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In Brief

Amaravati declared Andhra's sole capital

New Delhi, April 2: Parliament passed the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026, declaring Amaravati as the state's sole capital from June 2, 2024. The Rajya Sabha cleared it after Lok Sabha approval. The move aims to end uncertainty over the capital issue post-2014 bifurcation. While opposition leaders raised concerns over farmers' compensation, the government said the decision ensures clarity, stability, and development. The bill will take effect after presidential assent.

Rupee posts biggest gain in 13 years

New Delhi, April 2: The Indian rupee recorded its biggest single-day rise in nearly 13 years, closing at 93.10 against the US dollar on Thursday. The surge followed steps by the Reserve Bank of India to tighten rules and curb currency speculation in domestic and offshore markets. Improved global sentiment after remarks by Donald Trump also supported the rally, though analysts said market volatility and uncertainty still remain high.

'Kar Saathi' launched to simplify taxes

New Delhi, April 2: The Income Tax Department launched a new website, 'Kar Saathi', to simplify tax filing and improve user experience. The platform offers all direct tax information in one place and features an AI-powered assistant for 24x7 guidance. Announced by the Income Tax Department, the move aims to modernise tax administration. Officials said reduced rules and forms will ease compliance and support a simpler, technology-driven tax system.

Rahul Gandhi alleges land scam in Assam

Guwahati, April 2: Rahul Gandhi on Thursday accused Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma of corruption, alleging large-scale land allocation to corporate groups. Addressing a rally, he claimed land belonging to locals was being handed over unfairly. He also targeted Narendra Modi and Amit Shah. Gandhi said a Congress government would act against those involved. Assam will vote on April 9, with results on May 4.

Raghav Chadha dropped as AAP's RS deputy leader

New Delhi, April 2: The Aam Aadmi Party has named Ashok Mittal as its new Deputy Leader in the Rajya Sabha, replacing Raghav Chadha. The move follows a letter to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat. Party leader Sanjay Singh continues as Leader in the House. The change signals internal tensions, with speculation over Chadha's future and shifting political dynamics within the party.

Will bring them back to Stone Age if no deal is reached: Trump warns Iran

Iran claims attack on Amazon AWS building as war rages on

Washington, April 2 (IANS) President Donald Trump has warned Iran that US forces could "bring them back to the Stone Ages" within weeks if no deal is reached, declaring the country's military "decimated" after a month of sustained strikes.

In a televised address on Wednesday (Local time), Trump said it had been "just one month since the United States military began Operation Epic Fury targeting the world's number one state sponsor of terror, Iran," claiming rapid battlefield gains.

"Tonight, Iran's Navy is gone. Their Air Force is in ruins. Their leaders… are now dead," he said, adding that Iran's missile and drone capabilities had been "dramatically curtailed" and weapons facilities "blown to pieces."He framed the campaign as necessary to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. "I have



vowed that I would never allow Iran to have a nuclear weapon," Trump said, calling the regime "the most violent and thuggish regime on Earth."

Referring to earlier US strikes, he said, "We totally obliterated those nuclear sites," citing "Operation Midnight Hammer," and claimed Iran had attempted to rebuild its programme elsewhere.

Trump said US objectives were to dismantle Iran's military capacity and its ability to project power beyond its borders. "These core strategic objectives are nearing completion," he said.

He warned of further escalation if negotiations fail.

"Over the next two to three weeks, we're going to bring them back to the Stone Ages," he said, adding that the US could target Iran's electric infrastructure if no agreement is reached.While stating that regime change was not the stated goal, Trump suggested leadership shifts had already taken place. "Regime change was not our goal… but regime change has occurred because of all of their original leaders' deaths," he said.

Days after warning 18 US firms in the Gulf regions of attacks, Iran has claimed it targeted an Amazon building in Bahrain on Thursday. As per state media, Iran's IRGC stated it launched a targeted attack on the Amazon AWS building in the neighbouring country.The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps stated thet carried out the attack on the Amazon building as part of the third phase of the 90th wave of Operation True Promise?4. Mehr news agency also confirmed the attack on the cloud computing centre in Bahrain.Bahrain's Interior Ministry had said earlier in the day that civil defence teams were extinguishing a fire at a company facility following what authorities described as an Iranian attack, reported FT.

Buy from US or build courage, protect Hormuz yourselves: Trump

Washington, April 2 (IANS) US President Donald Trump has said countries dependent on Middle East oil should take responsibility for securing the Strait of Hormuz, as he blamed Iran for disruptions and rising fuel prices linked to the conflict. In his televised address to the nation on Wednesday night (local time), Trump said recent increases in gasoline prices were "entirely the result of the Iranian regime launching deranged terror attacks against commercial oil tankers and neighbouring countries that have nothing to do with the conflict."Trump made clear that the United States would not bear the burden of securing maritime routes alone. Referring to countries reliant on oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz, he said, "they must take care of that passage… they must grab it and cherish it."

We're only nation that lost mariners: India calls for free Hormuz travel

Six Indian ships safely crossed Hormuz: MEA

New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) : India on Thursday noted that it was the only country to have lost citizens in the conflict-hit Strait of Hormuz, as it attended a multilateral meeting convened by the UK for the reopening of the strategic waterway, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). New Delhi also emphasised the importance of principles of freedom of maritime navigation, it added.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri represented India at the virtual gathering, which was attended by more than 60 countries. The foreign secretary reiterated India's official stance about diplomacy being the most viable path for resolution of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

"He also underlined that the way out of the crisis consisted of de-escalation and a return to the path of diplomacy and dialogue among all concerned parties," the MEA said.Misri further "emphasised the impact of the crisis on India's energy security and the fact that India remains the only country to have lost mariners in attacks on merchant shipping in the Gulf," the ministry said in a statement.

So far, at least three Indian sailors, all of whom served on foreign-flagged merchant vessels, have been killed in attacks in the Strait of Hormuz, per India's Directorate General of Shipping.The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday said that six Indian ships carrying products like LPG, LNG, have safely crossed the Strait of Hormuz so far as New Delhi remains in touch with Iran and other countries for safe transit of Indian ships amid the ongoing conflict in the region. Addressing a weekly media briefing in New Delhi, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal also confirmed India's participation in a meeting on Strait of Hormuz being hosted by the UK later on Thursday.When asked whether Indian government is in talks with Iran and other nations for expediting the movement of 18 Indian-flagged vessels carrying crude oil and LPG that are stranded in the Persian Gulf, Jaiswal responded, "We are in touch with Iran and other countries there to see how best we can get unimpeded transit and safe transit for our ships which are carrying products, including LPG, LNG and other products.

Kokar protest over woman ink attack

Mail News Service

Ranchi, April 2: Tension continues in Bhabha Nagar, Kokar, following an incident in which a tribal woman was allegedly smeared with black ink. On Thursday, hundreds of members of the tribal community gathered at the victim's house to check on her condition and demand the immediate arrest of the accused.

Angry residents have also been visiting the homes of the accused, trying to confront them. Tribal youth expressed strong anger at the administration, calling for strict action against the perpetrators. Police intervened to escort the mother of one of the accused out of her house to prevent harm from the crowd. Witnesses reported that the woman had been held captive at home for three days before the incident, making the case more serious.

Sadar police station in-charge, present at the site, told media that four people have been arrested so far, while the search for other suspects is ongoing. Social worker Jyotsna Kerketta said the incident has sparked outrage within the tribal community. Authorities are maintaining a strict watch over the area as large crowds remain gathered, and the police in Kokar are actively monitoring the situation. (W-rg)

Bengal 'most polarised,' deploy central forces: SC

7 judicial officers held hostage in Bengal for 9 hours over SIR deletion

New Delhi, April 2 (IANS): Terming West Bengal the "most polarised state", the Supreme Court Thursday slammed the administration for its "complete failure" and inaction over the "deplorable" gherao and attack on seven judicial officers in Malda district during the electoral rolls revision drive and directed a CBI or NIA probe besides deployment of central forces in the poll-bound state.

In a scathing indictment, the top court said the incident "also exposes a complete failure of the state administration" and was a "brazen attempt not only to



browbeat the judicial officers" but also amounted to challenging the Supreme Court's authority.

Dismissing the submissions that it was "apolitical protest", the Chief Justice Surya Kant-led bench said it was not a "routine incident. Rather, ex-facie a calculated, deliberate move to demoralise the judicial officers"."If the protest was apolitical, then what were the political leaders doing? Was it not their duty to get to the spot and see what's happening? That somebody's trying to take law and order in their hands? At 5 o'clock, these people gheraoed the officers and till 11 PM, your collector was not there," the CJI said.

The court directed the Election Commission to requisition and deploy adequate central forces at locations where judicial officers have been assigned to adjudicate objections under the SIR process.

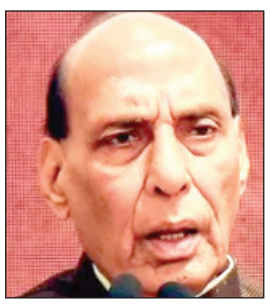
"We also direct the ECI to entrust the inquiry/ investigation into yesterday's incident to an independent agency, such as the Central Bureau of Investigation or the National Investigation Agency. Appropriate orders to this effect shall be passed during the course of the day.

ECI hands Malda judicial officers' harassment probe to CBI

Kolkata, April 2 (IANS) The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Thursday evening handed over the probe into the harassment of seven judicial adjudication officers at Kaliachak in minority-dominated Malda district to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Indian Navy ships escorting tankers through Hormuz: Rajnath

New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) : Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday said that there is 'no dearth of fuel or gas in the country' and India was ready to deal with any energy crisis resulting out of the ongoing West Asia conflict. Singh, speaking at a Sainik Samman Sammelan in poll-bound Kerala, said that Indian Navy ships were safely escorting the country's tankers through the Strait of Hormuz, a key chokepoint for maritime trade and an Iranian territory.The defence minister further said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was using his diplomatic skills to protect Indian interests in the Gulf region. "We are closely monitoring the state of affairs in West Asia and are prepared to deal with any situation," he said, adding that India will do anything to help its citizens living in the region.



Naxal sub-zonal commander with Rs 5 lakh bounty surrenders in Latehar

Latehar, April 2: Two days after the country was declared free of Naxals (Maoists), security forces achieved a significant breakthrough in Jharkhand's Latehar.

Surendra Lohra alias 'Tiger', a sub-zonal commander of the banned Maoist outfit Jharkhand Janmukti Parishad (JJP), surrendered before the police in the district on Thursday, officials said.

Lohra, who carried a bounty of Rs 5 lakh on his head, laid down arms in the presence of Palamu Range IG Shailendra Kumar Sinha and Latehar Superintendent of Police Kumar Gaurav.



A resident of Manjar village under Latehar Sadar police station limits, he had been associated with various Maoist groups for nearly two decades.

Police officials said Lohra is wanted in multiple serious cases registered across different police stations in the district, underscoring his long-standing involvement in extremist activities.

Welcoming his surrender, IG Sinha attributed the development to the state government's rehabilitation initiative 'Nayi Disha'. He said the initiative aims to bring Maoist cadres back into the mainstream of society.

He said Lohra was briefed in detail about the benefits and support available under the policy, which played a key role in his decision to abandon the path of violence.SP Kumar Gaurav highlighted that 28 Maoists have surrendered in Latehar district during his tenure of around one and a half years. He said this is the result of the growing impact of sustained anti-Naxal (Maoist) operations combined with rehabilitation efforts.

He described Lohra's surrender as a "major milestone" in the ongoing campaign to make Latehar Maoist-free.

Macron hits back at Trump remark

Seoul, April 2: French President Emmanuel Macron hit back at US President Donald Trump over personal remarks targeting him and his wife, saying, "Trump talks too much. His remarks are neither elegant nor up to the standard." He was speaking to reporters during a visit to South Korea.

The response followed a private lunch where Trump mocked Macron, claiming he was "still recovering from the right to the jaw" and alleging that his wife, Brigitte Macron, "treats him extremely badly".

NASA launches historic Artemis II crewed Moon mission

Florida, April 2 (IANS) NASA's Artemis II Moon mission lifted off from the US state of Florida, carrying four astronauts on the first crewed flight around the Moon in more than 50 years. The Space Launch System rocket, with the Orion spacecraft on top, launched from NASA's Kennedy Space Center at 6:35 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Wednesday.It is NASA's first crewed mission under the Artemis program. The four-member crew consists of NASA astronauts Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover and Christina Koch, along with Canadian Space Agency astronaut Jeremy Hansen, reports Xinhua news agency.

The launch countdown was briefly paused at the T-10 minute mark before resuming several minutes later.

The Artemis II mission will demonstrate a broad range of capabilities needed on deep space missions. It aims to validate Orion's life-support systems and allow astronauts to practice operations critical to the success of Artemis III and subsequent lunar missions, according to NASA.

The crew will travel about



7,400 kilometres beyond the far side of the Moon before returning home. The mission will carry astronauts farther from Earth and nearer to the Moon than any human has been in over half a century.

Re-entry will be one of the most challenging phases. Orion is expected to hit Earth's atmosphere at speeds of about 25,000 miles per hour, facing temperatures of around 5,000 degrees before splashing down in the Pacific Ocean.

During the mission, astronauts will evaluate spacecraft performance, practise emergency procedures, and capture images of the Moon's far side.The crew also represents several historic firsts. The mission includes the first woman, the first African-American astronaut, and the first Canadian to travel towards the Moon.Artemis II is being positioned as the opening step in NASA's broader plan to establish a sustained human presence on the Moon and eventually send astronauts to Mars.The Artemis programme follows the Apollo missions, which sent 24 astronauts to the Moon between 1968 and 1972, including 12 who walked on its surface.

NASA aims to build on that legacy with a long-term lunar base and future missions targeting the Moon's south pole later this decade, before pushing onward to Mars.

XLRI seminar highlights power of grassroots innovation

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Jamshedpur, April 2: In a significant step towards aligning academic inquiry with the national vision of Viksit Bharat@2047, XLRI-Xavier School of Management successfully organised a two-day international seminar and doctoral methodological workshop, focusing on transforming cultural heritage into sustainable entrepreneurial opportunities.

Titled "A Convergence: Reflections in Entrepreneurial Journey through Cultural Forms and Voices," the seminar was supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research and FACES, XLRI. The initiative stemmed from a prestigious ICSSR research grant awarded to the institute for the academic year 2024–25, with the aim of repositioning culture as a dynamic driver of economic value, identity creation, and grassroots enterprise development.

The project was led by Prof. Vinayak and Prof. Raghu of XLRI, in collaboration with Prof. Harsh Jha of Indian Institute of Management Udaipur and Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Director at the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India. The event brought together over 50 cultural practitioners from Jharkhand, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh, creating a vibrant platform for dialogue between academia and grassroots innovators. The seminar commenced with insightful addresses from academic leaders. Dr. (Fr.) Mukti Clarence, SJ, Administrator of XLRI, emphasised the need to move beyond passive preservation of culture towards active enterprise creation rooted in dignity and sustainability. Dr. Saurav Snehvrat, Faculty In-charge of XLRI's Rural Business Incubator (XCITE), highlighted the institute's growing focus on innovation and rural entrepreneurship, stressing the importance of translating academic knowledge into real-world impact.

Delivering the keynote address, Amitava Ghosh, founder of Kalamandir and Biponi, underscored the urgency of grassroots innovation. Reflecting on three decades of experience, he credited collaborative efforts among cultural leaders, policymakers, and social institutions for driving meaningful change. He encouraged students to engage deeply with local contexts and develop sustainable, community-driven enterprises.

Padma Shri awardee Prof. Anil Gupta of Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad highlighted the importance of understanding ground realities and fostering innovation to transform rural livelihoods. Drawing from his recent Shodhyatra in Gumla, he emphasised the need to build new value chains rooted in indigenous knowledge systems.

Dr. Richa Sharma, Deputy Director (Research) at ICSSR, addressed the gathering virtually and stressed that socio-cultural entrepreneurship is key to national transformation. She called upon researchers to adopt specialised methodologies that can effectively support and sustain indigenous art forms through strategic market integration.

A major highlight of the seminar was the participation of six distinguished cultural practitioners representing diverse fields such as visual arts, crafts, cuisine, cinema, and folk traditions. Notable contributors included C.R. Hembrom, Dr. Vasavi Kiro of Torang Trust, Gustav Imam of Sanskriti Art Gallery, Gunjal Ikir Munda of RUMBUL, and Ravi Raj Murmu of Sawanta Studio. Through their lived experiences, they demonstrated how traditional knowledge systems can evolve into viable entrepreneurial models while retaining authenticity and cultural identity.

The second day featured a specialised doctoral methodological workshop aimed at equipping PhD scholars with tools to interpret cultural narratives as empirical data. The session was led by Prof. Sankalp Pratap of Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, with academic support from Prof. Himadri Roy Chaudhary of XLRI and Prof. Harsh Jha of IIM Udaipur. The workshop enhanced participants' analytical skills, enabling them to derive theoretical insights from qualitative and interdisciplinary sources. (W-pb)

Loyola hosts art competition



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Jamshedpur, April 2: Loyola School, Telco, turned into a lively hub of colour, creativity, and imagination as it organized an art competition for students from UKG to Class 5. Conducted by the school's Art Club, the event saw enthusiastic participation from nearly 770 students eager to express their artistic flair.

The campus came alive as young learners transformed blank sheets into vibrant expressions of their thoughts and dreams. Students from UKG and Class 1 engaged in joyful colouring activities, bringing cheerful images of ladybugs and butterflies to life with bright hues. Meanwhile, students from Classes 2 to 5 explored more detailed artistic themes, illustrating fish, peacocks, village scenes, and tropical landscapes with remarkable imagination.

Each artwork reflected a unique story, capturing the essence of childhood creativity. From colourful peacocks to serene village life and lush tropical beauty, the drawings highlighted both artistic talent and originality. The competition was not just about winning but about encouraging self-expression and confidence among students. (w/gsd)

Orientation meeting at St. John's High School



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Jamshedpur, April 2: An Orientation Meeting was conducted at St. John's High School, Jugsalai, for the parents of students from Nursery to Class 12. The purpose of this program was to familiarize parents with the school's academic activities, rules, and plans for the new academic session, and to strengthen the coordination between the school and parents.

The program was conducted under the guidance of the Principal, Ashu Tiwary. In her address, she warmly welcomed all the parents and emphasized that a school is not only a place for academic learning but also an important center for the overall development of children.

She encouraged parents to work together with the school in nurturing the education and values of their children.

The Principal highlighted the importance of discipline, academic excellence, digital education, co-curricular activities, and moral values in the school. She also stated that St. John's High School focuses not only on book knowledge but also on developing leadership skills, confidence, and social responsibility among students.

On this occasion, the teachers also provided parents with detailed information about the syllabus, evaluation system, and activity-based teaching methods followed in different classes. Parents shared their views and suggestions, making the program more meaningful and interactive. (W-pb)

Class VII orientation programme at Loyola School, Telco

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Jamshedpur, April 2: Loyola School, Telco, organized an inspiring Class VII Orientation Programme, warmly welcoming parents and students as they embarked on a new academic journey. The event brought together the school's management, teachers, parents, and students in an atmosphere filled with optimism and shared responsibility. The programme began with a warm welcome, emphasizing that progressing to a new class was not just an academic step but a phase of greater responsibility, growth, and character building. The importance of discipline, confidence, and maintaining a positive outlook was highlighted, along with the need for strong collaboration between school and home. A prayer led by teacher Zeenat set a reflective tone, seeking blessings for wisdom and success. The management team was introduced, followed by class teachers and subject educators, who assured parents of their commitment to nurturing every child's potential.

Principal Charanjeet Ohson addressed the gathering, outlining academic expectations, discipline, and the shared role of educators and parents in shaping students' futures. She also provided insights into the ICSE examination pattern, assessment methods, and school guidelines, helping parents understand the academic roadmap.

Administrator Father Gerald Ravi D'Souza SJ elaborated on school policies and procedures, offering clarity and reassurance. The Vice Principal further explained the curriculum structure and academic expectations, ensuring that parents felt well-informed. (w/gsd)

Youth held for brandishing weapons

Jamshedpur, April 2: The Sonari Police Station has apprehended a youth for carrying a chopper during a Ram Navami procession in the city. According to Station In-charge Madhusudan Dey, authorities seized 37 choppers, two air guns, and one dummy gun from the individual's possession. Madhusudan Dey emphasized that displaying sharp-edged weapons or firearms during religious processions is strictly prohibited due to the high risk of accidents or untoward incidents. The arrest was made as a preventive measure to ensure public safety, and all seized weapons have been confiscated.

M.Com students gain industry insights at RSB visit

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Jamshedpur, April 2 : The Department of Commerce and Business Management at Jamshedpur Women's University successfully organized an enriching industrial visit for the students of M.Com Semester IV, offering them valuable exposure to real-world business operations. The initiative was conducted under the esteemed guidance of Vice Chancellor Professor Ela Kumar, with active support from the faculty members.

The visit was meticulously coordinated under the direction of Dean Dr. Deepa Sharan and Head of Department Dr. Kamini Kumari. Students were taken to RSB Industries, where they were divided into two groups to explore Unit 1 and Unit 3 of the company.

At Unit 3, the session began with an engaging introduction by HR Head Jaya Singh, who provided an overview of the company's evolution and its diverse clientele. This was followed by an insightful presentation by Savita Kumari, who familiarized students with key products such as tag axle and live axle, while also highlighting the legacy of the founders, R. K. Behera and S. K. Behera. The students then toured the plant, observing the complete production cycle-from sub-components to finished axle systems-gaining firsthand understanding of manufacturing processes. Faculty members, including Dr. Deepa Sharan and Dr. Chhagan Lal Agarwal, guided the group throughout.

Meanwhile, at Unit 1, Planning HR Shubha Jha interacted with students, emphasizing the importance of industrial exposure in shaping their careers. Informative sessions by Deepak and Ravi covered plant layout, safety protocols, emergency preparedness, and operational efficiency. Students also gained insights into RSB's financial performance, expansion strategies, ESG initiatives, and CSR activities, including the Miyawaki Forest project promoting sustainable afforestation. The visit further highlighted RSB's growing presence across domestic and international markets, along with its innovations in electric vehicle projects and diversification into non-automotive sectors. (W-pm)

Walkathon marks World Autism Awareness Day

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Jamshedpur, April 2: A meaningful walkathon was organised in the city on the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day, drawing participation from nearly 200 people. The initiative, led by the Aspire Mothers team, was held outside Dorabji Tata Park and aimed at spreading awareness, acceptance, and inclusion for children with autism.

The event was inaugurated by chief guest Saryu Roy. Padmashree awardee Purnima Mahato and patron Purabi Ghosh graced the occasion, appreciating the talents of special children and encouraging their mothers for their dedication and resilience. Dr. Manoj Sahu from Tata Main Hospital (TMH) shared valuable insights on autism, highlighting its symptoms, early diagnosis, and the importance of timely intervention. His address emphasised the need for greater awareness among parents and society to ensure better support systems for children with autism. During the programme, 20 participants were felicitated with medals by the chief guest, recognising their enthusiasm and participation in the awareness drive.

Dr. Nivedita Kar, a key member of the Aspire Mothers team, stated that the organisation is committed to promoting awareness, acceptance, inclusion, and equal opportunities for special children. She emphasised the need to create a safe and dignified environment where such children can thrive and reach their full potential. The walkathon witnessed active participation from members of the Aspire Mothers team, including Dr. Nivedita Kar, Amrita Kultaz, Mamta Padi, Sonali Sarkar, Preeti Sinha, Seema Agrawal, and Indrani, along with around 30 mothers.

Representatives from several social and community organisations, including Lions Club, Rotary Club, Inner Wheel Club, Young India, Utkal Samaj, and Prajapita Brahma Kumaris, were also present, lending their support to the cause. (W-pb)

Police seek 72-hour remand for four key suspects

Kairav kidnapping case

Jamshedpur, April 2: The investigation into the high-profile kidnapping of young entrepreneur Kairav Gandhi has entered a critical phase. Jamshedpur Police have moved the court to seek a 72-hour remand for four primary suspects to unravel the deeper layers of the conspiracy. The suspects-arrested from various hideouts in Punjab and Bihar-remain central to the police's effort to track down the mastermind still at large. Police officials filed a formal application in court requesting custody of Amrinder Singh (alias Kartar Singh) and Manpreet Singh, both apprehended in Ludhiana, Guddu Singh, arrested in Nalanda; and Arjun Singh (alias Aryan), captured in Gaya.

While the police await the court's final decision, they intend to use the interrogation period to establish the exact sequence of events during Kairav's 14-day captivity and identify the financial trail behind the abduction.

In a move to prevent the main conspirator, Tajinderpal Singh, from fleeing the country, the Jharkhand Police-coordinated through the Ministry of Home Affairs-have issued a Lookout Circular (LOC).

Steel Express turns 56, celebrations roll on tracks with cake cutting ceremony

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Jamshedpur, April 2: In a rare and heartwarming mid-journey celebration, the iconic Steel Express marked 56 years of service with festivities held right onboard, transforming routine travel into a moment of shared joy and nostalgia for hundreds of passengers.

The Steel Express was introduced on April 1, 1970, in response to growing passenger demand. With Jamshedpur emerging as an industrial hub and Kolkata being a crucial economic and cultural center, there was a pressing need for a fast and efficient train service between the two cities. Thus, the Howrah-Tatanagar Steel Express was born, bridging the distance between the steel city and the capital of Bengal in record time.

Nicknamed 'The Prince of SER' by railway enthusiasts, the train holds an emotional connection with passengers who have relied on it for generations. Many recall fond memories of their first train journey on the Steel Express, while others appreciate its timely service and well-maintained coaches, making it an integral part of their lives. The moving celebration saw daily commuters, railway enthusiasts, and members of the Jamshedpur Bulls Cricket Academy and the Daily Passenger Train Association come together to cut a celebratory cake, symbolising the train's long-standing legacy and unwavering service. The event quickly turned festive as passengers joined in, exchanging greetings and reminiscing about their journeys on what many fondly called their "lifeline."

Adding warmth to the occasion, breakfast packets were distributed among passengers, a gesture widely appreciated for its thoughtful and inclusive spirit. Smiles, conversations, and a sense of community filled the coaches, giving the journey an atmosphere closer to a celebration than a commute.

Beyond the festivities, the occasion also served as a platform for meaningful dialogue. Organisers actively engaged with passengers, inviting feedback and concerns. Issues related to punctuality, cleanliness, seat availability, and safety were raised and carefully noted, reflecting the everyday challenges faced by regular travellers. Representatives from the organising groups emphasised that the Steel Express is more than just a train-it is an essential part of daily life for thousands who depend on it for work, education, and business. They assured passengers that their concerns would be formally presented to the Divisional Railway Manager, with a commitment to pushing for timely operations and improved onboard amenities. Speaking at the event, a senior railway official remarked, "Steel Express is more than just a train, it's a heritage. It has served generations of passengers with reliability and efficiency, and we are proud to celebrate its 56th anniversary." (W-pb)

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Jamshedpur sizzles at season's peak 39.4°C

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Jamshedpur, April 2 : Jamshedpur recorded the season's highest maximum temperature of 39.4°C, marking a sharp rise in heat levels across the region and signalling the onset of more intense summer conditions. The soaring mercury, coupled with clear skies and dry weather, has led to uncomfortable daytime conditions, with residents experiencing strong heat stress during peak afternoon hours.

According to prevailing meteorological conditions, an east–west trough is currently influencing the regional weather. This trough extends from an upper air cyclonic circulation over eastern Uttar Pradesh to Manipur, passing through Bihar, sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Bangladesh, Meghalaya and southeast Assam at around 0.9 km above mean sea level. In addition, a secondary wind discontinuity stretches from eastern Uttar Pradesh to south Tamil Nadu, cutting across central and peninsular India. These systems are expected to play a key role in shaping weather changes over the coming days.

For April 2 and 3, the weather is likely to remain largely stable, with clear skies and dry conditions prevailing across most parts of the state. The absence of cloud cover will continue to support higher daytime temperatures, keeping heat levels elevated.

However, a notable shift in weather is expected from April 4. Skies are likely to turn partly cloudy, with the possibility of light to moderate rainfall or thunderstorms at isolated locations, especially over north-western and central regions. Thunderstorm activity may be accompanied by lightning and gusty winds reaching speeds of 40–50 kmph in some pockets.

Rain relief likely from April 4



The trend is expected to continue on April 5, with chances of similar rain or thunderstorm activity, particularly over northern parts of the state. By April 6, partly cloudy conditions will persist, with light rainfall likely in some areas, although north-western regions may remain relatively unaffected. Despite the anticipated change, no major weather warnings have been issued for April 2, and any storm-related activity from April 4 onwards is expected to remain localized in nature. The expected rainfall may bring temporary relief from the prevailing heat, offering a brief respite to residents grappling with rising temperatures. (W-pm)

SC denies bail to Alamgir Alam



Ranchi, April 2: The Supreme Court on Thursday rejected the bail pleas of Jharkhand's former Rural Development Minister AlamgirAlam and his private secretary Sanjeev Lal in a money laundering case linked to an alleged tender commission scam.

The court, however, directed that the trial be expedited.

A bench of Justice M.M. Sundresh and Justice N. Kotiswar Singh declined relief to both accused, who have been in judicial custody for over 18 months, and instructed the trial court to record statements of key witnesses within four weeks.

The bench also made it clear that the next date of hearing would be fixed only after the witness examination is completed.

During the hearing, Alam's counsel argued that the 76-year-old leader has been in custody since May 2024 and cited delays in trial proceedings, caused by repeated supplementary charge sheets filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). The defence also pointed to the absence of a prosecution sanction. However, the court found these grounds insufficient to grant bail.

Hanuman janmotsav celebrated in Mango

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 2: The sacred occasion of Hanuman Janmotsav was marked with deep devotion as Mayor Sudha Gupta and former minister Banna Gupta participated in a grand Maha Aarti at the Tryambakam Hanuman Temple in Mango, alongside a large gathering of devotees.

The entire premises resonated with spiritual fervor as chants of "Jai Shri Ram" and "Bajrangbali Ki Jai" echoed through the air. The glow of countless lamps, the soothing rhythm of devotional hymns, and the unwavering faith of the devotees created an atmosphere that was both divine and uplifting. Addressing the gathering, former minister Banna Gupta said that Hanuman Janmotsav is not merely a festival but a profound reminder of the values of devotion, service, and



righteousness. He extended his heartfelt wishes to the people and prayed for their prosperity, good health, and happiness.

Mayor Sudha Gupta highlighted that the worship of Lord Hanuman inspires strength, courage, dedication, and selfless service. She urged citizens to foster unity, harmony, and mutual cooperation within society. (W-pm)

Tusker found dead in Chaibasa forest, electrocution suspected

Mail News Service

Chaibasa, April 2: The death of a male tusker in the Kolhan forest range has triggered concern and outrage across West Singhbhum district, after its carcass was discovered near Manikpur village under the Jaitgarh police station limits in Jagannathpur subdivision.

Villagers spotted the elephant lying lifeless early in the morning, just outside the village boundary. The news spread rapidly, drawing a large crowd to the site and creating a wave of tension and speculation in the area. Acting swiftly, a team from the Forest Department reached the spot soon after receiving information. Senior officials were alerted, following which a veterinary team also arrived to begin preliminary assessment of the situation. However, the exact cause of death remains officially unconfirmed. Forest officials have initiated a detailed investigation into the incident, treating it with high priority. Preparations have been made to conduct the post-mortem examination at the site itself, after which the carcass will be disposed of as per established forest protocols. According to initial observations, electrocution is being considered the most likely cause of death. Officials indicated that such incidents are often linked to illegal electrification of farmlands by villagers attempting to protect crops from frequent ele-



phant intrusions.

The region has witnessed recurring incidents of human-elephant conflict, with crop damage and occasional human casualties prompting desperate preventive measures by farmers. However, experts warn that illegal electric fencing poses a serious threat to wildlife and often results in unintended fatalities.

Forest Department officials stated that the exact cause will be confirmed only after the post-mortem report is available. If electrocution is established, strict legal action will be taken against those found responsible.

The tragic death has once again highlighted the urgent need for sustainable solutions to mitigate human-wildlife conflict in the Kolhan region, balancing both community safety and wildlife conservation. (W-pb)

CM Hemant raises social change agenda in Assam poll



Mail News Service

Ranchi, April 2: Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) stepped up its campaign for assembly elections on Sarupathar seat, with Chief Minister Hemant Soren addressing a public meeting in support of party candidate Sahil Munda.

Amid a large gathering on Thursday, Soren described Munda as a new hope for the region and said his entry into politics is not aimed at power but marks the beginning of social change. He added that Munda has been working as a voice for marginalized communities.

The Chief Minister said Munda has consistently fought for people's rights and now it is time to send him to assembly to strengthen that voice further. He termed the election as a fight to protect local rights and identity.

Appealing to youth, Soren urged them to become part of this change. He assured that under Munda's leadership, focus would be on education, healthcare and protection of local rights. He also called on voters to ensure a decisive victory for Munda to give development in the region a new direction. (W-rg)

Kalpana Soren calls Assam election a fight for change

Ranchi, April 2: Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) intensified its campaign for Assam assembly elections on Gossaigaon seat, with Gandey MLA Kalpana Soren addressing a public meeting in support of party candidate Frederick Hansda.

Speaking to voters, Soren said this election is not just about power but about creating history. She claimed people of Assam are looking for change and are ready to choose a new alternative. She reiterated that JMM remains committed to protecting rights of tribal communities in the state.

Raising concerns of tea garden workers, she said party will continue efforts to ensure they receive their rightful benefits. She urged people to use their votes wisely, adding that every single vote would strengthen tribal society.

MP Joba Majhi and MLA Somesh Chandra Soren were also present at event and appealed to voters to ensure a decisive victory for JMM candidate. (W-rg)

HC-directed inspection flags gaps in Seraikela Jail healthcare



Mail News Service

Seraikela, April 2: Acting on directions of the Jharkhand High Court, a joint inspection of the Seraikela-Kharsawan Divisional Jail was carried out on Thursday to assess the status of healthcare services for inmates. The inspection, conducted by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Secretary Tausif Meraj and Civil Surgeon Dr. Saryu Prasad Singh, focused on the availability of medical equipment, adequacy of medicines, and the regular presence of doctors in the facility.

In the presence of the jail superintendent and jailer, the team examined the OPD-cum-dispensary and the jail hospital, interacting with staff to review the stock of medicines, equipment, and overall healthcare arrangements. The officials also visited various wards and directly interacted with inmates to gather feedback on medical services. While medicines were found to be available, several prisoners expressed dissatisfaction over the irregular presence of doctors and the quality of medical care. The inspection revealed a shortage of some essential medical equipment. The Civil Surgeon assured that the deficiencies would be addressed promptly, with necessary equipment to be provided at the earliest.

Additionally, plans are underway to deploy an Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) and a Multi-Purpose Worker to support medical services within the jail.

The inspection team also issued instructions for proper maintenance of stock registers and related records.

The joint exercise is being seen as a significant step towards strengthening healthcare delivery in the jail and ensuring better medical facilities for inmates. (W-pm)

Why no FIR: HC pulls up police over woman's explosive charges against NRI brother

Mail News Service

Ranchi, April 2: The Jharkhand High Court has taken serious note of allegations made by a young woman against her brother residing abroad and questioned the police over its inaction, while directing it to take appropriate steps without delay.

Hearing a habeas corpus petition, a Division Bench led by Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad summoned the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Jamshedpur, virtually and asked why no First Information Report (FIR) had been registered despite a written complaint by the petitioner. The woman has alleged that her brother, currently residing in Australia, falsely declared her "mentally ill" using his influence and forcibly admitted her to a mental hospital in Ranchi in a bid to grab ancestral property.

Coming down strongly on the police, the bench sought an explanation from the SSP, asking why action had not been initiated in a matter involving such grave allegations. In response, the SSP assured the court that the complaint would be examined and necessary action would be taken.

The petitioner told the court that she is presently living in dire financial conditions with her ailing parents in a rented accommodation in the Kadma area of Jamshedpur. She stated



that she is well-educated and continues to prepare for national-level competitive examinations. She further alleged that her brother got their grandfather's property transferred to his name through a gift deed and later sold it. To prevent her from asserting her claim, he allegedly orchestrated her forced admission to psychiatric institutions, including the Davis Institute of Psychiatry in Kanke and the Ranchi Institute of Neuro-Psychiatry and Allied Sciences (RINPAS).

Taking note of the seriousness of the allegations, the High Court directed that the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, be impleaded as a respondent to assist in tracing the brother abroad.

The bench also asked the Jamshedpur SSP to ensure the safety and security of the woman and her parents, warning that any untoward incident would invite personal accountability. Additionally, the court asked the counsel representing the petitioner's mother to explore the possibility of an amicable settlement and file an affidavit detailing any agreed-upon terms before the next hearing. Advocates Khushboo Kumari and Shailesh Kumar appeared on behalf of the petitioner. (W-rg)

Veer Ganga Narayan Singh jayanti on April 25

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, April 2: A grand and historic celebration of the birth anniversary of Veer Shaheed Ganga Narayan Singh, the legendary hero of the Bhumij Rebellion (1832-33), will be organised on April 25 at Regal (Gopal) Ground in Bistupur.

The event is expected to witness participation from across Kolhan division, along with delegates from Odisha, West Bengal, and Assam. Organized by the Veer Shaheed Ganga Narayan Singh Jayanti Committee in collaboration with traditional Bhumij leadership groups, the event aims to bring together over 50,000 members of the community.

Potka MLA Sanjib Sardar has been appointed as the chief patron of the event.



The day-long program, scheduled from 10 AM to 10 PM, will commence with rituals and tributes, followed by a seminar featuring speakers from multiple districts and states.

Cultural performances, including traditional Sarhul dance, will take place in the afternoon, while a massive public gathering is planned in the evening. Chief Minister Hemant Soren, state ministers, and senior officials from Tata Steel have been invited to attend.(W-pm)

Seven aides of Aman Sahu-Prince Khan gangs held in Bokaro

Mail News Service



Ranchi, April 2: In a major crackdown on organised crime in Jharkhand's Bokaro, police have arrested seven operatives linked to the interstate gangs of AmanSahu and Prince Khan, officials said on Thursday. These gangs are accused of running an extortion network and spreading fear among businessmen, police said. During the operation, the mastermind, Prince Kumar Gupta alias 'Bhatia', sustained a bullet injury in an encounter with the police and has been admitted to Bokaro General Hospital for treatment. Addressing a press conference, Bokaro SP Harvinder Singh said the arrested accused have been identified as Prince Kumar Gupta, Shyam Kumar Singh, Ajay Singh, Omprakash Pal, Jainendra Shukla, Golu Kumar, and Bhupendra Singh. The encounter took place in the early hours when a police team, acting on Gupta's disclosure, went to recover hidden weapons. As the team reached the spot, the accused opened fire, prompting retaliatory action by the police. Gupta was injured in the leg and was subsequently apprehended. Police investigations revealed that the gang operated through a well-organised network. Local operatives would gather mobile numbers of prominent businessmen, contractors, and real estate dealers and pass them on to key handlers, including Rahul Dubey, Mayank Singh, and Prince Khan. Extortion calls were then allegedly made either from abroad or from within prisons. The arrested accused were also responsible for collecting extortion money on behalf of the gang. Police have seized multiple mobile phones used in the racket, SIM cards from different service providers, and weapons from their possession. (W-mb)

ADRM conducts SIG inspection at Jaleswar, Baleshwar stations

Mail News Service



Kharagpur, April 2: Debjit Das, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Infrastructure) of Kharagpur Division, carried out a comprehensive Service Improvement Group (SIG) inspection today at Jaleswar Railway Station and Baleshwar Railway Station to assess infrastructure development, passenger amenities, and service quality.

SIG inspections in Indian Railways are multi-departmental evaluations aimed at enhancing passenger facilities, cleanliness, safety, and overall service standards. These inspections help identify deficiencies, ensure prompt corrective measures, and improve the travel experience for passengers.

At Jaleswar Railway Station, Sri Das reviewed passenger amenities, inspected railway quarters and the colony, and evaluated the progress of ongoing redevelopment works under the Amrit Station Scheme.

He directed officials to uphold quality standards and complete the redevelopment projects on time to ensure improved passenger convenience. At Baleshwar Railway Station, the ADRM (Infra) inspected the utility building relocation, Amrit Station redevelopment activities, and various passenger services. He emphasized efficient execution of works while minimizing disruptions to passengers.

During both inspections, Sri Das engaged with departmental officials and station staff, highlighting the importance of maintaining high standards in infrastructure, cleanliness, safety, and passenger services throughout the Kharagpur Division.

This initiative reflects the Division's ongoing commitment to providing enhanced facilities and a comfortable travel experience for railway passengers.

S E Rly posts robust gains in 2025–26

Jamshedpur, April 2: South Eastern Railway (SER) has delivered an impressive all-round performance in the financial year 2025–26, reflecting strong growth in freight, passenger services, and infrastructure development.Freight loading touched 210.41 million tonnes, generating earnings of Rs 18,32.44 crore, while originating passenger revenue stood at Rs 2,961.20 crore. Additional income streams such as ticket checking (Rs 104.05 crore), catering (Rs 184 crore), and parking (Rs 13.75 crore) further strengthened overall earnings.On the operational front, SER commissioned 101 new electric locomotives, taking its total fleet to a record 1,566—the highest in Indian Railways.

Significant technological advancements included KAVACH installation, electronic interlocking at 14 stations, and automatic block signalling across 156 route kilometers to boost safety and efficiency. Infrastructure upgrades remained a key focus, with 99.205 TKM of new overhead electrification, replacement of 173 TKM of over-aged wires, and installation of escalators, lifts, and solar capacity of 7.18 MWp.

The zone also introduced five new trains, increased speeds of 39 Mail/Express trains to 130 kmph, and operated 1,365 special trains to meet passenger demand.Demonstrating its commitment to sustainability and innovation, SER also earned Rs 49.74 crore through disposal of condemned diesel locomotives and achieved cost savings through in-house repairs.With 3,182 recruitments and continuous modernization, South Eastern Railway has reinforced its position as a key driver of efficiency, safety, and growth in Indian Railways. (W-pm)

Hanuman jayanti celebrations at Shiv Durga Jagdhatri Temple



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Gamharia, April 2: Hanuman Jayanti was celebrated with devotion and grandeur at the Shiv Durga Jagdhatri Temple in Bara Gamharia under the guidance of the Shri Shri Hanuman Janmotsav Akhara.

Early morning rituals included the worship of Lord Veer Hanuman with traditional prayers and chanting of sacred mantras, attended by temple committee members and a large gathering of devotees.

A Hanuman Path (scripture recitation) was held within the temple premises, followed by a grand evening procession (Shobha Yatra) through the local area, which passed by the Durga Puja grounds and returned to the temple. The festivities concluded with Shastra Pujan (worship of weapons) and a stunning display of martial arts, leaving the audience captivated. The event was successfully organized with contributions from Temple Committee President Raju Chaudhary, Ganesh Chaudhary, Councilor Dhananjay Gupta, Paritosh Bej, Bhagwan Singh, and others.

PET and writing test conducted for Rajnagar candidates



Seraikela, April 2: The Physical Efficiency Test and Hindi Writing Ability Test for Home Guard recruitment candidates from Rajnagar block were conducted successfully at Birsa Munda Stadium. Female candidates appeared on Wednesday, while male candidates took the test on Thursday. Out of 1,778 registered candidates, 420 female and 740 male candidates participated. In the race event, 320 female and 185 male candidates qualified and progressed to the next stages, including high jump, long jump, shot put and writing test.

Officials stated that provisional mark sheets based on performance have been prepared and are being uploaded on the district website for transparency. However, these will not be treated as the final merit list. The final selection list will be published after completion of the entire recruitment process. (w-pb)

Hanuman Janmotsav saw maha aarti at Sakchi

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Jamshedpur, April 2 : A grand Maha-Aarti and celebrations were held at the Shri Shri Hanuman Temple, Sakchi Shaheed Chowk, on the auspicious occasion of Hanuman Janmotsav, the birth anniversary of Lord Hanuman. Temple Committee President Surendra Sharma and Vice President Rakesh Sahu jointly stated that the event was organized to honor Lord Hanuman's divine birth.

The temple premises and the surrounding market area were beautifully decorated with balloons and vibrant Rangolis, creating a festive atmosphere. The celebrations began with the application of sindoor (vermilion) to the idol of Lord Hanuman, followed by the traditional Maha-Aarti and distribution of Bhog Prasad to devotees.

Lord Hanuman's idol was adorned with colorful decorations before the Aarti ceremony commenced.

The Aarti was conducted by 'Kashi Wale Baba' S.K. Shastri, with Pandit Shiv Kumar Pandey overseeing the worship rituals. The event was made successful through the active efforts of Temple Committee members, including Surendra Sharma, Rakesh Sahu, Ajit Sharma, Deepak Singh, Shiksha Mahua, and Muskan Mahila. A large number of devotees participated in the festivities, enhancing the spiritual fervor and devotional spirit of the occasion.

With the blessings of Lord Hanuman, the event reflected both reverence and the cultural grandeur of this cherished celebration.

District-level athletics competition on April 18-19



Chaibasa, April 2: The West Singhbhum Athletics Association, recognized by the Jharkhand Athletics Association and the Athletics Federation of India, announced its annual district-level athletics meet on April 18-19 at the Association Ground, Chaibasa.

Athletes of various age groups will participate, with registration beginning at 7:00 AM on April 18. Selected athletes will represent the district at state and national-level competitions in Under-14 and Under-16 categories. (w/gsd)

Ved Vyas birth anniversary observed with reverence



Seraikela, April 2: The birth anniversary of Ved Vyasa was celebrated with devotion at the Shiva Temple complex in Majhanghat. Retired teachers and Chhau gurus were felicitated for their contributions to education and culture.

Among those honored were Renupada Satpathy, Neelkanth Sarangi, Kartik Kabi, Nilambar Singhdev, Arsen Gupta, Sushant Mahapatra, Guru Brajendra Patnaik, Brahmanand Mahapatra and Dipankar Dash.

Speakers highlighted the role of a guru as both a teacher and a guide in shaping character and values. The programme emphasized the preservation of education, culture and traditions. (w-pb)

Tributes paid to Jharkhand activist Vimal Haiburu



Seraikela, April 2: A condolence meeting was held at Kuchai Mango Garden to pay tribute to senior Jharkhand activist Vimal Haiburu. A two-minute silence was observed in his memory. Speakers at the meeting described Haiburu as a committed activist whose demise has left the region in mourning. Concerns were raised over lack of adequate government support and medical facilities for activists. Participants demanded that the government identify remaining activists and ensure they receive proper benefits and healthcare support.

Several local activists including Dhanpati Sardar, K.P. Seth Soy, Manoj Munduiya, Sanatan Singh Kuntiya, Ramakrishna Mundhari, Harish Banra, Rajesh Mundhari and Rajkumar Mahato were present. (w-pb)

Two get RI in high-profile bank scam

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Seraikela, April 2 : In a major verdict in the high-profile cooperative bank scam, a Special ACB Court has sentenced local businessman Sanjay Dalmia and then branch manager Sunil Satpathy to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment each, along with a fine of Rs 40,000 each. Bank employee Manish Devgam has been awarded 5 years of rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs 5,000, with the court noting it as his first offence.

Earlier, on March 24, the court had convicted all three based on substantial evidence in connection with the Rs 33 crore scam in the Seraikela Cooperative Bank.

The sentencing, initially scheduled for March 30, was deferred and finally pronounced on April 2.The case dates back to 2019, when large-scale irregularities in loan disbursement surfaced.

Investigations revealed that loans worth around Rs 38 crore were sanctioned, of which Rs 32 crore was availed by Dalmia alone, while the remaining amount was distributed among others. Notably, the bank failed to initiate effective recovery measures after disbursal.The probe was conducted by ACB DSP Animesh Kumar Gupta, who presented key evidence leading to the conviction. The verdict had been widely anticipated, with discussions across Seraikela ahead of the court's decision. (W-pm)

Home guard recruitment provisional marks released online

Mail News Service

Seraikela, April 2: The district administration has released provisional mark sheets for candidates from Kukru, Kuchai, Gamharia and Ichagarh blocks who appeared in the Physical Efficiency Test and Hindi Written Test conducted for Home Guard recruitment in Seraikela-Kharsawan district. Officials informed that certificates of candidates who qualified all stages and submitted sports credentials have been verified by the district-level committee.

Marks awarded after verification of sports certificates have also been uploaded on the district's official website. Candidates have been advised to visit the official website for detailed information. (w-pb)

Chaibasa: Students shine in MLE Championship



Chaibasa, April 2: Students from West Singhbhum showcased their talent at the MLE Championship organized under the School Education and Literacy Department, Government of Jharkhand. The event was held at Shaurya Auditorium under the Palash Multilingual Education Programme.

Children speaking regional languages such as Mundari, Kurukh, Santali, Kharia and Ho participated enthusiastically. Selected students from Classes 3 to 5 performed exceptionally and were awarded tablets. The initiative aims to promote learning through mother tongue and was organized for the first time in the state. (w-pb)

Body found near temple sparks tension

Mail News Service

Jhargram, April 2 : Panic and tension gripped Jhargram town on Thursday morning after the body of a man was discovered near the Sashan Kali Temple.

Local residents spotted the body lying on a vacant plot near the temple and promptly informed the victim's family.

The deceased was later identified as Nepal Shyamal, a resident of Ward No. 12 under Jhargram Municipality.

Police from Jhargram Police Station arrived at the scene and initiated an investigation. However, tensions escalated when officers attempted to take the body into custody. Family members and local residents protested, demanding the deployment of a dog squad and assurance of a fair and transparent investigation. They refused to allow the body to be moved until their demands were addressed.

The situation was brought under control after the Inspector-in-Charge reached the spot and held discussions with the agitating crowd. Preliminary reports suggest that the victim may have been administered a poisonous substance before being killed. Police stated that the exact cause of death would be confirmed only after the post-mortem examination.

An investigation was underway, while tension continued to prevail in the area as locals demanded a thorough inquiry. (w/gsd)

Chaibasa: Hanuman Janmotsav celebrated



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Chaibasa, April 2: The Shri Hanuman Janmotsav Samiti organized the annual Hanuman Jayanti celebrations at the Baba Temple, commencing with the sacred flame lighting and rituals at 10:00 AM. In the evening, a 'Sundarkand' recitation, devotional Bhajan Sandhya, and tableaux performances enthralled thousands of devotees. Artistes Sweety Patwari from Kolkata and Monu Sharma from Tatanagar performed during the Bhajan Sandhya. (w/gsd)

Protest erupts during Dilip Ghosh's campaign

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Kharagpur, April 2 : A major protest broke out in the Purigate area of Kharagpur on Thursday during BJP leader Dilip Ghosh's campaign visit, leading to panic and tension in the locality. According to eyewitnesses, a group of local residents surrounded his vehicle, raised slogans, and expressed strong opposition. There were also attempts at vandalism, which further escalated the situation. The unrest resulted in a temporary road blockade, disrupting traffic movement. Slogans such as "Jai Bangla" and "Jai Shri Ram" were raised from opposing sides, intensifying the charged atmosphere. Protesters voiced anger not only against Dilip Ghosh but also against BJP workers and supporters present at the scene.

Locals alleged that fear had been prevailing in the area due to recent railway-related notices, but no BJP representative had addressed their concerns at the time.

They claimed that the sudden visit ahead of elections further fueled resentment. The incident occurred in Ward No. 27 under Kharagpur Municipality. Authorities later intervened to bring the situation under control, and normalcy was gradually restored. (w/gsd)

Independent candidate Ashoke Mahata in poll fray

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Jhargram, April 2: With the West Bengal Assembly elections closing in, political activities across the state are gaining momentum. As the nomination phase begins, candidates are strategizing and strengthening their campaigns. The Jhargram Assembly constituency in Jhargram district has emerged as a high-voltage battleground, with major political parties including CPI(M), BJP, Congress, and the ruling Trinamool Congress already announcing their candidates.

Adding a new dimension to the contest, Ashoke Mahata, Central President of Junglemahal Swaraj Morcha (JSM), has filed his nomination as an independent candidate. Known for consistently raising issues concerning public welfare, political observers believe he could draw significant support from sections of the common populace. On Thursday, Mahata formally submitted his nomination papers at the District Magistrate's office in Jhargram.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that his long-standing commitment to public issues motivated him to contest the election. He emphasized that while the outcome rested with the people, his primary goal was to always stand by them. (w/gsd)

District launches special school enrollment drive to reduce dropouts

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Seraikela, April 2: The Education Department of Seraikela has launched an enrollment campaign across all government schools, aiming to enroll as many children as possible and re-enroll those who previously dropped out.

The campaign began on April 1, with schools welcoming newly admitted students through innovative initiatives to make them feel comfortable and motivated.

In several schools, students were greeted with tilaks on their foreheads, while in others, flowers were presented to them as a gesture of warmth and encouragement. The school management committees were working with teachers and parents to foster a welcoming and engaging school environment, ensuring children remained motivated to attend regularly.

District Education Superintendent Kailash Mishra highlighted that newly enrolled students often struggled to adjust in the early days, leading to high dropout rates.

To address this, the department had adopted a strategy of creating a child-friendly learning environment, with teachers instructed to provide guidance and support to ease the transition. The ultimate goal of the campaign was to eradicate school dropouts and ensure consistent attendance across the district.

At the Upgraded Middle School in Mahadevpur, Saraikela block, Headmistress Smita Srivastava led a spirited welcome ceremony for new students, which included tilaks and floral gifts. Parents and children expressed enthusiasm and positivity, signaling a promising start to the academic session.

Block Education Extension Officer Dinesh Kumar Dandpat noted that similar welcoming initiatives were being carried out in schools throughout the Seraikela block. By creating a supportive and encouraging environment, the Education Department aimed to cultivate children's interest in learning, ensure retention, and strengthen parent-school cooperation to achieve long-term educational goals. This concerted effort marked a significant step toward achieving 100% enrollment, regular attendance, and retention in government schools across the district. (w/gsd)

Vidya Jyoti student selected for U-15 cricket tournament

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Gamharia, April 2: Anushka Kumari, a Class 7 student of Vidya Jyoti School, Gamharia, has earned regional acclaim after being selected for the Inter-District Under-15 Cricket Tournament. Her success comes through dedication, consistent practice, and discipline in sports.

School Principal Sunil Kumar Jha expressed immense pride in Anushka's achievement, noting that her performance at the district level secured her place in the Inter-District team.

The school management hopes her success will inspire other students to pursue excellence in sports.

Local residents and parents have also extended their best wishes, celebrating her accomplishment and wishing her a bright future in cricket.

New Sukh Sagar opens in Sakchi, promises royal vegetarian dining experience

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, April 2: New Sukh Sagar on the fifth floor of the Super Center on Kalimati Road, Sakchi, opposite National Electronics, has established itself as one of Jamshedpur's most popular vegetarian restaurants.

Celebrated for its consistent commitment to quality and authentic flavors, the restaurant has become a go-to destination for patrons seeking pure vegetarian cuisine. Reflecting the richness of Indian culinary tradition, New Sukh Sagar offers an extensive range of vegetarian dishes from across the country.

The restaurant is designed to provide a regal dining experience in a pleasant and musical ambiance while maintaining the highest standards of hygiene. Guests can also enjoy small-scale celebrations such as birthday parties and kitty gatherings in the welcoming setting. The restaurant's menu, curetted by a team of expert chefs, spans Indian, Chinese, Continental, and Mexican cuisines, ensures a variety of delectable options for diners. Every dish is prepared using the finest ingredients, staying true to authentic flavors. As part of its special inaugural offer, New Sukh Sagar is providing a 10% discount on bills of Rs 1,000 or more until April 30, as announced by Chetan Rathod. Having served Jamshedpur since 2002, New Sukh Sagar has built a long-standing reputation for quality vegetarian cuisine. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Chetan Rathod, Hitesh Rathod, Adarsh Rathod, Shivam Rathod, and several prominent local dignitaries, marking the restaurant's entry as a premium culinary destination in the city. (w/gsd)

Jaya Kishori's captivating discourse moves audience

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Nani Bai Ro Mayro

Jamshedpur, April 2: The three-day spiritual discourse, 'Nani Bai Ro Mayro' concluded on Thursday at the Sakchi Bodhi Mandir grounds, leaving devotees immersed in devotion and emotion. On the final day, renowned spiritual orator Jaya Kishori delivered a deeply moving narration from the Vyas Peeth, captivating the audience with her melodious voice and profound spiritual insights.

During her discourse, she vividly recounted the touching episodes of the reunion between Nani Bai and her father, the great Devotee Narsi Mehta, along with the divine fulfillment of the Mayra ceremony by Lord Krishna and Goddess Rukmini.

The narration beautifully portrayed a father's selfless love for his daughter and his complete surrender to God, leaving the audience emotionally overwhelmed.

Explaining the essence of the story, Jaya Kishori emphasized that when Narsi Mehta had nothing to offer for his daughter's Mayra, he surrendered entirely to Lord Krishna.

Meanwhile, Nani Bai faced taunts at her in-laws' home due to her father's poverty, prompting her to send a message seeking his help. ?

Villagers protest over delay in murder case probe

Mail News Service



Chaibasa, April 2: Tension prevailed at Mufussil police station following protests by family members and villagers over delay in arresting the accused in the murder of 25-year-old Subhash Banra, who was stabbed to death on March 28 in Ruidih Basatonto area.

Angered by the lack of progress even after five days, villagers along with BJP District President Geeta Balmuchu staged a protest at the police station demanding immediate action. Family members alleged that they were not being informed about the status of the investigation.

Speaking to the media, Balmuchu demanded swift arrest of the accused and strict punishment to ensure justice for the victim and prevent such incidents in future.

Suman Prasad represents India at Thailand International Art Exhibition

'Ananta Aishwarya' and 'Samadhi' earn global acclaim



Jamshedpur, April 2: It was an occasion of pride for Jharkhand as Suman Prasad, a distinguished artist from Kadma, showcased her talent on the international stage by representing India at the Thailand International Art Exhibition held in Bangkok from March 30 to April 1, 2026.

The three-day exhibition, themed around Indian Deities, attracted artists from across the globe. Suman presented two of her signature works, 'Ananta Aishwarya' (24 × 30 inches, Acrylic), depicting Lord Ganesha to symbolize infinite prosperity, wisdom, and divinity, and 'Samadhi', centered on Lord Shiva, illustrating meditation, inner peace, and cosmic harmony. Both artworks received widespread admiration from international viewers. Suman Prasad, founder of FleminArt, expressed that representing her country, state, and city through her art was the proudest moment of her life.

With hundreds of murals across India and thousands of students trained under her guidance, she has earned numerous accolades, including the 'Rashtra Gaurav Award 2022.' Her art has been commended by Bollywood celebrities Sonu Sood and Neha Dhupia and she has even received a letter of appreciation from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. (w/gsd)

Seraikela Nagar Panchayat chairman inspects market, calls for cleanliness



Seraikela, April 2: Newly elected Chairman of Seraikela Nagar Panchayat, Manoj Kumar Chaudhary, on Thursday inspected fish and chicken shops operating in a disorganized manner along Post Office Road in Seraikela and appealed to shopkeepers to cooperate in keeping the town clean and well-organized. During the inspection, shopkeepers raised concerns over lack of basic facilities from the Nagar Panchayat. Responding to their grievances, Chaudhary assured that necessary facilities, including assistance in availing bank loans, would be provided.

On the spot, he announced that a meeting would be held at the Nagar Panchayat office on April 10 to discuss the issues faced by traders and explore ways to streamline the fish market. Chaudhary emphasized that collective efforts are essential to maintain cleanliness and urged shopkeepers to keep their surroundings tidy and avoid littering.

Municipal officials including City Manager Sumit Suman, Sanitation Supervisor Baban Singh and Vishal Singh Dev were present. Shopkeepers welcomed the initiative and assured their full cooperation. (w-pb)

Holy Thursday observed at St. Joseph's and St. George's Churches



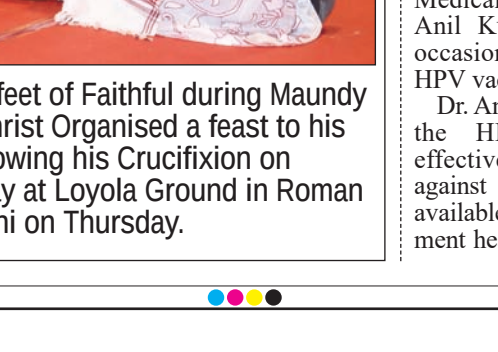
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Jamshedpur, April 2: Holy Thursday was marked with solemn ceremonies at St. Joseph's Church, Golmuri, and St. George's Church, Bistupur. At St. Joseph's, the Bishop washed the feet of 12 disciples, as well as those of women, children, youth, and the elderly, conveying Lord Jesus' message of service and humility. The ritual concluded with Holy Communion for the devotees.

At St. George's Church, Father Jayaraj, supported by church members, washed disciples' feet and served a communal meal. Devotees also participated in collective prayers, reflecting on the significance of selfless service. The 40-day Lent period will conclude on Good Friday, April 3, with the 'Way of the Cross' procession and prayer services beginning at 3:30 PM. Easter will be celebrated on April 5, with the Easter Vigil and Holy Mass at St. Joseph's Church on the night of April 4, featuring the Blessing of Fire and lighting of the Easter Candle. (w/gsd)

Balak Middle School, Seraikela holds grand "Praveshotsav" to welcome students

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Seraikela, April 2: The new academic session at Balak Middle School, Saraikela, began with much fanfare on Thursday as the school hosted its annual "Praveshotsav" (Admission Festival) for students from grades 1 to 8.

The event was graced by local Ward Councilor Mrs. Jyoti Devi, who served as the Chief Guest. The program commenced with a ceremonial ribbon-cutting by the Ward Councilor, after which she formally welcomed the students into their new classrooms.

The school's Headmistress, Mrs. Kanchan Kumari Sinha, presented Mrs. Jyoti Devi with a floral bouquet as a mark of respect, and the students expressed their joy through a welcome song, creating an atmosphere of excitement and celebration. Following the inauguration, Mrs. Jyoti Devi distributed new textbooks to the students and encouraged them to attend school regularly, study diligently, and strive for a bright and successful future.

The event saw active participation from the teaching staff, school employees, parents, and the wider school community, all of whom offered words of encouragement and motivation to the students as they embarked on their new academic journey.



Archbishop Vincent Aind washes the feet of Faithful during Maundy Thursday Mass a day before Jesus Christ Organised a feast to his faithful and washes their feet following his Crucifixion on Good Friday and risen on Easter Sunday at Loyola Ground in Roman Catholic Church in Ranchi on Thursday.

HPV vaccination and TB-free campaign launched

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Manoharpur, April 2 : A Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination drive along with a 100-day campaign for a TB-free society was launched on Wednesday at the Manoharpur Community Health Centre under the National Health Mission.

The program was jointly inaugurated by Block Chief Guruwari Devgam, BDO Shaktikunj, and Medical Officer-in-Charge Dr. Anil Kumar, who marked the occasion by administering the HPV vaccine to beneficiaries.

Dr. Anil Kumar highlighted that the HPV vaccine was an effective preventive measure against cervical cancer and was available free of cost at government health centers for girls aged 14 to 15 years.

He added that the vaccination drive would continue for three months, while the TB screening campaign would run for 100 days.

He urged the public to stay informed and take full advantage of these health initiatives.

The event was attended by several health officials and workers, including Dr. Vijay Shankar Jogyani, BPM Anuj Kumar Singh, BRP Yashwant Katiyar, FPC Julie Verma, ANMs Poonam Mahto and Belmati Sundi, MPW Saurabh Mahto, BTT Sulochana Devi, and Sahiya Sathi Monalisa Hansda, among others. (w/gsd)

Govt litigation burden: Mounting pressure on India's judicial system

The Supreme Court's recent reprimand of the Central Government for filing an unnecessary appeal once again highlights a persistent and deeply concerning issue the tendency of governments to engage in excessive and often avoidable litigation. In this instance, the Court not only criticized the government for challenging a Punjab and Haryana High Court verdict regarding the dismissal of a CISF officer but also imposed a monetary penalty, underscoring the seriousness of the matter.

This is far from an isolated case. On multiple occasions, the Supreme Court has expressed its displeasure over frivolous or unwarranted appeals filed by the government. Yet, despite repeated observations and warnings, little seems to have changed. Data from 2024 reveals that over 700,000 pending cases in courts involve the Central Government. This marks a significant increase from 2019, when the figure stood at nearly 400,000. Such statistics point toward a systemic issue rather than sporadic lapses in judgment.

The problem is not limited to a single department. Among central ministries, the Ministry of Finance leads in the number of cases filed, followed by the Ministries of Railways, Defence, and Labour. When litigation involving state governments is also taken into account, it becomes evident that nearly 45 percent of all pending cases in the judiciary involve government entities. This proportion continues to grow, placing an enormous burden on an already overburdened judicial system.

While it would be incorrect to assume that every case filed by the government is unnecessary, it is equally undeniable that a substantial number of these cases stem from avoidable disputes. In many instances, litigation appears to be the default response rather than the last resort. Administrative authorities often choose to escalate matters to the courts instead of resolving them internally through careful deliberation and effective decision-making.

One of the underlying reasons for this trend is the tendency of officials to avoid accountability. Filing a case or appeal allows them to shift the responsibility of decision-making onto the judiciary, thereby evading the need to take a firm stand. This approach not only reflects administrative inefficiency but also contributes significantly to judicial delays. The Supreme Court itself has previously remarked that over 40 percent of government litigation could be classified as frivolous.

The financial implications of this trend are also noteworthy. Litigation involves substantial expenditure, including legal fees, administrative costs, and court resources. Ultimately, these expenses are borne by public funds. Even if the financial burden is not directly visible to citizens, it represents a misuse of resources that could otherwise be directed toward development and public welfare.

Recognizing the gravity of the issue, institutions such as the Finance Commission and NITI Aayog have recommended that both Central and State governments revisit and reform their litigation policies. The aim is to reduce unnecessary cases and encourage alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. However, the continued rise in government litigation suggests that these recommendations have not been effectively implemented.

The responsibility, therefore, lies with the government to adopt a more judicious and restrained approach to litigation. Strengthening internal grievance redressal systems, promoting accountability among officials, and prioritizing out-of-court settlements can go a long way in addressing the problem.

The judiciary alone cannot be held accountable for the mounting backlog of cases. Unless governments take proactive steps to curb unnecessary litigation, the goal of timely justice will remain elusive. The Supreme Court's recent intervention should serve as a wake-up call prompting a shift from a litigation-heavy approach to one rooted in responsibility, efficiency, and public interest.

From the Editorial Desk

A step towards seed sovereignty among Pahariya tribes in Jharkhand



Dr. Shephalika Amrapali



The Pahariya community is one of the eight tribal groups listed under the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups in Jharkhand. Over 40% of the Pahariya community live in the districts of Godda and Pakur, with the rest concentrated in other districts of Santhal Parganas - Dumka, Sahebganj, and Deoghar. The Pahariyas, particularly Sauriya and Kumarbag, are increasingly vulnerable due to the loss of their customary habitats, livelihood resources, unfair practices of market intermediaries, and poor infrastructural facilities. The Paharias in the hill areas of Santhal Parganas practice Jhum cultivation of maize, millets, pulses, etc., on the slopes of the Rajmahal plateau. Indigenous seeds mostly used for sowing are well adapted to the local climate and edaphic factors and also have good demand in markets. The Paharia families rely heavily on traders for seeds during sowing, often repaying three times the original quantity at harvest. Failure to repay in seeds results in cash payments with 1.5 to 2 times the principal as interest, or recovery at even higher rates the following year. Limited household storage infrastructure forces this dependence. Recognizing this exploitative system, Transform Trade and Badlao Foundation initiated the establishment of community-managed seed banks across two blocks to ensure access to quality seeds-such as cowpea, rice bean, horse gram, sorghum, maize, and pigeon pea-at fair, community-determined exchange rates. This initiative aims to reduce exploitation, empower local control over agricultural inputs, and foster self-reliance. To achieve this NGOs, approached ICAR-NBPGR RS Ranchi. The National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), Ranchi, provided critical technical inputs and scientific guidance to transform the facilities into seed gene banks rather than simple storage units. The seed bank committees received capacity-building sessions focusing on scientific seed selection, preservation techniques, and improved storage practices. This institutional collaboration, combined with strong community participation, is evolving the seed banks into sustainable models integrating biodiversity conservation, livelihood enhancement, and women-led rural entrepreneurship. The initiative exemplifies how community-driven efforts can revitalize local agricultural economies while preserving biodiversity and traditional knowledge systems.

Currently, around 1,600 households-benefiting nearly 7,000 individuals-are directly supported through these five seed banks. By ensuring timely access to quality seeds, the initiative strengthens food security and advances food sovereignty within the community. It also fosters local knowledge exchange, encourages seed sharing among neighbours, and engages younger generations in valuing their local food systems.

Each seed bank is managed by a seven-member committee with equal representation of women and men, reflecting a commitment to gender balance and inclusive leadership. The committee oversees membership drives, seed collection, cleaning, proper storage, documentation, and measures to minimize defaults. Members coordinate lending seeds to households at the start of the season and ensure their return after harvest, maintaining the system's sustainability. Through collective effort and community ownership, the seed banks are becoming pillars of resilience, economic stability, and cultural preservation for the Pahariya community.

During the financial year 2025-2026, the seed bank facilitated the sale of 22 tonnes of diverse crops-including cowpea, rice bean, sorghum, horse gram, pigeon pea, and maize-generating ?32 lakh in revenue. Farmers secured prices 10-15% higher than those previously offered by village middlemen. This initiative not only boosts household incomes but also ensures fair and transparent pricing. By strengthening collective bargaining and promoting women's leadership in agricultural marketing, the project fosters financial independence and community resilience. It also encourages continued cultivation of traditional, climate-resilient crops, contributing to food and nutritional security in the region.

The community seed bank has emerged as a powerful grassroots enterprise, combining traditional knowledge with collective action to strengthen livelihoods. Beyond conserving indigenous seeds, it has taken proactive steps in marketing members' produce. Through a women-led Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO), crops are now linked directly to district markets and institutional buyers, reducing dependence on intermediaries. "I have been a member of the community seed bank since 2021, and I will continue to remain part of it," says Bagi Pahadin from Village Dumgo, Kunjbona. "Earlier, we had to depend on traders and pay high interest for seeds. This was a burden for our family. Now, through the seed bank, I receive quality seeds without paying extra interest, and the harvest is much better. This has brought both relief and confidence to us." Seeds are our lifeline, we cannot think of farming if we do not save our seeds." Namita Paharin

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Global tensions and India's economic balance



AK Srivastava



The ongoing war-like situation involving the United States, Israel, and Iran has created significant uncertainty in the global economy. Rising geopolitical tensions have disrupted the supply chains of essential raw materials such as coal, petroleum products, and LPG. This has led to increased production costs, pressure on transportation systems, and growing concerns among citizens worldwide. India, as a rapidly growing economy, is also feeling the impact of these global developments. Amid these challenges, Tata Steel has demonstrated resilience through technological innovation and prudent management. Despite higher production costs and shrinking profit margins, the company has maintained operational stability. The assurance by Managing Director T. V. Narendran regarding an investment of nearly ?15,000 crore-particularly in coking coal mines and the Tinplate division-reflects long-term confidence in industrial growth and national economic strength.

However, managing such crises requires collective action. India must accelerate its journey toward energy self-reliance by promoting renewable energy, strengthening domestic mining capacity, and adopting energy-efficient technologies. The government should reinforce strategic reserves, support industrial modernization, and maintain balanced trade policies to control inflationary pressures.

Equally important is the role of citizens. Responsible energy consumption, preference for local products, and environmentally conscious practices can significantly reduce national vulnerability. With coordinated efforts from industry, government, and society, India can withstand global shocks and emerge stronger.

(Author is President, Jamshedpur Citizens Forum. Views are personal.)

TN polls: Left parties missing from Coimbatore electoral fray for first time since 1952



In an unprecedented development in Tamil Nadu's political history, Coimbatore district will go to the Assembly polls without any candidates from Left parties, ending a continuous electoral presence that dates back to the first elections in independent India.

The absence marks a major shift in the district's political character ahead of the 2026 polls. The development is being seen as a reflection of both changing socio-economic realities and evolving political alignments in the state. Once considered a natural base for communist parties, Coimbatore has, over the years, witnessed a steady decline in the factors that sustained Left influence, particularly organised labour movements. At the heart of this transformation lies the decline of the textile sector, which once formed the backbone of Coimbatore's economy. The shutdown of major mills, including those under the National Textile Corporation (NTC), especially after the Covid-19 pandemic, has weakened trade unions that traditionally backed Left parties in the region.

With the shrinking presence of industrial labour and union networks, the electoral strength of parties such as the CPI and the CPI(M) has gradually diminished, reducing their ability to independently contest and win seats in the district.

A senior CPI functionary noted that the diminishing strength of labour unions has directly impacted the electoral prospects of Left parties. "Since the first Assembly elections in 1952, Left parties have consistently contested in Coimbatore, either independently or as part of alliances, and have secured victories in key constituencies. The weakening of unions has altered that dynamic," the leader said. Historically, the CPI(M) had notable success in constituencies such as Coimbatore East, where it secured five victories, while Perur and Singanallur delivered two wins each. The CPI, on the other hand, won the Valparai Assembly seat in 1980 and 2011.

At the parliamentary level, the CPI clinched the Coimbatore Lok Sabha constituency five times, while the CPI(M) won it thrice. Political observers attribute the absence of Left candidates in 2026 largely to seat-sharing arrangements within the DMK-led alliance.

Both CPI and CPI(M) had reportedly sought to contest seats such as Valparai and Singanallur but were ultimately not accommodated. Even as they stay out of direct electoral contests in the district, Left parties have shifted their focus to strengthening the DMK-led alliance's prospects, with leaders indicating that cadre mobilisation and grassroots campaign work are already in progress across all constituencies.

India's energy resilience: Managing LPG stability amid global turbulence

The recent tensions in the Gulf region, particularly around the Strait of Hormuz, have once again exposed the fragility of global energy supply chains.

For a country like India - historically dependent on imported hydrocarbons - such disruptions inevitably trigger concerns about fuel shortages. In recent weeks, social media has amplified anxieties around LPG availability, with visuals of long queues and delayed deliveries circulating widely.

However, a closer and more grounded assessment reveals a very different reality: India's energy architecture has evolved into a resilient, adaptive system capable of managing external shocks without compromising household needs.

At the heart of the current concern lies the Strait of Hormuz, a critical maritime chokepoint through which a significant portion of the world's oil and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) supplies transit. For India, which imports nearly 60-65 per cent of its LPG demand - most of it routed through this corridor - any disruption naturally raises alarms.

Yet, despite reduced shipping traffic and heightened geopolitical risks, India has managed to stabilise domestic LPG supply through a combination of proactive policy decisions, logistical agility, and strategic foresight.

One of the defining features of India's response has been the clear prioritisation of household energy needs.

With over 33 crore domestic LPG connections and more than 300 million households dependent on cooking gas, ensuring uninterrupted supply is treated as a national priority.

The government moved swiftly to ring-fence household consumption, directing oil marketing companies to maintain uninterrupted supply for domestic users while managing temporary constraints for commercial sectors such as restaurants and hotels. This calibrated approach ensured that while some visible disruptions appeared in commercial supply chains, household access remained largely unaffected.

Simultaneously, domestic production was ramped up to cushion the impact of import disruptions. Refineries were instructed to divert hydrocarbon streams towards LPG production, resulting in a significant increase in domestic output.

State-level initiatives complemented this effort, with regions such as Maharashtra enhancing daily LPG production capacity. These measures reduced immediate dependence on imports and helped stabilise supply during the peak of the crisis. Equally important has been India's robust distribution infrastructure, built steadily over the past decade.Today, the country operates one of the largest LPG ecosystems in the world, supported by an extensive network of bottling plants, storage depots, and over 25,000 distributors. This system, coupled with a national buffer stock capable of sustaining supply for over two weeks, ensures that even when shipments are delayed, distribution to households continues with minimal disruption. Once incoming cargoes dock, the scale and efficiency of India's bottling and logistics network enable rapid normalisation within days.

The role of public sector oil companies - Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum, and Hindustan Petroleum - has been central to this effort. These companies maintain substantial operational inventories and possess the capability to rebalance supply across regions in real time.

Continuous monitoring of stock levels, tanker movements, and regional demand patterns has allowed them to address bottlenecks before they escalate into wider disruptions. In parallel, the government deployed regulatory measures to prevent panic-driven distortions in the market. By increasing the minimum interval between LPG refill bookings and invoking provisions under the Essential Commodities Act, authorities effectively curbed hoarding and black-market activities. Such interventions ensured that supply remained equitably distributed and that artificial shortages did not emerge due to panic buying.

India's response has not been limited to domestic measures alone. Diplomatic engagement and maritime coordination have played a crucial role in maintaining the flow of energy imports. Under Operation Sankalp, the Indian Navy ensured the safe passage of merchant vessels in sensitive regions, while diplomatic channels facilitated the movement of LPG tankers through disrupted routes. As a result, several shipments have successfully reached Indian ports, further easing supply concerns. What this episode also highlights is the importance of long-term structural reforms in strengthening energy security. Over the past decade, India has consciously diversified its sources of crude oil and LPG imports, expanding procurement beyond West Asia to include the United States, Russia, and parts of Africa. Strategic petroleum reserves have been developed to provide an additional buffer during emergencies, while investments in pipelines, LNG terminals, and city gas distribution networks are reducing dependence on coastal import infrastructure.

Simultaneously, initiatives such as the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana have transformed India's LPG landscape by expanding access to clean cooking fuel to over 10 crore beneficiaries. This expansion has not only improved social outcomes but also strengthened the last-mile delivery network, making the system more resilient in times of crisis. Looking ahead, India's energy strategy is increasingly aligned with diversification and sustainability. The expansion of renewable energy capacity-particularly solar and wind-along with experiments in electric cooking and bioenergy, is gradually reducing dependence on imported fossil fuels.

In a volatile geopolitical environment, resilience is no longer about insulation but about flexibility - the ability to adapt, reroute, and recover quickly from disruptions.

The real challenge in the current situation, however, lies not in supply but in perception. Viral images and isolated disruptions, particularly in commercial segments, have created an impression of widespread shortage. In reality, the protected household supply chain has remained stable throughout. This underscores the need for responsible communication and reliance on verified information, especially during times of global uncertainty.In conclusion, the recent LPG supply concerns serve as a stress test - one that India's energy system has passed with considerable confidence. Through a combination of prioritised distribution, enhanced domestic production, strategic reserves, regulatory oversight, and international coordination, the country has ensured that millions of households continue to receive uninterrupted cooking gas.

As global shipping stabilises, remaining disruptions are expected to ease further. More importantly, this episode reaffirms that India's energy security framework is no longer fragile - it is robust, responsive, and built to endure.

RBI unlikely to hike rates in upcoming MPC meet next week

New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) The Reserve Bank of India is unlikely to hike interest rates at its upcoming Monetary Policy Committee meeting next week unless crude oil prices sustain above $100 per barrel, a report said on Thursday.

With "base case of oil averaging $80 per barrel in 2026, we expect no rate hikes", an HSBC Global Investment Research report said, adding that an interest rate defence for the rupee could prove costly if the growth drag from higher oil prices becomes non-linear and intensifies quickly.

The RBI's three-day policy meeting is scheduled from April 6 to April 8 -- the first since the ongoing energy shock triggered by the West Asia conflict pushed Brent crude to average around $100 per barrel in March.

The report comes days after the RBI moved on March 27 to sharply tighten onshore banks' net open foreign exchange positions, prompting speculation over whether an interest rate defence of the rupee would follow. HSBC pushed back on that view, saying the bar for rate hikes remains high.



The investment also flagged that the current energy shock differs from past oil price cycles -- it is not just higher prices but also quantity constraints across energy sources, amplified by quota systems and cascading into downstream sectors.

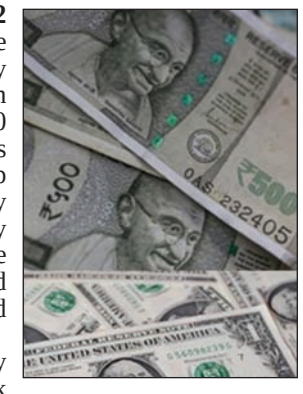
If the shock persists for a few more weeks, HSBC warned, the growth drag could begin to outweigh the inflation impact, making the situation resemble the pandemic more than the 2022 oil shock.

On inflation, HSBC's model suggests that if oil averages below $100 per barrel, inflation should remain within the RBI's 6 per cent upper tolerance band under its flexible inflation targeting framework. However, sustained oil above $100 per barrel would push inflation beyond 6 per cent, likely triggering rate hikes.

Drawing lessons from the pandemic, HSBC cautioned policymakers against stimulating demand before supply disruptions are resolved. "A key takeaway was that stimulating demand before supply was repaired led to high and sticky inflation," the report said, adding that the challenge now is striking a delicate balance - avoiding overstimulation while not tightening so much that the growth slowdown deepens.

On the fiscal side, HSBC recommended keeping the deficit close to FY26 levels, noting that raising petrol and diesel prices would help contain fiscal slippage.

Rupee sees biggest jump in nearly 13 years, closes at 93.10 against dollar



New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) The Indian Rupee saw its biggest single-day gain in nearly 13 years on Thursday, closing at 93.10 against the US dollar, as authorities stepped up efforts to curb currency speculation. The sharp rally came after the Reserve Bank of India tightened rules in both domestic and offshore markets.

"The move was largely driven by improved risk sentiment following US President Donald Trump's speech, which hinted at negotiations rather than escalation, triggering a relief rally. However, uncertainty remains elevated, keeping volatility high in currency markets," an analyst explained. The rupee surged as much as 1.7 per cent to 93.25 during the day, marking its strongest rise since September 2013, as trading resumed after a three-day holiday break.

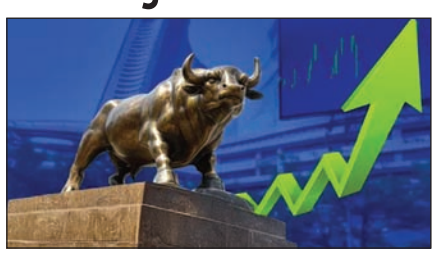
Sensex, Nifty extend gains for 2nd day as IT stocks rise

Mumbai, April 2 (IANS) Indian equity benchmark indices recovered from early losses and ended higher on Thursday, extending their gaining streak to a second straight session, supported by strength in IT stocks and a firmer rupee against the US dollar.

The Nifty closed 0.15 per cent higher, gaining 33.70 points to settle at 22,713.10. The Sensex also ended in the green, rising 185.23 points or 0.25 per cent to finish at 73,319.55.

Commenting on Nifty technical outlook, experts said that the 22,200-22,180 now acts as a strong support zone. Sustaining above this range could support a short-term recovery.

"On the upside, 22,700-22,800 remains a key resistance band, where selling pressure has been observed previously," an analyst stated.Meanwhile, stock markets will remain closed on Friday on account of Good Friday.



IT stocks led the gains during the session, with HCLTech and Tech Mahindra emerging among the top performers on the Nifty.

Infosys and Tata Consultancy Services also supported the upward move -- reflecting renewed buying interest in the sector.

India got 'best' US deal among all competing economies: Piyush Goyal

New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) India has received the 'best' US deal among competitors and the country is "sitting in a sweet spot" with the trade pact, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Thursday.

Addressing the media on the 14th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO), held recently in Cameroon, the minister said India should get "preferential market access" in the bilateral trade pact signed with the United States.

Preferential market access is the exception granted from tariffs on select product lines.



India finalised the interim trade deal with the US on February 2, which lowered the tariffs levied on the country sharply from 50 per cent to 18 per cent.

The tariffs were later ruled as "illegal" by the nine-judge US bench on February 20. At the time, the Donald Trump administration announced an immediate tariff on 10 per cent on all trading partners.

Despite geo-political upheavals, India and the US continue to remain engaged in discussions for a mutually beneficial bilateral trade agreement. Both sides are actively working towards a trade agreement that will benefit businesses and economic cooperation in both nations.

India and the US are also increasing diplomatic and economic engagement across multiple areas, including trade, defence and supply chain cooperation.

Goyal further said that on agriculture, India reiterated the need for a permanent solution on public stockholding and Special Safeguard Mechanism at the WTO 'MC14' conference.

Life insurers pay Rs 6.30 lakh crore in FY25

Jamshedpur, April 2: India's life insurance industry paid ?6.30 lakh crore in total benefits in FY2024-25, reinforcing its position as a key driver of household financial security, according to the IRDAI Annual Report 2024-25. The payout reflects the sector's expanding role beyond risk protection to long-term wealth creation and financial planning. Notably, 92% of total benefits were towards living benefits, signalling growing reliance on life insurance as a financial continuity tool. KamleshRao, Chairperson, Insurance Awareness Committee (IAC-Life), said strong persistency, high payouts and robust solvency levels highlight the sector's role as a "household wealth reservoir" offering liquidity and stability.

Of the total payouts, rs 2.33 lakh crore came from withdrawals and surrenders, up 1.77% year-on-year, indicating planned lifecycle exits. Policyholders are increasingly using funds for education, home ownership and lifestyle needs, while also reinvesting in products such as children's plans, annuities and market-linked policies.

Despite payouts accounting for 71.92% of net premium income, all insurers maintained solvency ratios above the regulatory threshold of 1.50 as of March 31, 2025, supported by strong asset-liability management and conservative assumptions. Near 100% claim settlement ratios further reflect industry credibility.

NMDC achieves its highest-ever 53 MT iron ore production output

New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) India's largest iron ore producer and miner, NMDC achieved a production of 53.15 MT of iron ore in FY26, becoming the first company in India's mining history to surpass the 50 MT annual production mark, the government said on Thursday.

The company produced 5.35 MT and sold 5.90 MT of iron ore in the month of March 2026, marking exceptional growth of 51 per cent and 40 per cent, respectively over the previous year, an official statement said.

The total production during the fiscal grew 21 per cent YoY and sales reached 50.23 MT, with a 13 per cent jump, marking its best volumes since inception.

The achievement symbolised growing strength of India's mineral sector, with NMDC continuing to contribute a significant share to the nation's iron ore supply, the statement from the Ministry of Steel said.



The record output is driven by robust performance from NMDC's major iron ore mines - Kirandul and Bacheli in Chhattisgarh and Donimalai in Karnataka, recording their best performance.

NMDC's international office in Dubai was inaugurated in FY26, and the fiscal also saw the successful operationalisation of first coal mine in Jharkhand and the commissioning of Deposit 4 at Bailadila in Chhattisgarh.

As India moves steadily towards its $5 trillion economy goal and strengthens its global leadership, demand and consumption of iron ore is expected to surge. NMDC is strategically augmenting its capacities to meet this rising demand and enable sustained economic growth.

Honda conducts road safety awareness campaign in Durgapur

Durgapur, April 2: Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) conducted a large-scale road safety awareness campaign in Durgapur, West Bengal, engaging over 2,000 participants from The New Horizon Institute of Technology and Rajendranath College of Polytechnic. The initiative aimed to promote responsible commuting through interactive and practical learning.

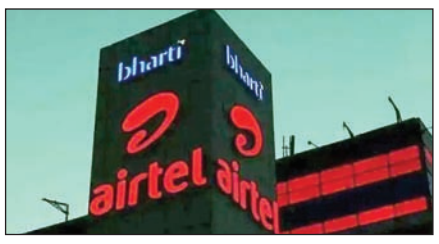
The campaign featured awareness sessions, games, quizzes, and scenario-based discussions, encouraging students to connect road safety principles with real-life situations. HMSI focused on "learning by doing," stressing alertness, discipline, and responsible road behaviour among youth.

The initiative gains significance in light of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) report, which recorded 13,795 road accidents in West Bengal in 2023, underscoring the urgent need for awareness-driven interventions. HMSI said its efforts align with its global vision of "Safety for Everyone," targeting zero traffic fatalities by 2050. In India, the company supports the government's goal of halving road deaths by 2030 through structured programmes at 10 Traffic Training Parks and six Safety Driving Education Centres, reaching over 12 million people.

Bharti Airtel hits 650 million users, becomes world's 2nd-largest telecom operator

New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) Bharti Airtel on Thursday announced that it has reached a major milestone of 650 million customers globally, making it the second-largest telecom operator in the world by subscriber base. The telecom company, led by Sunil Bharti Mittal, has built a strong presence across India and Africa. In India alone, Airtel has over 368 million mobile users, , according to data from GSMA Intelligence. This includes 13 million homes connected through fixed broadband and 15 million customers using its Digital TV services.

In Africa, its subsidiary Airtel Africa serves 179 million customers across 14 countries. The company offers high-speed data, voice services, and mobile money solutions in the region, with over 52 million users relying on its financial services platform. Despite this global achievement, Airtel continues to be the second-largest telecom operator in India, behind Reliance Jio, which crossed 500 million subscribers last year but operates only within the country.



Reacting to the milestone, Gopal Vittal, Executive Vice Chairman of Airtel, said reaching 650 million customers is a big responsibility and the company will continue to focus on improving customer experience through innovation and reliable services.

India's captive, commercial coal mines cross 200 MT production mark for first time

New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) India's captive and commercial coal mines crossed the 200 million tonne mark for the first time in FY 2025-26, with production reaching 210.46 million tonnes -- a 10.22 per cent rise year-on-year, the Ministry of Coal said on Thursday.

According to the government, dispatches from captive and commercial blocks also hit a record 204.61 million tonnes -- up 7.35 per cent from 190.42 million tonnes in FY 2024-25.

The previous year's production had stood at 190.95 million tonnes.

Twelve captive and commercial coal blocks were operationalised during the fiscal year following the grant of mine opening permissions, adding over 86 million tonnes of annual production capacity to the operational mining base, it said. The ministry further highlighted that of these, seven blocks commenced coal production within the same financial year, reflecting faster project execution and improved regulatory coordination.

It noted that the record output reflected improved operational efficiency, strengthened logistics, and the sector's growing capacity to meet rising domestic energy demand. The sustained increase in dispatches also pointed to more efficient coal evacuation and a stronger supply chain.India has been steadily expanding its domestic coal production base to reduce dependence on imports.

Captive and commercial mining, which allows private and government entities outside Coal India to mine coal for their own use or for sale, has emerged as a key driver of this push since the sector was opened to commercial mining in 2020.

SEBI proposes return of open market buybacks via stock exchanges after tax changes



New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) In a significant regulatory move, the Securities and Exchange Board of India on Thursday proposed bringing back open market share buybacks through stock exchanges, following recent changes in the tax framework. In a consultation paper, the market regulator suggested that companies should once again be allowed to repurchase their shares directly from the secondary market as an additional option under existing buyback rules.

This method had been discontinued earlier due to tax-related concerns. SEBI said the recent amendments in the Income Tax Act have removed the earlier imbalance in taxation. Under the revised rules, buyback proceeds will now be taxed as capital gains in the hands of shareholders. This aligns the tax treatment of buybacks with regular share market transactions, making it fair for all investors. The regulator noted that shifting the tax burden from companies to shareholders has made selling shares in the open market similar to participating in a buyback through the stock exchange.

Fusion Finance takes strict legal action against fraud

Gaya, April 2: Fusion Finance Limited, a leading Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), has initiated strict legal action against a former employee for financial fraud at its Gaya branch. An FIR (No. 5109072250215, dated May 14, 2025) has been registered with the police under charges of cheating and misappropriation.

The employee collected customer funds, failed to deposit them with the Company, and absconded. The fraud amount is approximately ?1.40 lakh, as stated in the FIR.

Upon detection, the Company immediately initiated internal investigations and reported the matter to law enforcement. The accused has been apprehended, and legal proceedings are underway. Fusion Finance is fully cooperating with authorities to ensure strict and timely action. This incident highlights the Company's strong monitoring systems and reinforces its zero-tolerance policy towards fraud and misconduct. Fusion Finance makes it clear that any individual found to be involved in such misconduct will face immediate termination and legal action, without exception. Enhanced controls and surveillance mechanisms are being implemented to prevent recurrence. Fusion Finance remains committed to transparency, accountability, and the protection of customer trust.

UIDAI partners MapmyIndia to display authorised Aadhaar centres on its app

New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has signed an agreement with MapmyIndia to enable display of authorised Aadhaar centres on its Mappls App to enhance convenience for residents, an official statement said on Thursday. Users can identify and access authorised Aadhaar centres based on the nature of services offered, like adult enrolment, child enrolment or only address and mobile update, the statement added.

The agreement was signed on April 1, 2026 and it formed the collaboration to enhance public convenience, combat misinformation, and ensure residents have seamless access to state-of-the-art Aadhaar Seva Kendras (ASKs) and other Aadhaar centres, nationwide, the statement from Ministry of Electronics and IT said.



MapmyIndia will integrate UIDAI-provided Aadhaar Centre information into the Mappls platform and ensure accurate representation, digital mapping and distinct listing of Aadhaar centres.

"UIDAI is always driven by resident centricity. This kind of collaboration will allow digital mapping of verified Aadhaar Centres across India and help people find the authorised Aadhaar centres easily," said Bhuvnesh Kumar, CEO, UIDAI.

Cipla Health launches Masala Guava Prolyte ORS

Medinipur, April 2: Cipla Health Limited has expanded its oral rehydration portfolio with the launch of a new Masala Guava flavour under its Prolyte ORS brand. The product is based on the World Health Organization-recommended Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) formulation and aims to combine clinical effectiveness with a taste suited to Indian preferences.

The company said the new variant is designed to make hydration both effective and enjoyable, blending science-backed relief with a flavour familiar to Indian consumers. With this addition, the Prolyte ORS portfolio now offers eleven flavours, reflecting growing demand for hydration solutions that balance efficacy with taste.

Commenting on the launch, CEO and MD ShivamPuri said hydration remains critical in India due to climatic conditions and active lifestyles that increase dehydration risks. He added that the Masala Guava variant is expected to encourage regular consumption, promoting hydration as a daily habit rather than a reactive measure.The company stated that the new flavour has undergone extensive research and multiple rounds of testing to meet quality, safety and efficacy benchmarks while aligning with consumer taste preferences.

Russia's Manturov calls on PM Modi



New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) Russia's First Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday, briefing him on the progress in various areas of bilateral cooperation, including trade and economic partnership, fertilizers, connectivity and people-to-people ties. During the meeting, PM Modi recalled Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to India in December last year for the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit.According to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), PM Modi expressed satisfaction at the efforts made by the two nations towards implementation of the outcomes from the Annual Summit aimed to further strengthen the India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership."PM extended warm greetings to President Putin and said that he looked forward to their continued exchanges," PMO stated.

Workers not expendable: LS MP on Oracle layoffs



New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) CPI-MLL MP Raja Ram Singh on Thursday condemned the reported mass layoffs by Oracle Corporation, asserting that "workers cannot be treated as expendable" and urging the government to take immediate action to protect employees' rights and ensure accountability in the IT sector.

In his letter addressed to Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Singh, who represents Bihar's Karakat seat in the Lok Sabha, expressed "deep concern and outrage" over reports that the multinational technology firm has laid off nearly 12,000 employees in the country.

He described the move as a serious threat to job security and questioned both corporate accountability and the government's response to such developments.

The MP argued that companies like Oracle benefit significantly from India's policy ecosystem, including tax concessions, public infrastructure, and a supportive business environment. These benefits, he emphasised, are extended with the expectation that corporations will contribute to employment generation and economic stability.

HM Amit Shah slams Congress, flags illegal migration and 'decade of neglect'

Guwahati, Apr 2 (IANS) Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday launched a blistering attack on the Congress while campaigning for Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) leader and Assam Minister Keshab Mahanta in Nagaon, asserting that the NDA's decade-long rule has transformed the state, unlike what he termed the "failure" of previous Congress governments.

Addressing a packed public rally in Nagaon district, Shah invoked Assam's legacy, paying tribute to its stalwarts and revolutionaries, and urged voters to ensure a "hattrick victory" for the NDA in the April 9 Assembly polls.

He said the BJP-AGP alliance remains very strong and dismissed Congress claims of a rift as a "Mungerilal's dream."



Sharpening his attack, Shah accused the Congress of neglecting Assam during its tenure.

"What did Rahul Gandhi do when they were ruling? Only Rs 1.28 lakh crore?" he asked, contrasting it with what he described as substantial financial support provided by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Central government for infrastructure and development in the state.

He alleged that Congress had encouraged illegal migration in Assam, asserting that the NDA government stands "with the Muslims of Assam, not with illegal migrants."

The Home Minister said the BJP-led alliance has worked to protect the identity and rights of indigenous people while ensuring inclusive development.

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RJD MLA meets Nitish, sparks fresh row



Patna, April 2 (IANS) A fresh round of political speculation has emerged in Bihar after RJD MLA Faisal Rahman met Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Thursday, days after abstaining from voting in the Rajya Sabha elections held on March 16.

Rahman, who represents the Dhaka constituency, was among the legislators whose absence proved crucial, as the RJD candidate lost the election. Apart from him, three Congress MLAs had also abstained, impacting the final outcome.

Sharing details of the meeting on social media, Rahman described it as a "courtesy visit" focused on development issues in his constituency. He stated that discussions were held on key sectors, including roads, healthcare, education, irrigation, and basic infrastructure. According to him, the Chief Minister gave positive assurances on the proposals and reiterated the government's commitment to regional development.

Kamal Nath dismisses LPG shortage claims, contradicts Congress line

Chhindwara, April 2 (IANS) In an embarrassment for the Congress, senior leader and former Chief Minister Kamal Nath on Thursday rejected claims of an LPG shortage in Madhya Pradesh, contradicting his party's aggressive campaign against the Centre and the state government.

While the Congress has been consistently targeting the Central and Madhya Pradesh governments over alleged delays in LPG supply and hardship faced by the public, Kamal Nath dismissed the narrative outright.

Speaking to reporters in Chhindwara, where he had gone to attend a funeral, the veteran leader said: "There is no such shortage. It is just an atmosphere being created that there is a shortage."

Assam CM targets Oppn, alleges 'Anti-Sanatani' stand

Guwahati, April 2 (IANS) Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday levelled a series of sharp allegations against the Assam Jatiya Parishad (AJP) and its leadership, triggering a fresh political controversy ahead of the elections.

Addressing the media, Sarma accused AJP of promoting individuals whose family backgrounds and ideological positions, he claimed, were "deeply offensive to the cultural and religious sentiments of Assam."

He specifically targeted a party candidate, Kunki Chowdhury, alleging that her mother, Sujata Gurung, had posted photographs on social media consuming beef, which he said was an affront to "Sanatani values."

The Chief Minister further alleged that Gurung, whom he described as a woman from Sikkim, had made statements challenging traditional beliefs and expressing a lack of faith in Lord Krishna.

He also claimed that she had extended support to controversial figures like Sharjeel Imam and Umar Khalid, accusing them of attempting to divide the country.

Sarma went on to allege that Gurung had indirectly expressed support for Pakistan, adding that such positions raised serious concerns about the ideological leanings of those being fielded by AJP.

Nitish likely to take oath as RS member on April 10

Patna, April 2 (IANS) Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is likely to take oath as a member of the Rajya Sabha on April 10, according to sources from the Chief Minister's residence. He is likely to travel to Delhi on April 8 or 9 to complete the formalities in the Upper House of Parliament.Following his return to Patna, Kumar is expected to resign from the post of Chief Minister any time after April 13.Political developments are likely to gather pace after April 14, when the 'Kharmas' period (an inauspicious one-month Hindu period) concludes.Meanwhile, the Bihar Home Department has issued orders confirming that Nitish Kumar will continue to receive 'Z Plus' category security even after stepping down as Chief Minister.

14 Bangladeshi nationals arrested in Bengal

Kolkata, April 2 (IANS) As many as 14 Bangladeshi infiltrators were arrested by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri district on the New Delhi-bound North-East Express train. The arrests were made late Wednesday night at Jalpaiguri Road Station. Of the 14 arrested, five are women, and four are minors.

Russian delegation meets Lok Sabha Speaker

New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla held a meeting with visiting Deputy Chairperson of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation Vladimir Yakushev and members of the Russian Parliamentary delegation at Parliament House in New Delhi on Thursday, discussing cooperation in sectors like trade, technology, cultural linkages and strengthening parliamentary ties.

During the meeting, Birla expressed optimism towards further advancing parliamentary engagement between India and Russia and strengthening people-to-people connect. He noted that both countries share a "deep-rooted and time-tested strategic partnership" built on trust and mutual respect.

Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Periasamy Kumaran and other officials were present during the meeting.

"Pleased to meet H.E. Vladimir Yakushev, First Deputy Chairperson of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation along with members of the Russian Parliamentary delegation at the Parliament House. We exchanged views on cooperation in areas such as trade, technology and cultural linkages along with strengthening parliamentary ties," Birla wrote on X.

"India and Russia share a deep-rooted and time-tested strategic partnership, built on trust and mutual respect. Inter-parliamentary engagement continues to serve as an important pillar of cooperation, fostering mutual understanding and stronger democratic institutions. Expressed optimism towards further advancing parliamentary engagement and strengthening people-to-people connect," he added.

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प्रधानमंत्री फसल बीमा योजना 2018–19 की क्षतिपूर्ति राशि के संबंध में सूचना

प्रधानमंत्री फसल बीमा योजना 2018–19 के तहत फसलों की क्षतिपूर्ति राशि,संलग्न सूची के अनुसार जिन किसानों प्राप्त नहीं हुई है को सूचित किया जाता है कि वैसे कृशक अपने पचांयत के लैम्पस/पैक्स कार्यालय/सहकारिता प्रसार पदाधिकारी के पास आवश्यक दास्तावेज बैंक पासबुक,आधार कार्ड,की छायाप्रति,घोशणा पत्र मुखिया/ग्राम प्रधान द्वारा सत्यापित कर जमा करेगें ताकि भुगतान हेतु बीमा कम्पनी को प्रेशित किया जा सकें।

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Weeks, not years: Trump says Iran Op faster, more effective than past US wars



Washington, April 2 (IANS) President Donald Trump compared the ongoing US military campaign against Iran with past American wars, arguing that the current operation had achieved results in weeks that earlier conflicts took years to deliver.

In his address to the nation on Wednesday night (local time), Trump said the operation against Iran had lasted just over a month but had already neutralised what he described as a major threat.

"We are in this military operation… for 32 days, and the country has been eviscerated and essentially is really no longer a threat," he said.

He contrasted this with the duration of previous US wars to underline the speed and intensity of the campaign.

"American involvement in World War I lasted one year, seven months and five days. World War II lasted for three years, eight months and 25 days," Trump said.

He added: "The Korean War lasted for three years, one month and two days. The Vietnam War lasted for 19 years, five months and 29 days."

Trump also cited more recent conflicts. "Iraq went on for eight years, eight months and 28 days," he said, contrasting them with the current timeline.

Framing the Iran operation as unusually swift, he said the US military had delivered results at a pace rarely seen in modern warfare.

"Never in the history of warfare has an enemy suffered such clear and devastating, large-scale losses in a matter of weeks," Trump said.

What the hell are we doing it for : Trump

Washington, April 2 (IANS) US President Donald Trump has said that countries that depend on key global routes should take responsibility for securing them.

He questioned why the United States should continue to police critical energy corridors such as the Strait of Hormuz.

"Let China do it. Let Japan do it. Let South Korea do it… what the hell are we doing it for?" Trump said in his remarks at a White House Easter lunch. The video of the event was posted by White House on its YouTube channel, only to be removed later. The event was closed to the press.

He said the US has carried this burden for years. "We have been for years," he said, referring to efforts to secure the strait.

Trump indicated a possible shift in policy. He said the US was "getting ready to get out of there."

He framed the move as part of a broader change in US strategy. American military action, he said, should focus on direct national interests.

"All I want to do is make sure they don't ever have a nuclear weapon," Trump said.

He also stressed that US forces can act without allies. "We didn't need them," he said.

Trump said countries that benefit from global trade routes should help protect them. He suggested the current model puts too much pressure on the United States.

US drops Venezuela curbs

Washington, April 2 (IANS) The United States has removed sanctions on Venezuela's Acting President Delcy Rodriguez, according to an update posted on the website of the US Treasury Department. The US Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control on Wednesday (Local time) said Rodriguez had been removed from its sanctions list, without providing further details on the decision, reports Xinhua news agency.

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Very Short e-Procurement Notice
e-Tender Reference No.:- 01/WRD/WWDNO1/CKP/ F2-01/25-26 Dated. 01-04-2026 2nd Call

1.	Name of the work	Dismantling of Old Pipe Culvert at km. 3.1 and Construction of New SLR Bridge at km. 3.2 of Sonua Main Canal Under Sonua weir irrigation scheme.
2.	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 20,03,965/- (Rupees Twenty Lacs Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Five Only.)
3.	Initial Bid Security in The shape of	To be deposited as per S.O.P. Uploded.
4.	Cost of Biding Document & Initial Bid Security (in Rs.)	Rs. 5,000/- (Five Thousand Only.) and Rs. 40,000.00 (Rupees Forty Thousand only.)
5.	Period of Completion	4 Months/120 days
6.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	10-04-2026 at 10.00 Hrs.
7.	Start Date / Time to Last Date/ Time for Bidding & Upload of bid documents	10-04-2026 at 10.00 Hrs. to 18-04-2026 at 17.00 Hrs.
8.	Last Date & Time for Upload for Bid Security and other Document in online form.	**18.04.2026 at 17.00 Hrs.** Through e-Tender Portal www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in (As per SOP Issued by Information Technology & E-Governance Department, Government of Jharkhand vide Letter No. 120 dated 03.10.2023)
9.	Date/Place of Bid Opening	**20-04-2026 at 11.30 Hrs.** in Executive Engineer, Waterways Division No-1, Chakradharpur.
10.	Name & address of office Inviting tender (Procurement Officer)	Executive Engineer, Waterways Division No-1, Chakradharpur.
11.	Contact no. of Procurement officer	M. No. 8002557211
12.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	M.No. 9199842574

Note :- Only e-Tenders will be accepted. Estimated cost may Vary.
Further details can be seen on website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer,
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Letter No. 331 **Date-01.04.2026**

EMERGENT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Ref. No. – NIT No.- JIADA /02/Adityapur Region /2026-27

JIADA invites separate Technical & Financial Bids through from eligible and interested contractors registered in appropriate class for Construction of RCC Culvert near Bihar Electrical 2nd Phase Adityapur Industrial Area JIADA Interested eligible bidders are requested to submit their proposal through latest by 3.00 PM on 10.04.2026

The details of Tender Document can also be seen (read only purpose) from departmental website http://Jiada.co.in.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
JIADA, Ranchi.

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झारखण्ड सरकार
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग

ई–प्रोक्यूरमेंट सूचना

अति–अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्याः–Adityapur/RMDT/01/2026-27 date. 01.04.2026

1. Name of work:-Hiring of one no. light goods carrier motor vehicle like Mahindra pick up van or equivalent with driver, and including one no of Gang consisting of one no tube well mistry, and two nos. of labour for ordinary repairing of T/well in Boram, Patamda and Potka Blocks under D W & S Division, Adityapur for the year 2026-27 for 04 Months.

ग्रुप संख्या	मरम्मति गैंग की संख्या	प्राक्कलित राशि(रू0)	अग्रधन की राशि (रू0)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रूपये में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
ADP/RMDT/Potka-1	02	857611/-	17,200/-	1,250/-	04 माह
ADP/RMDT/Patamda -2	01	428806/-	8600/-	750/-	04 माह
ADP/RMDT/Boram-3	01	428806/-	8600/-	750/-	04 माह

2.	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	04.04.2026 समय 05:00 बजे अपराह्न में
3.	निविदा प्राप्ति(ऑन लाईन बिडींग) की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	11.04.2026 समय 03:00 बजे अपराह्न तक
4.	सरकार के सचिव, सूचना प्रौधोगिकी एवं ई–गवर्नेस, झारखंड मंत्रालय के ज्ञापांक 120 दिनांक 03.10.2023 के आलोक में विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राशि Online जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	11.04.2026 समय 3:00 बजे अपराह्न तक
5.	तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	13.04.2026 समय 04:00 बजे अपराह्न में
6.	तकनीकी बीड खोलने का स्थान	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, आदित्यपुर।
7.	निविदा आमंत्रित करनेवाले पदाधिकारी का नाम/पदनाम	ई0 सुमित कुमार, कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल आदित्यपुर।
8.	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का टेलीफोन नं0	0657–2372314, 7541824824
9.	ई–प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल का हेल्प लाईन नं0	0651–2480345

नोटः– केवल ई–निविदा ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे अधिक जानकारी के लिए website – http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। प्राक्कलित राशि घट या बढ़ सकती है।

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iPhones join Artemis II lunar mission

New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) NASA astronauts aboard the Artemis II mission are carrying their personal iPhones into deep space for the first time, a shift in how the US space agency equips its crews for human spaceflight beyond Earth's orbit.

The four-member crew -- Commander Reid Wiseman, Pilot Victor Glover, Mission Specialist Christina Koch, and Mission Specialist Jeremy Hansen of the space agency -- lifted off aboard the Orion spacecraft atop the Space Launch System rocket from Kennedy Space Center in Florida on Wednesday, embarking on a historic 10-day journey to fly around the Moon and back.

The decision to allow personal smartphones was announced earlier this year by NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman as part of a broader push to modernise crew equipment and streamline mission documentation.

The move allows astronauts to capture behind-the-scenes moments without relying on bulky, government-issued cameras.

"We are giving our crews the tools to capture special moments for their families and share inspiring images and video with the world," Isaacman wrote on X in February.

He added that qualifying modern hardware for spaceflight on an expedited timeline would serve NASA well in future lunar and orbital missions.

The devices will operate in Aeroplane mode throughout the deep space leg of the journey to prevent interference with spacecraft systems, effectively serving as high-end cameras. When the crew passes through the International Space Station, astronauts will be able to connect to the station's Wi-Fi to send photos and emails, though voice calls will not be possible.

India calls for protection of UN missions

New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) India on Thursday reiterated that the inviolability of UN missions must be ensured while calling for ensuring the safety and security of peacekeepers.

Addressing a weekly media briefing in New Delhi, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that as a leading and longstanding contributor to the United Nations peacekeeping, and in line with UN Security Council Resolution, India seeks accountability for crimes against peacekeepers.

He also highlighted India's condemnation of the recent attacks on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), which has claimed several lives.

"We have around 600 Indian troops who are serving in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). Our peacekeeping operations go back several decades. We are also the largest troop-contributing country to the UN peacekeeping missions, and the contribution of our peacekeepers has been well noted and regarded for global peace and security. We had also issued a statement, condemning the recent attacks on UNIFIL in which several troops, unfortunately, lost their lives," said Jaiswal.

Russia says Japan's missile deployment could be 'more than tragic'

Moscow, April 2 (IANS) The deployment of anti-ship hypersonic missiles at Japanese military garrisons in Kumamoto and Shizuoka represents yet another indication that Japan is moving away from the pacifist provisions enshrined in its Constitution, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said.

Japan's deployment of missile systems on its territory and the buildup of its offensive weapons arsenals reflect the country's dangerous course toward remilitarization, she said."Add to this the rejection of preserving historical memory and the rewriting of history, and the result could be more than tragic," she added.

According to Zakharova, Russia has repeatedly raised with Japanese authorities through diplomatic channels the negative impact of their policies on security and stability in the Asia-Pacific region, reports Xinhua news agency.

जमशेदपुर अधिसूचित क्षेत्र समिति का कार्यालय जमशेदपुर–831001

अल्पकालीन ई0–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
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ग्रप सं0	योजना का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रू0 में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रू0 में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रू0 में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	जमशेदपुर अक्षेस क्षेत्रान्तर्गत पूर्व में अधिष्ठापित 16 एवं 20 मीटर हाईमास्ट लाईट का रख–रखाव एवं मरम्मतिकरण।	24,95,900.00	5,000.00	49,918.00	1 वर्श
2	जमशेदपुर अक्षेस क्षेत्रान्तर्गत पूर्व में अधिष्ठापित 12 मीटर हाईमास्ट लाईट का रख–रखाव एवं मरम्मतिकरण।	24,49,500.00	5,000.00	48,990.00	1 वर्श

1.	ई0 निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम	:	उप नगर आयुक्त, जमशेदपुर अधिसूचित क्षेत्र समिति, जमशेदपुर।
2.	वेबसाईट पर ई0 निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय	:	दिनांक–**04.04.2026** को **5:00** बजे अपराहन।
3.	ई0 निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	:	दिनांक–**21.04.2026** को **5:00** अपराहन तक।
4.	ई0–निविदा खोलने की तिथि	:	दिनांक–**22.04.2026** को **5:00** अपराहन।
5.	ई–मेल पता	:	**jnacjsr@gmail.com**
6.	निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि **www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in** के वेवसाईट पर ऑनलाईन के माध्यम से ही स्वीकार की जाएगी।		
7.	निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान सम्वेदक द्वारा जिस बैंक खाता से किया जाएगा। उसी खाते में असफल निविदादाता की अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर बैंक खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जबाबदेही सम्वेदक की होगी।		
8.	नियम एवं शर्ते तथा अन्य विवरणी अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में किसी भी कार्य दिवस पर कार्यालय अवधि में या वेबसाईट **www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in** पर देखा जा सकता है।		

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जमशेदपुर।

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जमशेदपुर अधिसूचित क्षेत्र समिति का कार्यालय, जमशेदपुर
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–: प्रेस विज्ञप्ति :–
एक पक्षीय फ्लैट निबंधन संबंधी कार्रवाई

पत्रांक 1018
दिनांक 02.04.2026

एतद् द्वारा प्रेस विज्ञप्ति के माध्यम से एस0एस0 टावर भाटिया बस्ती, कदमा, जमशेदपुर के भवन निर्माता मेसर्स युनिटी बिल्डर्स, मेन रोड, कदमा, जमशेदपुर एवं गौतम नौलक्खा अपार्टमेंट, सोनारी, जमशेदपुर के भवन निर्माता, मेसर्स गौरी एसोसियेट, प्रथम तल, गौतम अपार्टमेंट, 5, गोविन्दनगर, कदमा जमशेदपुर के निम्नांकित फ्लैट के स्वामी/भवन निर्माता को सूचित किया जाता है कि निम्नांकित फ्लैट धारक के द्वारा झारखण्ड अपार्टमेंट (फ्लैट) स्वामित्व अधिनियम 2011 में निहित प्रावधान के अनुरूप आवेदनकर्त्ता के नाम के सम्मुख अंकित फ्लैट (आवास) के एक पक्षीय फ्लैट निबंधन आदेश पारित करने हेतु याचिका दायर किया गया है। वाद के निपटारा हेतु सुनवाई अंतिम चरण पर है एवं वाद के निपटारा में आपके द्वारा यथोचित सहायता नहीं किया जा रहा है। अतः पुनः आपको सूचना दी जाती है कि विज्ञप्ति के प्रकाशन के 15 दिनों के अन्दर अगर आपका कोई दावा या पक्ष है, तो जमशेदपुर अधिसूचित क्षेत्र समिति कार्यालय में किसी भी कार्य दिवस पर स्वंय/प्रतिनिधि के माध्यम से उपस्थित होकर अपना पक्ष प्रस्तुत करें। निर्धारित अवधि के पश्चात् कोई दावा/पक्ष मान्य नहीं होगा तथा नियमानुसार वाद का निपटारा कर एक पक्षीय निबंधन की कार्रवाई कर दी जायेगी। इसे अंतिम नोटिस माना जाय।

दावा का विवरण :–

क्रमांक	आवेदक/याचिका कर्त्ता	अपार्टमेंट/फ्लैट का नाम	फ्लैट संख्या
1	श्री मनोज कुमार सिन्हा	एस0एस0 टावर भाटिया बस्ती, कदमा, जमशेदपुर।	10, चतुर्थ तल
2	शिव सरजू कन्सट्रक्शन प्रा0 लि0 के निदेशक श्री मनोज कुमार सिन्हा		11, चतुर्थ तल
3	श्री मनोज कुमार सिन्हा		12, चतुर्थ तल
4	श्री विद्युत बरण महतो एवं श्रीमति ऊषा महतो	गौतम नौलक्खा अपार्टमेंट, सोनारी, जमशेदपुर।	2/15, द्वितीय तल
5	श्री विद्युत बरण महतो एवं श्रीमति ऊषा महतो		2/16, द्वितीय तल
6	श्री सुबल कुमार साह एवं श्रीमति अर्पणा साह		5/1, पाँचवा तल

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झारखंड सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, आदित्यपुर

अति–अल्पकालीन ई0 निविदा सूचना संख्या –ADP/DWSD/02/2026-27
दिनांक 01.04.2026

1	विभाग का नाम	पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची।
2	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 04.04.2026, समय 5.00 बजे अपराह्न
3	निविदा प्राप्ति(ऑन लाईन बिडींग) की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 11.04.2026, समय 3.00 बजे अपराह्न
4	सरकार के सचिव, सूचना प्रौधोगिकी एवं ई–गवर्नेस, झारखंड मंत्रालय के ज्ञापांक 120 दिनांक 03.10.2023 के आलोक में विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राशि Online जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 11.04.2026, समय 3.00 बजे अपराह्न
5	तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 13 .04.2026, समय 4.00 बजे अपराह्न
6	तकनीकी बीड खोलने का स्थान	कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, आदित्यपुर।
7	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम/पदनाम	कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, आदित्यपुर
8	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का टेलीफोन नं0	0657–2372314, 7541824824
9	ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन नं0	0651–2480345

क्र0 सं0	कार्य का नाम	ग्रुप संख्या	प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रूपये में)	परिमाण विपत्र कामूल्य (रूपये में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	Connecting Two 100mm pipeline and construction to 150mm pipeline and construction of Sluice Valve Chambers under Bagbera Housing Colony Water Supply, D. W. & S. Division Adityapur.	01	421017.00	8500.00	750.00	02 Months
2	Construction of Drilled Tube Well of 125/115 mm Dia, 90 Mtr. Deep With Installation Of India Mark II (IS:15500 Part-2/2004) Hand Pump With Platform and Drain in Sawar Tolla of Nutandih Village, Panchayat Laylam, Boram Under D.W.&S. Division, Adityapur	02	111685.00	2300.00	500.00	01 Months

नोटः–
1. निविदा की शर्ते, परिमाण विपत्र एंव योजनाओं की विस्तृत विवरणी विभागीय वेबसाईट http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in से Download की जा सकती है। प्राक्कलित राशि घट या बढ़ सकती है।

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता,
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल,आदित्यपुर

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमंडल, चाईबासा

अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–BCD/CHAIBASA/01/वर्ष 2026–27
(6th Call)

1. विज्ञापनदाता का नाम एवं पता :–कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन प्रमंडल, चाईबासा।
2. परिमाण विपत्र निर्गत करने हेतु आवेदन की तिथि :– दिनांक 10/04/2026 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से अपराह्न 1:00 बजे तक ।
3. परिमाण विपत्र निर्गत करने हेतु आवेदन का स्थान :– (क) अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन निर्माण विभाग, छोटानागपुर अंचल, राँची। (ख) प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय, भवन प्रमंडल, चाईबासा । (ग) सहायक अभियंता, भवन अवर प्रमंडल, चाईबासा।(प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय)
4. परिमाण विपत्र निर्गत करने की तिथि :– दिनांक 11/04/2026 को अपराह्न 02:30 बजे से अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक ।
5. परिमाण विपत्र निर्गत करने का स्थान :– (क) अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन निर्माण विभाग, छोटानागपुर अंचल, राँची। (ख) प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय, भवन प्रमंडल, चाईबासा । (ग) सहायक अभियंता, भवन अवर प्रमंडल, चाईबासा।(प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय)
6. निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय :– दिनांक 13/04/2026 को 11:00 बजे से 2:00 बजे तक ।
7. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :– दिनांक 13/04/2026 को अपराह्न 3:00 बजे ।
8. परिणाम विपत्र बिक्री की स्थान :– (क) अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन निर्माण विभाग, छोटानागपुर अंचल, राँची। (ख) प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय, भवन प्रमंडल, चाईबासा, (ग) सहायक अभियंता, भवन अवर प्रमंडल, चाईबासा।(प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय)
9. निविदा प्राप्ति का स्थान– :– (क) अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन निर्माण विभाग,छोटानागपुर अंचल, राँची। (ख) प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय, भवन प्रमंडल, चाईबासा, (ग) सहायक अभियंता, भवन अवर प्रमंडल, चाईबासा।(प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय)
10. कार्यों का विवरणी :–

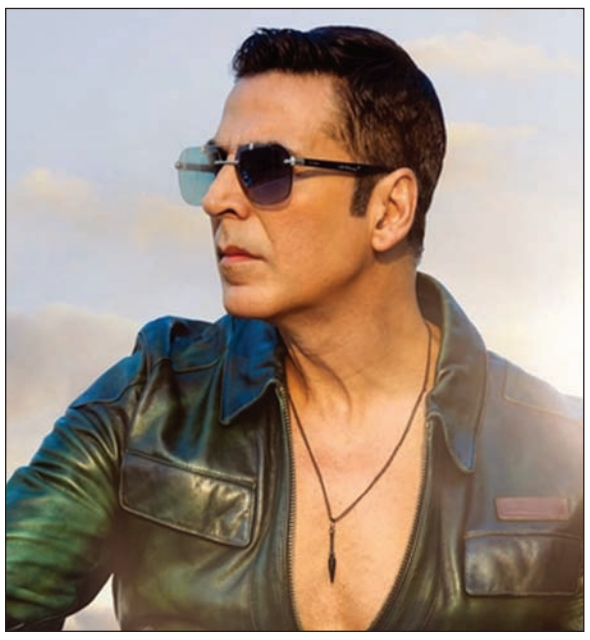
क0 सं0	प्रखण्ड	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	चक्रधरपुर	केरा पंचायत अन्तर्गत लक्ष्मीपोसी में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
2	चक्रधरपुर	आसनमालिया पंचायत अन्तर्गत सनगीसाई में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
3	चक्रधरपुर	जामिद पंचायत अन्तर्गत जामिद पश्चिमी में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
4	चक्रधरपुर	जामिद पंचायत अन्तर्गत जामिद आ0 में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
5	चक्रधरपुर	चन्द्री पंचायत अन्तर्गत हो टोला पोटका में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
6	चक्रधरपुर	चन्द्री पंचायत अन्तर्गत चन्द्री में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
7	चक्रधरपुर	आसनमालिया पंचायत अन्तर्गत सुकुरूडीह में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
8	चक्रधरपुर	आसनमालिया पंचायत अन्तर्गत आसनतालिया सी में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
9	चक्रधरपुर	केन्दो पंचायत अन्तर्गत केन्दो 1 में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण। (5th Call)	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
10	चक्रधरपुर	केन्दो पंचायत अन्तर्गत केन्दो 2 में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण। (5th Call)	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
11	चक्रधरपुर	केन्दो पंचायत अन्तर्गत कुरूलिया 3 में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण। (5th Call)	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
12	चक्रधरपुर	भरनियाँ पंचायत अन्तर्गत भरनिया द में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण। (5th Call)	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
13	चक्रधरपुर	चन्द्री पंचायत अन्तर्गत इचिण्डा में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण। (5th Call)	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
14	चक्रधरपुर	चन्द्री पंचायत अन्तर्गत इचिण्डा बी में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण। (5th Call)	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
15	चक्रधरपुर	हाथिया पंचायत अन्तर्गत टोकाटोली बी में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण। (5th Call)	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
16	चक्रधरपुर	आसनमालिया पंचायत अन्तर्गत जेनासाई में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण। (5th Call)	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
17	चक्रधरपुर	भरनियाँ पंचायत अन्तर्गत गुजा 2 में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण। (5th Call)	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
18	चक्रधरपुर	चैनपुर पंचायत अन्तर्गत ढिपासाई में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
19	बन्दगांव	टेबो पंचायत अन्तर्गत लोवाहातु में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
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22	बन्दगांव	टेबो पंचायत अन्तर्गत हलमद में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
23	बन्दगांव	सिन्दुरीबेड़ा पंचायत अन्तर्गत डुडुर में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
24	बन्दगांव	सिन्दुरीबेड़ा पंचायत अन्तर्गत जिकिलता में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
25	बन्दगांव	जलासार पंचायत अन्तर्गत सारामोदा में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण। (5th Call)	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
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27	गुदड़ी (सोनुवा)	कामरोड़ा पंचायत अन्तर्गत टाकुब में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
28	गुदड़ी (सोनुवा)	कामरोड़ा पंचायत अन्तर्गत ओलमोकद में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
29	गुदड़ी (सोनुवा)	बान्दु पंचायत अन्तर्गत ससानबेडा सिदमा में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
30	गुदड़ी (सोनुवा)	बान्दु पंचायत अन्तर्गत टुन्टकेल में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
31	सोनुवा	बालरूंगी पंचायत अन्तर्गत भालुरूंगी–बी में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
32	सदर चाईबासा	नरसण्डा पंचायत अन्तर्गत नरसंण्डा–बी0 में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
33	सदर चाईबासा	नरसण्डा पंचायत अन्तर्गत मोचीसाई–ए में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
34	नोवामुण्डी	पेटेता पंचायत अन्तर्गत पोखरिया में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण। (5th Call)	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह
35	मंझारी	भरनिया पंचायत अन्तर्गत बलियासाई में आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र भवन का नव निर्माण।	1108200	22500	2500	06 माह

- वैसे संवेदक जिनका निबंधन/UCAN नवीकरण लंबित है, वे निविदा में भाग नहीं लेंगे।
- विद्युत मदों के कार्य हेतु उर्जा विभाग द्वारा निर्गत अनुज्ञा प्रमाण पत्र । (निविदा की शर्तेनुसार)
- निविदा की शर्ते अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय के सूचना पटट् पर उपलब्ध है ।
- भारतीय स्टेट बैंक द्वारा निर्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट/डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट ही मान्य होगा । बैंक ड्राफ्ट/ड्राफ्ट कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमंडल, चाईबासा के पक्ष में एवं भारतीय स्टेट बैंक मुख्य शाखा, चाईबासा में भुगतेय होगा, जिसे लौटाया नहीं जायेगा ।
- झारखण्ड सरकार, पथ निर्माण विभाग के संकल्प सह ज्ञापांक 2146 (S) राँची दि0 09/09/2020 के आधार पर निविदा का निश्पादन किया जाएगा।
- अग्रधन के रूप में NSC/TD/FD (Vaildity 3 Years & duly discharged) मान्य होगा। जो कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन प्रमंडल, चाईबासा के नाम से प्रतिज्ञित होगा
- परिमाण विपत्र निबंधित संवेदक या उनके द्वारा विधिवत प्राधिकृत व्यक्ति को (प्राधिकार पत्र में अंकित पहचान दस्तावेज की छाया प्रति के साथ मूल प्रति प्रस्तुत करने पर) निर्गत किया जायेगा।
- संवेदक को आवेदन के साथ इस आशय का शपथ पत्र देना होगा की उनका कोई भी कार्य एकरारित समय सीमा बीत जाने के बाद लंबित नहीं है।

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Akshay Kumar's 'Bhooth Bangla' locks April 16 release



Mumbai, April 2 (IANS) The makers of the upcoming horror-comedy film 'Bhooth Bangla' starring Akshay Kumar, have decided to move its release date.

On Thursday, co-producer Ektaa Kapoor took to her Instagram, and shared a creative notifying her followers of the change in the release date of the film. The makers decided to push the release of the film owing to the exceptional performance of the Ranveer Singh-starrer 'Dhurandhar: The Revenge'.

Ektaa Kapoor shared, "After a collective call with our distributors and the exhibitors, we have decided on a new release date for 'Bhooth Bangla', 16 April, with the first show starting at 9 pm. 'Dhurandhar: The Revenge' performing exceptionally well is heartening news for our film industry and the exhibitors feel that this shift will allow both films the space, focus and attention they deserve. The 'Bhooth Bangla' team looks forward to welcoming you in cinemas on April 16, 9 pm onwards".

Sanjay Dutt's 'Aakhri Sawaal' teaser dives into fiery academic face-off, hidden past



Mumbai, April 2 (IANS) The makers of "Aakhri Sawaal" starring Sanjay Dutt on Thursday unveiled the teaser of the upcoming film, that dares to ask the questions that have intrigued the nation and its youth for over a century.

Aakhri Sawaal is directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Abhijeet Mohan Warang. It also features Amit Sadh and marks the return of actress Sameera Reddy on screen after a long hiatus. The film is slated to release on May 8.

From the ban imposed after Mahatma Gandhi's demise to the allegations surrounding the Babri Masjid demolition, Aakhri Sawaal raises serious questions that people have long sought answers to.

It also stars Namashi Chakravarthy, Neetu Chandra and Tridha Chudhury, Aakhri Sawaal teaser offers a powerful glimpse into the film's subject, aiming to uncover layers of a hidden story that the nation needs to witness.

Fearless, direct, and conversational, it ignites an intense debate that is expected to create a stir upon the film's release.

The story follows Vicky, a brilliant yet volatile scholar and an aspiring youth of progressive India, who accuses his mentor, Professor Gopal Nadkarni, of bias after his thesis is rejected. What begins as a private academic dispute escalates into a nationally televised debate.

The film explores the burning questions in the minds of India's youth, their aspirations, doubts, and search for truth through historical events and facts.

At its core lies a powerful Guru–Shishya confrontation, where Vicky's relentless questioning reveals a deeper personal motive. In the end, his Aakhri Sawaal uncovers a century-old secret that could either redeem the Professor or destroy them both.

Abhijeet Mohan Warang, who made his directorial debut with the Marathi-language drama Picasso, received a Special Mention at the 67th National Film Awards and has consistently delivered impactful films in both Marathi and Hindi cinema. His notable works include Deja Vu, Prem Pratha Dhumshan, Piccolo, and the short film Virtual Reality.

Shilpa Shetty digs in nostalgia, shares what she was doing in the 90s



Mumbai, April 2 (IANS) Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty Kundra is hopping on the, "What were you like in the 90s" bandwagon. On Thursday, the actress took to her Instagram, and shared a video of herself from a cruise. She wrote on the video, "Mom what were you doing in the 90s". The video featured clips from 90s Bollywood films like 'Baazigar', 'Prithvi', 'Insaaf' and others. One prominent clip was from 'Baazigar' where the character of Shah Rukh Khan throws her off the roof. She wrote in the caption, "You didn't see this coming… and won't again. 90s nostalgia "hit" different".

'Baazigar' also starred Kajol in the lead role. It is loosely inspired by the Hollywood film 'A Kiss Before Dying'. The story follows a man who seeks revenge against a businessman responsible for his family's downfall, using deception and calculated violence.

Ranbir Kapoor's no-show at 'first look of Rama' launch raises eyebrows



Mumbai, April 2 (IANS) As India eagerly awaited Ranbir Kapoor's first look as Rama from Nitesh Tiwary's upcoming film "Ramayana," the Bollywood star's absence from the grand media event held on Hanuman Jayanti on Thursday raised several questions.

Earlier in the morning, Ranbir's maiden look as Lord Rama was unveiled. A media event had been scheduled to mark the occasion, attended by director Nitesh Tiwary and producer Namit Malhotra.

Despite the presence of cameras, reporters, and flashing lights, all set to capture the actor's glimpse, Ranbir Kapoor was notably missing from the event.

Kunchacko Boban tells wife: Thank you for being the queen of my dreams



Chennai, April 2 (IANS) Popular Malayalam star Kunchacko Boban has now penned an adorable post to his wife on their wedding anniversary in which he has thanked her for being the queen of his dreams, heart and life.

Taking to his Instagram page to pen the post, he wrote, " 'ORU VIVAAHA SAHA-CHARYATHIL' 21 Years of Marital Mystery …and loving it!!! Thank you for being….The Queen of my dreams, The Queen of my Heart and The Queen of my Life. Happy anniversary of togetherness @priyaakunchacko."

The first line of the actor's post was a pun on the title of his upcoming Malayalam film 'Oru Durooha Saahacharyathil'. The film, which has been written and is being directed by Ratheesh Balakrishnan Poduval, is being produced by Kunchacko Boban himself along with well known producer Listin Stephen. has triggered huge interest in fans and film buffs.

The film, apart from Kunchacko Boban, will also feature Sajin Gopu, Dileesh Pothan Sharanya, Chidambaram, Rajesh Madhavan and Sudheesh in pivotal roles. The film has an equally impressive technical team.

Health

Indian scientists throw new light on bacterial transcription mechanism to combat TB



New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) Tuberculosis is one of the world's deadliest infectious diseases and now, a team of scientists has discovered a fundamental flaw in a long-standing model of how bacteria control gene expression that can form the base for innovative strategies to combat tuberculosis and other bacterial infections, an official statement said on Thursday. Scientists believed that a protein called 's factor' binds RNA polymerase, initiates bacterial transcription and is then released once the enzyme begins elongating RNA. This process, known as the 's-cycle', was assumed to be universal across bacteria, including TB bacteria. For years, scientists believed that a protein called s factor binds RNA polymerase, initiates bacterial transcription and is then released once the enzyme begins elongating RNA. This process, known as the s-cycle, was assumed to be universal across bacteria, including TB bacteria. However, a new study from Bose Institute, Kolkata, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), overturns this assumption.Researchers Dr Jayanta Mukhopadhyay and Dr N. Hazra found that while some s factors in M. tuberculosis dissociate from RNA polymerase during transcription, others remain firmly attached throughout the process.

Nimrat Kaur recalls 'soul-stirring' Kashi visit on Hanuman Jayanti



Mumbai, April 2 (IANS) Actress Nimrat Kaur marked the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti on Thursday by revisiting a deeply personal and spiritual experience from her time in Varanasi, where she walked through the lanes steeped in history, devotion, and tradition.

Nimrat took to Instagram, where she shared a gamut of images from her visit, which included the ghats, temples and even akhadas. In a few pictures, the actress is seen posing with wrestlers.

In the caption section, Nimrat shared that her journey began at the revered Sankat Mochan Hanuman Temple, believed to be the place where Tulsidas had a divine vision of Lord Hanuman. From there, she made her way to Tulsi Ghat, described as one of the most peaceful and spiritually charged places she has ever experienced.

She wrote: "On Hanuman Jayanti today I want to share an invaluable experience in Kashi walking through the history of what we pray to. What began at Sankat Mochan Hanuman Temple, where Sant Tulsidas, as legend goes, had a vision of Hanuman ji, led me to visit his home in Tulsi Ghat. One of the most peaceful, energetically charged places I've ever set foot in." Calling it an "invaluable experience," Nimrat recalled how the visit also led her to discover the historic Tulsi Akhara, dating back to the mid-1500s.

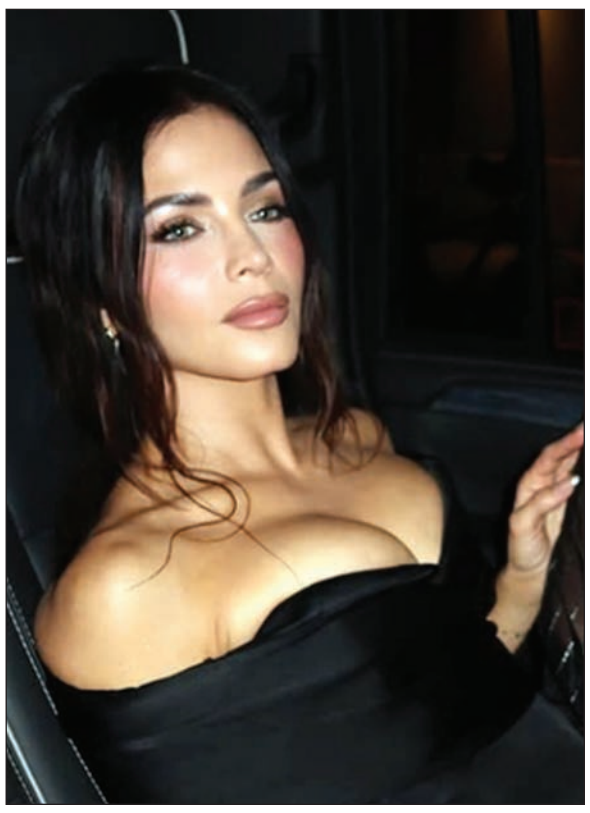
"As a bonus discovery, alongside his home, I came upon the incredible Tulsi Akhara founded sometime in the mid 1500s."She was struck by the unique blend of devotion and discipline followed by the wrestlers there, who dedicate their lives to Lord Hanuman while maintaining rigorous physical training.

"Wrestlers here with monk-like devotion to their patron deity, Hanuman, follow a life path of spiritual discipline and physical strength. Their daily practise typically starts with Boondi ke laddoo (a personal fav I was lucky to gobble that morning) and then practising in dough like mud from the banks of Ganga, treated with alum, mustard oil and turmeric," she said.

Reflecting on the spiritual legacy of the place, Nimrat mentioned that Goswami Tulsidas composed the Ramcharitmanas and the Hanuman Chalisa on the same sacred soil, adding to its unmatched aura of history and faith.

"Their ustaad, in one of the pictures, a silver haired, eagle-gazed 78 year old man in one of the pictures displayed the fitness and flexibility of a 20 year old athlete, embodying… 'Naase rog hare sab peera, japat nirantar hanumant bira'"

Jenna Dewan recounts how well Janet Jackson treated her backup dancers



Los Angeles, April 2 (IANS) Hollywood actress Jenna Dewan says that being one of pop icon Janet Jackson's backup dancers did not come with the "hierarchy" often apparent with touring musicians.

The 45-year-old actress recounted the experience on the March 31 episode of the podcast Dinner's on Me with Jesse Tyler Ferguson, reports people.com.

"Janet taught me a lot of things about just life, but also being in this business, she remembers everyone's name that she's worked with," Dewan, who began touring with Jackson at age 18, recalled. Dewan added: "She remembers every dancer — where we're from. She knows our life. I mean, she ... brings us into her life and not many artists are like that with dancers, you know, there is a real sometimes feeling of: you're the dancer."

She continued: "You're at a different hotel than we are at, or you're not as good as the singers or the backup singers ... there was like a hierarchy, but she did not have that." Dewan said that Jackson treated her dancers like "family," adding: "If you are on her team, you were on the tour, you were part of her family. We had spa nights. We were always at the same hotel as her. I mean, it was just like really little things that, as you get older in this business, you start seeing, well, not everyone's that graceful."

Dewan has shared memories from her time touring with Jackson in the past, posting a carousel of throwback photos and videos on Instagram in 2022, showcasing her incredible dancing skills while sharing the stage with the iconic performer.

"TBT to living out one of my biggest dreams," Dewan started the heartfelt caption.

She added: "I had one goal and one goal only when moving to LA… and that was touring with the legend herself."

Preity Zinta hails Cooper Connolly's 'dream debut' for Punjab Kings in IPL 2026

Mumbai, April 2 (IANS) Actress and Punjab Kings co-owner Preity Zinta was over the moon after debutant Cooper Connolly delivered a stunning match-winning performance on his debut in the Indian Premier League 2026.

Preity took to her Instagram account, where she shared a string of images of the 22-year-old Australian cricketer and heaped praise on him for his composed and impactful innings, describing it as a "dream debut" that announced the arrival of a promising new talent.

"What a night last night turned out to be ! What a game & what a dream debut for 22 year old Cooper Connolly in IPL 2026. It was an impressive match winning knock 44 ball 72 that marked the arrival of this incredible young talent," she wrote.

Preity highlighted that what stood out most was



Connolly's ability to read the game and maintain a calm mindset in high-pressure moments. She also expressed her delight at presenting him with the Player of the Match trophy, calling it a proud and joyful moment.

"What impressed me most about Cooper was not just the big & stylish shots he played, but his ability to read the game in the present, and keep a cool & calm head under pressure. It was truly my pleasure to present the Player of the match trophy to him & yes I couldn't stop smiling," she added.

Welcoming him warmly to both the league and the franchise, she added, "Welcome to the IPL and welcome to Punjab Kings Cooper. We are beyond thrilled to have you in Sadda Squad as our young Sher… Keep it up & bring it on. Looking forward to many more games & performances like this."

Chennai seek rhythm against potent Punjab Kings

Chennai, April 2 (IANS): Chennai Super Kings will need to improve significantly in all departments of the game to trouble a potent Punjab Kings in their first home game of the Indian Premier League in Chennai on Friday.

It was a uninspiring start for CSK in their opener against Rajasthan Royals. CSK, now a team full of youngsters, did not get anything right in Guwahati and would simply like to leave that comprehensive defeat behind in a long tournament such as the IPL.



Considering how the Chennai surface played in the recent T20 World Cup, it should be a good batting wicket for the game on Friday. While the injured MS Dhoni did not travel to Guwahati, he could be back in the dugout as a sounding board to captain RuturajGaikwad while he nurses a calf strain. Sanju Samson, their biggest signing for the season, did not last long on his CSK debut and would be looking to make a big impact in front of home fans.

CSK did not have the services of their key batter Dewald Brevis against Royals and there is still no clarity over his recovery from a side strain.

Sarfaraz Khan was brought into the field as an impact player following the batting collapse. He did not last long but looked comfortable in the middle in his first IPL game since 2023 season.

More will be expected from youngsters like Kartik Sharma as the tournament progresses.

On the bowling front, the likes of Matt Henry and Noor Ahmad were made to look ordinary by the sheer belligerence of Vaibhav Sooryavanshi. They would be itching to bounce back from that pasting. CSK take on last year's finalists Punjab Kings, who have become a formidable unit in the Shreyas Iyer- Ricky Ponting era.

SL appoints van Niekerk, Gregory as bowling and fielding coaches

Colombo, April 2 (IANS) Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) on Thursday announced the appointment of Ryan van Niekerk as the new bowling coach and Jordan Gregory as fielding and spin bowling Coach, effective from April 15.



According to an official statement, both coaches will oversee their respective disciplines across all national squads, including the senior men's team, with a focus on strengthening core skill areas.

Van Niekerk, who previously worked with the Netherlands national cricket team as bowling coach and later as interim head coach from 2023 to 2026, will be responsible for managing fast bowling programmes across Sri Lanka's national set-up. Before stepping into the interim head coach role, he also served as assistant coach and bowling coach with the Dutch side.

Zimbabwe to host Australia for ODI series in September



Harare, April 2 (IANS) Zimbabwe Cricket has announced that they will host Australia for a three-match ODI series in September, marking Australia's first ODI visit to the country in more than a decade.

The last time the two sides met on Zimbabwean soil in this format was during a triangular series in August/September 2014, which also featured South Africa. The series will commence on September 15, with the second and third matches scheduled to be played on September 18 and 20. All fixtures will be played at Harare Sports Club. The series forms a key part of Zimbabwe's build-up to the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027, which Zimbabwe will co-host alongside South Africa and Namibia. ZC Managing Director Givemore Makoni said the tour comes at an important stage for the team. "We are delighted to welcome Australia back to Zimbabwe for what promises to be a highly competitive ODI series," he said.

WC Shotgun: Trap Mixed Team pairs finish outside medal round

New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) India's mixed team trap pairings finished outside the medal round at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Shotgun in Tangier, Morocco, as the squad concluded its engagements in the year's first world cup leg without a medal. India 1, represented by PrithvirajTondaiman (24,22,23) and Kirti Gupta (22,22,21), shot a total of 134 after three rounds in qualification, to finish 18th in the 33-team competition. The top four pairs make the final. India 2, comprising KynanChenai (25,21,22) and RajeshwariKumari (18,22,22), ended 25th with a tally of 130. The crack Italian pair of Daniele Resca and Jessica Rossi topped the table with 147. With this, India ended the competition without any success. Over 270 athletes from 43 countries were in the fray for five gold medals in the five Olympic shotgun events, including reigning world and Olympic champions, eager to test their sharpness ahead of a long and critical international season.

LSG's story this season is far from written

Sanjiv Goenka after team's loss to DC

New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) After Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) went down by six wickets against the Delhi Capitals (DC) in their opening IPL 2026 encounter, franchise owner SanjivGoenkar rallied behind the team and the captain Rishabh Pant to bounce back in style, saying the team's story this season is "far from written."



LSG were well below par with the bat, but their pacers tested DC with plenty of movement. A target of 142 was always going to be difficult to defend for the hosts, but DC rode Sameer Rizvi's unbeaten 70 to a six-wicket win to begin their IPL 2026 campaign.

"This is a long season, and moments like these are part of building something meaningful. I have full confidence in our captain and the team to respond with strength. To our fans, thank you for your support at Ekana, we will come back stronger. The story of @LucknowIPL this season is far from written," Goenka shared on X after the match.

Asked to bat first, LSG struggled to build momentum right from the onset. In a much-talked-about move, LSG captain Rishabh Pant opened the batting but suffered horrible luck, getting run out at the non-striker's end for 7 (9) on a straight drive. Key contributions from Mitchell Marsh (35 off 28) and Abdul Samad (36 off 25) ensured the scoreboard kept moving despite challenging conditions, with both batters finding timely boundaries to steady the innings. However, wickets at regular intervals meant the innings concluded at 141 in 18.4 overs.

Nuwan moves court against SLC over IPL 2026 NOC denial

New Delhi, April 2 (IANS) Sri Lanka fast bowler NuwanThushara has moved the Colombo District Court seeking legal intervention after Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) declined to grant him a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for participation in the Indian Premier League 2026.

The matter came up for hearing on Thursday, with the court scheduling the next proceedings for April 9. In his petition, Thushara has named SLC president Shammi Silva, secretaryBandulaDissanayake, treasurer SujeewaGodaliyadda and CEO Ashley de Silva as defendants.

The pacer had secured a contract with Royal Challengers Bengaluru for IPL 2026, having previously featured in the tournament in the last two seasons with the board's approval. However, SLC is understood to have withheld the NOC this time, citing his failure to meet required fitness benchmarks, according to News Wire Sri Lanka. Thushara has contested the decision, stating that his central contract with the board expires on March 31, 2026, and that he had already communicated his intention not to renew it. He further claimed that he has effectively been out of national selection plans, making the board's stance on fitness grounds inconsistent and unjustified.

Legacy of Fr. Cecil Leeming celebrated through volleyball tournament at Loyola

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Jamshedpur, April 2: Loyola School witnessed an electrifying display of sportsmanship and youthful energy as it hosted the Second Fr. Cecil Leeming Volleyball Tournament on April 1 and 2 at its grounds. The event was organised in honour of the institution's founding principal, Fr. Cecil Leeming, celebrating his enduring legacy and commitment to discipline, perseverance, teamwork, and excellence. The tournament drew enthusiastic participation from 21 teams representing 13 schools across Jamshedpur, transforming the campus into a vibrant arena of competitive spirit and camaraderie.



The event was graced by Rector Fr. Michael T. Raj, Principal Fr. Vinod Fernandes, Vice Principal Jayanthi Sheshadri, Coordinator Victoria Prasad, and Chief Guest Fr. Victor Misquith, along with other distinguished dignitaries. The Rector welcomed the Chief Guest with a memento, while the Principal presented a sapling as a token of appreciation. The programme commenced with a soulful hymn by the school choir, invoking divine blessings. A special felicitation ceremony was also held to honour match officials and sports teachers for their dedicated efforts in ensuring the smooth conduct of the tournament. The competition witnessed remarkable performances across both categories. In the boys' category, Tarapore School (Agrico) secured the second runners-up position, while K.P.S. (Gamharia) emerged as first runners-up. Vig English School claimed the championship title after a series of impressive matches.

In the girls' category, K.P.S. (Gamharia) secured the second runners-up position, while J.H. Tarapore School finished as first runners-up. D.B.M.S. School emerged as the champions, showcasing exceptional skill and teamwork. Individual excellence was also recognised, with Shaikha Shahnawaz of D.B.M.S. School was awarded the Best Girl Player of the Tournament, while Ankit Yadav from Vig English School was declared the Best Boy Player.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the Principal, expressing gratitude to all participants, organisers, and supporters. The programme ended on a patriotic note with the National Anthem. (W-pb)

JFC goalkeeper inspires Chinmaya School students

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Jamshedpur, April 2: Jamshedpur FC goalkeeper Ravi Kumar visited Vidya Bhartiya Chinmaya School in Bistupur and interacted with around 250 students as part of the club's community outreach programme.



The former Tata Football Academy (TFA) cadet shared his football journey with the students and encouraged them to follow their passion for sports. He also demonstrated his skills during an informal session, which created excitement among the young audience. To make the event more engaging, the school organised juggling and passing competitions. Ravi Kumar distributed Jamshedpur FC merchandise to the winners, adding to the enthusiasm of the students.

During the interaction, Ravi invited the students and their families to attend Jamshedpur FC's upcoming match against MohunBagan SG on April 4 at the JRD Tata Sports Complex. He encouraged them to come and support the team.

Ravi said he was happy to see the students' interest in football and hoped they would continue to stay connected with the sport. The visit is part of Jamshedpur FC's efforts to connect with the local community and promote football among the youth. Such initiatives aim to inspire young players and build a strong fan base in the region. (W-mb)

JH Tarapore students explore nature on trek

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Jamshedpur, April 2: The Jamshedpur Adventure Foundation, in association with the Adventure Club of J. H. Tarapore School, organised a trekking expedition for students, combining adventure with learning.

A total of 225 students, along with 14 teachers, participated in the 5-km uphill trek. The journey started from Asanbani and ended at Pinderbera, located about 830 feet above sea level.

The trek offered scenic views of green hills, forests, and natural trails. Students showed great enthusiasm and determination while completing the climb. Teachers accompanied them throughout the journey, ensuring safety and motivating them at every step.



The activity helped students build physical strength and endurance. It also encouraged teamwork, discipline, and confidence. Participants learned the importance of supporting each other and staying focused during challenging situations. The trekking expedition also helped students connect with nature and understand the value of protecting the environment. Many students described the experience as exciting and memorable.

Organisers said the event was a perfect mix of adventure and education. It not only provided enjoyment but also created awareness about nature and outdoor learning among students. (W-mb)

MCA chief meets Maha CM over proposed 1-lakh capacity stadium in MMR

Mumbai, April 2 (IANS) President of the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) Ajinkya Naik has met Maharashtra Chief Minister DevendraFadnavis to advance the development of a world-class cricket stadium in the MMR. The proposed stadium, with a planned seating capacity of 100,000 spectators, is envisioned to be among the largest cricket venues globally. Designed as a state-of-the-art facility, the project aims to set new benchmarks in sporting infrastructure, fan experience, and integrated urban development. The strategic initiative was undertaken under the leadership of CM Fadnavis to advance the development of a world-class cricket stadium in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. Naik also engaged in detailed discussions with Vijay Singhal, Managing Director of CIDCO to chart the roadmap for the landmark infrastructure project. "This initiative marks a defining moment for Maharashtra's sporting ecosystem. A 1-lakh-capacity stadium in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region will not only elevate Mumbai cricket but also firmly position Maharashtra on the global sporting map. "This world-class infrastructure will create unparalleled opportunities for player development, provide critical exposure to emerging talent, and strengthen the cricketing ecosystem across all levels," Naik said.

JFC U18, U16, and U14 teams qualify for final round



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Jamshedpur, April 2: Jamshedpur FC achieved a major milestone as its U18, U16, and U14 teams qualified for the final round of the AIFF Elite, Youth, and Sub-Junior League 2025-26. All three teams topped Group G and remained unbeaten, highlighting the club's strong youth development system.

AIFF Youth League

The U18 team, coached by Kaizad Ambapar diwala, delivered an outstanding performance. They won seven matches and drew two out of ten, finishing with 26 points. The team scored 42 goals and conceded only three. Rayan was the top scorer with 10 goals. The team's success came despite the absence of HeeranganbaSeram, who is currently with the India U17 squad preparing for the AFC U17 Championship. The final round will be held in Mahilpur, Punjab, from April 16.

The U16 team, under coach Shakti Singh, also impressed by qualifying for the final round for the second consecutive season. They recorded seven wins and one draw in eight matches, scoring 33 goals and conceding five. Marshal Hembran and RajveerKapoor were the top performers with eight goals each. The final round will take place in Goa. The U14 team, coached by M. Rahul Raj, had a near-perfect campaign, winning all eight matches. They scored 32 goals and conceded just two. KartikMarandi stood out with 15 goals. The final round will be held in Mahabalipuram near Chennai. All three teams have a strong representation of players from Jharkhand, reflecting successful grassroots development. The achievement underlines Jamshedpur FC's commitment to nurturing young talent and contributing to the growth of Indian football. (W-mb)

Gas agency operators in Sonari assault consumers, media over black marketing

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Jamshedpur, April 2: The residents of Sonari accused a local gas agency of black-marketing LPG and manhandling consumers. At the eye of the controversy was the Bajrang Indane Gas agency. What began as a protest against the black marketing of domestic LPG cylinders escalated into a violent confrontation, as the agency's operators allegedly assaulted both consumers and media personnel.

For weeks, local consumers have complained about an artificial scarcity of cooking gas. On Thursday afternoon, the situation reached a breaking point. Protesting citizens alleged that the agency was bypassing the official booking system to sell cylinders illegally for as much as Rs 2,500 each. When frustrated consumers demanded their rightful deliveries at government-mandated rates, the situation turned ugly. Witnesses report that the agency operator's son, supported by women from the family, bypassed all decorum. Instead of addressing the grievances, they reportedly manhandled the protesters, using highly offensive and obscene language to intimidate the crowd.

Media professionals who arrived at the spot to document the irregularities faced a targeted attack. In a desperate bid to suppress the truth, the agency's staff and the owner's family allegedly hurled abuses at the journalists and attempted to snatch their mobile phones and cameras.

Scuffles broke out as the operators tried to stop the filming of the black-market evidence. This direct assault on the press has sparked widespread condemnation from local media unions, who are calling it a "premeditated attempt to silence the voice of the people."

Perhaps most disturbing was the lack of any action taken by local police. Despite being present at the scene during the height of the chaos, officers reportedly remained mute spectators.

"The police did nothing while we were being pushed and abused," said a female consumer at the scene. "The agency owner was shouting that he is above the law and that nobody can touch him. Looking at the police's silence, it felt like he was right."

This perceived complicity has raised serious questions about the administrative protection enjoyed by such hoarders and black marketeers. The lack of intervention while journalists were being assaulted has further tarnished the image of the local law enforcement.

The incident has ignited a firestorm of criticism against the District Administration and the Food and Civil Supplies Department. Public activists are now demanding:

Cancellation of the License: Immediate termination of the "Bajrang Indane Gas" agency's dealership.

Criminal Charges: Filing of FIRs against the operators for physical assault and obstructing the work of journalists.

Price Regulation: A thorough audit of the agency's stock to track the diverted cylinders. (W-sm)

LPG booking surge triggers massive backlog in city

Jamshedpur, April 2 : A sudden spike in domestic LPG bookings has disrupted supply systems across the city, with nearly 18,000 bookings recorded in a single day-almost double the usual volume.

The surge, driven largely by panic buying and fears of a possible price hike, has pushed the backlog beyond 75,000 connections, according to officials of Indian Oil Corporation. Authorities said the current waiting period has stretched to five to seven days and may extend further if the trend continues. Urging consumers to remain calm, officials assured that supply will be maintained under the existing system and there is no need for panic booking. Officials attributed the sudden rise to the beginning of the month, when salaried households receive their income and prioritize essential expenses.

"Consumers prefer to book cylinders in advance to secure their kitchen needs," an official noted. To manage the pressure, Indian Oil has directed all distributors to keep delivery operations running throughout the week.

However, agencies are grappling with manpower shortages due to continuous workload and lack of breaks.

Several workers have reportedly quit, further affecting the supply chain.

The combined impact of increased demand and staffing constraints continues to strain the LPG distribution network, raising concerns about longer delays in the coming days. (W-pm)

SCCI seeks urgent action on LPG shortage

Jamshedpur, April 2: The Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) has raised serious concerns over the acute shortage of commercial LPG across industrial clusters in the Kolhan region, urging immediate intervention from the district administration.

SCCI President Manav Kedia highlighted that a large number of ancillary units operating in the region depend heavily on commercial LPG as a critical input for production.

These units play a vital role in supplying components and services to major industries such as Tata Motors, Tata Steel and the Railways.

Any disruption in LPG supply, he warned, directly impacts industrial output and supply chains.

Honorary General Secretary Puneet Kauntia noted that irregular LPG supply has severely disrupted production planning for small and medium enterprises.

Several units have been forced to scale down operations, raising concerns over financial losses and potential job cuts.

Echoing similar concerns, Vice President (Industry) Harsh Bankarewal cautioned that prolonged shortages could erode the region's industrial competitiveness.

He pointed out that industries are already grappling with rising costs and global uncertainties, and the scarcity of a key fuel like LPG is compounding the crisis.

SCCI attributed the shortage partly to the ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, which have affected global energy supplies. Although directives have reportedly been issued to increase LPG allocation for commercial consumers, the benefits are yet to be seen on the ground. The chamber has appealed to the Deputy Commissioners of East Singhbhum and Seraikela-Kharsawan to prioritise industrial supply and ensure immediate corrective measures. (W-pm)

LPG shortage forces firewood cooking at Baradwari wedding



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A surge of consumers crowds the LPG cylinder agency at Vishwakarma Bhawan, Baradwari, on Thursday amid rising demand.

Jamshedpur, April 2 : Amid an emerging nationwide shortage of LPG cylinders, scenes of improvisation are becoming increasingly common.

At a wedding function held at Baradwari Maidan, cooks were compelled to abandon conventional gas-based cooking and resort to firewood to prepare meals for guests.

The shift, reminiscent of a bygone era, underscores the gravity of the ongoing supply disruption affecting both domestic and commercial users across the country.

The shortage has been attributed to a combination of global supply constraints and a surge in demand, further aggravated by panic booking.

Reports indicate that even large-scale events, which traditionally rely on multiple commercial cylinders, are struggling to secure adequate supply. In several cities, hotels, caterers, and households alike are facing delays and uncertainty.

A catering staff member at the venue remarked, "We had no option but to use wood; gas cylinders were simply unavailable." Another attendee noted, "This is the first time in years we are seeing such arrangements at a modern wedding."

Recent developments suggest that commercial LPG supply has been particularly impacted, with many establishments receiving only a fraction of their usual allocation, forcing them to seek alternatives like firewood or induction cooking.

Current LPG Booking Norms and Prices: To manage the crisis and prevent hoarding, the government has revised LPG booking rules.

Urban areas: Consumers can book a refill only after 25 days of the last delivery.

Rural areas: The waiting period may extend up to 30-45 days, depending on supply conditions.

LPG Prices (Jamshedpur) : Domestic 14.2 Kg cylinder: Rs 953. These measures aim to ensure equitable distribution, but the ground reality suggests that supply gaps continue to disrupt daily life and even large social events. (W-pm)

GAIL's quick operation saves Tata Motors from energy crisis

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Jamshedpur, April 2: In a remarkable display of industrial agility and inter-corporate coordination, the public sector giant GAIL (India) Limited has averted a potential shutdown at the Tata Motors Jamshedpur plant. In a record-breaking span of just nine days, GAIL's engineering teams successfully commissioned Piped Natural Gas (PNG) supply to the facility, resolving a critical fuel shortage that threatened to stall one of the region's largest manufacturing hubs.

The Tata Motors Jamshedpur plant recently faced a severe operational crisis due to an acute shortage of Propane, its primary industrial fuel. With the supply chain disrupted, the specter of a plant-wide closure loomed large, threatening the livelihoods of thousands and the production schedules of the automotive major.

Recognizing the urgency, GAIL stepped in with an ambitious "Operation 24/7." While such infrastructure projects typically require weeks of planning, environmental clearances, and technical execution, GAIL's workforce compressed the timeline into just over a week.

From the initial signing of the agreement to the final gas commissioning, the project moved at an unprecedented pace. The "war footing" operation involved:

Rapid Infrastructure Deployment: Laying the necessary pipeline segments to connect the plant to the main network.

Technical Commissioning: Ensuring all safety protocols and pressure tests met stringent industrial standards under tight deadlines.

Seamless Coordination: Working in tandem with Tata Motors' internal engineering teams to integrate the PNG system into the existing plant architecture.

With this commissioning, Tata Motors becomes the second industrial titan in the Kolhan region to adopt GAIL's natural gas, following Tata Steel's Combi Mill, which successfully transitioned to PNG in October 2025.

At the commissioning ceremony, Gauri Shankar Mishra, General Manager and GA-Incharge of GAIL, hailed the achievement as a triumph of collaboration.

"This success is the result of the combined and coordinated efforts of both the GAIL and Tata teams," Mishra stated. He was joined by Golam Mandal (General Manager, Tata Motors) and Rajat Singh (Town Administration), along with several senior officials who marked the arrival of the first flow of natural gas. (W-sm)

Push for PNG expansion in urban areas

Jamshedpur, April 2 : A high-level virtual meeting chaired by the Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, was held on Thursday to review the progress and accelerate the expansion of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections across urban centres.

The meeting brought together representatives from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, officials of GAIL (India) Limited, and senior functionaries from various urban local bodies. Deliberations focused on scaling up domestic PNG connections and strengthening the gas distribution pipeline network in cities.

Emphasising the need for coordinated efforts, the Secretary underscored the importance of seamless collaboration among all stakeholders to ensure wider access to clean, safe, and affordable fuel. Urban local bodies were directed to facilitate timely approvals and extend necessary support for the laying of PNG pipelines.

Officials highlighted that expanding PNG coverage would significantly reduce dependence on conventional fuels, contribute to environmental sustainability, and ensure a safer and more convenient gas supply for households. (W-pm)

Dobo: Four held with brown sugar



Jamshedpur, April 2: Acting on a tip-off, Sonari police achieved a significant breakthrough against drug trafficking, arresting four individuals - including a woman- with brown sugar near Dobo Bridge on Marine Drive. According to police sources, the operation was carried out late on April 1 around 10:30 pm after receiving information about suspected drug trade activity in the area. Following directions from the Senior Superintendent of Police, a special team led by the DSP (Headquarters-2) conducted a swift raid.

During the search, police recovered 43 packets of brown sugar weighing approximately 5 grams, along with Rs 6,000 in cash. The arrested individuals have been identified as Bharti Kaivart, Vishal Kaivart, Rishabh Sahu, and Kumar Bahadur. All accused have been sent to judicial custody. Police officials said further investigation is underway to uncover the larger network involved in the illegal trade. (W-pm)

MLA Saryu Roy seeks probe into fish deaths

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Jamshedpur, April 2: Following the death of lakhs of fish due to severe water pollution, Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy on Thursday inspected the Babudih and Lalbhatta stretches of the Subernarekha river at Bhuiyandih.

Even three days after the incident on March 31, the riverbanks remain littered with dead fish, many of which have begun to decompose, emitting a foul stench. Locals reported visible signs of contamination, including blackened water along the banks and maggot-infested carcasses. Roy attributed the incident to the discharge of untreated effluents into the river, possibly from large drains passing through residential areas and industrial zones, including the Tata Steel plant. However, he stressed that the exact source of pollution must be determined through a thorough investigation.

He called for immediate accountability from three key authorities-the district administration led by the Deputy Commissioner, the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, and the Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee-questioning their response to the ecological crisis. Roy criticized the state pollution board for its alleged inaction, citing a lack of real-time data on its website regarding industrial discharge between March 30 and April 1.

While some data was available on the Central Pollution Control Board portal, he pointed out critical gaps, including the absence of monitoring sensors for ammonia nitrogen, oil, grease, and cyanide levels.

Highlighting alarming figures, Roy noted that Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) levels reportedly reached 439.6 mg/L-far exceeding the permissible limit of 30 mg/L-while Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) touched 880.8 mg/L against the limit of 250 mg/L in effluents entering the river.

He further alleged that industries have not installed adequate alert systems that could automatically halt operations when pollution exceeds permissible thresholds.

Calling the situation deeply concerning, Roy demanded a high-level probe into the mass fish deaths and urged the district administration to publish a time-bound, comprehensive report identifying the exact causes and fixing accountability across industries and regulatory bodies. (W-pm)