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In Brief

PM Modi to address 'Mann Ki Baat' today

New Delhi, May 30: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the 134th episode of his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat' on Sunday at 11 a.m. The programme will be broadcast on All India Radio, DD News and official digital platforms. In the previous episode, the Prime Minister highlighted the National Archives' digital portal and praised students and traditional Indian products.

BJP claims Tatas will return to Bengal

Kolkata, May 30: Samik Bhattacharya on Saturday claimed that the Tata Group would return to West Bengal with fresh investment proposals. Referring to the 2008 exit of the Nano project from Singur, the BJP leader said industrialisation was necessary for the state's development and employment generation. He alleged that the Tata Group was forced to leave during the anti-land acquisition movement led by Mamata Banerjee.

India signs BrahMos deal with Vietnam

Singapore, May 30: Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh on Saturday said India has already signed a BrahMos missile deal with Vietnam, while a similar agreement with Indonesia is in the final stages. Speaking at the Shangri La Dialogue in Singapore, Singh said India is ready to share advanced defence technology with friendly ASEAN nations. The Philippines had earlier become the first foreign buyer of the India-Russia jointly developed BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system.

Crude oil prices hit six-week low

New Delhi, May 30: Global crude oil prices fell to a six-week low after reports suggested the US and Iran may extend a ceasefire and reopen the Strait of Hormuz. Brent crude dropped to $91.12 per barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate settled at $87.36. India said all refineries are operating at high capacity with adequate fuel stocks.

GST department issues notice to SpiceJet

New Delhi, May 30: The GST Department has issued a tax demand of Rs 124.65 crore to SpiceJet for allegedly failing to file GST returns on time. The airline also faces possible cancellation of its GST registration over repeated delays in statutory compliance. Officials said SpiceJet has yet to complete pending requirements despite receiving a show-cause notice on May 25. The airline recently reported a net loss of Rs 621 crore for the September 2025 quarter.

TMC's Abhishek attacked; shoes, eggs hurled

Police and central security forces escort the Trinamool Congress general secretary

Kolkata, May 30 (IANS): TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee was roughed up on Saturday, allegedly by locals, when he visited West Bengal's Sonarpur area to meet families of post-poll violence victims, police said.

Stones, shoes and eggs were hurled at the MP by unidentified people who even attempted to rain blows and kicks on him, while they shouted 'thief, thief' slogans at Banerjee.

Television visuals from the spot showed Banerjee being escorted out of the area wearing a helmet, with his shirt torn during the commotion.

"Look what they have done to me. This was pre-planned. There is no police in the area. They want to kill me. I will not leave this place till police send their force and offer protection to the victims' families," Banerjee said while meeting the kin of a deceased post-poll violence victim.

Local women, holding broomsticks and bamboo sticks, gathered outside the house of the TMC party worker where Banerjee visited.

Questioning the purpose of his visit, they raised slogans against Banerjee.



Mamata blames BJP for attack on Abhishek

Kolkata, May 30 (IANS) Trinamool Congress supremo and former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee held the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the new state government ruled by it responsible for the heckling and physical assault of Trinamool Congress general secretary and Lok Sabha member Abhishek Banerjee.

The former Chief Minister issued a brief social media post on Saturday evening, claiming that the ruler in West Bengal had now become a killer.

"RULERS BECAME KILLERS - shame on you BJP," Mamata Banerjee observed in her post while sharing another post from Trinamool Congress along with a video of the assault on Abhishek Banerjee at Sonarpur.

BJP wanted to kill me: Abhishek Banerjee

Kolkata, May 30 (IANS) Amid the confrontation, Banerjee accused BJP activists of orchestrating the attack.

"I will not move out from here till police and forces ensure security here. They are trying to break the house and they want to kill me," he said.

Claiming that the administration had been informed in advance about the visit, Banerjee said, "We had mailed police and intimated them about our visit. We called the police but police did not pick up the call."

Later, while speaking to reporters, he alleged that the entire incident had been captured on camera.

"They wanted to kill me. The whole incident has been captured on camera. We will definitely let the High Court know about this. We will also let the Governor know about this. I will definitely move court," he said.

"Why has he come here? The person whose house he has come to visit is also a thief. It is like a thief visiting another thief," one of the protesting women alleged.

"Where was he (Abhishek) when the Nirbhaya incident happened? How many times had he gone to meet the parents of Nirbhaya? We want an answer from him," another protesting woman questioned.

Meanwhile, BJP West Bengal president Samik Bhattacharya said the incident could be the outcome of the anger of locals who were "tortured" over the years.

Meanwhile, a large team of central forces, along with personnel from Sonarpur police station, reached the spot to bring the situation under control and escort Banerjee out, a senior police officer said.

RCB heavy favourites against Gujarat Titans in IPL 2026 Final



Ahmedabad, May 30 (IANS): In a fascinating battle of ideologies, the well-balanced and bold Royal Challengers Bengaluru will have to subdue a phlegmatic Gujarat Titans to lift their second consecutive IPL title, in Ahmedabad, on Sunday.On paper, defending champions RCB are the overwhelming favourites against the 2022 winners because of the fearless, high-risk game that they have been playing in this tournament so far. It had landed them in trouble occasionally but Virat Kohli, Devdutt Padikkal, Tim David, skipper Rajat Patidar, Phil Salt, when available, and Venkatesh Iyer have relentlessly pounded the opposition with single-gear batting.The nature of pitches or oppositions' bowling strategies have had little effect on their battering ram approach, and no other team has managed to go past 200 as often as they did in this edition of the IPL.

Patidar's calm approach to captaincy too has added to Royal Challengers' stability as a team across the last two seasons.He is not as evocative as former leaders Kohli or Faf du Plessis but there is a certain assuredness about the way the 32-year-old does his job, keeping both the superstars and greenhorns in side at ease.The RCB also have a stingy bowling unit, stifling the rival batters from the Powerplay phase. But the Bhuvneshwar Kumar-led attack will have to be at their absolute best against the in-form Gujarat top-order.

CUET-UG: NTA to hold re-test for over 3,700 students after glitch

New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) More than 3,700 CUET (UG) 2026 candidates who left their examination centres after a technical glitch delayed the start of Shift 1 of the test on Saturday will be given a one-time opportunity to reappear for the entrance exam for undergraduate admissions, the National Testing Agency said.

Following the disruption, examination timings were revised at the affected centres and "most candidates (about 95 per cent) were able to complete their exam once it resumed", the National Testing Agency (NTA) said.

"Most candidates were able to complete their exam once it resumed. We understand that 3,765 candidates who were present and had completed biometric registration chose to leave before the exam could restart," the NTA said on X.

"For these candidates, NTA will hold a rescheduled examination as a one-time measure," it added.

The new date and details will be announced separately, the agency said.

It also said that the technical service provider, TCS iON, "has been asked to conduct a root-cause analysis and submit its report immediately" after the glitch delayed the commencement of the examination at some centres.

"Earlier today, some centres faced a technical glitch that delayed the start of Shift 1. We know this was stressful, and we're sorry for the anxiety it caused. The technical service provider, TCS iON, has been asked to conduct a root-cause analysis and submit its report immediately," the agency said.



Completely ruined education system : Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Saturday launched a sharp attack on the Central government, alleging that it has severely damaged India's education system by failing to conduct major national examinations in a fair and credible manner, thereby affecting millions of students across the country.

In a post on X, Gandhi accused the government of repeatedly failing students and questioned its claims regarding educational achievements.

"NEET. CBSE. SSC. And today CUET. Four exams. One crore children. Not a single one conducted with honesty. Claims of 'Vishwaguru' but can't conduct even one exam in the country -- Modi ji has completely ruined the entire education system," he wrote.

Shivakumar stakes claim to form govt; Guv invites him to take oath with team

Bengaluru, May 30 (IANS) Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday met Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot at Raj Bhavan and formally staked claim to form the next government in Karnataka after being unanimously elected leader of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP).

Acting on Shivakumar's request, the Governor invited him to form the government and take oath along with his Council of Ministers on June 3.

In a letter submitted to the Governor, Shivakumar stated that he had been unanimously elected as the leader of the Congress Legislature Party.

"The Congress Legislature Party of Karnataka, comprising 135 members of the Indian National Congress, two associate members and one MLA from the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha, unanimously elected me as the Leader of the Congress Legislature Party on May 30, 2026," Shivakumar wrote.

He requested the Governor to grant permission for the swearing-in ceremony.

"I therefore request Your Excellency to kindly permit the swearing-in ceremony for me as the Chief Minister and for other members of the Council of Ministers on June 3, 2026, at 4.05 p.m. at Raj Bhavan, Bengaluru," the letter stated.



In response, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot formally invited Shivakumar to form the government.

"I am in receipt of your letter dated May 30, 2026, staking claim to form the government. I hereby invite you to take oath as the Chief Minister of Karnataka along with members of your Council of Ministers," the Governor stated in his communication.

Govt allows teacher trainees to appear for JTET 2026

Ranchi, May 30 : The School Education and Literacy Department of Jharkhand has issued an important directive regarding the Jharkhand Teacher Eligibility Test (JTET) 2026, allowing candidates currently enrolled in recognised teacher training institutions to appear for the examination.

The Primary Education Directorate clarified that trainees pursuing teacher training courses in recognised institutes will be eligible to apply for JTET 2026 under the "pursuing" category.

The department said it had received complaints that some institutions were not accepting applications from candidates currently undergoing training. Taking cognisance of the issue, the department referred to provisions of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and Supreme Court rulings to clarify eligibility norms.

As per the order, candidates enrolled in teacher training programmes (TTC) will be considered eligible to appear in JTET while continuing their studies.

The directive also cites Supreme Court judgments which state that candidates undergoing teacher training are eligible to sit for teacher eligibility tests.

The department has instructed the Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) to take necessary action to ensure implementation of the order. It also indicated that, if required, the last date for submission of applications may be extended.

Officials said the move is expected to benefit a large number of aspirants preparing for JTET 2026 across the state.

Telangana Dy CM meets Hemant Soren for second consecutive day

Ranchi, May 30 : Political activity surrounding the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections in Jharkhand intensified on Saturday as Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka met Chief Minister Hemant Soren for the second consecutive day amid ongoing discussions over seat-sharing and candidate selection within the ruling alliance.

The Congress has been actively pursuing its claim for one of the two Rajya Sabha seats scheduled for election on June 18 and has stepped up consultations with alliance partners and party legislators. Vikramarka, who is in Ranchi along with Jharkhand Congress in-charge K. Raju, held detailed discussions with the Chief Minister regarding the alliance's strategy and the Congress party's position on the upcoming elections.A similar meeting was held on Friday, during which Congress leaders reportedly presented their case for a Rajya Sabha seat. Sources said Chief Minister Hemant Soren had sought two days' time to hold consultations with alliance partners before arriving at a final decision.

Following their meeting with the Chief Minister, K. Raju and Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka also held discussions with members of the Congress Legislature Party at the State Guest House. The meeting focused on gathering feedback from MLAs and assessing the political situation ahead of the Rajya Sabha elections. Party leaders also reviewed organisational strategy and possible candidates.

The second round of talks between Vikramarka and Hemant Soren on Saturday has further fuelled political speculation over the alliance's final seat-sharing arrangement. Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Congress in-charge K. Raju said the Chief Minister had assured that the situation would become clear within the next two days.

Raju stated that discussions between Hemant Soren and the Congress high command were continuing and that the final decision would be taken jointly by the Chief Minister and the party's top leadership. He added that the Congress would abide by the decision of its central leadership.

IMD forecasts 'below normal' monsoon across India

Thiruvananthapuram, May 30 (IANS) India Meteorological Department (IMD) Director Neetha K Gopal said on Saturday that 2026 will witness "below normal" rainfall in major parts of India, including Kerala. She attributed El Nino affect as the reason, calling it a "peculiar feature" of the phenomenon.

Speaking to IANS, Gopal mentioned that according to the IMD's forecast "it is not a good picture in the sense that monsoon would be below normal for Kerala and major parts of India".She said that the rainfall in June will also be "below normal" for Kerala.

"After the onset of the monsoon, around June 10, we might receive some good rainfall. However, after that, we may experience below normal rainfall, so the total rainfall for the month is likely to be below normal," she added.

ISI-underworld terror module busted, 9 arrested, explosives recovered

New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) The Delhi Police's Special Cell has arrested nine suspected operatives linked to a ISI-Mumbai underworld network that was allegedly planning attacks on vital installations and security personnel in the national capital, an official said on Saturday.

Police said arms and explosives have been recovered from the possession of the accused during the operation.



The arrests were made following a sustained investigation and intelligence-based operation. Officials said the module was under surveillance for some time before coordinated action was taken to apprehend its members.

The nine operatives were allegedly working at the behest of handlers associated with Pakistan's espionage, Inter-Services Intelligence and the Mumbai underworld. They had allegedly been tasked with carrying out attacks on sensitive targets in Delhi, he said.

Police said the accused were allegedly involved in activities aimed at disrupting public order and targeting security establishments. Further investigation is underway to ascertain the full extent of the network, identify additional associates and trace the source of the recovered weapons and explosives.

The Delhi Police is also probing possible cross-border linkages, funding channels and the role of overseas handlers in directing the activities of the module, officials said. Further details are awaited.

Auto giants' shutdown triggers crisis, two lakh workers face uncertainty in Adityapur

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 30: A major economic slowdown has gripped the Adityapur Industrial Area (AIA) following the simultaneous block closures announced by Tata Motors and Tata Cummins, severely affecting hundreds of ancillary industries and putting the livelihoods of nearly two lakh workers at risk. Tata Motors has suspended production at its Jamshedpur plant for seven days from May 29 to June 4, while Tata Cummins has declared a block closure on June 1 and 2, along with flexi-offs on May 30 and June 3. The coordinated shutdown has disrupted the industrial ecosystem of Adityapur, which is heavily dependent on these two automobile giants.

Nearly 90 percent of the small and medium-scale industries in the industrial area manufacture components such as forgings, castings, machined parts, rims, fasteners, and rubber and fibre products for Tata Motors and Tata Cummins. With orders coming to an abrupt halt, production activities across the industrial belt have been severely impacted. Industry leaders described the situation as alarming, citing rising production costs and a sudden drop in demand. Large quantities of finished goods are lying idle in warehouses as supply channels remain frozen. According to the Adityapur Small Scale Industries Association (ASIA), while some units are utilizing the shutdown period to clear pending work, around 10 to 15 percent of small-scale industries have temporarily suspended operations. The industrial slowdown has also created a significant employment crisis. Around 50,000 workers employed



directly in manufacturing units are facing disruptions, while an estimated 1.5 lakh workers associated with transportation, logistics, supply chains, and allied sectors are expected to suffer income losses during the closure period. Amid the widespread slowdown, the Govindpur-based Steel Strips Wheels Company is reportedly continuing normal operations, providing a rare exception within the industrial landscape. Meanwhile, Tata Cummins Private Limited has issued guidelines for employees during the closure period. As per the company's circular, 50 percent of the leave period during the block closure will be adjusted against employees' leave accounts, while the remaining period will be compensated through normal salary payments. Employees assigned duty on a roster basis have been directed to report to work, failing which they will be required to avail full personal leave. The company has also stated that employees called to work on May 30 and June 3 will have to complete compensatory work within the next two months. The shutdown period will continue to be treated as a working period for calculating statutory benefits, including Privilege Leave and Leave Travel Allowance. Industrial stakeholders have expressed concern that if such production disruptions continue for an extended period, the economic consequences could be severe for both industries and workers dependent on the Adityapur industrial hub. (W-pb)

JMA honours corporate and academic leaders



Jamshedpur, May 30: Industry leaders, academicians, management professionals, and institutional representatives gathered on May 27, 2026, for the Jamshedpur Management Association (JMA) Annual Meet.

The event celebrated excellence, collaboration, and participation across the corporate and academic ecosystem by recognizing outstanding performances from the last financial year. Mr. Chaitanya Bhanu, President of JMA and Vice President of Operations at Tata Steel Jamshedpur, addressed the gathering. He highlighted how collaborative leadership, continuous learning, and industry-academia engagement shape the future of regional management excellence.

During the Annual Meet, JMA presented the following awards: **Corporate Awards** Most Winning Corporate: Tata Steel Limited, Most Winning Corporate Runner-Up: Tata Motors Commercial Vehicle, Most Participating Corporate: Tata Power Limited, Institute Awards, Most Winning Institute: Netaji Subhas University, Most Collaborating Institute: ARKA Jain University.

Most Participating Institute: Srinath University : The Annual Meet also provided a platform for networking and knowledge exchange among management professionals, reinforcing JMA's commitment to professional excellence and community engagement in Jamshedpur. (W-sm)

RD Tata Technical Education Centre trainees hired by Dr. Reddy's Laboratories



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 30: Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, one of India's leading pharmaceutical companies, has hired 36 trainees of the RD Tata Technical Education Centre in Golmuri, highlighting the institution's industry-oriented technical education and skill development.

The trainees who got jobs at Dr. Reddy's Laboratories belong to the Mechatronics Engineering & Smart Factory, Electronics Engineering & Embedded Systems, and Tool Engineering & Digital Manufacturing branches.

Selected Trainees: Mechatronics Engineering & Smart Factory: Aditya Raj, Saugandha Singha, Anjali Kumari, Ananya Sahoo, Akash Kumar Sharma, Ayush Singh, Ayush Raj Jena, Dhruv Kumar, Kaneez Fatima, Kavita Gop, Madhumita Karua, Pranoop Das, Rajnish, Simran Kumari, Saba Alam, Shruti Kumari, Rajesh Mahato, and Uttam Kumar Bhagwat.

Electronics Engineering & Embedded Systems: Aditi Raj, Akriti Raj, Anu Singh, Anmol Kumari Singh, Anshika Singhde, Drisha Dhar, Ekta, Gargi Dey, Ragini Sinha, Olivia Dey, P. Sai, Sheetal Singh, Smriti Kumari, and Vikash Pandey.

Tool Engineering & Digital Manufacturing: Anjali Kumari, Komal Kumari, Angad Verma, and Yash Kumar. The administration and faculty members of RD Tata Technical Education Centre congratulated all the selected trainees on their achievement, wishing them a bright and successful professional future. Speaking on the occasion, institute officials stated that such consistent placement success demonstrates the trainees' excellence in training quality, technical competence, discipline, and industry readiness. The institution continuously strengthens its collaboration with leading industries to provide excellent career opportunities for its students. (W-pb)

Tagore Society celebrates legacy of 'rebel poet' Kazi Nazrul Islam

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, May 30: The Tagore Society organized a captivating 'Nazrul Sandhya' at Rabindra Bhavan, the city's premier cultural center, to commemorate the life and literary contributions of the legendary 'Rebel Poet,' Kazi Nazrul Islam. The evening brought together music lovers, artistes, and cultural enthusiasts in a heartfelt tribute to one of Bengal's most influential literary figures.

The program featured a series of soul-stirring performances by local artistes who presented some of Nazrul's most cherished compositions. Ayush Mitra, Madhuchhanda Bhattacharya, Rita Mukherjee ,Chandana Choudhury and Vikas Banerjee left the audience mesmerized with their renditions of Nazrul's acclaimed and poignant compositions.

The final segment featured Anindita Gupta, who immersed the audience in the beauty of Nazrul Geeti through her renditions.

The artistes were ably accompanied by Shyamal Chakraborty on tabla, Mukul Roy on keyboard, and Ashok Das on flute, whose musical support enhanced the performances.

Speaking on the occasion, Ashis Choudhury, General Secretary of the Tagore Society, highlighted the timeless relevance of Kazi Nazrul Islam's works. He noted that the poet's writings continued to unite Bengali-speaking communities across the world and remained a powerful source of inspiration. Choudhury emphasized that cultural events such as Nazrul Sandhya helped introduce younger generations to great literary and musical icons, encouraging them to preserve and build upon this rich artistic heritage. The event concluded on a high note, reaffirming Nazrul's enduring influence on literature, music, and cultural identity.

Graduate College students interview faculty members on Hindi Journalism Day

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, May 30: Students of the Hindi Department at Jamshedpur Graduate School College for Women marked Hindi Journalism Day with a unique and interactive initiative by stepping into the role of journalists and interviewing faculty members from various departments.

The event was organized under the guidance of Dr. Bharti Kumari, Head of the Department of Hindi, who highlighted the significance of journalism in strengthening democratic values and maintaining impartiality. Addressing the students, she remarked that journalism was not merely a profession but a responsibility voluntarily undertaken in the service of society. She stressed that safeguarding democratic principles remained one of the most important duties of those associated with the media.

As part of the activity, students prepared five thought-provoking questions focusing on professional inspiration, career preparation, challenges faced, contributors to success, and messages for students. Armed with these questions, they conducted interviews with faculty members from different academic disciplines.

Vinita Kumari, a Semester III student of Hindi, interviewed Dr. Anita Chaudhary, Head of the Department of English. Semester IV students Mahvish Parveen and Rupali Baskey interviewed Dr. Nupur, Head of the Department of History, and Dr. Mukta Rani Oria from the History Department, respectively. Similarly, Semester VII students Prerana Barik and Priyanka Mahto interviewed Dr. Bharti Kumari and Dr. Dipti from the Department of Geography.

The participating students described the experience as both educational and enjoyable. While many admitted to feeling nervous initially, they said the supportive and encouraging attitude of the faculty members helped them gain confidence quickly. The exercise provided valuable exposure to the fundamentals of interviewing and journalistic communication.

At the conclusion of the program, Dr. Bharti Kumari distributed chocolates among the students as a gesture of encouragement and appreciation for their enthusiastic participation.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Pandey of the Hindi Department reflected on the significance of Hindi Journalism Day. He noted that the day commemorated the publication of UdantMartand, India's first Hindi weekly newspaper, launched on May 30, 1826, by Pandit Jugal Kishore Shukla from Kolkata. The annual observance, he said, offers an opportunity to celebrate the rich legacy of Hindi journalism while reflecting on its evolving role and future challenges as the fourth pillar of Indian democracy.

The innovative event successfully combined learning with practical experience, giving students a deeper appreciation of journalism and its enduring importance in society. (w/gsd)

Police conduct large-scale raids at 49 locations

Jamshedpur, May 30: Acting on the directives of the Senior Superintendent of Police, Jamshedpur Police carried out a special raid operation across 49 locations under various urban police station limits in East Singhbhum district to check suspicious gatherings and individuals loitering in public places.

During the drive, police verified the identities of 172 individuals and issued challans for three vehicles found in violation of regulations.

AFFIDAVIT

Through an affidavit of Sl. No. 7, date 30.05.2026 from Jamshedpur Court, I, PALLANTLA HEMLATA, W/O.- ADINARAYANA PALLANTA, R/0. Flat No.2674, TULIP, VIJAYA GARDEN, P.S.- BIRSA NAGAR, Town- JAMSHEDPUR, Dist- EAST SINGHBHUM, JHARKHAND - 831017 declare that I have changed my name **"HEMLATA PALLANTA"** to **"PALLANTLA HEMLATA"** for all future documents. That **"HEMLATA PALLANTA"** & **"PALLANTLA HEMLATA"** is the same and one person i.e. myself.

AFFIDAVIT

Through an affidavit of date 19.05.2026 from Jamshedpur Court, I, **RAJENDER KUMAR SINGH**, S/o Gouri Shankar Singh, Resident of Q.No. 63/L4, Kalindi Road, Kadma, Jamshedpur, Dist.-East Singhbhum, Jharkhand -831005, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:- That I am known as **RAJENDRA KUMAR** and I am also known as **RAJENDER KUMAR SINGH**. That in Degree Bachelor of Commerce Honour Account Part-3 my name recorded as **RAJENDRA KUMAR** and in the Matriculation Examination Admit Card my name as **RAJENDER KUMAR SINGH**. That **RAJENDRA KUMAR** and **RAJENDER KUMAR SINGH** is one and the same person i.e. myself only and my correct name as **RAJENDER KUMAR SINGH** in the B.Com. & M.B.A. Degree.

Sd/- Deponent

AFFIDAVIT

I, Gayasuddin Ahmar s/o Qamruddin, R/O H.No.245, Road No.01 Near Bell Chouk, Millat Nagar, P.O. & P.S. Kapali, Chandil, Dist. Seraikela-Kharswan, Jharkhand 831012, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows :

1. That I am an Indian citizen since birth. And I am residing at above noted address.
2. That my actual and correct name is 'Gayasuddin Ahmar' which is mentioned in my 'Aadhar Card' bearing No.2749 0027 5480, and 'PAN Card 'bearing No. BUAPAO240H, and 'Voter Card No.KDF5258835.
3. That 'Ghayasuddin Ahmar' which is mentioned my name is in my Passport bearing No. G1880605.
4. That 'Gayasuddin Ahmar' and ' 'Ghayasuddin Ahmar' both name is same and one person i.e. myself. Hence this affidavit.
5. That I swear this affidavit to confirm the above facts to be true and correct.

Sl. No. : 19
Date : 30-05-2026 Advocate

MTMC to celebrate historic first Graduation Ceremony

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 30: A landmark moment in the history of medical education in Jharkhand is set to unfold on Monday as Manipal Tata Medical College (MTMC), Jamshedpur, hosts its first-ever graduation ceremony. The prestigious event will be held at the college campus in Baridih on June 1, marking the successful completion of medical education for the institution's inaugural batch of MBBS students.

A total of 133 students from the 2020-21 academic session will be formally conferred with their MBBS degrees, becoming the first graduates of the college and embarking on their professional journey as healthcare practitioners. The ceremony will be graced by Santosh Gangwar, Governor of Jharkhand, who will attend as the Chief Guest. Guests of Honour include Irfan Ansari, Minister for Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare, Government of Jharkhand, and Vijay Kumar, Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. Senior leadership from Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Tata Steel Limited, distinguished academicians, faculty members, parents and invited dignitaries are expected to participate in the celebration.

Sona Devi University completes three years, eyes expansion

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 30: Marking three years of its academic journey, the Ghatshila - based Sona Devi University on Saturday celebrated its Foundation Day with a grand programme at the Vivekananda Auditorium, showcasing its achievements, future aspirations, and commitment to emerging as a centre of excellence in higher education.

The event brought together university leaders, faculty members, staff, and students to reflect on the institution's rapid progress since its inception and to unveil an ambitious roadmap for the years ahead.

Addressing the gathering, Chancellor Prabhakar Singh described the university's first three years as a strong foundation for a much larger vision. "The journey has reached an important milestone, but the destination is still ahead," he remarked, emphasizing that the institution's growth story is only beginning.

Unveiling the university's five-year development strategy, Singh announced that major



infrastructure projects, including a dedicated administrative block, student hostels, and expanded sports facilities, will soon move into the implementation phase. He also expressed confidence that the university would secure NCTE approval in the near future, paving the way for the introduction of teacher education programmes. Plans are also underway to launch paramedical courses and strengthen industry-oriented learning opportunities.

Highlighting the significance of innovation-driven education, the Chancellor said the recently introduced Artificial Intelligence and Computing programmes have the potential to become flagship courses and position the university at the forefront of future-ready education.

Calling teamwork the cornerstone of institutional success, Singh urged faculty and employees to work collectively towards shared goals. He also encouraged students to redefine success beyond examination scores and degrees, stressing that true achievement lies in creating meaningful impact through knowledge, skills, and service to society.

The celebration began with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by a vibrant Ganesh Vandana dance performance by students Lakshmi Murmu, Mousami Mahato, and Rumi Das.

Assistant Registrar Archana Singh outlined the university's mission of delivering quality education while nurturing the overall personality and leadership potential of students.

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DC directs Skill Development Department to boost employment opportunities for youth

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 30: A review meeting of various schemes and programmes being implemented by the Labour, Employment, Training and Skill Development Department was held at the Collectorate under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Rajiv Ranjan. The meeting focused on enhancing skill development initiatives, improving employment opportunities for local youth and ensuring greater awareness of government welfare schemes.

Focus on Skill Training and Employment Generation : During the review, the Deputy Commissioner stressed that the department's primary objective should be to provide skill training to the maximum number of unemployed youth and connect them with opportunities for wage employment as well as self-employment.

He directed officials to intensify awareness campaigns regarding various departmental schemes and training programmes so that eligible young men and women across the district can benefit from them.



Special Focus on Mukhyamantri Sarathi Yojana : The progress of skill development training programmes being conducted under the Mukhyamantri Sarathi Yojana was reviewed in detail. Seeking information on the employment status of trainees who had completed courses in different trades, Rajiv Ranjan instructed officials to make dedicated efforts to secure placements for them in private companies, industrial units and other institutions. He further directed that the placement process be monitored regularly and that updated records of employed candidates be maintained.

Wider Publicity for Employment Fairs : Reviewing employment fairs, career counselling programmes and placement drives conducted through the District Employment Exchange, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need to maximize youth participation.

He instructed officials to disseminate information about upcoming employment fairs through social media platforms, Panchayat-level networks, educational institutions and public representatives to ensure greater outreach.

Push for 100% Registration of Unorganized Workers : The meeting also reviewed the registration of workers on the E-Shram portal, social security schemes for unorganized workers and welfare programmes implemented through the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board. The Deputy Commissioner directed officials to ensure 100 per cent registration of eligible workers and the timely delivery of benefits under various welfare schemes.

Coordination With Industries to Create Local Jobs : Highlighting the importance of employment generation, Rajiv Ranjan instructed departmental officials to maintain regular coordination with industrial establishments and employers to create more job opportunities for local youth.

He stated that skill development and employment generation remain among the State Government's top priorities and called upon all officials to work sincerely towards achieving the department's targets.

The meeting was attended by the District Planning Officer, officials of the Labour, Employment and Skill Development Department and other concerned officers. (W-pb)

Jharkhand to appoint Vaibhav as Health department brand ambassador: Minister

Mail News Service



Ranchi, May 30: Young cricket sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi, whose fearless batting and extraordinary talent have made him one of the most talked-about names in Indian cricket, will soon be honoured by the Jharkhand government and appointed as the brand ambassador of the state Health Department, Health Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari announced on social media platform X.

Praising the teenage cricketer's remarkable rise, Dr. Ansari said that despite his team's defeat, Vaibhav had succeeded in winning the hearts of millions of Indians through his performances. "I have been a cricketer myself, and the way Vaibhav has taken on top-level bowlers with confidence and aggression at such a young age is proof of exceptional talent. He has not only earned recognition for himself but has also brought pride to his parents, Bihar and the entire nation," the minister said. Dr. Ansari said Vaibhav's achievements at just 15 years of age are writing a new chapter in Indian cricket history. He described the youngster as a symbol of determination, discipline, hard work and youthful energy, whose performances have inspired countless aspiring athletes across the country. Highlighting the broader impact of the young cricketer's success, the Health Minister said Vaibhav's positive mindset and dedication have left a strong impression on him. He announced that the Health Department would work with Vaibhav to promote awareness about health, fitness, discipline and healthy living among young people.

"Vaibhav is not merely a talented cricketer; he represents the aspirations and potential of India's youth. His journey is an example of how commitment and perseverance can turn dreams into reality," Dr. Ansari said. The minister expressed confidence that Vaibhav would continue to shine on the international stage and help elevate Indian cricket to greater heights in the years ahead. He added that the country would remain proud of the young batter's accomplishments for a long time. The announcement has been welcomed by cricket enthusiasts and sports lovers, who see the honour as recognition of one of the country's brightest emerging talents and an effort to inspire the younger generation through sports and healthy living. (W-rg)

Cook found dead in hotel bathroom at Sakchi

Jamshedpur, May 30: Panic gripped Ashoka Hotel in Sakchi on Saturday morning after a hotel cook was found dead inside a bathroom under mysterious circumstances.

The deceased was identified as Appu Pramanik (35), a resident of Midnapur in West Bengal. According to hotel staff, Pramanik had joined the hotel's kitchen department nearly a month ago and had been working there since.

The incident came to light when fellow employees discovered him lying unconscious inside the bathroom and immediately alerted the management and police. Upon receiving information, a police team reached the spot, conducted a preliminary investigation, and sent the body to MGM Medical College Hospital for post-mortem examination. Hotel employees stated that Pramanik had been suffering from jaundice and was undergoing treatment.

Body of young man recovered from Kharkai River at Bagbera Ghat

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Jamshedpur, May 30: A sense of shock gripped the Bagbera police station area on Saturday morning after the body of a young man was recovered from the banks of the Kharkai River near Baroda Ghat. Police reached the spot immediately after being informed, took custody of the body, and sent it to MGM Medical College and Hospital for post-mortem examination.

According to eyewitnesses, a group of youths had gone to the river around 6:00 AM for bathing when they noticed a young man struggling in the water. Locals quickly rushed to rescue him and pulled him out of the river, but he was already unconscious and could not be revived. Following the incident, Bagbera police arrived at the scene and completed necessary legal formalities before sending the body for post-mortem.



The identity of the deceased has not yet been confirmed, and investigations are ongoing to determine the exact cause of death. Police sources stated that no external injury marks were found during the preliminary examination. However, officials have emphasized that the final cause of death will be known only after the post-mortem report is received. Authorities have so far refrained from making further comments, citing the ongoing investigation.

Meanwhile, local residents have raised concerns over inadequate security at Baroda Ghat. They alleged that the riverbank area often became a gathering spot for anti-social activities, particularly during evening hours, including drinking, disputes, and disturbances that affected public safety. Residents have urged the administration to increase police patrolling, improve lighting, and strengthen security arrangements to prevent such incidents in the future.

97 cases settled at Lok Adalat

Jamshedpur, May 30: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Jamshedpur, organized its monthly Lok Adalat at the Civil Court premises on the last Saturday of May, facilitating the speedy and amicable resolution of various cases. DLSA Secretary Kumar Saurabh Tripathi informed that a total of 97 cases were successfully disposed of during the Lok Adalat, resulting in a revenue realization of Rs 6.58 lakh. According to the DLSA, the settled matters included 33 pre-litigation cases and 64 cases pending before the courts. Through mutual settlement and conciliation, all 97 cases were resolved efficiently, reducing the burden on the judicial system and providing timely relief to the parties involved.

Hyva driver killed in head-on collision with trailer



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Seraikela, May 30: A road accident claimed the life of a Hyva driver on Saturday afternoon after a violent collision between a trailer and a Hyva near Rola Khairbani on the Rajnagar-Chaibasa main road under Rajnagar police station.

The impact of the collision was so severe that the front portion of the Hyva was completely mangled, trapping the driver inside the cabin. He died on the spot due to severe injuries.

Police, administrative officials, and villagers rushed to the site and launched rescue operations. However, the driver's body remained stuck inside the wreckage, making extraction difficult. Gas cutters were later called to retrieve the remains safely.

The trailer driver also sustained serious injuries and was admitted to Rajnagar Community Health Centre for treatment. His condition is currently being monitored by doctors. The accident caused massive traffic congestion as long queues of vehicles formed on both sides of the road. A large crowd of villagers gathered at the site, and police are investigating the cause of the collision. (w/gsd)

United Club dance workshop showcases young talent

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Jamshedpur, May 30: The seven-day dance workshop jointly organized by United Club and Danfit International concluded with great enthusiasm and cultural splendor, leaving participants and audiences inspired by the power of dance and artistic expression. The workshop, which began on May 19, attracted enthusiastic participation from children and young adults eager to learn and refine their dancing skills.

Throughout the program, participants received professional training in Bollywood Freestyle and Bollywood Kathak from renowned dance instructors Kalyan Bhowmik and Mishtu Mukherjee. Beyond teaching technical dance movements, the instructors focused on enhancing stage presence, self-confidence, creativity, and expressive performance skills among the trainees.

Under their expert guidance, participants demonstrated remarkable growth and confidence over the course of the workshop. The closing ceremony provided a platform for them to showcase their newly acquired skills through vibrant performances that earned widespread appreciation from parents and guests. A major highlight of the concluding event was the presence of celebrated Kathak artiste Purva Biswas from Kolkata, who attended as a guest performer and instructor. Her mesmerizing presentation in the traditional Kathak style, performed to Dhamar Taal, captivated the audience. With impeccable rhythmic precision, expressive storytelling, powerful footwork, and graceful choreography, she delivered a performance that left art lovers spellbound. The audience responded with prolonged applause, making her recital one of the most memorable moments of the evening. The workshop also reflected the dedication and enthusiasm of the participants, who displayed discipline, commitment, and a genuine passion for learning throughout the training period. Organizers emphasized that such initiatives played a crucial role in nurturing creativity, building confidence, and fostering appreciation for India's rich artistic and cultural traditions among the younger generation.



Fire engulfs container truck in Adityapur, driver critical

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Jamshedpur, May 30: A major industrial accident occurred on Saturday morning in the Adityapur Industrial Area when a logistics container truck caught fire after coming into contact with a high-tension electricity wire near Pammi Dharamkanta under RIT police station limits. The incident took place around 6:30 AM when the container truck was heading toward the weighbridge. As the vehicle passed under overhead high-tension lines, its upper portion came into contact with the live wire, triggering intense sparks and causing a sudden blaze that quickly engulfed the entire vehicle.



Eyewitnesses reported that the fire spread within seconds, leaving no time to control the situation. Panic spread in the area as locals rushed to help and attempted to rescue the driver while maintaining a safe distance from the burning vehicle.

With the assistance of residents, the driver was pulled out of the burning container and rushed to a nearby hospital. Doctors have described his condition as critical. Police and concerned authorities have launched an investigation into the incident. (w/gsd)

DC inaugurates training programme to strengthen suicide prevention efforts

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Jamshedpur, May 30: Deputy Commissioner Rajiv Ranjan on Saturday inaugurated a two-day Refresher Training Programme for volunteers of the suicide prevention organisation Jeevan Suicide Prevention Organisation at SNTI, Bistupur.

Prior to the inauguration, the Deputy Commissioner visited the Jeevan Centre at 25 Q Road to gain first-hand knowledge of the organisation's unique "Befriending" methodology and assess its effectiveness in providing emotional support to people in distress.

Jeevan Following Internationally Recognised Model : Addressing the gathering, Dr. J.R. Jain, Director of Jeevan, said the organisation was founded in 2006 by visionary Dr. M. Ram and has since been working to prevent suicides through emotional support and intervention.

He explained that Jeevan is affiliated with Befrienders Worldwide, an international organisation with member centres in 45 countries. Volunteers are carefully selected and trained under a structured programme developed by Befrienders Worldwide.



According to Dr. Jain, the befriending technique differs from conventional counselling and focuses on active listening, empathy and emotional support. Through role-plays and practical exercises, volunteers are trained to help individuals overcome negative thoughts and regain confidence during times of crisis.

Student Suicide Prevention Identified as Key Focus Area : Joint Director Gurpreet Kaur highlighted Jeevan's efforts in addressing student suicides, which remain a major concern across the country. She said the organisation adopted student suicide prevention as its thrust area and introduced seven targeted initiatives, including student empowerment programmes, teacher sensitisation and workshops on positive parenting. As a result of these sustained efforts, the student suicide rate reportedly declined from 22 per cent in 2010 to 7 per cent in 2017. The achievement received appreciation from the Human Resource Development Ministry. Overall suicides in the region have also reduced from 225 in 2010 to 175 in 2025, she added.

Volunteers Receive Advanced Refresher Training : A total of 25 volunteers are participating in the refresher training programme aimed at enhancing their skills in crisis intervention and emotional support. Jeevan has set an ambitious goal of reducing suicides by 50 per cent over the next seven years through expanded outreach, awareness and volunteer training.

Focus on Helpline Awareness and 24-Hour Support : One of the key priorities discussed during the programme was increasing public awareness of Jeevan's helpline services. The district administration has offered support through social media platforms to improve visibility and reach.

Trustee member Brig. C.S. Vaidyanathan suggested installing permanent displays of helpline numbers at major road intersections and public locations to make support more accessible.

Jeevan is also working towards extending its helpline services from the current eight hours to a round-the-clock 24-hour model. Efforts to strengthen volunteer training infrastructure are being supported by the Tata Steel Foundation.

Administration Pledges Full Cooperation : At present, around 200 people seek help from Jeevan every month. The organisation aims to increase this number to 500 through enhanced publicity and awareness campaigns.

Deputy Commissioner Rajiv Ranjan assured the organisation of all possible support from the administration in its mission to save lives and strengthen mental health services in the region. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Rashne Tata. (W-pb)

SNSVM NCC cadets shine at Joint Annual Training Camp

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Ghatshila, May 30: Sixteen NCC cadets from Sant Nandlal Smriti Vidya Mandir (SNSVM) brought laurels to their school through their outstanding performances at the Joint Annual Training Camp held at the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Jamshedpur, from May 21 to May 30, 2026.

The camp witnessed the participation of 546 cadets from various schools and colleges and was conducted under the leadership of Colonel Vinay Ahuja, Commanding Officer of the 37 Jharkhand Battalion NCC.

During the ten-day camp, cadets underwent rigorous military training, drill sessions, physical fitness activities, leadership development programs, personality enhancement exercises, cultural events, and various competitions.

The students of Sant Nandlal Smriti Vidya Mandir distinguished themselves through discipline, dedication, and exceptional talent.

The school's cultural team secured second place in the cultural competition, while the NCC boys' squad earned second position in the Tug-of-War event, showcasing remarkable teamwork, determination, and physical strength.

Following their return, the school organized a special felicitation ceremony to honor the cadets. Social worker Kaltu Chakraborty and his team presented bouquets and commemorative mementos to all 16 participants in recognition of their achievements and commitment.

Addressing the gathering, Chakraborty emphasized that NCC training helped develop leadership qualities, national consciousness, and responsible citizenship among young people. The event was attended by members of the School Management Committee, including Ram Gopal Chomal, School Administrative Officer and NCC Officer Dr. Prasenjit Karmakar, and Academic Counselor Satya Ranjan Dutta. Congratulating the cadets, they encouraged them to continue striving for excellence.

Dr. Karmakar highlighted the importance of annual training camps in fostering leadership skills, self-confidence, discipline, and patriotism.

The school management, teachers, parents, and local residents expressed pride in the cadets' accomplishments and extended their best wishes for future success. (w/gsd)

Congress leader raises concern during SIR process in Jharkhand



Jamshedpur, May 30: Jammi Bhaskar, spokesperson for the Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee (Kolhan Division), has expressed serious concern over the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, stressing that no eligible voter should be deprived of their constitutional right to vote. He said that in a tribal-dominated state like Jharkhand, a large section of the population-including Adivasis, Dalits, OBCs, minorities, migrant workers, women, the elderly, and economically weaker groups-often lacks access to historical documents required for verification. Under such circumstances, removing names from voter lists on the basis of documentation issues would go against democratic principles.

Bhaskar asserted that the Congress Party is committed to protecting the rights of every genuine voter and safeguarding the Constitution. He warned that the party would strongly oppose any attempt at discrimination or arbitrary exclusion from electoral rolls.

He reiterated that democracy is strengthened by inclusion, and ensuring the voting rights of all eligible citizens remains a core democratic responsibility.

Goats distributed in Gamharia

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Seraikela, May 30: Under the Chief Minister's Livestock Development Scheme, goats were distributed among 13 beneficiaries in the Gamharia block to promote self-employment and strengthen rural livelihoods.

The initiative aims to increase income generation opportunities in rural areas by encouraging scientific livestock farming practices.

Beneficiaries were provided with goat units along with guidance on animal care, health management, and vaccination. Officials urged beneficiaries to make effective use of the support provided and adopt modern livestock-rearing techniques to become self-reliant.

They highlighted that such government schemes are designed to improve the economic condition of rural families and promote sustainable self-employment opportunities. Block Animal Husbandry Officer, field staff, and beneficiaries were present during the distribution program

NCORD meeting in Chaibasa reviews NDPS cases

DC calls for strong action against narcotics trade

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Chaibasa, May 30: A meeting of the Narcotics Coordination Committee (NCORD) was held at the Collectorate Auditorium under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Manish Kumar to review ongoing efforts against narcotics-related activities in the district.

Senior officials, including the Deputy Development Commissioner, Additional Deputy Commissioner, and Sub-Divisional Officers, attended the meeting.

The discussion focused on cases registered under the NDPS Act and actions taken against illegal cultivation, trafficking, and sale of narcotic substances.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that strict enforcement, along with coordinated administrative action, is essential to effectively combat the drug menace.

He directed officials to launch special drives targeting individuals involved in illegal narcotics activities and instructed the District Transport Officer to conduct random inspections of buses and other public transport vehicles.

He further stressed that multi-departmental coordination and public awareness must work together to eliminate drug abuse from society.

"Only through joint efforts and strict action can this menace be controlled," he said. The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment from all departments to strengthen enforcement measures and enhance vigilance against narcotics-related crimes in the district.

Awareness vehicles flagged off to promote census-2027 house listing campaign

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Seraikela, May 30: In a bid to ensure widespread awareness and public participation in the House Listing and Housing Census under the first phase of Census-2027, two awareness vehicles were jointly flagged off by DRDA Director Ajay Tirki and Additional Deputy Commissioner Jayavardhan Kumar. These vehicles will travel across various Gram Panchayats in both subdivisions of the district over the next seven days, spreading awareness about the upcoming census exercise and encouraging citizens to actively participate. Officials informed that the campaign will educate people about the census process, required details during enumeration, necessary documentation, and the overall significance of the exercise. They emphasized that census data plays a crucial role in development planning, resource allocation, and implementation of welfare schemes. Authorities also appealed to the public to provide accurate information to enumerators and avoid falling prey to rumors or misinformation. They directed officials to ensure coordinated efforts for the successful execution of the awareness campaign under the slogan "Our Census, Our Development."

The event was attended by District Public Relations Officer Avinash Kumar, Additional District Census Officer Kamlesh Kumar Das, and other departmental officials.

Jan Vikas Manch questions railway performance

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Jamshedpur, May 30: Saurabh Vishnu, head of the Jan Vikas Manch, has criticized the Railway administration over claims of improved punctuality of trains, stating that there is a significant gap between official reports and ground reality.

He said that according to earlier railway reports, the central government is facing an estimated 8 to 10 percent revenue loss from freight operations, leading to increased focus on freight train movement across divisions, including Chakradharpur.

As a result, freight operations are being prioritized.

Vishnu questioned how both freight and passenger trains can operate smoothly on the same limited tracks when there has been no significant expansion in railway infrastructure.

He argued that the existing system is under severe pressure and makes it difficult to maintain punctuality for passenger trains while simultaneously increasing freight revenue.

He emphasized that the current operational framework is inadequate and called for a new system that can effectively balance freight movement and passenger convenience without compromising efficiency or safety.

DC conducts surprise inspection of Nimdih Circle Office

Orders timely public service delivery

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Seraikela, May 30: Deputy Commissioner Nitish Kumar Singh carried out a surprise inspection of the Nimdih Circle Office to review administrative functioning and public service delivery.

During the inspection, the DC examined office records, revenue operations, mutation (Dakhil-Kharij), land record correction (Parimarjan), pending cases, and other administrative work. He directed officials to ensure time-bound, transparent, and accountable service delivery to the public.

He emphasized that delays in resolving citizen issues would not be tolerated and instructed staff to dispose of pending cases promptly while maintaining proper record management and regular updates.

The Deputy Commissioner also interacted with visitors at the office and reviewed their grievances, directing officials to resolve applications within stipulated timeframes to prevent unnecessary delays and repeated visits by citizens.

He further stressed improving cleanliness, discipline, and work culture in the office, stating that good governance and transparency are essential for strengthening public trust in the administration.

Circle Officer Abhay Kumar Dwivedi and other officials were present during the inspection.

Political parties urged to ensure voter list accuracy

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Gamharia, May 30: A meeting on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll was held at the Block Auditorium under the chairmanship of Assistant Electoral Registration Officer-cum-Circle Officer Pravin Kumar. Representatives from various recognized political parties, including Congress, JMM, RJD, and BJP, participated in the meeting.

During the session, officials provided detailed information about the SIR process, Election Commission guidelines, and the documentation required for voter verification and updating. It was emphasized that Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) would work in close coordination to ensure accuracy, transparency, and completeness of the voter list. Political party representatives were urged to actively cooperate in the revision exercise and help spread awareness among voters to ensure that no eligible citizen is left out of the electoral roll. Officials stressed that an accurate voter list is essential for strengthening democracy. Documents such as birth certificates, educational certificates, residence proof, passports, government identity cards, caste certificates, and family registers were discussed as valid requirements for the process. The meeting also highlighted the importance of including new voters and correcting errors in existing records.

Prominent representatives from Congress included District General Secretary Raju Rajak, District Media Chairman Sumant Sharma, Block Vice President Indrakant Jha, and Seva Dal District President Gauri Shankar. From JMM, leaders such as Block Vice President Rajesh Gop and youth leader Sunny Singh participated. RJD was represented by senior leaders including Purendra Narayan Singh, D.N. Singh, and Sanjay Yadav. Officials concluded by appealing to all political stakeholders to ensure active cooperation for the smooth and successful completion of the voter revision drive.

Tarit Sarkar mesmerizes audience with Kathak performance

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Gamharia, May 30: Young Kathak artist Tarit Sarkar from Gamharia delivered a captivating solo performance at the prestigious cultural event "Ghat-Sandhya," held on the sacred Assi Ghat in Varanasi under the Subah-e-Banaras series organized by the Varanasi District Administration in collaboration with Bank of Baroda. The evening, set against the spiritual backdrop of the Ganga river, witnessed Tarit Sarkar presenting a soulful Kathak recital that beautifully blended devotion, rhythm, and classical expression. He began his performance with a Shiv Vandana, paying tribute to Lord Shiva, followed by a pure Kathak presentation in Teentaal showcasing his strong command over tatkar (footwork), rhythm, and stage presence.

His performance seamlessly transitioned from slow (vilambit) to fast (drut) tempo, keeping the audience deeply engaged. The concluding segment featured a Dhrupad-style presentation based on Raga Megh, which added a meditative and emotional depth to the evening. The artist's refined technique, expressive storytelling, and disciplined movement earned widespread appreciation from both the audience and organizers. His performance was described as one of the highlights of the event, which celebrates Indian art, culture, and spirituality.

Baranga declared Child Labour-Free Panchayat

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Manoharpur, May 30: Baranga Panchayat in Manoharpur block was officially declared a Child Labour-Free Panchayat during a special program held at the Baranga Panchayat Hall on Saturday.

The achievement was made possible through the joint efforts of Panchayat representatives, the Para-Legal Volunteer (PLV) team of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), NGO Spire, and local community leaders.

Their collaborative campaign successfully ensured 100 percent enrollment of all dropout children within the Panchayat area.

District Council Member Jaiprakash Mahto attended the event as the chief guest. Other dignitaries present included Mukhiya Onami Koda, Panchayat Secretary Amrita Bara, Panchayat Committee Member KuiliMinj, village heads Ramakant Mahto and Poresh Chandra Mahto, representatives of Spire, and several community leaders.

A large number of villagers, including men, women, and children, participated in the program. Retired teachers TuramLamay, Tila Tirkey, and Shailendra Samad were also present. During the event, members of the DLSA's PLV team conducted awareness sessions on child labour, child trafficking, child marriage, and substance abuse.

They emphasized the importance of community participation in protecting children's rights and ensuring their education and overall development.

At the conclusion of the program, elected representatives, villagers, and participants took a pledge to maintain Baranga as a child labour-free and child marriage-free Panchayat and to remain vigilant regarding the welfare, education, and protection of children. PLVs Ashok Kumar Mahto, Gerard Hembram, Anil Kumar Mahto, and Sunil Kumar Lugun played a key role in the successful implementation of the initiative. (w/gsd)

Two Seraikela-Chhau artistes receive national scholarship from ministry of culture

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Seraikela, May 30: The Ministry of Culture, Government of India, has announced the recipients of its prestigious National Scholarships, bringing pride to the Seraikela-Chhau tradition. Among the selected awardees are two promising young artists Neeldeep Kumar Sahu in Chhau Music and Abhijit Dit in Chhau Dance whose achievement has been widely celebrated across the Chhau community.

The announcement has created a wave of happiness among artists, gurus, and art lovers associated with the Seraikela-Chhau tradition. Many have congratulated both awardees, appreciating their dedication to preserving and promoting this classical art form.

Neeldeep Kumar Sahu: A Legacy of Struggle and Dedication:- Twenty-year-old Neeldeep Kumar Sahu, a resident of Kansari Tola in Seraikela, comes from a distinguished lineage of Chhau artists. He is the son of the late Guru Nilay Kumar Sahu, founder-director of the Guru Kedar Memorial Art Centre, and the grandson of Padma Shri Guru Kedarnath Sahu, a legendary figure in Seraikela-Chhau.

After the untimely demise of his father in 2016, Neeldeep faced immense personal and financial hardships. During this difficult phase, his mother, Dipali Sahu-herself a Kathak postgraduate from the Lucknow Gharana and a National Scholarship awardee in Chhau Dance-took charge of the family legacy and the cultural institution while battling severe health issues.

Despite these challenges, she continued to nurture both her son and the Guru Kedar Memorial Art Centre, dedicating her life to the preservation of Indian classical arts. Under her guidance, Neeldeep trained rigorously in Chhau Music, especially mastering the Tabla, while balancing his academic studies.

Over time, Neeldeep emerged as a talented performer, earning recognition on various platforms across India. His selection for the National Scholarship is being seen as a tribute to his perseverance, family legacy, and disciplined artistic journey.

Abhijit Dit: A Rising Star of Seraikela-Chhau Dance:- Abhijit Dit, a resident of Diwansai in Seraikela, has been training in Seraikela-Chhau dance for the past five years under Guru Malay Kumar Sahu at the Shri Kedar Art Centre. His consistent dedication has helped him develop a strong foundation in the traditional dance form.He has performed at various cultural events across Jharkhand and other states, including Kerala, Bengaluru, and West Bengal, earning appreciation from audiences and cultural organizations. His performances have also been recognized by several Chhau institutions.

Expressing joy over receiving the National Scholarship, Abhijit said he considers Chhau dance not just an art form but a lifelong career path. He has resolved to continue his training with greater commitment and excellence, aiming to elevate his performance to national and international platforms. The recognition of both Neeldeep and Abhijit is being seen as a significant boost for the Seraikela-Chhau tradition, reinforcing its importance in India's cultural heritage.

Seven-day Summer Kabaddi Camp concludes



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Chaibasa, May 30: A seven-day Summer Kabaddi Camp organized by the West Singhbhum District Kabaddi Association concluded at the District School Ground in Chaibasa.

The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from boys and girls not only from West Singhbhum district but also from neighboring Seraikela-Kharsawan.

Throughout the training program, participants received coaching in various technical aspects of Kabaddi, including defensive strategies and game techniques. Coach Anu Purty guided the players and helped them enhance their skills through disciplined practice sessions.

At the closing ceremony, all participants were awarded certificates in recognition of their dedication and successful completion of the training camp.

The certificates were distributed by Kolhan In-charge Shyamal Das, District President Rahul Tiwari, District Secretary Anu Purty, and Santosh Singh.

Addressing the gathering, Shyamal Das praised the players for maintaining discipline and punctuality throughout the seven-day camp. He emphasized that commitment, hard work, and regular practice were essential for achieving success in sports. District President Rahul Tiwari also lauded the participants for their sincerity and determination, noting that their disciplined approach during the camp was commendable.

He extended his best wishes to all players for their future sporting endeavors.

Several office-bearers of the association, including Joint Secretary Duryodhan Pan and Vice Presidents Krish Chakraborty, Urmila Honhaga, Laxman Mahto, and Ujjwal Pathak, were present on the occasion along with players and sports enthusiasts. (w/gsd)

16-day summer camp concludes

Gamharia, May 30: The closing ceremony of a 16-day summer camp organized for children by Tata Steel Growth Shop and the Tata Steel Sports Department was held at Vidya Jyoti Sports Ground, located within the Tata-Adityapur complex. The camp was conducted under the guidance of senior officials including Rashid Jafri, Chief Human Resources Manager (Engineering & Projects), and Mukul Vinayak Chaudhary.

The final ceremony was attended by TISCO Mazdoor Union President Rakeshwar Pandey as Chief Guest, while Pancham Pran Lal Tank and General Secretary Shivalakhan Singh attended as Guests of Honour. Several dignitaries, including sports and administrative officials, were present at the event.

Organizers highlighted that the camp aimed to promote physical fitness, discipline, and overall development among children.

Ducklings,broiler chicks distributed under livestock development scheme

Chaibasa, May 30: In an effort to strengthen rural livelihoods and promote self-employment, ducklings and broiler chicks were distributed among selected beneficiaries of Sadar Block under the Chief Minister's Livestock Development Scheme. The beneficiaries received the livestock with government subsidies ranging from 75 to 90 percent, making poultry and duck farming more accessible and affordable for small-scale farmers. The initiative is expected to significantly improve the economic condition of rural households, particularly women and marginal farmers, by creating additional



sources of income. Officials stated that the scheme aims to encourage livestock-based entrepreneurship and enhance the self-reliance of rural communities through sustainable farming practices. The distribution program was attended by Zila Parishad members LalmuniPurti and Rajshree Savaiya, Circle Officer Upendra Kumar, Block Chief Manju Devgam, and Animal Husbandry Officer Dr. Poonam Soren. Several local representatives, including Armiya Purty, Kalindi, Karu Mardi, and RasmaniDasavya, were also present. Beneficiaries expressed gratitude for the support and said the assistance would help them expand their farming activities and improve their household income. Officials encouraged recipients to make effective use of the resources provided and contribute to the growth of the livestock sector in the region. (w/gsd)

CNG station set to begin operations



Jadugora, May 30: A new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) station has been established at the Hindustan Petroleum outlet in Rupanti Banra, Jadugora, and is expected to be operational soon, bringing major relief to CNG vehicle owners in the region.

According to pump manager Uttam Mahto, the facility has been set up by GAIL and will have a storage capacity of 3,000 units of CNG. Once operational, it will eliminate the need for local consumers to travel to Jamshedpur for refueling their vehicles. The new station is expected to significantly reduce waiting time and ease fuel availability for four-wheeler CNG users in Jadugora and surrounding areas, marking an important step in improving local infrastructure and convenience.

Pickup overturns near Medasai, driver flees after accident

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Manoharpur, May 30: A cargo pickup van overturned near Medasai on the Manoharpur-Rourkela main road on Saturday after the driver allegedly lost control of the vehicle.

Fortunately, no casualties were reported in the accident. According to reports, the pickup van bearing registration number OR14U6958 was traveling from Manoharpur towards Bhalulatta in Odisha. During the journey, the driver reportedly lost control of the vehicle, causing it to veer off the road and overturn by the roadside. Local sources alleged that the driver was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident. Following the mishap, he abandoned the vehicle and fled from the scene before authorities arrived.



After receiving information from local residents, police reached the spot and initiated an investigation. The damaged vehicle has been taken into police custody, and legal proceedings have been started. Efforts are currently underway to identify and trace the driver. Police are investigating the circumstances that led to the accident. (w/gsd)

Postal outreach draws strong response at Jamshedpur Co-operative College

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Jamshedpur, May 30 : In a significant outreach initiative aimed at promoting financial literacy and digital citizen services, the Indian Postal Department (Singhbhum Division) organised a special awareness camp at Jamshedpur Co-operative College on Friday.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from teaching and non-teaching staff members, reflecting growing public interest in postal welfare schemes and digital services.

The awareness drive was attended by the college Principal Dr. Krishna Pyare, along with Dr. Antara Kumari and several college employees.

During the session, postal assistants Uma Shankar Prasad and



Nishant Kumar highlighted the Department of Posts' modern financial products, savings schemes and digital banking facilities. Detailed information was shared regarding postal life insurance, secure investment options, Aadhaar-related services and passport facilitation through post offices. Among all the services showcased, Postal Life Insurance generated the strongest response, with many employees expressing willingness to enrol in the scheme at the earliest.

The department's high-interest savings plans also attracted considerable attention, with staff members showing keen interest in investing through post office schemes.

The camp further helped participants understand the process of passport application through postal channels, while Aadhaar updation services emerged as another major attraction. A large number of attendees showed interest in updating their Aadhaar details through the postal network.

Appreciating the initiative, Principal Dr. Krishna Pyare thanked the Postal Department for conducting the informative session and emphasised the need for more such awareness programmes in educational institutions.

He also urged the department to organise a dedicated Aadhaar updation camp within the college campus so that students and employees could conveniently avail the service. (W-pm)

Lok Adalat settles 18 cases, earns Rs 1.08 lakh



Seraikela, May 30: The Monthly Lok Adalat was successfully conducted at the Civil Court, Seraikela, and the Sub-Divisional Court, Chandil, under the guidance of the Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (JHALSA), Ranchi. The initiative was organized under the direction of Ramashankar Singh, Principal District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Seraikela-Kharsawan, and supervised by Anamika Kisku, Civil Judge (Senior Division)-cum-Judicial Magistrate First Class and in-charge Secretary of DLSA, Seraikela.

A total of ten benches comprising judicial officers, DLSA panel lawyers, and court staff were constituted to facilitate the settlement of disputes. Officials from the Electricity Department (JVBNL), Excise Department, and Weights and Measures Department also participated in the proceedings to ensure smooth disposal of cases. Organized on the last Saturday of every month as per JHALSA's annual activity calendar, the Lok Adalat aims to provide speedy, cost-effective, and amicable resolution of disputes. During the latest session, 18 cases were disposed of, resulting in revenue collection of RS 1.08 lakh. Of these, 11 cases related to the Electricity Act generated Rs 64,000 in revenue, while seven cases under the Excise Act contributed Rs 44,000. The successful conduct of the Lok Adalat once again highlighted its role in reducing case pendency, delivering swift justice, and facilitating revenue realization for government departments through mutual settlements and efficient dispute resolution. (w/gsd)

JMM Block Committee reviews organizational strategy

Manoharpur, May 30: The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) Manoharpur Block Committee held an important organizational meeting at the Forest Rest House in Manoharpur on Saturday to discuss strengthening the party at the grassroots level and preparations for upcoming political activities. The meeting was chaired by Block President Ranjit Yadav and attended by several senior party leaders, including Observer Bandhana Oraon and Secretary Kishore Kumar Khalkho.

During the discussions, party leaders focused on expanding the organization at the Panchayat and booth levels. Special emphasis was placed on the appointment of Booth Level Agents (BLAs) and the formation of booth committees to strengthen the party's grassroots network. Leaders also reviewed preparations for the party's upcoming program scheduled to be held in Chaibasa on June 2, 2026. Workers were urged to ensure maximum participation in the event and actively engage in promoting the party's policies and programs among the public. The leaders called upon party workers to play a more proactive role in organizational activities and outreach initiatives. A large number of JMM members attended the meeting, including Vinod Singh, Rajesh Kumar, Suresh Besra, Reena Devi, Soma Surin, Neelkanth Nag, Ranesh Jojo, Amar Mahto, Mukesh Rajak, Kunjo Kumhar, Ashok Tanti, Jugal Kishore Lakra, Suraj Das, Karma Kerketta, Augustin Ekka, and Nandan Gop. (w/gsd)

BJP launches 'Mega Outreach Campaign' to mark 12 years of Modi govt

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Jamshedpur, May 30 : The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jamshedpur Mahanagar unit will launch a massive public outreach campaign from June 5 to June 21 to commemorate the completion of 12 years of the Narendra Modi-led Central Government. The campaign, themed "Twelve Years of Trust, Development and Public Welfare," will be conducted across all four Assembly constituencies under the Jamshedpur Mahanagar area.

A key organizational meeting regarding preparations for the campaign was held on Friday at the Devasthan Auditorium in Burmamines under the chairmanship of BJP Jamshedpur Mahanagar President Sanjeev Sinha. The meeting was attended by State Vice President and former MP Abha Mahato, former MLA Menka Sardar, former district presidents, state executive members, district office bearers, morcha presidents, mandal presidents, mandal incharges, and campaign coordinators. During the meeting, top five mandal presidents were felicitated for the successful organization of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat programme. Detailed discussions were also held regarding the upcoming Mann Ki Baat event scheduled for May 31 at booth level, along with campaign strategy, programme structure and organizational responsibilities. Addressing the gathering, former MP Abha Mahato said that the 12-year tenure of the Modi Government would be remembered for strengthening India's self-respect, good governance and welfare-oriented policies. She stated that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the country has made remarkable progress in development, national security, poverty alleviation and women empowerment. She urged party workers to actively connect with people at the grassroots level and spread awareness about the achievements and welfare schemes of the Central Government. Jamshedpur Mahanagar President Sanjeev Sinha said the campaign would begin on June 5, World Environment Day, with plantation drives at Shakti Kendras under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" to promote environmental conservation. On June 13, a district-level media interaction programme will be organized. He further informed that a special public outreach campaign will be conducted from June 8 to June 14, during which MPs, MLAs, district leaders and senior party functionaries will interact with prominent citizens from different sections of society. Between June 16 and June 18, large-scale intellectual conferences and exhibitions showcasing the achievements of the Modi Government will also be organized.

The campaign will conclude on June 21 with Yoga camps at the mandal level to mark International Yoga Day.

The programme was anchored by District General Secretary Jitendra Rai, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Burmamines Mandal President Ritesh Jha. (W-pm)

The deadly trade of biomedical waste: Grave threat to public health

The erosion of human values has reached an alarming level, where a handful of greedy individuals are willing to endanger countless lives merely for financial gain. Whether it is the adulteration of milk, the sale of hormone-laden fruits and vegetables, or the circulation of counterfeit medicines, society has repeatedly witnessed how profit often takes precedence over human welfare. However, an even more disturbing and potentially lethal racket has recently come to light in Punjab-the illegal recycling and resale of biomedical waste.

This shocking revelation has exposed a dangerous network that was allegedly collecting biomedical waste from hospitals, blood banks, and healthcare facilities and diverting it into illegal recycling channels. Such activities are not only unethical but also pose a severe threat to public health. Biomedical waste, by its very nature, can carry infectious pathogens, blood-borne diseases, and hazardous contaminants. Therefore, strict regulations mandate that such waste must be scientifically treated, incinerated, or destroyed to prevent any possibility of contamination.

Yet, reports suggest that instead of being safely disposed of, a significant quantity of biomedical waste was being sold for recycling. Even more alarming are allegations that plastic materials and medical equipment recovered from this waste were finding their way into the manufacture of various consumer products, including low-cost toys. Since biomedical waste often contains high-quality plastic, manufacturers can reduce production costs by using recycled material obtained at negligible prices. There are also fears that some medical items may have been merely cleaned and reintroduced into the market, exposing unsuspecting consumers to serious health risks.

The sinister operation came to light after the Punjab Pollution Control Board received a complaint regarding suspicious activities. Acting on the information, law enforcement agencies raided a warehouse and recovered a huge quantity of biomedical waste. Among the seized materials were blood-stained cotton pads, used syringes, medical tubing, and vials containing blood samples. Such items are highly dangerous and can become carriers of deadly infections if handled improperly.

The discovery points to the existence of a well-organized and deeply entrenched network operating behind the scenes. Investigations indicate that biomedical waste was being diverted from designated treatment facilities and sold through scrap dealers to illegal recyclers. This raises serious questions about the effectiveness of existing monitoring and regulatory systems. How could such a hazardous operation continue for an extended period despite the presence of multiple safeguards?

Punjab has six authorized biomedical waste treatment facilities located in Amritsar, Ludhiana, Muktsar, Mohali, Nakodar, and Pathankot. Together, these facilities reportedly process around 20,000 kilograms of biomedical waste every day. The disposal process is monitored through a sophisticated barcode-based tracking system, while information regarding transportation vehicles and waste movement is uploaded online for oversight. Given these mechanisms, the emergence of such a large-scale racket suggests that critical loopholes or instances of collusion may exist within the system.

Police sources have reportedly found biomedical waste bearing barcodes linked to an authorized waste collection company operating in Mohali. This revelation is particularly disturbing because it indicates that waste intended for safe disposal may have been deliberately diverted and sold for profit. Instead of following established disposal procedures, certain individuals appear to have chosen financial gain over public safety.

The full extent of the damage caused by this illegal trade remains unknown. Authorities have yet to determine how long the racket had been operating or how many people may have been exposed to infections and diseases through products manufactured from contaminated materials. The possibility that recycled biomedical waste has entered everyday consumer goods makes the issue even more alarming.

This case underscores the urgent need for strict enforcement of biomedical waste management regulations. Authorities must conduct a thorough investigation to identify every individual and organization involved in the network. Reports suggest that one of the companies under scrutiny has previously faced allegations related to improper biomedical waste handling. Had stringent action been taken at that time, such violations might not have recurred.

Ultimately, the incident serves as a stark reminder that weak enforcement, regulatory negligence, and legal loopholes often embolden offenders. Unless swift and exemplary punishment is imposed on those responsible, similar criminal enterprises may continue to flourish. Protecting public health requires not only robust regulations but also unwavering vigilance, accountability, and the collective determination to ensure that human lives are never sacrificed at the altar of profit.

From the Editorial Desk

Why India, Canada need to go in for an early-harvest trade pact



Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal's visit to Canada, which concluded on Thursday, marks the first real commercial test of the India-Canada reset that began during Prime Minister Mark Carney's March 2026 visit to India, with the two countries trying to move the relationship back toward a more structured economic footing, according to an article in India Narrative.

Goyal met Prime Minister Carney, International Trade Minister Maninder Sidhu, Foreign Minister Anita Anand and Agriculture Minister Heath MacDonald, while also engaging investors, business associations and corporate leaders.

The proposed comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA) was at the centre of the visit, with both governments reiterating their intention to conclude the agreement by the end of the year, the article by former Indian diplomat Sanjay Kumar Verma points out.

The scale of the accompanying Indian business delegation was itself significant. Indian officials described it as the largest-ever Indian commercial delegation to Canada, with participation from more than 100 companies across sectors ranging from energy and mining to pharmaceuticals, artificial intelligence, textiles and agriculture.

What makes the current moment different is the broader international economic climate in which this engagement is taking place. Both India and Canada are operating in a world where supply chains are being reorganised, economic security concerns are rising, and countries are seeking more dependable trade and investment partners.

The two countries possess complementarities that are difficult to ignore. Canada brings capital, resources, technology and energy capacity. India brings scale, manufacturing ambition, market growth and talent.

There is also a geopolitical dimension that quietly strengthens the logic of closer economic engagement. Middle powers across the world are increasingly trying to diversify their strategic and commercial partnerships amid growing uncertainty in the global order.

India's rise as a major economic actor and Canada's search for more resilient Indo-Pacific engagement create an opening that did not exist in quite the same way a decade ago, according to Verma, who is a former Indian ambassador to Canada.

He points out that the real importance of the visit lies less in symbolism and more in whether this renewed engagement can avoid the fate of earlier negotiations. India and Canada first launched the CEPA negotiations in 2010. The talks continued for years but never reached conclusion.

Trade negotiations often lose momentum when their scope expands faster than political or administrative capacity. India and Canada learned that lesson the hard way, the article observes.

That experience also explains why the distinction between CEPA and the proposed Early Progress Trade Agreement (EPTA) became important. EPTA was conceived as a narrower, early-harvest arrangement that could deliver quicker gains in commercially ready sectors while leaving more contentious issues for later negotiations. But even that process stalled in 2023 amid the sharp diplomatic tensions that followed allegations made by Ottawa regarding the killing of a Canada-based Khalistani extremist designated as a terrorist by India, the article states.

That history should temper expectations. Political resets are relatively easy to announce. Durable trade agreements are much harder to negotiate. At the same time, the current moment does offer a more realistic basis for progress than earlier attempts.

Both sides now appear more conscious of the costs of overloading negotiations with too many objectives at once. There also seems to be greater recognition that a commercially meaningful agreement, even if limited in scope initially, would be preferable to another sprawling framework that never reaches implementation, the article further states.

"That is really the core issue. India does not necessarily need a perfect CEPA with Canada. It needs a workable one," the article opines.

It also observes that the India-Canada relationship remains vulnerable to diplomatic friction, market-access disputes and security concerns. India's long-standing concerns over a small fringe of Canada-based Khalistani extremists continue to cast a shadow over the relationship. Agricultural sensitivities and tariff disputes have also complicated trade discussions in the past.

But allowing every political disagreement to freeze economic engagement would be a strategic mistake for both countries. Mature relationships compartmentalise when necessary. Trade diplomacy rarely moves in straight lines, the former ambassador points out.

The AI slowdown is temporary, workers should prepare accordingly



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For much of the past two years, the corporate world has been gripped by a single fear: AI replacing jobs. Yet a less discussed reality is beginning to emerge in boardrooms and finance departments. AI, for all its promise, is proving expensive.

The race to deploy generative AI has left companies confronting a growing bill for computing power, cloud infrastructure, specialised chips, energy consumption and token based usage. While productivity gains remain attractive, many CFOs are asking a simple question: does the return justify the cost?

As a result, some organisations are quietly tempering their AI ambitions. Functions once earmarked for automation are being reassessed, while human resources continue to remain economically viable in several business processes. To many employees, this may appear to be a welcome reprieve.

But It is not.

History suggests that technology rarely retreats; it merely pauses until economics catches up with ambition. The personal computer, the internet, cloud computing and smartphones were all initially expensive propositions before scale, innovation and competition drove costs down dramatically.

Artificial intelligence is likely following the same trajectory. Technology firms are investing billions in more efficient AI models, lower-cost inference engines, specialised processors and energy-efficient data centres. The objective is clear: reduce the cost per computation and make AI deployment commercially irresistible.

When that happens, AI's second wave could be far more disruptive than the first. Unlike today's experimentation phase, future AI systems will arrive with lower operating costs, better accuracy and deeper integration into everyday workflows. Companies that currently hesitate on economic grounds may find little reason to delay adoption.

This creates a narrow but valuable window for the workforce. Employees should treat the current slowdown not as protection but as preparation time. The premium in the labour market is shifting from routine execution to judgment, creativity, domain expertise, problem-solving and the ability to work alongside intelligent systems.

The long-term contest was never going to be humans versus machines. It is increasingly becoming a competition between professionals who can effectively harness AI and those who cannot.

The temporary pressure that AI places on corporate balance sheets is therefore creating an unexpected opportunity: time. Time for workers to upskill, adapt and reposition themselves before the economics of artificial intelligence improve.

And they will improve.

When computing costs fall, as they inevitably have across every major technological revolution AI will return in forms that are cheaper, faster and more pervasive. The current pause is not the end of the disruption story. It is merely the intermission.

For employees, the message is straightforward: use the interval wisely. The next act is already being written.

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Pakistan faces twin challenge as Lashkar army rift deepens over US, Israel ties



The Lashkar-e-Taiba, which has never revolted against the Pakistan establishment, is a changed outfit today. Indian Intelligence agencies have been stating that all is not well within the outfit, and the Pakistan establishment's push to indulge the outfit in activities contrary to its ideology has only widened the rift further, the agencies have noted.

Now, the Pakistan army finds itself in a spot of bother with US President Donald Trump asking the country to be part of the Abraham Accords framework. While Pakistan has firmly rejected the call to normalise relations with Israel under the accord, it said that it would not recognise the country until the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

An official said that Pakistan has a big problem to deal with after it was dragged in by the United States. Not only will it have to deal with its own people who have always stood against Israel, but handling its terror proxies is going to be a nightmare.

An Intelligence Bureau official said that the Lashkar-e-Taiba has never in the past gone against the army or the ISI. Outfits such as the Jaish-e-Mohammed have on many occasions spoken a different language and gone against the system, but that has not been the case with the Lashkar-e-Taiba.

Differences began setting in post-Operation Sindoor. The leadership felt let down by the establishment for failing to protect its people and facilities. The war in Afghanistan made matters worse as the outfit did not agree with Islamabad's policy of battling the Afghan Taliban. Further, the Lashkar-e-Taiba reluctantly agreed to be part of a coalition with the Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) in the battle against the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA).

Another official said that the newfound bonhomie with the US has not gone down too well with the hardliners and terror groups in Pakistan. Army Chief, Field Marshal Asim Munir, has bitten off more than he can chew, and this has come back to hit him hard now.

The official added that Pakistan may have firmly said no to the Abraham Accord, but it will have to continuously deal with pressure from the US President, who is unlikely to take Islamabad's stance kindly.

Officials say that in the days to come, relations with the Lashkar-e-Taiba are only going to worsen. The terror group's leadership will demand answers from the establishment on its relations with the US. The terror group would expect the Pakistan leadership to be more vocal about its stance against Israel, and this would irritate the Americans further, officials say.

An official said that the Lashkar-e-Taiba leadership does not care about Pakistan's geopolitical positioning. It only believes in radical Jihad, the official added. A top leader of the Lashkar-e-Taiba, Saifullah Qasoori, also the mastermind of the Pahalgam attack, has openly threatened to destroy whoever accepts Israel. In an open message to the Pakistan establishment, he said that the Muslim world would never recognise Israel and whoever does so will be destroyed.

He even said that Pakistan is the defence leader of the Muslim world, while Saudi Arabia is the spiritual and ideological leader.

An official said that Asim Munir clearly did not sign up for this, and neither did he expect this. The official added that handling the Lashkar-e-Taiba leadership is not easy. It has acted on everything that the Pakistan establishment has told them to. However, things are fast changing, and the ISI and army have a lot of answering to do. Looking closely at the developments, the rift is only going to increase in the days to come.

Officials also say that the rift is quite visible. On one hand, the outfit's de facto chief, Talha Saeed, is hobnobbing with the political class. He recently met with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's close aide and discussed further plans relating to Jammu and Kashmir. On the other hand, Qasoori has openly challenged the system and is trying to dictate what geopolitical stand Islamabad should take. These are signs of a clear rift, and in the days to come, it is only going to get worse, the official added.

Crude oil prices decline to six week low over tentative US Iran deal



New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) Global crude oil prices fell to six week lows over the weekend after reports came that the United States and Iran had tentatively agreed to extend a ceasefire and that the Strait of Hormuz could soon reopen.

US West Texas Intermediate (July delivery) settled down 1.73 per cent at $87.36 a barrel, while international oil benchmark Brent crude (August contract) fell 1.7 per cent to close at $91.12 this week.

US President Donald Trump said he would make a final determination on a preliminary deal to prolong the truce for 60 days, while Iran's Foreign Ministry said no final understanding had been reached and that message exchanges were continuing, as per reports.

The risk premium on crude faded in July amid growing hopes of a diplomatic de-escalation, though analysts warned significant obstacles remain before oil flows through Hormuz can be fully resumed.

Removal of mines in the Hormuz waterway, delay in restarting shut-in fields, and damage to energy infrastructure from drone and missile strikes could cause a delay in the full flow of energy supplies.

Nissos Keros -- a Marshall Islands flagged crude oil tanker carrying approximately 270,000 MT of crude oil cargo for India -- safely crossed the Strait of Hormuz and is expected to arrive at Visakhapatnam on June 3, an official statement said.

All oil refineries in the country are operating at high capacity with adequate crude inventories, while sufficient stocks of petrol and diesel are being maintained. Domestic LPG production from refineries has been increased to about 52 TMT/day to support domestic consumption.

GST Appellate Tribunal to help taxpayers with cost-effective dispute resolution mechanism



New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) The GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) is expected to provide taxpayers with a cost-effective dispute resolution mechanism, experts said here on Saturday.

The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) organised a national conference on operationalising GSTAT.

Justice (Retd) Sanjaya Kumar Misra, President, GSTAT, emphasised the importance of preparedness, professionalism and complete command over facts while appearing before the Tribunal. He encouraged practitioners to approach litigation with diligence and excellence.

Misra emphasised the Tribunal's guiding principle - "Appellate Devo Bhava" - ensuring appellants are treated with respect, and that appeals will be heard fairly and without bias.

He clarified that minor procedural lapses will not block adjudication on merits if essential documents are submitted, and that GSTAT aims for conclusive resolution.

Misra affirmed that GSTAT's vision is "nyaya (justice), not merely nirnay (decision)," with success measured by legal certainty and the number of cases resolved. A committee has been formed to review stakeholder representations for future portal improvements, including more automation.

Ashok Batra, Chair, IDT Committee, PHDCCI, highlighted the significance of GSTAT as the final fact-finding authority under GST.

China's state broadcaster starts selling skincare products to survive

New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) The Chinese Communist Party's flagship broadcaster, China Central Television (CCTV), has pivoted from journalism to livestream e-commerce as the media house struggles to create revenue, a new report has said. The report from Eurasia Review described the shift as a "survival tactic that exposes the depth of China's economic malaise" and a symptom of "perilious" phase its economy has entered.

"For decades, CCTV served as the Party's mouthpiece, shaping narratives and reinforcing state authority. Today, it is selling skincare products, AR devices, tea, books, and weight loss kits on Douyin, China's version of TikTok," the report said.

Some livestream sessions through verified accounts with millions of followers generate staggering revenue. Initially, users assumed these were fake accounts but in reality "state media has become a shopping mall."

China's "golden age" of journalism is over and "economic woes" are hitting Chinese media and journalists and affecting the credibility that state outlets once claimed to uphold, the report said.

Livestream e-commerce is projected to hit 8.18 trillion yuan by 2026, but the benefits are disproportionately tilted in favour of state-backed giants, while ordinary merchants, lacking traffic and resources, get routed.

AI-driven "digital human" livestreaming was deployed by over 1.14 million enterprises, which further tilted the playing field against small businesses.

Ayushman Bharat surpasses 90 crore ABHA accounts, nearly half are women

New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), implemented by the National Health Authority (NHA), has crossed the landmark milestone of 90 crore Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHAs) across the country, the government said on Saturday.

Uttar Pradesh leads with over 15.3 crore ABHAs, followed by Rajasthan and Maharashtra with 7.1 crore each, Bihar with 6.3 crore, and West Bengal with 5.9 crore ABHAs.

Significant contributions have also come from Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Karnataka, reflecting the nationwide adoption of digital health services.

The achievement marks a major step in India's journey towards a connected, interoperable and citizen-centric digital health ecosystem. The growth in ABHA creation has been consistent since the launch of ABDM. On a calendar year basis, cumulative ABHA creation increased from 14.7 crore in 2021 to 30.4 crore in 2022, 50.6 crore in 2023, 72.2 crore in 2024, and 84.5 crore in 2025, before crossing the 90-crore milestone in 2026, according to Health Ministry.

"The creation of over 90 crore ABHAs reflects the growing participation of citizens, States, UTs and ecosystem partners in the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. ABHA is an important step towards empowering citizens with secure, consent-based access to their own health information," said Dr. Sunil Kumar Barnwal, CEO, National Health Authority.

Centre exempts all customs duties on cotton import from June 1 till Oct 30



New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) The government on Saturday announced a temporary exemption on all customs duties on the import of cotton from June 1 till October 30, to augment its availability for the Indian textile sector amid geopolitical tensions. The temporary duty exemption is expected to reduce input costs across the textile and apparel sector, thereby providing targeted relief to manufacturers and consumers, while also keeping the interests of domestic farmers in mind, according to an official notification.

The measure is anticipated to have a positive impact on the performance of the domestic textile industry, especially the small and medium enterprises, ensuring better availability of cotton in the market.

Earlier this month, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved an outlay of Rs 5,659.22 crore for the Mission for Cotton Productivity (2026-27 to 2030-31) aimed at addressing bottlenecks, declining growth, and quality concerns in India's cotton sector.

Chinese firms control nearly 90 pc of Zimbabwe's lithium reserves



New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) The Select Committee on China of the US House of Representatives found that Chinese companies now control nearly 90 per cent of Zimbabwe's lithium reserves, raising concerns about environmental damage and over-exploitation of local communities, a new report has said. The report from Kenya-based Capital News cited the committee's allegation that corruption and governance gaps have allowed some firms to operate with limited accountability. Chinese mining companies expose workers to unsafe conditions, cause significant water contamination, groundwater depletion and engage in mineral smuggling. Communities living near lithium mining areas also complained about hazardous dust pollution linked to mining activities. Residents of Shurugwi have petitioned Zimbabwe's Parliament to intervene over "environmental destruction, public health risks and human rights violations" linked to operation of an open-pit mine run by a Chinese company.The petition accused mining operators of unsafe practices involving toxic chemicals and heavy metals that allegedly contaminated the Mutevekwi River and damaged biodiversity.

Govt aims to build professionals for India's evolving labour governance: EPFO's Krishnamurthi

New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) India is witnessing a transformative phase in labour governance and social security administration, Ramesh Krishnamurthi, Central Provident Fund Commissioner (CPFC), EPFO, said on Saturday, as the government aims to build future-ready professionals for India's evolving labour governance and social security ecosystem.

He observed that the Labour Codes, particularly the Code on Social Security, 2020, together with rapid digitisation, have increased the need for professionals who can combine legal understanding with practical implementation capabilities.



He was speaking at an event organised by the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS) and Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), in collaboration with Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar, which saw the launch of the inaugural batch of the Executive Development Programme on "Labour Laws and Social Security Compliance (EPFO at Core)". The programme marks an important milestone in professional legal education and industry-oriented capacity building at a time when India's labour and social security landscape is undergoing significant transformation.Designed as a practice-oriented executive learning initiative, it seeks to bridge the gap between legal understanding, regulatory compliance, and real-world impleme-ntation, equip-ping professionals to navigate the increasingly complex compliance environment emerging in the post-Labour Codes era, according to Labour Ministry.

PM SVANidhi crosses 55 lakh beneficiaries, clocks Rs 9 lakh crore digital transactions

New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) The Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme has digitally onboarded over 55 lakh beneficiaries, who have collectively recorded more than 841 crore digital transactions worth nearly Rs 9 lakh crore, according to an official statement on Saturday.

Over 55 lakh beneficiaries have been onboarded digitally, and they have collectively carried out over 841 crore digital transactions worth Rs 8.96 lakh crore. Beneficiaries have also received nearly Rs 800 crore through digital cashback incentives and interest subsidies, the statement said. Moreover, building on the strong achievements and measurable impact, the scheme has been extended until March 2030. PM SVANidhi was launched in June 2020 as a first-of-its-kind micro-credit initiative focused on street vendors with government-backed credit guarantee support.

India's macro indicators show cautious resilience, sustained policy vigilance needed: FinMin

New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) India's macroeconomic position in the month of May reflects cautious resilience over strong services exports, adequate foreign exchange reserves and a stable labour market, Finance Ministry said in its 'Monthly Economic Review' on Saturday.

However, the confluence of elevated global energy prices, a depreciating rupee, rising upstream cost pressures and the prospect of a below-normal monsoon calls for sustained policy vigilance, the Economic Review said.

"Navigating FY27 will require agility across monetary, fiscal and structural dimensions to safeguard growth momentum and keep inflation durably anchored, even as the global environment remains uncertain," it added.The West Asia conflict has emerged as a major shock to the already fragile global recovery, with its effects increasingly visible across energy markets, supply chains, trade routes and global financial con-ditions. Elevated energy, transportation and logistics costs have revived inflationary pressures and renewed stagflation concerns across major economies.



Prolonged disruptions to Gulf energy supplies could further weaken global growth and intensify macroeconomic vulnerabilities across economies, according to the monthly review.

For India, these external pressures are beginning to transmit, selectively but perceptibly, into domestic economic conditions.

"The Indian economy maintained its growth momentum in April 2026, with E-way bill generation, PMI indices and electricity consu-mption remaining in expansionary territory. However, the moderation in the Eight Core Industries Index and fuel consumption signals that global headwinds are gradually finding their way into select segments of domestic activity," it noted.

The inflation dynamics of April 2026 reflect a growing divergence between relatively contained consumer prices and sharply rising wholesale prices.

While retail inflation increased only marginally to 3.48 per cent and remained below the RBI's target, pressures intensified in select food items and services such as restaurants and accommodation.

North 24 Parganas students excel in SOF International Olympiads

North 24 Parganas, May 30 : Students from North 24 Parganas delivered an impressive performance in the Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) examinations for the academic year 2025-26, earning international ranks and bringing recognition to their schools and the district.The SOF Olympiads this year saw participation from millions of students across 72 countries, including more than 29,000 students from North 24 Parganas. Among the top achievers, Ashna Armin and Md Minhaz Uddin Molla of Class 4 from ABN Global Academy secured International Rank 1 in the International Computer Science Olympiad (ICSO). The duo will receive Gold Medals along with Certificates of Outstanding Performance and Certificates of Distinction. In another notable achievement, Arqam Mohammad Mallick and Zinan Akhtar Lamiya of Class 8 from Swapnopuron Shiksha Niketan secured International Rank 3 in the International General Knowledge Olympiad (IGKO) and will be awarded Bronze Medals. SOF Founder and Director Mahabir Singh congratulated the students, parents and schools, stating that the Olympiads continue to encourage critical thinking and academic excellence among students.The achievements underline the growing academic culture in North 24 Parganas, with schools increasingly encouraging students to participate in global-level competitive examinations beyond classroom learning.

Piyush Goyal highlights 'renewed momentum' in India-Canada ties after visit

New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday shared highlights of his visit to Canada and said that engagements reaffirmed "the renewed momentum in India-Canada relations".

In a social media post titled "Glimpses of my highly productive visit to Canada", Goyal said that the visit also reaffirmed "shared commitment to advancing mutual growth and prosperity".

The video posted by Goyal shared glimpses of his meetings with Canadian PM Mark Carney, Canada's Minister of International Trade Maninder Sidhu and Foreign Minister Anita Anand.



It captured his address to the opening ministerial plenary session in Toronto and interaction with industry leaders at a reception hosted by Maninder Sidhu.

The video showed his participation in a Canada investment roundtable, engaging with representatives of regional chambers in the India Canada corridor, and meeting members of the Canada India Foundation.

He also visited the Ontario Centre of Innovation and held discussions with Indian business delegates, several CEOs and heads of business and industry chambers to explore trade and investment opportunities.

With India-Canada bilateral trade currently standing at approximately $8.5 billion, both governments remain committed to their shared and ambitious target of expanding it to $50 billion by 2030, Piyush Goyal said as he concluded a highly productive and landmark three-day visit to Canada, according to an official statement earlier this week.

Gold dips 1.36 pc this week over stable dollar, Fed rate hike expectation



New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) Gold prices dipped 1.36 per cent during the week as a stable dollar and stronger than expected US inflation data reinforced expectations that the US Federal Reserve may raise interest rates later this year.

On Friday, MCX gold June futures dipped 0.59 per cent while MCX silver May futures lost 0.94 per cent. Currently, gold futures stand at Rs 1,56,000, while silver futures at Rs 2,67,000 per kg.

The price of 10 grams of 24-carat gold was at Rs 1,56,463 on Friday down from Rs 1,58,622 seen on Monday market opening, according to data published by the India Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA).

The dollar index rose about 0.10 per cent, while US personal consumption expenditures (PCE) rose 3.8 per cent (year on year) in April, the fastest pace since May 2023, bolstering expectations of US Fed rate hikes this year.

Myanmar Prez offers prayers for world peace at Mahabodhi, Sujata temples in Bodh Gaya

Patna, May 30 (IANS) Myanmar President General Min Aung Hlaing visited the World Heritage-listed Mahabodhi Temple and the historic Sujata Temple on Saturday and offered prayers for world peace, harmony, and the welfare of humanity.

The high-profile visit prompted extraordinary security arrangements across Bodh Gaya, with senior administrative and police officials remaining on high alert throughout the program.

According to an official, President Min Aung Hlaing arrived at Gaya International Airport at approximately 9:00 A.M. aboard a special aircraft.

He was received by dignitaries, including representatives of the Bihar administration and senior government officials.

Following his arrival, the President and his delegation proceeded to Bodh Gaya under a tight security escort.



The convoy travelled through a carefully secured route, with multiple layers of security deployed to ensure the smooth conduct of the visit.

Senior officials of the Myanmar government and members of a high-level delegation accompanied the President.

Upon reaching Bodh Gaya, the delegation was first escorted to a designated reception and rest area before proceeding to the Mahabodhi Temple complex.

Given the significance of the visit, the district administration implemented elaborate security measures across the city.

Security arrangements were strengthened along the entire route connecting Gaya Airport and the Mahabodhi Temple.

District Magistrate Shashank Shubhankar and Senior Superintendent of Police Sushil Kumar personally monitored and supervised the preparations.

Personnel from the police, special security units, and Intelligence agencies were deployed at strategic locations throughout the area.

After offering prayers at the Mahabodhi Temple, President Min Aung Hlaing visited the Burmese Buddhist Monastery located on Sujata Bypass Road. He later travelled to the historic Sujata Temple, where he also paid his respects and offered prayers. Members of his delegation accompanied him during both visits.

Navy Chief Admiral Tripathi briefs PM Modi on maritime security, operational preparedness



New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) Outgoing Indian Navy chief, Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and briefed him on the operational preparedness of the force and the prevailing security environment in the Indian Ocean Region, officials said on Saturday.

The meeting took place on Friday, just days before Admiral Tripathi is scheduled to retire from service on May 31.

Sharing details of the meeting on X, the Indian Navy said Admiral Tripathi provided the Prime Minister with a comprehensive overview of the force's readiness and the evolving maritime security landscape.

"Adm Dinesh K Tripathi, CNS, called on Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 29 May 26. Prior to handing over command of the Indian Navy on 31 May 26, CNS briefed the Hon'ble Prime Minister on the operational readiness of the Indian Navy and the overall security situation in the Indian Ocean Region, including the impact of emerging challenges and galloping technology in the maritime domain," it said.

The Navy reiterated its commitment towards safeguarding India's maritime interests across the region.

"The Indian Navy, as a combat-ready, credible, cohesive and future-ready Atmanirbhar force, remains committed to safeguarding our national maritime interests -- anytime, anywhere, anyhow," the post added.



American President Donald Trump's daughter Tiffany visited the iconic Taj Mahal with her husband Michael Boulos on Saturday and spent about an hour exploring the monument.

Ghaziabad teenager murdered on Eid-ul-Adha, mother demands strict action

Ghaziabad, May 30 (IANS) A 17-year-old boy was stabbed to death by his friend in Ghaziabad's Khoda Colony following an argument, police said.

The victim, identified as Surya Chauhan, succumbed to his injuries at a hospital. His grieving mother and sister, devastated by the loss, have demanded strict action against the accused, including an encounter of the main suspect.

The incident took place on Thursday, while Surya died during treatment on Friday.

Surya was a Class XI student at a private school in Khoda colony. Following a complaint lodged by his elder brother, Yash, at Khoda police station, an FIR was registered in the case.

The Ghaziabad Police have arrested three of the four accused named in the FIR. The arrested accused have been identified as Farhan, Asif, and Nawab. Farhan is the father of the main accused, Asad. Police teams are conducting raids to trace and arrest Asad, who remains absconding.

Expressing her grief, Surya's mother, Saroj, told IANS, "I want him to be killed. The way he killed my son, I want the same punishment for him. I have not seen my son's face since May 28. I have three children - one daughter and two sons. However, my elder son is physically challenged. I had hoped that my younger son would become my strength, but now he has been taken away from us."

Surya's sister told IANS, "We got the information around 3.30 a.m. We received a call saying that someone had stabbed my younger brother and that we should come to the hospital. I was at my marital home and could not even see my brother's face. We have not received his body yet."

She further alleged that Asad was responsible for the attack. "Asad was the one who stabbed my brother. My brother and Asad had a minor argument about eight months ago, but we never imagined that he would do something like this."

According to her, Asad had called Surya to meet him on Eid. "We thought it was a friendly meeting and never suspected any conspiracy. However, Asad was not alone; he was accompanied by seven or eight people," she claimed.

"My brother was only 17 years old. Our father is no longer with us, and now we have lost my brother too. We have no one left," she said.

Demanding justice, she added, "The way my brother was killed, the accused should face the same fate. We want strict action against him. Asad is still on the run, and we want him arrested as soon as possible."

Citizens receive emergency alerts for disaster warning

New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) Citizens across the Delhi NCR region received an emergency alert accompanied by a loud beep sound on their phones on Saturday for a disaster warning. The alerts were sent for the second time and appeared as flash messages on mobile devices along with a high-decibel warning tone.Earlier in May, officials had said the alerts are part of routine testing being carried out by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to assess the effectiveness and reliability of the emergency communication mechanism ahead of wider operational deployment.The messages informed users that the alerts were part of a test exercise and that no action was required.The Cell Broadcast Alert System has been developed to deliver disaster-related warnings, emergency notifications and public safety messages directly to mobile phones in real time during situations such as earthquakes, tsunamis, lightning strikes, floods and other emergencies.

Harbhajan discusses Punjab issues with HM Amit Shah

New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) Former cricketer and BJP's Rajya Sabha MP Harbhajan Singh on Saturday met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and discussed issues related to Punjab's development and law and order. In a message on X, Harbhajan Singh shared information about his meeting."Today, I met with the Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah ji in New Delhi. During this time, there was an extensive discussion on important issues related to Punjab, the state's development, public welfare, and further strengthening law and order," he said."At the same time, I urged for cooperation from the Central Government to protect the interests of Punjab and to advance the state's development," he said.On a previous occasion, Harbhajan Singh had expressed concern about poor governance and corruption in Punjab."Punjab has been looted and devoured," said the cricketer-turned-politician in a message on X, hitting out at alleged supporters of AAP questioning his decision not to quit the Rajya Sabha before joining the BJP.

Shiv Sena, Shiv Sena-UBT back YS Sharmila's Rajya Sabha candidature

Mumbai, May 30 (IANS) Amid the buzz around Congress leader Y.S. Sharmila's rumoured Rajya Sabha nomination from Karnataka, Shiv Sena and Shiv Sena-UBT said on Saturday that it would be a "good decision" on part of the grand old party if Sharmila indeed receives the opportunity.

The reactions followed a day after Andhra Pradesh Congress President Y. S. Sharmila met senior party leader and Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi in the national capital amid reports that the party high command is considering her name for nomination to the Upper House.

According to Shiv Sena Spokesperson Krishna Hegde, there are three or four Rajya Sabha seats for which Congress is contesting in Karnataka.

Talking to IANS, Hegde said: "There is a tussle between the factions of D.K. Shivakumar and caretaker Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Both sides are trying to ensure their respective candidates for the Rajya Sabha."

Mentioning that Sharmila's father Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy was the former Karnataka Chief Minister, Hegde said: "He (Reddy) had made a very big contribution to Congress."

AI plays pivotal role in taking faster decisions, managing complex battlefields, says Army Chief

Pune, May 30 (IANS) Indian Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Saturday emphasised the increasing significance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in contemporary warfare, stating that emerging technologies are becoming indispensable for faster decision-making and effective management of the growing complexity of military operations.

Addressing reporters after reviewing the Passing Out Parade of the 150th Course at the National Defence Academy (NDA) in Pune, General Dwivedi said modern battlefields generate enormous volumes of information and involve a wide range of resources, making AI-driven systems an essential component of future military preparedness.

The Army Chief explained that the pace of present-day warfare requires commanders and troops to process information rapidly and make timely decisions in highly dynamic situations.

"Artificial Intelligence. We look into why it is required. When you have resources which are beyond your control, you can't manage them all in one go. Secondly, there is an OODA cycle -- Observe,



Orient, Decide and Act. When you are superimposed with more than one cycle, how do you act? Therefore, when the velocity of warfare is very high, you need additional support within your resources to make decisions faster. In this particular case, we have the SLMs and LLMs," General Dwivedi said.

He noted that AI-based technologies, including Small Language Models (SLMs) and Large Language Models (LLMs), are increasingly helping military organisations process information efficiently, optimise resources and improve operational effectiveness in complex environments.

According to him, the ability to make faster and better-informed decisions has become a decisive factor in modern conflicts, where battlefield situations evolve rapidly and often require simultaneous responses across multiple domains.He said that the two languages help make the decision-making process fast, and said, "Rationalisation of resources and application of resources, all of this becomes much faster in today's world."General Dwivedi further highlighted the growing role of drones in military operations and pointed out that armed forces must develop both offensive and defensive capabilities to deal with emerging aerial threats.

Vande Mataram row in Kerala: BJP calls it 'shameful', Opposition hits back

New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) A political row erupted after only the opening portion of Vande Mataram was played before the Governor's policy address in the Kerala Assembly. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), on Saturday, called the incident "shameful" while the Opposition maintained that singing the full song cannot be enforced upon citizens.

Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar on Friday had publicly confirmed that Lok Bhavan had insisted on the full rendition of Vande Mataram during the opening session of the Assembly. However, the Pinarayi Vijayan-led Left weighed in on the controversy by backing the existing convention of singing the truncated version.

Reacting on the same, BJP spokesperson Ajay Alok said: "It is shameful, absolutely shameful. This is



an insult to the spirit of the nation, an insult to the national song, and an insult to our Constitution."

"The Central Government has taken this matter seriously and will ensure that henceforth, whenever Vande Mataram is sung, it will be sung in full," he added.

Alok stressed that just like the national anthem, singing the full national song will also be compulsory.

BJP spokesperson Pratul Shah Deo blamed the "appeasement politics" of the Kerala government for not playing the full national song.

Asserting that Vande Mataram reflects the country's national consciousness, he said: "If somebody does not play or sing the full national song, it will be an insult to the Centre's guidelines and people may also have to face punishment for this."

Shiv Sena national spokesperson Shaina NC questioned the purported religious objections to the national song. She asserted: "Parts of Vande Mataram represent beliefs of the nation, not a particular religion."

"Please don't spread communal disharmony under the garb of communal harmony," she further said.

Red alert issued as strong winds and dust storms sweep Rajasthan

Jaipur, May 30 (IANS) A strong Western Disturbance triggered widespread sandstorms, rain and gusty winds across Rajasthan on Saturday, disrupting normal life in several districts. Sandstorms swept through Churu, Hanumangarh, Sri Ganganagar, Bikaner, Nagaur, Didwana-Kuchaman, Alwar and Sikar, while Jaipur witnessed rain accompanied by strong winds. Hailstones were also reported from some rural areas.

The sudden weather change brought daytime darkness to several districts, forcing motorists to switch on headlights. Strong winds uprooted trees and disrupted electricity supply in many areas.

The storm system first impacted Hanumangarh and Sri Ganganagar, where wind speeds reached up to 56 kilometres per hour. In Jaipur's Jhotwara area, intense winds and dust storms persisted for nearly 10 minutes during the evening.In Sri Ganganagar, a storm around 11 a.m. engulfed the city in dust, creating conditions resembling a massive sandstorm.

Similar scenes were witnessed in Churu and Bikaner, while dust clouds swept through Fatehpur and Laxmangarh in Sikar district.

Political parties condemn attack on Abhishek Banerjee; BJP, CPI(M) remind of his 'pre-poll arrogant attitude'

Kolkata, May 30 (IANS) The leaders of all the political parties in West Bengal on Saturday condemned the heckling and physical assault of Trinamool Congress General Secretary and the party's Lok Sabha member, Abhishek Banerjee, at Sonarpur in South 24 Paragans district earlier in the day.

However, while describing the incident as unfortunate, the leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the CPI-M reminded of the arrogant and provocative public speeches by Abhishek Banerjee at a number of campaign rallies before the recently concluded West Bengal Assembly elections, for which an FIR has already been registered against him.

State BJP President and the party's Rajya Sabha member, Samik Bhattacharya, issued an appeal to all the people to maintain restraint and refrain from taking law into their own hands.

When asked why police were not reportedly there while the assault on Abhishek Banerjee took place, Bhattacharya said that it was for the state government to answer and not him.

"But I want to remind you that when the current West Bengal Chief Minister



Suvendu Adhikari was the Leader of the Opposition, there was an attempt to kill him in North Bengal. The BJP workers are showing a lot of restraint after the elections even though they were tortured mercilessly by the Trinamool Congress supporters during the previous Trinamool Congress government. There were so many instances of how mercilessly the previous ruling party activists resorted to terror and violence in the state, when their party was in power," the State BJP President added.

State CPI-M Secretary and the party's Politburo member, Md. Salim said that while the Saturday's attack on Abhishek Banerjee was unfortunate, equally unacceptable was how he issued threats and provocative statements before the elections when he was enjoying unprecedented security cover just as an MP.

"Neither his (Abhishek Banerjee's) statements then were desirable, nor the attack on him today is acceptable. But one must remember, BJP will always try to keep Trinamool Congress relevant in the political scene in West Bengal. Now the question is whether the incident was part of that plan or not," Salim added.

State Trinamool Congress General Secretary and the party's legislator, Kunal Ghosh, condemned the decision of the West Bengal government to withdraw the security enjoyed by Abhishek Banerjee earlier.

"I strongly condemn the attack on Abhishek Banerjee. In the past we have seen the circumstances of withdrawing the security of the former Indian Prime Minister late Rajiv Gandhi. The same trend was evident at Sonapur today. What were the police doing when the attack on Abhishek Banerjee took place and continued for some time?" Ghosh asked.

22 killed as Afghan refugee truck falls into ditch after driver falls asleep

Kabul, May 30 (IANS): A truck carrying Afghan refugees returning from neighbouring Pakistan overturned on a highway in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday, killing at least 22 people and injuring about 36 others, most of them women and children, officials said.

The accident occurred in Laghman province on the main highway linking Kabul, the Afghan capital, with Nangarhar province, said Abdul Malik Niazai, the spokesperson for the provincial governor.

He said among the dead were 10 children and five women, and the injured were taken to hospitals in Nangarhar.

The provincial director of public health. Aminullah Sharif, said 22 people were killed and about 36 injured. He said the accident occurred when the truck fell into a ditch after the driver fell asleep.

The passengers were among thousands



of Afghans who recently returned from Pakistan, which launched a crackdown on migrants in 2023, and has since deported or pressured many to leave. Iran also intensified expulsions of Afghan migrants around the same time. Since then, millions of Afghans have returned home from the two countries, including many who were born in Pakistan and had spent decades living and working there.

In a separate accident in the eastern province of Nuristan, a car fell off the road into a river on Friday night, injuring the driver and leaving four passengers missing, the governor's office said Saturday. Rescue crews were searching for the four, the office said.

Traffic accidents are common across Afghanistan, where roads are poorly maintained and drivers routinely ignore traffic regulations.

'The worst example of state repression': Human rights organization

Quetta, May 30 (IANS) Human rights body Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) on Saturday strongly condemned the ongoing curfew in the Mashkai region of Balochistan's Awaran district imposed by Pakistani forces, alleging that it forms part of a wider effort "to paralyse public life". According to the BYC, the restrictions have disrupted daily lives, confining people to their homes while denying basic freedom of movement, resulting in significant hardships for the public."Even on the occasion of Eid, the people of Mashkai were not permitted to purchase sacrificial animals, clearly reflecting that restrictions are being imposed not only on people's daily lives but also on their religious and social activities.

Hegseth calls for 'balanced' OPCON transfer to South Korea where US military roles are 'honoured'

Singapore, May 30 (IANS) US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth on Saturday called for finding a "balance" in the transfer of wartime operational control (OPCON) to South Korea in a way that respects the roles the US military has played for decades.

Hegseth made the remarks at a defence forum in Singapore amid growing concerns over what appear to be differing views between Seoul and Washington over when and how the transition should proceed, Yonhap news agency reported.

"I think we have to find the balance of where our military plans and the responsibilities that US uniformed members have had for decades now (are) honoured, as we phase over to wartime OPCON transfer for the Republic of Korea, which we welcome the fact that they want that," he said during a session of the Asia Security Summit, also known as the Shangri-



La Dialogue.

Seoul has proposed retaking wartime OPCON from Washington as early as 2028 as it seeks to complete the transfer before the Lee Jae Myung administration's five-year term ends in 2030.

However, doubts have emerged over whether Washington sees eye to eye with Seoul on such a timeline after US Forces Korea Commander Gen. Xavier Brunson suggested the two sides aim to meet the conditions required for the OPCON transfer by no later than the first quarter of 2029.

South Korea handed over operational control of its troops to the US-led UN Command during the 1950-53 Korean War. It was then transferred to the allies' Combined Forces Command when the command was launched in 1978.

Brunson, who was also taking part in the regional forum in Singapore, stressed the importance of ensuring proper military capabilities and readiness for the OPCON transition.

"The position that we have within the (Korean) peninsula ... is important," the USFK chief said.

"But what's also important (is) that we have the right capabilities, the right place and the right time," he added, while also stressing the importance of taking those elements into "actual perspective."

US judge orders Trump's name removed from Kennedy Center

Washington, May30 (IANS) A US district judge ruled that the addition of US President Donald Trump's name to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts was unlawful and ordered it removed within two weeks. Judge Christopher Cooper of the Federal District Court in Washington wrote that US Congress commanded that the Center be "the sole national memorial" to the 35th President John F. Kennedy within the city of Washington and its environs, Xinhua reported.

The judge noted that the Kennedy Center's Board of Trustees overstepped its authority by unilaterally renaming the center after Trump.

"The Kennedy Center's organic statute makes crystal clear that the Center is to be named for President Kennedy, and it cannot bear any other formal name or public memorial based on the Board's unilateral say-so. Congress gave the Kennedy Center its name, and only Congress can change it," Cooper said.

Cooper also temporarily blocked the Trump administration from shuttering the Kennedy Center for two years.

He said the board's decision to shut down operations rested on "an insufficient, one-sided presentation of information and neglected to consider the full range of its statutory obligations and potential adverse consequences of closure on programming and memorial functions."

Indian diaspora pushes for landmark museum in Washington

Washington, May 30 (IANS) After nearly eight years of research and planning, the team behind the proposed India Heritage Center is preparing to launch an ambitious effort to create a permanent museum in the American Capital, dedicated to telling India's story from ancient civilisation to modern nationhood.

The project, led by Indian-American educationist and community leader Dr Amitabh Sharma, aims to establish what organisers describe as the first dedicated museum in the United States focused on India's civilisational, cultural and historical journey spanning more than 11,000 years.

The proposed institution would use immersive technology, virtual reality, interactive exhibits and multimedia displays to present India's contributions, challenges and evolution to a global audience.

"Indian history and Indian civilization has never been portrayed in the strength that it deserves," Sharma told IANS. "It is important in today's perspective, more importantly, to be able to tell the world that this is the rich civilization, rich heritage that we have in terms of culture, history, our contributions, and so on and so forth."

Atlanta-based Sharma said the idea emerged from a long-held belief that India's civilisational story has often been viewed



through external lenses and presented in fragmented ways. The objective, he said, is to create a permanent institution that can present a comprehensive and enduring narrative of India's past, present and future.

"So I think it is time that we told our story and are told, telling our story in a very compelling narrative," he said.

The museum is envisioned as a 20,000-square-foot complex featuring ten galleries, a 350-seat auditorium, a library, reception facilities and a gift centre. Organisers plan to use state-of-the-art technologies, including immersive experiences, interactive audio-video systems, virtual reality, augmented reality, murals and artefacts to engage visitors.

"Well this is a museum of Indian history culture and civilization going back all these years. So 9,500 BC onwards, we have tracked down, there will be 10 galleries in the museum," Sharma said.

According to project documents, the galleries would guide visitors through India's civilisational heritage, scientific and technological achievements, spiritual traditions, cultural accomplishments, periods of adversity and the country's emergence as a modern democratic nation.

Proposed exhibits include sections on the Indus Valley civilisation, Vedic traditions, innovation and scientific discovery, yoga and Ayurveda, cultural heritage, independence movements and modern India's economic and technological rise.

Sharma said the museum would serve not only the Indian diaspora but also mainstream Americans and other ethnic communities who may have limited exposure to India's long history and diverse cultural traditions.

"The actual history has not been portrayed," he said. "So we felt that it is time that we collected all this data, and then we showcased this to not only our community, our diaspora, our future generations who are totally oblivious of the facts, actual facts of the history, but also to sensitize the multiethnic community."

He said the centre would emphasise India's traditions of inclusiveness and coexistence.

"We want to tell the world, listen, we have embraced persecuted communities," Sharma said. "This is a community or a civilization that will always cherish peace and coexistence."

Washington remains the preferred location because of its visibility and international reach. Sharma said the organisation has already begun efforts to identify a suitable site in the US capital.

"We want this to be in the natural footfall of the people who are visiting," he said. "First priority is Washington DC and we have already embarked upon a very aggressive, interactive campaign to be able to identify a good location in Washington DC."

Sharma said the team spent years gathering and validating historical material to ensure accuracy and credibility before moving forward with fundraising and site selection.

"And then it took us a long time to amalgamate or to collate humongous amount of data over 11,000 years and then to get that data validated so that tomorrow nobody can raise a finger or raise an objection," he said.

Five Killed, dozens injured in Virginia bus crash; US Transport Secretary slams driver licensing issues

Washington, May 30 (IANS) At least five people were killed and nearly four dozen others injured in a bus crash in Virginia after a motorcoach struck multiple vehicles on Interstate 95 near a work zone, prompting a strong response from US Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy, who criticised driver licensing and training standards in the aftermath of the incident. In a post on X, Duffy said, "Five people are dead, including a 13-year-old girl and a 7-year-old boy, after the driver of a motorcoach slammed into stopped traffic on I-95. @FMCSA Administrator Derek Barrs and our investigators are on the ground at the crash site working with the @NTSB."He further stated, "Local police confirm the driver of this motorcoach - a man from China who became a US citizen - doesn't speak English. He received his commercial drivers license from New York State in 2024. Unacceptable. This is exactly why we are holding states' accountable, enforcing the rules of the road, and cracking down on drivers who can't speak English."

Conflict-related sexual violence up sharply worldwide in 2025: UN report

United Nations, May 30 (IANS) Verified cases of conflict-related sexual violence more than doubled globally in 2025 over the previous year, according to a UN report.

"Cases of conflict-related sexual violence verified by the United Nations in 2025 rose sharply from 2024, marked by extreme brutality, and overwhelmingly targeted women and girls," said the annual report of the UN secretary-general.

A total of 9,788 cases of conflict-related sexual violence were documented in 2025, more than doubling the figure from 2024 (with 4,617 cases), according to the report, which was submitted to the Security Council on Thursday and was made available to the press on Friday, Xinhua news agency reported.

The report notes that the cases of conflict-related sexual violence should be understood not as the full picture, as violations remained largely unseen and underreported when ongoing conflict, insecurity, and restrictions on humanitarian access increasingly obstructed reporting and documentation, which was further undermined by mission drawdowns and budget cuts in which specialised capacity on gender and women's protection were often the first to be reduced.

India, Australia review strategic defence cooperation during bilateral talks

Singapore, May 30 (IANS) Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh on Saturday held bilateral discussions here with his Australian counterpart, Meghan Quinn. During the meeting, on the sidelines of the Shangri-La Dialogue, both sides reviewed the progress of the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, discussed upcoming high-level engagements, and explored opportunities to further strengthen defence cooperation in areas of mutual interest."Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh held bilateral discussions with Defence Secretary Australia Ms Meghan Quinn. Both sides reviewed the progress of the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, discussed forthcoming high-level engagements, and explored avenues to further strengthen Defence Cooperation in areas of mutual interest," the Defence Ministry said in a post on X.On Friday, Singh met Canada's Senior Associate Deputy Minister of National Defence, Kelvin Brosseau, on the sidelines of the dialogue.

"Both sides discussed ways to strengthen India-Canada defence cooperation and explored opportunities for deeper collaboration across key domains, reflecting the growing convergence of strategic interests between the two nations," the Ministry of Defence's Directorate of Public Relations said in a post on X.

Singh also met Seychelles' Chief of Defence Forces Major General Micheal Rosette and discussed ways to further strengthen defence cooperation and maritime security collaboration in the Indian Ocean Region, it said, adding: "...The interaction reaffirmed India's commitment to advancing peace, security and stability with its trusted partners in the region".The Shangri-La Dialogue, being held in Singapore, features plenary debates led by government ministers and important opportunities for bilateral discussions among delegations.Earlier on Friday, the Defence Secretary held a meeting with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Military Committee's Chair, Admiral Giuseppe Cavo Dragone, with discussions focused on enhancing strategic dialogue and evolving global security challenges, the Defence Ministry said, adding that the "interaction reaffirmed India's commitment to constructive engagement with key multilateral defence organisations".Singh also met US Indo-Pacific Command Commander Admiral Samuel J Paparo, with discussions focused on strengthening military-to-military cooperation, enhancing collaboration in the Indo-Pacific and addressing emerging security challenges, "reaffirming the shared commitment towards deepening India-US strategic defence ties", the directorate posted on X.

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लापताः आवश्यक सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित करना है कि **गुमशुदा पद्मा महतो, उम्र–करीब 20 वर्ष, पति–रूपलाल महतो, सा0–केन्दुआ, थाना–डुमरिया, जिला–पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर** जो दिनांक–20.05.2026 को रात्रि में अपने घर से निकली है अभी तक वापस नहीं लौटी है। आवेदक एवं इनके परिवारवालों ने अपने स्तर से काफी खोजबीन किया परन्तु कुछ पता नहीं चल सका।

गुमशुदा महिला का हुलिया निम्न प्रकार है :– उम्र–करीब 20 वर्ष, ऊँचाई–करीब 04 फीट 03 इंच, रंग–गोरा, चेहरा–हल्का लम्बा एवं गोल, बाल–काला मध्यम लम्बा, पहचान चिन्ह–बायें हाथ के बाजू में एक मासा, पहनावा– हल्का मैरून प्रिन्ट साड़ी तथा भाषा–बंगला एवं हिन्दी।

अतः आप सभी जन साधारण से अनुरोध है कि उपरोक्त गुमशुदा के संबंध में किसी प्रकार की जानकारी प्राप्त होती है तो इसकी सूचना वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर के कार्यालय में निम्नांकित फोन नम्बर पर सूचित करें।

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लापताः आवश्यक सूचना



गुमशुदा पुरूष बलवीर प्रसाद, उम्र–करीब 51 वर्ष।

सर्व साधारण को सूचित करना है कि **गुमशुदा बलवीर प्रसाद, उम्र– करीब 51 वर्ष, पिता–स्व0 राम कृष्ण प्रसाद सिन्हा, पता–हो0नं0–02, गुरूसहाय रोड, विद्यापति नगर, थाना–सिदगोड़ा, जिला–पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर** जो दिनांक–25.04.2026 को दोपहर अपने घर से निकले हैं अभी तक वापस नहीं लौटे हैं। गुमशुदा का स्वास्थ्य ठीक नहीं है। आवेदिका एवं इनके परिवारवालों ने अपने स्तर से काफी खोजबीन किया परन्तु कुछ पता नहीं चल सका।

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JAMSHEDPUR NOTIFIED AREA COMMITTEE
New Kalimati Road, Sakchi-831001
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Very Short E- Procurement Notice
Tender NoticeNIT No- JNAC/20/2026-27
Date-29.05.2026

1.	Name of the work	Waste Water Management (Gandhi Ghat) Under Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee Jamshedpur. (6th Call)
2.	Estimated Cost (rs.)	Construction cost :- ₹ 26,83,685.00 Operation & Maintenance cost :- ₹ 3,37,004.00 Total cost :- ₹ 30,20,689.00
3.	Cost of Bid Document (INR)	INR 10,000/- (Ten thousand Only) Non-Refundable.
4.	Bid Security (INR)	Bid Security: Rs 60,414.00
5(a).	Time of Completion	6 month including one month of trial run.
(b)	Defect Liability Period	Defect liability period 1 years after satisfactory completion of project.
(c)	O&M Period	1 year after satisfactory completion of project.
6.	Date/Time of publication of tender on website	01.06.2026 at 05:00 PM
7.	Document downloading Start date	01.06.2026 at 05:00 PM
8.	Pre bid meeting date, Time & venue	04.06.2026 at 03:00 PM, JNAC Conference Hall
9.	Bid Submission Start date	05.06.2026 at 05:00 PM
10.	Bid Submission end date	12.06.2026 at 05:00 PM
11.	Bid Opening date	13.06.2026 at 05:00PM
12.	Mode of Submission of bids	E-tendering (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
13.	Name and address of office inviting tender	Deputy Municipal Commissioner, Jamshedpur Notified area Committee, Jamshedpur.
14.	Email ID of E-procurement cell	jnacjsr@gmail.com

Note- 1. Only E-tender will be accepted, further details can be seen on website (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)

Deputy Municipal Commissioner,
Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee,
Jamshedpur.

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भवन नियमितीकरण संबंधी आम सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग के अधिसूचना संख्या 06/न0वि0 (TC PO)/ भ0उ0वि0 05/2017–1315, राँची, दिनांकः– 27.04.2026 के आलोक में "झारखण्ड अनाधिकृत निर्मित भवन नियमितीकरण नियमावली 2026" के तहत् सरायकेला नगर पंचायत क्षेत्रान्तर्गत अनाधिकृत रूप से निर्मित भवन नियमित किया जाना है।

1. इस नियम के अनुसार वैसे सभी भवन जिसका निर्माण 31.12.2024 से पहले निर्मित किया गया हो, का आवेदन अधिसूचना निर्गत होने की तिथि से 60 दिनों के अंदर करना अनिवार्य होगा।
2. नगर पंचायत सरायकेला के संदर्भ में नियमावली 2026 नगर पंचायत के अधिकार क्षेत्र में प्रभावी होगी।
3. इस नियम के अनुसार सभी प्रकार के आवासीय/व्यवसायिक भवन जो अधिकतम G+2 (upto 10m) तक निर्मित होना चाहिए।
4. नियमानुसार आवेदक के प्लॉट का अधिकतम क्षेत्रफल 300sqm होना चाहिए।
5. वैसे सभी प्रकार के आवासीय/व्यवसायिक G+2 भवन, जिसका निर्माण निगम से बिना स्वीकृत प्राप्त कर निर्माण किया गया हो।
6. वैसे सभी प्रकार के आवासीय/व्यवसायिक G+2 भवन, जिसका निर्माण स्वीकृत भवन प्लान के विपरीत/विचलन कर किया गया है।
7. निर्मित भवन का भवन प्लान (वास्तविक बनावट) Online BPAMS (Building Plan Approval Management System) प्रणाली के माध्यम से भू–संबंधित दस्तावेज एवं अन्य आवश्यक दस्तावेज के साथ नगर पंचायत, सरायकेला में विधिवत् पंजीकृत अनुज्ञप्तिधारी Licensed Technical Person (Architect, Civil Engineer, Draftman, etc) के माध्यम से आवेदन समर्पित किया जा सकता है।
8. इसके उपरांत सभी अवैध भवनों पर जुर्माना लगाया जायेगा एवं नियमानुसार कार्रवाई की जायेगी।

(नोट :– अधिक जानकारी के लिए कार्यालय में संपर्क कर जानकारी प्राप्त की जा सकती है।)

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Neil Bhatt talks about performing on 'Mere Mehboob Mere Sanam', 'Bijuriya' with Shambhavi Singh

Mumbai, May 30 (IANS) Actor Neil Bhatt and his 'Parshuram' co-star Shambhavi Singh were seen shaking a leg on 'Mere Mehboob Mere Sanam' from "Bad Newz", Sonu Nigam's "Bijuriya" and an impromptu "Lungi" dance at Star Parivaar's fun segment.



Neil said in a statement: "Shalini and I performed as a couple on Mere Mehboob Mere Sanam from Bad Newz, and apart from that, we also did a group performance on Bijuriya and many other tracks throughout the show. One of the most fun moments for me happened completely unexpectedly."

"During a task, a prop was revealed, and it turned out to be a lungi, which instantly reminded everyone of Parshuram and his signature look."

Neil said he wasn't even part of that segment, but the moment he saw it, he jumped in and did an impromptu dance on the song "Lungi Dance".

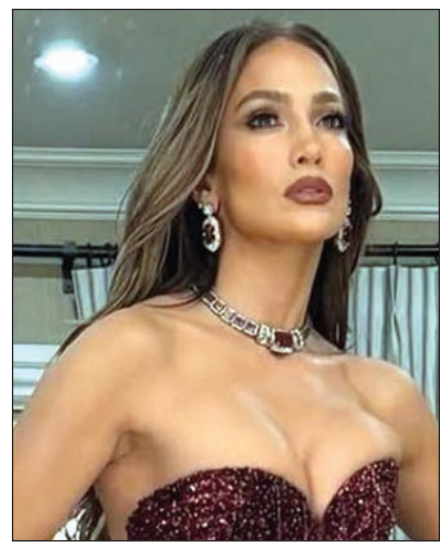
"Everyone had a great laugh, and it became a really memorable moment. It was wonderful getting to interact and have fun with so many other stars from the Star Parivaar. I hope fans enjoy watching their favourite stars as much as we enjoyed being a part of it," concluded the actor.

Talking about the show "Mr. and Mrs. Parshuram", it is the official Hindi remake of the Bengali TV series "Parshuram – Ajker Nayok," which follows an undercover agent named Parashuram, who for the world, is a next-door family man. He oscillates between his dual lives.

Talking about Neil, he first starred in the dance reality show titled Kaboom, where he won first place. He debuted with Arslaan in 2008.

Jennifer Lopez has 'flirty energy' with co-star Brett Goldstein

Los Angeles, May 30 (IANS) Hollywood star Jennifer Lopez and her "Office Romance" co-star Brett Goldstein had a "flirty energy" while working together on Netflix's upcoming raunchy romcom film.



The 56-year-old actress shares a kiss with Goldstein, 45, in Netflix's film Office Romance, which sees CEO Jackie Cruz falling in love with her employee, Daniel Blanchflower, and the pair have been getting closer off-screen too, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

A source told people.com: "Her flirty energy with Brett is genuine. She really likes him."

However, Lopez is said to be happy to stay single for now, following her divorce from Ben Affleck, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

The insider added: "Jennifer is in a great place on her own right now though and doesn't need a relationship to feel happy. She is enjoying her life as it is. She's busy with work, family and the people closest to her.

"She had a great time filming. She's excited for people to see the movie."

Nora Fatehi is in her 'selfie era' as she shares glimpses from her picturesque holiday



Mumbai, May 30 (IANS) Bollywood diva Nora Fatehi is soaking in holiday vibes and embracing what she calls her "selfie era." She also expressed her gratitude to life, saying she is thankful for both the good and the bad experiences that have helped her evolve in her journey. Nora shared a series of photos and videos from her serene getaway. The actress was seen cycling along the seaside, enjoying playful moments with children on a park seesaw, capturing adorable kittens on the streets, and soaking in the beauty of the city's iconic landmarks through her lens.

"Grateful for the good and the bad… Im In my selfie era," Nora wrote as the caption. Nora will be seen performing and singing at the upcoming opening ceremony of the FIFA World Cup 2026 in Toronto, Canada, which will take place on June 12.

She is joined by names such as Michael Bublé, Alanis Morissette, Alessia Cara, Elyanna, Jessie Reyez, Sanjoy, Vegedream, and William Prince.

Kareena Kapoor says 'never say never' as she enters her 'padel era'

Mumbai, May 30 (IANS) Bollywood star Kareena Kapoor Khan appears to have found a new fitness obsession.



The Bollywood star took to her social media stories to share glimpses from her recent padel session. The actress jokingly declared, "Never say Never" as she stepped into her new 'padel era'.

The photos, originally shared by celebrity yoga instructor and Kareena's friend Anshuka Parwani, showed Kareena posing on a padel court with a racket in hand.

Dressed in a white sleeveless workout top, leggings and sports shoes, the actress looked energetic after her session. Reposting the pictires, Kareena wrote, "Never say Never" along with laughing emojis and a red heart, while another story referred to her "entering her padel era."

For the uninitiated, Kareena Kapoor has always been a fitness freak, and workouts and yoga sessions have long been an important part of Kareena's lifestyle.

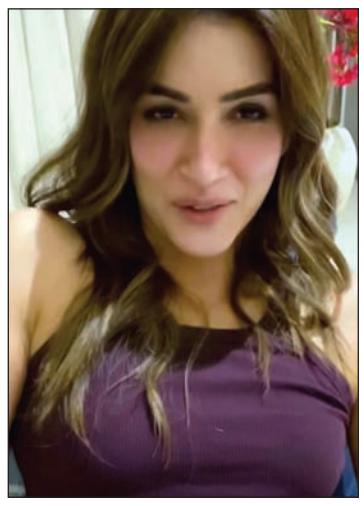
The actress frequently shares glimpses of her workout routines, yoga sessions and wellness practices on social media.

Despite being one of Bollywood's fittest stars, Kareena has often described herself as a foodie. In many of her past interviews, she has revealed that her comfort food remains simple dal khichdi and has said that she can happily eat it at any time of the day.

Kareena's fitness journey became a major talking point during the making of 'Tashan' released in 2008, when she popularised the "size-zero" trend in Bollywood.

Kriti Sanon turns masseuse for sister Nupur Sanon, pampers with a spa session at home

Mumbai, May 30 (IANS) Bollywood actress Kriti Sanon, on Friday morning, was seen pampering her younger sister Nupur Sanon as she gave her a relaxing head massage.



The doting younger sister shared a video on her social media account, Nupur could be enjoying the spa session right at home.

In the video, Nupur can be seen resting comfortably with her head on Kriti's lap while the actress gently massages her scalp and head.

Nupur can be heard saying 'Maashooka bani Masseuse', refering to Kriti's latest hit track from her upcoming movie Cocktail 2.

Hema Malini to make singing debut at Diamond Jubilee concert in aid of CINTAA

Mumbai, May 30 (IANS) Veteran actress and Member of Parliament Hema Malini is all set to add another milestone to her illustrious six-decade-long career.



The actress will be venturing into the singing space with her live performance on stage for the very first time during 'The Dream Girl's Diamond Jubilee Concert', a special charity event being organised in aid of CINTAA (Cine & TV Artistes' Association).

Conceptualised on the format of 'Legends Ki Kahani, Legends Ki Zubaani', the grand musical evening will be held in Mumbai, on July 10.

For the first time ever, Hema Malini's cinematic journey will unfold live on stage through her own voice. The actress will be seen singing unforgettable songs from her films, and stories from the people who witnessed and shaped the golden era she continues to represent.

Adding to the emotional celebration, the veteran actress will also perform a surprise song towards the finale of the concert.

The evening will feature a 15-piece live orchestra travelling through the milestones of her life and career. A press conference announcing the concert was recently held at the CINTAA office in the presence of Poonam Dhillon, Padmini Kolhapure and RJ Anirudh Chawla, along with celebrated artistes Suresh Wadkar, Shabbir Kumar, Anu Malik and Vijeyta Pandit.

The event also witnessed the presence of key CINTAA Executive Committee members including Upasana Singh, Sheeba Akashdeep, Deepak Parashar, Vikas Verma and Chandraprakash Thakur, among others, where the official trailer and concert poster were unveiled.

Padmini Kolhapure, Poonam Dhillon and Anu Malik shared heartfelt anecdotes about Hema Malini and reflected on how she had been a part of their lives and journeys in more ways than one.

Talking about the special occasion, Padmini Kolhapure said, "I will also be performing for Hema Ji and Dharam Ji. I haven't decided on the song yet.

Health

Cambodia hits 2025 HIV targets: Health minister



Phnom Penh, May 30 (IANS) Cambodia achieved its 95-95-95 HIV treatment targets last year, and is on track to eliminate AIDS as a public health threat by 2030, the country's Minister of Health Chheang Ra has said.

The targets mean 95 per cent of the people who are living with HIV know their HIV status, 95 per cent of the people who know that they are living with HIV are on life-saving antiretroviral treatment, and 95 per cent of people who are on treatment are virally suppressed.

HIV is the virus that causes AIDS.

Chheang Ra disclosed this significant milestone during a meeting in Phnom Penh with Patricia Ongpin, country director of UNAIDS for Cambodia, Laos and Malaysia, on Friday, according to a Ministry of Health press release issued late on Friday."Achieving the 95-95-95 targets is a clear testament to the progress and effectiveness of Cambodia's National AIDS Programme," he said.

"It shows that Cambodia is firmly on track towards ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030."

The minister added that the country will continue integrating HIV prevention, testing, and treatment into its health system and expanding Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis and self-testing services while boosting funding sustainability for AIDS programmes.

For her part, Ongpin congratulated Cambodia on its remarkable progress in its AIDS response, saying that UNAIDS will prepare to formally validate and recognise the country's achievement of the 95-95-95 targets in line with international standards, Xinhua news agency reported.

Janhvi Kapoor reveals why she won't attempt Malayalam again

Mumbai, May 30 (IANS) After making her Telugu debut with Devara: Part 1 in 2024 and trying her hand at Malayalam for the 2025 film Param Sundari, actress Janhvi Kapoor, who is predominantly a Bollywood star, has confessed that Malayalam was no easy feat.



Speaking about how she can now call herself a multilingual actress, considering she knows many languages, and if there are any other languages she wants to learn, Janhvi told IANS: "All of it, really."

The actress, who is gearing up for the release of her Telugu film "Peddi," revealed that Malayalam was difficult for her, so she does not see herself attempting it again anytime soon.

"But I don't think I should attempt Malayalam again because it's too difficult for me. It's such a beautiful, sweet language. But I think I've been phonetically quite familiar with Tamil and Telugu," Janhvi said.

She's enjoying her tryst with Telugu films and wants to explore Tamil movies too.

"So, I'm really enjoying working in Telugu films. I'd love to explore Tamil films as well," Janhvi concluded.

Peddi is directed by Buchi Babu Sana. The film also stars Boman Irani, Shiva Rajkumar, Janhvi Kapoor, Jagapathi Babu, and Divyenndu. The film is finally releasing on June 4.

In the Bollywood front, Janhvi was last seen in Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari by Shashank Khaitan. It also stars Varun Dhawan, Sanya Malhotra, Rohit Saraf, Maniesh Paul and Akshay Oberoi.

The film followed Sunny and Tulsi, who are heartbroken after their partners, Ananya and Vikram, abandon them to marry each other. Sunny and Tulsi then team up to crash the wedding of their former lovers.

Janhvi made her acting debut in 2018 with the romantic drama Dhadak. She was then seen in films such as Gunjan Saxena: The Kargil Girl, Mili and Devara: Part 1. She has since earned praise for her role as a woman of a lower caste navigating social discrimination in Homebound

Alia Bhatt confirmed to play an 'alpha killer' in 'Alpha'



Mumbai, May 30 (IANS) Bollywood star Alia Bhatt will be seen playing a killer in 'Alpha', raised and trained to kill.

News about her character in the upcoming Yash Raj Films' entertainer Alpha was doing the rounds on social media. However, a source close working with the production confirmed to IANS: "Alia Bhatt is definitely playing a killer in Alpha."

"She isn't like the goody good heroes that the YRF Spy Universe has introduced so far and is, in fact, as assassin who has been raised and trained to kill. She isn't a spy. She is an alpha killer," said the source

As per the source, YRF head honcho Aditya Chopra wanted to give a new, cool hero "who shouldn't be judged for her actions but should be seen as someone who will do as she pleases."

The source added: This is a very today's way of looking at protagonists because people want to see exciting, entertaining protagonists on screen. Alia's character in Alpha will do just that!"

Familiar rivals, different stakes as RCB and GT battle for glory

IPL 2026 Final



Ahmedabad, May 30 (IANS) The Indian Premier League season that began with ten teams chasing a dream now comes down to two franchises separated by contrasting styles but united by a common ambition. Under the lights of the Narendra Modi Stadium on Sunday, Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Gujarat Titans will meet in the IPL 2026 final with the trophy and a place in league history at stake.

For Royal Challengers Bengaluru, the opportunity is clear: a victory would make them only the third franchise, after Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings, to successfully defend an IPL crown. For the Gujarat Titans, the challenge is equally compelling. Playing at home and seeking a second title in four seasons, they have the chance to avenge their crushing defeat to RCB in Qualifier 1 and reclaim the crown they last lifted in 2022.

The finalists have travelled different routes to reach the summit clash. RCB stormed directly into the final after dismantling Gujarat by 92 runs earlier this week, posting a playoff-record 254/5 in a display of relentless batting aggression.

The Titans were forced to take the longer road, regrouping swiftly to overcome Rajasthan Royals in Qualifier 2 and secure another shot at the title.

The contest presents an intriguing tactical battle. Bengaluru's success has been built on fearless batting, with Virat Kohli, Rajat Patidar, Phil Salt, Devdutt Padikkal, Tim David, and VenkateshIyer forming arguably the deepest batting unit in the competition. Their willingness to attack regardless of conditions has made them one of the most destructive sides of the season.

Gujarat, meanwhile, have relied on a more measured blueprint. Shubman Gill and SaiSudharsan have mastered the art of constructing innings before accelerating, a strategy that has produced over 1,400 runs between them.

Alongside Jos Buttler, the trio has carried much of the batting responsibility and will once again be expected to provide the platform.

If Bengaluru possess the stronger batting card, Gujarat can counter with arguably the tournament's most formidable pace attack. Purple Cap leader Kagiso Rabada and Mohammed Siraj have formed a potent new-ball partnership, while Rashid Khan, Prasidh Krishna, and Jason Holder provide depth and variety. Much could depend on Siraj's fitness after the fast bowler appeared to struggle with a shoulder issue during Qualifier 2. RCB's bowling resources, however, are equally capable of deciding the contest. Bhuvneshwar Kumar has enjoyed a stellar campaign with 26 wickets, while Josh Hazlewood, Rasikh Salam, and KrunalPandya have consistently delivered breakthroughs at crucial moments.

The numbers suggest a closely fought battle. RCB hold a narrow 5-4 advantage in the overall head-to-head record and have won two of the three meetings between the sides this season. Yet Gujarat have turned Ahmedabad into a fortress, winning five of their seven home matches during the campaign.

Momentum favours Bengaluru. Conditions favour Gujarat.

Satwik-Chirag upset reigning world champions to reach men's doubles final

Singapore, May 30 (IANS) India's top men's doubles combination of SatwiksairajRankireddy and ChiragShetty knocked off World Champions Kim Won Ho and SeoSeung Jae of Korea in straight games to reach the final of the Singapore Open BWF World Series Super 750 tournament in Singapore on Saturday.

The fourth-seeded Indian pair registered their first victory over the Korean duo in three meetings, winning the semifinal clash 21-19, 21-18 in 52 minutes to reach their second World Tour final of the year.

The 2025 World Championships bronze medallists had finished runners-up at the Thailand Open earlier this year. In the semifinal on Saturday, Satwik and Chirag fought back after conceding early leads in both games against the Koreans. The Indian combination trailed 8-13 and then 13-17 in the opening game, but held their nerves under pressure to clinch the game.

"When we were down, we kept calm and backed ourselves because we knew if we stuck to our plan, they would crack at some point," Chirag said. The second game also saw the Indians trailing 11-14 before they clinched six straight points to take a 17-14 lead and then maintained that advantage to reach the finals. On facing Kim/Seo, Chirag added, "They have the best defense on the circuit right now. We knew we had to stay calm and steady, especially when attacking."

India win 2 gold medals in women's wrestling in Vietnam



New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) India's young wrestlers delivered a strong showing in the women's wrestling events at the U17 Asian Wrestling Championships in Da Nang, Vietnam, securing two gold, two silver, and one bronze medal on the day. Diksha (43kg) led the charge with a dominant run, defeating Asangaryeva (Kyrgyzstan) 6-0 in the final to clinch gold. She had earlier outclassed opponents from Kyrgyzstan (8-0) and Vietnam (10-0) en route to the summit clash.

In the 73kg category, Garima produced an attacking masterclass to overpower NamuuntsetsegBatbold (Mongolia) 18-6 in the final and secure India's second gold medal. India added two silver medals through Nikita (49kg) and Antra (65kg). Nikita went down 2-10 to Yuan Yuting (China) in the final, while Antra lost 0-5 to Siyu Wei (China) in her gold medal bout after an impressive run that included a hard-fought semifinal win over Japan. Sakshi (57kg) claimed India's lone bronze of the day, bouncing back from a narrow semifinal defeat to beat Arina Kuanyshova (Kazakhstan) 10-0 in the medal playoff.

Vinesh Phogat fails to qualify for Asian Games after semifinal defeat at trials

New Delhi, May 30 (IANS) Vinesh Phogat's dramatic return to competitive wrestling ended in disappointment on Saturday as the former World Championships medallist failed to qualify for the Asian Games 2026 after suffering a 4-6 defeat to MeenakshiGoyat in the women's 53kg semifinals at the selection trials here at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium.

This defeat marks the end of Vinesh's bid for a comeback and her chance to qualify for the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, later this year. The loss concluded an eventful and emotionally intense 48-hour span for the 31-year-old, who had only been allowed to compete after interventions by the Supreme Court and the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI).

Vinesh entered the trials amid considerable uncertainty over her participation. The WFI had initially restricted her to the 50kg category, a decision she strongly opposed. Following discussions within the federation and intervention from WFI president Sanjay Singh, the decision was revised on Saturday morning, allowing her to compete in her preferred 53kg division.



Once on the mat, Vinesh showed glimpses of the quality that has made her one of India's most decorated wrestlers.

She began her campaign with a convincing 7-1 victory over Jyoti in the opening round. After a cautious start, Vinesh steadily took control of the contest, scoring through a takedown and a series of counter-attacking moves to build a commanding lead before closing out the bout comfortably. The quarterfinal proved to be a much sterner test. Facing Nishu, Vinesh found herself in a closely fought battle that remained in the balance until the closing moments. Drawing on her experience, she edged out a narrow 7-6 victory to secure a place in the last four and move within two wins of a coveted Asian Games berth.

However, the trials became increasingly turbulent as the day progressed. Reports from the venue indicated that Vinesh's quarterfinal was marked by tensions involving WFI coaches and officials, adding further drama to an already high-pressure competition.

Sangakkara backs Sooryavanshi for India call-up after record-breaking season

New Chandigarh, May 30 (IANS) Rajasthan Royals coach Kumar Sangakkara believes that young talent Vaibhav Sooryavanshi is now ready to be included in the Indian squad after his remarkable IPL 2026 performance which established him as one of the best young cricketers to have ever graced the game.

The 15-year-old ended the season with an astonishing 776 runs in 16 games, having struck at an amazing rate of 237.30 runs per hundred balls, which helped Rajasthan reach Qualifier 2 before they were beaten by Gujarat Titans in New Chandigarh on Saturday.



After watching the teenager pummel some of the best bowlers in the world, Sangakkara feels that an India call-up is now a matter of when, not if. "Given what Vaibhav has done this season against some of the greatest fast bowlers that the world has, I think he is more than ready to take whatever challenge that we throw at him," Sangakkara said following the team's loss to Gujarat.

"I am certain that he will get a national call-up very, very soon. He has played with great maturity and shoulder the responsibility of opening partnership quite well for us this season."

Sooryavanshi showed his true temperament yet again during Qualifier 2 where he hammered an outstanding 96 off just 47 balls on a very tricky two-paced wicket.

Gulveer Singh creates mile history

Cleveland, May 30 (IANS) Gulveer Singh, the 27-year-old Asian Games bronze medallist in the men's 10,000m, became the first Indian runner to clock a sub-four-minute mile on Saturday at the 24th Annual Music City Track Carnival.

The World Continental Tour event was organised at Lee University, Cleveland Campus, in the USA. Gulveer Singh posted a creditable time of 3:55.63 seconds to finish first in the Men's 1 Mile Pro event on Saturday.

Christopher Knight, 20, representing the USA, was second with a time of 3:59.72, and Tristan Trevino, 21, also from the USA, was third with a time of 4:00.27.

The Indian star distance runner based in the USA is preparing for the upcoming Glasgow Commonwealth Games and the Asian Games in Japan.

The army runner is also the first Indian to break the 13-minute barrier for the 5,000m track race.

His national men's 5,000m indoor record is 12:59.77 seconds, set last year in the USA.

TSAF rowers win five medals in Kolkata Regatta

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, May 30: Rowers from the Tata Steel Adventure Foundation (TSAF) Rowing Academy delivered an impressive performance at the Lake School Rowing Regatta held in Kolkata from May 25 to 30, winning a total of five medals in indoor and outdoor rowing events. In the indoor rowing (ergo) events, Shreya Kumari won the gold medal in the Junior Girls category, while SuklalTudu secured a bronze medal in the Senior Boys category.

The academy continued its strong showing in the outdoor events as well. Suklal Tudu and Pradip Kumar Mahato won the gold medal in the Senior Boys Double Scull event. In the Junior Girls Double Scull event, Shreya Kumari and Sweta secured the silver medal.

The Junior Girls Coxless Four team comprising Mimansha, Chitra, Avya and Muskan won the bronze medal.

Officials said the achievements reflect the hard work and dedication of the athletes, coaches and support staff of the TSAF Rowing Academy.

The results also highlighted the growing strength of the academy's rowing programme and the contribution of JCAPCPL, the sports development partner of TSAF Rowing Academy.

The academy remains committed to nurturing young talent and preparing athletes for success at state and national-level competitions.

The overall medal tally included two gold medals, one silver medal and two bronze medals across indoor and outdoor events, taking the total medal count to five. (w-mb)

Lalita Rao wins silver at National Masters C'ship

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur/Goa, May 30: Jharkhand's veteran athlete N. LalitaRao won a silver medal in the Triple Jump event in the 50-plus age category at the 3rd National Women's Masters Athletics Championship 2026 held at Bambolim Athletics Stadium in Goa. LalitaRao secured second place with an impressive jump of 7.89 metres, bringing pride to Jharkhand at the national level. The two-day championship, being held on May 30 and 31, has attracted nearly 800 women masters athletes from across the country.

A 17-member women's team from Jharkhand is participating in the prestigious competition. The state contingent is being led by Vijay Singh, who praised the athletes for their strong performance on the opening day of the event. Congratulating LalitaRao on her achievement, Vijay Singh expressed confidence that Jharkhand athletes would continue their good performance on the second and final day of the championship and win more medals for the state.



The Masters Athletics Association of Jharkhand also expressed happiness over LalitaRao's success and extended best wishes to all participating athletes for the remaining events. (w-mb)

K. Prabhakar Rao honoured for contribution to para sports



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 30: Veteran badminton administrator and Joint Secretary of Badminton Association of IndiaK. PrabhakarRao was honoured during the Annual General Body meeting held in Bengaluru for his outstanding contribution to the development and promotion of para badminton and para sports in India.

The honour was presented in the presence of Paralympic Committee of India Vice President S.P. Sangwan and other officials. Rao was recognised for his dedicated efforts in strengthening para sports across the country during his tenure.

Under his leadership and support, Indian para athletes won several medals at the Paralympics, World Championships and Asian Games, bringing pride to the nation. The achievement has also brought honour to Jharkhand, as Rao is regarded as one of the state's proud sporting personalities. (w-mb)

Robin Minz emerges costliest buy in Jharkhand T20 League auction

Santhal Strikers sign Ishan Kishan for Rs 14.7 lakh

JSCA conducts first-ever auction for Jharkhand T20 League

Mail News Service



Ranchi, May 30: The Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) on Saturday conducted the first-ever player auction for the inaugural edition of the Jharkhand T20 League at Wave International Hotel on NH-33. A total of 275 cricketers were included in the auction pool as six franchises built their squads for the upcoming tournament.

The six teams - Ranchi Titans, Jamshedpur Steelers, Chota Nagpur Royals, Koylanchal Super Kings, Dhanbad Diamonds and Santhal Strikers - were given an auction purse of Rs 50 lakh each.

Chota Nagpur Royals spent the highest amount on Virat Singh, who was bought for Rs 13 lakh. Md. Nazim Siddiqui was picked for Rs 7.25 lakh, while Vikash Singh went for Rs 6 lakh. Other players bought by the franchise include Supriyo Chakraborty, Pankaj Yadav, Deepsanshu Rawat, Sonu Kumar Singh, Durgesh Kumar, Chandan Mukhi and Sresth Sagar. Dhanbad Diamonds signed Sushant Mishra for Rs 11 lakh and Pankaj Kumar for Rs 10.75 lakh. Bal Krishna was bought for Rs 7.25 lakh, while Atul Singh Surwar joined for Rs 3.75 lakh. Other players in the squad are BileshDutta, Vikash Kumar Vishal, Md. Shamshad, VivekanandTiwari, Aditya Singh, Aryaman Sen, Tanish Choubey and Prabhat Kumar Yadav. Jamshedpur Steelers roped in Md. KounainQuraishi for Rs 12.5 lakh and Sahil Raj for Rs 8.75 lakh. Kumar Deobrat was purchased for Rs 6 lakh, while Anukul Roy joined for Rs 4 lakh. The franchise also signed Niteen Kumar Pandey, Ravi Sharma, Siddhanth Raghuvanshi, Sameer Sharma, Kumar Karan and Adarsh Giri. Koylanchal Super Kings made Robin Minz their costliest pick at Rs 15.25 lakh. Shubham Sharma was bought for Rs 7 lakh and Utkarsh Singh for Rs 6.25 lakh. Harsh Raj and Amit Kumar were both purchased for Rs 4.25 lakh each. Other players include Sharandeep Singh, Yogesh Bhaskar and Sentu Kumar Yadav. Ranchi Titans picked Shikhar Mohan for Rs 11 lakh and Rajandeep Singh for Rs 9 lakh. Shrestha was bought for Rs 6.75 lakh, while JatinPandey joined for Rs 4 lakh. Other players bought by the franchise are Saurabh Shekhar, Ayush Bhardwaj, Prince Murmu, Aryan Hooda, Yash P Bhagat, Ishan Om, Kumar Ankit, Satya Setu and Om Singh.

Santhal Strikers spent Rs 14.7 lakh on IshanKishan, making him one of the biggest buys of the auction.

Sumit Kumar and Arvind Kumar were bought for Rs 6 lakh each, while Anmol Raj joined for Rs 5 lakh. Other players in the team are Manishi, Vivek Kumar, Ravi Yadav, Vikas Kumar, Kumar Suraj, Raunak Kumar, Vibhor Pandey, Ritesh Patel and OjusWardhan.

"Jharkhand has been such an integral part of Indian cricket for a long time, and the Jharkhand T20 League will only further strengthen that core and create a pipeline for notable and aspiring cricketers alike," JSCA President Ajay Nath Shah Deo said. The inaugural season of the Jharkhand T20 League is expected to begin in June and will feature top cricketers from across the state. (w-mb)

Showers cool Kolhan, mercury dips across Jharkhand







Tree Uprooted due to gusty wind and heavy rainfall in Ranchi on Saturday. Pic by *Rajesh Kumar*

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 30: Early morning showers and dense cloud cover brought a welcome change in weather across Jamshedpur and the Kolhan region on Saturday, providing relief from the sweltering heat and humidity that had gripped the area in recent days.

The rainfall also contributed to a notable fall in temperatures across several parts of Jharkhand.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Jamshedpur recorded around 2 mm of rainfall during the past 24 hours.

The city's maximum temperature hovered around 32-33°C, which was six degrees below normal and 4 degrees lower than the previous day's reading, reflecting the impact of rain-bearing systems active over the state.

The cooling effect was even more pronounced in Ranchi, where the maximum temperature dropped below 30 degrees to around 27.8°C, nearly 8.9 degrees below normal. The state capital received over 40 mm of rainfall during the past 24- hours, the highest among the major observatories.

Bokaro recorded a maximum temperature of around 34.5°C, around 6.5 degrees below normal, while temperatures in Dhanbad and adjoining districts also remained lower than seasonal averages.

Minimum temperatures remained comfortable, with Ranchi recording 19.8°C, Jamshedpur 23.4°C, and Bokaro Thermal 21.5°C.

The IMD has forecast thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds of 50-60 kmph over East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum and Saraikela-Kharsawan districts. Similar weather conditions are expected to persist across Jharkhand over the next several days, with intermittent rain and thunderstorms likely till June 5.

Meteorologists attribute the prevailing weather pattern to the influence of a western disturbance, cyclonic circulation and multiple trough systems extending across northern and eastern India, creating favourable conditions for moisture incursion and convective activity over Jharkhand.

"The morning breeze felt completely different today. Usually by this time the heat becomes uncomfortable, but the rain has made the weather surprisingly pleasant," said Sanjay Prasad, a resident of Bistupur.

"People stepped out for walks after the showers because the temperature dropped noticeably. It feels more like the onset of monsoon than peak summer," remarked Neha Kumari, a resident of Mango.

Weather officials have advised residents to remain alert during thunderstorm activity, particularly in open areas, as lightning and strong winds may accompany rain spells in several districts over the coming days. (W-pm)

Birsanagar PM Awas beneficiaries to get flat keys before June 15, Saryu postpones hunger strike

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 30: Jharkhand Urban Development Minister Sudivya Kumar Sonu has assured the Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy that the government will hand over the keys to the Birsanagar PM Awas flats to the allotted beneficiaries before June 15, 2026. This will allow the owners to inspect their flats and perform the traditional griha pravesh rituals. Minister Sonu assured Roy during a meeting on Saturday morning. Following the minister's commitment, Roy postponed his scheduled June 1 hunger strike outside the East Singhbhum Deputy Commissioner's office. He has also informed the beneficiaries about this development.

In a press release, Roy highlighted that the economically weaker beneficiaries of the Birsanagar PM Awas Yojana had fully paid their financial shares three years ago, largely through bank loans. Despite this, they have yet to receive the keys to their allocated flats. According to Roy, these beneficiaries face a double financial blow: they are paying both monthly home loan installments and rent for their current accommodations. Meanwhile, the Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee (JNAC) and the Urban Development Department remained silent on the issue. Frustrated by the delay, the beneficiaries approached Roy, who promised to take up their cause. Roy brought the matter to the attention of both Urban Development Minister Sudivya Kumar Sonu and Chief Minister Hemant Soren, pointing out that department officials were misleading the beneficiaries. During Saturday's meeting in Ranchi, Minister Sonu requested an additional 15 days, promising to deliver the keys before June 15, 2026. Trusting this assurance, Roy deferred his protest but urged the minister to strictly honor the deadline. Previously, the Urban Development Minister had promised Roy that the government would distribute the keys by May 31. Roy had warned that if the department failed to meet that deadline, he would launch a hunger strike against the breach of promise on June 1 at the East Singhbhum DC office.

Weather chaos in Ranchi: 4 flights diverted to Kolkata due to poor visibility

MP Sanjay Seth among hundreds of passengers stranded, Airport issues travel advisory

Mail News Service

Ranchi, May 30: A sudden and dramatic shift in weather conditions wreaked havoc on air traffic operations in the capital city on Saturday morning. Thick fog and a severe drop in visibility around the Birsa Munda Airport forced air traffic controllers to suspend landing operations, leaving hundreds of flyers-including high-profile dignitaries-stranded.

According to official sources, the runway became completely obscured by a heavy blanket of fog early in the day. Acting on strict directives from the Air Traffic Control (ATC), airport administration diverted four major inbound commercial flights to Kolkata's Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport after aircraft hovered over the city waiting for the weather to clear. Prominent Flights Affected The disruptions hit schedules from multiple metro



sectors. The affected flights include:

IndiGo IGO7561: En route from Kolkata to Ranchi, forced to turn around and head back to its origin.

IndiGo IGO646J: Inbound from New Delhi.

Air India Express AXB1239: Operating from Bengaluru.

Air India Express AXB1046: Inbound from New Delhi.

Among the hundreds of passengers caught up in the airborne logjam was Ranchi Member of Parliament (MP) Sanjay Seth, who was returning from New Delhi. His flight was among those safely diverted to Kolkata, where passengers remained grounded awaiting further clearance.

Advisory Issued to Commuters With the weather remaining volatile across the South Chotanagpur division, airport authorities indicated that flight operations can only return to normalcy once the runway visual range (RVR) improves to meet standard safety guidelines.

"Passenger safety is our absolute priority. Operations will resume systematically as soon as visibility stabilizes," a senior airport official stated.

In light of the ongoing disruptions, the airport management has issued an advisory urging all travelers to check their current flight status via official airline help desks or web portals before leaving for the terminal. Meanwhile, the inclement weather has also impacted local utilities; reports indicate localized power outages in parts of the city, including Doranda, where uprooted trees damaged overhead electricity cables. (W-pb)

Minor crashes Audi into wall of marriage hall in Mango



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 30: A case of reckless driving involving a minor came to light in Mango's Chepapul area on Saturday morning when a speeding Audi lost control and rammed into the boundary wall of Akka Garden, triggering panic among local residents. According to eyewitnesses, the red luxury car was allegedly being driven by a minor at a high speed when the driver lost control of the vehicle.

The impact was so severe that residents rushed to the spot after hearing a loud crash.

Sources said a woman was also travelling in the car at the time of the accident. While no serious injuries were reported, the front portion of the Audi sustained extensive damage.

Local residents stated that the occupants stepped out of the vehicle following the collision and left the area shortly thereafter. The incident attracted a large crowd and became a major talking point in the neighbourhood.

The accident has once again raised concerns over minors operating vehicles and the growing menace of over speeding on city roads.

Residents stressed that parents must exercise greater responsibility before allowing young individuals access to vehicles, warning that such negligence could lead to far more serious consequences. People have also urged the administration to intensify enforcement of road safety regulations, launch special drives against underage driving, and ensure accountability of guardians to prevent similar incidents in the future. (W-pm)



Bol sanctions Rs 40 Cr in loans to 141 MSMEs

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, May 30: In a major boost to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector, the Jamshedpur Zonal Office of Bank of India organized an MSME Outreach Programme under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) at its Bistupur office on Friday. Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Magistrate Rajiv Ranjan attended the event as the chief guest and emphasized the crucial role of banks in promoting entrepreneurship and economic growth.



Addressing entrepreneurs and banking officials, Rajiv Ranjan said that the banking sector plays a vital role in strengthening the MSME ecosystem and generating employment opportunities. He encouraged entrepreneurs to take advantage of various government and banking credit schemes to expand their businesses and contribute to the district's economic development.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed that banks should provide credit support to small and emerging entrepreneurs with the same commitment shown toward large business enterprises, thereby helping local industries flourish.

Rs 40 Crore Loan Assistance Approved : During the programme, Bank of India approved 141 loan applications under the ECLGS scheme, sanctioning a total amount of approximately Rs 40 crore. The Deputy Commissioner distributed sanction letters to beneficiaries and congratulated them on receiving financial assistance to strengthen and expand their business ventures.

Bank Committed to Supporting Local Industries : Speaking on the occasion, Zonal Manager Pankaj Kumar Mishra said the bank remains committed to supporting local industries, small businesses and entrepreneurs through various government-sponsored and banking initiatives.

He noted that such outreach programmes help create awareness about financial assistance schemes and encourage entrepreneurs to access formal credit channels for business growth.

Entrepreneurs Participate in Interactive Session : The programme concluded with an interactive session between beneficiaries, entrepreneurs and banking officials, during which participants discussed business financing challenges and opportunities. An awareness session on banking services and credit facilities was also conducted. Among those present were Deputy Zonal Manager Ajit Kant, Deputy Zonal Manager (Recovery) Bhupendra Narayan, Assistant General Manager (SMCC) Himanshu Shekhar, officials from various branches of Bank of India, and a large number of entrepreneurs and business representatives from across the district. (W-pb)