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## In Shorts

### 47 people killed in massive floods and landslides in South China

China: At least 47 people have died in massive floods and landslides caused by heavy rains in Guangdong province in southern China, Chinese state media reported on Friday. State broadcaster CCTV said on Friday afternoon that 38 more people were confirmed dead in Meizhou city. It said nine other people had died in the same city earlier.



### School timings will change in Jharkhand from July 1, order issued

Ranchi: Timings of all schools in Jharkhand will change from July 1. The School Education and Literacy Department has issued an order to run all categories of schools (government and non-government) from class 1 to 12 from 9 am to 3 pm from July 1 to March 31. Till June 30, schools will run from 7 am to 1 pm.



### Special Lok Adalat in Supreme Court from July 29 to August 3

Ranchi: A special Lok Adalat is to be organized in the Supreme Court from July 29 to August 3. Pending cases related to various departments of Jharkhand government will also be disposed of in this. Chief Secretary L Khiantge has called a meeting with the officials of various departments on July 24 for the execution of pending cases. In this meeting to be held in Project Bhawan Secretariat, Additional Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary and Secretary of Personnel Department, Higher and Technical Education Department, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative Department, Food Supply, Scheduled Tribe, Scheduled Caste, Minority and Backward Class Welfare Department, Rural Development, Rural Works, Road Construction, Transport, Industry and Mines and Geology Department will meet together. Pending cases will be reviewed.

### NEET paper leak case: Investigation agency to question Tejashwi Yadav's personal secretary Pritam

Patna: RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav's personal secretary Pritam Yadav is under suspicion in the NEET paper leak case. It is reported that the investigating agency Economic Offenses Unit will soon question Pritam Kumar. It has been told that the government guest house in Patna where the gang involved in the paper leak case and the candidates were staying a day before the NEET exam was booked by Tejashwi Yadav's personal secretary Pritam. Pritam Kumar will be questioned about the call made for booking the NH guest house, according to sources, the investigating agency will investigate the connection between Pritam Kumar and the mastermind of the paper leak, Sikandar Yadavendu. A team of the investigating agency left for Delhi from Patna yesterday evening. According to the information, the ADV team will meet the officials of the Union Education Ministry in Delhi today. Evidence related to the paper leak will be placed before the Ministry of Education.

## Chief Minister Champai Soren conducted a high-level review of the latest work progress of the Industry Department

Chief Minister gave several important guidelines to the officials for maximum employment generation in the industrial sector

- Promote small, cottage and small village industries
- Infinite employment opportunities in the field of tassar and silk production
- The state government will revive closed industrial units

**Ranchi**  
Chief Minister Shri Champai Soren today conducted a high-level review of the latest work progress of the Industry Department in the presence of officials at the Jharkhand Ministry. During the review meeting, the Chief Minister directed the officials to promote small, cottage and small village industries along with big industries in the state at all costs. The Chief Minister said that the income of the poor, farmers and needy people can be increased by connecting them with small, cottage and village industries in remote rural areas. The Chief Minister said that there are good employment opportunities in the field of silk and

tassar production in Jharkhand. The Chief Minister directed the officials of Jharcraft and Khadi and Village Industries Board to make maximum number of women skilled by training them in remote rural areas. The Chief Minister said that making women self-reliant by connecting them with self-employment is the priority of the state government. **Infinite employment opportunities in the field of yarn production**  
The Chief Minister said that there are huge employment opportunities in the field of yarn production in the state. The representatives of the State Khadi Board and Jharcraft should motivate



women for employment in the field of yarn production and also train them. Women must be given training in processing tassar, silk cocoon and preparing yarn. The Chief Minister directed the officials to provide equipment to the women who are trained by the Khadi Board and Jharcraft by giving them 35% subsidy under the policy of the state government. The Chief Minister directed the officials to prepare a better action plan for various types of textile manufacturing industry in the Khadi Park established in Rajnagar under Seraikela-

Kharsawan district. The Chief Minister said that it is the responsibility of all of us to make better use of all the resources developed by the state government for employment generation and to provide self-employment opportunities to as many people as possible. The officers should discharge these responsibilities promptly by changing their working style. **Survey the closed industrial units and make an action plan to revive them**  
While reviewing the work progress of Jharkhand Industrial Area Development

Authority (JIADA), Chief Minister Shri Champai Soren directed the officers to survey those industrial units under JIADA which are closed due to some reason after being established. The Chief Minister directed to revive the closed industrial units by allocating them afresh. If the closed industrial units are revived, thousands of people will be able to get employment. The Chief Minister directed the officers to ensure that 75% of the employment under the industrial policy formulated by the state government is given to the local people at all costs. The local people of the areas where industrial institutions have been established should get priority in employment. The Chief Minister directed the officials to ensure better arrangements for quality roads, electricity, water, security and cleanliness in the industrial area.

**Instructions to expedite these works**  
Chief Minister Shri Champai Soren reviewed the work progress of JIADCO. The Chief Minister directed the officials to expedite the works of Jharkhand Plastic Park, Pharma Park, PM Gatishakti Yojana, PM Ekta Mall and Spurti Yojana. The Chief Minister has directed to expedite various schemes of JIADCO including the construction work of World Trade Center, Ranchi and repair of District Industries Center.  
State Chief Secretary Shri L. Khiantge, Additional Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Shri Avinash Kumar, Secretary of Industries Department Shri Praveen Toppo, Secretary to the Chief Minister Shri Arwa Rajkamal, MD JIADA Shri Shashi Ranjan, Director Industries Shri Sushant Gaurav, CEO State Khadi Board Smt. Suman Pathak and etc were present.

## ED recovered one crore cash and 100 live bullets from the hideout of land dealer Kamlesh

**Ranchi**  
ED has recovered one crore rupees cash and one hundred rounds of live bullets from the hideout of land dealer Kamlesh. Apart from this, ED has also recovered land related documents of many officials from Kamlesh's hideout. It is worth noting that in the land scam case, the ED team raided the hideout of land dealer Kamlesh living in Aster Green, Chandni Chowk, Kanke Road. This raid has been conducted by ED in the case related to Shekhar Kushwaha who was arrested in the land case. On June 12, ED arrested Gadigaon resident Shekhar Kushwaha in the Bargain land scam. Earlier, a total of 21 people including



Hemant Soren, then Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi Chhabi Ranjan, JMM leader Antu Tirkey have been arrested in this case. Shekhar Kushwaha was the 22nd accused to be arrested in the land scam. During the investigation of the case of buying and selling of land with the help of fake documents, ED found that Shekhar was involved in the buying and selling of 4.83 acres of land of Gadi Mouza of Bargain region. Information

related to the buying and selling of this land was received after the arrest and interrogation of Tapas Ghosh, Sanjit Kumar of Kolkata Registry Office and Hazaribagh's deed writer Irshad Akhtar by ED. **A few days ago, ED had sent summons to land businessman Kamlesh:** Actually, a few days ago, ED had summoned Kamlesh by sending him a summons and called him for questioning. Despite the summons being issued, he did not appear in the ED office to answer. After this, ED has raided his hideouts on Friday. In the land scam case itself, ED had arrested land businessman Shekhar Kushwaha. Currently, he is on the remand of Enforcement Directorate.

## Kejriwal gets a setback from Delhi High Court, stay on bail

**New Delhi**  
Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal will not be able to come out of jail immediately today. After ED's intervention, Delhi High Court has stayed his bail till the hearing on the case is completed. Rouse Avenue Court had granted regular bail to Kejriwal on Thursday on a personal bond of Rs 1 lakh. He was about to come out of jail today. But before he could come out, ED reached Delhi High Court. ED opposed his bail and said that it has not received a copy of the trial court's order yet. Actually, the Enforcement Directorate does not want Kejriwal to get bail. Even while getting bail on Thursday, it opposed it and asked for 40 hours from the court, however, its argument was rejected. After which ED had said that it will go to the High Court. Today, ASG SV Raju, representing ED in the High Court, said that he has not received a copy of the trial court's order yet. He also said that ED was not given a full opportunity to oppose



the bail plea. Along with this, he appealed that the trial court's order be stayed and the case be heard as soon as possible. The Supreme Court had granted interim bail to Arvind Kejriwal on May 10 for campaigning in the Lok Sabha elections. He surrendered in the apex court on June 2. Before surrendering, Arvind Kejriwal had once approached the Supreme Court. Kejriwal had appealed to the court to extend his interim bail for seven days.

## Prime Minister Modi practiced yoga in Srinagar, said, the number of people doing yoga all over the world is constantly increasing

**Srinagar**  
On the occasion of International Yoga Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi practiced yoga at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Conference Center in Srinagar today. Earlier this program was to be held on the banks of Dal Lake. However, due to rain it was organized indoors. Seven thousand people were going to participate in this program of PM Modi. However, due to the weather, the program



had to be shortened. This time the theme of Yoga Day is, Yoga for self and society. That is, yoga is for the well-

being of oneself and society. PM Modi said on the occasion of the 10th International Yoga Day that Jammu and

Kashmir is the land of yoga practice. It increases productivity and endurance. **Prime Minister Modi wished the countrymen on International Yoga Day**  
Prime Minister Modi wished the countrymen on International Yoga Day and said that today the number of people doing yoga all over the world is constantly increasing and people's attraction towards yoga is also constantly increasing. Modi led the main function

organised on the 10th International Yoga Day at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) here. In his address, he said, "On International Yoga Day, I have got the privilege of coming to Kashmir, the land of yoga and sadhana. We are feeling the power that yoga gives us in Srinagar. I congratulate all the people of the country and those doing yoga in every corner of the world on International Yoga Day from the land of Kashmir."

**In 2014, Modi had proposed International Yoga Day in the United Nations**  
The Prime Minister said that in the year 2014, he had proposed International Yoga Day in the United Nations and this proposal of India was supported by 177 countries, which was a record in itself. He said, since then Yoga Day has been continuously making new records. International Yoga Day has completed a historic journey of 10 years.

## Yoga Day was celebrated in the country and abroad, Union Ministers, Army Jawans, Children participated in Yoga practice

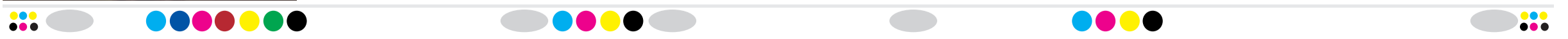


**New Delhi**  
New Delhi International Yoga Day is being celebrated across the world 21st June. Prime Minister Modi did group yoga in Srinagar. He met people after yoga practice here. He also clicked selfies with people. During this, he did many yoga activities including Vajrasana to Balasana, Bhujangasana, Shalabhasana and Uttanapadasana. Union Ministers also celebrated International Yoga Day in different parts of the country today. **Rajnath Singh did yoga in Mathura, Gadkari in Nagpur**  
Defense Minister Rajnath Singh did yoga

in Mathura and Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan in Delhi. Gadkari did yoga in Nagpur. After participating in the yoga program, Mathura MP Hema Malini said that I felt very good to participate in the yoga program. Our Lord Krishna, who is also called Yogeshwar Krishna. He gave the message of yoga to the whole world. UP CM Yogi participated in the Yoga Day program organized in Lucknow. Baba Ramdev also attended the yoga program. **Ministry of External Affairs: Many ambassadors and colleagues attended the yoga program**  
External Affairs Minister Jaishankar said

that there is enthusiasm all over the world about Yoga Day. Today, I am very happy that many ambassadors and colleagues of the Ministry of External Affairs joined us in the yoga program. We have come a long way in 10 years. Union Minister Piyush Goyal participated in the yoga program in Mumbai. Said that on the occasion of International Yoga Day, Prime Minister Modi has given a message by doing yoga in Srinagar. Today the whole country is doing yoga. Minister Kiren Rijiju, Anil Vaishnav, former Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Jyotiraditya Scindia, former minister Ravi Shankar Prasad also did yoga.

**Indian Army personnel did yoga on snowy mountains in Ladakh**  
On the occasion of the 10th International Yoga Day, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh and Army Chief General Manoj Pandey did yoga in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh. Indian Army personnel did yoga on snowy mountains in eastern Ladakh. On the occasion of International Yoga Day, there was enthusiasm among school children about yoga. School children performed yoga on the banks of Pangong Tso lake in Ladakh. BSF soldiers were seen performing yoga in the RS Pura sector of Jammu and Kashmir on the India-Pakistan International Border.





## News In Brief

International Yoga Day celebrated in JM College teachers and volunteers practiced yoga

**Ramgarh:** International Yoga Day was celebrated in the college premises on Friday under the joint aegis of JM College National Service Scheme Unit 1 and 2 located in Patel Nagar Bhurkunda. On this occasion, dozens of volunteers and teachers practiced various yoga asanas under the supervision of college principal Dr. Giridhar Pathak, unit one program officer Dr. Sheela Singh, Prof. Manoj Kumar Singh, Prof. Satyendra Narayan Singh, Subroto Ghosh and Ramjivan. On this occasion, program officer Dr. Sheela Singh said that the whole world is celebrating Yoga Day today on the theme for self and society.

**Three-day yoga training camp concluded at Gandhi High School**

**Ramgarh:** The three-day yoga training camp, which was going on since June 19 on the auspicious occasion of International Yoga Day, concluded on Friday at Mahatma Gandhi High School located at Birsachowk Bhurkunda. In the camp, the instructor Sensei Kanchan Das made the children practice various yoga asanas. Along with this, the children were also made aware of its benefits. Raising the slogan of 'Do Yoga, Stay Healthy', he said that today the whole world is celebrating Yoga Day as a festival. In the camp, Sensei Kanchan Das made the children practice Tadasana, Vrijasana, Trikonasana, Chakrasana, Dhanurasana, Setu Bandhasana.

**Body of a youth recovered in a blood-soaked state marks of serious injury on body and face**

**Seraikela:** Police have recovered the body of a youth in a blood-soaked state from Aditya Garden Colony under Adityapur police station area of the district, whose body and face have marks of serious injury. Police received information about a youth lying in an injured state near Aditya Garden Road No. 8 under Adityapur police station in the morning. After which the station in-charge along with other police forces reached the spot and the youth.

## All the senior officers of the district including DC also participated in the program

**District level 10th World International Yoga Day was organized**

**DN ■ Gumla**

On Friday, the 10th International Yoga Day was organized in the district under the joint aegis of District Administration and District AYUSH Committee Gumla in Nagar Bhawan Gumla. On the occasion of this Yoga Day, various yoga exercises were conducted by the trainers of AYUSH Committee. Which included more than 10 yoga exercises. Mainly DC Karna Satyarthi, Superintendent of Police Shambhu Kumar Singh, DDC Dileshwar Mahato, Shashindra



Kumar Badai Additional Collector along with senior officers of the district, workers, students and children were also present in the program. Addressing the program, Dc Karna Satyarthi said that yoga practice will not only keep you healthy but it also maintains discipline in life and discipline works to

give a successful form to the whole life. Also, during this time, the Deputy Commissioner shed light on the campaign being run from 19 to 25 June against drug abuse across the state. He said that for a healthy life, avoid drug abuse and make yourself and your relatives aware of not consuming drugs. To build a

healthy society, he appealed to everyone to participate in the state-level program. During this time, Superintendent of Police Shambhu Kumar Singh, who was present in the program, said in his address that even just 30 minutes per day given to yoga practice generates positive energy in our lives. Regular yoga practice creates concentration in our mind and heart, develops our ability. He said that a healthy mind forms a healthy body, so always stay healthy and make yourself and the society.

## Farmers are happy with the increase in MSP of 14 crops including paddy



**DN ■ Ramgarh**

On increasing the MSP of 14 crops including paddy in the interest of farmers, Ramgarh District President of BJP Kisan Morcha Sunny Prasad Kushwaha has expressed gratitude to PM Modi and congratulated him. It is known that the second cabinet of Modi Government 3.0 on Wednesday has given a big gift to the farmers. The central government has announced to increase the minimum support price (MSP) of 14 crops including paddy, millet, sorghum, maize, ragi, tur, sesame and cotton for the Kharif season 2024-25, due to which there is an atmosphere of joy among the farmers. On increasing the MSP in the interest of farmers, Kisan Morcha District President Sunny Prasad Kushwaha on Friday congratulated PM Modi by feeding sweets to the farmers. On the occasion, District President Mr. Kushwaha said that the third term of PM Modi is very important.

## PVUNL Patratu celebrated World Yoga Day officers and workers of various departments participated

**DN ■ Ramgarh**

PVUNL Patratu organized a grand mass yoga practice program in the township on Friday to commemorate World Yoga Day-2024. In which CEO RK Singh, former senior officers, yoga expert Sanjay Guru, other general managers, department heads, members of Mahila Mandal and employees participated. On the occasion of 10th International Yoga Day 2024, PVUNL Patratu organized a series of various yoga programs, yoga practice workshops and training programs from June 13. Sanjay Guru started the program by emphasizing the importance of yoga in maintaining phys-



ical and mental health. He described yoga as especially necessary in the challenging work environment of the power sector. Also inspired everyone to include it in their daily lives. On the occasion, the yoga guru demonstrated various yogasanas, pranayama and meditation techniques and made the people present practice them. The calm atmosphere and collective energy made the session invig-

## Police officers meeting chaired by Ranchi Zonal IG Akhilesh Jha to prevent crime

**DN ■ Seraikela**

A meeting of police officers was held under the chairmanship of Ranchi Zonal IG Akhilesh Jha at Adityapur police station of the district on Friday, in which the Zonal IG mainly reviewed the criminal incidents that took place in Adityapur, Gamharia, RIT police station area in recent days and prepared a strategy for crime control. Apart from the Zonal IG, Kolhan DIG Manoj Ratan Chauhe, Saraikela SP Manish Toppo, Jamshedpur City SP Mukesh Lunayat, Saraikela SDPO Santosh Kumar Mishra, along with the in-charges of



Adityapur, Gamharia, RIT and Jamshedpur Kadma police station were present in the meeting. During the meeting, the IG reviewed the criminal and recent incidents and gave strict instructions to the officers to prevent crime at all costs, after the meeting the DIG also took a class of junior police officers. After the meeting, on the instructions of the IG, Seraikela SP Manish Toppo told reporters that

on the instructions of senior officers, a police sub-division office will be set up in the Adityapur area soon so that better policing can be established in Seraikela district. Police resources will increase, new check posts and TOPs will be built. Saraikela SP Manish Toppo said that special emphasis will be laid on increasing police resources in Seraikela-Kharsawan district.

## Yoga generates positive thoughts: Ashish Jain



**DN ■ Ramgarh**

On the occasion of International Yoga Day, several programs were organized at Jindal Club in JSP Patratu on Friday. In which dozens of men and women practiced yoga. On this occasion, Yoga Guru Manikant Jha made the people present practice various asanas like Kapalabhati, Pranayama, Anulom-Vilom, Bhramari, Balasana, Tadasana, Setu Bandhasana, Sukhasana, Bhujangasana, Dhanurasana etc. Jindal Mahila Club Patratu President Vinita Jain said that yoga not only promotes physical fitness but also helps in reducing stress, improving concentration and increasing the feeling of inner peace. On this occasion, children of OP Jindal Community College, Patratu, OP Jindal School, Balkudara and Jindal Asha practiced yoga. Apart from this, Yoga Day programs were organized at various places by JSP Foundation hundreds of people including Santosh Kumar etc.

## Marwari Yuva Manch Ramgarh Cantt Branch celebrated International Yoga Day

**DN ■ Ramgarh**

Marwari Yuva Manch Ramgarh Cantt Branch celebrated International Yoga Day with great enthusiasm keeping in mind the theme 'Yoga for self and for society' with the support and training of yoga instructor Dharamveer Agarwal. The president, secretary and treasurer of the forum honored the yoga instructor by giving him a bouquet and a memento. The yoga instructor shared the benefits of doing yoga with the members of the Yuva Manch, he said that yoga is not limited to only some postures or asanas of the body. Rather it teaches us to live a healthy and balanced life. It teaches us to



control our breathing, thoughts and emotions. With this we learn to remain calm and focus in all circumstances. He said that yoga has many benefits. It helps us to remain physically healthy, mentally alert and spiritually aware. It helps us to reduce stress, tension and depression. It helps to improve concentration, memory and health in children and youth. During the yoga

camp, the young members of the forum were very excited to learn different types of yoga postures and their benefits for physical and mental health in our daily lives. In the end, the president, secretary and treasurer of the forum told the young members of the forum that today, while celebrating International Yoga Day, let us all take a pledge to adopt yoga in our daily lives.

## World Yoga Day was celebrated jointly by Gumla Forest Division and Lakshya Physical Academy at Chaah Maidan Gumla

**DN ■ Gumla**

Chief guest of the program was trainee forest division officer Adarsh Sharan and special guest was social worker Santosh Jha. As yoga instructor in the program, director of Lakshya Physical Academy Nelson Bhagat, after Mangalacharan Vandana to all the people present in the program, did Griva Chalan Skanda Nyasa Kati Chalan Tadasana Vrikshasana Surya Namaskar Kapalabhati Anulom Vilom Chakrasana Bhadrasana Bhramari Dhyana and then yoga was completed with the pronunciation of Brahmanad Om. Forest division officer Ahmed



Bilal Anwar gifted Amrapali tree as a fruit tree to all the yoga practitioners. He requested everyone that environmental protection is also a part of yoga. Today, every person should plant at least five trees. In such a situation, everyone should plant at least one tree this rainy season. Chief guest Adarsh Sharan said that yoga is the best medium to live a disease-free life. It not

only keeps us healthy but also fills us with determination, concentration and a sense of being fearless towards disease in various walks of life. He wished everyone success in their lives. Santosh Jha explained the importance of yoga. While explaining, he requested everyone to do yoga for at least one hour daily and told all the students that you should try doing yoga daily, it will

certainly increase, both your working capacity and quality. Abhay Aditya Sahu announced the end of the program by saying that today is also the World Music Day, Jharkhand is known for dance and music, so all of you should enjoy the Music Day along with Yoga. On this occasion, about 150 youth including Sujeet Nanda, Dinesh Singh, Sunil Yadav, Kuldeep Oraon, Ashish Oraon, Premchand Sahu, Shivam Kumar Singh, Amar Uraav, Ramvilas Bablu, Ajay Sikkim Munna Manju, Deepika Deepiti, Anamika, Priya, Pooja Nishnu Kripa, Sandhya, Pammi etc.

## Gumla Polytechnic College Celebrated International Yoga Day with Great Enthusiasm

**DN ■ Gumla**

Gumla Polytechnic celebrated International Yoga Day on 21st June 2024 at the institute ground, emphasizing the importance of physical and mental well-being through the practice of yoga. The event saw enthusiastic participation of students, teachers and staff members, which strengthened the institute's commitment to promote a healthy lifestyle. Yoga is a gift of Indian culture which is celebrated in India for ten thousand years, International Yoga Day is celebrated on this day every year in hundreds of countries since 21st June 2015 under the leadership



of Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. The celebrations started early in the morning, all the participants gathered at the institute ground at 5:15 am. The event started with the lighting of the lamp. Under the expert guidance of Commander P Rama Rao (Retd.), District Sainik Welfare Officer, Gumla, the participants performed various yoga asanas and breathing exercises.

Commander P Rama Rao, known for his vast knowledge and experience in yoga, led the session to ensure that everyone could follow and benefit from yoga. Principal Dr. Shiba Narayan Sahu in his address highlighted the importance of yoga in daily life, stressing its benefits in reducing stress, improving concentration and enhancing overall physical health etc.

## BJP Ramgarh Cantt Mandal celebrated World Yoga Day

**DN ■ Ramgarh**



Bharatiya Janata Party Ramgarh Cantt Mandal President Suryavansh Srivastava Senior, Rananjay Kumar alias Kuntu Babu, Program Incharge Rishikesh Singh conducted Yoga Day by a properly trained woman Saumya Kumari Sinha. We also got information about how we can stay healthy with all the beneficial yoga told by her. Today the whole world is celebrating Yoga Day. Prime Minister Modi's call gave a big mantra to the whole world to stay healthy with yoga. He told the world that yoga is beneficial for people of all classes and all communities. Rajiv Ranjan, Prasad Vinod Ram, Sheetal Singh, Sushant Pandey, Sushant Pandey, Ajit Gupta, Mithilesh Mandal, Surendra Sharma, Arvind Singh, Brijesh Pathak, Rajesh Thakur, Manishankar Thakur, Raju Rathore, Shashikant Singh and many others were present in this program.

## World Yoga Day celebrated in DAV Public School Barkakana

**DN ■ Ramgarh**

World Yoga Day was celebrated in DAV Public School Barkakana on Friday. The theme of Yoga Day in this program is 'Yoga for self and society'. 1600 children and 100 employees of DAV Barkakana participated in this program. Yoga teacher of the school Jyotsna Rai conducted yoga. On this occasion, a green plant was presented to the chief guest Atul Choubey, who is an alumnus of DAV Barkakana and is currently the DSE of Bokaro and the Principal of the school was honored. As per the tradition of the school, a lamp was lit and a wel-



come speech was given. On this occasion, the song 'Tan Man Jeevan Sanvaare Yoga Marg Apne' was presented. Divya of class ten gave information related to yoga. Rhythmic yoga was presented by the children. On this occasion, the chief guest Atul Choubey, DSE Bokaro, while giving his speech as a blessing for the children, said that you can achieve everything in life if you

have the desire to achieve something. He remembered his teachers and told the children that you have such teachers who can transform you, you just need to work hard. On this occasion, Atul Choubey Sir told the children about the Swachhata Pakhwada and the use of green and blue dustbins. All the people present in the gathering performed various yoga asanas.



# Dumka DC's report reveals illegal transportation of minerals from railway siding without challan, role of railway officers suspicious

► SIT gets report, investigation intensifies

DN ■ Ranchi

Large scale illegal transportation of minerals is taking place in other districts including Dumka district of Jharkhand. This has been revealed by the report of Dumka Deputy Commissioner. In the investigation report sent by the Deputy Commissioner of the district to the Mines Department and SIT, it has come to the fore that stone-chips are being transported on a large scale through railways in Dumka to other states including Bihar without valid challan. The Deputy Commissioner has also requested for a detailed investigation into this. In such a situation, many officials along with the mining mafia are getting rich due to mutual collusion.



The government is also losing revenue worth crores. Let us tell you that the government is also getting information about this continuously. The SIT formed by the Jharkhand government in March 2023 has also received information about this.

Deputy Commissioner Dumka has also sent a report in this regard, in which information has been given about the illegal transportation of stone-chips from railway siding through railway without permit, challan. SIT has all the figures for this. Senior officials of the

Mines Department said that the involvement of railway officials is clearly visible in this irregularity. Apart from Dumka, complaints and complaints of illegal transportation of minerals are also being received continuously from other districts. In the entire matter, the SIT will now take the investigation forward at a fast pace and will also identify the guilty officials and recommend action. The SIT will also give suggestions to the government to stop illegal mineral transportation.

**SIT was constituted for illegal transportation of minerals through railways**

The state government had constituted an SIT on March 1, 2023 to investigate the illegal transportation of minerals through railways and the involvement of railway officials in it. Vinod Kumar Gupta, a retired judge from

Jharkhand High Court, has been made its chairman. The tenure of the constituted SIT is six months, which has now been extended for another six months. It will be extended from time to time on the request of the commission. The government has now also fixed the facilities for this one-member SIT.

After the consent of Chief Minister Champai Soren, now the chairman of the SIT will be given an honorarium of Rs 3 lakh per month. The chairman will get travel allowance and other facilities equivalent to the Chief Justice of the High Court. There will be an assistant, an orderly, a computer operator and vehicle facility for the office of the commission. The Mines Directorate has been directed to provide administrative support to the SIT. **The then CM had written a letter to the Railways for cooperation**

The then Chief Minister Hemant Soren had written to the then Railway Minister on December 14, 2022 itself and informed in this regard that the state government has decided to constitute a high-level inquiry committee to investigate the involvement of railway officials in illegal mining and its transportation and all other related points. The former CM had also requested the expected cooperation from the Railway Ministry in this matter.

**Transportation rule after getting transport challan from the portal**  
Under section 23C of the Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation Act, Jharkhand Minerals Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage Rule 2017 is applicable to prevent illegal transportation of minerals in the state.

## JPSC main exam from tomorrow, students can download admit card today

DN ■ Ranchi

Jharkhand Public Service Commission is organizing 11th, 12th and 13th Civil Services Main Examination in the Civil Services Main Examination. In such a situation, today is the last chance for the students to download the admit card. Candidates can also download the attendance sheet along with the admit card from the commission's website. In case of any problem, contact the JPSC office. Students can contact the helpline number of the admit commission or the counter set up in the commission. These numbers are 8956622450, 9431301636, 9431301419. Students can contact on them. If the admit card is not downloaded, candidates can get the admit card by applying with their name, father's name, date of birth and registration number at the inquiry counter of the commission till June 21. The exam will be held in two shifts. The commission has set up 15 examination centers in Ranchi district for about seven thousand candidates. For recruitment on total 342 posts, the first paper will be held in the first shift and the second paper in the second shift on 22 June.



## Jagannathpur Rath Yatra from July 6, tender issued for vendors setting up fair, bidding will start from Rs 31 lakh

DN ■ Ranchi

Tender has been issued for vendors setting up fair in Jagannathpur Rath Yatra. Rath Mela is to be organized from July 6 to July 17. The order issued by the district administration states that 41.27 acres of land is available for the fair around the temple from July 6 to 17. Applicants should properly inspect the fair premises before participating in the tender or before filling the application. The applicant should be registered as a proprietorship, partnership firm, company, LLP or trust and society. Also, it is mandatory to provide a photocopy of the income tax return of the last 3 years.

The minimum bid to get the contract of the fair will start from Rs 31 lakh. The fair vendor who makes the highest bid will be declared successful. He will be given the right to give permission to set up swings, shops, markets etc. in the fair by himself or through various shopkeepers under him at his own level. Which



will be monitored by the committee. It will be the responsibility of the person taking the contract to make proper arrangements for CCTV and other lights in the fair premises. It will also have to be ensured that the shops or stalls allotted by them are set up only after a fixed distance from the route of the chariot. **The person participating in the contract will have to give a bank draft of Rs 1.55 lakh**

The bidder participating in the contract will have to give a bank draft of one lakh fifty five thousand rupees along with the application in the name of Jagannathpur Temple Trust Committee.

## Gangrape convicts Aniket Sanga, Ajay Mirdha and Sulendra Singh alias Guddu Singh sentenced to 20 years each



DN ■ Ranchi

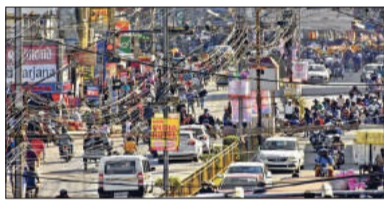
Ranchi Civil Court has sentenced Aniket Sanga, Ajay Mirdha and Sulendra Singh alias Guddu Singh, convicted of kidnapping and gangrape of a 12-year-old girl, to twenty years of rigorous imprisonment each. Along with this, the court has also imposed a fine on all the convicts. The court of Special Judge Asif Iqbal of PCSO Court has sentenced the convicts. The court had convicted Aniket

Sanga, Ajay Mirdha and Sulendra Singh alias Guddu Singh on June 13. The convicts kidnapped the victim from her house at 12.30 pm on December 15, 2020, took her to the forest of Hatia area and committed gangrape and at 4 am left the victim in the forest in an unconscious state and fled. After getting information about the incident, the victim's family filed an FIR at the Jagannathpur police station.

## Underground cabling incomplete, power outages for hours due to storm and rain

DN ■ Ranchi

Rain has started in different parts of the state including the capital. Last Thursday afternoon, it rained in Ranchi, Gumla, Khunti, East and West Singhbhum, Lohardaga and other districts. People got relief from the heat with the rain. At the same time, power cuts have increased the problems of the people. According to the State Load Dispatch Center, last Thursday, power cuts of three to five hours were done in most parts of the capital. Power cuts were done mainly to protect against accidents during storm and rain. Electricity was found to be regular only after eight o'clock in the night in different areas. In this, the maximum power cuts were seen in Hinoo, Hatia, Dhurva, Doranda, Bahu Bazar, Loadih, Main Road, Upper Bazaar, Kishoreganj and other parts. Where power was cut



from five o'clock. In such a situation, a large population had to spend time without electricity during the rain. Talking about rural areas, there was a power cut of six to seven hours in the rural areas around the capital. In this, power was cut for a long time in Pundag, Namkum, Pithoria, Nagari, Mandar and other areas.

**Underground cabling**  
Work is being done on underground cabling in the capital since 2017. The scheme has not been completed yet. Whereas, according to Jharkhand Biji Vitran Nigam, once the underground cabling is completed in the capital, people will get uninterrupted elec-

tricity during rain storms. According to JBVNL, more than 220 km of 33 and 11 KV lines have been underground. Under the RPDRP scheme, only 110 km of line has been underground. Under the complete electricity coverage scheme, only about 200 km of line has been underground, under which 75 percent of 33 KV line and 20 percent of 11 KV line are still to be underground. In such a situation, people will be given the benefit of underground cabling only after the completion of the scheme.

**Cabling done in these areas**  
Underground cabling work has been done in some areas including Sujata, Main Road, Circuit House, New Morhabadi, Parastoli, Hinoo, Chadri, Shaheed Chowk, Upper Bazaar. The system will be implemented in other areas after the completion of underground cabling.

## Along with the researcher, literate constable will also get five-day training on new laws, order issued

DN ■ Ranchi

New laws will come into force in the state from July 1. To effectively implement all three criminal laws, training is being given at many levels in Jharkhand Police. Now literate constables are also being brought under the purview of this training. ADG Training and Modernization had ordered a five-day training for the researcher from June 24. Now literate constables will also participate in this training. An order has been issued regarding this. This training will be given to literate constables of other wings of police including those posted in all the districts of the state. In this regard, a letter has also been sent to the SP-SSP of the districts and officers of other wings of police. In which it has been told that as per the order of this office, under the five-day training program from June 24, all the researchers



were ordered to get training on the subject of new criminal law from June 10. Making a partial amendment in the above order, it is directed that the prescribed training will also be given to all the literate constables of the district unit. Along with this, a list of trained officers and literate constables has also been sought. ADG Training and Modernization has issued an order related to this.

**Notification in February, will be implemented from July**

The central government has issued a notification in February regarding three new criminal laws. The three new criminal laws will come into force from July 1, 2024. Under this, the Indian Judicial Code will replace the Indian Penal Code, the Indian Civil Defense Code will replace the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act will replace the Evidence Act.

## Amitabh Choudhary Ranchi Women's Football League begins, Dibdih Jai Jawan and Jorar Namkum win

DN ■ Ranchi

Organised by the Chotanagpur Athletics Association (CAA), the late Amitabh Choudhary Ranchi Women's Football League began on Thursday at Khelgaon. Enthusiasm was seen among the women footballers participating in this league being held for the first time. At the same time, many international footballers also boosted the morale of the players. The inaugural match was played between Star Warriors FC Chadri, Kanke and Dibdih Jai Jawan Club. International player Divyani Linda showed her flair from Kanke's side, but could not save the team from defeat. Dibdih's players played aggressively from the beginning. In the 11th minute itself, Dibdih's Pooja Today scored a brilliant goal and gave the team the lead. This lead remained till the end and Dibdih Jai Jawan's team won their first match 1-0. In the second match amid heavy rain, SBC Jorar Namkum defeated DSS Academy 1-0



after a tough fight. The only goal was scored by Pooja Saranga in the 20th minute. Pooja Today and Riya Kumari became Women of the Match in both the matches respectively. Earlier, Supreme Court advocate and late Amitabh Choudhary's son Abhishek Choudhary, who was present as the chief guest in the inaugural match, introduced himself to the players and inaugurated the league. On this occasion, Jharkhand Football Association General Secretary Ghulam Rabbani, CAA General Secretary Asif Naeem, HOR Md. Farid Khan, Ashish Bose, RK Senapati, Astanis Bihan, Sanjay, social worker Babbar and many

other dignitaries were present.

**International players were honored**

Before the inaugural match, Sudha Ankita Turkey, who played for India in the Under-17 World Cup, was honored. Sudha said that having such leagues will give players a chance to make their mark. CAA deserves thanks for starting the league in a grand manner. Apart from Sudha, international footballers Amisha Bakhla, Vikas Bada, Suraj Muni Kumari, Anita Dzungdung, Babita Kumari, Lalita Boipai, Nishima Kumari and Anisa Oraon were also felicitated by presenting them shawls and mementos.

**Friday's match**

**Stadium ground:** Asha Bhusur-Yuva Club (from 2.30 pm), Right to Kick-SSFC Nagdi (from 3.30 pm)

**Practice ground:** Sashakt Club-Surud Namkum (from 2.30 pm), Ranchi Rickers-Tarun Ghosh FC (from 3.30 pm)

## Chand Nagpal conducted yoga practice in Gurunanak Bhawan



DN ■ Ranchi

On Friday, trainer Chand Nagpal conducted yoga practice for the people of Bahawalpuri Punjabi community in Gurunanak Bhawan, Ratu Road. The session went on from 6 am to 8 am. Meanwhile, Chand also told people the benefits of Surya Namaskar along with Pranayam, Kapalbhathi, Bhramari Pranam, Anulom-Vilom. A four-day yoga camp was organized here by the community. It

concluded on International Yoga Day. Chairman Lalit Kinger, Kawaljit Middha, Mohan Khirbat, Surjit Munjal, Jitendra Munjal, Vasudev Manuja, Ashok Kathpal, Jyoti Middha, Pinky Taleja, Jyoti Munjal, Rekha Munjal, Indu Papneja, Kiran Gera, Pushpa Papneja, Kiran Arora, Neelu Manuja, Sonia Girdhar, Savita Munjal, Sonia Munjal, Anu Dewan, Binder Kathpal, Pushpa Khirbat and Rashmi Arora along with others participated in it.

### News In Brief

**Jharkhand cadre IAS Rai Mahimapat Ray gets foreign assignment**

**Ranchi:** Indian Administrative Service officer Rai Mahimapat Ray has got a foreign assignment. This 2011 batch officer of Jharkhand cadre has been deputed to the post of Senior Digital Development Specialist in Reconstruction and Development IBARD World Bank Washington DC USA. The Union Personnel Ministry has issued an order in this regard. Actually, the Union Cabinet had approved the proposal of the Department of Economic Affairs. Rai Mahimapat Ray has been appointed for 7 years till 11 October 2027.

**A youth who had gone to jail in a murder case was arrested with a live bullet at the airport, the court sent him to jail**

**Ranchi:** A live bullet was recovered from a youth at Ranchi airport. CISF informed the airport police station about this, after which the youth was questioned and the bullet was confiscated. The bullet is of 8 mm. The name of the youth from whom the bullet was recovered is Akash Kumar Sao. Along with the bullet, the youth's passport has also been confiscated. An FIR has been registered against Akash in the airport police station under the Arms Act. The youth from whom the bullet was recovered had a ticket booked on an Air Asia flight to Delhi. After the arrest, the court has sent him to judicial custody. Akash Kumar has already gone to jail in a murder case.

**High Court judges practiced yoga on Yoga Day**

**Ranchi:** In Jharkhand High Court too, judges and judicial officers celebrated Yoga Day by practicing yoga on the occasion of Yoga Day. High Court judges celebrated Yoga Day at the Judicial Academy of Dhurva. In the Judicial Academy, all the judges along with the Acting Chief Justice practiced various yoga postures. On the instructions of Justice Commissioner Shri Diwakar Pandey, a yoga practice program was also conducted in the Railway Court under the leadership of Shri Vijay Kumar Yadav, Judicial Magistrate Railway Ranchi.



## News In Brief

### Observance of Yoga Day in DAV Baniyahir

**Jorapokhar:** Yoga Day was celebrated in DAV Baniyahir on the call of the United Nations. Students from class eight to twelve participated in the program. Principal Subroto Modak said that a healthy mind resides in a healthy body. Only when we are healthy, we will be able to concentrate on studies. Senior teachers of the school Devendra Kumar Panini, Vinay Kumar Sinha, teacher Renu Singh, physical teacher Aseem Priyadarshi etc. were present in the program.

### Include yoga in your daily routine: Ragini Singh

**Jharia:** On the occasion of International Yoga Day, BJP State Member Mrs. Ragini Singh practiced yoga with the members of BJP Mahila Morcha in the Bihar Building office complex in Jharia. Everyone performed yoga in various postures and appealed to the people to stay healthy. Mrs. Singh said that yoga is an integral part of all our lives. Everyone should include yoga in their daily routine. This prevents disease and brings joy and energy in life. Yoga is the only activity in which we can work on all things together. Problems related to high BP, sugar, spine can be cured through yoga. Rita Yadav, Bobby Pandey, Suman Agarwal and others were present on the occasion.

### Yoga Day celebrated in Happy Child Nursery



**Dhanbad:** International Yoga Day was celebrated with great pomp in Happy Child Nursery School. On this occasion, the school's vice principal Mrs. Mili Sharma made all the little children do yoga. Principal Mrs. Geeta Singh gave the message to the children to do yoga daily to stay healthy. Also told about its importance. Children made this day successful by registering their participation through meditation, Anulom-Vilom, Padmasana etc. Yoga on Yoga Day. All the teachers and staff of the school were present on this occasion.

## Five vicious criminals arrested along with 12 stolen motorcycles

DN ■ Tirsra

Dhanbad Senior Superintendent of Police Hrideep P Janardhanan held a press conference at the Tirsra Police Station premises and said that criminals will not be spared at any cost. A gang of motorcycle thieves is active in the district. Press persons should also cooperate in this. The menace of drug abuse is increasing in the district. Most of the crimes are being committed after consuming drugs. Sindri DSP Bhupendra Kumar Rawat, Circle Inspector Usha Rani, Tirsra Police Station in-charge Suman Kumar, Shyamal Oraon, Mritunjan Tiwari, Baldev Yadav, Ashok Tiwari, Ghanudih OP in-charge Pawan Kumar etc. were present in the press conference. SSP said that Monu Sinha and Bhola Mahato were arrested



with four stolen motorcycles while planning a theft from a dilapidated house located at Khas Kuiyan of BCCL under Tirsra Police Station area. The arrested accused told the names of their accomplices and about

the stolen motorcycles. Following the information provided by the accused, 8 stolen motorcycles were recovered from places like Chand Kuiyan, Kusmataand etc. and three other criminals were arrested.

## DGP's order letter given to Chas police station in-charge

DN ■ Dhanbad

Earlier, an order has been passed by the Human Rights Protection Organization from the Director General of Police, Jharkhand, to install the board of Human Rights Protection Act in all the police stations of the state. In light of this, all the police stations of the state have to install the board. In light of the said order of the DGP, the team of the organization is surveying all the police stations to install the board in all the police stations. The joint team of Human Rights Protection Organization President Sajjan Sharma, Senior Deputy In-charge Rajiv Kumar, former State Motivator Tanveer Alam, District Motivator Rajiv Kumar Singh and State Co-ordinator Shailendra Kumar gave the DGP's order letter to the in-charge at Chas Town Police Station and said that the board of Human Rights Protection Act should be installed in the police station as soon as possible. On this, the police station in-charge said that the board will be installed soon.



## Inauguration of new CISF office



DN ■ Maithan

New CISF office was inaugurated in Gogna. Chief guest of the ceremony DIG BCCL Dhanbad Anand Saxena and special guest DVC Maithon Project Head Anjani Dubey, Chief Engineer Civil Sanjit Sinha and other officials unveiled the stone plaque and cut

the ribbon of the main gate. Guests were welcomed by Deputy Commandant Anil Kumar and Assistant Commandant UK Sinha by giving bouquets. On this occasion, shade trees were planted by the guests in the tree plantation program. On the occasion, a big meal was also organized at

## Union Minister Annapurna Devi did yoga in Giridih



DN ■ Giridih

On the occasion of International Yoga Day, Union Women and Child Development Minister Annapurna Devi practiced yoga with students and school family members in the premises of Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir in Barganda, Giridih. She said that Prime Minister Modi has done a historic work

of making the ancient Indian heritage global in the form of International Yoga Day. Jamua MLA Kedar Hazra, former MLA Nirbhay Shahabadi, BJP leader Dinesh Yadav, Sanjeev Kumar Guddu, Ranjit Baranwal, Navneet Singh, Sandeep Dangaich, Motilal Upadhyay along with many BJP leaders and workers were present on the occasion.

## Make yoga practice an essential part of your daily routine: Dr. Nilesh



DN ■ Dhanbad

Yoga training was given on the occasion of Yoga Day at RSP College, Jharia Belgadia. It is known that Principal Dr. Nilesh Kumar Singh did yoga and gave information about yoga to the teachers, students and non-teaching staff of the college. Dr. Singh said that yoga is essential for building a healthy personality and a healthy society. By making yoga practice an essential part of your daily routine, we can strengthen a healthy life. Prof. Ramesh Sardar, Prof. Rajni Bara, Dr. Upendra Kumar, Prof. Ritesh Ranjan, Dr. Shyam Kishore Prasad, Dr. Ashok Kumar Choubey, Prof. Etwa Tooti, Prof. Vijay Vishwakarma, Prof. Ramchandra Kumar, Dr. Shubha Ajmani, Prof. Madhuri Vinjha, Dr. Manoranjan Singh, Dr. Anil Singh, Prof. Pankaj Baranwal along with college students and non-teaching staff were present in the program.

## Blood donation camp organized in Nirsa on International Yoga Day

DN ■ Nirsa

On the occasion of International Yoga Day, a blood donation camp was organized in Agrasen Bhawan of Nirsa under the joint aegis of social organization Akhil Bharatiya Marwari Yuva Manch Nirsa Branch, Samarpan Ek Nek Pehal, National Human Rights and Corruption Prevention and Bharat Swabhimana Trust and Patanjali Yoga Samiti. The camp was inaugurated by Chief Guest former Mayor Chandrashekar Agarwal, Special Guest former MLA Arup Chatterjee, Navrang Lal Goyal, Shiv Kumar Daruka, Marwari Yuva Manch President Ravindra Goyal and Secretary Saurabh Agarwal by jointly cutting the ribbon. The team of doctors included the team of Health Point Hospital Ranchi, Srinivas Blood Center Dhanbad and Kumardhubi Spectrum Hospital Aiyarkund. Former MLA Arup Chatterjee and former Mayor Chandrashekar Agarwal said that the social organization is doing a very good job by organizing blood donation camps. This camp is a boon for the



patients struggling between life and death due to lack of blood. Marwari Yuva Manch president Ravindra Goyal said that our organization has been playing a leading role selflessly in the interest of society and country. This work will continue in future as well.

During the program, the chief guest and special guests distributed fruit plants among the people present under the Save Environment campaign and honored the team of journalists and doctors by giving them clothes. Ravindra Goyal, Saurabh Agarwal, Gopal Agarwal, Vicky Goyal, Rohit Bhalotia, Nikhil Goyal, Bajrang Agarwal, Akhil Goyal, Sanjay Kheria, Manoj Mandal, Manjeet Singh and Patali Vishwakarma played a commendable role in making the program successful.

## Various programs in Maithon on International Yoga Day

DN ■ Maithan

Various programs were organized in Maithon on the occasion of International Yoga Day. In Maithon DVC Project, a yoga training camp was organized in Station Club Maithon on the occasion of International Yoga Day. The program was inaugurated by Project Head Anjani Kumar Dubey by lighting the lamp. Senior General Manager Human Resources Sanjeev Kumar Srivastava presented the outline of the program. The Project Head said that the best way to stay healthy in this fast-paced life is yoga and pranayama. Pranayama is the only way to keep the mind calm. Everyone should take out half an hour for yoga in



their busy life and also tell their children about its benefits. The program's trainer Dharamveer Singh of Art of Living Asansol told everyone about yoga and made them practice it. A total of 50 personnel participated in the program. A yoga program was also organized in Maithon Club. Women and men of all ages participated in the program. 85 year old former DVC employee Ishwar Balmiki and the youngest one was

5 year old Indrani, who participated. 75 people took part in the program. Yogasanas were conducted by Yoga Guru Rajkumar Paswan. Yogasanas are performed every morning at Maithon Club. Fruits were distributed among all the participants by former President of Maithon Club RK Prasad. Club Secretary BR Majumdar, Club Committee members SK Ghosh, Dharmdev Singh, Rahul Mishra, P Kaviraj, Nishith Mukherjee, Kalu Bahadur played a major role in making the program successful. A yoga practice program was organized this morning at the Chhath Ghat in Gogna of Maithon by Aigyarkund Block and Zone under the leadership of BDO Mrs. Madhu Kumari. In the program, under the guidance of Maithon's yoga teacher Bhola Pandey, BDO Madhu Kumari, CO Krishna Kumari, Block Pramukh Smt. Sangeeta Mahato, Deputy Pramukh Vinod Das, Panchayat Samiti member Smt. Madhu Singh, Mukhiya Smt. Kakuli Mukherjee, CRP Pankaj Kumar Singh, all Mukhiyas, Panchayat Secretaries, Panchayat Samiti members.

## Judges did yoga with the Chief District Judge



DN ■ Dhanbad

Judge cum Secretary District Legal Services Authority Rakesh Roshan said that in today's busy lifestyle, people are facing psychological and mental problems like anxiety, depression, which is the biggest challenge for humanity at this time. He said that this time a yoga program has been organized by the PLB panel advocates of DLSA in Legal at Defense Council System, all Legal Literacy Clubs. On the occasion, Principal District and Sessions Court Ram Sharma, Chief Justice Family Court

T Hasan, Additional Judge Family Court SN Mishra, District and Sessions Judge Sujit Kumar Singh, Rajnikant Pathak, Durgesh Chandra Awasthi, Prabhakar Singh, Swayambhu, Sanjay Kumar Singh, Kuldeep Mann, Neeraj Vishwakarma, Prafull Kumar, Saket Kumar, Anjani Anuj, Paras Kumar Singh, Rakesh Kumar, Chief Judicial Magistrate Aarti Mala, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Rajiv Tripathi, Junior Judge Nitasha Barla, Sweta Kumari, Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate and all judicial officers did yoga.

## Sahayog Foundation organised a yoga camp



DN ■ Dhanbad

On International Yoga Day, a yoga camp was organised in Vastu Vihar Phase One under the aegis of Sahayog Foundation, in which a large number of local people participated. In the camp organised under the leadership of Foundation's President Neetu Tiwari, trainer AK Pathak taught the tricks of yoga. He said that yoga means to connect. He gave detailed information about many yoga asanas and made people practice them. President Neetu Tiwari said that yoga is India's gift, but today Prime Minister Narendra Modi's contribution in making it recognized at the world level is the most important. Today, yoga camps have been organised in every country of the world, which is a matter of pride. On this occasion, dozens of people including Meenu Pathak, Manju Verma, Mohit Rajgarhia, Leela Rajgarhia, Jharna Chakraborty, Shivashish Chakraborty, Asha Srivastava, Vijay Srivastava, Sneha, Sushila, Uma Pandey were present.

## International Yoga Day celebrated in DAV Model School



DN ■ Jorapokhar

International Yoga Day was celebrated in DAV Model School CFRI. Children and teachers from Bal Vatika to VIII classes of the school performed many yoga exercises. Principal Mrs. Mahua Singh told the children that yoga is beneficial for physical and mental health. Regular practice of yoga keeps the body disease-free. It also provides peace and strength to the mind. Yoga teachers Santosh Kumar

Singh and Pinky Vishwas conducted detailed practice of Kapalhati, Tadasana, Dhruvasana, Trikonasana, Vajrasana, Gomukhasana etc. and explained their importance. The program was conducted under the guidance of Principal Mrs. Mahua Singh and under the supervision of CCA in-charge Mrs. Mousumi Banerjee along with sports teacher Santosh Kumar Singh. Other teachers were present on the occasion.



## Art of Living organized World Yoga Day

DN ■ Chas

On the occasion of World Yoga Day on Friday, Art of Living Bokaro unit conducted yoga sessions for people near Bokaro Steel Gate under the chairmanship of Part of Living Instructor Coordinator Vinod Kumar Gupta. People associated with Art of Living participated in this session. Instructor Mallika Dene also conducted yoga sessions and gave detailed information about yoga. Workers working in the plant also participated in the detailed information about Art of Living Yoga. Here, Ajay Kumar and Vinod Kumar Gupta of Art of Living conducted yoga sessions



for PVR employees in Sector 3 Mall. Cinema manager Raman Kumar Mishra and the entire team performed yoga. Vinod Kumar Gupta said that yoga is not just an asana but is the basis for bringing happiness in life. Teacher Ajay Kumar said that if you want to be happy with inner happiness, then do yoga for half an hour every day.

Spokesperson Sanjay Soni said that today a large part of the population is struggling with stress and depression. People are troubled by negative feelings. The easiest way to get out of all these things is yoga. Rekha Chaudhary, Kiran Mishra, Vijay Mohti, Kusum Gupta, Harishankar Tripathi, P Mishra and others were present on the occasion.

## Police administration should not take one sided action : MLA

DN ■ Bokaro

Recently, MLA Veeranchi Narayan met the victims of the incident that took place in Vikas Nagar. The victim family said that the police administration has taken away two people while the people of the Muslim community have been left free. They are all coming and threatening at night, on which Shri Narayan said that this incident is a symbol of government protection. When the police administration is sending the culprits to jail, then why is it not sending the people of the Muslim community to jail. He said that in this way the administration is working to boost the morale of a particular community. He said that if both the parties are guilty, then arrests should be made from both sides. The administration should



not take one-sided action. If the police does not send the guilty people of the Muslim community to jail, then the people of Vikas Nagar will be indignant and in such a situation, they will come out on the streets and protest against the government and the administration. Accusing bias, he said that such

one-sided action will make the public lose faith in the administration. On the occasion, Metropolitan President Santosh Kumar, District General Secretary Sanjay Tyagi, Mahendra Rai, City President Anil Singh, Amit Singh, Manjit Singh, Golu Upadhyay, Ajay Rajak and others were present.

## Displaced Contractor Committee met the General Manager of CCL Kathara area

DN ■ Bermo

Introductory meeting of the officials of Displaced Contractor Committee Kathara was held with the General Manager of the area. The members met the General Manager of CCL Kathara area Sanjay Kumar and introduced the officials of the committee and informed him about the purpose of the organization. Here the General Manager also assured the organization to cooperate in the work of the management in a positive manner. Before this, the officials of the committee welcomed the General Manager of the area Sanjay Kumar by giving him bouquets and flower bouquets. Here the President of the organization Harischandra Yadav informed the General Manager that the children of the displaced people could get some relief from the increased fees in DAV Kathara. He told that the land owners who provided land during the expansion of the colliery were fully assured by the high level officials that such families would be given priority in various types of work under alternative employment to earn a living. The members requested the General Manager. Secretary Govind Yadav informed General Manager Sanjay Kumar about the problem being faced by the time sensors regarding formation of investigation committee at the time of billing etc.

## International Yoga Day celebrated in DAV Public School Kathara

DN ■ Dam Kathara

Children and teachers celebrated International Yoga Day on Friday in the premises of Bandh Katharandi AV Public School CCL Kathara, in which various types of yoga asanas and exercises were performed which were quite interesting and attractive. On this occasion, General Manager of Kathara area cum Chairman of the school Mr. Sanjay Kumar was present as the chief guest. Principal cum Director of Jharkhand Zone G Mr. Bipin Rai honored the chief guest with a bouquet of flowers and a memento. Giving detailed information about the health benefits of yoga, the



General Manager congratulated everyone on International Yoga Day. The program started with lighting of lamps. Yoga teacher TM Pathak, sports teacher Ranjit Singh, Shiv Prakash Singh and Rahul Kumar practiced various yogas including Tadasana, Vrikshasana, Surya Namaskar, Pranayama. On this occasion, senior teach-

ers of the school Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Dr. R.S. Mishra, Mrs. Sharmila Thakur, Rekha Kumari, A.K. Goswami, CCA Coordinator B.K. Dasondhi, Arvind Ksha, Sanjay Kumar Singh, Mantosh Kumar, Amit Pandey, Jaipal Sao, Shailendra Kumar, Ritesh Kumar, Bina Kumari, Madhu Mallika Upadhyay, Aradhana, Rakesh Pandey, Atul Sinha, Sanjay Mahato, Jai Prakash Giri, Neeraj Sinha, Sudhanshu Yadav, Vimlesh Kumar, Amarnath Yadav, Khushboo Singh, Maamta Patra, Oshin, Sangeet Kumari and many other teachers and employees were present.

## Yoga camp organized in CCL Dhori and B&K area

DN ■ Phusro

Yoga camp was organized in CCL Dhori and B&K area on Friday. In the yoga camp organized in the women's club of Dhori area, yoga was conducted from 8 am to 10 am for health benefits. GM Ranjay Kumar Singha said that 'Yoga is such an activity which increases our physical and mental capacity. In this way, yoga is an essential part of our daily life which gives the message to people to live a healthy life. In the camp, trained guru Deepak Kumar Mahato practiced various yoga asanas like yoga mudras. Nutritious diet related to health was also discussed. GM Ranjay Kumar Singha, SOP Pratul Kumar, PO Ranjit Kumar, Sitaram Uike, Tauqeer Alam, along with union leaders R Unesh, Vikas Singh, etc. were present on the occasion. On the other hand, in the yoga camp organized in the Officers Club Kargali of B&K area, yoga gurus said that there is no time to do yoga. Morning yoga is the most beneficial. He said that in today's busy life, one should do yoga every morning. On this occasion, GM K Rama Krishna, S Project Officer K S Gaiwal, Arvind Sharma and Shambhu Kumar Jha, SO E&M G Mohanty, Regional Finance Officer Gyanendu Choubey and others were present.

## Manvi Mahila Samiti organised Swachhta Pakhwada event on cleanliness and empowerment

DN ■ Bermo

As part of Bermo Swachhta Pakhwada celebrations, Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) Kathara Area and Manvi Mahila Samiti, Kathara Area organised an event aimed at promoting cleanliness and health at Nehru Smarak Uchha Vidyalaya, Swang on 21st June 2024. The event had a special focus on the Menstrual Hygiene Chhay Prabhashala established in the school in 2023 in collaboration with CCL. A pioneering initiative of CCL, the Menstrual Hygiene Lab was revisited to discuss its benefits with the students. The lab, equipped with the necessary resources for menstrual health, has been instrumental in educating young girls and breaking the stigma associated with menstruation. The feedback received from the teachers was overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the role of the lab in promoting confidence and health among the students. Taramani Kachhap, Principal of Nehru Smarak Uchha Vidyalaya

expressed her heartfelt gratitude to CCL Kathara Area for their support, saying, "This lab is not just a facility; it is a symbol of progress and empowerment for our students. We are very grateful to CCL for recognising the importance of menstrual hygiene and taking concrete steps to address it." Teacher Mrs. Rashmi Jain said, "The Menstrual Hygiene Lab has been a game-changer for our students. It has provided them with the knowledge and resources to manage their menstrual health with respect and comfort." The lab aims to provide young girls with the necessary resources and education to effectively manage menstrual hygiene, ensuring their comfort and confidence during their academic pursuits. The importance of handwashing was emphasised by providing 100 soaps to the students, emphasising the important role of hygiene in preventing diseases. Apart from focusing on menstrual hygiene, CCL provided substantial support to the school etc.

## Yoga and spirituality are the foundation of India : Dharamveer

DN ■ Bokaro

On the occasion of International Yoga Day, Rashtrabhakt Samaj and Jai Jawan Yoga Club performed morning yoga pranayam in Sector 5 Library Ground. Under the guidance of Central President of Rashifal Samaj, Dharamvir Singh, members of Jai Jawan Yoga Club perform yoga pranayam every day in the Library Ground. Today, on the occasion of Yoga Day, Mr. Singh said that yoga pranayam and spirituality are the foundation of India and they have a special place in making life happy and successful. He said



that by doing yoga pranayam daily, a person remains healthy. Basically, control over breath is the basis of yoga pranayam because the basis of life is based on breath. He said that yoga takes one on the path of goodness and truth. Today, on Yoga Day, members of Jai Jawan Club performed yoga pranayam. On this occasion,

former General Manager SP Singh, Kishori Singh, T Sharma, Krishna Ahir, Pankaj Kumar, Vinod Kumar, Shyam Singh, Ravi Kumar, Chandan Pandey, Hindu Devi, Girdhari Yadav, Varun Paswan, Anant Kumar Patel, DC Thakur B Thakur, Ashok Kumar, Badal Pandey and others were present.

## DPS children astonished with artistic yoga performance

Yoga connects body mind and soul Students should practice it daily : Gangwar

DN ■ Bokaro

International Yoga Day was organized in an enthusiastic atmosphere at Delhi Public School on Friday with the support of Bokaro District Yogasana Sports Association. On this occasion, all the teachers and students performed yoga with full concentration under the leadership of the school's principal and the organization's president Dr. A.S. Gangwar. In the senior unit, the students mesmerized the students with a beautiful group performance of several yogasanas including Chakrasana, Dhanurasana, apart from various postures of Surya Namaskar amid beautiful classical music. During this, the flexibility of the children's hands, legs and the whole body was a sight to behold. Students Anushka and Kiya received appreciation by all by presenting a



yoga dance based on Madhurashtakam. Appreciating the performance of the students, Principal Dr. Gangwar said that Adi Dev Mahadev had started yoga. The knowledge of binding the body, mind and soul into one thread has been the gift of our sages. The eternal heritage of our country has become exemplary for the whole

world today. Before this, in a separate session, the school's Physical Education Teacher Nibha Kumari taught the teachers Bhujangasana, Vrikshasana, Kapalbhathi amid the melodious tune of the flute. Various Yogasanas and Pranayama including Anulom Vilom were practised. On this occasion, the special session of Laughter Yoga was very etc.

## Income Tax Department organised seminar in Gomia

DN ■ Gomia

Income Tax Department, TDS Ward, Bokaro organised a seminar on TDS/TCS at Middle School Gomia Conference Hall, Bokaro. Kamlesh Kumar Sinha, Income Tax Officer, TDS Ward, Bokaro, gave detailed information about TDS/TCS. He requested all the DDO deductors present to deduct TDS at the correct rate, deposit the amount of TDS deducted in the government account on time and file quarterly statement on the due date. He also informed that due to providing wrong information, the TDS deducted by the person or firm is not reflected in their FORM 26AS. Due to which they face problems in filing their income tax return and also have income tax dues on them. Whereas their tax is already deducted and paid by the deductor. In this seminar, apart from the new provisions of TDS/TCS, provisions of penalty and prosecution for non-deduction and non-deposit of tax were also discussed in detail. Also, Form 12BB was explained in detail, which is mandatory for all those salaried employees who want to claim tax deduction on investment or expenditure made during the financial year. Input and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) of all the government offices of Gomia block etc.

## BJP Chas Nagar North celebrated International Yoga Day in Bhojpur Colony

DN ■ Bokaro

Bharatiya Janata Party Chasnagar North celebrated International Yoga Day in Bhojpur Colony. BJP District General Secretary and District Coordinator of the campaign Sanjay Tyagi, President of North Panna Lal Kandu, Yoga Day City Coordinator Hare Krishna along with BJP office bearers, workers and general public participated in the program. On the occasion, General Secretary Mr. Tyagi said that yoga has made an identity in the world. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had proposed this in the United Nations. At that time 175 countries had supported it.



He said that 10 years of Modi government are known as service, good governance and welfare of the poor. In this way, 10 years of International Yoga Day have also been completed. Today, Yoga Day is being celebrated in various countries like America, France, Australia. On the occasion, Mr. Panna Lal, BJP District

### News In Brief

#### Student union protested demanding cancellation of NEET exam

**Bokaro.** The Bokaro district unit of the National Student Union of India protested against the central government demanding cancellation of NEET exam. This protest was held at Gandhi Chowk in Sector 4. Student leaders and Congress leaders said that the paper has been leaked from many states but the government is not ready to do anything. These people said that the exam should be held again otherwise the movement against the central government will be intensified. The leaders said that there are many leaders who are involved in the paper leak case, this should be investigated.

#### Dr. Ashok became the President of Maithili Parishad

**Bokaro.** On the foundation day of International Maithili Parishad, founder Dr. Dhar Thakur, newly appointed President of the Parishad in Jharkhand, Dr. Ashok Avichal, outgoing President Amarnath Jha, Bokaro District Coordinator Gangesh Kumar Pathak congratulated and wished all Maithil lovers on the occasion of the foundation day of the Parishad. Pankaj Jha conducted the program through Google Zoom meeting in which all the officials of the Parishad of the country discussed topics related to Maithili and Mithila. Among the officials present, mainly Shailendra Jha, Naveen Jha, Ravindra Jha, Narayan Jha, Prem Jha etc. from prime and various places were present.

#### Yoga Day was also organized in Block Panchayat Health Center

**Bokaro.** On International Yoga Day, yoga practice was also done in all the block panchayat health centers, hospitals, Ayush Gram Health and Wellness Center, police station Amritsarovar site etc. of the district on Friday. The Deputy Commissioner said that this year the theme of Yoga Day is Yoga for self and society, everyone has followed it. From the district headquarters to the block panchayat, employees and general public practiced yoga under the leadership of representative Block Development Officer, Zonal Officer.



News In Brief

Additional Collector heard the problems of common people in Janta Darbar

Chatra: As per the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Ramesh Gholap, Additional Collector Arvind Kumar heard the problems of common people through Janta Darbar on Friday in the meeting room of Collectorate. Common people had come to Janta Darbar mainly with land dispute, pension, ration and other matters. Additional Collector reviewed the applications related to the problems of common people who came to meet him one by one and assured to dispose of the matter as soon as possible.

Krishak Sakhi's two-day non-residential training completed

Chatra: Krishak Sakhi's two-day non-residential training organized by JSLPS in Bariatu cluster under Gidhaur block was completed on Friday. The training work was done under the leadership of BPM Kedar Prajapati. Admin Amarjeet Sinha was specially present on this occasion. In the camp, Krishak Sakhi was told about the preparation and treatment of organic Nadep, Ghanjivamrit, earthworm compost and medicines like Nirvastra, Brahmastra, Agni, Astra. Sardar Jitendra Kumar, Suman Kumari and Sunil Paswan gave detailed information about doing rainfed farming in a better way. Apart from BRP Yugeshwar Dangi, Vijay Rajak, Krishak Sakhi Pratima Devi, Jayanti Kumari, Urmila Kumari etc. were present on the occasion.

Cattle dies due to lightning

Chatra: A milch cattle died due to lightning during rain in Pahara village under Gidhaur block. The cattle belonged to Chandradev Pandey, a resident of Pahara village. The victim said that the cattle was grazing, meanwhile lightning suddenly struck and the milch cattle died due to being hit by it. The victim has filed an application in the police station and demanded compensation. Villagers said that the transformer installed near the pavilion also got burnt due to lightning.

Yoga at Shivaji Maidan DC Municipal Commissioner Civil Surgeon Additional Collector SDO and other officials and employees practiced yoga

DN Palamu

On the occasion of 10th International Yoga Day, 2024, group yoga practice was done today at Shivaji Maidan in Medininagar, Palamu division headquarters. District Deputy Commissioner Shashi Ranjan, Medininagar Municipal Commissioner Javed Hussain and Additional Collector Kundan Kumar along with others started the program by practicing yoga jointly after the lamp lighting program and also practiced yoga collectively. Yoga instructor Rajiv Sharan of Patanjali Yogpeeth made



everyone do group yoga practice with the general yoga practice (protocol) on this year's theme "Yoga for self and society". He made everyone do various general yoga exercises like Mangala Charan Vandan along with relaxation exercises, cervical movements, shoulder movements, waist movements, knee movements, Tadasana, Padhastasana, Ardha Chakrasana, Trikonasana, Bhadrasana, Vajrasana, Ardha Ushtrasana, Ushtrasana and also gave information on the method of doing yoga, its benefits and the precautions to be taken while doing various yoga exercises. Apart from this, while performing various activities of Pranayam, detailed information was given about the physical condition, method of pranayam practice, benefits and precautions during Pranayam. On this occasion, DC Shri Ranjan appealed to the people of the district to imbibe yoga in their lives. He said that by including yoga in our lifestyle, we can strengthen our health and mind. He said that his own personal experience with yoga has been very good. He said that due to regular yoga practice, my blood pressure is normal. He appealed to all the youth and people of different ages to include yoga.

Yoga Day celebrated in Subdivision Karpuri Ground

DN Palamu

On the occasion of International Yoga Day, a yoga camp was organized in Hussainabad Subdivision Karpuri Ground. In this camp, as the chief guest, Subdivision Officer Piyush Sinha, SDPO Mukesh Kumar Mahato, BJP leader Colonel Sanjay Kumar Singh, former city president Rameshwar Ram alias Chhatan Ram etc. jointly inaugurated the camp by lighting the lamp. Various types of yoga were practiced in the camp by imitating their yoga. The yoga camp ceremony was started with the chanting of Gayatri Mantra. Patanjali



Yoga families made people practice Surya Namaskar, Pranayama, Tadasana, Vrajrasana, Bhujangasana etc. and told about the benefits obtained from it. In his address, Subdivision Officer Piyush Sinha said that yoga is an important key to staying healthy. Yoga leads to physical, mental, intellectual i.e. all-round development. Yoga is very beneficial for removing many problems like anxiety, depression, pollution etc. and for peace of mind. On the occasion, Sub-Divisional Police Officer Mukesh Kumar Mahato also practiced yoga with hundreds of people and said that yoga is the only thing that provides a healthy body and mind, providing longevity while keeping the immune.

DDC reviewed the preparations for adult BCG vaccination



DN Chatra

As per the instructions of DC Ramesh Gholap, a meeting of District Level Task Force (DTF) ACF for TB and Adult BCG Vaccination was held in Vikas Bhavan Sabhakaksha under the chairmanship of DDC Pawan Kumar Mandal. In the meeting, District Tuberculosis Officer, SMO WHO explained in detail about adult BCG vaccination that BCG vaccine is given to newborn children to prevent TB disease, after its success, now adults and elderly will also be vaccinated with BCG, door-to-door survey work is going on in the entire district, after this, the identified persons will be given one dose of BCG vaccination in the right hand from the likely month of July. For the successful conduct of the program, all the members of DTF were instructed to work in mutual coordination. CS, District Social Welfare Officer, District Education Superintendent, DRCHHO etc.

This yatra is a reality check of the drinking water system the Municipal Commissioner also praised the Pani Yatra : Ashish Bhardwaj

DN Medininagar

On the tenth day of "Pani Yatra", a public awareness and signature campaign was run in Bairia, Madhya Sudana and TV Tower area of Medininagar Municipal Corporation area and the Pani Yatra team met the Municipal Commissioner of Medininagar Municipal Corporation and presented their demands for the solution of the problems collected by Aaj Tak. During the "Pani Yatra", the youth also inspired the common people to conserve water and plant trees. Ashish Bhardwaj, who is leading the "Pani Yatra", said that when we started this Pani Yatra, we had not even imagined that there is such a severe problem of drinking water in our city too, people are shouting, a strange atmosphere has been created for water. People are angry and so angry that they are ready to fight with anyone. We met the Municipal Commissioner regarding the problems received during the Aaj Tak Yatra. The Municipal Corporation is distributing water through government tankers. We had a detailed discussion on the complete solution of the



severe drinking water crisis prevailing in our city along with all the demand points like irregularities in the distribution of water, increasing the number of tankers, new pipeline connectivity fee, current poor water supply, the condition of the second phase pipeline and our resolution of "Paani Yatra" to stop water by building a barrage and a weir on Koel. The Municipal Commissioner praised our "Paani Yatra" a lot and held a meeting with us for more than two hours in detail on all the problems we are facing in this journey and seemed ready to find a solution. We have also uploaded the video of our decisive meeting with the

Municipal Commissioner on social media. On our demand of increasing the number of tankers, he said that already 234 trips of water are being distributed through tankers, but on your demand we will increase the number of distribution trips and tankers some more. On the irregularities in water distribution, he agreed to our surprise inspection and also said that he would inspect it himself. On the new pipeline connectivity fee, he said that there is already a provision of free connection for BPL people, but even after this, if someone comes with a low income certificate, we will definitely give free connection. We also discussed plantation with the Municipal Commissioner. On the second phase pipeline scheme, he said that the work has been given to JUDCO, there is a little delay but water will reach every house of the Municipal Corporation in the limited time of two years. On the demand of the resolution of "Humare Pani Yatra" to stop the water by building a barrage and a weir on Koel, he even talked about preparing a DPR for the barrage and sending it to the cabinet.

Demand to provide land for library in Palamu and Garhwa

DN Palamu

Jharkhand State Student Association has requested Jharkhand Government and Chief Minister and Minister Revenue Land Reform and Registration Department to provide land to open Swami Vivekananda Library in Medina Nagar of Palamu District Medini Nagar Headquarters and Nilambar Pitambar Library in Garhwa. In the letter sent on Thursday, the organization has demanded to provide 10-10 decimal land at both the places for opening the library. It was said that the way Jharkhand State Student Association serves the students, like it gives them



their rights in JPSC JSSC and serves them, in the same way it will work with dedication to open libraries in Palamu and Garhwa district. Especially the youth in Palamu and Garhwa will benefit. This information was given by the organization's president Satnarayan Shukla, General Secretary Prakash Kumar, Patron Rahul ji, Secretary Ajay Kumar

Subroto Mukherjee 63rd International Football Game was organized winner and runner-up team were awarded

DN Chatra

Block level Subroto Mukherjee 63rd International Football Cup was organized on Friday in the ground of Plus Two High School of Pratappur block under the joint aegis of School Education and Literacy Department, Jharkhand Government and Jharkhand Education Project, Chatra. In which Block Development Officer Ajay Kumar Das was present as the chief guest. BDO met the players participating in the competition and encouraged them and inaugurated the game by kicking the football. In which 15 and 17 year old boys and girls participated in the compe-



dition. Even in the scorching sun, a lot of enthusiasm was seen among the children towards this match and in this football match, Raj Sponsored High School Pratappur was declared the winning team. Trophy, medal and certificate were awarded to the team. On the other hand, Upgraded High School Tandwa, as the runner-up team, was also encouraged by giving trophy, medal and certificate. In the 15-year-old boys category, the

children of Upgraded High School Gerua were given a trophy shield and certificate as the winning team. On the other hand, from the girls group, the girls of Project Girls High School Pratappur also performed well and won and were also rewarded with a trophy and certificate. Girls from Project Girls High School Pratappur, Kasturba Girls School Pratappur and Janta High School Mathurapur participated in the competition. Students from Upgraded High School Gerua, Tandwa, Kaura, Charkha Khurd, Jogiara and Mahakampur participated in the football match. Keeping in mind the possibility of children getting injured in the game, health department personnel were present with various types of medicines. The competition was conducted by Vishal Pandey, teacher of Upgraded High School Mahakampur. The principal of the Project Girls High School, Sarvesh Singh, BRC Accountant Pankaj Kumar Gupta, teachers Rajkumar Shukla, Surendra Kumar, Sudhir Kumar Gethe, Vikas Kumar, Kamlesh Paswan, Parvati Turkey, Dharmendra Kumar Kushwaha, health workers Rakesh Kumar, Sumitra Kumari and Ramita Kumar etc. participated in the competition.

Yoga camp organized in Garhwa on International Yoga Day

DN Garhwa

On the occasion of 10th International Yoga Day, a district level yoga program was organized in the grounds of Town Hall Garhwa under the joint aegis of District AYUSH Committee Garhwa and District Health Committee Garhwa. DC Garhwa, Shekhar Jamuar and Superintendent of Police Deepak Kumar Pandey participated as the chief guest in the program and district residents, officers/employees, school children, social workers, police personnel and other dignitaries did yoga. The program was inaugurated by lighting the lamp joint-



ly by DC Shekhar Jamuar, Superintendent of Police Deepak Kumar Pandey, Patanjali Yogapeeth representatives, AYUSH Committee representatives and dignitaries present on the stage. In the program, Yoga Guru Satyanarayan Dubey, Anjali Saswat, Chanchala Singh of Patanjali Yoga Committee told everyone the benefits of yoga and made them do various yogasanas. These

mainly included Alom Vilom, Bhadrasana, Bhujangasana, Surya Namaskar, Kapalbhathi and other yogasanas and explained their benefits. During the entire yogasana, people also showed interest in yoga. While addressing the program, the DC said many important things about International Yoga Day and described the role of yoga as important.

Yoga practice in Hariharganj and Pipra on World Yoga Day

DN Medininagar



Yoga practice was done in Hariharganj and Pipra block area on International Yoga Day. Where a group yoga practice program was organized by government and non-government employees on Friday at many places including Divya Trust Foundation Ashram, Luminous Mentors Academy, Block Headquarters Hariharganj, CHC, Hariharganj and Pipra Police Station, Panchayat Secretariat, Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir located on Tandwa Road in Maharajganj. On this occasion, Anulom, Vilom, Pranayam, Surya Namaskar and many other yogas were conducted by Yoga Instructor cum Dialogue Incharge Ayurveda MD Dr. Sanjay Kumar. Hariharganj CHC Incharge Dr. Rajesh Kushwaha, Ayush Medical Officer Dr. Pramod Kumar, Hariharganj Incharge Police Station Incharge Vigesh Kumar, Pipra Police Station.

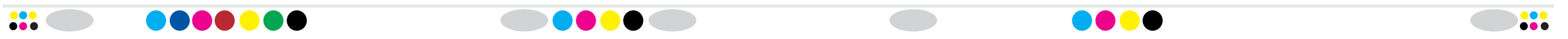
SP Rishma Rameshan appealed to Palamu residents to stay away from cyber fraudsters

DN Medininagar

Cyber criminals have their eyes on your money as well as your mobile data. In recent days, many people have been cheated after clicking on the link related to free recharge in Palamu. At the same time, many people have faced technical problems in their mobiles. Fraudsters send fake messages or links of free recharge on behalf of a politician winning the election, India winning a cricket match or a celebrity. People are asked to click on this message or link, so that the offer can be availed. People are becoming victims of cyber fraud by clicking on links



and messages. Prem Kumar, a resident of Padwa police station area of Palamu, said that as soon as he clicked on the link, Rs 335 disappeared from his bank account. This amount was very small. After the money was deducted, he changed his UPI PIN and lock. He did not complain to the police. Palamu SP Rishma Rameshan said that people are getting messages related to the formation of a new government and free recharge. After clicking the link, some processing fee is demanded, after which people are becoming victims of fraud. People are appealed to be cautious after receiving such messages or links. Mobile data is stolen through such messages. Check the authenticity of the message before clicking on it. He has appealed to the people to avoid cyber fraud Be cautious of such messages, after the formation of the government in the country, free recharge of 799 is being given, click on the link for free recharge. India has defeated Pakistan in the Cricket World Cup.





## DC held a meeting to investigate the MSME units getting coal linkage discussed the points of investigation

DN ■ Hazaribagh

As per the order of the Mines and Geology Department Jharkhand Ranchi, a meeting was organized in the Commissioner's office room under the chairmanship of North Chotanagpur Divisional Commissioner Mrs. Suman Catherine Kispotta to investigate the authenticity of the MSME units getting coal linkage under the new coal distribution policy 2007 and the utility of the coal being received. A divisional level committee was formed under the chairmanship of the Commissioner to investigate the concerned MSME units. In which Deputy



Director Mines, General Manager Mines, Deputy Superintendent of Police as a representative of the committee members. During this, points related to the investigation were discussed between the Commissioner and the committee present. The divisional level committee will investigate its district

level units and propose further action. Deputy Director Mines Hazaribagh and Dhanbad, General Manager District Hazaribagh, Dhanbad, Giridih, Bokaro, Chatra and Koderma, Additional Superintendent of Police (Administration) Hazaribagh and Deputy Superintendent of Police Bokaro etc were present.

## Yoga practice held at Curzon ground on the occasion of International Yoga Day



DN ■ Hazaribagh

Hazaribagh Yoga practice was organized at the local Curzon ground on the occasion of International Yoga Day, which is celebrated every year on 21 June. During this, trainee IAS Lokesh Barange along with children from various schools and people from many institutions were present. After the yoga practice, the trainee IAS said that yoga is essential for the ancient Indian system and physical and mental health. Yoga practice leads to physical development as well as mental development.

## ISECT University organized a yoga program in the Open Amphitheater on International Yoga Day

DN ■ Hazaribagh

On the occasion of International Yoga Day, a yoga program was organized on Friday under the banner of NSS unit of ISECT University in the Open Amphitheater Complex located in the lake campus, in which a large number of students and other people participated along with the professors of the university. On the occasion, Yogacharya Manish Kumar made the people present do many important yogas including Surya Namaskar, Padmasana, Chakrasana, Mayurasana, Vakrasana, Tadasana, Pranayama between 5 am and 7 am. Along with this,



meditation, resolution and peace lessons were also conducted. ISECT University Registrar Dr. Munish Govind said that we should make yoga a part of our daily life because yoga is the best means to stay healthy. He said that yoga is necessary for a healthy life as well as for building a healthy society. He also said that yoga is helpful in controlling the mind, body and soul. He

said that only through yoga one can remain physically, mentally and spiritually healthy. Vice Chancellor Dr PK said that yoga is necessary for people of all ages. Adopting yoga not only provides relief from many diseases, but yoga is also a good way to increase concentration, memory power, work capacity and relieve stress. Let us tell you that Arabic and Zumba instructor Deepak Kumar

## International Yoga Day was celebrated in Dadi Block cum Zonal Complex

DN ■ Hazaribagh

On 21st June 2024, yoga practice was organized on the occasion of International Yoga Day in Dadi Block cum Zonal Complex. This yoga practice was conducted by Yoga Instructor Mr. Rohit Kumar Singh and Mrs. Sunita Kumari of AYUSH Department Hazaribagh. Block Development Authority cum Zonal Officer Mrs. Anu Priya and Dr. Hakim Khan, in-charge of Sub Health Center Hesalung, along with all the workers of the block and zone were present in



this yoga practice program. In which mainly Block Panchayati Raj Officer - Mr. Ajit Kumar Tiwari, Block Supply Officer - Mr. Devendra Kumar, Babu of the Zone Mr. Anil Kumar, Zone Inspector - Mr. Rohit Mishra, Block Program Officer - Mr. Ujjwal Kishore, all Panchayat Secretaries, Block Nazir,

and Computer Operators etc. were present. On this occasion, the Block Development Officer cum Zonal Officer said about Yoga on Yoga Day that everyone should include Yoga in their daily routine, this will not only provide relief from many diseases, but Yoga practice will also increase your lifespan.

## Inspector General Training Centre and School Border Security Force

Yoga is a journey of the self to the self through the self

DN ■ Hazaribagh

Every year 21st June is celebrated as International Yoga Day. This year the theme of International Yoga Day has been kept as "Yoga for Self and Society". Yoga Day emphasizes the holistic benefits of yoga in promoting physical, mental and spiritual well-being and bringing harmony and peace to individuals and communities around the world. In the world, we are all looking for different places to find peace. Through this intense search for peace and stability, the age-old concept of yoga is



becoming popular among the people. Yoga is an ancient practice that combines physical postures, breathing exercises and meditation techniques to promote holistic health. It originated in India thousands of years ago and is now being adopted all over the world. On this occasion, a special yoga session

was organized at the Training Center and School, Border Security Force, Meru Camp on the occasion of 10th International Yoga Day on 21st June 2024, at 0545 am, under the aegis of K.S. Banyal, Inspector General, Training Center and School, in which the personnel were given yoga practice by the skilled yoga instructors of the campus. In this session, officers, subordinate officers, other personnel, BAWA members and their families present in the campus of the institute participated enthusiastically and prac-

ticed yoga. International Yoga Day draws global attention to the innumerable benefits of yoga, and encourages more and more people to include it in their daily routine for better physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Yoga plays an important role in enhancing flexibility, immunity, strength, posture and cardiovascular health, yoga inspires us to adopt a healthy lifestyle. The day inspires community participation through the organization of yoga sessions and programs, strengthens social bonds and promotes a collective.

## International Yoga Day was celebrated at Daulat Mahato Memorial Teacher Training College

DN ■ Bishnugarh

International Yoga Day was celebrated by the college unit under the aegis of National Service Scheme (NSS) at Daulat Mahato Memorial Teacher Training College located in Banaso Panchayat of Vishnugarh block. Whose theme for the year 2024 is "Yoga for Women Empowerment"! Inaugurating this program, the Principal of the college, Dr. Sunil Kumar Chaturvedi said that yoga makes the mind and body healthy and makes us strong. Therefore, make sure to include yoga in your daily routine. Addressing the volunteers, Kumari Swarna Mishra,



the officer of the National Service Scheme (NSS) program, said that by doing yoga regularly, both the body and mind become healthy. Physical lecturer Ashok Kumar Jha and former student Prakash Kumar played an important role in making this program successful as a yoga expert. Among the assistant lecturers present in this program were

Jitendra Mehta, Dr. Vijaykant Chakraborty, Dr. Satish Chand Yadav, Praveen Jaiswal, Seema Kumari, Dr. Amrish Kumar Dubey, Jaipal Rana, Assistant Lecturer Babli Kumari, Omkar Nath Sharma, Jitendra Kumar, Dharendra Kumar Mishra, Adrish Mukherjee, Ajit Kumar, Virendra Dev, Shashi Bhushan Dev, Raghavendra Pratap etc.

## SGS High School Sarauni celebrated Yoga Day



DN ■ Hazaribagh

On the occasion of International Yoga Day on 21 June 2024, Yoga Day was celebrated at SGS High School Sarauni, Sadar Block Hazaribagh. On this occasion, enthusiasm was seen among the children and yoga practice was done. Yoga teacher Tulsi Prasad said that yoga should be done daily. Yoga not only keeps the body healthy but also keeps the brain and mind healthy. The yoga teacher said that yoga started in India in ancient times. And the father of yoga was Maharishi Patanjali. The popularity that yoga is getting in the world today goes to India. Shirshasana is called the king of yoga. Many types of diseases are cured by this. Children did many types of yoga exercises and said that they will do yoga every day in future. Teachers also participated in yoga practice

## Meeting held in Dand to stop migration Bakishori Rana in development of migration area

DN ■ Katkamsandi

Social worker Kishori Rana held a meeting with youth and villagers in the Shiv temple premises of Dand village to stop the increasing migration for employment. In the meeting, Kishori Rana, founder of Nav Jharkhand Foundation, said that migration is an obstacle in the development of the region. While Jharkhand is a state rich in mineral wealth. Despite this, 70 percent of the people here are forced to live below the poverty line. He said that Katkamsandi block is an agriculture-based area. Due to the unavailability of irrigation facilities, farmers are dependent on



rain-based farming. Due to the availability of employment facilities in the area, educated youth are forced to migrate to other states in search of livelihood, which is very sad. In the meeting, rural farmers also said that despite the government's lakhs of efforts, due to the lack of drinking water and irrigation resources in the area, people are becoming less interested in farming. Therefore, in order to earn

some money, they have to send their children out even after educating them. The area's MP and MLA were held responsible for this. The upcoming assembly elections were also discussed in the meeting. According to the villagers, only the local MP and MLA can understand the pain of the rural people. In the meeting, a consensus was reached to choose a candidate from the Katkamsandi area etc.

## International Yoga Day was celebrated in Dadi Block cum Zonal Complex

DN ■ Hazaribagh

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## International Yoga Day was celebrated in Oxford International School



DN ■ Bishnugarh

International Yoga Day was celebrated in Oxford International School located in Banaso Panchayat of Bishnugarh block. On this occasion, the founder of the school, Dumarchand Mahato, told the students about International Yoga Day and the benefits of exercises in detail. Also, congratulating on International Yoga Day, he said that today is International Yoga Day. It is celebrated every year on 21st June. Which is being celebrated all over the world. Yoga is an invaluable gift of the ancient tradition of our country, it is the brightness of centuries. Which keeps man connected with nature throughout life By practicing yoga, body health.

## Ichak market completely closed for the disclosure of Puja and Rahul murder case

DN ■ Hazaribagh

Case of Puja and Rahul murder case in Ichak block was discussed at the national level. After the murder of Puja and Rahul yesterday, the bodies were secretly burnt. The murderers are trying their best to hush up the matter by hiding the evidence. Yesterday evening, a candle march was taken out for the murder and a call was given to close the market completely. Youth leader Gautam Kumar said that the people of entire Ichak participated in mak-



ing the complete shutdown of Ichak successful. And all the shops remained closed in their own way and remained united against injustice. Gautam Kumar said that if the administration does not disclose the murder and

arrest the murderer, then tomorrow the entire Ichak will be completely closed. Also, a protest will be held near NH33. Gautam has demanded a CBI investigation into the murder. Hundreds of people including democratic leader.

### News In Brief

#### Three youths seriously injured in road accident

**Bishnugarh :** A road accident occurred on Thursday evening near Roll Pathar in Bishnugarh-Tatijharia border area on Hazaribagh main road NH 522 under Vishnugarh block area. In which 35-year-old Pawan Kumar Verma alias Mathlu father Padun Kumar, 25-year-old Ashish Kumar father Hari Kadu (alias Lallu) Kadu, 19-year-old Deepak Kumar Malakar father Sunil Malakar, three youths, resident of Akhara Chowk of Bishnugarh, were seriously injured in the accident. According to information received from eyewitnesses, all three persons were going to Hazaribagh on a bike to visit a relative.

#### One hundred and fifty hand pumps were repaired by Seva Sahayog Samiti

**Hazaribagh:** More than one hundred and fifty hand pumps were repaired by Seva Sahayog Samiti in various panchayats of various blocks of Sadar assembly constituency. To ensure that the villagers do not face problems due to water shortage in these areas during the scorching heat, Seva Sahayog Samiti office is being run in various blocks of Sadar assembly constituency. Harsh Ajmera, President of Sahayog Seva Sahayog Samiti, said that more than one hundred and fifty hand pumps have been repaired and goods have been installed. We can see a lot of happiness on the faces of the villagers. In many blocks, people were troubled due to water shortage for 10-10 days. As soon as this information is received in Seva Sahayog Samiti office, the hand pump is repaired immediately.

#### Yoga was celebrated with enthusiasm in 10 + 2 Lord Krishna School on International Yoga Day

**Hazaribagh:** Children in Amrit Nagar showed great enthusiasm when yoga instructor Ankit Kumar showed the importance of yoga and introduced them to different types of yoga and made them practice yoga. He told that if you want to keep your body healthy, then keep practicing yoga daily. The school manager while addressing the children said that doing yoga keeps a person healthy.



## Need to shun the 'bad apple' theory

LAST year's crash involving three trains in Balasore, Odisha — which left 296 people dead and more than 1,000 injured — was attributed to human error. It was expected that this accident would make the Railways review its systems of operation and maintenance for enhancing safety, and specifically for minimising the possibility of accidents resulting from human error. That hope seems to have been belied. On the morning of June 17, a goods train hit the stationary Kanchenjunga Express in West Bengal's New Jalpaiguri, leaving 10 dead and around 40 injured. Among those killed were the driver of the goods train and the guard of the express train. This accident, too, is being blamed on human error. Even as the Commissioner of Railway Safety's statutory inquiry is in progress, we can try to piece together what happened from the information available in the public domain. It is now known that automatic signalling between Rangapani and Chatterhat stations failed at 5.50 am on June 17 due to lightning; this failure was communicated to the Signal Department at 6.05 am. As the snag was likely to be prolonged, the department, as per General and Subsidiary Rules, should have declared it as such, which would have changed the mode of working from the automatic block system to the absolute block system and perhaps avoided the accident. It is not known yet why this was not done. Consequently, the section continued to work as per automatic signal rules, which authorise drivers to pass defective signals. Since automatic territory rules were in force, the drivers were required to follow the protocol for moving at a speed not exceeding 15 kmph after stopping for a minute at every red signal. Six trains followed this protocol, including the Kanchenjunga Express, but the container goods train did not do so, which led to the mishap. If the goods train driver had followed this instruction, he would have avoided the collision. Clearly, the speed of the goods train was well above 15 kmph. Loco drivers' spokespersons are suggesting that the 'paper line clear' (a ticket issued to the loco pilot) may have been unnecessary as drivers are allowed to cross red signals, whether defective or not, at cautious speeds as the whole purpose of automatic signalling is to squeeze as many trains as close to each other as possible. According to them, the 'paper line clear', if given, would have implied a situation where the driver need not have followed the normal protocol and proceeded at a normal speed. Apparently, there is ambiguity in the working rules of the new system of signalling (the automatic system, opposed to the absolute block system which permits only one train between two stations). Inadequate understanding of these rules among different categories of staffs could also have been a factor.

Why is it so difficult to curb accidents attributable to human error? Despite the efforts of the Railways to bring in new technologies for reducing human intervention, like the indigenously developed automatic train protection system Kavach — which prevents an accident resulting from the human error of passing a signal 'at danger' — the proportion of accidents linked to human lapses continues to hover around 50 per cent. If Kavach had been installed on the section concerned, it would have prevented the collision but could not have stopped the driver from making a mistake. The reason why it is so difficult to eliminate human error is because this is not the basic cause of the failure but a symptom of a deeper problem plaguing the system. This is something that the Railways has yet to recognise. It looks at human error through the prism of the 'bad apple' theory — it believes that the system is basically safe but for those few unreliable people in it who should be identified and made an example of. Getting rid of these people does not remove the problem because it is systemic, and there are always others to step into the shoes of the 'bad apple'. To reduce accidents put down to human error, the railway top brass needs to recognise that identifying those responsible for the accident should not be the conclusion of the investigation but its starting point. The management should ask itself what factors led the employee to make the trade-off between safety and other goals. And how much of this could be the outcome of its own decisions. After all, all levels of the organisation have to negotiate multiple system goals, some of which may put undue pressure on those directly involved in running the train.

## Inequality, joblessness a drag on India's economic growth

It is the right time to recognise the gravity of problems such as unemployment, inequality of income and wealth, and environmental degradation.

CONSTRAINTS on India's growth trajectory are not allowing its economic potential to be fully realised. Consequently, the economy has been recording growth rates much below the potential rate for a period spanning more than a decade since 2011-12, excluding the Covid years (2020-21 and 2021-22).

In the first half of the 20th century, the gross domestic product (GDP) of India grew at a rate of around 1 per cent, which was matched by the growth rate of the population, keeping the per capita income constant and very low. For three decades (1950-51 to 1980-81), the GDP grew at an average annual rate of 3.5 per cent, while the population grew at an annual rate of 2 per cent or more, marking slow growth in the per capita income. But the 1980s observed a jump in the annual GDP growth rate from 3.5 per cent to 5.5 per cent, recording a period of accelerated growth rate. The 1990s brought a breakthrough in the form of economic reforms that unlocked the growth potential. The economy recorded a growth rate of 8 per cent or above for nearly eight years between 2003-04 and 2010-11.

The high growth trajectory prompted several economists to work out the potential growth rate of the economy. Dani Rodrik and Arvind Subramanian (2004) projected a potential growth rate of above 7 per cent up to 2025. Tushar Poddar and Eva Yi (2007) predicted a potential growth rate of above 8 per cent until 2020. C Rangarajan and DK Srivastava (2017) estimated it to be 8 per cent to 8.1 per cent up to 2029-30. These estimates indicate that the Indian economy has the potential to grow by around 8 per cent for the medium and the long period. But this potential growth rate could be achieved for only eight years between 2003 and 2010-11. Although the government claims that India can become a \$25-trillion economy by 2047, it seems to ignore the fact that the economy continues to perform below its potential level. This is why efforts have not been made to identify the reasons behind the trend. This needs to be understood so that India is able to march towards becoming a developed country. The post-2010-11 period has thrown enough statistical evidence about the constraints that the economy is facing in achieving the potential growth rate. The most formidable challenge is created by the burgeoning unemployment in the country. The recent periodic labour force surveys have brought out that the country had the highest unemployment rate in the last 40 years in 2022 at 6.4 per cent, excluding the Covid years. This is due to the fact

that country had jobless growth during 2003-04 and job-loss growth after 2012-13. The workforce being released from agriculture because of mechanisation is not being absorbed in industrial or service sectors. The quality of employment has also deteriorated with the replacement of regular jobs with contractual ones.

This has contributed to making the agrarian crisis serious, and, consequently, rural unrest in India has grown. Agriculture, which employs more than 44 per cent of the total workforce, is facing a crisis of survival for 84 per

cent of the peasants. Unfortunately, the country has no employment policy in place. The youth unemployment is alarming at 22.84 per cent at the country level, but in certain states like Punjab and Kerala, it was nearing 30 per cent in 2022. This is why the youth of this country are racing to immigrate, even to conflict zones like eastern Europe and West Asia. Without providing employment to youth, the country cannot take advantage of the demographic dividend of the young population.

Another constraint has been created by the fast-widening income and wealth inequality. Less than 1 per cent of the individuals are able to corner more than 40 per cent of the national income while 50 per cent of the population has just 13.1 per cent of income. The wealth distribution is even more skewed than income distribution. The 50 per cent low-income population has only 5.9 per cent share in the national wealth, while the top 1 per cent of the population has a 40.5 per cent share. The middle class,

which expanded very fast in the initial years of post-reforms period, has been facing a squeeze now under the fast-rising cost of private education and healthcare at corporate hospitals. The working poor are in a dire situation and deprived of quality education and affordable healthcare. The government's commitment to providing free food to 80 crore people is indicative of the alarming state of economic affairs. This is going to create a crisis of underconsumption and inadequacy of demand that may push the economy towards a slowdown. The fiscal and monetary policy has contributed to widening gaps in income and wealth distribution. The major burden of taxation falls on common people via the GST, while corporate income taxes have been lowered from 35 per cent to 25 per cent. Business companies have been given huge subsidies in the name of incentives. When corporates are not willing to share their prosperity even with their employees, how can one expect them to share it with common people, as borne out by a lack of adherence to the corporate social responsibility norms? A crude depiction of this was observed in the Covid period, when companies refused to pay their workers during the lockdown. And they were forced to trek hundreds of kilometres to their villages in UP and Bihar. Several among them died on the way back



home. Along with burgeoning unemployment and widening income and wealth inequality, the problems related to climate change have been fast emerging on the scene. Unseasonal rainfalls and floods have been common. This is accompanied by a rise in the temperature amid a heatwave with an acute shortage of water, both for drinking and irrigation. No one is serious enough to prepare a roadmap to deal with pollution and water scarcity. This can create a crisis with ramifications for agriculture production activities in the severely affected areas. It is the right time to recognise the gravity of problems such as unemployment (especially among the youth), inequality of income and wealth, and environmental degradation. The lack of proper attention to these issues would result in major constraints on the growth of the economy, and the projected targets would prove to be a mere mirage for the country.

## The Nijjar factor

### Canada pursuing a perilous course

THE Hardeep Singh Nijjar case continues to define and undermine India-Canada relations, with the Canadian Parliament marking the first anniversary of his murder with a moment of silence in the House of Commons on Tuesday. The bilateral relationship has been in freefall ever since Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau dropped a bombshell in September last year, claiming that the alleged role of Indian government agents in the Nijjar case was being probed. The radical Sikh leader, who had been designated a terrorist by India's National Investigation Agency, was shot dead outside a gurdwara in Surrey, British Columbia, on June 18 last year. New Delhi has been pressing Ottawa to furnish concrete evidence of an 'Indian hand', even as the Canadian police have arrested four Indian nationals in connection with the killing. In a sharp response to the commemoration of Nijjar's death, India's Consulate General in Vancouver



evoked memories of the June 23, 1985, Kanishka bombing, while asserting that India stood at the forefront of countering the menace of terrorism and was working

closely with all nations to tackle this global threat. The message to Canada was crystal clear: don't give pro-Khalistan elements a platform to target India.

After his recent meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Italy, Trudeau said that there was an 'alignment' between the two nations on several 'big issues' and he saw an opportunity to engage with the new Indian government. This was seen as a significant step forward. However, the Canadian PM has taken two steps backwards by letting domestic political considerations worsen his country's relationship with an old ally. This is a perilous course being pursued by the Canadian government. The relentless appeasement of radicals will not only do irreparable damage to India-Canada ties but also put a question mark over the Maple Country's commitment to fighting terrorism and extremism.

## The misplaced fixation with Israeli belligerence

India must separate the wheat from the chaff and seek guidance from its own winning ways of ending societal disaffection.

FOR many hawks in India, extreme right-wing Israel has been the role model of a decisive and aspirational religio-nationalist state. For them, the simplistic framework of 'my enemy's enemy is my friend' works subliminally in the spirit of majoritarianism.

Founding fathers of the 'Idea of India' were deeply sympathetic to the suffering of Jews but were simultaneously opposed to the forcible usurpation of Arab lands, especially as Arabs were not responsible for Jewish woes. Mahatma Gandhi had said, "Palestine belongs to the Arab in the same sense that England belongs to the English or France to the French. It is wrong and inhuman to impose Jews on the Arabs. What is going on in Palestine today cannot be justified by any moral code of conduct." Even foundationally, India was partitioned between a nation based on religion (Pakistan) and the other based on secularism and inclusivity; hence, India could not make common cause with yet another nation created in the name of religion (Israel). Zionism's aggressive ethno-nationalism fascinated the Hindu Mahasabha, as both sides possibly perceived a common enemy in the largest minority denomination. This fascination overrode the inherent contradiction of many Hindutva ideologues valourising Hitler's Nazis, a pathological anathema to Jews or any right-thinking individual. But today, when the legacy of the Mahatma itself is getting contested in India and the alternative persuasion is dominating, the reverence for the 'Israeli way' is understandable. This captivation extends to the Israeli handling of the insurgency in Palestine. There is a perceived 'emulation worthiness' of the 'Israeli way' when contextualised to any societal strife or disaffection in the Indian context. Hotspots such as Manipur and Jammu & Kashmir seemingly need to be handled with Israeli methods (a euphemism for the 'scorched earth' approach). However, history is instructive — the Israeli style has been an unparalleled disaster in handling societal discontent. Only countries like India (in states like Mizoram and Punjab) or the UK

(in Ireland) were able to end secessionist movements with means that were decidedly 'un-Israeli' in approach. India and the UK had deployed militaristic steel in the conflict region but had in parallel invested in the spirit of political accommodation and inclusivity, allaying concerns of disgruntled citizens. These countries had signed accords (Punjab Accord, 1985; Mizoram Peace Accord, 1986; Good Friday Agreement, 1998) and patiently agreed to honour genuine grievances. It wasn't an immediate return to normalcy, but the sincerity of outreach, socio-economic redressal and persistent engagement (despite many violent disruptions and missteps) finally won the day for India and the UK.

The Palestine-Israeli violence has been continuing for decades. On October 7 last year, Hamas carried out a brutal terror attack, killing over 1,400 Israelis, and then the Israelis retaliated disproportionately by butchering over 36,000 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. The Palestinian death count is increasing by the day. Beyond the unending blame game, the truth is that Israel has failed to guarantee security and peace despite its fabled 'Israeli way' — both sides have not been more polarised, hate-filled and vengeful in 78 years.

Perception of the hyper-muscular Israeli methods is flawed, as Israeli history has witnessed many ideological differences. The principal Israeli party (Labour) once ruled the roost, with all Prime Ministers

till 1977 owing allegiance to its movement, albeit under different names. Labour is predicated on an approach based on Israel-Palestine peace talks, pragmatism in foreign policy, welfare statism, and even relative

signed during the rule of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of the Labour Party. Rabin was later assassinated by a radicalised Jew. The dovish Rabin was formerly a decorated General of the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF), which had won wars and conducted daring operations, yet he represented a moderate, restorative and statesmanlike face of Israeli politics.

The principal Opposition leader now is Benny Gantz, yet another retired General of the IDF and no longer part of the National Unity Government (formed after the October 7 attack). He, too, personally and politically, eschews and disavows the failed 'Israeli way' of Netanyahu. Though Israel is still in the war mode and angry at the Hamas attack, there is a huge groundswell about the failed policies and consequences of Netanyahu's counterproductive belligerence that created a tinderbox-like situation and led to endless bloodshed. Israel was at its most peaceful (relatively speaking) after the signing of the Oslo Accords.

Seeds of the Israeli template were sown by the hawkish and warmongering Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, initially from Likud (he later formed the Kadima party), who earned notoriety as the 'Butcher of Beirut'. The Human Rights Watch recognises him as a war criminal; Netanyahu has only worsened that construct of 'muscular' politics that seems very impressive in the beginning but comes at a very heavy price in the long run. India must separate the wheat from the chaff and seek guidance from its own winning ways of ending societal disaffection, as opposed to getting galvanised by failed and vacuous muscularity of the 'Israeli way', as there is no bravery, morality or constitutionality involved in it.



moderation — whereas the ruling Likud party is aggressive to the point of being predatory, proudly anti-peace, against a two-state solution and exclusivist/majoritarian in instinct. PM Benjamin Netanyahu personifies Likud and the 'Israeli way' phenomenon by insisting that Israel is "not a state of all its citizens", implicitly denying dignity to native Arab Palestinians, with whom the Oslo Peace Agreements were signed in 1993 and 1995. The agreements were



# Bhagwant Mann orders transfer of 10,000 cops over nexus with drug peddlers

**Chief Minister Mann said that the transfers were made because several police personnel were part of the drug pedlar nexus.**

**New Delhi.** Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has ordered the transfer of at least 10,000 police personnel in an unprecedented move to crack down on the drug menace in the state. Chief Minister Mann said that the transfers were made because several police personnel were part of the drug pedlar nexus. He said that because of the nexus, many of the accused have been let off the hook, and the complaints against them had been ignored for many years. "Many of the Moharrir head constables (MHC), station house officers (SHO), and constables have been stationed at the same police station for many years and have formed a nexus with the drug smugglers there. They manipulate the procedures to save the accused. I have asked the Director General of Police (DGP) to immediately order mass transfers," Bhagwant Mann said. A major rejig within the police department left the cops fuming. Speaking with India Today, former Punjab DGP (Prisons) Shashi Kant said that the state government's decision can backfire as merely transferring the cops will

not solve the reigning drug menace in the state. While there is no denying the fact that there are black sheep within the police force, all cops are not corrupt. Similar action was required in the jails, which have become dens of drugs. The government should have first identified the tainted cops before ordering the transfers," Shashi Kant said. While confirming the transfer orders, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Border Range Rakesh Kaushal said that linking the transfers with the drug problem is wrong. "The decision to order transfers was made in 2020 but was delayed and is now being implemented. These transfers are administrative and not related to the alleged involvement of cops in drug smuggling," said Rakesh Kaushal. Meanwhile, Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav has said that the police seized the properties owned by drug smugglers worth Rs 200 crore in the last two years. Apart from identifying the 750 hotspots, DGP Gaurav said that the State



Task Force (STF) and the intelligence wing have prepared a list of 9,000 street-level pedlars.

**DRUG SMUGGLING NETWORK EXPANDS, HIKE IN DEATH RELATED TO DRUG OVERDOSE**

Despite the Punjab Police's claims of taking strict action against drug smuggling, criminals have expanded their networks. Using drones and sea routes, smugglers are increasing drug supplies within the state. Addressing the media, Bhagwant Mann

stated that drugs were coming from Gujarat, which is under investigation. In 2023, the BSF and Punjab Police downed or recovered 107 drones used for drug transport. Drug seizures in Punjab have increased fivefold over the past seven years, from 179 kg in 2017 to 1,346 kg in 2023.

Officials stated that rising drug costs and seizures have led to a demand for cheaper, deadly, and spurious drugs. Over 280 drug addicts have died in the past three years, with 14 deaths in the past fortnight alone.

An affidavit submitted by the Punjab Police to the Punjab and Haryana High Court states that drug overdoses claimed 159 lives in 2022-23, 71 in 2021-22, and 36 in 2020-21.

Bathinda and Taran-Taran are the worst affected, with 38 and 30 deaths due to drug overdoses, respectively. Ferozepur reported 19 deaths, Amritsar 17, and Ludhiana 14. Other areas, including Batala, Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala, and Khanna, also reported multiple deaths due to drug overdoses.

## Youth Congress protests outside Education Minister's residence over NEET 'paper leak'

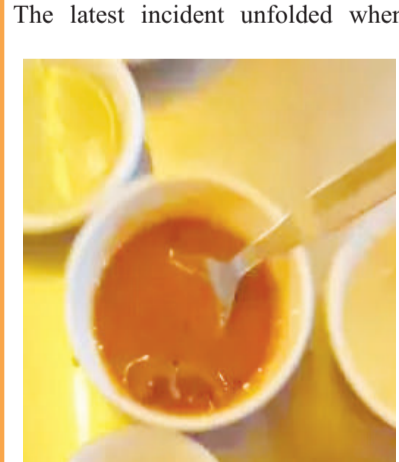
**New Delhi:** The Youth Congress on Thursday protested outside Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's residence in New Delhi, citing discrepancies in the conduct of NEET and NET examinations. They demanded the examinations be cancelled promptly to ensure justice for the lakhs of students affected. Youth Congress National President Srinivas BV alleged that the exam "scam" not only cheats students but also betrays the country's future. He accused Pradhan of misleading the nation despite knowing that the NEET paper was not leaked. "Dharmendra Pradhan should not only resign but also face rigorous questioning. There is no exam in the country without rigging. Students are expressing their frustrations on social media - 'Once again, government leakage'," he stated.

Youth Congress National Secretary Mohammed Shahid echoed concerns about "paper leaks, rigging, and corruption becoming commonplace in exams like NEET", questioning the National Testing Agency's integrity. The Indian Youth Congress urged the central government to promptly review exam-related issues, resolve complaints, initiate Supreme Court-supervised investigations, and ensure justice for students.

During the protest, Delhi Police detained numerous Youth Congress workers. Meanwhile, Minister Pradhan admitted the UGC-NET paper leak as an "institutional failure" of the NTA, announcing a high-level committee to recommend reforms. He reassured addressing concerns of deserving NEET candidates who succeeded through hard work. The Union Minister added, isolated incidents of malpractices should not affect lakhs of students who cleared the examination rightfully. At a press conference here, Pradhan also appealed to the opposition parties not to politicise the issue and said strict action would be taken against those found guilty, including "top" officials of the NTA.

## Dead Rat Found In Sambar At Popular Ahmedabad Restaurant, Video Goes Viral

**New Delhi:** India's real-life culinary nightmare, after featuring a human finger and a centipede inside ice cream, continued with the discovery of a dead rat in a bowl of sambar in one of Ahmedabad's popular eateries. This shocking incident at Devi Dosa restaurant in Nikol follows closely on the heels of other recent distressing discoveries, including a live cobra found inside an Amazon package in Bengaluru. The latest incident unfolded when a customer at Ahmedabad's Devi Dosa food joint reported finding a dead rat in their sambar. The customer informed the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) and in response, the Health Department issued a



notice to the restaurant's owner citing severe health and hygiene violations.

Speaking to ANI, Bhavin Joshi, Food Safety Officer at the AMC, issued a stern appeal: "I appeal to all the business operators of Ahmedabad Corporation to be very careful with the food they serve to the customers so that such incidents can be avoided." The video of the customer showing the dead rat swimming in the sambar has gone viral on the internet, earning a lot of views. "Please I request food and drug department don't take money under the table and don't approve such hotels," a person commented on social media.

## NEET row: Accused Amit Anand with Bihar Deputy Chief Minister, RJD shares pic

**New Delhi:** A day after Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha claimed that the arrested prime suspect in the NEET "paper leak" is linked to officials associated with RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, the party hit back with a photo of another accused, Amit Anand, with Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary. In an X post, the party said the minister was being felicitated by the accused, but has deleted all his photos with him. The main accused in the NEET exam paper leak scam with the Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar, RJD tweeted. "The so called powerful minister who was felicitated by the accused has deleted all his photos with him from his social media handles, but don't worry, we have them all." "Send this to your worried counterparts the other Deputy Chief Minister," the party added.



Addressing a press conference on Thursday, Sinha claimed that the official was in constant touch with Sikander Prasad Yadav, the arrested prime accused in the case. "The official associated with Yadav used to arrange accommodation for Sikandar at guest houses in Patna and other places. I have details of messages which the official had sent to the persons concerned for arranging accommodation for Sikandar," the Deputy Chief Minister said. Sinha claimed he has the mobile number

from which those messages were sent. He said, "It needs to be thoroughly probed. Why is the RJD leader (Tejashwi Prasad) maintaining a stoic silence on this?"

Reacting to Sinha's allegations, the RJD termed it as a "bundle of lies" and said the BJP leader is simply trying to divert the attention of 25 lakh NEET aspirants from their core demand to cancel the exam held on May 5. NEET-UG 2024, conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), took place at 4,750 centres in 571 cities in which more than 24 lakh candidates appeared. The results were declared on June 4. However, immediately after the results were announced, students raised allegations of irregularities when 67 students achieved top scores, amidst claims of question paper leaks in Bihar.

## Centre says ample wheat stock available amid price surge, weighs intervention

**New Delhi:** Amid the rising wheat prices, the Centre stated on Thursday that it has sufficient wheat stocks to intervene in the market to ensure the stability of consumers in the country. A meeting of the committee of ministers was held on Thursday under the chairmanship of Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation Amit Shah. After the meeting, Amit Shah directed officials to keep a close watch on the prices of wheat and ensure to undertake suitable policy interventions. According to the official data, wheat prices have spiked by up to Rs 2 per kilogram from a year ago,



news agency PTI reported. As of June 20, the average retail price of wheat was Rs 30.99 per kg, an increase from Rs 28.95 per kg compared to last year. Similarly, the price of wheat flour rose to Rs 36.13 per kg from Rs 34.29 per kg last year, according to the data PTI reported.

Meanwhile, the centre assured that the government has procured more wheat for the central pool than last year.

By June 18, Centre had procured around 266 lakh metric tons (LMT) of wheat in the 2024-25 rabi marketing year, which began on April 1, slightly higher than 262 LMT in the last year.

"After meeting the requirement for PDS and other welfare schemes, which is approximately 184 LMT, sufficient stock of wheat is available to undertake market interventions as and when required," the Centre said.

## Rise In Nighttime Warming Impacting Sleep Quality, Health In India: Report

**New Delhi:** With Mumbai seeing the highest changes in the nighttime temperatures, India continues to suffer a severe heatwave, a new analysis on Friday showed climate change added nearly 50 to 80 nights each year where the temperature exceeded 25 degrees Celsius, with serious impacts on sleep and health.

Climate change is leading to a rise in nighttime warming, which is impacting sleep quality and human health in India and across the globe, said the analysis by Climate Central and Climate Trends. Nighttime temperatures have increased even more rapidly than daytime temperatures as the world heats up due to climate change, primarily caused by burning fossil fuels like coal, oil, and gas.

As one of the countries most vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis, India has experienced a significant rise in minimum nighttime temperatures over the last decade due to climate change. The national capital on June 18 experienced

its warmest night in at least 12 years, with the mercury touching 35.2 degrees Celsius, says the India Meteorological Department. This is the city's highest minimum temperature since 1969.

The analysis shows that nearly 50 to 80 days each year were added above this threshold by climate change in cities across Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, and Andhra Pradesh between 2018 and 2023. Among the metro cities, Mumbai has seen the highest changes in the nighttime temperatures, with the city experiencing an additional 65 days of warmer nights due to global warming. West Bengal and Assam are the regions that have been most impacted, with cities like Jalpaiguri, Guwahati, Silchar, Dibrugarh and Siliguri experiencing between 80 and 86 additional days each year above the 25 degrees threshold due to climate change, on average. Several cities saw between 15 and 50 additional days where the



minimum temperatures exceeded 25 degrees due to the influence of climate change, including Jaipur, with an additional 19 hot nights attributable to climate change. Meanwhile, in both observations and in the counterfactual climate, the nighttime summer temperatures across India often exceed 20 degrees over the entire summer period. The cities that had the largest number of days where the minimum temperature exceeded 20 degrees due to climate change are Gangtok, Darjeeling, Shimla, and Mysore, with an average of

54, 31, 30, and 26 days added by climate change, respectively. Higher nighttime temperatures can cause physiological discomfort and impact human health by preventing body temperature from cooling off during the night, increasing mortality risks. There is also a growing body of evidence that as nighttime temperatures rise, it is adversely affecting the quality and length of sleep.

Poor sleep adversely affects physical and mental health, cognitive functioning and even life expectancy. Hot nights can have disproportionate impacts on vulnerable groups, including the elderly and people, who do not have access to proper cooling mechanisms. These findings come during a week that saw new records for nighttime heat in several Indian cities. On June 19, Delhi shattered the all-time high minimum temperature record, with the mercury reaching 35.2 degrees overnight.

## After 6-Year-Old's Rape, Murder, Mob Targets Cops To Get Hands On Accused

**New Delhi:** Six policemen were injured - disturbing videos showed one cop with a blood-stained uniform and a bloody handkerchief wrapped around his head - in Maharashtra's Jalgaon after a mob bent on extracting vigilante justice laid siege to a police station late Thursday night.

The protests followed the rape and murder of a minor girl last week. The cops had arrested the accused and brought him to the Jamner Police Station, after which a restive crowd gathered and began demanding the accused be handed over to them. By 10 pm the crowd turned violent, throwing stones and setting a two-wheeler on fire. Videos seen by NDTV show the aftermath of the clash - a charred motorcycle and debris on the road. Sources said the



police managed to disperse the mob with difficulty. The injured cops were admitted to a district hospital. "15 people were detained for stone-pelting and the public is urged not to take the law into their hands... the accused will get the harshest punishment," District Superintendent of Police Maheshwar Reddy, the trigger for last night's violence was the rape and murder of a six-year-old girl in Jamner, allegedly by a 35-year-old man - Subhash Imaji Bhil - who had been on the run till his arrest Thursday. Bhil had been hiding in Bhusawal, a small town approximately 30 km away. On being told of his hideout, local cops quickly reached the spot and arrested him, but a large crowd gathered then too. Fortunately there was no violence at that time. Mr Reddy had visited the spot then too and appealed for calm.

After the Jamner clash, however, a large number of security personnel have been deployed in the area and there is, for now, peace. The suspect will be produced in court later today.



## Global concerns grow over concerns about use of AI in news production: Reuters study

**NEW DELHI** Global concerns about the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in news production and misinformation are growing, a report published by the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism found, posing fresh challenges to newsrooms already struggling to engage audiences.

The institute's annual Digital News Report published on Monday, which this year is based on surveys of nearly 100,000 people across 47 countries, offers a picture of the hurdles news media faces in lifting revenue and sustaining business, Reuters reported. Newsrooms globally are working to address a new challenge with generative AI, as tech giants and start-ups like Google and OpenAI build tools that can offer summaries of information and siphon traffic from news websites.

But the report found that consumers are suspicious about the use of AI to create news content, particularly for sensitive subjects such as politics.

According to the survey, 52 per cent of US respondents and 63 per cent of UK respondents said they would be uncomfortable with news produced mostly with AI. The report surveyed 2,000 people in each country, noting that respondents were more comfortable with behind-the-scenes uses of AI to make journalists' work more efficient. "It was surprising to see the level of suspicion," said Nic Newman, senior research associate at the Reuters Institute and lead author of the Digital News Report. "People broadly had fears about what might happen to content reliability and trust."

## Sri Lankan economy bounces back as inflation dips

**COLUMBO** Sri Lanka on Monday hailed data showing the economy grew far more than expected in the first quarter, as the country continued its recovery from a crippling foreign exchange crisis. The 5.3 percent expansion in January-March marked an increase from the previous three months and was a huge improvement on the 10.7 percent contraction in the same quarter last year. It also topped forecasts of 4.0 percent in a survey by Bloomberg News.

Deputy finance minister Ranjith Siyambalapatiya said the government expected overall annual growth in 2024 to be about 2.2 percent. "It is remarkable that we were able to achieve positive growth two years after facing the worst economic crisis ever," he said in a statement. Official figures showed a sharp recovery in the industrial sector, with an expansion of 11.8 percent in the first quarter, compared with a 24.3 percent contraction in January-March 2023.

The construction sector also showed improvement, as inflation came off a peak of 70 percent in September 2022 to 0.9 percent in May. Last week, the International Monetary Fund released \$336 million as part of a four-year \$2.9 billion bailout for Sri Lanka, which defaulted on its \$46 billion foreign debt in April 2022. The peak of the economic crisis in 2022 saw months of food, fuel and medicine shortages after the island ran out of foreign exchange to pay for imports.

The resulting civil unrest forced the ouster of then-president Gotabaya Rajapaksa, as protesters stormed his residence. His successor Ranil Wickremesinghe has doubled taxes, withdrawn generous energy subsidies and raised prices of essentials to shore up state revenue.

## India is an inviting market for those who build tech the right way: Tally MD

**BENGALURU**. India is a hard market but if you build technology correctly it is a very open and extremely inviting market, said Tejas Goenka, Managing Director, Tally Solutions. Homegrown accounting software major Tally, which is planning to launch its new releases soon, is also growing rapidly in international markets. In an interaction with TNIE, Goenka said the company is expanding into the Middle East and Africa, among others. "The bulk of our business comes from India- about 90%, and in the coming years, we will be seeing 30-40% growth. We are bringing out new products, expanding the reach of our partners," he said.



In the international market, the firm is growing even faster and it continues to invest more in the ME. "Within the Middle East, the UAE has been a very strong market for us. If you look at the ME and Africa, the SME (small and medium-sized enterprises) behaviour ends up becoming very much like India," he said. "In the last few quarters the big focus for us has been around connecting a business owner to their ecosystem, whether it is to their compliance ecosystem with the government, whether it is to banks, suppliers or customers. Over the next several quarters, we will keep making more connections," Goenka said.

Talking about competition, Goenka said, "There has always been heavy competition and local competition is very large in India. I think for us we don't really look at the competition much. We have to always exceed the expectations of customers." The company is also making use of Artificial Intelligence. Speaking about it, he said, "It is a very strict rule that we will never ever take your (customers) data. For us, the AI story that we want to create is very different from what others are doing. Others are taking data and teaching the models. We have to build an experience that allows customers to use the power of AI, multiple use cases will be there, but we have to do it such that no engineer inside Tally can ever say I have seen the data. The model should be able to learn from customers' data and it should never ever move out of the scope of the customer's system." For Tally, Saudi Arabia is an up-and-coming market and in the next release, it got native Arabic version coming out as well. Goenka wants to make sure that Tally is continuously relevant to its customers and aims to launch innovative solutions for the market.

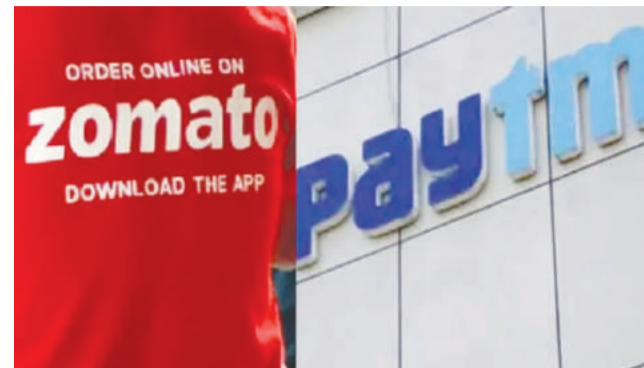
# Zomato in preliminary talks to acquire Paytm's movie, ticketing business

**Zomato confirmed in a stock exchange filing that it is in talks to acquire Paytm's ticketing business, but no final decision has been made.**

**NEW DELHI**. Food delivery firm Zomato has confirmed that it is in discussions to acquire Paytm's movies and ticketing business, as per an exchange filing, putting an end to speculations. "We acknowledge that we are in discussions with Paytm for the aforementioned transaction, however, no binding decision has been taken at this stage that would warrant a board approval and subsequent disclosure in accordance with applicable

law," said Zomato in the exchange filing. The above discussion is being undertaken with an intent to further strengthen our Going-out business and is in line with our stated position of focusing only on our four key businesses currently," it further added. Paytm also confirmed the discussions regarding the potential transfer of its entertainment business in an exchange filing, stating that all discussions are preliminary and non-binding at this stage.

If the deal goes through, it will be one of the largest buyouts for Zomato. Previously, Zomato acquired Uber Eats in 2020 and took over the quick commerce platform Blinkit (formerly known as Grofers) in 2021 in an all-stock deal valued at Rs 4,447 crore. This potential acquisition fits well with Zomato's goal to expand its



"Going-out" segment, which covers dining out, events, and entertainment services. By incorporating Paytm's movie and ticketing business, Zomato plans to offer a more complete service to its users, encompassing a broader array of activities and experiences. The discussions between Zomato and Paytm are still in the early stages, and no final

decisions have been made. Both companies are assessing the potential benefits and implications of the transaction. If successful, the deal could significantly bolster Zomato's position in the entertainment and events market.

This news follows Zomato's recent efforts to streamline its operations and focus on core business areas. The company has been looking to expand its footprint in food delivery, dining out, quick commerce, and now, potentially, the entertainment sectors. Paytm, on the other hand, has been evaluating various options to optimise its business portfolio. Divesting its movie and ticketing business could allow Paytm to focus more on its core financial services and other key areas.

## Budget 2024: Is tax relief on cards as government looks to boost consumption?

**New Delhi** The government is reportedly considering reforms to the current income tax structure, particularly targeting lower income levels, to boost consumption, reported The Indian Express. The report, quoting two government officials, suggests the budget announcement in July might prioritise tax cuts for low earners instead of increasing welfare spending.

These proposed tax cuts are intended to enhance disposable income, thereby stimulating economic activity and consumption. The report highlights concerns about the steep rise in marginal income tax rates under the new tax system.

Relief likely for low-earners

The officials noted that tax cuts may be more efficient in enhancing consumption, rather than increasing welfare spending. One of the officials quoted in the report said rationalising tax slabs will lead to greater disposable income, which translates to "greater consumption, greater economic activities, more GST collection". Currently, the tax rate begins at 5% for income starting at Rs 3 lakh, but escalates sharply to 30% for

income at Rs 15 lakh. This sixfold increase in tax rate, despite only a fivefold increase in income, is deemed excessive and in need of rationalisation. Implementing these tax cuts is expected to significantly boost consumption, a crucial factor for



reviving demand and restarting the investment cycle, particularly in consumer-driven sectors. This move could also lead to increased GST collections. As the budget for the fiscal year 2024-25 approaches, with a likely presentation in Parliament in late July, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is set to begin pre-budget discussions with industry groups around June 20, following a meeting with Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra on June 18.

This budget will outline the economic agenda of the Modi 3.0 government, focusing on stimulating growth without exacerbating inflation, while securing resources for coalition commitments. The overarching goal is to position India as a USD 5-trillion economy and transform it into a 'Developed India' by 2047.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) forecasts a 7.2 percent growth for the Indian economy this fiscal year, driven by improving rural demand and easing inflation. Key priorities for Prime Minister Modi's third term include addressing agricultural challenges, job creation, sustaining capital expenditure, and enhancing revenue growth to maintain fiscal consolidation. The economic policies of the past decade have been positively received, with rating agency S&P upgrading India's sovereign rating outlook to positive, and a potential further upgrade in the next 1-2 years contingent upon meeting fiscal deficit targets. Despite strong tax revenues, non-tax revenue remains a challenge due to limited progress in strategic disinvestment, with the sale of Air India being a notable exception.

## Why opening Family Investment Funds in GIFT City makes sense

**NEW DELHI**. With the rising number of high-net-worth individuals (HNIs), there is a growing awareness of the benefits of establishing Family Investment Funds (FIFs) in the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) in Gujarat. According to some research reports, India is projected to experience an 85% increase in millionaires, with a potential surge of \$22.5 trillion in Indian investable wealth by 2034.

This wealth expansion underscores the importance of succession planning, with experts highlighting FIFs as a crucial strategy for effective succession planning.

The concept of FIF is gradually gaining attraction and recently Azim Premji's family office received an in-principle approval to set up FIF in GIFT City.

Premji's Bengaluru-based investment arm Premji Invest and Narayana Murthy-backed Catamaran Ventures were among the first to seek approvals.

So, what is a FIF and why are these HNIs ensuring their presence in GIFT City?

FIFs are self-managed pooling vehicles to manage the wealth of a family. In GIFT City, an FIF can only pool money from a single family, as per the IFSCA (Fund Management) Regulations, 2022. FIF can take the form of a company, LLP, or contributory trust with a minimum corpus requirement of \$10 million within three years of registration. FIF is allowed to borrow or engage in leveraging activities based on its risk management policy and can be structured as open-ended or closed-ended as needed. Unlike other investment vehicles, contributions by

Family Offices/Resident Individuals are considered Overseas Portfolio Investment (OPI). Family Investment Funds in GIFT City have a wide range of permissible investments and enjoy tax benefits, including a tax holiday on business income for up to ten years within a fifteen-year period, nil Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) for domestic companies opting for a concessional tax regime, and a 10% tax rate on dividends paid to non-residents. It is important to set up a physical office in GIFT City? Lokesh Shah, partner with IndusLaw said, "It is mandatory to set up a physical office in GIFT City by FIFs. In order to set up FIF in GIFT City, one of the preliminary steps is to identify space and obtain a provisional letter of allotment for the office space.

## Extreme heat melts diesel demand, sales drop 4 per cent in June

**Fuel sales, which traditionally surge during polls, have defied the trend this year, falling month after month and the decline has now extended even after the end of the general elections.**

**NEW DELHI**. India's diesel demand slumped in June as extreme heat conditions in parts of the country curtailed travel, preliminary data of state-owned firms showed on Monday.

Fuel sales, which traditionally surge during elections, have defied the trend this year, falling month after month. And the decline has now extended even after the end of the general elections. Petrol sales of three state-owned firms, which control 90 per cent of the fuel market, at 1.42 million tonnes in the first half of June was almost the same as 1.41 million tonnes of fuel consumed in the same period last year. Month-on-month consumption dropped 4.6 per cent. Diesel sales dropped 3.9 per cent to 3.95 million tonnes during June 1 to 15 when



compared with the year-ago period. The demand for the nation's most consumed fuel had fallen 2.3 per cent in April and 2.7 per cent in March.

**In May it fell 1.1 per cent.** Besides electioneering, the summer harvest season as also the scorching summer that increases the demand for air conditioning in cars, should have led to a rise in fuel consumption.

**However, this year has defied the trend.**

Petrol and diesel prices were reduced by Rs 2 per litre in mid-March, ending a nearly two-year-long hiatus in rate revision, which should have also propelled sales.

Month-on-month petrol sales fell 3.6 per cent compared to 1.47 million tonnes of consumption during May 1-15. Diesel demand was flat month-on-month against 3.54 million tonnes in the first half of May. Diesel is India's most consumed fuel, accounting for almost 40 per cent of all petroleum product

consumption. The transport sector accounts for 70 per cent of all diesel sales in the country.

It is also the predominant fuel used in agriculture sectors, including in harvesters and tractors. Consumption of petrol during June 1-15 was 4.6 per cent lower than in the first fortnight of June 2022, and 28.1 per cent more than in the Covid-marred same period of 2020.

Diesel demand slumped 10.5 per cent over June 1-15, 2022, and 14 per cent higher compared to June 1-15, 2020. Jet fuel (ATF) sales rose 2.3 per cent year-on-year to 331,000 tonnes during June 1-15, 2024. But, this was 4.5 per cent lower month-on-month when compared to 346,500 tonnes in May 1-15, the data showed. Like petrol and diesel, ATF demand, too, is now firmly above pre-Covid levels. ATF consumption was 10.1 per cent more than during June 1-15, 2022, and 6.1 per cent more than in June 1-15, 2020, as per the data. Cooking gas LPG sales were up 0.1 per cent year-on-year to 1.24 million tonnes in June 1-15, 2024. LPG consumption dropped 0.9 per cent as compared to June 1-15, 2022 and was 32 per cent more than June 1-15, 2020. Month-on-month, LPG demand fell 5.2 per cent against 1.3 million tonnes consumption during May 1-15, the data added.

## Brokerage bullish on this multibagger stock with 523% return in 3 years

Shares of Varun Beverages, the bottler for PepsiCo in India, are on a remarkable upward journey, and brokerage firm Anand Rathi expects the shares to reach the Rs 1,638 mark within a year. This stock has been a top performer, providing returns of 325% over the past two years and 523% over three years. In the previous trading session, Varun Beverages' stock closed 3.75% higher at Rs 1,638 on the BSE. This is a massive rise from its closing price of Rs 263 on June 16, 2021. The stock hit a record high of Rs 1,650 on Friday. However, it also faced a low of Rs 754.35 on June 26, 2023, within the last year. During the last session, a total of 2.75 lakh shares of Varun Beverages were traded, leading to a turnover of Rs 44.43 crore on the BSE. The company's market capitalisation increased to Rs 2.12 lakh crore. Anand Rathi has once again recommended a 'BUY' for this FMCG stock and outlined several reasons for their optimism. "We expect Varun Beverages to see strong growth going forward due to many factors such as: 1) Strategic investment in enhancing production



capabilities and making new acquisitions which have significantly strengthened their global presence, 2) Successful completion of the strategic acquisition of the Beverage Company (BevCo) in South Africa marking their entry in African region," said the brokerage firm. It further said that the firm is increasing its presence in the domestic market and looking for export opportunities and the strong heatwaves prevailing across India during the summer quarters add to their optimism. The relative strength index (RSI) of Varun Beverages stands at 71.5, indicating the stock is currently in the overbought zone. The shares are trading above all their key moving averages, including the 5-day, 10-day, 20-day, 30-day, 50-day, 100-day, 150-day, and 200-day moving averages. Varun Beverages is a major player in the beverage industry. It operates as a franchisee for PepsiCo, producing and distributing a wide range of carbonated soft drinks (CSDs) and non-carbonated beverages (NCBs). The company's product portfolio includes packaged drinking water, all under trademarks owned by PepsiCo. With such a strong performance record and promising growth prospects, Varun Beverages is a stock to watch in the coming months.



NEWS BOX

**Shan Masood remains not out despite hit wicket and run out in same delivery**

New Delhi. Pakistan and Yorkshire batter Shan Masood survived a hit wicket and a run out in Yorkshire's match vs Lancashire in the Vitality Blast. The incident happened due to a unique law in the MCC's cricket rulebook. The league posted the video of the incident on Twitter which left the fans in splits on Friday, 21 June.

Batting in the 15th over of the match. Masood hit his wicket while trying to scoop the ball. However, as the bowler bowled a no-ball, Masood was deemed not out. The batter got out of his crease as Joe Root called for a run. Masood reluctantly came out of his crease but gave up after taking a couple of steps. Masood was run out and that left the opposition cheering as the batter was looking in good touch.

However, to everyone's surprise, the umpires deemed Masood not out, and here's how it happened. But before we explain the law, here's the full video of the incident. The umpire deemed Masood not out on two counts. First, the hit wicket was ruled out since the bowler had bowled a no-ball. The run-out was ruled out as the umpire believed that Masood was not trying to steal a run and had thought to



himself that he was hit wicket. An umpire shall intervene if satisfied that a batter, not having been given out, has left the wicket under a misapprehension of being out. The umpire intervening shall call and signal Dead ball to prevent any further action by the fielding side and shall recall the batter.

Speaking after the match, Masood revealed that he was slightly dazed during the whole incident after being hit on the grill. Masood thanked the umpires and the opposition players for moving on quickly from the incident. "I mean, from my end, I tried to play shot and the ball hit my grill. And for me, it was like I stood my ground like wanting, wanting treatment. And I was confused. Rooty (Joe Root) was running, and then eventually I ran. So for me, it was more about being hit. Is it a dead ball? Do we get the physio on? And I just yeah, that was my recollection of it," Masood said.

**AUS vs BAN: Najimul Shanto unsure of reason behind Bangladesh's batting struggles**

New Delhi. Bangladesh captain Najimul Shanto has said he is unsure of the reason behind his side's batting struggles during the T20 World Cup 2024 after the hammering at the hands of Australia on June 21, Friday. Bangladesh's batting order has failed to fire in most of the matches till now as the bowlers have had to step in to save the day. On a good track in Antigua, Bangladesh managed to score just 140 runs in the end.

Shanto hit 41 and Towhid Hridoy scored 40 on the day, but the rest of the batting lineup failed to perform well and Australia ended up winning the match by 28 runs in the end via DLS method. Speaking at the press conference, Shanto said it is difficult to understand why Bangladesh haven't been able to play freely. The skipper said that his players have the freedom to play their natural game, but he is unsure as to why it isn't happening. "It is difficult to say why we are not able to play. I think everyone has the capability, people have played well in different places in the past. But I do not have an answer to why this is not happening.



Everyone has the freedom to play their natural game and they will try to play as they want, but somehow it is not happening," said Shanto.

**Should have targeted 160 to 170**

Shanto said that while the conditions do make a very big difference, today's track was a flat one, and they didn't bat well in the end. Shanto said they should have targeted a score of 160 to 170. "Yes, obviously I think condition is very big difference because last match there was a lot of spin and also seam but today looks flat wicket a very good wicket to bat and I think we didn't bat well so I think that is the big difference - probably we should have target 160 to 170," said Shanto.

**Lionel Messi creates history as Argentina beat Canada 2-0 in Copa America opener**

← **Rabada said the belief is there in the squad**

← **South Africa have found the knockout matches to be a stumbling block**

← **South Africa will next face England in their second Super 8 clash on June 21**



New Delhi. Defending Copa America champions Argentina beat Canada 2-0 in the opening match of the tournament in Atlanta on Thursday with forwards Julian Alvarez and Lautaro Martinez scoring second-half goals to seal the Group A victory.

Alvarez broke the deadlock in the 49th minute with Martinez ensuring victory two minutes from time. Lionel Messi marked his record 35th match in his seventh Copa

America tournament, surpassing Chilean goalkeeper Sergio Livingstone's record of 34 appearances between 1942 and 1953. We knew it was going to be a tough game. We knew that Canada was going to be a hard team to go against," Messi told Fox via a translator. "They were physical, very physical. In the first half, there was little space. It was intense, physically intense and strong and then in the second half we were able to progress and get better." Canada gave Argentina a run for their money in the first half and nearly found a breakthrough just before halftime. Cyle Larin's cross into the box found Stephen Eustaquio, whose header was

saved by Emiliano Martinez. Alphonso Davies' subsequent shot soared over the bar. Argentina seized control in the second half after a challenging first 45 minutes. The breakthrough came when Messi's pass led Alexis Mac Allister into the box.

The midfielder collided with oncoming Canadian goalkeeper Maxime Crepeau, allowing the ball to slip free for Alvarez to end his 13-match international goal drought. Alvarez's last goals came during the 2022 World Cup semi-finals against Croatia. Messi came close to finding the back of the net in the 65th minute but his shot was saved by Crepeau and his rebound effort was headed away by defender Derek Cornelius. He had another chance in the 80th minute but his shot rolled just wide. Messi then set up substitute Martinez for Argentina's second, Serie A's top goalscorer squeezing his shot under Crepeau. "We've been in that situation before in the World Cup and we know that we have to bounce back in the second game," Canada's Eustaquio told TSN. Chile and Peru, the other teams in Group A, play their opener on Friday in Arlington, Texas. In the group's next set of fixtures on Tuesday, Argentina face Chile while Canada take on Peru.

**AUS vs BAN, Super 8: Mitchell Marsh enjoying leading strong group in T20 World Cup 2024**

New Delhi. Australia captain Mitchell Marsh is loving leading Australia in the T20 World Cup 2024. Speaking after Australia's convincing win against Bangladesh in their first Super 8 fixture on Friday, 21 June, Marsh said that Australia are a great team to lead and it helps that the side has a lot of experience in its ran

Australia hammered Bangladesh by 28 runs (DLS) in Antigua. First, Mitchell Marsh's team restricted Bangladesh to a below-par 140-run total, with Pat Cummins picking up his first ever T20I hat-trick. Coming into bat, David Warner and Travis Head bullied Bangladesh into submission, hitting 59 runs from the first six overs of the game, after which rain played hide and seek. Australia came out to bat once after and were 100/2 in 11.2 overs when the match was called off. "It was an exciting bowling performance with everyone chipping in.



This is a very good playing XI, we spoke before the start to have the team to take us deep into the tournament and have a team based on the conditions and it's going well.

I'm loving it (on captaincy), great team to lead, great group filled with experience, the support staff have been excellent and the families are here as well. Have another game tomorrow and we're looking forward to it," Mitchell Marsh said in the post match presentation ceremony.

T20 World Cup 2024, Super 8: AUS vs BAN: Highlights

Australia will face Afghanistan and India in their next two games in the Super 8 stage. The side have dominated their fixtures so far. They beat England comprehensively in their group stage competition and would hope to continue their terrific run in the tournament. On a personal front, Marsh is yet to bowl a single over in the T20 World Cup 2024 due to a hamstring injury. Marsh was expected to bowl against Bangladesh but decided to stay away.

**AUS vs BAN: Hat-trick hero Pat Cummins says he was unaware about feat at first**

New Delhi. Australia's hat-trick hero Pat Cummins claimed that he had no idea he had achieved the feat against Bangladesh in Antigua on June 21, Friday before it was shown on the big screen. Cummins, who came back into the lineup after a rest, was in fine form as he became the second Aussie bowler to pick up a hat-trick in T20 World Cups after the legendary Brett Lee. Cummins picked up the wickets of Mahmudullah and Mahedi Hasan in the 18th over, before getting the hat-trick in the first ball of the final over of the Bangladesh innings. Cummins' hat-trick helped Australia restrict Bangladesh to 140 runs. David Warner's 53 would then help Australia secure the win in the match that was affected by rain before being called off in the end as the Aussies secured a 28-run win via DLS method. Cummins, at the post-match



presentation, said he was happy to get the wicket of Hridoy, who was well-set, and restrict Bangladesh's total to just 140.

"I had no idea (on the hat-trick), then saw when it came up on the screen. Set batter in, playing the innings, you never know how it'll go about, so that was a big wicket (on Hridoy's wicket) and happy to have restricted them," said Cummins. Polished performance

Cummins opened up about the bench strength of the side as they have Nathan Ellis and Ashton Agar waiting in the wings. The pacer said it was a fairly polished performance from the side in the game against Bangladesh and their main goal was to secure the win. Cummins was happy they also got a boost in the run-rate and hopes to keep the momentum going in the Super 8s. "Agar and Ellis have been on the bench for us, that shows the depth we have in the bowling unit. Fairly polished performance, the goal was to win and we did well with the run-rate, we'll need to continue with the momentum going ahead in the Super 8s," said Cummins. The win helped Australia go top of Group 1 over India on net run-rate and they will face Afghanistan next on June 22.

**Virat Kohli in splits seeing shocked Axar Patel after best fielder nomination**

New Delhi. Virat Kohli was unable to control his laughter when he saw Axar Patel get shocked seeing himself being nominated for the best fielder award after the India vs Afghanistan game on June 20, Thursday. India put out another fine performance in all three departments of the game as they defeated Afghanistan by 47 runs to secure the win in the end.

Once again, the best fielder award tradition continued after the game as fielding coach T Dilip was proud of the performance of the players. The fielding coach lauded the situational awareness from the side during the game as they got off to the perfect start in the Super 8 stages. Dilip went on to reveal the nominees for the award, with Arshdeep Singh being the first contender. Ravindra Jadeja was the second contender for the award before Dilip moved on to Axar. The all-rounder was in shock hearing his name and the expression on his face would leave Kohli laughing. Axar had taken the catch to dismiss the

dangerous Azmatullah Omarzai. The final contender for the award was Rishabh Pant, who took a total of 3 catches during the game. In the end, the award went of Jadeja



and it was presented by the India coach How did the India vs Afghanistan match unfold?

India chose to bat first after winning the toss. The innings began on a shaky note as they lost Rohit Sharma early. However, Virat

Kohli and Rishabh Pant managed to build a promising partnership before both were dismissed in quick succession. Suryakumar Yadav then took charge, stabilizing the innings and finding an excellent partner in Hardik Pandya.

Suryakumar's impressive knock of 53 runs, combined with Hardik's valuable 32, helped India post a competitive total of 181 runs in their allotted 20 overs. The pair added 60 crucial runs together, ensuring India had a solid score to defend.

Afghanistan's chase started poorly, as Jasprit Bumrah and the Indian bowlers struck early, reducing them to 23 for 3. Gulbadin Naib and Azmatullah Omarzai attempted to revive the innings, but Bumrah's exceptional bowling, yielding figures of 3 for 7 in 4 overs, and Arshdeep Singh's equally impressive 3-wicket haul, ensured India's dominance. Afghanistan ultimately fell short, with India securing a comprehensive 47-run victory.

**Do you want Rashid Khan here? Trott's cheeky response to too many questions on spinner**

← **Rashid Khan picked up 3 wickets against India**

← **Trott hailed Rashid as an inspiration for youngsters**

← **Trott has no issues with Rashid bowling himself out in the 14th over**

Afghanistan coach Jonathan Trott had a cheeky answer to a reporter during the press conference as there were too many questions about Rashid Khan after the loss to India. The Afghan skipper once again stepped up for his side as he picked up 3 wickets for just 26 runs in his 4 overs against India and was the pick of the bowlers. Rashid's effort went in vain in the end as India won the match by 47 runs. During the press conference, a lot of the questions were about Rashid and why he decided to bowl himself out by the 14th over.

While Trott answered most of them, the Afghanistan coach had a smile on his face when another reporter posed a question on the star spinner. Trott joked if everyone wanted Rashid to be there at the press conference instead of him as he shared the light moment with them. "Do you want Rashid to do the press conference?" said Trott. The reporter went on to ask what made Rashid a special player and Trott said that the star spinner is always looking to grow as a player and is a great example for youngsters across the globe.

"I think with all great players, that's a lot of the time it's what they do off the field that's not in front of the cameras and the way they conduct themselves. And obviously, Rash is sitting here and he won't mind me saying, but setting high standards for themselves that take others with them and inspire other people. And work ethic, desire, ability to listen and learn, and always wanting to grow and discover, try new deliveries, and push



the boundaries on your own game." "Sometimes I think as players, and at times I was maybe like this, as a player, you try and hold on to what you have and you don't want to grow as a player, you try and protect what you've got. I wish I had pushed myself with regards to testing my game and pushing the boundaries on what I could achieve as a player. I think Rashid sets a great example for that for all younger players, not only in Afghanistan but around the world and in

India and the IPL and across the globe so yeah that's all I can say really and he bowls pretty well as well," said Trott. Trott also said he had no issue with Rashid bowled out early and he felt the rest of the 16 overs weren't good enough in the end. "Look, I think when the captain decides when he bowls, I don't have a problem with the way Rashid finished and when he did. If he had taken another wicket or if he had got Pandya out last ball, we would be sitting here saying it's a masterstroke. So, I think hindsight is a fantastic thing. I don't think Rashid finishing the game or finishing his bowling in the 14th over is the problem why we lost the game. No, I'm just saying, I'm saying it's not the reason why Rashid finished in the 14th. There's other 16 overs where people have got to bowl better. So, I've absolutely no qualms and yeah, that's my answer," said Trott.



**Mouni Roy left her fans gasping for breath with her latest fashion choices.**



# Mouni Roy

**Looks Sizzling In A Tube Top As She Steps Out For Date Night, Hot Video Goes Viral**

Mouni Roy needs no introduction. She has become one of the highest-paid Hindi television actresses after appearing in the supernatural thriller series Naagin and its sequel, Naagin. Apart from her outstanding acting skills, she is also known as a fashion icon. She never misses a single chance to embrace her distinctive sense of style and surprise her fans. Not only that, even the paps' social feeds are often peppered with candid pictures and moments. Maintaining that trajectory, Mouni Roy set the internet on fire once again after they dropped a sizzling video of the actress with her husband. Mouni Roy recently stepped out for a date night with her husband, Suraj Nambiar. She looked ravishing as she

flaunted her curves in a white tube-style top and black pants. Watch here: Mouni Roy has come a long way ever since she made her television debut with Ekta Kapoor's Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi. She became a popular name after she starred in Naagin. Mouni made her Bollywood debut with Akshay Kumar's Gold in 2018. Last year, Mouni was seen in Ayan Mukerji's magnum opus, Brahmastra. Recently, she was also seen in a music video titled 'Dotara' along with Jubin Nautiyal. Mouni Roy was also seen in the web-series Sultan of Delhi. She was last seen in Emraan Hashmi-starrer Showtime. In a recent interview, Mouni shared that it is projects like Sultan of Delhi and Brahmastra which changed



people's perception of her as an actor. "Brahmastra was absolutely different. When you see Gold, RAW and Made In China, I had played very Indianised characters. Maybe after Naagin and Sati, people could only see me as a 'saree-clad Indian character'. So, for Milan sir to think of me as this cabaret dancer Nayantara, at a time when Brahmastra had not even released. I think it is an exciting time to be an actor where makers can visualise you in different roles. Such great parts are being written. I really feel fortunate to be offered these parts and be able to play them on screen," she told Indian Express.

**Shahid Kapoor's Wife Mira Rajput Has This To Say About Her 'Puppy' Comment**



Shahid Kapoor's wife Mira Rajput recently embarked on her entrepreneurial journey and launched a skincare brand named Akind. Well, this is not the only reason she is grabbing headlines for. Back in 2017, Mira had questioned working mothers for not spending time with their babies and leaving them at home for work. She had even compared babies with 'puppies' in a statement. Now, the content creator has reacted to her past comment in an interview with Film Champion.

Mira Rajput clarified her stance about the misconceptions people have regarding her statement. She even expressed "regret" over her past comments. Mira said that she felt being "pushed into a corner" for taking a "conventional, conservative approach" during her pregnancy. Calling this line of thought "unfair," the entrepreneur added that she wanted to give time to her children. Mira Rajput shared, "While I was pushed in that corner for seeming very regressive, I think I probably acted out by saying things... I don't think I agree with them right now. I think I have come a long way from that." Mira Rajput added that she now understands why her comments didn't go down well with the audience. "I can understand why it wasn't taken well. I think I was in a vulnerable, emotional space. I think I was just trying to defend myself that my choices are also valid," added the star wife. Mira Rajput was trying to advocate for equal recognition of mothers and fathers who stay at home when she made the viral comment. The popular influencer said that her daughter Misha was not a puppy whom she could leave at home for work and called out women for prioritising their work. The comment did not go down well, receiving flak from audiences.

In the same interaction, Mira Rajput also came in support of Hrithik Roshan's beau Saba Azad. FYI: Saba recently criticised the "patriarchal mindset". The actress revealed that she missed out on various voice-over job opportunities because of her relationship with Hrithik. Supporting Saba Azad, Mira Rajput said that one's identity shouldn't be solely based on their associations.

**Singer Eshani On Darshan's Arrest: 'Must Face Punishment If Wrong'**



Popular actor Darshan Swamy was recently arrested in connection with the Renuka Swamy murder case. The actor along with 17 other people was arrested on June 11. The court ordered 9 days of judicial custody which ends today, June 20. Since the actor's arrest, several stars from the film industry reacted to the development. Bigg Boss Kannada 10 fame singer Eshani Shekar posted a message along with some pictures with Darshan on her Instagram handle. In the post, Eshani mentioned that everyone should abide by the law and if the actor has done anything wrong he should be punished accordingly. She wrote, "This is truly shocking news! It is very hard to believe that Darshan Sir, whom I saw as a brother, is involved in such an act. Although his actions seemed right as he tried to save the dignity of a woman, taking the law into one's own hands is not at all acceptable under the Constitution of India. If Darshan Sir has done wrong, he must face the punishment, but spreading baseless rumours and tarnishing his image until then is not right," when translated to English.

33-year-old Renuka Swamy, who was reportedly an autorickshaw driver, was allegedly kidnapped from the Chitradurga district of Karnataka on June 8. He reportedly sent some derogatory messages to actress Pavithra Gowda. According to the statement by the Police department, Renuka Swamy blamed the actress for souring Darshan's relationship with his wife. This allegedly angered the actor, who then reportedly hired some members of one of his fan clubs to kidnap the man. The gang allegedly kidnapped and murdered him as per the instructions of Darshan. His dead body was later found on June 9 near a flyover in Bengaluru. In another development, the Kannada Bigg Boss winner Pratham recently filed a comment after receiving death threats from Darshan's fans. He reportedly made certain comments that angered some fans of Darshan.

# Swara Bhasker

**Says Producers Think She's 'Untouchable': 'My Twitter Account Cost Me My Career'**

Actress Swara Bhasker's performance was appreciated in films like Tanu Weds Manu, Raanjhanaa and Anarkali of Aarah among others. However, despite much critical acclaim, the actress did not appear in many mainstream movies. Known for never mincing her words, Swara recently said that voicing her opinions on social media cost her her career. Speaking to Connect Cine, Swara said, "If there was anything in the world that was most expensive for me, it was my Twitter account because it cost me my career, in a sense... For a lot of producers, I am untouchable in the industry and these are not my words, these are the words of my well-wishers, producer, director friends who have called me up and told me. People tell me that we wanted to cast you but the studio heard your name and said no."



Swara said that casting directors are asked to look for "an actress like Swara Bhasker" but wouldn't cast her. She said, "They are like 'no, controversies happen'. I don't know what is the fear but there is a fear."

There are a lot of people who keep saying that "You have done the wrong thing, you destroyed your career, why did you do this? It was very foolish of you", including often your own team. People who love you, and they are coming from a place of concern. They are your well-wishers so they are feeling bad looking at you. Like my brother, he is my

biggest supporter and he gets the most angry too that an actor of your calibre shot herself in the foot," she said. In the same conversation, Swara also said that it was a conscious decision for her to make her opinions heard. She said, "I don't want to act like I am a victim. I chose this path. I decided that I will be vocal and put forth my opinion on issues. I could've chosen to stay silent. There was no need for me to write an open letter, expressing my discontent on the Johar scene in Padmaavat. Mujhe koi zarurat nahin thi (There was no need for me to do it)."

