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In Shorts

ACB arrested Ratu police station's sub inspector taking bribe of 35 thousand

Ranchi: The action of Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) against corrupt officers and employees is continuing, in this sequence, on Tuesday, the team of Ranchi branch of ACB arrested the sub inspector of Ratu police station red handed while taking bribe, ACB team arrested sub inspector Satyendra Singh while taking bribe of 35 thousand, it is being told that Satyendra Singh had demanded bribe in the name of managing the case diary, however the plaintiff was not ready to give bribe, after which he complained about it to ACB, ACB verified the whole matter, in the verification ACB found the bribe being demanded to be true, after this ACB took action and arrested the sub inspector red handed while taking bribe.

Three arrested with 1500 bottles of intoxicating cough syrup from Itki

Ranchi: A gang involved in illegal business of intoxicating cough syrup has been busted. On the instructions of SSP Chandan Sinha, the police team took action and raided the labor shed of the under-construction government hospital building in Itki police station area. During this, the police team recovered 1500 bottles of cough syrup used as intoxicant. At the same time, the police team took action and arrested three people. Actually, the SSP had received information that for the last few days in the Itki police station area, a gang has been doing business of intoxicating cough syrup and selling it to the youths from the surrounding area. The police had kept an eye on the gang. After which the police team took this action.

Death toll in attacks in Russia's Dagestan region rises to 21

Moscow: The death toll in Russia's southern region of Dagestan rose to 21 after a police officer injured in an attack by Islamist militants died of his injuries, officials said on Tuesday. In the attacks on Sunday, militants targeted a church and a synagogue and opened fire on police in the cities of Derbent and Makhachkala, a predominantly Muslim region in the North Caucasus. The attacks are the deadliest in Russia since March. In March, 145 people were killed when gunmen opened fire in a Moscow suburb. The group, an Afghan-based Islamic State group affiliate that claimed responsibility for the March attack, praised the Dagestan attack, saying it was carried out by "brothers in the Caucasus who are demonstrating that they are strong." Russia's top state criminal investigation agency, the Investigative Committee, said all five attackers were killed. Mavsum Regimov, the head of the Derbent region, said on Tuesday that a police sergeant had died in hospital from his injuries, bringing the total death toll to 21. The dead included 16 police personnel. Medical officials in Dagestan said on Monday that at least 46 people were injured, 13 of them police. A 66-year-old Russian Orthodox priest was among the dead.

General Officer, Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command of Indian Army and Lieutenant General Shri Ramchandra Tiwari paid courtesy visit to CM Champai

CM made aware of his intention to form a tribal regiment, said- Tribals from all over the country will get a separate identity in the army

Chief Minister assured the army- Government will provide full support in the formation of Ecological Territorial Army in Jharkhand from the point of view of environmental protection
Chief Minister said- Tribals of the state should get maximum opportunities in army recruitment, Army should take initiative

Ranchi
General Officer, Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command of Indian Army and Lieutenant General Shri Ramchandra Tiwari (UYSM, AVSM, SM) paid a courtesy call on Chief Minister Shri Champai Soren today. On this occasion, the Chief Minister expressed his sentiments regarding the formation of tribal regiment on the lines of Jat Regiment, Bihar Regiment, Punjab Regiment, Sikh Regiment and Madras Regiment etc. He said that the formation of tribal regiment will also give a separate identity to the tribals across the country in the army. The state government will

also cooperate in forming Ecological Territorial Army in Jharkhand
On this occasion, Lieutenant General Shri Ramchandra Tiwari proposed the formation of Ecological Territorial Army in Jharkhand from the point of view of environmental protection. On this, the Chief Minister said that the government will fully cooperate on receiving a proposal from the army in this matter. It is worth noting that the Ecological Territorial Army of the Army consists of former soldiers, who work for the environment. With the formation of Ecological Territorial Army in Jharkhand, the army will also



be able to contribute on a large scale in the campaign of environmental protection. Especially considering the geographical environment of this state, environmental protection will be promoted through tree plantation and other means in forests and mining areas.

Expressed gratitude for cooperation in organizing Durand Cup
Lieutenant General Shri Ramchandra Tiwari expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister for the cooperation being done by the state government in organizing the Durand Cup football compe-

tion. He told that Durand Cup (President Cup) is the oldest football competition in Asia and the second oldest in the world. This time the competition is to be organized under the hosting of Jamshedpur, in which the state government is cooperating at every level.

Adivasis should get maximum opportunities in army recruitment

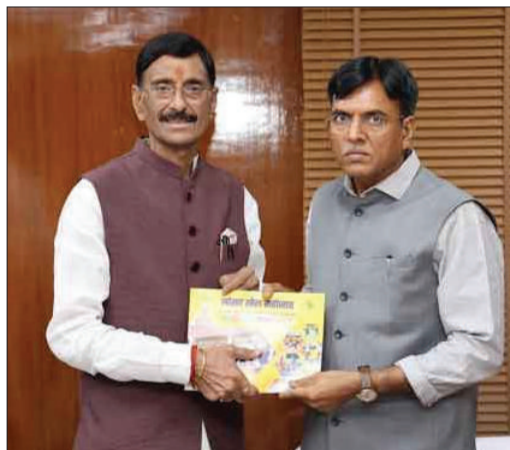
The Chief Minister said that tribal youth of Jharkhand have been serving in the Indian Army. The tribals here should get more and more opportunities in army recruitment, the army should take initiative in bringing the tribals forward in this. Lieutenant General Shri Ramchandra Tiwari assured the Chief Minister that in this direction, all other support including training will be provided to the tribals through the local GOC of the army to prepare them for army recruitment.

On this occasion, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Mr. Avinash Kumar, Lieutenant General Rajendra Puri, Secretary to the Chief Minister Mr. Arwa Rajkamal, Major General Paramveer Singh Dagar, Colonel VS Adkar and Major General MP Singh were present.

Sanjay Seth met Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, invited for MP Sports Festival

Ranchi
Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth met Union Minister of Labour, Employment and Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya in Delhi on Tuesday. Mr Seth invited him to attend the inaugural session of the MP Sports Festival to be held in Ranchi on 20,21 and 22 September. Let us tell you that in 2023, a grand MP Sports Festival was organized in Ranchi under the inspiration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in which more than 10 thousand players from 6 assembly constituencies under Ranchi Lok Sabha participated.

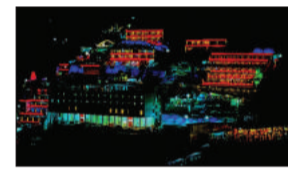
Will be organized under the supervision of Jharkhand Olympic Association
MP Sports Festival will be organized under the supervision of Jharkhand Olympic Association, where reputed coaches of the country are available who select the talent of talented children and prepare them to play for the state and the country. Last time, the talent of hundreds of children came to the fore on this initiative of Union



Minister Seth. Today those children have made their mark at the national level. With this thought, in 2024 also, MP Sports Festival is being organized in Ranchi on 20, 21, 22 September, in which athletics, bushu, furnishing, wrestling, kabaddi, women's hockey, women's cricket, yoga, archery, Malkhav, volleyball, taekwondo, women's football and other sports have been included.

Good news for those going to Mata Vaishno Devi, this big facility started for devotees

Jammu
Giving a big relief to the pilgrims wishing to visit the Mata Vaishno Devi temple, the direct helicopter service from Jammu to the temple started from June 25. The service complements the existing helicopter route between base camp Katra and Sanjhi Chhat near the temple for pilgrims coming to visit the famous temple located atop the Trikuta hills in Reasi district, which charges Rs 2,100 per person for a one-way journey. Anshul Garg, CEO of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, said that pilgrims can avail the helicopter



service from the website. There are two types of packages - same day return package and next day return package. Pilgrims choosing the service from Jammu can choose from two packages: Rs 35,000 per passenger for same day return, and Rs 60,000 per person for next day return. The inaugural flight for the new service took off from Jammu airport around 11 am, landing at Panchhi helipad along the new route to the shrine.

We have been receiving requests from far-flung places in the country and abroad, facing time constraints, for a direct service between Jammu and the shrine, Garg said. According to officials, the new helicopter service has been launched on the directions of Shrine Board Chairman and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. Based on the feedback received from pilgrims on the operation, the board will consider expanding it in future. Garg also mentioned that the low altitude of Panchhi helipad is less affected by bad weather compared to Sanjhi Chhat.

Delhi liquor scam: Kejriwal disappointed, High Court cancels lower court's decision to grant bail

NewDelhi
Arvind Kejriwal has got a setback from Delhi High Court in Delhi liquor scam case. High Court said that subordinate court did not use its mind while granting bail to Arvind Kejriwal in money laundering case. The judge of the court should have given sufficient opportunity to Enforcement Directorate to present its side while passing the verdict on Arvind Kejriwal's bail plea, saying this, the High Court canceled the lower court's decision to grant bail to Kejriwal.



Vacation bench did not use discretion while granting bail to Kejriwal
Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain's bench made a harsh comment while

maintaining the stay on the decision of Rouse Avenue Court. Said that the vacation bench of the lower court did not use its discretion while granting bail to Kejriwal. Delhi High Court said that we heard both the parties (Kejriwal-ED), but the lower court did not look at the documents of ED. It did not look at the double conditions of section 45 of PMLA. The lower court had said in its order that it was not possible to read so many documents. The High Court said that Additional Solicitor General Raju,

on behalf of ED, raised the issue that the lower court had said in its order that it was not possible to read so many documents. This comment was completely inappropriate. This means that the trial court did not pay attention to the record. Let us tell you that earlier the lower court had granted bail to Kejriwal. Later the High Court had stayed the decision till June 25. Let us tell you that on June 20, Special Judge Nyay Bindu of the trial court had ordered the release of the Chief Minister of Delhi on a personal bond of Rs 1 lakh.

Ranchi Police arrested three smugglers with 1000 packets of brown sugar



Ranchi: Taking action against the drug trade, the police arrested three smugglers with 1000 packets of brown sugar. On the instructions of SSP Chandan Sinha, the police team led by City SP Rajkumar Mehta took this action. The smugglers arrested by the police include Shishupal Lohara, Aarti Devi and Karami Devi. All of them have been arrested from Argora and Vidhan Sabha area. 1000 packets of brown sugar were recovered after searching the house of these people. The SSP gave this information in a press conference on Tuesday.

Action was taken on secret information
SSP Ranchi Chandan Kumar Sinha had received information that Shishupal Lohara and his family members buy and sell brown sugar near Nayasrai Kallu Maidan of Vidhan Sabha police station area. After which a raid team was formed. The team reached the house of Shishupal Lohara located in Naya Sarai and surrounded it. Seeing the police, two women and a man started running away. The police chased him and caught him.

For the first time in the history of the country, election for the post of Lok Sabha Speaker, NDA candidate Birla facing opposition MP K Suresh



NewDelhi
For the first time in the history of the country, election for the post of Speaker is going to be held. While Om Birla will be the Speaker can-

didate from the NDA, K Suresh has been made the candidate from the INDIA Alliance. According to reports, both the leaders have filed their nominations. KC Venugopal said, the opposition will contest the election for the post of Lok Sabha Speaker
On Today, the election for the Lok Sabha Speaker will be held. Birla, who was re-elected from the Kota parliamentary seat in Rajasthan, can

be the first presiding officer to be re-elected in the lower house in the last 20 years. Earlier, Congress leader KC Venugopal and DMK leader TR Balu went to meet Rajnath Singh to discuss the post of Lok Sabha Speaker and Deputy Speaker. When the matter did not work out, they came out of his office. Congress refused to support the NDA candidate

They refused to support the NDA candidate. Also, KC Venugopal said that the opposition will contest the Lok Sabha Speaker's election. He accused the government of not committing to give the Deputy Speaker's post to the opposition. On the other hand, BJP MP from Kota, Rajasthan, Om Birla was again elected as the NDA's candidate for the Lok Sabha Speaker's post. After that he met Prime Minister Modi. Amidst the

demand for giving the post of Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker to the opposition, Rahul Gandhi said that till now no answer has come from the government on this subject. Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan (Lalan Singh) told reporters that Birla's name has been decided unanimously by all the parties of the NDA. KC Venugopal and TR Balu had come to discuss the issue of Lok Sabha Speaker with Defense Minister Rajnath Singh.

News In Brief

Physical verification of pensioners associated with social security scheme is necessary

Gumla: According to the Social Security Pension Rules, the annual physical verification of pensioners for the year 2024 under the Social Security Pension Scheme is being done in all the Panchayat offices from 19 June to 10 July 2024. Assistant Director District Social Security Officer, Lalan Kumar Rajak said that for social security pension, it is necessary to get annual physical verification done regarding the life proof of the pensioner for the pensioner so that the pension holders can get the benefit of the pension scheme regularly without any problem.

Review meeting of MNREGA scheme was held in the auditorium of Ghaghra block office

Gumla: BDO Dinesh Kumar held a meeting with the employees on Tuesday in the auditorium of Ghaghra block office premises. In the meeting, a review meeting was held regarding the mango gardening and Birsa irrigation well promotion scheme being made under the Birsa Harit Gram Yojana operated by MNREGA. In this sequence, BDO Dinesh Kumar said that efforts should be made to complete the work of well construction before the rains. Along with this, he asked to complete the paperwork as soon as possible for planting new mango gardening under Birsa Harit Gram Yojana, and to start digging the peat of mango Bhagwani soon. Because the rains will start soon. Start the work of gardening. So that the demand for saplings can be ensured as soon as possible.

AGM on 5th and Press Club election on 28th

Ramgarh: Press Club Ramgarh Executive Meeting was held in Press Club's PCR Bhawan on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Club President Manoj Kumar Singh. The meeting was conducted by Club Secretary Yogendra Kumar Sinha. In the meeting, it was decided unanimously to hold Press Club Ramgarh's AGM in the Press Club auditorium on 5th July. It was also decided to conduct the Club's election on 28th July.

District level mining task force committee meeting concluded DC gave necessary instructions

DN ■ Gumla

On Tuesday, a review meeting of the district level mining task force was held in his office room in the Collectorate under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Karna Satyarthi. In the course of reviewing the district level mining task force, first of all, necessary guidelines were given by reviewing the progress report of compliance of the instructions given in the previous meeting regarding illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals in the district. He said that in order to ensure that there



is no illegal mining, transportation and storage in the district under any circumstances, the District Mining Task Force, Sub-division level mining task force, Zone level task force should remain in active mode and conduct surprise inspection campaigns in the district. If anyone is caught transporting and storing illegal mining

material, then take immediate action against the vehicle, driver and the people involved as per rules. During the meeting, a telephone has been installed in the district to register complaints related to mining, whose telephone number is 9934887613. Giving information, officer Vibhuti Kumar said that a telephone has been

installed in the district control room to register complaints related to mining, whose telephone number is 9934887613. The District Mining Officer appealed to the people of the district that any citizen of the district can register a complaint on the given mobile number for any complaint related to illegal mining, the identity of the informer will be kept confidential, and necessary action will be taken by the Task Force Committee as per the information given. During this meeting, mainly Superintendent of Police Gumla, SDO Sadar.

Nipun Samagam 2024 was organized in Nagar Bhawan Gumla DC Karna Satyarthi was present as the chief guest

DN ■ Gumla

As per the instructions of Jharkhand Education Project Council, the District Education Department organized the Nipun Samagam 2024 and organized TLM fair in Nagar Bhawan Gumla. Deputy Commissioner Karna Satyarthi was present as the chief guest of today's program. DDC Gumla, Dileshwar Mahato, and Additional Collector Social Welfare Officer, Aarti Kumari, District Welfare Officer Alok Ranjan were present as special guests. The programme was inaugurated



by the guests by lighting the lamp and District Education Officer Noor Alam Khan gave the welcome speech and informed about the programme. 100 selected teachers of the district had made models by conducting workshops for the last four days for teaching language and mathematics along with games among children from KG to class three, for which

block-wise stalls were set up for display. The DC and other special guests visited the block-wise stalls. On this occasion, the Deputy Commissioner praised the programme and said that such activities should be organised continuously. The models selected from today's TLM fair will be sent to the state level Nipun Sammelan and all the people.

High speed pickup vehicle overturned driver narrowly escaped



DN ■ Chakradharpur

A high speed Max pickup vehicle going towards Sonua overturned near Golumunda bridge on Sonua-Chakradharpur main road. The driver of the pickup van narrowly escaped in the incident. During this time, people traveling on the road and other vehicles also narrowly escaped becoming victims of the accident. After the incident, people somehow stood up the Max pickup vehicle number OD 14T 9686 which had overturned on the road. After that the driver ran away with the pickup.

Villagers will stop the communication and transportation of Balkudara open mine on 26th due to various demands

DN ■ Ramgarh

Villagers of four revenue villages Kurse, Deoria, Dundua and Balkudara of the displaced-affected struggle committee held a meeting in Kurse on Tuesday due to various demands. It was chaired by Ramdas Bedia and conducted by Jaidev Singh. Employment and public problems were discussed in the meeting. In which it was decided unanimously that on 26th June, Wednesday, the dispatch and transportation of coal will be stopped in the Balkudara open mine under Bhurkunda colliery. During this time, hundreds of men and women of four revenue villages associat-



ed with the displaced-affected struggle committee will stop the communication and transportation due to their demands. Also, the committee will again inform the management about its demands. Despite this, if no initiative is taken on the demands of the committee, then a series of agitations will be carried out. The entire responsibility for which will be of CCL management. The demands of the committee include starting Bhurkunda

local cell, banning heavy blasting, stopping water and air pollution, providing manual loading instead of payloader to provide employment to the villagers, providing employment to local unemployed in PSM, etc. Dozens of villagers including Jaidev Singh, Ramdas Bedia, Sanjay Yadav, Manoj Manjhi, Tinku Prajapati, Anil Soni, Raju Munda, Vicky Karmali, Vicky Prajapati, Kamlesh Yadav were present.

Warrior poets of emergency period forgotten : Santosh Jha

DN ■ Ramgarh

Contribution of the poets and writers of that time, who were the source of inspiration for the upheaval and public outrage in Indian politics during the emergency, cannot be forgotten. Politicians born from that yagya like Morarji Desai, Chandrashekhar, Acharya Kripalani, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, LK Advani, Mulayam Singh Yadav, George Fernandes, Chaudhary Charan Singh, Lalu Prasad Yadav etc. wore the crown of kings in the future and are ruling the hearts of the people in their respective political fields like big satraps like huge banyan trees, but during the emergency, the



journalist poets and writers kept the yagya fire burning by becoming the fuel of the great yagya being held against the government. Today the society has forgotten them. The contribution of some great warriors of the pen war like Kuldeep Nayyar, Gandhian poet Bhawani Prasad Mishra, Girdhar Rathi, Dushyant, Nagarjuna etc. of the learned society cannot be forgotten.

Bhurkunda Navnirman Morcha conducted a signature campaign at Birsa Chowk and River Side Dundua

DN ■ Ramgarh

Bhurkunda Navnirman Morcha conducted a signature campaign at Birsa Chowk Bhurkunda and River Side Dundua on Tuesday for the overall development of Bhurkunda. During the campaign, the members of the Morcha said that a decisive movement will be carried out for the overall development of Bhurkunda. During the signature campaign, the members of the Morcha said that a decisive movement will be carried out for the overall development of Bhurkunda. After the signature campaign, a letter containing signatures of thousands of people will



be handed over to the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police, Ramgarh. A signature campaign was carried out at Birsa Chowk Bhurkunda under the leadership of Shailesh Kushwaha and at River Side Dotalla Panchayat Dundua under the leadership of Rustam Kumar. The demands of the Morcha include freeing the main road Bhurkunda from daily traf-

fic jams, deputing traffic personnel for traffic management along with the arrangement of modern traffic system, selecting a place for parking and parking the vehicles there, selecting a no parking zone and making arrangements for online challan on parking, controlling those who display their shop goods on the main road, making Bhurkunda a block, stopping express trains etc.

More than 50 applicants met the DC in today's weekly Jan Grievance Redressal Day

Common citizens are getting help in Jan Grievance Day

DN ■ Gumla

On Tuesday, more than 50 applicants from far flung areas of the district came and met the Deputy Commissioner in the weekly Jan Grievance Redressal Day organized in the auditorium of the Collectorate under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Karna Satyarthi. The problems of hundreds of applicants are being resolved promptly in the Jan Grievance Redressal Day organized every week on Tuesday starting at 11:00 am. In the Jan Grievance Redressal Day, Sangeeta Kumari, a resident of Sisai, told that she is a beneficiary of PM



Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, but under the said scheme, the name and number of the wrong bank account has been updated, due to which she is unable to take advantage of the scheme and she requested the Deputy Commissioner to update the information related to the bank account, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Sisai CO to take immediate action and

solve the problem. Rupa Devi, a resident of Navadih village of Raidih block, said that she wants to construct a house under Abua Awas Yojana in the land purchased by her herself, but on starting the work, Laxman Singh, a resident of Sursang, is trying to obstruct the construction of her house by occupying her land, on which Rupa Devi sought help from the

Deputy Commissioner, on which the Deputy Commissioner directed the Zonal Officer Raidih to investigate the matter and take necessary action. The villagers of Raisa Toli under Kemte Panchayat of Raidih block submitted their application and said that they requested the Deputy Commissioner to construct a 4 km path from Khursuta bridge to Raisa village under their village. Similarly, many other applicants also submitted their applications to avail the benefits of various schemes. During this, Ajit Asur of Chainpur block demanded Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and toilet.

Gram Swaraj Yatra reached Honhe and Sikni Panchayat on the sixth day

DN ■ Ramgarh

Gram Swaraj Yatra of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Raj Organisation started from Kulhi Panchayat Bhawan Dulmi Block on the sixth day under the leadership of Shantanu Mishra. This Yatra did public relations in Khatrimara, Bonga Souri Garha Paar, Honhe, Veer Honhe of Honhe Panchayat. Hohad and Sikni village of Sikni Panchayat. While addressing the gathering, the State Vice President of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Raj said that with the aim of strengthening Panchayati Raj and decentralization of power, this Yatra has been



taken out in Ramgarh Assembly for 21 days. This Yatra is going from village to village and telling people about the rights and benefits of Panchayati Raj and making them aware. This Yatra started from Subhash Chowk Ramgarh on 19th and passing through Doha Katu Panchayat, took night rest at Sos Panchayat Bhawan and today the Yatra started on tour from Dulmi Panchayat of Ramgarh

Assembly in the morning. The main participants in this journey were Ramgarh city president Balram Sahu, Prakash Karmali Arif, former youth state general secretary Dharendra Singh, Jai Kumar Agarwal, Mohd Arif, Mohd Yusuf Singholi Nayak, Vivek Nayak Sarafat, Aslam Gaffar, Arvind Patel, Mohd Ziaul Asraf Ali, Ajay Karmali Lileshwar Mahato, Saput Mahato, Prem Prakash.

On the recommendation of Amba Prasad the work of boring of Chapanal was started in Saunda Basti

DN ■ Ramgarh

On the recommendation of MLA Amba Prasad, the work of boring of Chapanal was started in Saunda Basti Panchayat under Patratu block area on Monday. It was started by performing Puja and breaking coconut. On the occasion, the boring work was started by performing Puja in the presence of former Mukhiya Dayanand Prasad, Panchayat Samiti representative Prabhat Kumar, MLA representative Amit Sahu and workers. On the occasion, MLA representative Amit Sahu said that MLA Amba Prasad is another name for development. He said that Amba Prasad, understand-



ing the pain and suffering of the villagers, will get the work of boring done in all the Panchayats and villages of the area. So that the problem of drinking water can be solved in the area.

Block level 63rd Subroto Mukherjee Cup Football Competition organized in Chainpur

DN ■ Chainpur

Block level 63rd Subroto Mukherjee Cup Football Competition was organized by the Block Resource Center in the playground of Barve High School located at Chainpur Block Headquarters. The competition was started by lighting the lamp collectively by the chief guest Chainpur Zilla Parishad member Mary Lakra, Deputy Chief Pramod Khalkho and other guests and by the chief guest kicking the football. A total of 7 teams of boys and girls category participated in this competition. On the occasion, the chief guest Mary Lakra encouraged the players and said



that sports is an important part of our life. In the field of sports, our Jharkhand children have won medals and brought laurels to their village and country. The main objective of this competition is to polish the hidden talent at the rural level and bring it to the state and national level. Deputy Chief Pramod Khalkho said that sports also leads to physical and mental

development. Along with studies, you can also make your career through sports. Here in the final of the competition, in the boys category under 17, Barve High School Chainpur defeated Balbir High School Katkahi and captured the title. In the girls category under 17, Jharkhand Girls Residential School Chainpur defeated.

Drug addiction affects people, life and society: Rajesh Kumar Sinha
LADC advocate Rajesh Kumar Sinha focused on Article 47 of the Constitution

On the instructions of Hon'ble Jhalsa, under the guidance of Hon'ble Justice Commissioner-cum-Chairman, an awareness program on drug de-addiction was organized today on 25.06.2024 at Saint Xavier's School, Doranda.



Psychotropic Substances-1985 and told the students about the Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940. Apart from this, focus was laid on NDPS, NCB and Article 47 of the Constitution.

De-addiction means freeing a person or society from addiction, that is, it is an attempt to prevent drug addiction or remove its addiction. CID-DSP, Mrs. Neha Barla, while addressing, said that the youth are ruining their precious lives by consuming drugs after falling into the grip of drug addiction.

the entire family. Addiction causes financial, mental and physical damage to the family, which can never be compensated. He further said that the entire money of a drug addict is spent on addiction, which affects his family and the family gets destroyed.

Prabhu Prasad Sahu gets bail from High Court in NIA related case



Prabhu Prasad Sahu, accused in a case related to NIA, got bail from Jharkhand High Court on Tuesday. Prabhu Prasad Sahu is accused of arranging travel, stay etc. of members of the extremist organization CPI Maoist.

was registered in Chutia police station regarding the matter. On 30 October 2017, the NIA took over the case. Prabhu Prasad Sahu has been in jail since 2017.

Good news for citizens of urban areas
Essential services will be available at home on Colibet.com

Good news for citizens (customers/consumers) of urban areas. Now people can avail essential services at home. All essential services will be provided to people at home by Colibet.com company. In this regard, Colibet.com Director Shankar Prem, Jharkhand Head Director/Manager MM Alam, E Ahmed jointly told in a press conference that services of plumber, carpenter, electrician, fabricator, gate grill, welding mechanic, mason can be availed at home.



above services from home will be available to the city residents living within a radius of 20 kilometers. Customers/consumers can contact Colibet's toll free number 7260030404 and avail the benefits of essential services at affordable rates from home.

Strictness will be taken against those who do not upload their project on JHARERA's website



Jharkhand Real Estate Regulatory Authority (JHARERA) is keeping a special eye on those projects whose updated documents have not been uploaded on its website. In view of this, JHARERA has issued a notice. Its chairman Birendra Bhushan has warned all builders, developers, promoters that those whose project is registered in offline mode and all the documents related to the project have not been uploaded on JHARERA's website, they should upload it within a week of the publication of this notice.

Land and Revenue Related Special Lok Adalat on 29th June

DALSA camp set up in CCL and Zonal Office

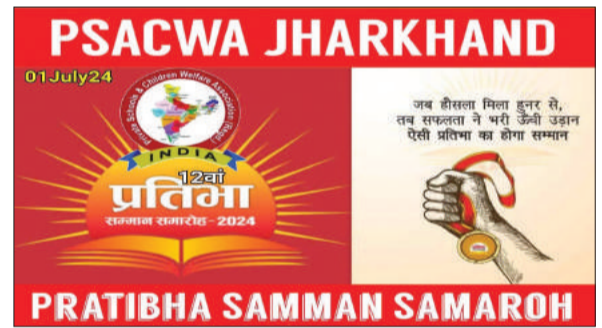
Under the guidance of Justice-cum-Executive Chairman, Jhalsa, Shri Sujit Narayan Prasad of Hon'ble Jharkhand High Court and Hon'ble Judicial Commissioner-cum-Chairman, DALSA, Ranchi, a camp was set up in 22 zonal offices of Ranchi district regarding Special Lok Adalat. CO, employees and PLVs of the zone were present in all the camps.



ization of the Special Lok Adalat, the pre-Lok Adalat meeting has started from 24.06.2024, which will run till 28.06.2024. During the meeting in CCL, AJC-1 said that all the government institutions which are related to land and revenue, their cases have already been identified and notices are being sent.

Paswa Jharkhand's much awaited 12th Pratibha Samman Samaroh on 1st July

With great joy and enthusiasm, under the chairmanship of Shamayal Ahmed, National President of Private Schools and Children Welfare Association, Paswa Jharkhand will again honour the talented students of Matric and Intermediate of JAC, CBSE and ICSE Board for the 12th time. On this occasion, students, parents and principals studying in all the schools of Paswa Jharkhand are being informed that for the past several years, Paswa, which is a registered institution, has been honouring students by organising Pratibha Samman Samaroh in different states of the



country. In Jharkhand too, for the past several years, such a programme has been organised in Harivansh Tana Bhagat Indoor Stadium, Khelgaon Ranchi, Koderma, Chatra, Hazaribagh, Jamshepur, Ramgarh and many other districts. And like every year, this year also PASVA is organizing a Pratibha Samman ceremony on the upcoming date 1st July

Life imprisonment to 3 accused in murder case

Additional Judicial Magistrate Sachindra Birua's court has sentenced 3 accused Mohd. Sajid, Ramzan Ansari and Ajmat Ansari to life imprisonment for stabbing to death. Along with this, a fine of 30 thousand rupees has also been imposed on all of them. If the fine amount is not paid, all the accused will have to undergo 1 year additional punishment.



Ansari, and Ajmat Ansari reached there and started making lewd jokes. They did not listen to them when they were stopped and all of them started abusing and beating them. Hearing the noise, Mangru Pahan came to intervene but they started beating him too and stabbed him

Apply by July 3 to avail the benefits of CM Tractor Distribution Scheme
Beneficiary groups having more than 10 acres of land will get priority

The state government has started an initiative to provide the benefits of Chief Minister Tractor Distribution Scheme to farmer groups, SHGs, water panchayats, watershed committees, Lamps-PACS and other farmer organizations. For this, there is a plan to give tractors to eligible groups in the financial year 2023-24 and 2024-25 by the Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Jharkhand (Departmental Approval Order No. 71, 07-02-24). Under this, a big tractor of 34.0-40.0 max PTO HP ps is to be given. With this, on the purchase of at least two agricultural equipment, the maximum subsidy on a big tractor in the total package amount of ten lakh rupees will be 50% and the maximum subsidy on the purchase of two agricultural equipment will be 80%. However, the total maximum subsidy will be payable to the beneficiary of only Rs 5 lakh. According to the department, if farmer groups, SHGs and others already have a tractor and



they just want additional agricultural equipment, they will also be given 80% of the agricultural equipment costing up to Rs 3 lakh or a maximum subsidy of Rs 2 lakh for the purchase of one or more large tractor-driven agricultural equipment. This is how the beneficiary will be selected According to the Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative Department, ben-

eficiary farmer groups, women self-help groups and others can get free application format from the nearest land conservation office from 11 am to 4 pm to avail the benefit of tractor scheme. It has to be submitted by July 3 or by the prescribed time in the districts. 50% of the physical target of the tractor package can be approved by the district level committee giving priority to the recommendation of the MLA of the area. In the distribution of tractors and auxiliary agricultural equipment, priority will be given to those beneficiary groups whose group members have more than 10 acres of total cultivable land. Such groups will have a valid license for tractor, vehicle (LMV). After examining the applications received, approval will be obtained by the district level committee constituted under the chairmanship of DC or an officer authorized by him. For detailed information, you will have to contact your nearest land conservation office.

News In Brief

CCT EM course started in Raj Hospital

Ranchi: CCT EM course has been started in Raj Hospital, Ranchi. Earlier it was known as Masters in Emergency Medicine Program. Let us tell you that Raj Hospital has been providing the best and advanced medical facilities in Ranchi city for the last 32 years. The hospital has extensive experience in the treatment of medical emergencies and serious diseases. Moving forward in this direction, the hospital has started the CCT EM course to provide even better facilities to the patients. This course is approved by SEMI (Society of Emergency Medicine of India). Dr. Shyam Prasad, Chief Physician of the Emergency Department of the hospital, said that Raj Hospital is the first and only institute in the state where this facility has been started. In this 3-year course, student doctors will be trained to do the best in the Emergency Medicine department. During the course, specialist doctors from various medical departments will train student doctors. Rigorous training and course will provide the doctors with the necessary skills and knowledge which is in demand in big corporate hospitals across the country. Jharkhand reached the pre-quarterfinals of the National Under-18 Rugby Championship



Ranchi: Jharkhand team performed brilliantly in the National Under-18 Rugby Championship held from 25-26 June at Balewadi Sports Complex, Pune and secured a place in the pre-quarterfinals. On Tuesday, Jharkhand team played two matches. In the first match of Group F, Jharkhand defeated Madhya Pradesh by 52-0. In the second match, Jharkhand defeated Punjab 12-0 and secured its place in the pre-quarterfinals. David Munda, Ajit Nag, Namjan Mundu, Ankit Bhengra, Abhay Horo and Sukhdev Mundu scored mainly in both the matches for Jharkhand.

News In Brief

Mission Betiyon Ki Udaan started in Bhaga Basti

Dhanbad: The school has started the mission 'Betiyon Ki Udaan' for the self-reliance and education of girls. Under this, there is a plan to distribute free bicycles to girls from class 5 to 12th. The mission was started by Madhu Devi, mother of Dev Kumar Verma, founder of Pathashala Educational Trust, by giving bicycles and new clothes to Nitya and Naina of class 5 in Bhaga Basti branch today. It is known that in the last 10 years, the school has borne the expenses of education of more than 1500 children from class one to engineering. Many children of the school have waved the flag in the CBSE examination of 10th and 12th. The principal of the school, Neelkanth Mahato, said that there is a plan to give bicycles to 50 girls within the next 10 days, in which the total cost will be around Rs 3 lakh. For this, cooperation has also been sought from the general public. The teachers of the school Shivkumar Sharma, Sunil Sarkar, Priya and Vijay are actively involved in the successful implementation of the scheme.

Janata Mazdoor Sangh's talks with General Manager concluded

Alkadiha: Angered by the recent assault on JMS Bachcha group's supporter and leader Rupak Sinha by goons at the instigation of the management at the loading point of Jayarampur outsourcing project in Bagdigi, Sangh's organization secretary Harsh Singh held talks with the GM at the regional office today. In the negotiations, Sangh's regional president Umashankar Shahi and secretary Mallu Singh apprised the regional management of their demands including giving employment to 80 percent of the unemployed labourers of the area affected by outsourcing at the loading point of outsourcing, regular water and electricity supply to the residents of Jayarampur, Jinagora, Bagdigi, Barari, Lodna, Jiyalgora until dignified displacement, supplying coal for truck loading of departmental project at the loading points of NT-ST.

School children took out awareness rally against drugs

DN ■ Dhanbad

An awareness rally was taken out by the Social Welfare Department to create awareness against the use of drugs, in which school children participated on bicycles. The awareness rally was flagged off by District Social Welfare Officer Anita Kujur and DPM JSLPS Shailesh Ranjan, which started from City Center and went till Randhir Verma Chowk. At the end of the rally, everyone took an oath against drug abuse. District Social Welfare Officer Mrs. Anita Kujur, who was leading the program, appealed to the people to avoid the use of drugs. She said that drug abuse is a social evil. Its consumption is not beneficial. Drug abuse is the root of diseases and criminal activities in the body. A person who consumes



drugs loses respect in society. Drug abuse is the biggest obstacle in the development of people as well as family and society. Due to drug abuse, people are becoming victims of violence, exploitation, accidents. Due to drug addiction, the physical,

mental, social and economic condition of people deteriorates. On this occasion, District Public Relations Officer, District Child Protection Officer, DPM JSLPS, Police Officer along with other officers and staff were present.

OBC Welfare Association handed over memorandum to Union Coal Minister

DN ■ Jharia

A delegation led by Central President Gulab Singh and Central General Secretary Jai Bahadur Singh Yadav of Backward Class OBC Coal Employees Welfare Association met Union Coal Minister Kishan Reddy and handed over a memorandum. Mr. Yadav said that OBC Association is working in Coal India and all its subsidiary companies, through which the fight for the rights of OBC employees and people of the society is being fought continuously for many years under the patronage of Patron MP Satna Ganesh Singh. For the upliftment of OBC



Coal Minister assured that positive work will definitely be done for the upliftment of OBC. Central Vice President Manohar Singh, Mahanadi Coalfield President Mithlesh Singh and other officials were present on the occasion. The above information has been given by Ram Narayan, BCCL, CCL, ECL media in-charge of the association.

Displaced Shopkeepers Association staged a Dharna

DN ■ Dhanbad

Members of the Displaced Shopkeepers Association staged a one-day Dharna at Randhir Verma Chowk today, demanding to provide shops on the footpath. The association's president Gayasuddin has given a letter to the Deputy Commissioner demanding to provide shops to the members of the Displaced Shopkeepers Association. Tejnarayan Singh said that for 40 years, poor shopkeepers were feeding their families by setting up shops on the footpath, but today their shops have been demolished, due to which their family members are on the verge of starvation. Today they are dependent on each grain. The shops of these shopkeepers have been demolished by the so-called influential persons. The documents presented show that the said land of Dudani has been obtained through land lease. He said that if our demands are not met, then we will all be forced to commit self-immolation near the Shani temple. Ramnath Singh, Aslam Khan, Rajendra Prasad Mishra, Tejnarayan Singh etc. were present in the Dharna.



Memorandum submitted to Municipal Commissioner for repair of dilapidated road



DN ■ Dhanbad

Residents of Kharikabad Pramanik Basti, led by senior BJP leader Amresh Singh, met Dhanbad Municipal Corporation Commissioner Ravi Raj Sharma at his office in Lubi Circular Road and submitted a memorandum for repairing the main road in the area and providing water. The Municipal Commissioner assured to send it in the tender process as soon as possible under priority. Amresh Singh

said that the people of Kharikabad Pramanik Basti, influenced by his request, voted in favor of BJP in large numbers in the last Lok Sabha elections. Now, in view of fulfilling the promises, a memorandum has been submitted to the Municipal Commissioner. The delegation included Kamal Kishore, Manoj Pramanik, Ashwini Pramanik, Bibash Pramanik, Krishna Yadav, Lakhan Bhuiyan, Bajrangi Kumar, etc.

Employees of the blood bank were honored



DN ■ Dhanbad

All the 28 employees of the blood bank working in the field of blood donation in Dhanbad NMCH Hospital were honored by the Roti Bank Youth Club today by giving a memento, courtesy of Dhanbad MLA Raj Sinha. The organization's president Ravi Shekhar said that the employees of the blood bank have a huge contribution in saving people's lives. MLA Raj Sinha said that it is a great thing that the employees of the blood bank were honored by the Roti Bank organization. Everyone donates blood, but the work of the blood bank employees to boost their morale is very commendable. Dr. VK Pandey, Dr. Mrityunjay, Dr. Ashutosh Kumar of NMCH, Ravi Singh of Bhuli Blood Donor Group had commendable cooperation in making the program successful. Secretary of Shakti Samarpan Foundation Mrs. Madhu Sinha was also present on the occasion.

Contract workers demonstrated at SAIL's Jeetpur colliery gate

DN ■ Jharia

Under the banner of Janta Mazdoor Sangh, contract workers started a two-day demonstration against the management at the main gate of Jeetpur colliery today to start the closed Jeetpur colliery of SAIL. The workers raised slogans against the management and DGMS demanding to start coal production, start the PF of the workers, and withdraw the notice given to the contract workers to vacate the quarters. It is known that the 100-year-old Jeetpur colliery of SAIL was the only underground coal mine, which after the incident of water leakage, DGMS ordered to close it for the time being and get it investigated by SIMFER, after which thousands of contract workers have become unemployed since March. Their condition has gone from bad to worse. An atmosphere of fear has been created among the people living around the colliery. People say that if the colliery is closed, then what will happen to them. Their livelihood is dependent on the colliery. Secretary of Janta Mazdoor Sangh,



Toknath Tiwari, says that water is leaking from the 9th and 10th phase of Sim No. 14. Closing the entire colliery shows the intention of the management and DGMS that they want to close the colliery together. He said that if Jeetpur colliery is not started, then they will be forced to go on hunger strike. Jeetpur colliery president Ravindra Kumar Gop said that contract labourers have been living in these houses with their families for years. Janta Mazdoor Sangh will never tolerate their eviction from the houses. Durgacharan Mahato, Vinay Pandey, Payarelal Nonia, Dinesh Kumar, Anil Yadav, Prakash Verma, Shankar Mahato, Vikash Kumar Mahato and etc were present.

Nationalist Congress Party staged a Dharna at Thaparnagar Station

DN ■ Nirsa

A one day Dharna was staged today at Thaparnagar Station of Asansol Division Railway under the leadership of District President of Nationalist Congress Party Umesh Goswami for passenger facilities and stoppage of fast trains. The Dharna lasted for two hours. Thereafter, a memorandum was handed over to the Thaparnagar Station Master in the name of Asansol Division Railway Manager. Umesh Goswami said that there is a severe lack of passenger facilities at the station. There is no proper arrangement of electricity, water, road, toilet. The up and down platforms are also not facing each other



but are at two ends. The up platform is in the east direction, while the down platform is in the west direction. The way to and fro is through the railway track. People go from one platform to another risking their lives. He said that Thaparnagar Station is surrounded by 14 collieries, schools, colleges, polytechnic, police station, OP, three blocks, Maithon Thermal Power, Damodar Valley Corporation,

stoppage of Dhanbad-Patna Intercity along with Shaktipunj, Maurya, Pataliputra, Coalfield, Black Down, Dehradun, Jammu-tavi Express along with other passenger facilities. He has accused senior railway officials of discriminating against Thaparnagar station. Mr. Goswami said that meaningful steps should be taken to resolve the above problems by August, otherwise we will be forced to protest. A photocopy of the memorandum has also been sent to General Manager South-East Railway Kolkata, Secretary Railway Ministry Government of India, National President Nationalist Congress Party New Delhi and others.

Children troubled by water crisis in Madhya Vidyalaya Radhanagar

DN ■ Mahuda

A severe water crisis has arisen due to the water level going down in the two hand pumps installed in the Government Madhya Vidyalaya Radhanagar. The school management is somehow fulfilling the mid-day meal and other needs by buying water in jars. On Tuesday, the children were given leave at 12 o'clock amid the water crisis. Headmaster Praveen Kumar Lala said that water is not coming from the submersible pump installed 180 feet below. Possibly, the problem of water can be solved by doing deep boring. The information of the matter has been given to the Block Education Extension Officer. The Mukhiya of Padugoda Panchayat, Mahesh Kumar Patwari, has started the mid-day meal of the children by immediately providing water through tankers. There are around 250 students in the school. There are half a dozen water towers in



Singda Panchayat, but water is not coming out from any of them. The hand pumps near the house of the Deputy Mukhiya in village Charkitand are out of order. Due to this, children of Anganwadi Centre near the solar pump are forced to bring water from home. There is no one to look after the solar pump. In this way, many solar pumps are proving to be useless in the Panchayat. No public representative is going to take care of this.

Bhowra residents troubled by road jam and pollution

DN ■ Bhowra

Bhowra residents are forced to face the double whammy of heavy road jam and pollution every day due to the weighing house near Bhaunra regional office and PNB bank in eastern Jharia region. Due to the high speed of heavy vehicles and road jam, accidents often occur near the said place. A long queue of hundreds of trucks and trailers remains at the weighbridge from morning till late night. In the race to get the weighbridge done quickly, the truck drivers somehow put the vehicle on the road. Due to this, the double lane road becomes a single lane. Apart from PNB, Bhaunra OP, colliery office, regional office, there are other establishments near the weighbridge. Local Manoj Chaudhary has demanded from the General Manager of the area that the weighbridge be shifted to another place. Many employees did not attend the weighbridge since 7 am today due to the jam. It had become difficult to even walk on foot.



United Front demonstrated and handed over a memorandum of demands to the manager

DN ■ Tisra

There is a coal reserve in the forest department area of ??the KOCP-GOCP project located in Bastakola area. In this regard, talks were held several times at the project, regional and headquarters level. The management had said that the departmental project would be run by getting the forest land cleared soon, but there has been no progress for 4-5 years. Due to this, the project is on the verge of closure, due to which there is anger among the workers. Therefore, the project should be prevented from closing. Skilled workers and suf-



ficient machines are available in the project. The project has set a record by completing the target given by the company. The United Front has been forced to stage a phased movement to save the project from closure. Regarding this, a strong demonstration was held at the project office today. From July 10, an indefinite group dharna and a week-long hunger strike will be held at the project office. On this occasion front convenor Tulsi Rawani, Umesh Singh, Prabhash Singh, Bhagwan Nonia, Hiralal Gorai, Dinesh Singh, Shivendra Singh, Subhash Mahato, Kalipad Rawani, Tejendra Verma, Prem Sagar Ram, Narendra Singh, Karu Das, Suman Singh etc were present.

JMM held an introductory meeting with GM

DN ■ Bermo

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha Party held an introductory meeting with the General Manager of Kathara region late on Monday evening at the GM Mahasabhar office. Under the leadership of JMM party Bermo block president Ranjit Mahato, all the members met CCL Kathara region's General Manager Sanjay Kumar and informed him about the party's official introduction and objective. Here the General Manager also expressed confidence to cooperate with the party in the management's work in a positive manner. Also, the GM discussed in detail about his tenure of about 36 years. Earlier, under the



leadership of JMM Bermo block president Ranjit Mahato, all the officials welcomed the region's General Manager Sanjay Kumar by giving him bouquets and flower bouquets. Regional Personnel and Administration Department head Jayant Kumar was present on the occasion, while Munna Saav, Harilal Hansda,

Ganesh Ram, Nageshwar Mahato, Govind Ram, Purushottam Mahato, Kunti Devi, Lovely Devi, Dilip Kumar Manjhi, Raju Bhuiyan, Ranjan Mahato etc. were present from the party's side. The thank you note was given by Regional Personnel and Administration Department head Jayant Kumar etc.

Contract workers cannot tolerate being fired in the name of medical leave : Hiralal

DN ■ Bokaro

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha will not tolerate the local workers working on contract being fired in the name of sugar blood pressure and not giving 75% employment to the locals in the contract. If this is not stopped immediately and the 75% policy is not implemented, then a decision can be taken to economically blockade the plant. The above was said by District President Harilal Manjhi, who was presiding over the District Committee meeting held at the Circuit House. On the occasion, District Secretary Jayanarayan



Mahato said that this arbitrary order of the plant officials shows their anti-displaced mentality. He said that former Chief Minister Hemant Soren has issued an order to employ 75% local unemployed in factories in Jharkhand to stop the migration from Jharkhand for employment, which is unfortunate that Bokaro Steel Plant is not following it. In his

address, Bokaro Metropolitan President and Bokaro Assembly in-charge Mantu Yadav advised the Bokaro Steel Management and said that when there was talk of building a plant here, the natives of this place had given their only source of livelihood from the forest to the land thinking that their hair Children will get temporary jobs in the plant,

but in the event of not getting temporary jobs, today when they are working in the contract groups at their own level, the management is removing them from the work on the pretext of medical examination, due to which the situation can become explosive at any time. On the occasion, central member of the party and general secretary of union Jai Jharkhand Mazdoor Samaj, BK Chaudhary, while warning the management, said that watch the video of the demonstration by the union at the oven on June 2 and at the plant roundabout on June 5, in which the anger.

Poetry flowed in the online poetry meet of Nav Kumbh Sahitya



DN ■ Bokaro

First online poetry meet of Jharkhand branch of Nav Kumbh Sahitya Seva Sansthan was successfully organized. It was presided over by Purnima Suman and Secretary Chandni Kumari Verma. Media in-charge Rajat Nath assisted in this. In the program, guest poet Anshu Jain from Sahityakar Samaj also blessed all the litterateurs. First of all, Kiran Agarwal presented Saraswati Vandana. Kiran from Jamshepur charmed everyone by singing Krishna bhajans. After that, Anant Mohan wove a poem on Yoga and the words of Saint Kabir. Kiran Spelt sang Bor Pahar Ab Jag Kar Kar Hai Abhos Doha verse on Yoga. On this occasion, President Purnima Suman also recited the poem Batao Kaise Jee Rahe Ho Zindagi and Secretary Chandni.

Coal Kshatriya three day sports competition starts in Police Line



DN ■ Bokaro

Yes, Deputy Inspector of Police Surendra Kumar Jha inaugurated the Coal Regional three day sports competition in Police Center Sports Ground Sector 12. He congratulated all the police personnel participating in the competition and threw light on the relationship between sports and police. He said that in the competition, the police personnel of Bokaro Dhanbad will show their talent in basketball, kabaddi, volleyball, hockey, handball and athletics. He said that sports infuse new energy. In this competition,

the record of many old tournaments will be broken. Mr. Jha said that polishing and sports are very common. He said that the main objective of sports is to achieve the goal with mutual harmony, command control and competition. In the same way, the police wants to win everywhere, whether it is Naxalite, cyber or gangster. He said that it is necessary to be pragmatic for victory. In the competition, 75 police officers from Dhanbad and 80 police officers from Bokaro district are participating. The competition will continue till Wednesday. Other officers.

Tobacco can cause more than 4000 diseases in the human body



DN ■ Bokaro City

A seminar was organized on the ill effects of tobacco in Madhya Vidyalaya Marafari and Madhya Vidyalaya Siwandih. The seminar was chaired by the school principal. District Advisory Tobacco Control Program Mohammad Aslam informed all the children about the ill effects of tobacco, toxic elements found in tobacco, long-term effects on health due to tobacco use, second-hand smoke and the harm caused by it, tobacco de-addiction centers and ways to quit tobacco, how to make a tobacco-free educational institution. The Principal of the school said that tobacco is harmful in any way consumed. The district counselling told that as per the guidelines provided by the Government of India, all the schools will have to comply with the Toffee Guidelines under which there should be a board writing on the main gate of the school that 'tobacco-free educational institution'.

RJD celebrated the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Late Vishwanath Pratap Singh

DN ■ Bokaro City

Under the banner of Rashtriya Janata Dal, the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Late Vishwanath Pratap Singh was celebrated by garlanding his picture in Sector 2. The function was presided over by senior party leader Ramayan Singh. On this occasion, State General Secretary Bahadur Singh Yadav, while highlighting the achievements of former Prime Minister Late Vishwanath Pratap Singh, said that he spent his entire life in sacrifice and struggle for the upliftment of Dalits, backward classes and minorities. While being the Prime Minister,



he implemented the Mandal Commission's recommendation for the backward class and provided reservation in central services jobs, which was pending for years. Due to which the BJP members withdrew support to his government, which was running with the support of the BJP, and removed him from the post of Prime Minister. On this occasion, former State General Secretary of

Scheduled Front, Ramlal Ram said that for the honor of Dalits, late Vishwanath Pratap Singh had taken the decision to install the statue of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar in the Parliament and to declare a national holiday on his birth anniversary along with Bharat Ratna. Everyone paid tribute to him on the occasion. Singh Hare Ram Yadav etc were present.

Principal from Jharkhand receives award for transformational excellence during India Norway Education Summit

DPS Principal receives International Excellence Award in Norway's Parliament

DN ■ Bokaro

After Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Dubai, Bangladesh, Thailand and other countries, Delhi Public School, Bokaro has once again raised the flag of its educational dignity at the international level. The school has been honored in Norway for excellence in bringing about change with world-class innovation and human values in the field of education. During the India Norway International Education Summit and Felicitation Ceremony 2024 organized at the Parliament of Norway in Oslo, the school was honored with the world-renowned



Transformative Education Excellence Award. The Norwegian Kingdom MP and member of the temporary committee of education and research, Himanshu Gulati, as the chief guest, conferred this honor on the school's Principal Dr. A.S. Gangwar in the presence of Akershus Norway's Minister of State Ole Jacob Johnson and India's

Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, Dr. Akino Vimal. It may be noted that 30 schools from India were honored in the said ceremony. DPS Bokaro was the only school from Jharkhand to receive this honor. This achievement was announced in the school's morning special assembly on Tuesday. The school campus echoed with thun-

derous applause. This latest award received in Norway reflects the school's commitment to quality and future-oriented education. Under the leadership of Principal Dr. Gangwar, the school is constantly adding new chapters of excellence in the educational field. On this achievement, Principal Dr. Gangwar congratulated all the members of the school family including the students, parents and teachers. He said that this honour inspires us to work even better in the future so that all of us together can play a strong role in building a prosperous society and nation by increasing.

CMD held introductory meeting with Jamsan

DN ■ Phusro

New CMD Nilendu Kumar Singh held an introductory meeting with Janata Mazdoor Sangh affiliated to HMS at CCL headquarters. CMD said that CCL is making an action plan with the target of 200 million tonnes by the year 2030. He said that the company is moving ahead on the path of continuous progress by overcoming all its obstacles. In the current financial year 24-25, the company will definitely achieve its target of 100 million with the cooperation of all stakeholders. The union also raised the issue of welfare, medical,



drinking water, industrial committee meetings in all areas not being held in a fixed period. The problems of all central hospitals were also raised. On behalf of the union, Chairman cum Joint Advisory Steering Committee member Kamlesh Singh CCL welcomed the new CMD Nilendu Kumar Singh. Kamlesh Singh said that under the leadership of

General Secretary Siddharth Gautam in CCL, he was made aware of the expansion of the organization, its working style, membership etc. and stressed on the company's action plan focused on solving the problems of workers and displaced peasants. On this occasion, CCL Regional Secretary Om Prakash Singh alias Tinnu Singh etc.

Various competitions organized in DAV Kathara



DN ■ Bandh Kathara

Various competitions were organized in the junior and senior wing of DAV Public School CCL Kathara on Tuesday under the Swachhata Pakhwada. Essay competition on Swachh Bharat Swasth Bharat among students of class VI to VIII, quiz competition among children of class X to XII and drawing competition for children of class IV and V were organized related to Swachhata Pakhwada. Questions related to personal cleanliness were asked in the quiz competition. 250 children participated in all the competitions. The winning participants will be rewarded by CCL management. CCA Coordinator BK Dasodhi said that Swachhata Pakhwada is being celebrated in the school from June 16 to June 30, under which various competitions will be organized as well as the school premises etc.

After assurance from GM joint union held pit meeting in Jarangdih

DN ■ Jarangdih

After assurance from GM, a pit meeting was held in Jarangdih open mine premises on Tuesday. Chandrashekhar Jha presided over the meeting and Mohammad Nizam Ansari conducted it. On this occasion, Chandrashekhar Jha, while addressing the gathering, said that the management was sending the machine out, which will not be sent out due to the rock solid unity of the workers. Sanjay Kumar, General Manager of Kathara area, had earlier said in the meeting of ACC members that the machine should be



stopped. According to the information received, the General Manager had earlier informed that the departmental work in Jarangdih open mine will continue in any case as before and the machine of the project will not be transferred to any other mine. On this occasion, Chandrasekhar Jha, Kamod Prasad, Mohammed Nizam Ansari,

News In Brief

Missing girl's body found in Tenu Bokaro canal

Gomya: The body of Rajan Kumar, a resident of Angwali, who was missing for three days, was found in a rotten state in Tenu Bokaro canal located at Pichhri Dhadhkidi under Petarwar police station area on Tuesday morning. Police took the body in custody and sent it for post-mortem.

BJP members celebrate death anniversary of Jansangh founder Dr. Mukherjee

Bokaro. Jansangh founder Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee's death anniversary was celebrated as Balidan Diwas in Jhopdi Colony BJP office under the Tatva Avadhana of BJP Marafar Mandal.

The program was presided over by Mandal BJP President Baidyanath Prasad Lal and conducted by General Secretary Dwarika Nath Singh. In his address, Mandal President Baidyanath Prasad threw light on the biography of Mukherjee and said that opposing two constitutions and two laws in one country, the martyrs of Kashmir awakened the countrymen. Mandal in-charge Indra Kumar Jha, Doctor Ashok Kumar, General Secretary Dhananjay Choubey, Dwarika Nath Singh, Ram Aadhar Yadav, Sanjay Sharma, Jaggu Shah, Anil Gore, Chandan Kumar, Radha Devi, Vaijayanti Devi, Pooja Devi, Sanjay Pandey, Manoj Verma, Harinarayan Singh, Ramashankar Shah.

Aam Aadmi Party wrote a letter to the Union Steel Minister

Bokaro. Kumar Rakesh, State Media Co-incharge of Aam Aadmi Party Jharkhand and Patron of Slum Dwellers Footpath Shopkeepers Federation has written a letter to Union Steel Minister HD Kumar Swami complaining about the arbitrary and arbitrary decisions of the Municipal Services Department and Security Department of Bokaro Steel Plant. In his letter, he said that SAIL management has dug a trench of three-four feet adjacent to the road between the southern end of City Center Sector 4 and Indira Gandhi Marg. Due to this, the people parking two-wheelers and four-wheelers have to park their vehicles on the road itself.

News In Brief

Organizing permanent Lok Adalat cum revenue camp

Chatra: On Tuesday, a permanent Lok Adalat revenue camp was organized under the aegis of Legal Services Authority Chatra in Gidhaur and Pathalgarh block office premises. In which the first member of the permanent Lok Adalat Arun Kumar, second member Sanjay Kumar Sinha and BDO cum CO Rahul Dev were mainly present. During this, it was told that as per the instructions of Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority Ranchi, a permanent Lok Adalat has been organized under the aegis of District Legal Services Authority Chatra.

School children took out an awareness rally against drugs

Chatra: An awareness rally was taken out on Tuesday by the students of Government Upgraded Middle School Gome under Pratappur block against drugs. During this, all the children took an oath that they will work to save every citizen of the village from drugs. In the awareness rally, the children toured the village holding placards with anti-drug slogans and shouting slogans to make the common people aware about drugs. During this, the school's headmaster Awadh Thakur said that drugs hollow out the society. The young generation plays a big role in the development of the country, if the youth themselves go into the pit of drugs, then it will become an obstacle in the progress of the country. Such campaigns should be held from time to time to bring awareness among every person about the harm caused by drug abuse.

Dry trees on the roadside are inviting accidents, passersby remain scared

Chatra: Be it human life or animal, bird life, green trees give life. On the other hand, if it is not taken care of, such dry trees can also take life. Many dry and bent trees on the roadside near Kalali Chowk on Itkhori-Chatra main road under Itkhori police station area are inviting big accidents. Despite this, the concerned officials do not pay attention to this. Let us tell you that many years old trees on the Chatra-Itkhori road have dried.

DDC held a meeting of the District Water and Sanitation Committee

DN ■ Medininagar

Deputy Development Commissioner of the district cum Nodal Officer of the District Water and Sanitation Committee, Ravi Anand, reviewed the works being done under Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission 2 in the auditorium of the Collectorate on Tuesday. During this, he took information about the progress against the target set in the district for the financial year 2024-25 under Swachh Bharat Mission 2, as well as reviewed the preparation of village action plan for the imple-



mentation of cleanliness/solid and liquid waste management at the village level. In the meeting, the determination of monthly target and progress regarding declaring the village as ODF Plus in the five star category was also dis-

cussed. During this, emphasis was laid on speeding up the certification of ODF Plus. Apart from this, various decisions were taken by reviewing in detail on other points including individual toilet construction,

Gobardhan, Community Sanitation Center, Waste Plastic Management. In the meeting, the Health Department said that it is necessary to construct one community toilet at all PHC levels. Civil Surgeon Dr. Anil Kumar, Electricity Department were present on the occasion. Executive Engineer Shambhunath Choudhary, District Public Relations Officer Dr. Asim Kumar, Executive Engineer of Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Panchayati Raj Officer Committee and others were present.

Election Commission sent letters of appreciation to Palamu

Latehar and Garhwa SPs for conducting Lok Sabha elections peacefully

DN ■ Medininagar

Palamu After decades, violence-free Lok Sabha elections have been held in Palamu zone. For the last three decades, Naxalite organizations were carrying out violent incidents during elections. But this time, there has been no violence in the areas of Palamu, Latehar and Garhwa in the Lok Sabha elections. For the successful implementation of Lok Sabha elections, the Election Commission of India has sent letters of appreciation to Palamu, Latehar and Garhwa SPs. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv



Kumar's letter has been received by Palamu SP Rishma Rameshan, Latehar SP Anjani Anjan and Garhwa SP Deepak Kumar Pandey. Palamu and Garhwa come under Palamu Lok Sabha constituency while Palamu's Panki assembly and Latehar come under Chatra Lok Sabha constituency. Palamu SP Rishma

Rameshan, Latehar SP Anjani Anjan, Garhwa SP Deepak Kumar Pandey have confirmed receiving the letter. Palamu area has been famous all over the country for Naxal violence and many major incidents have taken place during the elections. Whereas Budha Pahad is present on the border area of Garhwa and Latehar, which has been.

People of Thakur community participated in Das Karma



DN ■ Chatra

People of Thakur community participated in Das Karma of Kameshwar Thakur, the late father of Vinod Thakur, a resident of Itkhori block, on Tuesday. Under the leadership of the society's president Indradev Thakur, people of Thakur community paid tribute by offering flowers on the picture of the deceased. During this, everyone prayed to God for the peace of the departed soul. On the occasion, the president said that the deceased was a social person and his sayings used to inspire the youth as well as serve as a guide. A large number of people of the community including Bhadrakali Mahavidyalaya Itkhori's Principal Dr. Durar Thakur, Mahendra Thakur, Mukhiya Chotan Thakur, Aditya Thakur, Ramjivan Thakur, Arjun Thakur, Kavi Thakur were present in the tribute program.

Villagers got united alleging false case of child's murder

DN ■ Chatra

Hundreds of villagers have united against filing of false case against some people in the case of child's death in an incident in Lamta Panchayat of Lawalong police station area in February. According to the villagers, on 26 February, Sikandar Sao's son Abhinandan, a resident of Lamta village, went missing. After a lot of search, Abhinandan's body was recovered from his well with the help of police. Villagers say that there is a land dispute between Sikandar Sao and Vikas Sao. After Abhinandan's death, without any evidence, his family members filed a case



against Vikas Sao, his brother Anil Sao and 20-year-old son Pankaj Kumar accusing them of murder and throwing the body in the well. And on 17 June, the police reached Vikas Sao's house at midnight and picked up Pankaj Kumar and sent him to jail the next day. Two people are still absconding due to fear of police. Villagers allege that Sikandar Sao and his family members have filed

a case against 39 people in the vicinity over the land dispute. Villagers say that today Vikas Sao's family members have been implicated in the land dispute. Tomorrow someone else can also be implicated. This threat has also always been given by the second party. At the same time, the second party has always been threatening to burn the villagers and women alive and kill them.

Two killed in road accident road blocked for compensation



DN ■ Chatra

Two people died in a collision between Swift and Luna near Kharik village on Chatra-Hazaribagh main road under Sadar police station area. Both vehicles were shattered in the accident. In the incident, a youth named Tasleem and Aijaz died a painful death. According to the information received, one died on the spot and the other died near Demotand in Hazaribagh while being taken to Ranchi RIMS. Both are residents of Sanghri village. After the incident, angry villagers had blocked the Chatra-Hazaribagh main road near Sanghri since late last night. On Tuesday, there was a long queue of vehicles on both sides. The villagers were demanding to install speed breakers on the road, 10 lakh compensation each to the family members of the deceased and a job. However, after hours of effort, the police station in-charge and CO convinced the angry villagers and got the jam removed.

complaint of low salary to the employees under outsourcing company Balaji

Labor Superintendent reached Medinirai Medical College Hospital

DN ■ Medininagar

Labor Superintendent Itwari Mahato reached MRMCH on Monday and investigated the matter on the allegation of low salary and not paying salary to the employees of outsourcing company Balaji for three-four months. Let us tell you that the cleaning staff of Balaji company had complained to the Civil Surgeon of the district Dr. Anil Kumar that they have not been paid salary for three-four months. In light of the complaint, the Labor Superintendent reached MRMCH for investigation. Let us tell you that around 480 cleaning staff of out-



sourcing company Balaji are working in all the hospitals of the district including MRMCHS. The Labor Superintendent said that the statement of 38 workers including one cleaning staff was recorded. If any error is found, action will be taken in the case under the Irregular Wages Act and Payment of Wages Act 1936. Under this, there is a provision to file prose-

cution in the court and FIR against the company. Action will be taken against the company as per the statement. He also said that the employees have given a statement that they are made to work for 6 hours. Work is done in two shifts. The shifts are divided from 8 to 2 and 2 to 8. Under this, whether the company is paying the stipulated wages to its employ-

Former minister, MLA, MP did not take any effective steps to provide water to the farmers' fields CPI

DN ■ Medininagar

District Secretary of Communist Party of India and future MLA candidate of Daltonganj Chainpur Bhandaria, Ruchir Kumar Tiwari expressed concern and said that the farmers of Palamu are staring at the sky in the rainy month, that too the month of Adra, but Palamu is not fortunate enough to get a drop of rain. There have been many eminent leaders, ministers and speakers in Palamu district like Inder Singh Namdhari, K N Tripathi Tripathi, two-time MLA of BJP, and three-time MP, but they never tried to provide water to the farmers' fields by blocking rivers and streams



for alternative agriculture. The saying that the name is big but the vision is small is true. When late Videsh Singh was the MLA, the work of the barrage in Panki was completed but the canal was not completed due to which the gate could not be installed. The canal built under the Malay Dam scheme was built but till date no water has come in it. The work to complete the Mandal Dam announced twice by Prime

Minister Modi did not start. On the other hand, it has become difficult for the common citizens to get drinking water in the corporation area. Under the drinking water scheme, former minister Kendra Tripathi also got a tank built on the Chianki mountain but the common people did not get its benefit, rather the beneficiaries were only the contractors. In this way, not even a single irrigation project to supply water to the farmers' fields in the entire Palamu district was completed by any government or minister of the past, rather the ponds, rivers and canals were also encroached upon by the

influential people, but these ministers, MLAs and MPs do not even utter a word, let alone take action against them, due to which today the farmers of Palamu are dependent on God for water. The second biggest problem faced by farmers is the problem of Nilgai. Today, herds of Nilgai are found in all the villages of Palamu district, but the Forest Department and no leader or minister have any solution for this. Election season is coming, so the public should be cautious of such leaders. And ask such leaders and their rain officers what they have done and what they will do to provide water to Palamu.

Memorandum sent to Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission

DN ■ Medininagar

Jharkhand State Student Association President Satnarayan Shukla General Secretary Prakash Kumar Secretary Ajay Kumar Yadav and all the members of the organization have once again sent a memorandum to the Secretary of Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission. In the memorandum, it has been mentioned that the JSSC should release the calendar of all the competitive examinations as soon as possible because the time of elections has come now, as the students are completely frustrated and disappointed. Which exam related calendars do the students



want to be released 1 JSSC CGL examination should be held in the first week of August and its appointment should be done by 15 September. This is the demand of the students. 2 The examination of Lady Supervisor should be held as soon as possible. 3 The examination of Cut Palak should be held as soon as possible. 4 The CGL Technical examination should be held as soon as

possible. 5 The Jharkhand Police race should start from July. 6 The race of Excise Constable should be held in the first week of July. 7 The advertisement of LDC and Secretariat Stenography should be released as soon as possible. 8 The result of ITI Instructor and Nagar Palika should be published as soon as possible. All the members of the organization are demanding.

Wild elephant crushed 42-year-old man to death during treatment



DN ■ Medininagar

Public distribution system shopkeeper Mahru Singh, age 42, resident of Paron village of Garhwa Bhandariya police station area, was crushed to death by a wild elephant last night at around 11:00 pm. Regarding this incident, the deceased's nephew Sahdev Singh said that last night at around 11:00 pm, Sahdev Singh was sleeping on a cot outside his house. Meanwhile, he suddenly heard the sound of an elephant screaming. So he got up and started running from there. Meanwhile, the elephant caught him in its grip. In which he was seriously injured. After this, he was brought to Bhandaria Community Health Center by his family for treatment. Where even after treatment, the doctors, seeing his serious condition, referred him to Medinirai Medical College Hospital for better treatment.

Three-day International Subroto Football Competition concluded Under 17 Girls' Match

DN ■ Chatra

Three-day International Subroto Mukherjee Football Cup Competition held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium from June 23 to June 25 concluded on Tuesday with the Under 17 Girls' Match. The competition started between Tandwa-Hunterganj block, in which the girls of Tandwa won 1-0. In the second match, Mayurhand defeated Lawalaung 1-0, in the third match, Gidhaur Block defeated Kunda 1-0, in the fourth match, Chatra Sadar Block defeated Simaria 3-2 in penalty shootout. In the first quarter final, Pathalgada won 1-0 from Tandwa. In the



second quarter final, Kanhachatti won 1-0 from Mayurhand. In the third, Gidhaur won 1-0 from Pratappur. In the fourth quarter final match, Chatra's team won 3-2 from Itkhori in penalty shootout. The winner of the first match of the semi-final was Pathalgarh, the second was Kanhachatti and the third was Gidhaur team. While the final match was played between

Pathalgarh vs Kanhachatti in which Pathalgarh won by 2-0. All the winners, runners-up and all the teams for third place were honoured with medals, certificates and trophies by District Education Officer Dinesh Mishra, District Education Superintendent Abhishek Baraik, Jhanship ADPO Manoj Kumar Singh, Olympic Association Executive President Chandresh.

Complainants from far off places reached the public court of the DC

DC directed to take immediate action on all the applications

DN ■ Hazaribagh
DC Mrs. Nancy Sahay organized the weekly public court in the office on Tuesday. On the spot, the Deputy Commissioner heard about two dozen cases and forwarded the application to the concerned department and officer for on the spot execution. On this occasion, complaints related to land, disabled, PM housing, land encroachment, Indira housing, ration card, compensation, assault, embezzlement, financial irregularities etc. were heard. On the spot, the DC said that the interest of the residents of the district is paramount. In this direction, the dis-



trict administration is ready to take every possible action. During the hearing, an application was given to the DC regarding financial irregularities and embezzlement from the government account of Barkagaon +2 High School, Reena Devi from Kutumsukri, Ichak being denied Abua housing, Dular Ram from Okni, New Area, Hazaribagh regarding making ration card, villagers of Harijan

Mohalla from village Sirsi of Katkamdang providing drinking water, Baleswar Rajak of Chakdebo Chauparan regarding fatal treatment by quack doctor and extortion of huge amount and Pramila Devi, resident of Baba Path, Hudhudhu, Hazaribagh regarding assault. The DC sent these applications to the concerned officers for immediate execution. Social Security Officer Nivedita Rai was present.

District Election Officer cum DC held a meeting with the representatives of political parties

Appealed to play an active role in the voter list revision program

DN ■ Hazaribagh
A meeting was held with the representatives of recognized political parties under the chairmanship of District Election Officer Mrs. Nancy Sahay in the DC Chamber. In the meeting, the members present in the second special brief revision program of the voter list were appealed to cooperate. The District Election Officer said that as per the guidelines of the Election Commission, the voter list revision program is being run from 25 June to 24 July. Under this, BLOs will go door-to-door and revise the voter list. In



this sequence, political parties are expected to cooperate in the revision work of the voter list. Also, if they have complaints received from the voters, then provide a list of those too, so that they can be resolved in time. Survey will also be done of booths with more voters, dilapidated and remote

booths. The District Election Officer said that during the second special summary revision program of the voter list, new polling stations are to be formed by surveying polling stations with more voters, dilapidated and remote polling stations and societies or high rise buildings in urban areas where

the number of voters is 500 or more. In this regard, he requested the political parties that if there is a need to build a new polling station in such areas, then they should immediately provide its list to the District Election Officer's office. Political parties should cooperate in making a healthy voter list by tagging BLA with BLO. The District Election Officer said that considering 01 July 2024 as the eligibility date, the work of adding new voters who have completed 18 years to the voter list is to be done.

News In Brief

Essay competition organized for drug prevention and awareness

Hazaribagh: In the light of the instructions of the District Administration and Tourism, Art Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Jharkhand Ranchi, today on 24/06/2024, an essay competition was organized with the players of Residential Girls Sports Training Center and Day Boarding Sports Training Center and players of other sports operating in Hazaribagh district to end drug abuse in the auditorium of District Sports Office Hazaribagh located at Curzon Stadium. A total of 80 players participated in this competition. Simmi Kumari got first place in the competition. **MLA Amba Prasad organised a public hearing at the block headquarters Barkagaon:** Every Tuesday in Barkagaon, MLA Amba Prasad organises a public hearing at the block headquarters. It was conducted by Barkagaon 20-point block president Haji Tabassum. Most of the problems in the court are related to land, pension, compensation from companies. A large number of applications were submitted in the public hearing held on Tuesday, June 25. 20-point president Haji Tabassum said that about 100 applications were submitted in the public hearing, out of which many were disposed of. The remaining applications have been forwarded to the concerned officer for disposal.

A buffalo died in Amnari due to lightning strike



DN ■ Tatijharia

A buffalo of Gunjwa Devi, wife of Damodar Turi, died due to lightning strike in Amnari village under the block on Tuesday. Giving information about the incident, Gunjwa Devi said that the buffalo was tied under the scaffolding. Meanwhile, the buffalo died on the spot due to lightning strike during the rain. She belongs to a poor family. Her husband works as a labourer abroad. Mukhya representative of Bharajo Panchayat Upendra Pandey said that information about the incident has been given to the CO and the veterinary in-charge. After the post-mortem, action will be taken to get compensation.

People sleeping on the roof somehow ran away to save their lives

Elephant broke the door and entered the house

DN ■ Daru
News of elephants coming to Daru block area is not a new thing. For the last three months, a herd of elephants was creating havoc in Sadar block and Daru block of Hazaribagh. After a lot of efforts by the forest department and local people, the elephants were driven away. An elephant separated from the herd is still seen roaming the Daru block area. Last Monday night, the elephant reached the house of Lilo Yadav, son of Budha Gop, resident of Badva village of Daru block area at around 1:30 pm. At that time all the family members were sleeping on their roof,



when suddenly the sound of the door of the house breaking was heard. The head of the house, Lilo Yadav, got up and looked and saw that a wild elephant had entered their house. After that, the whole family slowly came down from the roof one by one with the help of a small wooden ladder and ran towards the field. After

alighting, they started making noise in the village and on hearing their voice all the people of the village gathered. After about an hour, with the help of the villagers, they succeeded in driving the elephant out of the house. Lilo Yadav said that there has been a lot of damage due to the elephant entering our house, the door of the house was broken and it ate about 7 quintals of usna rice, 50 kg of arwa rice, 100 kg of wheat. Also, all the food grains kept in the house were scattered here and there. For which we appealed to the forest department and the government for help.

Two children died due to drowning in Ramsagar pond



DN ■ Ichak

Two children of Shivkumar Mehta of Dadha village died due to drowning in Ramsagar pond located in Dadha village of Ichak police station area of Hazaribagh district. The incident happened on Tuesday at around 2 pm. It was the Dashkarma of the grandmother of the deceased children. The villagers had gone to the pond to perform the Dashkarma. During the same time, the children also went to the pond, 3 children of the same family and one house went into the pond. One child came out but 2 children drowned and died. The bodies of both the children have been taken out of the pond by the villagers. The atmosphere of the entire village has become gloomy due to the cries of the parents and relatives after the death of the child.

A person from Moorki died in a road accident in Khapiya of Tatijharia police station area family members were inconsolable

Mansool Manjhi was coming to Tatijharia by bike to buy alabaster seat tractor hit him

DN ■ Tatijharia
A bike rider died in a road accident at Khapiya under Tatijharia Panchayat of Tatijharia police station area on Tuesday morning at around 8 am. He was coming from his home Moorki to Tatijharia. Police reached the spot and sent the body for post-mortem. Pawan Tudu, son of deceased Mansool Manjhi, father Sukaram Manjhi, aged about 45 years, said that the repair work of his kutcha house was going on. His father was going to Tatijharia by motorcycle (JH 02 BF 2023) to buy alabaster seat. Meanwhile, Mahindra tractor hit his father and fled. Where he died on the spot. Mansool Manjhi used to work as a laborer in L&T company. Mansool's wife Geeta Devi, sons Binod Tudu, Raju Tudu, Pawan Tudu, daughters Ratni Kumari,



Khushboo Kumari are crying inconsolably. After the accident, villagers from Moorki, Kandagadha, Bishay, Tatijharia and nearby areas reached the spot. Tatijharia police station in-charge Sujeet Kumar said that Mahindra tractor hit the bike and fled towards the forest. The tractor has been seized and brought to the police station. He said that neces-

sary action will be taken in this regard. BDO cum CO Rashmi Khushboo Minj said that family benefits and all possible help will be given to the family members. Mukhiya Suresh Yadav, Deputy Mukhiya representative Degalal Besra, Sanjul Murmu, Mukesh Yadav, SI Pawan Kumar, ASI Soneram Hembram etc.

Jharkhand Mahila Utthan celebrated its 22nd Foundation Day

DN ■ Churchu
On Monday, Jharkhand Mahila Utthan celebrated its 22nd Foundation Day in the premises of Jharkhand Mahila Utthan in Lara. The chief guest was the board member of the organization, special guest was ward member of Lara village Santosh Tudu, Father Arun. The program was started by lighting the lamp under the joint aegis of Jharkhand Mahila Utthan secretary Neelam Besra, chief guest Anjani Kumari, Father Arun Kujur and ward member Santosh Tudu. Organization secretary Neelam Besra told about the ups and downs of her institutional journey since



2002 and the success of her organization in the present situation. Currently, she is working with women, adolescents and panchayat representatives. In reaching here, our board members, organization workers, our volunteer men, women, girls, and all the villagers of our work area have supported us. On the occasion of the

foundation day of Jharkhand Mahila Utthan, 17 elderly women, men and needy people were given saris and lungis. Many people including organization workers Usha Devi, Chinta Tikka, Anil Besra, Malti Kumari, Samina Khaton, Meena Devi, Bindeshwar Mahato, Kavita Kumari were present on the occasion.

Monthly meeting of 20-point members and Panchayat Samiti was held in Daru Block Auditorium on Tuesday

DN ■ Daru
Meeting of 20-point committee was chaired by Chairman Shashi Mohan Singh while the meeting of Panchayat Samiti was chaired by Kumari Shweta. In the 20-point meeting, Chairman Shashi Mohan Singh received information about the schemes being run in the block by MNREGA, Abuwa Awas, PHD department. He also asked sharp questions to the present workers about the corruption found in MNREGA and instructed the block workers to improve the working system. On



receiving complaints of irregularities in the work being done under Jal Nal Yojana, the junior engineer present of PHD department was asked about this. The contractor has dug pits in many localities to lay pipes, due to which accidents are happening every day. Due to this, the problems of the people are increasing, this issue was

also raised in the meeting. Regarding housing, it was told that in the year 2023-24, a total of 418 Abuwa houses were approved in the block, out of which the second installment of 224 houses has been paid. This time the allotment of housing for 2024-25 will come within ten days. People included in the waiting list of Abuwa housing.

Hindu preacher Aman will be released from jail soon: Tony Jain



DN ■ Hazaribagh

Senior BJP leader Tony Jain and his colleague BJP worker Sonu Gupta met the family of Hindu preacher Aman Kumar today. Met Aman's mother, father, 2-year-old daughter and younger brother Yesu. Inquired about all the activities happening in the case against Aman. Aman's mother said in her statement that Aman is not a criminal, he is only working to keep the flag of Sanatan and Hindutva high. He was helping the Hindu brothers and sisters there to get the Ram Navami tableau taken out in Mahudi, which was not being taken out for the last 40 years. Aman was arrested by the police on June 11 from Patna in Barkagaon police station case number.

Potholes are being filled in NH 522 road from Singhani to Meru Chakka Jam postponed: Mahendra Ram Prajapati

DN ■ Hazaribagh
NH 522 road from Singhani to Meru under Sadar block has become bad. Regarding this, former Mukhiya of Silwar Kala Mahendra Ram Prajapati had given a written application to the Sub-Divisional Officer, Engineer and Police Station in-charge on 18 June today. It is to be noted that NH 522 from Singhani Four Line to Meru has become so bad that it has become difficult for people to walk, there are big potholes at some places due to which accidents



(deaths) keep happening every day. A week ago, Luna driver Mansoor Ansari, resident of Bhatbigha, Daru block, died on the spot when his vehicle fell into a pothole and got hit by it. Due to this, the people of Silwar

Kala, Silwar Khurd, Meru, Rola, Kesura, Amritnagar, Singhani etc. villages got angry and gave time to the administration till 25th, if the administration does not get the road repaired then on 26th June a huge rally would be held and a road blockade would be held in Silwar. But on 25th June, the administration is filling the potholes. In view of this, the former head of Silwar Kala, Mahendra Ram Prajapati, who was leading the program, said that for the time being the road blockade on 26th June is postponed.

Swiss-led peace talks a flop as Russia left out

DID the Swiss-mediated Burgenstock peace conference collapse because the organisers did not study how delicate peace negotiations are conducted? Did the conference fail because Russia was not invited? In the past, the 1993 Oslo Accords temporarily halted Israel-Palestinian wars. Similarly, the 1998 Good Friday Agreement brought peace between Britain and the Irish Republican Army. The Oslo process was started in 1992-93 by Terje Larsen, a Norwegian sociologist, and Yossi Beilin, a member of Israel's Labour Party government that had come to power in 1992. This had the backing of Israeli leaders and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chief Yasser Arafat. Since the Israeli law banned contacts with the PLO, Larsen and Beilin set up a secret backchannel between two Israeli professors and three PLO leaders, including Ahmed Qurei. Their first meeting was held during January 1993 at the residence of then Norwegian Defence Minister Johan Jorgen Holst. The US Department of State archive says "strict secrecy allowed the negotiators to discuss scenarios and potential concessions without incurring domestic political costs." In May 1993, Israel decided to elevate the talks to the official level and sent then Director General of Foreign Ministry Uri Savir. In August that year, the Israeli and Palestinian chief negotiators initialled the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements (DOP) in Oslo. The formal signing ceremony was held at the White House in September, when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Arafat 'shook hands'.

Although permanent peace remained elusive, the Oslo Accords were an important milestone in West Asian peace, like the 1978 Camp David Accords, brokered by US President Jimmy Carter, between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, bringing peace between Egypt and Israel. Together with the DOP, the agreement also included 'Letters of Mutual Recognition', through which the PLO recognised the existence of Israel for the first time. Israel also recognised the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Besides, Israel committed itself to withdrawing from parts of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank and acknowledged the Palestinian right to self-rule in those territories under a Palestinian Authority.

Similarly, Senator George Mitchell, who was designated as a 'Special Envoy' by then US President Bill Clinton, had to toil between September 1996 and April 1998 to bring in peace in Northern Ireland, ending 30 years of violence. He had to overcome hostility from the 'unionists', who wanted Northern Ireland to remain with Britain, as they felt that President Clinton had imposed mediation efforts to their detriment.

It is said that they also opposed secret talks in a foreign place away from Belfast, as they wanted to avoid the possibility of being politically ambushed away from their home base. Mitchell's tactic was his infinite patience to listen to the opposing parties whose hostility to each other was so intense that there "was very little inclination to listen to the other side, let alone compromise with them," as he told an interviewer later. The cardinal principle in all such negotiations is the secrecy of proposals put across by contending sides so that no embarrassment is caused to either of them by sending wrong signals to their constituents. The organisers should have studied an old CIA document (1992), 'Analytic Support for Peace Talks', released by its think tank, Centre for the Study of Intelligence, as a guide to sensitive peace negotiations.

True, Swiss Foreign Minister Ignazio Cassis was quoted as saying by the media at the UN that several secret plans were being considered to bring peace in Ukraine. He was also quoted by TASS in January telling the Davos conference that Russia should be invited.

The exam system needs urgent course correction

The practice of appointing members to recruitment commissions based on political connections must be ended.

THE Ministry of Education has cancelled the 2024 UGC-NET (University Grants Commission-National Eligibility Test) in view of a paper leak. The case is now under the purview of the CBI, which will conduct further investigation. The ministry has also handed over the case of alleged irregularities in the conduct of the 2024 NEET-UG (National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate) to the CBI. The NEET medical entrance exam is also under the scrutiny of the Supreme Court. In this year's NEET (UG), a record-breaking 23 lakh candidates had got themselves registered.

Meanwhile, Subodh Kumar Singh has been removed from the post of Director General of the National Testing Agency (NTA) amid the controversy over the NEET-UG and UGC-NET exams. In another significant development, the government has postponed the NEET-PG. These cases of question paper leak are not isolated, but rather part of a long history of incidents. The IIT-JEE of 1997 and the All India Pre Medical Test of 2011 witnessed this menace. The phenomenon is seen in many states, regardless of which political party is in power. There is a high incidence of paper leak in India. As a result, numerous examinations have to be cancelled. According to media reports, over the past seven years, more than 70 examination papers have been illicitly disclosed in various states, resulting in adverse consequences for the professional prospects of over 1.7 crore individuals. Instances of leaked exam papers and answer keys are frequently shared on social media platforms such as WhatsApp, X (formerly Twitter) and Facebook.

The NTA need not be scrapped; only the examination system needs to be revamped. Each year, over 10 lakh candidates participate in the Civil Services examinations, yet the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) manages to conduct a secure examination. However, when it comes to online exams, there is a potential risk of leak due to the use of technology. The likelihood of the threat intensifying is certain to rise amid the use of artificial intelligence (AI). Given these circumstances, AI is poised to become a significant menace. If the website of the Home Ministry can be compromised, it is reasonable to question why these exams cannot be similarly vulnerable to hacking. Every exam that is scrapped not only wastes the time and money of millions of students, but also consumes taxpayers' money. The NTA is exceeding its brief by repeatedly employing a trial-and-error approach in conducting these examinations. The agency was established in 2017. However, even after seven years, the scourge of paper leak persists. The NTA must take lessons from the UPSC.



The practice of appointing members to recruitment commissions based on political connections must be ended. Additionally, the examination commission should possess its own printing press or alternatively, the digital copy should be directly transmitted through a code lock system — 15 minutes prior to the examination — to the designated examination centre. The document ought to be printed and distributed among the candidates. By employing this approach, the cost of question papers will undoubtedly be slightly higher compared to press printing, but they will be secure and impervious to leaks. It is imperative that the punishment for the paper mafia is administered promptly within a specified timeframe in a fast-track court, ideally within a month of the arrests. If any coaching institute is found to be involved, appropriate action should be taken against the individuals responsible and the institute should be shut down. The participation of external agencies facilitates unethical practices. From the initial creation of paper sets to their delivery to the examination centre, a large number of individuals are involved in the process. As a result, each person has a clearly defined responsibility within the hierarchy. Question papers undergo multiple stages involving drafting, printing and transportation before reaching the examination centres. It is imperative to prohibit the use of mobile phones by

all persons involved. The majority of the examination centres are privately owned institutions, and a significant number of them do not meet the required standards. Examinations ought to be exclusively administered at government-approved facilities, with papers subject to constant surveillance and monitoring via CCTV cameras. The leak of question papers for public examinations has a significant impact on public trust, besides causing a substantial financial burden on the state exchequer. The Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, also known as the anti-paper leak law, has come into effect. But the notification of the Central Government regarding the Act contains a lacunae that require an urgent resolution. The new legislation mandates a minimum prison sentence of three years; it should be increased to a minimum of 10 years. The severity of the punishment should align with the seriousness of the offence. There is no provision for conducting investigations within a specified time-frame. In addition to imposing an additional prison sentence for failure to pay a fine for an offence under the Act, the provision for confiscation of the offender's property should also be included. The candidate who engages in exploiting unfair methods should be disqualified from appearing in any subsequent examination.

Delhi-Dhaka rapport

Neighbours boost ties under Chinese, US gaze

IN her second trip to India within a fortnight, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina held wide-ranging talks with PM Narendra Modi, underlining the commitment of both nations to bolster their ties. This was the first bilateral state visit by a foreign leader after the formation of the new BJP-led NDA government. The agreements signed by New Delhi and Dhaka covered a lot of ground — maritime cooperation and blue economy, railway connectivity, space sector, digital partnership, healthcare and defence production. Describing India as Bangladesh's major neighbour and a trusted friend, she recalled the contribution of the government and the people of India to her country's liberation in 1971. Beyond the historical legacy, Modi and Hasina have developed a good rapport over the past decade. This has helped bilateral relations go from strength to strength. In November last year, when Hasina was under pressure not only



from the Bangladeshi Opposition but also the US ahead of the national elections, PM Modi joined her in virtually inaugurating three infrastructure projects. This had given a major fillip to Hasina's poll campaign. A key takeaway from last week's interaction was India's decision to send a technical team to Bangladesh for a mega project to conserve the Teesta river. China, which spares no effort in wooing or coercing India's neighbours, has been eyeing the estimated \$1-billion project amid New Delhi's reservations. Hasina's bonhomie with India will be put to the test next month, when she is expected to travel to China. India, meanwhile, is in no mood to walk a tightrope. In a fresh assertion of its independent foreign policy, New Delhi is engaging closely with Dhaka even though the US has been critical of the Hasina-led Awami League government over alleged human rights violations and electoral irregularities.

No light at the end of the N-tunnel

ICAN and SIPRI reports paint a grim picture on the global nuclear front

THE apocalyptic nuclear weapons and a parlous global security framework were in focus this month, with two major reports being released on the same day (June 17) — one by the ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) and the second by SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute). Their findings are both distressing and bleak. The ICAN report reveals that the nine nuclear-weapon-capable nations (the US, UK, Russia, China, France, India, Israel, Pakistan and North Korea) collectively spent \$91 billion last year in modernising and increasing their respective arsenals. Assuaging a deep-seated strategic insecurity syndrome apropos of the adversarial "other" is the common thread for all nine nations. Predictably, the top three spenders are the US with \$51.5 billion, which is more than half of the global nuclear weapon-related spending in 2023, followed by China (\$11.8 billion) and Russia (\$8.3 billion). ICAN Director Melissa Parke noted that the nuclear powers collectively spent \$2,898 per second last year on these weapons and that these funds exceed what the World Food Programme estimates as necessary to end world hunger. She added that "a million trees could be planted for each minute of spending on nuclear weapons". The reference to the number of trees that could be planted is particularly relevant in the context of the irreversible global warming and climate change exigency that the world responds to in an effete and indifferent manner. India, which is reeling under a scorching summer and a dangerously low people-tree ratio, is among the most affected among large nations (in terms of total area and demography). This geo-physical trend may soon prove to be the most serious threat to human security globally. The recent heatwave-related deaths during the Haj pilgrimage are illustrative.



The SIPRI Yearbook 2024 is a comprehensive volume that provides an overview of developments in international security, weapons and technology, military expenditure, arms production and the arms trade as well as armed conflicts and conflict management, along with efforts to control conventional, nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. The nuclear chapter of almost 100 pages is a valuable summary of recent developments and trends in the nuclear domain over the last year. Authors Hans Kristensen and Matt Korda are to be commended for their due diligence in furrowing a tenaciously opaque domain, where facts, information, disinformation and political rhetoric abound. The key findings of the SIPRI nuclear survey are that the number and types of nuclear weapons in development have increased, as all nine nations deepen their reliance on nuclear deterrence to safeguard what they perceive as their core national interest. The most recent example is that of the Russia-Ukraine war, where Moscow has rattled its nuclear sabre to warn the US-led NATO about redlines, and in response, both NATO and the US have stated that they will enhance their nuclear readiness

across the board. The SIPRI nuclear overview indicates that in early 2024, the nuclear nine (N9) "possessed approximately 12,121 nuclear weapons, of which 9,585 were considered to be potentially operationally available. An estimated 3,904 of these warheads were deployed with operational forces, including about 2,100 that were kept in a state of high operational alert — about 100 more than the previous year." While the US and Russia still account for 88 per cent of the total global arsenal, an instructive statistic has been highlighted by SIPRI in relation to China, whose nuclear arsenal "has increased significantly from 410 warheads in January 2023 to 500 by January 2024, with expectations of continued growth". It adds that China is in the middle of a significant modernisation and expansion of its nuclear arsenal over the next decade and "some projections suggest that China could potentially deploy at least as

many intercontinental ballistic missiles as either Russia or the US in that period". While China may be pitting itself against the US, a visible increase in the deployment of Chinese nukes (from the current 24) would have significant implications for South Asian strategic stability that would be of grave import to New Delhi. During the Cold War, the nuclear missile contest was played out between the US and its allies (UK and France) and the then USSR from 1945 to 1991. After the 'scare' of the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, both sides warily moved towards a degree of credible, robust nuclear deterrence that was predicated on arms control agreements and MAD (mutually assured destruction). This geopolitical, steady-state plateau had an ironic anomaly, wherein a deep techno-strategic insecurity was assuaged by accepting MAD — and the acronym captures the apocalyptic sardonicism.

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the world has been getting divided into two competing nuclear weapon clusters: the US-led military alliance (with the UK and France) versus the Russia-China dyad having North Korea as a junior partner. The other three members of N9 — India, Pakistan and Israel — have not formally joined either cluster, though their geopolitical orientation is self-evident.

The bleakness referred to at the outset stems from the fact that since 2022, the world has drifted from reasonably robust deterrence to one of fragile fecklessness. The earlier strategic communication among the major powers and well-entrenched arms control and restraint agreements have steadily frayed. The US is going through an intense domestic socio-political chum with the possibility of a second Trump presidency. Russia remains determined to prosecute its war in Ukraine, come what may, while Chinese belligerence over its territorial claims continues to be brittle. This is a bleak augury. The ICAN and SIPRI reports illuminate this arid landscape in an objective manner but underscore the grim reality that there is no light at the end of this tunnel.

NEET scam targeted 700 students, aimed for Rs 300 crore: Paper leak mafia

New Delhi: Amid the NEET paper leak scam, India Today's special investigation team tracked down a key member of the network, who explained the intricate layers of the operation. Bijender Gupta was involved in multiple paper leak cases in the past, and was arrested twice but managed to evade the police. A video of him from March predicting that the NEET-UG paper would be leaked has gone viral. Gupta was involved in the 2023 Odisha Staff Selection Commission (OSSC) exam paper leak case, the Bihar Public Service Commission and Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission paper leaks. With 24 years in the paper leak network, Bijender Gupta claims networking is all that matters in this business.

He also said that the NEET-UG paper leak targeted 700 students, and the racket aimed for Rs 200-300 crore. In the sting by India Today, Bijender Gupta explained how boxes are broken during transportation and blacklisted companies manage to get

tenders. He knows key NEET accused Sanjeev Mukhiya, who is on the run, and recently arrested Vishal Chaurasia. Gupta bluntly summed up the operations. "Jail jayenge, phir bail, aur phir shuru hoga khel (There's jail followed by bail, and the game goes on)," Bijender Gupta said in the sting.

On being asked if he got calls following his video predicting the NEET-UG paper would be leaked went viral, Gupta said no one had his number. "All the noise happens when something goes wrong. NEET paper has happened. The investigation by the Economic Offences Unit is in the right direction. NTA cannot comprehend this," Bijender Gupta said in the sting. He also explained how boxes containing the question papers are broken during transportation, claiming blacklisted firms also get tenders. Gupta said that breakage happens when logistics companies transport the question papers to different test centres. "Multiple methods are



adopted for the leaking. For example, connecting with government strongmen and printing press, among others," Bijender Gupta said in the India Today sting. His insights reveal an established network, wherein even blacklisted companies manipulate tender processes to continue their operations.

Gupta was also asked how he succeeded in leaking papers. "Have you heard of India's biggest paper leak mafia, Bedi Ram's? It happened in Jaunpur when I was his

assistant. There was a competent student, and we helped him get a job and in the process went to jail," he said. Bedi Ram is now an MLA in Uttar Pradesh's Jaunpur.

SANJEEV MUKHIYA: THE MASTERMIND

Even as the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) investigates the NEET-UG paper leak, and Sanjeev Mukhiya remains at large, Bijender Gupta shared detailed insights into the key accused's gang in the India Today sting operation. Gupta said that Sanjeev Mukhiya, who earlier served for a decade in the paper leak, initially used to wear a Bluetooth set on his ear and write exams. "Sanjeev Mukhiya has nearly Rs 30 crore debts, but he never moved away (from the racket)," he added. Gupta also spoke about how Sanjeev Mukhiya's son, Shiv, who is already jailed for the Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC) teacher recruitment exam paper leak, was involved

in the NEET-UG scam. "There's jail, then bail, and the game goes on. How long can one be kept behind bars?" Bijender Gupta said. He reiterated that the EOU is going right about their probe, saying that the judiciary is on a different level as it operates on evidence. "Police are also tied by the rules of law," Gupta said.

Sanjeev Mukhiya's son had allegedly accommodated around 25 candidates at a boys' hostel, associated with the Learn Play School in Patna on May 4, a day before the NEET-UG exam. Bijender Gupta also claimed Sanjeev Mukhiya wouldn't be caught by the police.

HOW NEET-UG PAPER WAS LEAKED

On being asked how the NEET-UG question paper reached 700 students, Bijender Gupta said that it's a wide network of teams and the leak happened during distribution. "There were 300 kids in Delhi and Patna and in some other places as well. Teams were sent to 3-4 places. The paper leak happened from there," he explained.

Delhi Man Gets 20 Years In Jail For Sexually Assaulting Boy

New Delhi: A Delhi Court has sentenced a man to a 20-year jail term under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act for sexually assaulting a boy. The court has granted a compensation of ₹ 20 Lakh for the rehabilitation of the victim, who is now a college-going boy. He was a minor of 16 years when he was sodomized by the convict in 2021. An FIR was lodged by the father of the victim at Rajouri Garden police station.

Special judge (POCSO) Preeti Pareva sentenced the convict Mahendra to a rigorous jail term of 20 years and imposed a fine of ₹ 52,000 under sections 6 and 12 of POCSO and sections of IPC. Additionally, the man was also convicted under Section 66 E (punishment for violation of privacy) under the Information and Technology (IT) Act. While sentencing the convicts, the court said, "The purpose of the criminal justice system is not only to attain catharsis by handing down proportionate punishment to the offender but also to rehabilitate the victim, who is scarred physically and mentally, forever.

"If we fail to do so, we are indicating our duty towards the victim, whose psychological well-being has been denied and may have longer repercussions," it added. His case was lodged on 11 February 2021 by the father of the victim boy who alleged that his son was sodomized by the Convict and he also took pictures of the victim. On the basis of this complaint, a case under sections of POCSO, IPC and IT Act was registered.

Opinion: NEET Controversy Mirrors Himachal Pradesh's Past Paper Leak Scandals

New Delhi: After questions being raised over various institutions conducting examinations across the country, selection processes are under scrutiny. Conducting entrance or recruitment exams for a large number of candidates using new scientific processes in the computer age is itself challenging. Until the allegations against NTA regarding NEET exams are proven or deserving students get selected, not only will there be a delay, but the mental state of children will be so adversely impacted that it is impossible to fathom. Whether entrance exams or recruitment exams, if there are any allegations, there must definitely be a thorough investigation and the governments must fix responsibility. Otherwise, the courage of professional paper leakers will keep rising. It is a different matter that the Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has admitted that there were irregularities in the NEET recruitment. Admitting the truth was also his duty.

However, no official system has the right to play with the lives of lakhs of children. In fact, whenever any kind of entrance exam is conducted and the number of candidates runs into lakhs, every agency adopts a different method of conducting the exam. UGC has a different pattern and NTA has a different one, while at the state level, selection agencies conduct exams differently. Similarly, the exam process of State Selection Commissions or State Public Service Commissions or UPSC is also different.

When everyone adopts new methods, flaws are natural to occur. It is these flaws that paper leakers are exploiting.

It has been observed that the officers responsible for conducting the exams often portray most of the processes as confidential. These are limited to a few individuals, lacking transparency. This is where the possibility of irregularity arises.

In Himachal Pradesh too, there was an MBBS exam scam in Himachal Pradesh University in the year 2006. NEET-like processes did not exist then. Although the paper leak was exposed in 2006, who knows since when doctors recruited through cheating have been practicing at big hospitals. It is an irony that the former accused could not be caught due to lack of evidence. It is also important to know that scams come to light only when they are caught.

Opposition fields Congress leader K Suresh as Lok Sabha Speaker candidate

New Delhi: Accusing the ruling National Democratic Alliance of not following the convention of giving the Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker's position to the Opposition, the INDIA bloc on Tuesday fielded Congress leader K Suresh as its candidate for the Speaker's position against Om Birla. Congress leader KC Venugopal and DMK's TR Baalu walked out of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's office, refusing to endorse NDA candidate Birla without being offered the Deputy Speaker's position. Venugopal said the BJP refused to give a



commitment to offer the Deputy Speaker's post to the opposition. Union ministers Amit Shah and JP Nadda besides Singh, tried to persuade opposition leaders to endorse the NDA nominee but in vain.

Union ministers Piyush Goyal and Lalan Singh accused the Congress of putting up conditions, adding the ruling alliance was willing to discuss their demand when the election for Deputy Speaker takes place. Sources said over 10 sets of nominations were filed in support of Birla's candidature, including from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union ministers Shah, Singh and Nadda, and BJP allies like TDP, JD(U), JD(S) and LJP (R). Three sets of nominations were filed in support of Suresh, a Dalit leader and eight-term MP.

Support peace, stability: US after India, Bangladesh commit to free Indo-Pacific

New Delhi: Matthew Miller, spokesperson for the United States Department of State, on Monday said the US does support peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. Miller's remarks came during a press briefing after he was asked if India and Bangladesh's commitment to a free, inclusive Indo-Pacific region mirrors the US' interest in promoting a similar vision for the Indo-Pacific region. "So, I don't want to speak to that specific commitment because I haven't read the statement or engaged with my colleagues here," Miller initially said.

But obviously, we do support peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. That has been a hallmark of our engagement in that region," he added.

On June 23, India and Bangladesh reiterated their



commitment to a free, open, inclusive, secure, and rules-based Indo-Pacific region. The two nations pledged to co-lead the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management pillar of the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) and cooperate to mitigate disaster risks. A joint statement was issued following the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladeshi counterpart, Sheikh Hasina, during the latter's two-day State visit to India. "Recognizing the contribution of our partnership to peace, security and stability in the region, we reiterate our commitment to a free, open, inclusive, secure, and rules-based Indo-Pacific region," the joint statement released by India and Bangladesh read. "Based on our converging visions for the Indo-Pacific region and recognizing the vulnerability of the region to adverse impacts of climate change, we will co-lead the 'Disaster Risk Reduction and Management' pillar of the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI), and cooperate to mitigate disaster risks, build disaster resilient infrastructure, and contribute to the sustenance of our shared maritime region," it added. The two nations pledged to work together on global platforms to promote their common interests, particularly those of the Global South.

Water Shortage May Spark Social Unrest In India, Detrimental For Its...: Moody's

New Delhi: Moody's Ratings today said India's growing water shortage can disrupt farm and industry sectors and is detrimental to the credit health of the sovereign as rising food inflation and decline in income may spark social unrest.

It said decreases in water supply can disrupt agricultural production and industrial operations, resulting in inflation in food prices and hence can be detrimental to credit health of sectors that heavily consume water, such as coal power generators and steel-makers. India's fast economic growth, accompanied by rapid industrialisation and urbanisation, will reduce water availability in the world's most populous country, it said. Also, the water stress is worsening because of an acceleration of climate change, which is causing increasingly intense and frequent extreme climate events such as droughts, heat waves and floods. India is facing a growing water shortage as water consumption increases amid rapid economic growth



and increasingly frequent natural disasters due to climate change, Moody's said in a report on environmental risk facing India. "This is detrimental to the credit health of the sovereign, as well as sectors that heavily consume water, such as coal power generators and steel-makers. In the long term, investment in water management can mitigate risks from potential water shortages," Moody's Ratings said in the report. The report comes amid a growing water crisis faced by residents in some parts of the national capital, which has led to

protests and political conflict. Delhi Water Minister Atishi, who began her hunger strike on June 21 over the issue, was hospitalised on Tuesday morning after her health deteriorated.

"Decreases in water supply can disrupt agricultural production and industrial operations, resulting in inflation in food prices and declines in income for affected businesses and communities, while sparking social unrest. This in turn can exacerbate volatility in India's growth and undermine the economy's ability to withstand shocks," Moody's said.

Quoting Ministry of Water Resources data, Moody's said India's average annual water availability per capita is likely to drop to 1,367 cubic meters by 2031 from an already-low 1,486 cubic meters in 2021. A level below 1,700 cubic meters indicates water stress, with 1,000 cubic meters being the threshold for water scarcity, according to the ministry.

Ayodhya Ram Temple roof leaking after heavy rain, no drainage of water: Priest

New Delhi: Water was leaking from the roof of the sanctum sanctorum at the Ram temple in Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya after the first heavy showers since it was opened to the public, its chief priest Acharya Satyendra Das said on Monday. Alleging negligence in the construction of the temple, Das claimed that there was also no arrangement for the drainage of rainwater from the temple premises after the showers on Saturday midnight and urged the temple authorities to take necessary corrective measures. After the senior officials were informed about the incident of water leaking from the roof, the chairman of the temple construction committee, Nripendra Mishra, reached the temple and gave instructions to repair the roof and make them waterproof, temple trust sources said. Speaking separately to reporters about the progress of temple construction, Mishra said that work on the first floor was on and will be finished by



July this year, and expressed the hope that the construction of the temple will be completed by December. Acharya Satyendra Das told reporters there was heavy leakage from the roof of the temple's sanctum sanctorum in the first heavy showers that occurred at midnight on Saturday. Rainwater was leaking from the roof directly above the place where the priest sits in front of Ram Lalla's idol and where people come for VIP darshan, he said. "It is very surprising that engineers from all over the country are building the Ram temple. The temple was inaugurated

on January 22. But, no one knew that if it rains, the roof would leak. It is surprising that the roof of a world-famous temple is leaking. Why did this happen?"

"Such an incident is happening in the presence of such big engine, which is very wrong," he said. Meanwhile, rains on Saturday night caused severe waterlogging on the Rampath road and its adjoining lanes here. While sewer water entered houses in the area, the Rampath road and other newly constructed roads in Ayodhya caved in at some places. There was waterlogging from Jalwanpura to Hanumangarhi Bhaktipath and from Tedhi Bazaar to the inner areas, locals said. Reacting to the sewer water entering houses in the lanes of Rampath during the rain, Ayodhya Mayor Girish Pati Tripathi said, "I have started damage control since morning. I have deployed several teams of the municipality to remove water from the houses." However, attempts to seek the

response of top officials of the Public Works Department (PWD) did not fructify. Meanwhile, the Congress accused the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of indulging in corruption in the temple construction and building of civic facilities in the temple town. "Be it the coffin of the martyrs or the temple of God, all these have become opportunities for corruption for the BJP. Even the symbols of faith and purity in the country are just opportunities of loot for them," Uttar Pradesh Congress chief Ajay Rai alleged in a statement on Monday. "It has become clear from the statement of chief priest Satyendra Das that water is leaking in the sanctum sanctorum of the Ram temple built at a cost of crores due to the first rain and there is no proper drainage system," he said. Rai said, "Not only this, the mask of the BJP, which was beating the drum of development of Ayodhya, has come off with the road collapsing at many places on the Rampath built at a cost of Rs 624 crore."

NEWS BOX

Security web-cast on 50% booths as NCR votes

Noida/Ghaziabad: To step up vigil against malpractices, the Election Commission will webcast from nearly 50% of the polling booths in the two NCR constituencies on Friday. All booths will be under CCTV or video camera surveillance. Noida district election officer Manish Kumar Verma said of the 1,852 polling booths, webcasting will be introduced at 931 to enable real-time monitoring of the electoral process from control rooms set up at Surajpur collectorate and Lucknow, besides the Delhi election office.

The district administration has identified 330 booths as 'critical' and 204 as 'vulnerable'. Polling booths where poll per cent recorded in past elections were more than 75% and where over 75% of votes have been recorded in favour of one candidate or have a history of booth capturing, clash or repoll are marked as critical polling station as a precautionary measure. Booths susceptible to threat and intimidation are marked as vulnerable booths. Around 10,000 polling officials and 11,000 security personnel have been mobilized for the election, Verma said. To ensure effective poll management, the district has been segmented into 120 sectors, each to be supervised by sector magistrates and 26 zonal magistrates appointed by the election department. Police commissioner Laxmi Singh visited Phool Mandi on Thursday and assured adequate police presence at every booth. She said a control room was set up at the collectorate office and an additional sub-control room near Advant Tower to ensure a smooth and peaceful election process. In Ghaziabad, 15,074 personnel will be deployed to facilitate voting in 3,092 polling booths. PD Dixit, deputy nodal officer (personnel), said, "A total of 3,092 BLOs, 270 supervisors, 29 zonal officers, and 192 sector officers will ensure that voting is conducted in a free and fair manner. Webcasting has been introduced at 1,549 booths."

The administration has identified 698 booths as 'critical' and 37 others as 'vulnerable'. According to the final electoral roll, Ghaziabad has 29.4 lakh registered voters, including 33,921 first-time voters. GB Nagar, meanwhile, has 26,200,40 voters and 24,223 first-time voters. To improve voting percentage, the two NCR cities have set up polling booths at condominiums for the first time. Ghaziabad chief development officer Abhinav Gopal said 36 polling centres and 51 polling booths were set up in high-rise apartments. In GB Nagar, 101 such booths have come up in Noida and Greater Noida condominiums.

Dusty classrooms, no food & no water for officials on poll duty

Ghaziabad: Sudhesh Kumar, a govt employee in Kanpur, swats aside a mosquito in a dusty classroom in Sahibabad. Assigned to poll duty in the NCR city, Kumar doesn't know how he'll survive the night in the govt-run school. There's no food or drinking water, and stray dogs are roaming the campus.

"I have no idea how I will sleep here. Some of us made some complaints, so the municipality fogged the classrooms and common areas in the school. There is just a shabby water dispenser that is giving salty water," he said on Thursday, a day before Ghaziabad elects its next Lok Sabha representative. Kumar is among hundreds of officials wrking in polling booths to ensure that the voting process is smooth and undisturbed on Friday. Like him, Indrapuram teacher Bharti Raghav was at a govt school in Loni, also a polling booth. Raghav didn't expect a lot from arrangements, so she brought blankets and a mosquito repellent with her to stay the night. "When I reached this school in the evening around 4, some Army personnel were sleeping on the floor inside a classroom. It was sad to see them on the dusty floor. Luckily my husband and I got the same polling booth. Since my husband has some contacts in the municipality, we got them to at least clean the classrooms," Raghav said. At another polling booth in Sahibabad, a govt bank employee from Noida said she got the worst of the lot. There aren't any arrangements for women, and the washrooms are in a bad condition too, she said.

"I had to cover my face while working because the municipality started dusting classrooms after we made some complaints. We understand we can't get five-star treatment here, but at least decent arrangements should have been made," she said on the condition of anonymity.

Chai pe charcha to closed-door meetings: Candidates stay indoors as campaign ends

Ghaziabad/Noida: After wrapping up weeks of campaigning, some candidates spent Thursday huddled behind closed doors with party functionaries while others chose to catch up on some much-needed sleep, now that their electoral fortune was up to the voters. Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar vote for Lok Sabha elections on Friday. Local MLA and BJP candidate from Ghaziabad Atul Garg spoke to BJP councillors and members of Nagar Palika, urging them to ensure that voters come out in large numbers to exercise their right. "Till the vote is cast, no candidate can afford to settle down. I, on my part, woke up early and after attending to daily chores, met party office bearers and reviewed preparations, which continued till late night," Garg said. Congress candidate Dolly Sharma too held a meeting at her home with party office-bearers and asked them to coordinate with SP workers. "Some Congress workers expressed concerns that attempts may be made to rig the election. So, I wrote to the chief election commissioner to ensure that free and fair elections are conducted. We have also asked party workers involved in election work to lodge complaints if anything of this sort happens, and to remain vigilant," Sharma said. Similarly, Bahujan Samaj Party's Nand Kishor Pundir chaired closed-door meetings to fine-tune polling day preparation in neighbouring Gautam Budh Nagar, the contenders took a relatively lighter day that the weeks before. SP's GB Nagar nominee Mahendra Nagar said he slept in for two extra hours on Thursday.

Shades, ORS, SOS meds: How EC will keep it cool on V-day

Noida: The Election Commission on Thursday kicked off special drives to tackle apprehensions over the impact of increasing temperatures on voter turnout, a day after the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a heatwave forecast. Officials said the maximum temperature in west UP is likely to reach 40 degrees Celsius on Friday. From setting up 'cool rooms' in all public health centres and arrangements of SOS medicines, oral rehydration solutions (ORS) and drinking water supply to shaded spots at poll stations for voters to line up, the election departments are all set for hassle-free voting on Friday. "Voting will start at 7am, so it is suggested that voters reach their respective polling booths before 10am to cast their ballot, as mercury will rise after that. All are advised to wear cotton and light clothes, remain hydrated and carry water bottles. Meanwhile, we have made arrangements of special shaded zones

for the physically-challenged, those who are under medication, pregnant women and the elderly. Every booth is mandated to have at least one shaded spot. The aim is to increase voter turnout and make voting comfortable for all," GB Nagar DM Manish Kumar Verma said. Election commission officers said polling booths which do not have sufficient shaded places for voters' queues have been instructed to set up tents. "In most poll stations, from entry points to poll booths, the queue area has been shaded with fabric and sun shades. Medical kits with SOS medicines and ORS have also been distributed to all booths along with the EVM machines," said an EC official. We have set up air-conditioned rooms and made seating arrangements for voters. A team of doctors will be on emergency duty throughout the day. Since we have a sizable population of young voters, we have also made selfie zones and red-carpet entries for first-time voters," said



Dr Ajit Kumar, director of Sharda Hospital.

Additionally, a heatwave advisory has also been issued by the health department, according to which 'cool rooms' have been set up at health centres, while RWAs have been asked to make arrangements for water and air coolers at community centres. "We have set up drinking water counters and an AC room at the community centre, and

arranged emergency transportation services at our society," said Brijal Singh, a member of Manokamna Apartments RWA in Vasundhara. "The polling booth has been set up in the AC community hall here. We want to turn election day into an enjoyable day. Earlier, people used to ignore voting due to scorching heat. It won't happen this time," said SK Maheshwari, a resident of Jaypee Wishtown in Noida Sector 128. Meanwhile, the Noida health department also circulated a notice on Wednesday that all health centres across the district will operate emergency services and all doctors or paramedical staff will be on duty without any leave on Friday. "Heatwave can't be an excuse to deny casting votes. It is the responsibility of citizens to cast their vote on the polling day without fail. Several measures have been taken to mitigate heatwave-related risks," Ghaziabad DM Indra Vikram Singh said.

Court orders cops to file case weeks after man found dead in underpass

Gurgaon: A city court has ordered the police to register a case weeks after a 23-year-old resident of Saraswati Vihar, known for creating standup comedy videos, was found dead at the Genpact Chowk underpass on Golf Course Road. According to the police, preliminary investigations suggest that Gaurav Duharia accidentally fell from the carriageway above at Genpact Chowk while attempting to cross the road after an altercation with security guards on March 14. "The fall might have resulted in fatal injuries from the 15-foot drop," said a police official. The deceased's father, Mukesh Duharia, alleged that despite numerous requests, the police had not taken action, prompting him to seek intervention from the court. Gaurav, who used to work as a video director at the Comedy Theatre office on Golf Course Road in Sector 53, was traveling towards DLF-Phase 1 with

two friends, Ayush Yadav and Deepak, when their car ran out of fuel near the Sector 42/43 rapid metro station. "Gaurav requested a lift from a scooter rider to purchase petrol. On their return journey on the same scooter, they were stopped by a private security guard stationed at Genpact Chowk as they attempted to enter Golf Course Road in the wrong direction," said Gaurav's father in his complaint. He further added that despite Gaurav's pleas to allow him to reach the car, the guard called two additional guards who allegedly assaulted Gaurav. "The scooter rider fled during the altercation. Gaurav attempted to escape the guards by running towards the underpass where their car was parked, and shortly thereafter, he was discovered dead inside the underpass," added the complainant. Following the court's order, Sushant Lok police registered a case under sections 323

(voluntarily causing hurt), 341 (wrongful restraint), 34, and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC on Wednesday and initiated an investigation into the incident. Traffic trial at Shankar Chowk chokes Ambience underpass. Ambience underpass traffic congestion due to police trial at Shankar Chowk, aiming to streamline vehicle flow. The trial led to increased congestion, with temporary measures implemented to manage the heavy traffic volume and pedestrian movement in the area. Mastermind of fatal attack on Punjab police home guard arrested by UPATS from Lucknow. UP ATS arrested Amandeep Singh, the mastermind behind the Gurdwara Akal Bunga attack. Singh, involved in drug trafficking, fled to Lucknow after the incident. Authorities are now locating his associates in Western UP for further action.

2 yrs gone, NGT's fire safety plan not implemented yet

Gurgaon: Installation of methane detectors, monitoring of temperature at windrows with infrared thermometers, sprinkling of treated leachate on waste mounds when mercury soars were some of the measures suggested by a committee set up by the National Green Tribunal (NGT), which had come up with a fire safety plan for Bandhwari landfill site in Oct 2022. However, MCG has not implemented most of them at the site so far. MCG joint commissioner (Swachh Bharat Mission) Naresh Kumar has now sought a report from officials on why they failed to implement the plan even after receiving the govt's approval. Kumar has asked superintending engineer Vikas Malik to implement the fire action plan immediately and investigate the cause of the fire that broke out at the landfill on Tuesday. The NGT committee, which was then headed by HSPCB chairperson P Raghavendra Rao, had also directed MCG to fence the landfill site, increase patrolling to check unauthorised dumping at the site and make arrangements to store sand and chemicals. It had also asked the civic body to conduct drills to prevent fires and ensure that fire safety equipment is provided to all workers at the site. MCG had, however, subsequently submitted to the NGT panel that part of the fire plan was implemented such as installation of methane detectors, checks on waste before dumping and monitoring the temperature at windrows. However, drills are conducted, CCTV cameras have not been installed and workers are not trained in firefighting.

"Even after giving assurances to the committee constituted by NGT and taking measures to control the fire, why did this type of fire break at site on April 22? Why were precautionary measures not taken? After approval of the fire action plan by the competent authority, why necessary work has not been executed at the site?" read the letter sent by the MCG joint commissioner on Wednesday. A massive fire erupted at the landfill site early Tuesday morning around 5.15am. A total of 20 fire tenders that were rushed to the spot doused the blaze by evening.

Massive fire breaks out at Ghazipur landfill site in Delhi. Massive fires at Ghazipur landfill and Central Secretariat under-construction complex in Delhi. Delhi Fire Service responding to both incidents. Cause of fires unknown. Efforts ongoing to contain and extinguish the blazes. NCR sees second landfill fire in 3 days, this time in Bandhwari/Bandhwari landfill fire, controlled with 20 fire tenders, raises environmental concerns.

Minimum temp sees 5C rise, thunderstorms likely

Gurgaon: The night temperature in the city saw a significant rise of 5.1 degrees Celsius on Thursday. It was 21.7 degrees Celsius, against Wednesday's 16.6 degrees. According to India Meteorological Department (IMD), there are chances of thunderstorms and lightning on Friday. IMD said the wind speed may rise to 40kmph-50kmph, accompanied with hail, on Friday as fresh western disturbance is predicted to hit Jammu and Kashmir. While the city's maximum temperature was not recorded on Thursday, it was 39.9 degrees Celsius at the nearest weather station — Ayanagar — and 39.2 degrees at Palam. An official said there is currently a cyclonic circulation over central Pakistan and nearby areas of Rajasthan, which might get closer to north Rajasthan and Punjab. A trough line from this system will stretch out, passing near Delhi. After a sweltering day in Delhi-NCR, cooler weather is anticipated with showers in the evening and night. These weather conditions are expected to persist through the night, with the possibility of the impact

lasting till Saturday morning. According to IMD's forecast, residents should be prepared for sudden changes in weather and plan their activities accordingly. The city's air quality index (AQI) was 'poor' on Thursday with an overall reading of



268. Meanwhile, Delhi recorded a maximum temperature of 39.4 degrees Celsius, two notches above the season's average, on Thursday. The relative humidity hovered between 49% and 16% during the day. Telangana in heat wave grip;

temperature to vault past 45 degrees Celsius next week, warns IMD. Telangana experiences soaring temperatures above 40 degrees Celsius, prompting heat wave alerts in numerous districts. The India Meteorological Department forecasts temperatures to rise to 45 degrees Celsius, with specific areas like Hyderabad and Mahbubnagar highlighted. Plastic production threatens 1.5 degrees Celsius limit, new study warns. The study by LBNL highlights the urgent need to address plastic production's impact on the global carbon budget to limit global warming. UN negotiations in Ottawa are key to these discussions.

IMD forecasts normal weather for second phase of LS poll. IMD confirmed normal weather for Phase 2 Elections. Task force to review heat wave impact. Directions given for necessary measures. Review with State CEOs planned for polling station arrangements. IEC activities to educate public on precautions.

Violations rampant in colony off GCR; 8 bldgs & 250 jhuggis razed in joint op

Gurgaon: The enforcement wing of town and country planning department (DTCP) along with GMDA cleared five-acre land in Saraswati Kunj, which is off Golf Course Road on Thursday, by demolishing eight illegal buildings and 250 newly constructed huts. On the directions of deputy commissioner Nishant Yadav, town planners of DTCP Manish Yadav and GMDA RS Bath conducted joint operation against illegal construction in the colony, where construction is banned by the high Yadav said eight under-construction houses were razed, of which three were demolished up to the ground level, along with 250 jhuggis, with the help of 50 labourers and earthmovers. He said notices and restoration orders had been issued to the houses regarding illegal construction. District town planner GMDA RS Bath had also made announcements regarding removal of illegal slums before the demolition drive on Thursday. Bath said soon fencing will be done on this land by GMDA so that offenders do not encroach the land again. Set up in 1983, Saraswati Kunj has been



under a legal tussle since 2004 after the cooperative group allegedly allotted plots to 9,000 applicants in exchange of money when only 4,000 houses could be accommodated in the colony. On ground, it has allotted 1,500 plots so far. In 2016, govt formed a commission — headed by

retired IAS officer SP Sharma — to identify the original owners of the plots. Since then any kind of construction is banned within the colony. However, houses are still being illegally constructed there without taking permission or getting building plans approved, officials said.

TOI had reported a few days ago that to address the issue of encroachment and illegal buildings in Saraswati Kunj, deputy commissioner Nishant Yadav had held a meeting with the board of administrators to discuss the measures to be adopted to check encroachment in the colony. It was decided that GMDA and DTCP would assess the area to identify any fresh encroachment, report their findings, take action to remove and demolish the encroachments. The deputy registrar of cooperative societies has been tasked with providing a list of illegal occupants to the concerned department for further action. District town planner RS Bath had said that they would soon launch a joint action plan and start the demolition drive against these illegal activities. "On the direction of the deputy commissioner, a joint inspection was conducted on Monday to assess the extent of encroachment. It was found that structures are being built by illegal occupants without any approval. Further, encroachments in the form of jhuggis were also found," Bath had said.

NEWS BOX

'Emmy, Oscar?' Gulbadin Naib faking injury to waste time in AFG vs BAN sparks debate

New Delhi. Gulbadin Naib's antics after a 'supposed' hamstring injury while fielding at slips during a pivotal moment in the Bangladesh clash has sparked a debate in the commentary box with Simon Doull slamming the Afghanistan all-rounder. The moment happened right before another rain break during the clash at St. Vincent on June 25, with the game on a knife-edge. Bangladesh were 81 for 7 and 2 runs behind on the DLS score. Afghanistan coach Jonathan Trott had sent in a message to the players to slow things down a bit and this promptly caused Naib to fall to the ground by catching his hamstring. This would even make Rashid Khan unhappy as he kept asking the all-rounder what had happened. As the covers came on, Naib was seen helped off the field. You can see the full video below: Doull was very vocal with his frustration at seeing the antics from Naib and called it unacceptable. "The coach sends a message out to say Slow it down, Slow it down and the first slip just dives on the ground needlessly. That is unacceptable. Gone off anyway, I get that might have gone off anyway for the rain," said Doull.

Even Litton Das saw the funny side of it as he was seen talking to Mohammad Nabi about it. Once the video was played again, the commentary box burst into laughter with Pommie Mbengwa saying, "Oscar, Emmy?" and Doull claiming "match fee gone."

Naib wouldn't come back on to the field when the game restarted with Najibullah coming on but would return to the field shortly after. He would even come on to bowl the 15th over.

Meme fest on as Afghanistan knockout Australia for T20 World Cup semi-final spot

New Delhi. Social media platforms are getting flooded with memes after Afghanistan clinched an emphatic and close-call win over Bangladesh in their crucial T20 World Cup Super 8 clash on June 25, which saw the Rashid Khan-led side secure their first-ever semi-final spot in a senior men's ICC tournament. Afghanistan's victory by 8 runs via DLS method at the Arnos Vale Ground in Kingstown, Saint Vincent also meant that the side knocked out the heavyweights Australia from the semi-final race. Having already beaten the T20I cricket giants like New Zealand and Australia in what has been a dream T20 World Cup run for the side, Rashid's Afghanistan made sure to extend that in a certain style after this win. Having won the toss and opting to bat first, Afghanistan had a risky start after managing to post a total of only 115 runs on the board, but some brilliant bowling by the likes of their skipper Rashid in his 4/23 spell saw the side get their most important win of the tournament. One of the key highlights of the game was Gulbadin Naib controversially going down on the ground due to a likely cramp, just a few seconds before a rain delay. This was quickly picked up by the netizens in their humorous and congratulatory meme-fest, while India fans also lauded Afghanistan for knocking out their long-term rivals, Australia. Taking immense pride and confidence from this win, Afghanistan will now gear up for their ever-crucial semi-final against an unbeaten South Africa in their T20 World Cup semi-final clash on June 27 at the Brian Lara Cricket stadium in Tarouba, Trinidad.

Rohit Sharma ne kya fainti lagayi hai Mitchell Starc ki' - Shoaib Akhtar lauds India captain's knock in win over Australia

NEW DELHI. Former Pakistani fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar has heaped praise on Rohit Sharma's awe-inspiring batting following India's victory over Australia in the 'Super 8s' match of the T20 World Cup 2024 on Monday.

In a video posted on his 'X' handle, Akhtar highlighted the transformation in India's mindset from disappointment to determination after their defeat against Australia in the ODI World Cup final last year. The depression that India had after losing the last World Cup final, the one they deserved to win... that depression has now turned into obsession that we have to beat Australia here. Then Rohit Sharma did what he should have done, played with such intent. Rohit ne kya fainti lagayi hai Mitchell Starc ki (Rohit completely annihilated Starc). My heart wanted Rohit Sharma to score 150 today," Akhtar passionately said in the India's 24-run victory was anchored by Rohit's brilliant knock, scoring 92 runs off just 41 balls. His aggressive approach set the tone for India's innings, allowing them to post a formidable total of 205 for 5s. Despite early setbacks, including the quick dismissals of Virat Kohli and Rishabh Pant, Sharma's stay at the crease ensured India remained on course for a big total. Batting second, Australia struggled to keep up with the required run rate, managing 181 for 7. Travis Head's valiant effort with the bat, scoring 76 runs, wasn't enough to overcome India's disciplined bowling attack led by Jasprit Bumrah. The Rohit Sharma-led side will take on England in the second semi-final in Guyana on Thursday.

AFG vs BAN: Afghanistan storm into historic semi-final after thriller vs Bangladesh

← **Afghanistan beat Bangladesh by 8 runs (DLS)**

← **Rashid Khan picked up 4 wickets**

← **Australia failed to qualify for the semis**

New Delhi. Afghanistan stormed into the semi-final of the T20 World Cup 2024 after beating Bangladesh by 8 runs (DLS) in their Super 8 clash on Tuesday, June 25 at the Arnos Vale Ground in Kingstown, St Vincent. Their victory meant that Australia, who won the tournament back in 2021, failed to go through to the next round after back-to-back losses at the hands of India and the Afghans. Rain played hide and seek throughout the second innings, but Afghanistan held their nerves.

Afghanistan finished second in the table with 4 points and a net run rate of -0.267 thanks to wins in 2 out of 3 games. After their 47-run defeat to India, Rashid Khan's men looked



down and out, but they rose like a phoenix from the ashes. They will now face Aiden Markram's South Africa in the first semi-final on June 27 at the Brian Lara Stadium in Tarouba, Trinidad.

Rishad Hossain stars for Bangladesh

After opting to bat first, Afghanistan hardly got off the blocks as they were restricted to 115 for 5 in 20 overs. Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran put on 59 runs for the opening wicket, but could not step on the gas. Rishad Hossain separated the duo after

getting rid of Ibrahim, who made a painstaking 29-ball 18. Gurbaz, who is known for his big shots, scored 43 runs at an underwhelming strike-rate of 78.18. The Afghan middle-order batters struggled as none of Azmatullah Omarzai, Gulbadin Naib and Karim Janat got going. In the end, it was an unbeaten 19-run knock off 10 balls from skipper Rashid Khan that injected some momentum into the Afghanistan innings. Rashid hit 3 sixes in his cameo, 2 of which came off Tanzim Hasan Sakib in the 20th over. Rishad was the pick of the bowlers

for Bangladesh after he finished with figures of 4-0-26-3. The leg-spinner also broke Shakib Al Hasan's record for most wickets by a Bangladeshi spinner in a single edition of the T20 World Cup. Taskin Ahmed, who replaced Mahedi Hasan, and Mustafizur Rahman accounted for one scalp apiece. Litton's knock goes in vain. Just before the start of Bangladesh's run-chase, rain halted proceedings. After play resumed, the Tigers showed intent, although they lost the early wickets of Tanzid Hasan Tamim, Najmul Hossain Shanto and Shakib. With their score at 31 for 3 in 3.3 overs, rain arrived for the second time, but no overs were lost. Soumya Sarkar and Towhid Hridoy played their shots and scored 10 and 14 runs respectively, before they got out to Rashid. While the Tigers kept losing wickets at regular intervals, Litton Das held one end up, but Bangladesh's quest to chase the target in 12.1 overs kept becoming tough. Mahmudullah became Rashid's third victim. After 12.1 overs, the Tigers were officially knocked out. Litton fought valiantly to stay not out on 54 runs off 49 balls with the help of 5 fours and a six. However, his knock went in vain as Bangladesh were bowled out for 105 in 17.5 overs while defending a revised target of 114 in 19 overs.

T20 World Cup semi-final: Afghanistan face South Africa, India up against England



New Delhi. Afghanistan will lock horns with South Africa in their semi-final of the T20 World Cup 2024 on Wednesday, June 26 (Thursday, June 27 in India). In the other semis, Rohit Sharma's India will be

up against South Africa at the Providence Stadium in Guyana. On Tuesday, the Afghans added a new chapter to their history books after securing their maiden semi-final berth in the history of the

T20 World Cup 2024: Afghanistan will face South Africa in the semi-final after beating Bangladesh by 8 runs (DLS) in their last Super 8 match. India, on the other hand, will be up against Jos Buttler's England.

tournament. They defeated Bangladesh by 8 runs (DLS) at the Arnos Vale Ground in Kingstown, St Vincent in their last and final Super 8 clash.

Earlier, India beat Australia by 24 runs on Monday at the Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium in Gros Islet, St Lucia and confirmed their berth in the top 4. The Men in Blue will also look to avenge their 10-wicket defeat to England in the semi-final of the T20 World Cup 2024 at the Adelaide Oval.

Rashid Khan reveals how Afghanistan proved Brian Lara's semifinal prediction right

New Delhi. Afghanistan skipper Rashid Khan has revealed how the team was able to fulfill their promise to Brian Lara after the West Indies legend predicted that they would make it to the semi-finals. Afghanistan made it to the semi-finals for the first time in the World Cup on June 25, Tuesday, as they defeated Bangladesh in a thriller at St. Vincent. Afghanistan had secured big wins in the tournament against New Zealand and Australia, and they knocked out the Aussies to make it to the final four stage after win at St. Vincent. Lara had predicted ahead of the tournament that Afghanistan would be in the final four and Rashid was happy to make the West Indies legend proud. Rashid then went on to talk about Lara, who was the only person who had picked them as potential semi-finalists. The Afghan star revealed that at a



Anyone know what happened last time? England pokes fun at India ahead of semi-final

New Delhi. England cricket poked fun at India after the T20 World Cup 2024 semi-final between both teams was confirmed on June 24, Monday. India defeated Australia to top Group 1 and seal their spot in the final four at St. Lucia after Rohit Sharma hit 92 to help India post 205 runs in their 20 overs. While Travis Head and Mitchell Marsh gave India a scare, they were able to bounce back in the second half of the Australia chase.

India won the match by 24 runs in the end to face England in the semi-final in Guyana. The defending champions were made to work hard to make it to the semi-finals. Firstly, in the group stages, they needed a favour from Australia as they edged past Scotland to make it to the

Super 8s. After a commanding performance against West Indies,



England lost to South Africa and needed a big win against the USA to qualify. That is what they got in the end, as Jos Buttler put the USA bowlers to the sword.

England would then put out a tweet after

the match was made official, asking what had happened the last time when both teams met in a T20 World Cup semi-final. What happened the last time India faced England in T20 World Cup?

Indian fans would want to quickly forget the last time India faced England in the T20 World Cup. It was the 2nd semi-final of the T20 World Cup 2022 and India had posted a target of 169 runs for the Jos Buttler and Co.

Hardik Pandya hit 63 and Virat Kohli got 50 but England would end up ruining the day. Alex Hales and Jos Buttler would take apart the Indian bowling lineup as England won the match by 10 wickets as they put on 170 runs in just 16 overs.

welcome party he had a word with Lara and told him they would prove him right. "I think the only guy who put us in the semifinal was Brian Lara. I think we proved that right. That's what we have discussed before the competition in a welcome party. I told him we won't let you down. We would make it... prove it that you are right. So I think that that's something everyone is so proud and are proud of this team," said Rashid.

Belief came after New Zealand win. Rashid said that the semi-final qualification feels like a dream for the team and the belief came in after their win against New Zealand.

"Well, it's something like a dream for us as a team. Being in the semi-finals, I think, it's all about the way we have started the thing, uh, the tournament. And, uh, the belief came while we beat New Zealand. So it's unbelievable.

T20 World Cup: Australia knocked out in Super 8 as Afghanistan into first-ever semis

← **Afghanistan beat Bangladesh by 8 runs via DLS**

← **Australia could only get 2 points in the Super 8 stage**

← **Australia were left to rue the mistakes they made in Super 8 stage**

New Delhi. Australia has been knocked out in the Super 8 stages of the T20 World Cup 2024 following Afghanistan's historic win against Bangladesh at St. Vincent to qualify for the semi-finals for the first time. Australia had their backs against the wall after their loss to India, as they had just 2 points in their bag following the 3 games. India had defeated Australia by 24 runs as Afghanistan just needed to beat Bangladesh to secure their qualification. Rashid Khan and Co. would end up sealing the deal with an 8-run win to qualify to the next phase as the Aussies were forced to pack their bags and head

home.

What happened in the AFG vs BAN match?

Afghanistan won the toss and chose to bat first against Bangladesh at St. Vincent. Despite having their most successful opening pair, Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran, Afghanistan struggled initially. The duo managed to score 54 runs in the first 9 overs, but Bangladesh tightened their grip after Zadran's dismissal. Gurbaz attempted to accelerate the innings, but regular wickets hindered Afghanistan's progress. Rishad Hossain was particularly effective, taking 3 wickets for 26 runs in his 4 overs. Afghanistan's score plummeted from 84 for 2 to 93 for 5. However, a late surge by Rashid Khan, who scored 19 runs off 10 balls with 3 sixes, helped Afghanistan reach a competitive total. Bangladesh's chase got off to a good start as Litton got them going but wickets started to fall at the other end. It was Naveen, who got a double-strike, to give Afghanistan the upper hand at first before a rain break happened. Litton kept on attacking from the other end as it seemed that Bangladesh had an outside chance of making



it to the semi-finals themselves. However, Rashid returned and picked up 4 wickets in his spell to break the back of the chase before another rain break occurred. Litton looked to take the game close but Naveen returned to dismiss Taskin Ahmed and Mustafizur

Rahman to seal the win in the end. Where it went wrong for Australia? Australia had come into the Super 8s in strong form and had won their first match of Group 1 against Bangladesh. However, poor fielding and some questionable tactics.



Neha Sharma

Turns Up The Heat In A Crop Top, Hot Video Goes Viral

Neha Sharma surely knows how to raise temperatures! The actress, known for her impeccable fashion sense, recently made heads turn in her latest social media post. She looked stunning in a classic white crop top and blue jeans combo. She captioned her post, "Ain't no Monday blues here." The actress smiled for the camera and played with her hair to shun away her Monday blues. Neha looked ravishing in her video and left her friends gasping for breath. Check out the hot video here:

Neha Sharma remains grapevine's darling because of her strong and on-point social media and paparazzi game. Her appearances outside gyms and airports with her sister Aisha Sharma frequently catch the attention of the shutterbugs and needless to say, go viral on social media within minutes. Apart from her social media posts and sartorial sensibilities, the actor often makes headlines for her strong opinions on the film industry.

And in a recent interaction with News18 Showsha, Neha makes a bold statement on how an actor is sometimes forced to play de-glam roles to be taken seriously. Known for her glamorous avatars on and off-screen, Neha too has sometimes been seen shunning the sheen and taking on parts that go against her image. "No offense to anyone but I feel that to be taken seriously in this industry, you need to de-glam yourself. If you look a certain way, they'll call you a bad actor. I think it's just a stereotype," she states. According to Neha, actors like her often resort to a 'ploy' like this so as to change the perception that they're in the industry. "And if you aren't a very good looking person, people start seeing the acting and performance in your eyes and suddenly, the little nuances in your act are appreciated a lot more. This has become a ploy for all actors including me to de-glam so that we're taken a bit more seriously," she adds.



'It's Really Relaxing': Mouli Ganguly On Working With Husband Mazhar Sayed



Mouli Ganguly is currently playing the role of Ira in the Hindi serial, Janani – Ai Ki Kahani. The actress recently opened up about playing the lead role along with her husband, actor Mazhar Sayed in the show after two decades. She calls it refreshing. The duo is playing the role of a scientist couple in the show. Talking about her previous work, Mouli Ganguly said, "In Kaahin Kissii Roz, we were not opposite each other, so this experience is completely new and exciting." The show is airing on Danga TV. Mazhar and Mouli are playing a couple on screen that is expected to add new dynamism to their professional and personal lives. Mouli expressed her happiness to IANS and she is enjoying the time on sets with her husband. The chemistry between the two on and off-screen has added authenticity to their characters, making the show even more appealing to the audience. Working with a life partner can be a unique experience, and for Mouli and Mazhar, it is nothing less than a joy. "It's really relaxing because coming together, going home together, and getting to spend time together is so much fun. Otherwise, we usually share each other's set stories. This time, it's the same story," she said in an interview. Mouli Ganguly is known for her works in serials like Saakshi, Aathvaan Vachhan and Laagi Tujhe Lagan. She was also seen in films like Kissebaaz, Raincoat, 68 Pages and others.

The couple appeared in the dance reality show Nach Baliye 4. It showed their strong partnership and chemistry. Mazhar and Mouli got married in the year 2010. Mazhar plays the role of Virat Sharma in this show. It also stars Prapti Shukla, Nitin Guleria, Sumit Kaul, Priyank Tataria and Aashika Bhatia. It is produced by MAJ Productions.

Mouli Ganguly has previously appeared in television shows like Baal Shiv-Mahadev Ki Andekhi Gatha, Jamai Raja, Shakti-Astitva Ke Ehsaas Ki, Aasman Se Aage and Mano Ya Naa Mano 2. She started her film career with the Bengali serial Baksho Rahashya. She shot to fame with Ekta Kapoor's serial Kaahin Kissii Roz. She also played the titular role in Saakshi.

Ishq Vishk Rebound Box Office Day 3: Rohit Saraf, Jibraan Khan's Film Earns Close Rs 4 Crores



Ishq Vishk Rebound, directed by Nipun Avinash Dharmadhikari and part of the Ishq Vishk franchise, is having a slow start at the box office. According to Sacnilk.com, the film earned Rs 1 crore net on its opening day in India. On Sunday, i.e day 3, the movie minted over Rs 1.40 crores. With this, the film's total earnings stand at Rs 3.55 Crores. According to a report in Sacknilk, Ishq Vishk Rebound had an overall 17.69% Hindi Occupancy on Sunday, June 23, 2024. While the morning shows had 7.66% attendance, afternoon shows had 22.36%, evening shows had 25.40% and night shows had around 15.35%. News18 Showsha's review of the film read, "The disappointing camera work bogs down the film's viewing experience. But fortunately, the actors manage to hold our hands until the end. Ishq Vishk Rebound is out and out Rohit Saraf's film. He is the narrator of the film. His character, Raghav, often breaks the fourth wall to talk to the audience and share his thoughts. The approach is heavily inspired from Phoebe Waller-Bridge's Emmy-award winning show Fleabag. In India, Kader Khan had done it in the 1980s with Ghar Ho Toh Aisa." Hrithik Roshan's cousin Pashmina has made her acting debut in the film. At the trailer launch, producer Ramesh Taurani had revealed she had auditioned for the role and had not revealed her background until her family name popped up when she was signing the contract. In an interview with News18, Dharmadhikari said that though the role was tough to cast, when he found Pashmina, he knew she was a perfect fit. Pashmina was my only choice to play Samiya, nobody else came close. In that list of shortlisted names, there was only one name when it came to Samiya," the filmmaker said. "I think Pashmina's character was the toughest to cast, she plays a different character. Once you see the film you will understand."

Kareena Kapoor, Saif Ali Khan Wish 'Lifetime Of Laughter And Joy' To Sonakshi Sinha-Zaheer Iqbal

Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal married in an intimate ceremony on June 23. The couple has been trending since they shared the first photos. Wishes have been pouring in from all corners. Alia Bhatt to Athiya Shetty, everyone has showered love on the newlywed. Kareena Kapoor Khan and Saif Ali Khan also extended their wishes and shared the couple's photo on social media. Taking to her Instagram stories, Kareena shared the photo and wrote, "Congratulations you two @aslisona @jazzaheerhero. Wishing you both a lifetime of laughter and joy.-Saif and Kareena." Alia shared the photos on her Instagram story and wrote, "Congratulations! Sonakshi and Zaheer! You two look so full of love and joy!! Big, big hug and welcome to the club." She also tagged Sonakshi and Zaheer in the photo. Sonakshi Sinha has made her first appearance post-wedding with Zaheer Iqbal, stunning in a beautiful traditional red silk saree. She accessorized with a striking beaded green and gold necklace, matching drop earrings, and red bangles. Her hair bun was adorned with a garland of jasmine tied around it. Sporting winged eyeliner and a blush pink lip colour, Sonakshi beamed with joy on her special day.



She also sported sindoor and held Zaheer close. The groom complemented her look in a white kurta and jacket. They happily posed as man and wife for the paps at the wedding reception.

Sharing photos from their low-key wedding ceremony, the newlyweds wrote on Instagram, "On this very day, seven years back (23.06.2017) in each others eyes, we saw love in its purest form and decided to hold on to it. Today that love has guided us through all the challenges and triumphs... leading up to this moment... where with the blessings of both our families and both our gods... we are now man and wife. Here's to love, hope and all things beautiful with each other, from now until forever. Sonakshi ?? Zaheer 23.06.2024." Sonakshi and Zaheer dated for seven years before taking their relationship to the next level. While they got hitched in an intimate ceremony, the couple hosted a grand reception for their friends from the film industry.

