order, traditional systems of learning, and community labour. A central theme of the session was the "common thread" shared by all tribes-the profound respect for nature.

This cultural session marks the first of five skill-based modules planned under TEEP Version 2 for the current academic year, setting a high standard for the programs to follow. (W-sm)

Consumer rights expert addresses students at Loyola

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 24: Loyola School Jamshedpur witnessed an inspiring homecoming on Friday as it welcomed its distinguished alumnus, Bejon Kumar Misra-an acclaimed author and internationally recognised consumer policy expert.

With over five decades of experience, Prof. Misra is widely regarded as the driving force behind the landmark Jago Grahak Jago initiative. He is also the author of the influential book Grahak: The Man Who Awakened a Nation of Consumers, which traces the evolution of consumer awareness in India.

Addressing students during the session, Prof. Misra spoke extensively on consumer rights and responsibilities, urging young minds to stay informed and aware in an increasingly complex economic landscape. He emphasised the crucial role of youth in shaping public discourse and encouraged them to question, act responsibly, and uphold integrity in all aspects of life. The interactive session that followed saw enthusiastic participation from students, who engaged with the speaker on various aspects of consumer protection and ethical responsibility. His insights and real-life experiences left a lasting impression, inspiring students to think critically and contribute meaningfully to society. In recognition of his outstanding contributions, the school felicitated Prof. Misra with a shawl and a memento.

Reflecting on the occasion, he remarked, "Homecoming never gets old," making the event a memorable and proud moment for the entire Loyola community. (W-pb)

TSF ITI trainee bags Hong Kong job

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 24: Dev Krishna Suman, a 23-year-old from the small village of Gosaidih in Bundu, has scripted a global breakthrough by securing a prestigious international placement in Hong Kong. The journey from a modest household in Jharkhand to a monthly salary of ?2.08 lakh highlights the transformative impact of skill-based education provided by ITI Tamar and the Tata Steel Foundation (TSF).

Foundations of Success : The son of a private school teacher and a mother who supported the family through stitching, Dev proved his merit early by ranking in the top 10 of the Jharkhand Board exams in 2018. To fund his studies at St. Xavier Inter College, he taught local students, balancing his own education with financial independence.

In 2020, Dev enrolled in the Turner trade at ITI Tamar. Established by TSF in collaboration with the Jharkhand Government, the institute specifically targets rural youth. Despite the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dev's discipline earned him an initial campus placement at CTC India and later an apprenticeship at RKFL, Jamshedpur.

The Global Leap : Between 2023 and 2025, Dev mastered complex CNC programming and various industrial machine operations. His proactive approach led to a promotion and, ultimately, a competitive interview for a position in Hong Kong. Dev emerged as the sole candidate to clear the rigorous selection process conducted at TSTI, Burmamines. In 2026, he joined VSC Construction Steel Solutions Ltd. in Hong Kong. His package includes a high salary along with fully supported travel and accommodation, a feat his father, Budheshwar Gorai, describes as a "sense of fulfillment" the family never dared to imagine.

A Growing International Footprint : Dev became the 38th trainee from ITI Tamar to secure a placement with this specific Hong Kong firm, reinforcing the institute's credibility with global industry partners. "Dev's journey reflects what consistent effort and the right guidance can achieve," noted Vishal Anand, Principal of ITI Tamar. Captain Amitabh, Head of Skill Development at Tata Steel Foundation, added: "When young people from smaller towns step into global roles, it inspires others to believe that such opportunities are within reach. That is where real change begins." (W-sm)

LOST AND FOUND

I, **SUNIL KUMAR NAREDI**, Son of Sri Mali Ram Naredi, resident of Firangi Chowk, Ram Tekri Road, Naya Bazar, Jugsalai, P.S. Jugsalai, Town Jamshedpur, District - East Singhbhum, Jharkhand, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:

That, I have purchased a piece of land under Mouza - Tiruldih, Halka No. 02, P.S. Saraikella, Thana No. 148, Khata No. 18, Plot No. 334, 335, 336, 337 & 338, Area - 103.00 Decimals, by way of Sale Deed No. 5189 dated 12.11.2007 from its previous rightful owner namely Sri Chetan Kumar Jain, and Partners of M/s Vikash Industries namely Sri Bimal Jain, Sri Vikash Jain and Sri Chetan Jain all resident of Goushala Road, Jugsalai, Town Jamshedpur, District - East Singhbhum, Jharkhand. That, I have purchased a piece of land under Mouza - Tiruldih Halka No. 02, P.S. Saraikella, Thana No. 148, Khata No. 56, Plot No. 313, Area - 13.00 Decimals, by way of Sale Deed No. 1264 dated 13.05.2014 from its previous rightful owner namely Sri Jaipal Singh, resident of Tiruldih, P.S. Saraikella, District - Saraikella-Kharsawan, Jharkhand. That, Original Link Deed of the aforesaid landed property in the name of Sri Chetan Kumar Jain purchased bearing Sale Deed No. 2801 and Sale Deed No. 2802 both dated 16.12.2000 has been lost and not traceable. That, Original Link Deed of the aforementioned landed property in the name of Sri Ranga Naik and others bearing Sale Deed No. 2959 dated 09.09.1985 has been lost and not traceable. Any body who gets the above Link Deed may please contact at Mob. No. 9973661501.

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Security guard killed during temple robbery bid in Ranchi

BJP slams J'khand govt

Ranchi, April 24 (IANS) Unidentified criminals ransacked a prominent temple in Ranchi with an attempt to commit robbery, but the watchful security guard foiled their plans at the cost of his life, a senior police official said on Friday.

The 55-year-old security guard was bludgeoned to death after being attacked by the unknown miscreants.

The incident happened at Jagannathpur Temple on Thursday night, when the criminals sneaked into the temple with an intent to plunder the temple's wealth.

The police have launched a serious investigation into the entire matter.



Ranchi Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) RakeshRanjan told the media that initial investigations found that the miscreants entered the temple through an unlocked gate.

The miscreants stole cash from temple's donation box after attacking the security guard.

The incident is being investigated over both purposes of robbery and murder.

The shocking incident of robbery at the city's prestigious temple has raised fresh alarm over the law and order situation, besides bringing focus back on the security gaps in police administration. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has questioned the state government over 'temple robbery' in an upscale locality, while holding it accountable for rising crime incidents.

The deceased temple security guard has been identified as BirsaMunda.

According to the police, Munda tried to intervene when the criminals were stealing money from the donation box and it was during this altercation that the guard was attacked and beaten to death.

The police is scanning CCTV footage inside the temple premises to look for clues and is understood to have identified a suspect, who has been captured in the video clip. Hatia Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) P.K. Mishra said that the crime site is being meticulously examined, and both forensic team and dog squad are assisting in probing the case.

The DSP added that a case was registered against unidentified criminals, and efforts are underway to solve the case as expeditiously as possible.

Students protest delay in KU semester exams

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 24 : Students of Kolhan University have expressed strong dissatisfaction over the delay in conducting the Semester 1 examinations for the 2025–29 academic session, raising concerns about its impact on their academic progress.

Taking up the issue, All India Students Federation (AISF) state executive member Mukesh Rajak submitted a formal representation to the Controller of Examinations, urging the university to expedite the examination process. Rajak stated that repeated delays are jeopardizing students' academic future, as the postponement is not only affecting the current semester but also disrupting the timeline for subsequent semesters and result declarations. The uncertainty, he added, has created anxiety among students.

The student body has called on the university administration to announce the examination schedule at the earliest to ensure the academic calendar remains on track. Issuing a warning, AISF leaders said that if the dates are not declared soon, they will be compelled to launch an agitation in the interest of students. (W-pm)

Illegal timber smuggling foiled in West Singhbhum

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Manoharpur, April 24: In a significant crackdown on illegal logging, the Forest Department seized a truck loaded with illicit sal wood in the Santara forest range under Goilkera police station limits in West Singhbhum district. The truck driver was also arrested during the operation. Acting on a tip-off, a forest team intercepted the suspicious vehicle near Gotamba village around 1 a.m. on Friday. Upon inspection, officials discovered 44 pieces of sal timber illegally loaded in the truck. When asked to produce valid transit documents, the driver failed to furnish any. The vehicle was immediately seized and the driver taken into custody. He has been identified as Kailash Yadav, a resident of Bihar, who is also believed to be the owner of the truck. The seized timber is estimated to be worth Rs 4-5 lakh. Preliminary investigations suggest that the smugglers were planning to transport the wood from forest areas between Goelkera and Manoharpur to Bihar.

The Forest Department has launched a detailed probe into the case and is conducting raids to track down other individuals involved in the smuggling network. (W-pm)

Saranda boy with brain malaria critical

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Manoharpur, April 24 : A 12-year-old boy from the Saranda region was admitted in a critical condition to the Community Health Centre in Manoharpur on Friday morning after being diagnosed with brain malaria.

Doctors provided initial treatment but, considering the severity of his condition, referred him to a government hospital in Rourkela for advanced care. According to reports, the child hails from Churgi village under Gangada Panchayat. He had developed a fever three days ago, but instead of seeking medical attention, his family resorted to traditional healing practices. As his condition worsened, superstition took a dangerous turn when the boy was branded on the forehead with a heated sickle, further aggravating his state.

The child, who has lost both parents, lives under the care of his elderly grandmother. Due to financial hardship and lack of awareness, timely medical intervention was delayed, allowing the illness to progress. When he was finally brought to the hospital in a serious condition, doctors recommended immediate referral. Initially, the family struggled to arrange funds for transportation, but with the support of local residents, the boy was shifted to Rourkela Government Hospital in a free 108 ambulance. The incident highlights the persistent challenges of healthcare awareness and the harmful impact of superstition in rural areas. (W-pm)

18 trains delayed in a day, Ispat express over 12 hours late at Tatanagar

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Jamshedpur, April 24: The persistent issue of train delays at Tatanagar Railway Station continues to worsen, triggering growing public anger and frustration among passengers. Despite repeated pressure from local public representatives, including the MP and MLA, there has been no visible improvement in the situation.

The scale of the problem was evident on Thursday when nearly 18 trains passing through Tatanagar arrived late. The situation remained unchanged on Friday, prompting passengers to take to social media platforms to vent their anger and demand accountability.

Severe delays disrupt travel plans : The extent of delays has left passengers stranded and exhausted, particularly in the ongoing summer heat. In a glaring example of mismanagement, the Titlagarh Ispat Express arrived at the station more than 12 hours behind schedule, causing immense inconvenience to travellers. Several other major trains also failed to run on time. The Steel Express was delayed by 1 hour and 55 minutes, while the Itwari Express ran nearly 7 hours late. The Santragachi Weekly Superfast lagged by 10 hours, and the Jabalpur Humsafar Express was delayed by over 6 hours. Similarly, the Howrah Duronto Express and the Kalinga Utkal Express were delayed by more than five and four hours respectively. Other prominent trains like the Azad



Hind Express, Gyaneshwari Express, and Mumbai Mail also failed to maintain their schedules.

Jan Shatabdi cancellation adds to woes : Further compounding passenger troubles, the Jan Shatabdi Express was cancelled at Tatanagar on Thursday. The train, which operates between Howrah and Barbil, was abruptly terminated, forcing passengers to disembark mid-journey. Many were left scrambling for alternative transport options such as buses to reach their destination.

Mounting pressure on railway authorities : Passengers have expressed deep frustration over the lack of communication and inadequate arrangements during such disruptions. Many complained of being left unattended on platforms or inside trains for hours without proper updates.

With protests intensifying and public dissatisfaction growing, pressure is mounting on railway authorities to address operational inefficiencies and restore reliability. Unless swift action is taken, the ongoing crisis at Tatanagar risks escalating into a full-blown public agitation. (W-pb)

Theft bid foiled at Tata Steel plant, three held

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Jamshedpur, April 24: A major theft attempt at the Tata Steel plant was thwarted in the early hours of Friday, with security personnel apprehending three suspects inside the premises.

The incident occurred around 1 a.m. when the accused allegedly entered the facility through a cable gallery.

Alert security staff on patrol noticed suspicious movement and swiftly intervened, leading to the arrest of the trio on the spot. Upon search, approximately 75 kilograms of copper cable-valued at several lakhs of rupees-was recovered from their possession.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Vikas Chinna, Deepak Lohar, and Avinash Mukhi.

Police have initiated an investigation and are probing possible links to a larger theft network. (W-pm)

Bike-borne miscreants snatch woman's chain

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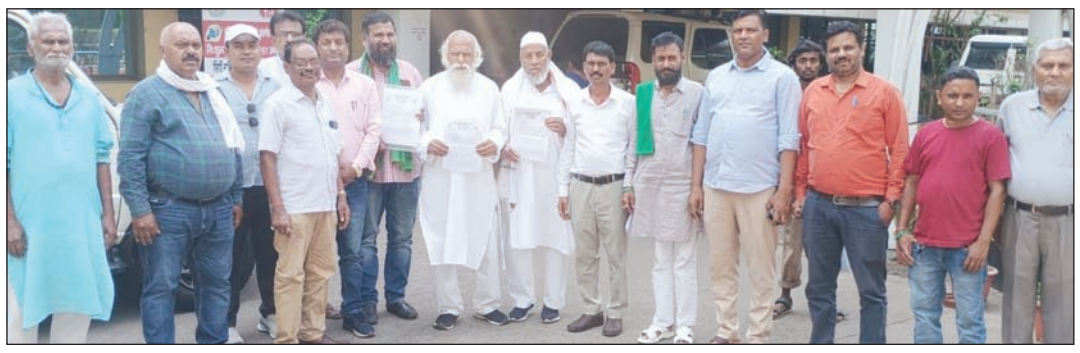
Jamshedpur, April 24: A woman was targeted by bike-borne miscreants who snatched her gold chain near Millennium Park under Telco police station limits.

The victim, wife of Pratap Kumar Pratapi, was returning home with her husband when two unidentified youth on a motorcycle carried out the snatching and fled the scene.

Police have registered an FIR and started an investigation. CCTV footage from nearby areas was being examined to identify the accused. Officials said efforts were underway to arrest the culprits soon. The incident occurred around 5:40 PM on Thursday. (w/gsd)

JMM delegation meets new DC, submits memorandum of key civic demands

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Jamshedpur, April 24: A delegation of senior leaders and workers of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), East Singhbhum unit, met the newly appointed Deputy Commissioner of East Singhbhum, Rajiv Ranjan, on Friday. The delegation extended a warm welcome to the officer with a bouquet before submitting a memorandum outlining several civic demands and suggestions.

Among the Chief demands, the delegation urged the administration to rename the access road leading to the Dishom Guru Memorial Library in Sakchi as 'Dishom Guru Library Path,' replacing its current name, Straight Mile Road. They also proposed the installation of a life-size statue of Padma Bhushan awardee and JMM patriarch Shibu Soren at the roundabout near the Sakchi Collectorate, opposite Jubilee Park gate. The memorandum further called for the establishment of a government-run public staff canteen within or near the Collectorate premises. Emphasizing accessibility, the delegation requested the installation of a lift in the Deputy Commissioner's office building to facilitate convenience for elderly citizens and persons with disabilities.

In addition, the JMM leaders demanded the provision of canteens under the Chief Minister Dal Bhat Yojana and the availability of clean drinking water at all Block Offices, other government offices, and local markets across the district.

Another key suggestion included organizing a district-level felicitation ceremony at the District Headquarters for distributing 'Freedom Fighter Certificates' to individuals associated with the Jharkhand Statehood Movement. The delegation recommended that such honours be conferred by the Deputy Commissioner or other senior district officials instead of at the block level.

The delegation comprised JMM central committee members including Pramod Lal, Sheikh Badruddin, Khuddu Oraon, Laltu Mahto, Umanath Jha, Sagen Purty, Abhay Pandey, Prabhat Kumar, Saroj Mahapatra, Gurmeet Singh Gill, Fayyaz Khan, Prakash Chandra Jha, Umesh Giri, Chandan Mahto and Chandan Lal along with a large number of party workers. (w/gsd)

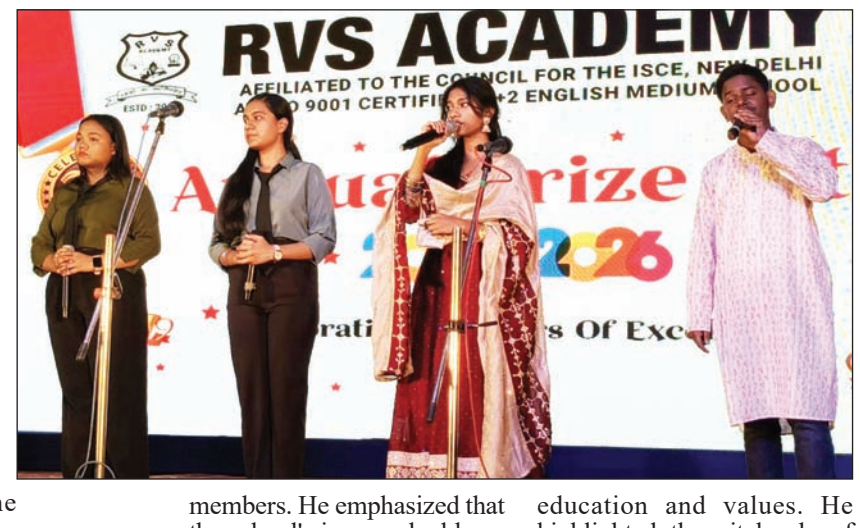
RVS Academy celebrates silver jubilee, honours 25 years of excellence

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Jamshedpur, April 24: RVS Academy marked a significant milestone as it celebrated its silver jubilee with immense grandeur, pride and a deep sense of accomplishment. The school campus was filled with excitement and joy as parents, students, alumni, teachers and well-wishers gathered in large numbers to be part of the memorable occasion.

The celebration began with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing the triumph of knowledge over ignorance. This was followed by a unique and moving 'Silver Jubilee Diya Walk,' where students carried 25 lamps onto the stage, each representing the school's core values such as honesty, perseverance, compassion, and excellence. The moment





added a sense of dignity and emotional depth to the celebration.

The event was graced by chief guest Arjun Munda, former Chief Minister of Jharkhand and former Union Minister, along with distinguished guests of honour Mili Sinha, Principal of Jusco School South Park, and Chhaya Das, former Principal of the school. Special guests included MLA Somesh Soren, MLA Samir Kumar Mohanty and Deputy Municipal Commissioner Krishna Kumar. The presence of chairman Binda Singh, secretary Bharat Singh, treasurer Shatrughna Singh and other dignitaries further elevated the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, chairman Binda Singh reflected on the inspiring journey of RVS Academy, which began with just one student and two teachers and had now grown into a reputed institution with over 2,800 students and 104 faculty members. He emphasized that the school's journey had been one of nurturing character, shaping dreams and building responsible citizens.

In his keynote address, chief guest Arjun Munda congratulated the RVS family on completing 25 glorious years and praised the institution's commitment to education and values. He highlighted the vital role of educational institutions in nation-building and encouraged students to remain disciplined, focused and rooted in Indian culture.

The program featured a melodious welcome song and captivating dance performances by students, followed by an audio-visual presentation showcasing the school's remarkable journey from humble beginnings to excellence. The youngest students from LKG and Class 1 delighted the audience with their charming performances.

Principal Veena Mohindra presented the annual report, reaffirming the vision of 'Education Without Borders,' while secretary Bharat Singh emphasized the importance of holistic development. A highlight of the event was the felicitation of distinguished alumni, whose achievements reflected the institution's legacy.

The celebration concluded with a grand cultural evening, where students portrayed the school's evolution through vibrant performances. The silver jubilee stood as a proud tribute to 25 successful years and a promising vision for the future. (w/gsd)

School commemorates Tai Ji's legacy with devotion



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Ghatshila, April 24: A solemn and spiritually enriching atmosphere prevailed at Sant Nandlal Smriti Vidya Mandir as the school observed the Nirvana anniversary of revered Tai Ji with deep respect and devotion.

The program began with floral tributes offered to Tai Ji's portrait by members of the school management and staff. A devotional bhajan presented by the school choir added to the reverent ambience.

Principal Dr. Srinivas Mishra addressed the students, elaborating on Tai Ji's philosophy and her emphasis on discipline, compassion, and dedication towards education. He urged students to imbibe these values in their daily lives. School Manager Mrs. Shobha Ganeriwal shared insights into Tai Ji's life, highlighting her unwavering commitment to social upliftment and educational excellence. She reiterated that the institution would continue to uphold her ideals and work towards shaping responsible and capable citizens.

The program saw active participation from teachers, students, and staff members, and concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. (w-pb)

Ichagarh block sets benchmark, wins state honour for grassroots governance

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Seraikela, April 24: In a moment of pride for Seraikela-Kharsawan district, Ichagarh Block was conferred the prestigious 'Outstanding Panchayat Samiti' award during the state-level celebration of National Panchayati Raj Day held in Ranchi.

The award was presented by Chief Minister Hemant Soren at the Chief Minister's Panchayat Incentive Award and Mukhiya Conference 2026 (South Chotanagpur Division), recognising the block's exemplary achievements in rural governance.

Ichagarh Block earned this distinction for its innovative administrative practices, strong sanitation drives, transparent functioning, and effective implementation of welfare schemes at the grassroots level.

The block has been particularly noted for community participation, efficient utilisation of resources, and ensuring last-mile delivery of government benefits.

Block Chief Gurupad Mardi and Block Development Officer Ekta Verma received the certificate of appreciation on behalf of the block. The event was attended by Rural Development Minister Deepika Pandey Singh and Agriculture Minister Shilpi Neha Tirkey, who lauded the efforts of panchayat representatives in strengthening rural governance.

Officials stated that such recognition would further motivate local bodies to adopt innovative and people-centric approaches in administration. (w-pb)

Objection over construction near NKS Ground

Gamharia, April 24: Ghanshyam Singh Sardar, Hatu Munda of the Bhumij Self-Governance System in Gamharia block, has raised objections regarding an ongoing construction project near NKS Ground in Balrampur Mouza under Jagannathpur Panchayat.

In a letter addressed to the Circle Officer, he highlighted that no information board or official details about the project had been displayed at the site, leaving local residents unaware of its purpose. He further pointed out that construction work involving the installation of 16 pillars was currently underway in the southwest corner, with pits already dug and pillars erected.

He has demanded through the letter, immediate suspension of the project until proper information was made available and transparency ensured. (w/gsd)

17-hour power outage leaves residents struggling

Gamharia, April 24: Residents of Chhota Gamharia and nearby areas faced severe hardship after a prolonged power outage that lasted nearly 17 hours from Thursday evening to Friday morning.

Electricity supply reportedly snapped around 7:00 PM on Thursday and remained erratic throughout the night, with brief restorations lasting only a few minutes. The situation caused immense discomfort amid the ongoing heat wave, particularly affecting children and patients.

Despite repeated attempts, residents were unable to contact the local substation as calls went unanswered, adding to their frustration. Power supply was finally restored around 11:00 AM on Friday, bringing much-needed relief. Locals have urged authorities to ensure uninterrupted electricity, especially during extreme weather conditions. (w/gsd)

Long-awaited road project begins with bhoomi pujan in Seraikela



Seraikela, April 24: Ending years of wait and anticipation, the construction of a 1.9-kilometre road connecting Mukundpur Chowk to Bhurkuli village officially commenced following the Bhoomi Pujan performed by District Council Chairperson Sonaram Bodra. The project, sanctioned earlier with the approval of former Chief Minister Champai Soren, had been a long-pending demand of local residents who faced significant difficulties in commuting, especially during the monsoon season. Villagers gathered in large numbers to witness the ceremony and expressed happiness over the start of construction work. Many stated that the new road would improve connectivity, facilitate easier access to markets, schools, and healthcare facilities, and boost local economic activity. Addressing the gathering, Sonaram Bodra highlighted that the project reflects a broader vision of inclusive and holistic rural development. He assured villagers that efforts would continue to bring more infrastructure projects to the region. The road, estimated to cost around Rs. 1.2 lakh, is expected to be completed within a stipulated time frame. (w-pb)

Veer Kunwar Singh's birth anniversary observed



Gamharia, April 24: The Gamharia unit of the Jharkhand Kshatriya Sangh organized a ceremony at Teachers' Training Chowk to mark the birth anniversary of freedom fighter Veer Kunwar Singh. Members paid floral tributes and garlanded his portrait, remembering his contribution to India's First War of Independence in 1857. The event was presided by working president Pramod Singh, who urged the youth to draw inspiration from the leader's courage and patriotism. General secretary Arvind Singh highlighted Kunwar Singh's bravery, noting how he continued to lead the revolt at the age of 80 and made the ultimate sacrifice during battle. Several dignitaries and community members, including K.P. Singh, Suresh Singh and others were present at the event. (w/gsd)

Baranga panchayat emerges as model of development

Manoharpur, April 24: Baranga Panchayat of Manoharpur block has set an example of grassroots development by being selected as an 'Outstanding Panchayat' under the Chief Minister's Panchayat Incentive Award Scheme. The honour was conferred during a state-level function in Ranchi on the occasion of National Panchayat Day, where representatives received a cheque of ?10 lakh along with a certificate of appreciation. Out of 217 panchayats in the Chaibasa region, Baranga stood out due to its consistent performance in areas such as sanitation, infrastructure development, education, and effective functioning of Anganwadi centres. A state-level inspection team had earlier visited the panchayat to assess ongoing development works, including the Panchayat Bhawan, schools, and welfare initiatives. Block Coordinator Kshitij Odia, Panchayat Secretary Amrita Bara, and Mukhiya Onami Koda received the award. (w-pb)

Jhargram records strong 92.11% voter turnout

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Jhargram, April 24: Demonstrating strong democratic participation, Jhargram district recorded an impressive 92.11% voter turnout during Phase-1 of the West Bengal Assembly elections. Among the four constituencies, Gopiballavpur led with 92.74% polling, followed by Binpur at 92.60%, Jhargram at 92.54%, and Nayagram at 90.56%. Long queues were witnessed from early morning as voters across all age groups, especially women and first-time voters, actively participated in the electoral process. Election officials confirmed that polling remained peaceful and well-organized throughout the district, with adequate security arrangements and swift resolution of minor issues. The high turnout is being seen as a strong indicator of public engagement and democratic awareness, with attention now shifting to the counting day and final results.

Kharagpur DRM reviews Santragachi railway facilities

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Kharagpur, April 24: A detailed inspection and review meeting was conducted at Santragachi under the Kharagpur Railway Division to assess ongoing development works and improve passenger services and infrastructure efficiency.

Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Lalit Mohan Pandey, along with senior branch officers, reviewed key facilities including the Santragachi Coaching Depot, Electric Loco Shed, and Mechanised Laundry unit.

Officials provided updates on progress and timelines for completion of ongoing projects.

The inspection also included an evaluation of the Rail Madad grievance system for 2025-26, focusing on complaint resolution mechanisms and service improvements.

The DRM emphasized strengthening passenger satisfaction through faster response systems and improved operational standards.

Senior railway officials accompanied the DRM during the visit, reinforcing coordinated efforts towards infrastructure development and service excellence.

Tarapore School hosts autism awareness programme for parents

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Jamshedpur, April 24: Tarapore School organized an orientation programme for parents of special children, focusing on the theme 'Understanding is the First Step to Inclusion' to mark World Autism Awareness Month.

Chief guests Dr. Khushboo Tiwari, Dr. Janki Venkatesh and Dr. Pritpal addressed parents, highlighting the importance of occupational therapy, positive parenting and recognizing a child's strengths. They emphasized that parental support and attitude played a vital role in building a child's confidence.

Principal Ishita Dey stated that inclusion began with understanding and that every child deserved empathy, patience and encouragement to reach their full potential. The programme concluded on a positive and hopeful note, strengthening the school's commitment to inclusive education. (w/gsd)

Rajrappa jewelry robbery case solved, seven arrested

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Ramgarh, April 24: Police have solved the Rs 1 crore robbery case at Shiv Shankar Jewelers in Rajrappa, which occurred on April 21, and arrested seven accused, including two women.

Ramgarh SP Mukesh Lunayat said during a press briefing that the arrests were made following a Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe led by DSP Chandan Vats.

The operation was supported by technical surveillance and coordination with Nalanda Police.

Three accused were arrested from Harnaut Railway Colony, and 180 pieces of stolen jewellery were recovered from a vehicle. However, the main accused, Vibhash Paswan, was still absconding and raids were ongoing to trace him. (w/gsd)

RPF cracks down on illegal railway ticketing



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Kharagpur, April 24: In a decisive move against illegal railway ticketing, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) conducted a raid in Baleshwar, Odisha.

Acting on specific intelligence, a joint team from RPF Kharagpur, RPF/CIB, and RPF Post Baleshwar carried out an operation near Subhadra Rest House on April 22. During the raid, a suspect identified as Chandan Kumar Pati (39) was apprehended. Authorities recovered a Tatkal railway ticket worth Rs 5,160 for travel from Baleshwar to New Delhi, along with a mobile phone and Rs 5,430 in cash. The accused failed to provide valid authorization and admitted involvement in illegal ticketing for profit.

Evidence found on his mobile phone further confirmed his activities. He was arrested under Section 143 of the Railways Act, 1989, and will be produced before the SDJM Court in Baleshwar. RPF officials reiterated their commitment to curbing such malpractices and urged passengers to use only authorized booking channels. (w/gsd)

SSG English School hosts CISCE Zonal Tennis Tournament 2026

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Jamshedpur, April 24: SSG English School hosted the CISCE Zonal Tennis Tournament 2026 at the JRD Sports Complex under the leadership of Principal Dr. Mousumi.

The two-day event concluded on April 24 with final matches and a prize distribution ceremony, witnessing participation from talented players of various ICSE and ISC schools across Jamshedpur.

School Secretary Ketan Adesara, President Rashmin Rampara, the Principal, and faculty members played a key role in ensuring the success of the tournament. The event was efficiently conducted under tournament supervisor Sparsh Asmit.

At the closing ceremony, chief guest, Captain Manish Sinha felicitated the winners and appreciated the smooth conduct of the competition. Principal Dr. Mousumi stated that the school was proud to provide a platform for young athletes and remained committed to promoting sports in the region.

Competition Results

Boys' Singles: Under-14: Gold - Aditya Chaudhary; Silver - Vikramaditya Singh (Loyola); Bronze - Vihaan Srivastava (DBMS).

Under-17: Gold - Arjun Bhardwaj (DBMS); Silver - Anmol Kumar (CJC); Bronze - Suryansh Banerjee (DBMS).

Under-19: Gold - Rishank Yadav (MNPS); Silver - Shaurya Kauntia (CJC); Bronze - Vivaan Agarwal (Loyola). Boys' **Doubles: Under-17:** Gold - Arjun Bhardwaj & Suryansh Banerjee (DBMS); Silver - Rayyan Arif & Anmol Kumar (CJC); Bronze - Pasmaran Shlok Raja & Rajdeep Singh (Gulmohar). Under-19: Gold - Rishank Yadav & Zamam Zafar Khan (MNPS);

Silver: Sparsh Modi and Shaurya Kauntia (CJC); Bronze: Shreyas Agarwal and Vivaan Agarwal (Loyola). Girls' Singles: **Under-17:** Gold - Kripa Bhatia (Loyola); Silver - Afiya Ahmed (KSMS); Bronze - Ashvi Singh (CJC).

Under-19: Gold - Plaksha Parek

DC addresses wide range of public grievances in Seraikela

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Seraikela, April 24: The weekly Janata Darbar held at the District Collectorate once again emerged as a vital platform for direct interaction between citizens and the administration, as Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh personally heard grievances from people across the district.

Residents from remote villages as well as urban pockets participated in large numbers, presenting applications related to land disputes, delays in availing family benefit schemes, and alleged forceful encroachment on agricultural land in Mouza Patpat under Kharsawan block. Concerns were also raised regarding the formal recognition of traditional Manjhi Babas as Gram Sabha chairpersons in the Chandil sub-division under the newly framed PESA Rules 2025.

Serious issues such as the illegal sale of liquor in Gamharia, unregulated fee collection—including re-admission charges—by private schools in Adityapur, and the exclusion of farmers from the online paddy procurement registration process were highlighted. Basic civic concerns such as irregular ration supply, delays in pension disbursement, and erratic drinking water and electricity services also dominated the proceedings. Taking firm note, the Deputy Commissioner directed all departmental officials present to initiate immediate inquiry and ensure time-bound disposal of cases.

He emphasized the need for transparency, accountability, and sensitivity in governance, warning that any negligence would invite strict action.

He also instructed that grievances capable of on-the-spot resolution must be addressed instantly, while others should be processed swiftly in accordance with established rules. (w-pb)

Senior Anand Margi passes away at 85

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Jamshedpur, April 24: Gaur Mohan Guha, an 85-year-old devoted member of the Anand Marga Pracharak Sangh, passed away on Friday due to cardiac arrest.

A resident of New Sitaramdera, Guha had been associated with Anand Marga since 1962, when he received spiritual initiation from Acharya Ashish. Fondly known as "Gaur Dada," he and his family played a significant role in the organization's growth over the years. His last rites were pe6rformed at the Swarnarekha Burning Ghat following Anand Marga traditions. Devotional songs were sung, followed by the chanting of Baba Nam Kevalam. The ceremony concluded with Ishvara Pranidhan, after which his mortal remains were cremated. (w/gsd)

Goat Development Scheme: 11 beneficiaries receive livestock



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Seraikela, April 24: Under the Goat Development Scheme, 11 beneficiaries were provided livestock in Kharsawan block to strengthen rural livelihoods and improve income generation.

The distribution program was held in the presence of Block Development Officer Pradhan Manjhi, Block Chief Manendra Jamuda, Circle Officer Captain Sinku, Block Animal Husbandry Officer Dr. Shankar Singh and JSLPS BPM along with other officials.

Officials stated that the initiative aimed to promote self-reliance among rural families through sustainable animal husbandry practices. (w/gsd)

Matric topper Raunak Hembrom honoured



Seraikela, April 24: Academic excellence was celebrated with enthusiasm in Kharsawan block as Raunak Hembrom, the district topper of the 2026 matriculation examination, was felicitated by block officials and community leaders. The ceremony witnessed the presence of Block Development Officer Pradhan Majhi, Block Chief Manendra Jamuda, Circle Officer Captain Sinku, and the Officer-in-Charge of the local police station, who jointly honoured the student.

Speakers at the event praised Raunak's hard work, discipline, and determination, stating that his achievement has brought pride not only to his family but also to the entire district. They encouraged other students to draw inspiration from his success and to remain focused on their academic goals. Raunak Hembrom expressed gratitude to his teachers and family members for their support, and shared that consistent effort and proper time management played a key role in his success. (w-pb)

Bal Sansad formation empowers student leadership



Chaibasa, April 24: Promoting democratic values and leadership skills among students, the Upgraded Middle School in Nimdih constituted its Bal Sansad (Children's Parliament) for the new academic session.

The initiative aims to actively involve students in school governance and instil a sense of responsibility, teamwork, and discipline. Various portfolios were assigned, including President, Prime Minister, and ministers for education, finance, sanitation, health, sports, culture, and more.

Headmaster Krishna Devgam ceremonially honoured the newly elected members by pinning badges and encouraged them to perform their roles sincerely.

He emphasised that such initiatives help students develop confidence, decision-making skills, and a sense of ownership towards school activities. (w-pb)

Bodhi Society to celebrate 2570th Buddha jayanti



Jamshedpur, April 24: The Bodhi Society, Jamshedpur, will celebrate the 2570th Buddha jayanti on May 1 with a series of spiritual, cultural and social activities. Society President Alok Ranjan Barua informed that the celebrations would begin on April 26 with a drawing competition involving around 500 students from across the city. will include "No War, Only Peace" and "Gautam Buddha." On Buddha jayanti day, the programme will commence with a peace prayer and hoisting of the World Buddhist Flag. Activities will include a blood donation camp, health check-up camp, Buddha Puja, and distribution of fruits to patients and the needy. A Dharmasabha will be organized where monks will share teachings of peace and harmony. Cultural programs by children will be held in the evening, followed by prize distribution. (w/gsd)

Project Jagriti launched, 252 units blood collected



Chaibasa, April 24: Project Jagriti was officially launched in West Singhbhum district with the objective of organizing blood donation camps on the 24th of every month across block areas. On its first day, blood donation camps were successfully conducted in six blocks, including Chaibasa, Tantanagar, Jhikpani, Tonto, Manjhari and Chakradharpur. A total of 252 units of blood were collected through enthusiastic participation of donors.

The highest contribution came from Sadar Hospital, Chaibasa, where 99 units were collected. Officials, employees, social organizations and citizens actively participated, promoting the spirit of voluntary blood donation and community service. (w/gsd)

Matriculation results: Akash Kumbhakar tops dist



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Seraikela, April 24: The Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) Matriculation Examination 2025-26 results have brought encouraging news for Seraikela district, which secured 12th rank statewide.

Akash Kumbhakar of Upgraded Plus Two High School, Kolabira, emerged as the district topper with 97.6% marks. A felicitation ceremony was held to honor the top 10 students in the presence of District Education Officer Kailash Mishra and District Council Member Shambhu Mandal.

Both dignitaries encouraged students and highlighted the importance of dedication and determination in achieving success. The top 10 students were felicitated and applauded by teachers and peers for their outstanding performance. (w/gsd)

Anganwadi workers trained to combat malnutrition

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Seraikela, April 24: A training programme was conducted for Anganwadi workers at the Seraikela Block Office auditorium under the SAAMAR/CMAM initiative, in collaboration with the District Social Welfare Department and UNICEF. District Social Welfare Officer Satya Thakur and CDPO Suruchi Prasad provided detailed guidance on identifying malnutrition, timely intervention and community-based management of severely malnourished children using Shishu Shakti A-THR.

The programme, attended by Supervisor Savita Sinha and other officials, was being conducted in phases across all projects in the district to ensure effective implementation of nutrition-focused interventions and strengthen child health services. (w/gsd)



Shri Shanidev Bhakt Mandali Trust supports orphan girl's marriage



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Seraikela, April 24: Demonstrating its social commitment, the Shri Shanidev Bhakt Mandali Trust extended support for the marriage of an orphaned girl, Anjana Mahto, a resident of Patahesal village in Saraikela, scheduled for April 26.

The initiative was proposed by Mandali member Raja Ram Mahto and carried forward under the guidance of Founder-cum-Patron Debobroto Ghosh. A delegation including Mantu Singh Modak, Binoy Chandra Das, Ayushman Garg, Amit Kumar, Ravindra Mahto and Raja Ram Mahto visited her residence and presented essential household items such as a steel almirah, wooden bed, dressing table and mattress. The team also extended blessings for her happy married life. (w/gsd)

Shubham Pati felicitated after receiving gold medal from Prez Murmu

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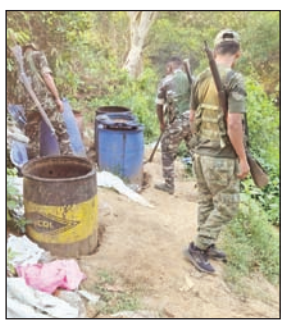


Seraikela, April 24: A grand felicitation ceremony was organized at the Basanti Temple complex in Kharsawan to honour Shubham Kumar Pati, a resident of Beharasahi, following his recognition with a gold medal by President Droupadi Murmu. The event was jointly hosted by the Brahmin Samaj and Parashuram Shakti Sena.

Shubham was awarded the gold medal for securing the top position in the M.Ed. examination (2021-23) of Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha. On his return, he was felicitated with a traditional Anga Vastra and a memento by dignitaries including Kamakhya Prasad Sarangi, Harishchandra Acharya and Ambujakshya Acharya.

The ceremony witnessed the presence of several community leaders and members of the Brahmin society, who congratulated Pati for bringing pride to the region through his academic achievement. (w/gsd)

Seraikela : Excise destroys illicit liquor units



Seraikela, April 24: Acting on the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh, the Excise Department conducted a major raid in Punida and Gangudih villages under Kharsawan police station, dismantling four illegal liquor distillation units. During the operation, around 1,200 kg of java mahua used for illicit liquor production was seized and destroyed. Authorities initiated legal proceedings against those involved under the Jharkhand Excise Act. The Deputy Commissioner has directed continuous strict action across the district to curb illegal liquor manufacturing and trade. (w/gsd)

District health to mark World Malaria Day

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Seraikela, April 24: The Health Department will observe World Malaria Day on April 25 with the theme 'Driven to End Malaria: Now We Can, Now We Must,' focusing on awareness and prevention. However, rising malaria cases in the district have become a major concern. In 2025, out of 2,12,223 people screened, 2,238 tested positive-almost double compared to previous years. Kuchai block remains the worst affected, with 1,095 cases reported and most panchayats declared malaria-prone zones.

Several areas across Kharsawan, Saraikela, Rajnagar, Gamharia, Ichagarh, Nimdih and Chandil blocks have also been marked as high-risk zones. Despite ongoing spraying, fever surveys and awareness drives, cases continue to rise.

Health officials have attributed the situation partly to the suspension of medicated mosquito net distribution since 2021, leaving rural populations highly vulnerable. Officials have urged immediate testing and precaution during fever symptoms. (w/gsd)

Celebration of Ganga Narayan Singh's 236th birth anniversary today

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Thousands expected at historic gathering



Jamshedpur, April 24: A grand Celebration will be held on Saturday at Regal Ground, Bistupur, to commemorate the 236th birth anniversary of the legendary hero of the Bhumij Rebellion (1832-33), martyr Ganga Narayan Singh.

Addressing a press conference at the Circuit House, Potka MLA Sanjib Sardar stated that the event would be historic, with an estimated 50,000 participants arriving from Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha and Assam. He emphasized that the legacy of Ganga Narayan Singh had long remained confined to history books, but society was now making a conscious effort to revive and share his story with the younger generation.

He added that the program was not merely a celebration but a reflection of community identity, unity and self-respect.

The event would include religious rituals, social discussions, cultural programs and a massive public gathering. Invitations had been extended to Chief Minister Hemant Soren as the chief guest, along with several ministers and MLAs from the Kolhan region.

According to the schedule, the program will begin with prayers and garlanding, followed by discussions, cultural events and concluding addresses by community leaders. Organizers have assured comprehensive arrangements for participants and appealed for large-scale public participation. (w/gsd)

High turnout, deeper concerns: Electoral roll revisions cast shadow on West Bengal polls

The reported voter turnout of nearly 92 percent during the first phase of the West Bengal Assembly elections on April 23, 2026, reflects a striking display of civic participation. Such an impressive figure suggests that voters in the state are not only politically engaged but also increasingly conscious of their democratic rights. One possible explanation for this heightened awareness could be the recent Special Summary Revision (SSR) of the electoral rolls, which appears to have prompted citizens to pay closer attention to their voting status.

However, beneath this encouraging turnout lies a set of troubling questions that cannot be ignored. As the state prepares for subsequent phases of polling, concerns are mounting over the large number of individuals who have reportedly been excluded from the electoral rolls. These concerns strike at the very foundation of democratic participation and demand urgent and transparent answers.

According to available reports, approximately 2.7 million names were removed from the voter lists in West Bengal following the SSR process. While electoral roll revisions are a routine and necessary exercise to ensure accuracy, the scale of these exclusions has raised eyebrows. More importantly, it has sparked debate over whether due process was adequately followed and whether genuine voters were inadvertently disenfranchised.

The matter gained further significance when the Supreme Court, invoking its powers under Article 142 of the Constitution, directed the Election Commission to publish a supplementary revised electoral roll. This directive was aimed at accommodating individuals whose appeals against exclusion had been accepted by the appellate authorities, thereby allowing them to vote once clearance was granted. The court's intervention raised hopes among those who believed they had been unfairly removed from the rolls.

Yet, the outcome has been far from reassuring. Reports indicate that of the 2.7 million affected individuals who filed appeals, only around 650 applications were taken up for consideration, and a mere 139 people were ultimately permitted to vote. Such figures raise serious questions about the efficacy and intent of the appeal process. It creates an impression that the exercise may have been conducted more as a procedural formality than a genuine attempt to rectify errors.

This situation gives rise to several critical issues. First, what is the legal and constitutional standing of those who were denied their right to vote despite seeking redress through the prescribed channels? Second, if some of these individuals are later found to be eligible based on additional verification, who will bear responsibility for their disenfranchisement in the current elections?

While it is essential to ensure that only eligible citizens are included in the electoral rolls, the exclusion of such a large number of individuals inevitably leads to uncomfortable questions. If these individuals had been voting in previous elections, does their sudden removal imply that they were participating illegally all along? Or does it point to flaws in the current revision process?

Opposition parties have been quick to seize upon these concerns, accusing the Election Commission of acting with undue haste and compromising fairness. Whether these allegations hold merit or not the credibility of the electoral process hinges on public trust. Any perception of arbitrariness or exclusion risks undermining that trust.

As the elections progress, it is imperative that the authorities address these concerns with transparency and accountability. High voter turnout is undoubtedly a positive sign, but the true strength of a democracy lies in ensuring that every eligible citizen has the opportunity to exercise their franchise without obstruction.

From the Editorial Desk

Road to 2027 World Cup: Samson's red-hot form puts Pant's ODI spot under serious threat

Chetan Sharma



Sanju Samson's stunning form in the white-ball games has once again sparked a major selection debate in Indian cricket. After impressive performances during the T20 World Cup earlier this year, the stylish wicketkeeper-batter has carried that momentum into the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026, forcing fans and experts alike to ask one big question - should he now replace Rishabh Pant in India's ODI setup?

While Pant continues to search for rhythm, Samson has been in blistering touch.

Pant has managed 147 runs in seven matches this season, averaging 24.50 with a strike rate of 132.43. His best score remains 68 against Hyderabad, but overall consistency has been missing.

Samson, meanwhile, has looked unstoppable. In seven matches, he has smashed 293 runs at an average of 58.60 and a strike rate of 178.65. Most notably, he has already struck two centuries for Chennai this season, underlining his ability to dominate attacks and play match-winning knocks.

The contrast in numbers has only added fuel to the growing conversation around India's wicketkeeper choice ahead of the 2027 ODI World Cup in South Africa.

The Kerala batter's ODI record is equally impressive. In 16 matches, Samson has scored 510 runs at a superb average of 56.66, including one century and three fifties. His numbers in South Africa are even more eye-catching - 120 runs in just two innings, an important factor considering the 2027 World Cup will be played there.

Pant, on the other hand, has featured in 31 ODIs and scored 871 runs at an average of 33.50, with one century and five half-centuries. In South Africa, he has made 101 runs in three ODIs.

With conditions in South Africa likely to test technique and temperament, many fans believe Samson deserves an extended run.

Meanwhile, social media has been buzzing with opinion since Samson's latest IPL heroics. One fan wrote: "How long can you ignore these numbers? Samson deserves a proper ODI run now."

Another said: "Pant is a match-winner, but maybe it's time to let him focus on Tests and bring Samson into ODIs."

A third supporter posted: "Give Samson consistency."

Meanwhile, Pant still has his loyal supporters. "People forget what Pant can do under pressure. Class is permanent," wrote one fan. Another added: "One rough IPL patch shouldn't decide international careers."

India's selectors now face a catch-22 situation. Pant remains one of the most explosive wicketkeeper-batters in world cricket and has delivered in high-pressure moments before. But Samson's current form, stronger ODI average, and success in South African conditions make his case impossible to ignore.

With the road to the 2027 World Cup already underway, every ODI opportunity will matter. And right now, Sanju Samson is doing everything possible to make sure his name stays in the conversation.

Post-2030 mine expiry puts steel sector at crossroads



AK Srivastava



The expiry of iron ore mining leases after 2030 poses a significant turning point for India's leading steel producers, including Tata Steel, SAIL, Bokaro Steel Plant, Jindal, and Rungta. This is not merely an industrial concern; it carries far-reaching implications for employment, steel prices, and overall economic stability. It is therefore essential to assess the potential challenges and adopt timely policy measures to mitigate risks.

The industrial ecosystem of Jamshedpur and surrounding regions is heavily dependent on steel. Any disruption in the supply of raw materials following the expiry of mining leases could directly impact production, pricing, and jobs. Recognizing this risk, Tata Steel has demonstrated foresight by proactively working to secure iron ore supplies from Canada. While other steel producers may also be exploring alternatives, Tata Steel's move-initiated nearly five years ago-stands out as a strategic effort to build a reliable fallback. This alternative sourcing could act as a "safety net," ensuring continuity in production and minimizing market uncertainty.

However, challenges remain. If Tata Steel fails to renew its mining leases, the cost of raw materials is likely to rise, leading to higher steel prices in the domestic market. Moreover, if mines are acquired by entities focused solely on trading minerals for profit, supply chain instability and artificial shortages could emerge. Such developments would adversely affect infrastructure projects, housing, and other steel-dependent sectors. Workers, too, may face job insecurity, relocation pressures, and uncertain working conditions under new management.

In this context, the government's role becomes crucial. A balanced and forward-looking policy framework is needed. Priority should be given to captive mining, allowing steel producers direct access to raw materials for their own use and reducing dependence on intermediaries. Auction conditions should be structured to ensure that a fixed portion of mined ore is supplied to domestic steel manufacturers.

Additionally, long-term supply agreements can help stabilize prices and ensure consistent availability of raw materials.

For captive mines, the government can adopt a pragmatic approach to lease renewals-one that safeguards revenue while also protecting jobs and ensuring uninterrupted production. Worker protection measures, such as mandatory "transfer of employment" clauses, should be enforced so that employees are not adversely affected by changes in ownership. A robust regulatory mechanism is also needed to monitor and control abnormal price fluctuations in the steel market.

The government may consider extending certain concessions to established and responsible players like Tata Steel. These could include granting "Preferred Bidder" status in auctions, awarding additional weightage based on past performance and investments, offering limited royalty relief for captive use, and simplifying the lease renewal process. Such measures would help ensure that mines are allocated to companies that utilize them for actual steel production rather than speculative trading.

If steel manufacturers are given priority and raw material supply remains stable, the benefits will extend to the general public. Steel prices will remain more stable, infrastructure projects will be more cost-effective, and sectors like real estate and automobiles will continue to grow. Most importantly, employment opportunities will be safeguarded.

To protect workers, there must be a strong focus on skill upgradation, retraining programs, strict enforcement of labor laws, and tripartite agreements between government, industry, and labor unions. In cases of relocation, fair compensation and adequate support systems should be ensured.

While the post-2030 mining policy transition presents challenges, it also offers an opportunity to strengthen the steel sector through thoughtful planning and collaboration. Tata Steel's early move to develop alternative sources such as Canada reflects strategic foresight. With the right mix of government support, industry responsibility, and worker protection, this transition can ensure stability, sustainability, and shared growth for all stakeholders.

(Author is President of Jamshedpur Citizen Forum. The views expressed are personal.)

Iran conflict exposes Pakistan's claim of being Middle East security guarantor

The reverberations of the US-Israeli strikes on Iran and Tehran's subsequent response has also exposed fissures within Pakistan's own society, experts reckon. Shia communities, in particular, took to the streets in protest after the killing of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei, demanding solidarity and also questioning Islamabad's posture. These demonstrations were not just about Pakistan's foreign policy; they were about identity, belonging, and whether the State's priorities align with the realities facing its citizens.

The Pakistani government's response has been a tightrope walk. It condemned the strikes, affirmed Islamabad's support for Iran as a neighbouring Muslim state, and deployed security forces to quell unrest. But it also moved quickly to distance itself from any notion that Pakistan would enter into direct confrontation with Israel or become a proxy in a larger regional war. That narrative, officials insist, does not reflect Islamabad's position.

A nation's power is measured in the moment of crisis and Pakistan is facing many. Domestically, it is fighting with rebels at home, like the Balochistan Liberation Army and Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan. Its economic situation is in doldrums. The country's most popular leader has been jailed for many years, with his fundamental human rights as a jail inmate also having been compromised. Pakistan is also fighting a war with Afghanistan on its western frontier. Its borders with India remain tense after Operation Sindoor, which New Delhi insists it has only paused for now.

Now, Pakistan finds itself increasingly embroiled in the Middle East conflict with the country's around 15 per cent Shia population boiling over the killing of its topmost religious cleric. Only a few days ago, a violent mob stormed the US Consulate in Karachi, resulting in the massacre of at least 22 Pakistanis.

In this situation, Pakistan lives in contradiction between being a guardian of the so-called 'Islamic bomb' and claiming rhetorical Muslim unity in the broader Middle East. In reality though, the country is always driven by one great power or another. To put things into perspective, we need to go back to history, where, after India had developed its indigenous nuclear capabilities in the 1970s and Pakistan was partitioned, the political elites in Pakistan, especially Zulfikar Ali Bhutto,



thought that having a nuclear weapon as a deterrence would help in keeping the State intact.

Obviously, Pakistan's nuclear ambitions were guided solely against India, but the country had no money to fund such a programme. The Middle Eastern countries came in handy here. In February 1974, shortly after the Arab-Israeli War of 1973, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto organised the second Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Summit. Bhutto knew that the Middle Eastern countries had received substantial funds due to the 1973 oil embargo and the subsequent increase in oil prices. With this money, he wanted to fund his nuclear weapons programme. The rhetoric of 'Islamic Bomb' came in handy. He said that all civilisations in the world have nuclear capabilities except the Islamic world. Bhutto claimed that if Pakistan is able to develop nuclear capabilities, it will be able to help the Islamic world in times of need. He also got good funding, especially from Libya and Saudi Arabia.

Last year, Iranian Commander Mohsen Rezaei claimed that, "Pakistan has assured us that if Israel uses a nuclear bomb on Iran they will attack Israel with a nuclear bomb".

However, Pakistan was quick to refute this claim with Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif writing on X, "Our nuclear capability is for the benefit of our people and defence of our country against the hostile designs of our enemies".

There are moments when the rhetoric of deterrence veers uncomfortably close to bravado. Six months before the Iran escalation, Asif stoked speculation by hinting that Saudi Arabia might enjoy nuclear "coverage" under a defence pact with Islamabad, only to later clarify that nuclear arms were "not on the radar". Such ambiguity does little to reassure a population seeking clarity.

This is why the notion of Pakistan as a security guarantor in the Middle East - an "Islamic nuclear State" ready to police regional order - falls apart. Nuclear weapons, for all their destructive potential, are not a passport to regional leadership. They are a blunt instrument of last resort, meant to prevent invasion, not to shape the destinies of far-flung theatres of conflict. If Islamabad now feels exposed, it is not because its arsenal has failed; it is because the very foundations of strategic deterrence have been shaken. When a country's neighbours can be struck and their leaders killed by foreign powers without immediate global backlash, it forces a revaluation of where true security lies.

The question Pakistan now faces is if it can redefine what security means in an era where conventional and nuclear weapons are no longer inviolable shields, and where the threats are as much political and economic as they are military. In the end, the fear on Pakistan's streets is that of isolation and entanglement. That fear, as much as any missile or doctrine, will shape Pakistan's choices in the near future.

India prepares for 6G rollout, extends validity of key 600 MHz band: TRAI chairman

New Delhi, April 24 (IANS) India is actively preparing for the rollout of 6G services and has extended the validity of the 600 MHz band, which is considered crucial for next-generation high-speed Internet deployment, said Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Chairman, Anil Kumar Lahoti, according to a report on Friday.

NDTV Profit reported that he said, the move is part of broader efforts to strengthen spectrum availability and improve network efficiency amid rapidly rising data consumption across the country.

Lahoti also noted that TRAI has also recommended measures such as inter-band spectrum sharing and leasing of surplus spectrum to enhance optimal utilisation of available resources in the telecom sector.



The regulator has further proposed enabling active infrastructure sharing among telecom operators, including mandatory sharing of government-funded infrastructure and voluntary sharing of privately-funded assets.

TRAI has also issued guidelines for captive non-public networks, allowing enterprises to set up private 5G networks.

However, Lahoti said this segment has yet to emerge as a major success and requires greater collaboration among stakeholders to realise its full potential.

Mobile networks alone may not be sufficient to meet the surge in data demand, particularly with the rapid expansion of Artificial Intelligence use cases, according to the TRAI Chairman.

He said India added a record 17 million fixed broadband users in 2025-26.\ Moreover, Lahoti said a hybrid connectivity model combining fibre and Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) could help address future demand, while stressing that indoor connectivity remains a persistent challenge.

He added that integrating indoor digital infrastructure at the building design stage is essential, noting that TRAI's recommendations in this regard have been accepted by the government.

The TRAI Chairman also said the regulator has suggested measures to strengthen Machine-to-Machine (M2M) communication as part of efforts to build a more robust digital ecosystem.

PAIMANA portal shows 48 pc spend on Rs 41.5 lakh crore infra projects: Govt

New Delhi, April 24 (IANS) The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on Friday said that it has strengthened oversight of large-scale infrastructure development through its PAIMANA platform, which is currently tracking 1,941 central sector projects worth Rs 41.50 lakh crore as of March. The government said the digital monitoring system is enhancing transparency, enabling timely reviews, and supporting data-driven decision-making across ministries.

According to the latest update, these projects -- spread across 17 central ministries and departments -- have recorded a cumulative expenditure of Rs 19.93 lakh crore, translating to about 48.02 per cent of the total revised cost.

This reflects steady progress in execution, with a substantial number of projects advancing toward completion.

A significant share of the monitored projects is already in advanced stages. Around 777 projects, or nearly 40 per cent, have achieved more than 80 per cent physical progress, while 261 projects have crossed the 80 per cent mark in financial completion.



At the same time, the pipeline remains balanced, with several projects in early phases -- indicating a continuous rollout of new infrastructure initiatives alongside nearing completions.

The transport and logistics sector continues to dominate India's infrastructure landscape, accounting for 1,428 projects with a revised cost of Rs 22.66 lakh crore.

This underscores the government's continued emphasis on connectivity-led growth spanning roads, railways, aviation, and waterways.

Among ministries, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways lead with 1,120 projects -- about 58 per cent of the total -- valued at Rs 10.61 lakh crore.

India's bio-economy projected to touch $1 trillion by 2047: Minister

New Delhi, April 24 (IANS) Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Friday said that India's bio-economy is projected to grow to $1 trillion by 2047, emerging as one of the top three global bio-economies.

The twenty-first century will be "India's century" driven by a biology-led economy, the minister told an international conference at IIT Roorkee.

India is advancing towards full-spectrum technological capability "from gene to qubit, from ocean depths to outer space," supported by policy reforms, strong institutional frameworks and a rapidly expanding innovation ecosystem, an official statement cited the minister as saying.

Referring to developments in emerging technologies, he said the National Quantum Mission has achieved key milestones ahead of schedule, while India has entered the top ranks globally in several critical technology domains. He noted that India's Global Innovation Index ranking has improved from 81 to 39, and that research and development expenditure has more than doubled over the past decade, reflecting sustained national prioritisation of science and innovation.

India's bio-economy has expanded from $10 billion in 2014 to over $165 billion today, growing at nearly 18 per cent annually, with a target of $300 billion by 2030, he said.

Global smartphone SoC shipments down 8 pc amid supply chain disruption

New Delhi, April 24 (IANS) Global smartphone system-on-a-chip (SoC) shipments declined 8 per cent year-on-year in Q1 2026, a report showed on Friday.

The ongoing memory crunch is impacting both smartphone OEMs and SoC vendors' new product development while forcing them to optimise their product portfolios, said the report by Counterpoint Research.

The premium segment has remained relatively resilient, with higher costs largely passed on to end consumers. Meanwhile, the entry-level OEMs are increasingly adopting lower-cost chipsets to keep smartphone prices competitive, it noted.



Qualcomm and MediaTek recorded double-digit declines in shipments. In contrast, Apple, Samsung, Google and UNISOC posted positive growth. Their integrated supply chains helped Apple, Samsung and Google to better mitigate the impact of the ongoing memory crunch.

"Qualcomm was expected to benefit from premiumization, but the impact was limited due to Samsung's Galaxy S26 series using both Snapdragon 8 Elite Gen 5 and Exynos 2600, along with softer demand for the Xiaomi 17 series," said senior analyst Shivani Parashar.

MediaTek, on the other hand, faced greater pressure in the entry-level segment.

"We expect many OEMs will shift to UNISOC chipsets to reduce costs. At the same time, weaker growth in the mid- and premium tiers, coupled with the delayed launch of the Dimensity 9500+, further weighed on MediaTek's performance," said Parashar.

India forex reserves rise to $703.3 billion amid West Asia tensions

Mumbai, April 24 (IANS) India's foreign exchange reserves registered a $2.3 billion increase in the week ending April 17, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India on Friday.

The country's forex reserves rose to reach $703.30 billion, the central bank said.

The uptick comes after a period of sustained pressure on the reserves, largely driven by external factors and currency market interventions.

India's reserves had previously touched an all-time high of $728.494 billion in the week ended February 27, 2026.However, the escalation of the Middle East conflict soon after led to a reversal in the trend.

India, US make progress on key issues in bilateral trade talks



New Delhi, April 24 (IANS) India and the United States have made progress on key matters such as market access, non-tariff measures, technical barriers to trade, customs and trade facilitation, investment promotion, economic security alignment and digital trade in the latest round of negotiations held in Washington to finalise the details of the interim trade agreement between the two countries, the Commerce & Industry Ministry said on Friday.

The Indian delegation carried out the discussions with their US counterparts this week, from April 20 to 23.

"The meetings were conducted in a constructive and positive spirit with meaningful and forward-looking discussions enabling progress on key matters. Both sides agreed to remain engaged to maintain this momentum as they move forward," a ministry statement said.

India and the United States issued a Joint Statement on February 7, agreeing on a framework for an Interim Agreement regarding reciprocal and mutually beneficial trade. The framework reaffirmed the countries' commitment to the broader India-U.S. Bilateral Trade Agreement negotiations.

In pursuance thereof, the Indian side visited Washington, D.C. for an in-person round of meetings with their US counterparts to finalise the details of the interim agreement and take forward the negotiations under the broader BTA.

India, S. Korea sign landmark Paris Agreement Article 6.2 pact to launch cross-border carbon market

New Delhi, April 24 (IANS) India and South Korea have taken a significant step toward advancing global climate cooperation by signing a bilateral agreement under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement, a report has said.

The deal, finalised during the South Korean president's visit to India, lays the groundwork for cross-border carbon markets between the two major Asian economies, as per Carbon Credits report.

The agreement is part of a broader set of more than a dozen pacts covering clean energy, trade, and industrial collaboration -- reflecting a deepening partnership that links economic growth with sustainability.



At its core, the Article 6.2 framework allows countries to collaborate on emissions reduction projects and trade carbon credits, creating new pathways for cost-effective climate action, the report stated.

Under this mechanism, emissions reductions -- known as internationally transferred mitigation outcomes (ITMOs) -- can be exchanged between countries.

Each ITMO represents one tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent reduced or removed. This enables countries to invest in emissions-cutting initiatives abroad and count those reductions toward their own climate targets.

A key safeguard in the system is the requirement for "corresponding adjustments," ensuring that emission reductions are not double-counted and that transparency is maintained, the report said.

The bilateral deal comes at a time when global interest in carbon markets is accelerating. While still in its early stages, the Article 6 framework is gaining traction, with dozens of agreements already signed worldwide and many pilot projects under development.

India-Japan partnership to unlock construction data for AI-led urban development

New Delhi, April 24 (IANS) An Indian Institute of Science (IISc)-backed data platform and a Japanese construction technology firm have signed an agreement to unlock vast but underutilised construction data for artificial intelligence (AI)-led urban development.

DataKaveri Systems, the commercial arm of IISc Bengaluru's Centre of Data for Public Good (CDPG), and ONESTRUCTION Inc., a Tottori-based specialist in open-standard built environment data, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a framework for strategic and technical collaboration in urban and built environment data exchange.

The MoU was signed at IISc Bengaluru on the sidelines of the inaugural Japan-India AI Strategic Dialogue, in the presence of representatives from Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), and India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). The agreement is aimed at combining ONESTRUCTION's expertise in construction data, built around openBIM standards such as Industry Foundation Classes (IFC), with DataKaveri's Intelligent Universal Data Exchange (IUDX).

Centre rolls out Rs 5,000 crore incentive scheme to help states boost mining sector

New Delhi, April 24 (IANS) Following the success of the previous fiscal year, an incentive mechanism on mining sector reforms with a Rs 5,000 crore outlay has been incorporated in the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) for FY 2026-27, the Ministry of Mines said on Friday.

The operational guidelines for this component of the scheme have been issued recently by the ministry and constitute a significant step to encourage mining sector reforms in states, according to a ministry statement.

The objective of this SASCI scheme component is to facilitate and expedite mine operationalisation, increase mineral production, enhance revenue collection by states from the mining sector, and improve overall governance of the mining sector. The Scheme incentive is to be provided to states and UTs (with legislature) under three reform areas.



The first involves integration of the state with the Unified Mining Portal of the Ministry of Mines for mine operationalisation, constitution of a Pre-Auction Committee to actively resolve land scheduling issues, constitution of a state-level Coordination Committee for regular monitoring of operationalisation of mines, annual auction calendar for major minerals &amp.

Sensex falls 983 points, Nifty slips below 24,000 as oil spike hits sentiment

Mumbai, April 24 (IANS) Indian equity benchmarks ended sharply lower on Friday as a surge in crude oil prices rattled investor sentiment amid rising geopolitical tensions linked to stalled US-Iran talks and disruption at the Strait of Hormuz.

The Sensex dropped 982.71 points, or 1.27 per cent, to close at 76,681.29, while the Nifty declined 275.10 points, or 1.14 per cent, to settle at 23,897.95.

Commenting on technical outlook, experts said that on the upside, 24,000 has now emerged as a strong resistance band, as the previous support has transitioned into a supply zone, capping recovery attempts.

"A decisive move above 24,000 is required to ease selling pressure and trigger a recovery towards 24,200, while a break below 23,800 could extend weakness towards the 23,600 level," an analyst stated. The sell-off was largely driven by weakness in information technology stocks, which bore the brunt of the decline.

Falling rupee a buying opportunity for long-term investors

New Delhi, April 24 (IANS) India's currency may be under pressure in the short term, but its long-term story remains compelling, Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran has said, describing the rupee as "fundamentally undervalued" and an attractive opportunity for investors.

Speaking to Bloomberg, Nageswaran said the current valuation of the rupee offers a strong entry point, particularly for long-term investors looking at India's growth potential. His remarks come at a time when the currency has been facing sustained pressure due to global headwinds.The Indian rupee continued its losing streak for the fifth straight session on Friday, slipping 24 paise to 94.25 against the US dollar in early trade.

The decline comes as Brent crude prices stayed above $100 per barrel, driven by ongoing tensions in the Middle East that have disrupted energy supplies and raised concerns over inflation.

The currency's weakness has been further exacerbated by foreign investor sentiment.

Disinvestment process of IDBI Bank to continue: FM Nirmala Sitharaman

Pune, April 24 (IANS) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday confirmed that the government plans to continue with the disinvestment process of IDBI Bank. The comments dispelled the uncertainty hanging over the privatisation of IDBI Bank, as the offers received in the earlier bidding round were below the reserve price fixed by the government. Consequently, the proposed transaction had to be called off last month.

Under the original plan, the government was to sell a 30.48 per cent stake in IDBI Bank, while LIC was to divest 30.24 per cent, taking the total stake on offer to 60.72 per cent. Based on earlier market prices, the combined value was estimated at Rs 72,000 crore.



The privatisation process has been underway since January 7, 2023, when the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management received multiple expressions of interest from bidders.

The Finance Minister further stated that there is nothing on the table at present on consolidation among public sector banks, adding that a high-level banking committee will examine the matter. Sitharaman spoke to reporters on the sidelines of the inauguration of the new premises of the State Bank of India's Local Head Office, Maharashtra Circle, at Pune.

Sitharaman also highlighted that India's economic growth must be rooted in domestic activity, especially agriculture, which can also supply external markets.

She said that the sheer size of the Indian economy and strong internal consumption create the need for large banks. This domestic demand itself is capable of sustaining growth, which continues to be among the fastest in the world.

"I reiterate, the domestic consumption and the domestic economic wheels moving well have really stood by us. Even during times when global markets are in a churn, our exports are taking a beating. But our exporters, to their credit, I must say, have done well despite all the tariff and other challenges which the global uncertainties are giving them. They are because of their ingenuity, finding newer markets and performing. Exports are doing all right because they are able to find newer markets and keep their growth sustained," she added.

Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary records historic Rs 1 cr revenue, over 44,500 footfalls

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Jamshedpur, April 24: In a landmark achievement for Jharkhand's tourism sector, Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary has, for the first time in its history, crossed the Rs 1 crore revenue mark, signaling a major transformation into a thriving eco-tourism destination.

Officials from the Department of Tourism and the Forest Department confirmed that the sanctuary witnessed an unprecedented footfall of over 44,500 visitors during the last financial year, generating approximately ?96.53 lakh in revenue-marking a sharp rise compared to previous years.

Once known primarily as a natural habitat for elephants, Dalma has now evolved into one of the country's most sought-after eco-tourism hubs, attracting visitors with its seamless blend of natural beauty and modern infrastructure.

Surge driven by improved facilities : The remarkable increase in tourist inflow has been attributed to the development of state-of-the-art amenities within the sanctuary. Enhanced accessibility, eco-friendly accommodations, and curated visitor experiences have significantly elevated Dalma's appeal among nature lovers and adventure seekers alike. Compared to 25,290 visitors recorded in 2014-15, the current figures reflect a dramatic surge, underlying the success of sustained development efforts.

Adventure meets nature at 3,000 feet : The journey from Makulakocha to Pindrabera, perched at an altitude of nearly 3,000 feet, has become a major attraction in itself.

The scenic route offers an immersive experience through dense forests, winding roads, and panoramic landscapes.

Among the standout attractions is Jharkhand's first canopy walk-a 25-foot-high, 200-metre-long elevated pathway that allows visitors to explore the forest from the treetops. The facility has quickly become a favourite among tourists seeking a unique perspective of the wilderness.

Additionally, eco-friendly accommodations such as tree houses and bamboo huts, nestled deep within the forest, offer a tranquil retreat for visitors looking to connect with nature.

Cultural and educational attractions : The sanctuary also promotes cultural awareness through its Tribal Museum and 3D Nature Informatics Centre located near Makulakocha. These facilities provide valuable insights into the region's rich tribal heritage and biodiversity, enhancing the overall visitor experience.

Spiritual significance and scenic beauty : Dalma's appeal extends beyond adventure tourism. Religious sites such as the Dalma Mai Cave, Shiva Temple, and Hanuman Temple attract a steady stream of devotees throughout the year. The watchtower at the hilltop offers a sweeping view of Jamshedpur, making it a popular vantage point for visitors. During the monsoon season, the sanctuary transforms into a visual spectacle, with clouds drifting through the valleys and lush greenery resembling renowned hill stations across the country.

A senior official of the Department of Tourism and the Forest Department said: "With rising footfall and revenue, Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary is fast emerging as a model for sustainable eco-tourism in India. Authorities believe that continued investment in infrastructure, conservation, and visitor facilities will further strengthen its position as a premier destination in the years to come". (W-pb)

'Special-64' team to protect Dalma forests from fire, fire watchers deployed



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Jamshedpur, April 24: In view of the rising threat of forest fires amid the scorching summer heat, the administration of Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary has stepped up its preparedness with a robust and modern strategy. A specialised 'Special-64' team comprising trained fire watchers has been deployed across the sanctuary to ensure swift action and round-the-clock vigilance.

An official of Dalma Divisional Forest said: "The entire sanctuary has been divided into six strategic beats to enhance monitoring and response efficiency. These beats include Mango, Bhadudih, Patamda, Nutandih, the core Dalma area, and Chakulia. Each beat has been assigned eight fire watchers, who will continuously patrol their designated zones and immediately respond to any fire-related incidents. The move is aimed at minimising response time and preventing small outbreaks from escalating into major forest fires".

To strengthen firefighting capabilities, the Forest Department has introduced modern equipment such as fire blowers. These devices help create fire lines by clearing dry leaves and debris using high-pressure air, thereby stopping the spread of flames. Fire watchers have also been equipped with essential safety and firefighting kits.

In addition to technological upgrades, the department is actively involving local communities in its prevention efforts. Awareness campaigns are being conducted in villages located around the sanctuary, urging residents to avoid lighting fires in forest areas and to promptly inform authorities in case of any emergency.

Officials emphasised that community cooperation is crucial in protecting Dalma's forests and wildlife. With the combined efforts of trained personnel, modern tools, and public participation, the administration aims to effectively tackle the heightened risk of forest fires during the summer season. (W-pb)

DC Rajiv Ranjan hears public grievances

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 24 : During the weekly Public Grievance Redressal Day held at the Collectorate, Deputy Commissioner Rajiv Ranjan heard the concerns of citizens from various blocks and urban areas of the district. A large number of applicants submitted petitions related to their grievances and demands during the session.

The Deputy Commissioner attentively listened to each case and directed officials of the concerned departments to ensure timely and transparent disposal of all applications. He stressed that issues concerning public interest must be given the highest priority. The grievances raised during the session covered a wide spectrum, including pension-related issues, obstacles in housing construction, loan matters, retirement benefits, housing scheme benefits, electricity problems in Mango, admissions in private schools under the BPL quota, land disputes, fee waivers, domestic issues, and caste certificates, among others. Mr. Ranjan also instructed departments to regularly monitor pending cases related to applications received during the grievance redressal program and ensure their swift resolution. Emphasizing a humane approach, he stated that matters involving vulnerable and needy sections of society must be handled with sensitivity.

PMO orders executive engineer to probe into Jugsalai water tank collapse

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 24: The critical water crisis in Jugsalai, caused by the sudden roof collapse of a water tank on March 14, 2026, has reached the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). With nearly 2,000 households deprived of drinking water for over a month, the central government has intervened following allegations of administrative negligence and a "cover-up" by local officials.

The water tank, located near the ME School Road Primary School under the Jugsalai Municipal Council, rendered the local supply system useless after its roof caved in. Despite directives from former Deputy Commissioner (DC) Karn Satyarthi to take action against those responsible, the Executive Engineer of the Drinking Water and Sanitation (DWS) Department, East Singhbhum, has reportedly failed to initiate proceedings.

RTI activist Kritibas Mandal filed a formal complaint with the PMO and the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation in New Delhi, alleging that department officials are shielding the guilty parties rather than fixing the infrastructure.

Taking cognizance of the complaint, the PMO and the Ministry have entrusted Sunil Kumar, Executive Engineer (DWS Department, Jamshedpur), with the responsibility of conducting a high-level investigation and submitting a formal report.

The investigation will focus on key points raised by the activist - verification of the construction date, estimated budget, and the agency responsible for the project. The probe will also dig into the standard life expectancy of such a tank and why it collapsed so soon after construction, why repairs have not commenced even a month after the incident, leaving 2,000 families stranded, and identify the role of the executive engineer, junior engineer, and assistant engineer in the structural failure and the subsequent delay in restoration. Activists and residents are demanding that the DWS Department prioritize the repair work on a "war footing" to provide relief to the affected residents. They have called for legal action against the engineers whose negligence led to this structural collapse and the ensuing public hardship. (W-sm)

Fun World Disneyland gets underway at Sakchi

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 24: The much-anticipated "Fun World Disneyland" at Ambagan Maidan, Sakchi, was inaugurated with great enthusiasm in a grand ceremony led by Vidyanand Saraswati, Vice President of Juna Akhara, and noted social worker Avadhesh Giri.

Following the inauguration, both dignitaries toured the venue and praised the initiative, describing it as a delightful attraction for the residents of Jamshedpur-especially children.

They noted that the wide array of stalls and amusement rides would not only entertain youngsters but also offer an enjoyable experience for visitors of all age groups.

Event organizer Chandrashekhar Parvat highlighted that the fair features a variety of exciting attractions, including thrilling rides such as the Ranger and Octopus, along with a captivating mermaid show. He emphasized that the arrangements ensure both safety and excitement for children, youth, and families alike.

The fair showcases an impressive mix of entertainment and shopping options, including large and small rides, dedicated play areas for children, toy stalls, textile exhibits from different states, and a diverse range of food counters offering delicious cuisines.

Special stalls catering to women, featuring cosmetics and utility items, further enhance the appeal. Visitors can also witness the craftsmanship of skilled artisans through their unique handmade products.

"Fun World Disneyland" promises to be a vibrant destination where entertainment, shopping, and food come together under one roof. The inauguration ceremony was also attended by several prominent personalities, including Jamshedpur MP Bidyut Baran Mahato, Congress East Singhbhum District President Parvinder Singh, Advocate Samarendra Pratap Singh, Shatrughan Giri, along with others. (W-pm)

Tripartite meeting resolves key issues of contract workers at Bhatin Uranium Project

Mail News Service



Jadugora, April 24: A tripartite meeting chaired by the Assistant Labour Commissioner of Chaibasa was held on Friday to address issues concerning contract workers at the Bhatin Uranium Project. The meeting included representatives from UCIL management, Geotech (the contracting company), and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leaders led by District Chief Convener Baghrai Mardi. During the meeting, several Important decisions were taken. UCIL agreed to start a canteen for contract workers within one week, pay arrears to authorized skilled workers from their joining date, and release vocational training allowances within 15 days.

The meeting was attended by village representatives and community leaders, including Mangal Soren, Hemal Soren, Bhagwat Murmu, Rati Lal Murmu, Khudi Ram Tudu, and Ratan Hansda. UCIL was represented by M.K. Sahu and Sanjeev Ranjan, while Geotech officials Ravi Singh and Gaurav Singh were also present.

CJM Court reserves order on bail plea in Mehendi Kumari burn case

Jamshedpur, April 24: The Court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM), Jamshedpur, on Thursday conducted the hearing of the bail application filed by accused Abhay Tiwari in connection with the Bistupur P.S. Case No. 34/2026, pertaining to the grievous burn injuries sustained by tea vendor Mehendi Kumari. During the course of proceedings, learned senior lawyer Harsh Pandey appearing on behalf of the victim strongly opposed the bail plea, submitting before the court that the offence in question is of a grave and serious nature, involving deliberate assault resulting in severe bodily harm. The counsel urged the court to take into account the severity of the injuries and the conduct of the accused persons while adjudicating the matter. Upon hearing the submissions advanced by both sides and perusing the case records, the Court was pleased to reserve its order on the bail application. The matter now awaits judicial determination.

Incident details placed before the court : As per the prosecution case, on April 6, Mehendi Kumari was engaged in her occupation of selling tea near the Tata Football Academy under the jurisdiction of Bistupur police station when a group of individuals arrived in an SUV and placed an order. It has been alleged that upon a perceived delay in service, the accused persons became agitated, used abusive language, and subsequently, in a fit of rage, lifted a saucepan containing boiling tea and hurled it at the victim. As a consequence, the victim sustained severe burn injuries on her face, neck, hands, and abdomen. Following the commission of the alleged offence, the accused persons fled from the spot.

Investigation status : According to submissions made before the court, the police have, thus far, apprehended only one accused, namely Abhay Tiwari, who has been remanded to judicial custody. It was further brought to the court's notice that several co-accused persons, including individuals identified as Sunny Mishra and Prem Kumar, are presently absconding.

Jamshedpur Women's University celebrates World Earth Day 2026

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 24: The Department of Education at Jamshedpur Women's University celebrated World Earth Day with a series of vibrant programs under the guidance of Vice Chancellor Dr. Ela Kumar. This year's global theme, "Our Planet, Our Power," focused on sustainable energy practices and environmental conservation.

Students from B.Ed. Semester I spearheaded the event with performances designed to spark environmental consciousness. The program featured thought-provoking poems, a street play, and a skit highlighting urgent environmental crises. A video titled "How the Earth Would Look After 10 Years If We Fail to Act Now" provided a sobering look at the consequences of climate inaction. Musical acts and vibrant dance presentations captivated the audience, while M.Ed. Semester 1 students delivered speeches on the significance of the day.

Beyond the stage, B.P.Ed. students conducted a plantation drive on campus, moving from awareness to direct environmental action. Vice Chancellor Dr. Ela Kumar and senior faculty members urged the students to adopt sustainable lifestyles and take personal responsibility for the planet's future. (W-sm)

Power supply to remain disrupted in Seraikela

Mail News Service

Seraikela, April 24: The Electricity Supply Department will undertake cabling work on Low Tension (LT) lines in Kudarsai on Saturday under the RDSS scheme. Providing details, Junior Electrical Engineer Kunal Prajapati of the Electric Supply Section (Saraikela Urban) informed that the feeder will remain shut from 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM, leading to a temporary disruption of power supply in Kudarsai, Tangrani, Chhota Tangrani, Kudi, and Pampra areas. He expressed regret for the inconvenience caused to consumers and requested their cooperation during the maintenance work.

Govt rolls out expanded health insurance scheme with nationwide cashless treatment

Mail News Service



Ranchi, April 24: The state government has signed a new agreement under the State Employee Health Insurance Scheme, enabling cashless treatment for employees and their dependents at major hospitals across India.

Under revised arrangement, around 200 hospitals within state and nearly 600 hospitals nationwide have been empanelled, including leading facilities in cities such as Vellore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad and Bengaluru. Treatment will be provided at CGHS rates, aiming to reduce costs and improve transparency.

Scheme will also cover OPD follow-up medication, travel allowance, AYUSH treatment, medical advance and revolving fund support as per requirement. Around two lakh employees and their families are currently enrolled, taking total beneficiaries to over seven lakh. Last year, 10,257 patients received treatment under the scheme with expenditure of about Rs 51 crore.

State Health Minister Irfan Ansari said the initiative represents a strong commitment to employee health security, noting that limited coverage in past often led to financial stress during serious illnesses. He added that new structure ensures unlimited cashless treatment, wider hospital network and transparent processes.

Government has also expanded coverage to include advocates, IAS and IPS officers, former MLAs and MPs. For the general public, insurance cover under Abua Card scheme has been increased from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 15 lakh.

Minister said focus remains on strengthening healthcare infrastructure through expansion of medical colleges, development of a medico city and projects such as RIMS-2, so that people do not have to travel outside the state for treatment. He added that the goal is not just implementation of schemes but ensuring access to quality healthcare for every citizen. (W-rg)

Blockade tightens as US escalates Iran pressure

Washington, April 24 (IANS) The United States on Friday said its expanding naval blockade of Iran was tightening "by the hour", as Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth asserted that Tehran faced a stark choice between a nuclear deal and mounting economic collapse under sustained American pressure.

"Operation Epic Fury has delivered decisive military results in just weeks," Hegseth told reporters at the Pentagon, contrasting it with "endless wars of the past" that "dragged on for years and for decades with little to show for it."

He said the mission remained unchanged: "Iran will not have a nuclear weapon."

Hegseth said the US Navy was enforcing an "ironclad blockade" from the Gulf of Oman to global waters, warning that "every ship… to and from Iranian ports has been turned around" if deemed in violation.

"As of this morning, 34 total non-Iranian vessels are allowed to transit, and many have," he said, adding that a second aircraft carrier would join the operation within days.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air Force Gen. Dan Caine, said US forces had already



demonstrated willingness to use force. He described a maritime interdiction earlier this week in which a large container vessel ignored repeated warnings.

"After exhausting all other measures, CENTCOM authorised disabling fire," Caine said, adding that US forces fired into the ship's engine room before Marines boarded and seized control.

He said the vessel and its crew were now "safe in US custody."

The Pentagon also confirmed multiple global interdictions of sanctioned Iranian oil shipments, including large crude tankers in the Indo-Pacific and Indian Ocean regions. "We will continue to conduct similar maritime interdiction actions," Caine said.

Hegseth said the blockade was now "growing and going global," asserting that "no one sails from the Strait of Hormuz… without the permission of the United States Navy."

He accused Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps of behaving like "pirates" and "terrorists," alleging attacks on commercial vessels and responsibility for regional instability.

The US has also authorised lethal action against Iranian fast boats laying naval mines. "If Iran is putting mines in the water… we will shoot to destroy - no hesitation," Hegseth said.

He urged allies, particularly in Europe, to play a greater role in securing global shipping routes. "The time for free riding is over," he said, adding that Europe and Asia depended more heavily on energy flows through the Strait of Hormuz.

Referring to Donald Trump, Hegseth said the President was "not anxious for a deal" but had left the door open for negotiations if Iran abandoned its nuclear ambitions "in meaningful and verifiable ways."

Explosive drones from Iraq hit Kuwait's border posts

Kuwait, April 24, (IANS) Explosive drones that originated from Iraq hit two posts of Kuwait on the northern border, the country's Ministry of Defence stated on Friday.

"This morning, two sites of the northern land border centers of the State of Kuwait were targetted in a sinful aggressive attack by two fiber-optic wire-guided explosive drones originating from the Republic of Iraq, resulting in material damage, with no human casualties recorded, praise be to God," read a statement issued by Kuwait's Defence Ministry.

Necessary measures were taken immediately by the competent authorities to deal with the incident, the ministry affirmed.

On Thursday, Kuwait's Director General of Civil Aviation Sheikh Humoud Mubarak Humoud Al-Sabah had announced the reopening of airspace at Kuwait International Airport, following a temporary, precautionary suspension since February 28 amid regional developments.

Beijing rejects Trump's claim that intercepted Iranian ship carried 'gift' from China

Beijing, April 24 (IANS) The Chinese Foreign Ministry on Friday denied allegations made by US President Donald Trump that an Iranian cargo ship intercepted by the US might have carried a "gift" from Beijing.

When asked about Trump's remarks during a regular press briefing in Beijing on Friday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun said, "China rejects any assertion and speculation that lack factual evidence. Normal trade between countries should not be disrupted or harmed."China's response came after Trump, in his interview with CNBC on Tuesday, said, "We caught a ship yesterday that had some things on it, which wasn't very nice. A gift from China perhaps, I don't know, but I was a little surprised but - because I have a very good relationship and I thought I had an understanding with President Xi. But that's all right."On April 21, former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley had stated that the ship seized by the US in the Strait of Hormuz was travelling from China and is linked to chemical shipments for missiles.



"The ship the US seized in the Strait of Hormuz this weekend was headed from China to Iran and is linked to chemical shipments for missiles. It refused repeated orders to stop. Another reminder that China is helping prop up Iran's regime -a reality that can't be ignored," Haley posted on X.

On April 20, Guo Jiakun had expressed concern over the US' forcible interception of a vessel after media reports claimed that the US had seized an Iranian cargo ship. While addressing a press briefing on Monday, Jiakun termed the situation in the Strait of Hormuz "complex and fragile."

When asked about China's view about the US seizing an Iranian cargo ship, he responded, "The situation in the Strait of Hormuz is fragile and complex. We are concerned over the US' forcible interception of the vessel and hope that relevant parties will honor the ceasefire agreement in a responsible manner, avoid aggravating disputes and escalating tensions, and provide necessary conditions for the restoration of normal passage through the Strait."

Tensions continue in and around Strait of Hormuz, the narrow maritime corridor linking the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Sea, through which about one-fifth of global oil trade passes, ever since the conflict erupted in West Asia.

India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise reinforces military cooperation, improves interoperability

Tashkent, April 24 (IANS) The seventh edition of India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise 'Dustlik' culminated with a final validation exercise and closing ceremony at the Gurumsaray Field Training Area in Namangam, on Friday. According to the Indian Defence Ministry, the exercise reinforced military cooperation and improved interoperability between the Indian Army and the Armed Forces of the Uzbekistan.

The exercise enhanced preparedness for joint operations to neutralise unlawful armed groups, while providing an opportunity to exchange best practices in counter-terrorism, the Indian Army's Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADGPI) stated on Friday.

Exercise Dustlik is a yearly event conducted alternatively in India and Uzbekistan. The last edition was conducted at the Foreign Training Node, Aundh, Pune, in April 2025.The Indian Armed Forces contingent, comprising 60 personnel, was represented by 45 personnel from the Indian Army, mainly from a Battalion of the Mahar Regiment and 15 personnel from the Indian Air Force. The Uzbekistan contingent also comprised approximately 60 personnel from the Uzbekistan Army and Air Force.The Defence Ministry stated that the aim of Exercise Dustlik is to foster military cooperation and enhance combined capabilities to execute joint operations in semi-mountainous terrain. It would focus on a high degree of physical fitness, joint planning, joint tactical drills and basics of special arms skills. The exercise also establishes a unified operational algorithm between the command-and-control structures of both contingents for planning and execution of joint operations.Exercise Dustlik enabled the two sides to share their best practices in tactics, techniques and procedures of conducting joint operations and will further strengthen interoperability, operational synergy and joint command and control coordination between the contingents.The exercise also facilitated developing bonhomie and camaraderie between soldiers of both countries, enhancing the level of defence cooperation and further fostering bilateral relations between the two friendly nations.

PM Modi set to visit Australia in July, address diaspora in Melbourne

Canberra, April 24 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to visit Australia in July as part of a broader regional tour that will also take him to Indonesia and New Zealand, the local media reported on Friday citing government and diplomatic sources.

The Australia Today reported that PM Modi will travel to Indonesia first, before heading to New Zealand on July 7 and 8 and then expected to arrive in Australia for a two-day visit on July 9 and 10, marking his return to the country amid deepening strategic, economic and diaspora ties between the two nations.

"The visit is expected to include engagements in both Sydney and Melbourne. The Australia Today understands that PM Anthony Albanese's office is keen to host Modi for official engagements in Sydney, reinforcing the diplomatic and strategic partnership between Canberra and New Delhi," the online news portal reported.

"However, the major public-facing event with the Indian diaspora is most likely to take place in Melbourne, which has emerged as the preferred host city for a large-scale community gathering. According to sources, Australian and Indian officials have already conducted preliminary inspections of two Melbourne venues with capacities of around 14,000 and more than 35,000, respectively," it added.It mentioned that both venues were shortlisted due to their indoor infrastructure and roof coverage, making them suitable for Melbourne's winter conditions in July."The visit is also triggering competition among key business and community organisations seeking to host high-level engagements with the Indian Prime Minister. The Australia India Business Council, which is marking its 40th anniversary this year, is understood to be working to secure a special event with Modi.

MEA Secretary Sibi George discusses UN reform, Global South with Antonio Guterres

United Nations, April 24 (IANS) India's External Affairs Ministry Secretary Sibi George met Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and discussed reforms of the international organisation raising the voice of the Global South.

At their meeting here on Thursday, George reiterated India's strong commitment to multilateralism, which Guterres has been emphasising even as it is under stress, India's Permanent Mission said in a post on X.They also discussed New Delhi's initiatives for enhancing the development of the Global South through programmes like the India-UN Development Partnership Fund, the mission said.During his tightly-packed visit here this week that started with paying tribute to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at the UN complex, George met several UN officials and diplomats from several countries.India is historically the biggest contributor to UN peacekeeping operations, and it figured in many of his interactions with UN officials, including Atul Khare, Under-Secretary-General for Operational Support, and Khaled Khiari, the Assistant Secretary-General in the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations.With Khare, he reiterated India's steadfast commitment to peacekeeping operations.The UN is facing a financial crisis, and it came up for discussion with the UN's finance chief, Chandramouli Ramanathan, the Controller and Assistant Secretary-General.They discussed the overall financial situation of the UN as well as financing peacekeeping operations.

George and Guy Ryder, the Under Secretary General for Policy, talked about the reform of the UN, and the UN80 Initiative to make the organisation relevant to the global challenges as it turns 80.

George also represented India at meetings here during the week.At the candidates' forum for those aspiring to succeed Guterres, he asked Michelle Bachelet, the former UN High Commission for Human Rights, about her approach to achieving the developmental goals of the Global South.She said the member states should make achieving the development goals a political priority and ensure finances are available for it.

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Tender Notice

E-Tender for Empanelment of Agency Under Manpower Rate Contract

Tender No: MRE/33/245/2023-24/1861

Jharkhand Education Project Council (JEPC), Ranchi invites e-bids for Empanelment of Agency under Manpower Rate Contract. Important dates/details are as under:

Sl.	Details	Start Date	Time	End Date	Time
1	Online availability of bid document	24.04.2026	10.00 am	18.05.2026	06.00 pm
2	Document Download	24.04.2026	10.00 am	18.05.2026	06.00 pm
3	Pre-Bid Meeting	30.04.2026	03.00 pm	-	-
4	**Online Bid Submission**	24.04.2026	10.00 am	18.05.2026	06.00 pm
5	Opening of Technical Bid	20.05.2026	03.00 pm	-	-

Interested bidders may view and download bid documents from the website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in.

Sd/-
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Administrative Officer

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e-Procurement Notice

Tender Reference No. WRD/MID/JAMSHEDPUR/F$_2$02/2026-27

Letter No. : 198 **Dated: 23.04.2026**

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Initial Bid Security (In Rs.)	Cost of Bidding Document
01	Renovation of Tal pokhariy Bandh M.I. Scheme Under Block Patamda of East Singhbhum District.	6073200.00	122000.00	10000.00
02	Renovation of Dighi Bandh & Ghorsad Bandh M.I. Scheme Under Block Dhalbhumgarh of East Singhbhum District.	7341000.00	147000.00	10000.00

03	Initial Bid Security in the shape of	To be Deposited as per S.O.P Uploaded.
04	Time of Completion	11 Months
05	Date of Publication of Tender on website	08.05.2026 from 2.00 P.M
06	Start Date of Bidding	08.05.2026
07	Last date &Time for Online Bidding	18.05.2026 up to 5.00 P.M
08	Last Date & Time for upload of Bid Security and other Documents in online form	**18.05.2026 up to 5.00P.M Through e-Tender portal** www.jharkhandtender.gov.in (As per SOP Issued by Information Technology & e-Governance Department, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no. 120 Dated 03.10.2023)
09	Date & time for Opening of Technical Bid	**20.05.2026 up to 12.30 P.M** in the Office Executive Engineer, Minor irrigation Division Division, Jamshedpur
10	Name & Address of Inviting Tender	Executive Engineer, Minor irrigation Division Division, Jamshedpur
11	Contact no. of Procurement officer	9572468424
12	Helpline no. of e-Procurement cell	9572468424

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1.	निविदा प्राप्त करने की तिथि–	28.04.2026 (अपराह्न एक बजे तक)
2.	निविदा खोलने की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान–	28.04.2026 (अपराह्न तीन बजे तक), जिला परिषद् कार्यालय, सरायकेला–खरसावाँ

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सरायकेला–खरसावाँ

PR 378326 (Panchayati Raj)26-27*D

जिला दण्डाधिकारी एवं उपायुक्त का कार्यालय, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर। (खेल शाखा)
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शुद्धि पत्र

एतद् द्वारा जिला के सभी खिलाड़ियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि जिला खेल कार्यालय, पूर्वी सिंहभूम द्वारा PR 378049 (Tourism) 26-27 के माध्यम से भारतीय खेल प्राधिकरण और युवा कार्यक्रम एवं खेल मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, खेलों इंडिया योजना के तहत राज्य के सभी जिलों में ASMITA City League के तहत विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन हेतु प्रकाशित किया गया था। **उक्त आयोजन में मुक्केबाजी प्रतियोगिता की तिथि दिनांक 26–27 अप्रैल को संशोधित करते हुए दिनांक 27–28 अप्रैल को प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन कराया जा रहा है।**

शेष प्रतियोगिताओं की तिथि, नियम एवं शर्तें यथावत् रहेंगे।

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जिला खेल पदाधिकारी,
पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर।

PR 378363 (Tourism) 26-27 (D)

जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर

'राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत' 09 मई 2026

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि झारखण्ड राज्य विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, रॉची के निदेशानुसार जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, जमशेदपुर एवं अनुमंडलीय विधिक सेवा समिति, घाटशिला के तत्वाधान में दिनांक **09 मई 2026** को राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत का आयोजन किया जा रहा है।

उक्त राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत में समझौता योग्य सभी वाद जो न्यायालय में लम्बित है या अन्य सरकारी कार्यालयों, बैंक आदि संस्थानों में लम्बित है जैसे :–

(i) उत्पाद अधिनियम के वाद, (ii) वन अधिनियम के वाद, (iii) चेक वाउण्स से संबंधित वाद, (iv) विधुत अधिनियम वाद, (v) श्रम वाद एवं न्युनतम मजदूरी के वाद, (vi) विवाहोत्तर प्रताड़ना के वाद, (vii) बैंक ऋण से संबंधित वाद, (viii) मोटरयान दुर्घटना मुआवजा से संबंधित वाद, (ix) भू–अधिग्रहण से संबंधित वाद, (x) खान अधिनियम से संबंधित वाद, (xi) पारिवारिक वाद, (xii) सुलहनीय अपराधिक मामले, (xiii) दिवानी वादों (xiv) भूमि अधिग्रहण सहित सिविल अपील एवं क्रिमिनल अपील, (xv) श्रम विभाग के मामले से संबंधित मामले एवं अन्य मामले का निष्पादन किया जाना है।

दिनांक **09 मई 2026** को प्रातः 07.00 बजे से राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत का कार्य व्यवहार न्यायालय, जमशेदपुर एवं व्यवहार न्यायालय, घाटशिला में अपराह्न 12.00 बजे तक होगी। दिनांक **15 मार्च 2026** से समझौता पूर्व बैठक चल रही है जो **08 मई 2026** तक जारी रहेगी।

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

वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक – सह – सदस्य जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर

उपायुक्त – सह – उपाध्यक्ष जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर ।

प्रधान जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश– सह – अध्यक्ष, जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर।

नोट :– उक्त राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत दिनांक **09 मई 2026** के संबंध में किसी प्रकार की विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु आप 07.00 बजे सुबह से 12.00 बजे अपराहन् तक जमशेदपुर व्यवहार न्यायालय परिसर में स्थित जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार के कार्यालय में उपस्थित होकर अथवा सचिव, जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, जमशेदपुर से दूरभाश नं0–0657–2220752 एवं मोबाइल नं0 – 9430780325, 15100 पर सम्पर्क कर सकते है।

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PR 378318 Judicial Academy Jharkhand(26-27)#D

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- विज्ञापन -

महिला, बाल विकास एवं सामाजिक सुरक्षा विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार, रॉची की अधिसूचना संख्या– 2685 दिनांक– 24.10.2024 के आलोक में लैंगिक अपराधों से बालकों का संरक्षण अधिनियम 2012 (POCSO) एवं नियम 2020 के अंतर्गत सहायक व्यक्तियों (Support Person) के पैनल के निर्माण के उद्देश्य से आवेदन आंमत्रित किये जाते हैं। लैंगिक अपराधों से बालकों का संरक्षण (POCSO) अधिनियम 2012 बाल लैंगिक शोषण से संबंधित मामलों से निपटने के लिए एक विशेष अधिनियम है जो 18 वर्ष से कम आयु के बालक / बालिका को लैंगिक शोषण, हिंसा और पॉर्नोग्राफी से बचाने के लिए कानूनी प्रावधान प्रदान करता है। इस अधिनियम के अंतर्गत सहायक व्यक्ति के द्वारा पीड़ित को कानुनी / विधिक प्रक्रिया सहित प्रत्येक स्तर पर बाल सुलभ वातावरण उपलब्ध कराने, मुआवजा योजना के अंतर्गत मुआवजा उपलब्ध कराने तथा पीड़ित के सर्वोत्तम हित, मान–सम्मान, भेदभाव रहित सुरक्षित वातावरण प्रदान करना सुनिश्चित किये जाने का प्रावधान है। उक्त पदों पर अर्हताधारी इच्छुक आवेदक विहित प्रपत्र में आवेदन निबंधित डाक / स्पीड पोस्ट से निम्न पते पर समर्पित करेंगे–

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नोट– अन्य माध्यमों से आवेदन पत्र स्वीकार नहीं किये जायेंगे।

1. सहायक व्यक्तियों के पैनल के निर्माण हेतु पात्रता की विवरणी –

क्र0 सं0	पदनाम	पारिश्रमिक राशि	शैक्षणिक योग्यता एवं कार्यानुभव	आयु
1	सहायक व्यक्ति (Support Person)	अधिकतम प्रति केस 5000 / – रु. मात्र।	(क) शैक्षणिक योग्यता:– 1. कला / वाणिज्य / विज्ञान / विधि / मनोविज्ञान / सामाजिक कार्य / बाल मनोविज्ञान / स्थानीय भाषा में स्नातकोत्तर की उपाधि या किसी भी संकाय में स्नातक की उपाधि एवं संबंधित क्षेत्र में कम से कम दो वर्ष का कार्यानुभव। 2. भारत का नागरिक होना चाहिए। (ख) कार्यानुभव :– 1. बाल अधिकार / बाल संरक्षण / विधिक कार्य / सामाजिक कार्य / बाल मनोविज्ञान / परामर्शदाता / समाजशास्त्र / मनोविज्ञान के क्षेत्र में कम से कम दो वर्ष का वांछनीय कार्यानुभव अथवा, 2. DLSA/JHALSA/DCPU/CWC/JJB/POCSO/ न्यायालय में कम से कम एक वर्ष का वांछनीय कार्यानुभव	न्युनतम 35 वर्ष एवं अधिकतम 60 वर्ष (आयु की गणना विज्ञापन के प्रकाशन की तिथि से की जाएगी)

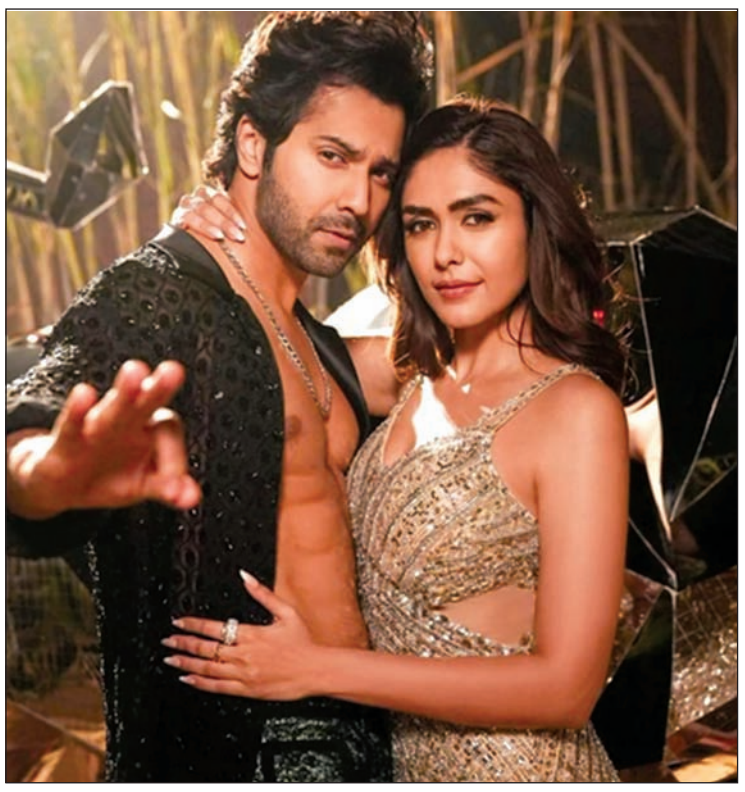
2. चयन प्रक्रिया– अभ्यर्थियों का चयन योग्यता, अनुभव एवं साक्षात्कार के आधार पर किया जाएगा। साक्षात्कार की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान की सूचना जिले के वेबसाईट– www.Seraikela.nic.in एवं कार्यालय के सूचना पट्ट पर प्रदर्शित की जाएगी।

3. कंडिका–01 में वर्णित सहायक व्यक्तियों (Support Person) का निर्धारित पारिश्रमिक राशि, न्यूनतम शैक्षणिक योग्यता / अन्य योग्यताएँ, कार्यानुभव, आयु सीमा के अतिरिक्त नियुक्ति की शर्त्तें, नियुक्ति की प्रक्रिया, चयन का मानदण्ड, आवेदन पत्र इत्यादि की विस्तृत जानकारी सरायकेला–खरसावाँ के आधिकारिक Website- www.Seraikela.nic.in पर देखा जा सकता है। अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा विहित प्रपत्र में आवेदन समर्पित किये जाने की अन्तिम तिथि 12 / 05 / 2026 है। आवेदन प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि के पश्चात् आवेदन स्वीकार नहीं किये जाएगें।

उपायुक्त,
सरायकेला–खरसावाँ

PR 378324 Women, Child Development & Social Security (26-27)_D

Mrunal Thakur says she 'manifested' working with Varun Dhawan



Mumbai, April 24 (IANS) Actress Mrunal Thakur reveals she manifested working with Varun Dhawan in 2015 and said that the actor made dancing feel less scary to her.

Mrunal, who is having a full circle moment as she is all set to be seen sharing screen space with Varun in the upcoming comedy "Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai", wished the actor and said that he made shooting feel like home.

"From manifesting in 2015 to sharing the screen in 2026… life really listened. Happy happiest birthday to the one who made dancing feel less scary and shoots feel like home," Mrunal wrote.

Mrunal hopes she made "Mr Wow" proud.

"Hope I made you proud HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR WOW P.S I wished you first Ek din pehle hi Sahi hehe," she concluded.

Varun took to the comment section and replied with a "wow."

Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai is all set to release on May 22. Directed by David Dhawan, the film is about a boy who had been rejected by many women. He was in a relationship with loneliness. But then he receives help from God, and suddenly, his mind fills with many different thoughts.

For those who do not know, 'Hai Jawani Toh Pyaar Hona Hai' is a hit song from David Dhawan's film "Biwi No 1", featuring Salman Khan, Karisma Kapoor, and Sushmita Sen. The name of the forthcoming drama is believed to have been inspired from this popular track.

Talking about David Dhawan, he has directed 45 films such as Aankhen, Biwi No.1, Judwaa, Coolie No.1, "Hero No.1", "Deewana Mastana", Shola Aur Shabnam, Raja Babu, Bade Miyan Chote Miyan, Haseena Maan Jaayegi Dulhan Hum Le Jayenge, Mujhse Shaadi Karogi, Maine Pyaar Kyun Kiya?, Partner, Chashme Baddoor and Main Tera Hero.

Mira Rajput plays iconic 'Hum Tum' tune on piano, flaunts her artsy skills



Mumbai, April 24 (IANS) Mira Rajput, entrepreneur and wife of Bollywood superstar Shahid Kapoor recently shared a calming video on her social media account, where she was seen playing the melodious Hum Tum tune on the piano.

She captioned the post as, "Can you guess this song?"

In the video, Mira is seated at a classy black piano, wearing a chic sleeveless black top paired with a printed skirt. Mira played the title track of Saif Ali Khan, Rani Mukerji starrer movie Hum Tum as the tune.For the uninitiated, Mira Rajput Kapoor is a popular lifestyle influencer and entrepreneur, and has earlier too put to display her piano playing skills. Talking about Shahid Kapoor and Mira Rajput, the two tied the knot on July 7, 2015, in an intimate ceremony in Delhi.

Their marriage was an arranged alliance that was facilitated through family and spiritual guidance.

Kriti Sanon says success is a blend of hard work, talent and destiny



Mumbai, April 24 (IANS) Bollywood actress Kriti Sanon, who is currently riding the wave of success owing to the box-office performance of her recent films, has shared how she views the relationship between hard work, talent and destiny.

From her National Award-winning performance in 'Mimi' to winning hearts with her emotional depth in 'Tere Ishk Mein', Kriti's journey reflects both evolution and intent. As she gears up for 'Cocktail 2', she looked back at how identifying the opportunities and working towards them shaped her journey.

Speaking about the role of timing and opportunity in success, Kriti shared, "I do believe in luck, I do believe a lot in destiny, I feel you know it's always a combination of hard work, talent and destiny and also recognizing opportunities you know. They might just pass you by and you may not see them or you may not jump at them but that courage to take risk, to take the plunge, to take that leap and you know something that scares you but you still kind of just do it anyway. So I think that courage is also very important to recognize that opportunity. Absolutely".

Her words reflect a grounded perspective on success, where preparation meets timing, but it is courage that bridges the gap.

Gurmeet Choudhary joins wife Debinna Bonnerjee & daughters on their all girls' trip to Bangkok



Mumbai, April 24 (IANS) Actress Debina Bonnerjee and her two little daughters were recently in Phuket on an all girls trip.

Adding more to their happiness, Debinas husband and actor Gurmeet Choudhary too has now joined in the fun, and landed in Bangkok to be besides his family.

The couple is currently soaking in quality family time.

Debina shared a carousel post featuring all the fun and enjoyment.

The carousel post begins with a heartwarming pool moment where Gurmeet is seen holding one of their daughters while Debina, dressed in a stylish swimsuit, lifts the other.

Another adorable click captures their daughters in matching pink swim outfits, posing cutely while holding hands.

In a romantic picture, Debina and Gurmeet are seen sharing a candid moment in the pool.

Other pictures show the babies splashing water in the pool with their parents watching them in awe.

Debina also shared glimpses of her relaxed vacation mode, seen sitting in a plush white bathrobe. In another adorable picture, the little girls are seen sipping coconut water together.

The post also includes a pool shot where Debina is seen floating peacefully with stunning view of Bangkok's skyline in the background.

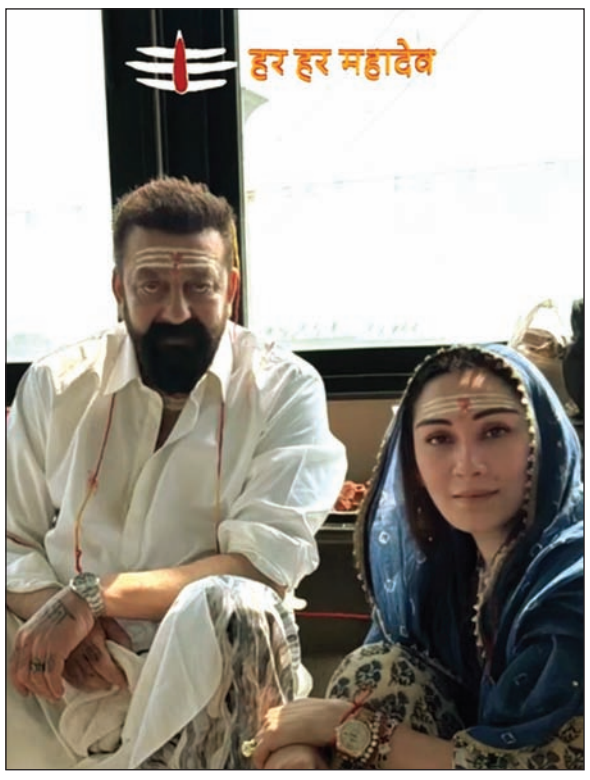
She wrote, "Time spent with family is always the best time. We're having an absolute blast!"

For the uninitiated, Debina had initially begun the trip with her daughters to Phuket initially, and now Gurmeet Choudhary has joined the family vacation.

Talking about Debina and Gurmeets love story, the couple has been together for almost two decades now.

They fell in love on the sets of their TV show Ramayan where Gurmeet played the character of Lord Ram and Debina essayed the role of Goddess Sita.

Sanjay Dutt, wife Maanayata soak in divine energy with Har Har Mahadev



Mumbai, April 24 (IANS) Bollywood star Sanjay Dutt and his wife Manyata Dutt immersed themselves in a deeply spiritual moment as they sat together for a puja surrounded with flowers, with the powerful tunes of "Shiva Tandav" echoing in the background.

Sanjay and Maanyata both took to their Instagram stories, respectively, where they shared two photographs from the puja. They did not reveal the location of where they sought divine blessings.

In the image, the two are seen dressed in Indian wear and have the tripundra tilak on their foreheads.

They had "Har Har Mahadev" written as the caption.

Talking about the couple, who have been together for 18 years, got married in 2008 via a registry in Goa. The two then got married in a Hindu ceremony in Mumbai.

It was in 2010, when Sanjay and Maanayata welcomed twins a boy and a girl.

Sanjay was first married to actress Richa Sharma in 1987. She died of a brain tumour in 1996. He then got married to air-hostess-turned-model Rhea Pillai in February 1998. The divorce finalised in 2008.

Sanjay's latest release is Dhurandhar-The Revenge, an action spy action thriller film written, directed and co-produced by Aditya Dhar. It stars Ranveer Singh, Akshaye Khanna, Sanjay Dutt, R. Madhavan, Arjun Rampal and Sara Arjun.

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

He will next be seen in Ahmed Khan's upcoming comedy film titled "Welcome To The Jungle".

The film has a huge star cast including names such as Akshay Kumar, Jackie Shroff, Suniel Shetty, Arshad Warsi, Paresh Rawal, Raveena Tandon, Disha Patani, Lara Dutta, Jacqueline Fernandez, Shreyas Talpade, Aftab Shivdasani, Mika Singh, Mukesh Tiwari, Zakir Hussain, Yashpal Sharma, Johnny Lever, Rajpal Yadav, Krushna Abhishek, Kiku Sharda, Daler Mehndi, Tusshar Kapoor, and Sayaji Shinde.

Sai Tamhankar opens up on challenges of moving from regional films to Hindi cinema



Mumbai, April 24 (IANS) Sharing her two cents on the long-standing debate around regional actors shifting to Hindi cinema, actress Sai Tamhankar has said that the divide isn't just created by the industry alone but also by audience perception. Asked if she thinks the industry still draws an unfair distinction when it comes to regional actors transitioning into Hindi, Sai told IANS: "Yes and no. I think not just the industry, it's the audience also that is responsible."She understands that a sense of love and belonging towards one's mother tongue can sometimes lead to actors being boxed into a single space, but at the same time she feels the only way forward is to stay focused on the craft.

Varun, Ritika starrer Korean Kanakaraju's makers drop BTS video of 'Kamsahamnida' song



Hyderabad, April 24 (IANS) The makers of director Merlapaka Gandhi's eagerly awaited horror comedy film 'Korean Kanakaraju', featuring actor Varun Tej in the lead, on Friday released a Behind the Scenes video of the immensely popular single 'Kamsahamnida' from the film, much to the delight of fans and film buffs.

First Frame Entert-ainments, which is producing the film along with UV Creations, took to its social media timelines to share the link to the BTS video.

It said, "Behind every crazy vibe song… there's an even crazier making! Here's the BTS of #KoreanKanakaraju first single #Kamsahamnida."

For the unaware, the song, the music of which has been scored by Thaman, was released on April 11 this year. It opens with Ritika Naik playfully uttering 'Kamsahamnida', prompting Varun Tej to curiously ask its meaning.

Her reply, "Thank you" in Korean, serves as a warm curtain-raiser to the romantic energy between them. The track has been crafted with an airy, lively vibe, blending soft Korean touches with catchy mainstream elements. Kasarla Shyam's writing brings out the innocence of new love, while Sid Sriram's mellow yet expressive vocals elevate the emotion beautifully. Yash Master adds visual charm with choreography that mirrors the song's cheerful tone.

Sporting a mass and rugged look, Varun Tej's screen presence is vibrant and effortless, and his pairing with Ritika comes across as bright, lively, and refreshingly new. Their moments together, set against Thaman's spirited beats, give the single an instant-repeat quality.

With shooting nearly finished, the team is expected to reveal the release date soon.

It may be recalled that the makers had announced the commencement of the film's final schedule of shooting in Korea last month.

Sources close to the unit of the film had then informed IANS that the team had carefully planned a crucial one-week schedule in Korea.

During this phase, the makers filmed songs along with a few key scenes. The schedule featured Varun Tej, Ritika Nayak, and Satya.

Health

Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission signs MoUs to boost quality checks, pharmacovigilance

New Delhi, April 24 (IANS) The Central government's Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission has signed two memoranda of understandings (MoU) with two government institutes to strengthen quality assurance, ensure rational use of medicines, pharmacovigilance and collaborative research, an official statement said on Friday.

One MoU with the Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India aims to enhance the quality assurance framework for medicines made available through Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs).

It will allow PMBI to submit randomly selected batches of Jan Aushadhi medicines to IPC for quality testing. The partnership will further promote the use of the National Formulary of India (NFI) across Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to ensure rational use of medicines.

It also seeks to strengthen pharmacovigilance activities by displaying the Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (PvPI) QR code and toll-free helpline number (1800-180-3024) at PMBJKs across the country, thereby encouraging adverse drug reaction (ADR) reporting and improving patient safety.

Further, IPC and PMBI will jointly organize sensitization, awareness, and training programmes for pharmacists and stakeholders on rational use of medicines, pharmacovigilance, ADR reporting tools, and the role of pharmacists in safeguarding public health.

'It was always coming', says Sudharsan after scoring century against RCB

Bengaluru, April 24 (IANS) Sai Sudharsan played a calm yet strong innings, leading Gujarat Titans to a solid score of 205/3 against Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 match at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. After scoring 100 off 58 balls, he said his innings was as much about finishing well as about finding form.

"It was always coming. I was touching the ball well in the last few innings and was really grateful to God. Really happy to contribute to the team. I think with the level of communication we understood it was two-paced and sticky, and it was a natural instinct to take the game deeper."

The left-handed batter had a challenging start as Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Josh Hazlewood found early movement, beating his outside edge and concerning him with bounce.

A fortunate edge for four helped him settle in, but once the conditions improved, Sudharsan picked up the pace. He started finding boundaries with accuracy and hit the first six of the innings in the fifth over. He dominated the powerplay, reaching 41 off 27 balls as GT scored 57/0, before smoothly moving into the middle overs. Combining smart aggression with effective strike rotation, he reached his half-century in 33 balls.

Then, he stepped it up further, taking on Romario Shepherd and KrunalPandya with inventive shots, including a daring uppercut for six.

During this innings, Sudharsan also became the fastest player to reach 2000 IPL runs in just 47 innings, breaking Chris Gayle's record. "I have high standards for myself… I've been starting well but not finishing well, so it was more than just a century for me," he said, reflecting on his lively celebration after reaching three figures.



Even with this achievement, Sudharsan kept his focus on the bigger goal. "I have such high standards for myself, I want to always put my team in a good position.

Sai Sudharsan becomes fastest batter to reach 2000 runs

Bengaluru, April 24 (IANS) SaiSudharsan made Indian Premier League (IPL) history by becoming the fastest batter to reach 2,000 runs, achieving this milestone in just 47 innings during the Gujarat Titans' game against Royal Challengers Bengaluru in Bengaluru on Friday.

The left-hander surpassed Chris Gayle, who previously held the record by reaching the mark in 48 innings. Sudharsan now has over 2,000 runs from 47 matches with an impressive average and strike rate, showing his consistency at the top of the order with several fifties and centuries. Interestingly, this milestone comes in what has been a modest IPL 2026 season for Sudharsan.

India men begin campaign with 4-1 win over Canada

Horsens (Denmark), April 24 (IANS) India men began their campaign in the Thomas Cup badminton championships with a win in their opening group stage match, beating Canada 4-1 in Horsens, Denmark, on Friday.

The 2022 champions got off to a poor start after LakshyaSen lost the opening match of the tie to Victor Lai, but the men's doubles duo of SatiwksairajRankireddy and ChiragShetty levelled the tie by beating Jonathan Bing Tsan Lai and Kevin Lee in straight games.

AyushShetty gave India a 2-1 lead with a win over Brian Yang.

Thomas & Uber Cup finals



Then another doubles pair of HariharanAmsakarunan and M.R. Arjun extended India's lead to 3-1 before SrikanthKidambi wrapped up the tie 4-1. Lakshya started well and headed into the mid-game interval with an 11-6 advantage and stretched the lead to 14-10.

The game got really tight in the end, with Lai closing the gap. But Lakshya got the benefit of a strong early lead to take the opening game 21-18.

But the Canadian bounced back brilliantly to win the next two games and the match 18-21, 21-19, 21-10. In the second rubber, Satwik-ChiragShetty levelled the tie with a dominant 21-10, 21-11 win over Jonathan Bing Tsan Lai and Lee.

Hockey Olympian Gurbax Singh Grewal passes away in Chandigarh, aged 84

Mumbai, April 24 (IANS) Former India international and Mumbai Hockey Association (MHA) secretary Gurbax Singh Grewal, who was a member of the national team that won a bronze medal in the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City, died of a heart attack in Chandigarh on Saturday evening.



He was 84. Gurbax Singh, brother of Olympian Balbir Singh, retired as Sports Officer with the Western Railways in Mumbai and was elected as Honorary Secretary of The Mumbai Hockey Association Ltd as part of a team that included former India captain and coach Joaquim Carvalho.

Born on April 1, 1942, in Lyallpur, Punjab Province of British India, near present-day Faisalabad in Pakistan, Gurbax came to Mumbai in his 20s to play hockey for the Western Railways in Mumbai.

He, along with his brother Balbir Singh, was part of the Indian team that won a bronze medal in the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico.

Unbeaten PBKS aim to extend perfect run against inconsistent DC

New Delhi, April 24 (IANS) An unbeaten Punjab Kings will look to maintain a perfect run in the 2026 Indian Premier League (IPL) season when they face an inconsistent Delhi Capitals at the ArunJaitley Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The contrast between the two teams is pretty evident - PBKS have won five of their six games, with one ending in no-result, and sit at the top of the table. DC, meanwhile, have three wins and as many losses, to be at sixth position in the points tally. What makes Punjab so formidable is the stability in their line-up.

ShreyasIyer's side has used only 12 players all season - the fewest personnel used by any team - and that stability in selection has translated directly into role clarity.

Their batting unit has been the finest in the ten-team competition - their overall run-rate chart is at 11.3, they are the joint-best scoring team in the powerplay (11.3) and best in scoring runs in the middle overs (11 runs per over).

They have hit 69 sixes - the second best for a team in the tournament - and have simply not allowed opposition bowlers to settle.

Two-day sports training begins at Jamshedpur Women's University

Mail News Service





Jamshedpur, April 24: Under the guidance of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ela Kumar, the B.P.Ed Faculty of Education at Jamshedpur Women's University inaugurated a two-day training programme in basketball and swimming at JRD Tata Sports Complex on Friday.

The programme was formally launched by Dr. Hassan Imam Malik, an international handball coach and Manager (Health & Wellness Sports) at Tata Steel. The event was attended by B.P.Ed Head of Department Sajit Kumar Mahto, Assistant Professors Hemant Kumar and Saurabh Mandal, along with students from both the first and third semesters. During the training, third-semester students received hands-on coaching in basketball from coach Rakesh Kumar, focusing on essential skills such as passing, receiving, and dribbling. Simultaneously, first-semester students were introduced to the fundamentals of swimming under the guidance of a female instructor, helping them build confidence and basic aquatic skills. (w-mb)

Jamshedpur Summer Camp from May 11

Tata Steel introduces Pickleball and self-defence for adults

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 24: Tata Steel on Friday announced the launch of its much-awaited Summer Camp 2026, scheduled to be held from May 11 to May 31 at the JRD Tata Sports Complex. The announcement was made during a press meet held at the JFC Media Room, where senior officials highlighted the company's continued commitment to nurturing young sporting talent. Addressing the media, D B SundaraRamam, Vice President, Corporate Services, Tata Steel, emphasised the role of sports in holistic development. "Sports play a crucial role in shaping character, instilling discipline, and fostering teamwork.

Through initiatives like the Summer Camp, we aim to inspire young individuals to embrace these values and unlock their full potential," he said.

Also present at the press meet were MukulChoudhari, Chief Sports, Tata Steel and Capt. Manish Sinha, Head - Sports, Tata Steel,



who shared insights into the scale and inclusivity of this year's programme.

Building on the success of last year's camp, which saw participation from 2,995 children in Jamshedpur, Tata Steel expects the number to exceed 3,500 this year. The programme will continue to promote inclusivity, with participation from around 40 children with special needs and nearly 60 children from Masti Ki Pathshala. The camp will offer training in 19 sports and activity disciplines, including athletics, badminton, football, swimming, volleyball, yoga, Zumba, karate, boxing, chess, horse riding, roller skating, and basketball.

In addition to its Jamshedpur centre, similar camps will also be organised across Tata Steel locations such as TSK, TSM, RM, TGS, and TSG, expanding its outreach. A key highlight of this year's camp is the introduction of Pickleball, one of the fastest-growing sports globally, open to participants of all age groups. The popular Roll Ball skating initiative for children aged 4 to 6 will also continue. For adults, specialised programmes in self-defence, along with structured weight loss and fitness sessions, have been added.

To ensure a holistic experience, the camp will include recreational activities for parents and guardians, making it a family-oriented initiative. All coaches and instructors will be trained in POSH compliance and ethical guidelines to maintain a safe and respectful environment. (w-mb)

Mixed-gender match marks Sachin's birthday



Jamshedpur, April 24: Children in Patamda celebrated cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar's birthday with a spirited mixed-gender cricket match at SS +2 High School ground. The friendly contest between Sachin XI and Mithali Raj XI highlighted both sporting talent and gender inclusivity. Batting first after winning the toss, Sachin XI posted 53/1 in 5 overs. In reply, Mithali Raj XI struggled to gain momentum and finished at 27/1, handing Sachin XI a convincing 26-run victory. Prakash, who scored an unbeaten 29, was named Player of the Match. The winning team was felicitated with a trophy bearing Tendulkar's autograph. Before the match, children were introduced to the inspiring journey of Sachin Tendulkar, celebrating his unmatched records and contributions to Indian cricket. The event also reinforced the growing popularity of mixed-gender cricket, an initiative aimed at promoting equality among boys and girls. The format, which has received appreciation from Tendulkar himself, is steadily gaining traction beyond Jharkhand. Local educators, cricket officials, and members of the Nishchay Foundation were present, while participating children expressed enthusiasm, saying such matches not only enhance their skills but also raise awareness about social issues and teamwork.

'Intensity of MI-CSK rivalry brought the best in me': Samson

Mumbai, April 24 (IANS) Chennai Super Kings (CSK) wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson revealed that the high expectations and the pressure to score against arch-rivals Mumbai Indians (MI) motivated him to perform to the best of his capabilities and score a match-winning hundred at the Wankhede Stadium.

Samson's sparkling 101 off 54, laced with 10 fours and six sixes powered CSK to a total of 207/6. In reply, MI kept losing wickets at regular intervals, and were shot out for just 104 in 19 overs. "It's a very big occasion in IPL, everyone looks up to the CSK, my game, and I have been a part of this for the first time. So I could see the build-up, I could see the intensity coming on, so that's when my best also comes out," Samson said in a video released by IPL on X.

"I like the challenges, I like when it's tough, so I really enjoyed the game today, I think the wicket was not a normal Wankhede wicket, the ball was swinging around, Bumrah was bowling with a new ball, so it was a very competitive game to be honest, so I think I'm very happy that I contributed and we had a victory today," he added. CSK delivered a dominant all-round performance after opting to bat first. Samson led from the front with a magnificent unbeaten 101, while the likes of DewaldBrevis (21) and Kartik Sharma (18) also contributed handy runs. In response, MI struggled from the outset and were eventually bowled out for 104 in 19 overs. AkealHosein starred with the ball, picking up four wickets, while Noor Ahmad provided crucial support.

According to Samson, even the small contributions from every player made a huge difference in the game.

"I think with the amount of youngsters in the team, I would definitely like to give credit to all the players who have contributed, it's not about the 100 or the 4 wickets, I think all the small contributions from the batsmen and bowlers really counts in this big game, so very happy for the victory, I think we would like to keep the momentum going and look positive from the next game," he said.

Men of Steel aim to fix scoring woes against Chennaiyin FC

Coach stresses fast start as Jamshedpur FC prepare for key home fixture

Mail News Service





Jamshedpur, April 24: Jamshedpur FC will target a return to winning ways at home following a 0-2 defeat to Kerala Blasters FC, where NihalSudheesh and VibinMohanan scored. The Men of Steel have demonstrated defensive solidity, conceding just eight goals thus far, but have lacked attacking output, scoring only nine in as many matches.

Jamshedpur FC Head Coach Owen Coyle called for his side to end their habit of chasing games as the Men of Steel prepare to host Chennaiyin FC at the Furnace on 25th April.

Speaking at the pre-match press conference alongside goalkeeper Albino Gomes, Coyle stressed the importance of scoring first and rewarding the home fans.

MadihTalal is expected to return to the starting XI after featuring as a substitute in the previous match and will serve as the primary creative outlet, with RaphaëlMessiBouli leading the line. In team news, head coach Owen Coyle confirmed that Albino Gomes will start in goal, while Stephen Eze is likely suspended and Sourav Das will miss out due to injury.

Currently on 15 points, Jamshedpur FC can climb as high as second with a win, moving to 18, provided other results are favourable.

Coyle, former coach of the Marina Machans, acknowledged his familiarity with the opposition while maintaining a results-oriented focus. "It helps in understanding their players and strengths. They have very good players like FarukhChaudhury, IrfanYadwad and Daniel ChimaChukwu. But during the match, my only focus is to win for Jamshedpur. It will be good to see familiar faces, but both teams will be fully competitive," he said.

On the injury front, Coyle provided a positive update on midfielder MadihTalal. "Madih should get more minutes than last week. He played a bit longer than planned then but came through well and trained strongly this week. He looks in better shape now." While not confirming if Talal would start, Coyle added, "He's done very well in training. It's a good selection problem because we have quality players."

Goalkeeper Albino Gomes reflected on the team's mindset ahead of the fixture. "The pressure is there, but it is good pressure. Everyone is working hard in training, and we need to bring that effort into the match to get a positive result," he said.

Jamshedpur FC host Chennaiyin FC at the JRD Tata Sports Complex on 25th April 2026, with kick-off scheduled for 7:30 PM. (w-mb)

Jamshedpur swelters at 41°C amid storm alert

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 24: A searing heatwave continues to grip Jharkhand, with Jamshedpur recording a punishing maximum temperature of 41.1°C on Friday, even as the region braces for an impending spell of thunderstorms, lightning and hailstorms-marking a volatile pre-monsoon transition across the state.

Though the mercury dipped marginally by one degree compared to Thursday, relief remained elusive. The minimum temperature settled at 26.6°C, offering little comfort through the night as humidity levels stayed elevated. Across Jharkhand, particularly in north-western, central and southern pockets, heatwave conditions persisted, intensifying discomfort and health risks.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has warned of a dynamic shift in weather beginning April 25.

Thunderstorm activity is expected to gather momentum, with lightning and gusty winds of 40-50 kmph likely across north-eastern, central and southern districts.

The eastern belt had already witnessed isolated thunderstorm activity on April 24, with wind speeds of up to 40 kmph.

Weather conditions are forecast to turn more aggressive between April 26 and 27.

Hailstorms, accompanied by intense lightning and winds reaching 50-60 kmph, are likely to strike isolated pockets in north-eastern and adjoining central Jharkhand.

The rest of the state will remain under the influence of thunderstorms with moderately strong winds.

The instability is expected to persist through April 28 and 29, with no immediate let-up. Meteorologists attribute this pattern to intense surface heating triggering convective activity-a hallmark of the pre-monsoon phase in eastern India.

"The land is heating rapidly, creating ideal conditions for towering thunderclouds. While these storms may briefly cool things down, they also pose serious risks such as lightning strikes and strong wind damage," said a senior weather official.

Residents across Jamshedpur and adjoining districts are already grappling with the dual challenge of oppressive heat and looming storm threats.

"The afternoons feel unbearable. Stepping out even briefly is exhausting, and power cuts make it worse," said Anil Singh, an auto-rickshaw driver in Sakchi. "Now we're also worried about sudden storms damaging homes or disrupting work, " he added.

In Mango, college student Pooja Verma described the unpredictability of the weather: "The sky suddenly darkens in the evening with strong winds. It feels like a storm can hit any moment. It's scary, especially when lightning strikes nearby."

In Seraikela, one of the districts under heatwave alert, homemaker Sunita Devi voiced concern for vulnerable groups. "Children and elderly people are struggling the most. The heat drains you completely, and the fear of lightning makes it worse," she said.

Health experts have advised people to stay hydrated, avoid direct sun exposure during peak hours, and remain indoors during thunderstorm activity.

Authorities have also urged residents to steer clear of open fields, tall trees and electric poles during lightning, and to secure loose objects that could be blown away by strong winds.

As Jharkhand stands at the crossroads of extreme heat and turbulent skies, the coming days are expected to test both infrastructure and resilience, with residents hoping for safer skies and an early, stabilising monsoon. (W-pm)

Tea stall owner assaulted, shop vandalized over extortion demand

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 24: A tea stall owner was assaulted and his shop vandalized after he refused to pay extortion money in the Azadnagar police station area of Mango.

According to the victim Mohammad Naim Ansari's family, a youth named Naushad had been repeatedly visiting the shop over the past few months demanding money. On Friday morning, when Naim refused to comply, Naushad allegedly arrived with 6-7 associates and attacked him, while also damaging the shop extensively.

The victim sustained injuries in the assault. Following the incident, a written complaint was filed at Azadnagar police station. Police have initiated an investigation into the matter. (w/gsd)

Car hits bike, one injured

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 24: A road accident took place on Friday morning near Nature Park on Jawaharnagar Road No. 15 under Azadnagar police station limits, leaving a man injured.

According to reports, a car being driven by a learning license holder was coming from Pardih. The driver lost control and collided with a motorcycle. The bike rider was on his way to drop his daughter to school when the accident occurred.

Local residents quickly rescued the injured man from beneath the vehicle and rushed him to MGM Hospital for treatment. Police reached the spot, detained the driver, and have begun an investigation. (w/gsd)

Undertrial jumps to death from 7th floor of MGM Hospital

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 24: In a tragic incident that has raised serious concerns over hospital security, an undertrial prisoner undergoing treatment at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial (MGM) Hospital allegedly died by suicide after jumping from the seventh floor of the facility on Friday afternoon.

The deceased has been identified as Ashok Kumar. According to officials, he was admitted to the hospital's prisoner ward after previously attempting suicide inside jail by slitting his throat. He was rescued in time and shifted to MGM Hospital for medical care and observation.

Sources said that while being escorted to a doctor for a routine check-up, Kumar suddenly broke free from the police personnel accompanying him and rushed towards the edge of the building before leaping from the seventh floor. He died on the spot due to severe injuries.

The police have sent the body for post-mortem examination and initiated an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Preliminary reports suggest that the deceased was mentally distressed and undergoing treatment. The incident has sparked questions over the adequacy of security arrangements within the hospital, particularly in high-risk wards housing prisoners.

Authorities are expected to review existing protocols to prevent such lapses in the future. (W-pm)

Heavy vehicles banned in city for JPSC exam

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 24 : In view of the Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) Eligibility Examination 2024, the district administration has announced special traffic regulations across the city to ensure smooth conduct of the test.

As per official directives, the entry of all heavy vehicles-except buses-will remain strictly prohibited within city on Sunday from 12 PM to 6 PM.

The decision has been jointly enforced by the Deputy Commissioner, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), and the Traffic DSP. Authorities stated that the restriction aims to prevent congestion and facilitate hassle-free movement for thousands of candidates expected to appear for the examination. Traffic personnel will be deployed at key junctions to manage vehicular flow and ensure compliance with the order. Commuters and transport operators have been advised to plan their routes in advance and cooperate with the administration during the specified hours. The move is part of a broader effort to maintain order and minimize disruptions on the day of the examination. (W-pm)

Love, betrayal and murder: Odisha police arrest key accused from Jamshedpur

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 24 : In a significant breakthrough in the sensational murder case of Sasmita Das, Odisha Police have conducted a raid in Jamshedpur and arrested the prime accused, Suryakant Swain.

Following his arrest, he was produced before a Jamshedpur court and subsequently taken to Odisha on transit remand for further interrogation.

According to police sources, Sasmita Das, also known as Dolly, who was posted in Jamshedpur, had been in a relationship with Suryakant Swain for nearly five years.

The two had reportedly entered into a symbolic marriage earlier. However, tensions surfaced between them over financial matters, straining the relationship.

The situation escalated dramatically on April 19 when Sasmita got engaged to another youth in Bhadrak, Odisha.

Enraged by this development, Suryakant allegedly plotted her murder the very next day.

On April 20, he reportedly left under the pretext of returning to Jamshedpur but instead stayed



back in Odisha to execute the plan. After carrying out the crime, he returned to Jamshedpur in an apparent attempt to evade suspicion.

Police investigations reveal that Sasmita was brutally killed with a sharp weapon, her throat slit in a premeditated attack. The chilling nature of the crime has sent shockwaves across both Odisha and Jharkhand.

Authorities are now intensifying their probe to uncover the full sequence of events, including any possible accomplices and the precise motive behind the murder. Officials indicated that further disclosures are expected as interrogation of the accused continues.

Background Insight: The case highlights a disturbing pattern often seen in crimes of passion, where prolonged personal relationships, financial disputes, and emotional triggers culminate in violent outcomes.

Investigators are also examining digital evidence, call records, and travel history to strengthen the prosecution's case.

The Odisha Police are expected to file detailed charges soon as they piece together the final chain of evidence in what is emerging as a meticulously planned yet deeply personal crime. (W-pm)

Traders protest fresh rent hike



Mail News Service

Submits petition to DC

Jamshedpur, April 24: A delegation from the Jamshedpur All Market Association met the Deputy Commissioner on Friday to lodge a formal protest against the recent hike in market rents.

The traders submitted a memorandum urging the administration to roll back the decision, calling it abrupt and unjustified.

Association President Harvinder Singh Mantu stated that shopkeepers in the city have been conducting their businesses in compliance with regulations for years and have been regularly paying the fixed rent. Despite this, the Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee (JNAC) has once again increased the rent without prior notice, sparking widespread resentment among traders. He pointed out that a similar rent hike in the past had triggered protests, following which the Deputy Commissioner had constituted an inquiry committee and put the increase on hold. "Reintroducing the hike without any prior communication or consultation is unfair and unacceptable," Mantu said.

The association has demanded an immediate rollback of the revised rent. Alternatively, it has called for a dialogue between market representatives and the administration to arrive at a practical and mutually agreeable solution.

The issue has intensified concerns among local traders, who warn that arbitrary increases could severely impact small businesses and the overall market ecosystem. (W-pm)

Illegal high-rise building sealed in Adityapur

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 24: In a strong and decisive move against illegal construction, the Adityapur Municipal Corporation has sealed a multi-storey building under construction on Adityapur Thana Road, declaring the structure completely unauthorized. The swift action highlights the administration's zero-tolerance policy toward violations of urban planning norms.

The action was initiated following confidential intelligence inputs indicating that construction was underway at a prime location without approved building plans or mandatory permissions. Acting promptly, a special team conducted a surprise inspection at the site.

During the inspection, the building owner failed to produce any valid documents, including approved plans and No-Objection Certificates (NOCs). In the absence of legal authorization, officials immediately sealed the premises, bringing all construction work to a halt.

Zero tolerance for violations : The enforcement drive was led by Magistrate Dr. Anand Kumar Anandmay and Assistant Town Planner Dr. Meet Fathewar. Officials made it clear that there is no room for violations of the Adityapur Master Plan and the Jharkhand Building Bye-laws.

The Corporation's monitoring team, including City Managers Saurabh Verma, Robin Kachhap, and Debashish Pradhan, was present during the operation. A heavy deployment of Adityapur Police ensured smooth execution and prevented any untoward incidents.

Demolition warning issued : Authorities have issued a show-cause notice to the building owner, directing them to respond within a stipulated timeframe. Officials warned that failure to provide a satisfactory explanation will result in demolition of the illegal portions of the structure. Reaffirming its commitment to planned urban development, the Municipal Corporation emphasized that strict adherence to building regulations is essential. It also stated that illegal constructions are now being identified through digital surveillance systems. This firm action sends a clear message across the city: unauthorized construction will invite strict legal consequences. (W-pb)

JDU meets JBVNL GM over irregular supply

Mail News Service

Power crisis grips Jamshedpur



Jamshedpur, April 24: Residents of the non-company command areas and the Mango Municipal Corporation region continue to suffer from prolonged power outages and a crumbling electrical infrastructure. Acting on the directives of Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy, a delegation from the Janata Dal (United), led by District President Subodh Srivastava, met with the General Manager (GM) of Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (JBVNL) to demand immediate intervention.

The delegation informed the GM that persistent "hide-and-seek" with the power supply has severely disrupted daily life. They highlighted that Jamshedpur is primarily a labour-oriented city; workers returning home after a day of gruelling toil are met with dark, stifling houses, making rest impossible during the ongoing heatwave.

Key concerns raised by the JDU include that frequent power cuts are hindering students' ability to study for upcoming examinations, the elderly and women are facing extreme hardship due to the lack of cooling and erratic supply. "There is a growing sense of anger among the citizens regarding the department's perceived apathy," the delegation told the JBVNL official.

After meeting the delegation, the GM convened an emergency meeting with his team of engineers to address the technical bottlenecks. He assured the JDU representatives that the department is serious about resolving the crisis and expects the power situation to normalize within the next 48 hours. The Janata Dal (United) has issued a stern warning to the electricity department. "If the power supply does not improve immediately, the party will be forced to launch a large-scale protest to reflect the public's fury," stated District President Subodh Srivastava. (W-sm)

No more electricity bill hassles, city gets smart meters

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 24: In a major step towards modernising the power distribution system, Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (JBVNL) has accelerated the rollout of smart meters across Jharkhand, with Jamshedpur emerging as a key focus area. The initiative aims to enhance consumer convenience, ensure billing accuracy, and bring greater transparency to electricity usage.

The move is set to eliminate long-standing issues associated with manual meter readings, including human errors and delays. With the new digital system in place, consumers will no longer have to wait for meter readers, as their electricity usage will be recorded and transmitted automatically.

An official of JBVNL stated that the smart meters are equipped with advanced technology that directly sends consumption data to a central server. One of the most impactful features is real-time monitoring through a mobile application, enabling households to track their electricity usage instantly.



This feature is expected to promote energy efficiency, as consumers can identify high-consumption appliances and adjust their usage accordingly. He highlighted that the meters are available in both prepaid and postpaid formats, giving users flexibility in managing their electricity expenses.

To encourage adoption, JBVNL is offering a 3 percent discount to consumers opting for the prepaid model. Similar to mobile recharges, users can pay in advance and avoid the inconvenience of standing in long queues for bill payments. The prepaid system also helps households better manage their monthly budgets.

The smart meters come with a host of consumer-friendly features. Bills will be generated with high accuracy and delivered via WhatsApp and SMS at the end of each month. The meters also include an inbuilt net metering facility, allowing seamless integration with solar power systems without requiring meter replacement.

Additionally, consumers will receive timely alerts about low balances or pending payments, ensuring uninterrupted service. The system effectively eliminates the possibility of tampering or discrepancies, making the billing process fully transparent.

To support consumers during the transition, JBVNL has issued toll-free helpline numbers-1912 and 1800-345-6570-for technical assistance and grievance redressal.

Officials believe that the smart meter initiative will play a crucial role in curbing electricity theft while ensuring 24x7 reliable and high-quality power supply. (W-pb)