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## Jharkhand Assembly Monsoon Session: Proceedings of the first day ended, Assembly adjourned till July 29



**Last budget of Hemant Soren government before assembly elections**  
This monsoon session of the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly has six working days. This is the last budget of the Hemant Soren government before the assembly elections. During this time, the government will present the supplementary budget in the House. The House will run till August 2, but the proceedings of the House will not run on Sunday and Saturday.

**DN ■ Ranchi**  
The monsoon session of the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly began on Friday. Speaker Ravindranath Mahato addressed the House with a condolence message. He expressed deep condolences in the House

to those who have passed away since the last session. After this, the ATR was presented in the House. Then many MLAs including CM Hemant Soren, Leader of Opposition Amar Kumar Bauri expressed condolences. After this, the House was

### Jharkhand politics heats up over demographic change

The issue of change in demography in Jharkhand is gaining momentum. The round of allegations and counter-allegations between the ruling and opposition parties is also at its peak. On Thursday, Jharkhand Assembly Speaker Rabindranath Mahato also jumped into this controversy. Calling it a political issue, he also raised questions on the visit of Assam CM to the state. Talking to reporters in the assembly, Rabindranath Mahato clearly denied the change in demography. The speaker said that this is a political

issue. I don't know what issues they keep raising to win elections. The matter of border security is of the central government.

He also raised the question that if this happened, did it happen within four years? It should also be found out in which government the demographic change has happened.

Rabindranath Mahato targeted Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma and said that he is the first CM of the country who is leaving the work of his state and roaming in another state.

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### We all should pledge to plant as many trees as possible- CM



**Ranchi:** We will be safe only if the environment is safe. If there are no trees and plants, then there will be a danger to animals. Conservation of environment is absolutely necessary to avoid such a situation in future. CM was addressing the 75th state-wide Van Mahotsav organized in the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly

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### Army recruitment rally in Ranchi from today, will be monitored by 70 CCTV cameras-Colonel Vikas Bhola



**Ranchi:** Army recruitment rally will be organized from 27 July to 10 August in the sports complex of Khelgaon located in Hotwar, Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand. Recruitment will be done under the surveillance of more than 70 CCTV cameras. Do not get lured by any broker. Recruitment will be done on merit. This army recruitment rally has been organized for the shortlisted Agniveer candidates of all the districts of Jharkhand and male candidates of Junior Commissioned Officer (Religious Teacher). Colonel Vikas Bhola said this in a press conference held in Khelgaon today. Colonel Vikas Bhola said that online

#### Do not fall prey to the influence of brokers

Colonel Vikas Bhola said that no candidate should give his documents to the brokers and should not fall into their trap. The recruitment process will be conducted under the surveillance of more than 70 CCTV cameras.

No candidate passes or fails on the behest of a broker. He passes on his merit only. Only then he gets selected.

Common Entrance Examination (CEE) was organized across the country from 22 April to 3 May.

After this, a recruitment rally is being organized for the shortlisted candidates at the Sports Complex in Khelgaon, Ranchi through the Army Recruitment Office, Ranchi under the aegis of the Regional Recruitment Headquarters (Bihar and Jharkhand). The gate of Khelgaon will remain open from 12 midnight to 6 am.

### NEET Paper Leak: 36 arrested so far, paper leaked from Hazaribagh's Oasis School

**Hazaribagh:** A total of 36 people have been arrested so far in the NEET-24 paper leak case. Out of this, 15 have been arrested by Bihar Police. While the CBI has raided a total of 33 places and arrested 21 people. The CBI gave this information by issuing a press release on Thursday. It has also said that some media is publishing false news based on conjecture. This creates confusion in the society. It is harmful for the society. Therefore, the CBI has requested to publish only the information shared by its Chief Information Officer from time to time.

#### Paper leaked from Hazaribagh's Oasis School

In a release issued by the CBI, it was said that the investigation was started in the light of FIR number 358/2024 registered in Bihar. The investigation found that the paper was leaked from Oasis School in Hazaribagh on the morning of May 5, 2024. The question paper was leaked by Pankaj

alias Aditya alias Sahil. He is an important member of the paper leak gang. The paper was leaked after a conspiracy by the principal, vice principal and other people of Hazaribagh of Oasis School.

#### The principal of Oasis School made way for the mastermind

The investigation found that after the question paper reached the school on the morning of May 5, it was kept in the control room. The principal and vice principal of the school unauthorisedly made way for Pankaj to enter that room. Mastermind Pankaj reached the room and took out the question paper from the box with the help of a tool. After this, this question paper was solved by a solver sitting in Hazaribagh. All the solvers were brought to Hazaribagh. All the people who solved the paper are students of reputed medical colleges. They have been identified and most of them have been arrested.

### Land businessman Kamlesh reached ED office



**Ranchi:** Journalist turned land businessman Kamlesh Kumar reached ED office on Friday. After this, ED officials started questioning him. The agency had issued six summons to land businessman Kamlesh. But he had asked for time from ED. After the sixth summons, Kamlesh appeared before the agency on Friday. Let us tell you that in the case related to land scam, ED had raided Kamlesh's house on 21 June last month. During this raid, one crore cash and 100 cartridges were recovered from his house. After which ED Assistant Director Devvrat Jha had written a letter to Kamlesh.

### In Shorts

#### 2 crore robbery in Tanishq showroom in Purnia

**Purnia:** Robbery was carried out in Tanishq Jewelers showroom in Purnia. About half a dozen miscreants entered the showroom in broad daylight and looted and fled. The incident that took place in Tanishq showroom located near Renu Udyan has shocked the police as well. DIG says that more than 2 crore rupees have been looted. The incident is said to have taken place at 12 noon on Friday.

#### Supreme Court's interim stay on nameplate dispute will continue

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Friday extended its interim order staying the directive of the Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh governments requiring eateries located on the Kanwar Yatra route to display the names and identities of owners and employees.

A bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and SVN Bhatti said it would not issue any clarification on the July 22 order as "we have said whatever we had to in our July 22 order. We cannot force anyone to reveal names." The court has given additional time to Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh to file their replies and has scheduled the next hearing on August 5.

#### Heavy rain likely in the state on 30th and 31st July

**Ranchi:** The effect of active monsoon is being seen in the state for the last few days. However, even after the onset of monsoon, most of the districts have received less rain than expected. The effect of which is also being seen on agriculture.

At the same time, if the Meteorological Center is to be believed, the effect of monsoon will remain in the state in the coming days. Where heavy rains have been predicted in the southern and central parts of the state on July 26. This includes East and West Singhbhum, Saraikela Kharsawan, Simdega, Khunti, Ranchi, Gumla, Lohardaga, Ramgarh district. Where a yellow alert has been issued regarding rain.

### NEET exam revised result and scorecard released, toppers reduced from 61 to 17

**New Delhi:** The National Testing Agency (NTA) has released the revised result of the medical entrance exam NEET. Candidates can download the new scorecard by entering the application number and date of birth on neet.ntaonline.in and exams.nta.ac.in/NEET. 26 July is also written on the new scorecard link. Due to the Supreme Court's decision regarding one answer instead of two answers to question number 19, 5 marks each of about 4.20 lakh candidates have been reduced. This has changed the ranking of lakhs of students. The number of toppers has reduced from 61 to 17. Admission to MBBS, BDS, BAMS, BHMS, BUMS and other various undergraduate medical courses in various medical colleges of the country is done through NEET. Apart from this, candidates for Military Nursing Service (MNS) will also be able to take admission in B.Sc Nursing course of Armed Forces Medical Service Hospital through NEET UG exam marks.

### Chaos in France before Olympic opening ceremony, vandalism in high-speed rail network

**Paris:** Just hours before the opening ceremony of the Paris Olympics, France's rail services have been disrupted. France's national rail operator SNCF has informed that there were several incidents of vandalism in its high-speed rail network, which disrupted train services on a large scale. France's train operator company SNCF has informed the news agency AFP about this

### We will crush terrorism with full force, will give a befitting reply to the enemy: Modi



#### PM paid floral tribute at the Kargil War Memorial in Drass

#### Agneepath Yojana is an example of the necessary reforms made in the army

**Kargil:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday warned Pakistan that its nefarious conspiracies will not succeed, as our soldiers are running an operation to crush terrorism with full force and will give a befitting reply to the enemy. He said that today, 25 years after the victory in the Kargil war, the majestic land of Ladakh is an important milestone. Kargil Vijay Diwas reminds us that the sacrifices made for our country are eternal and are always remembered.

PM Modi paid floral tribute at the Kargil War Memorial in Drass, Ladakh on the occasion of the 25th

PM Modi said that in Kargil we not only won the war but also gave a wonderful example of 'truth, restraint and strength'. You know that India was striving for peace at that time and in return Pakistan once again showed its unbelievable face but falsehood and terror were defeated in front of truth.

He further said that India will defeat every challenge that comes in the way of development. In a few days, on August 5, it will be 5 years since Article 370 was abolished. J&K is talking about a new future, talking about big dreams. Along with the development of infrastructure, the tourism sector is also growing rapidly in Ladakh and J&K. After decades, a cinema hall has opened in Kashmir.

Kargil Vijay Diwas. After this, at the Kargil Vijay Diwas tribute ceremony in Drass, Ladakh, the Prime Minister said that Kargil Vijay Diwas tells us that the sacrifices made for the nation are immortal. As time passes, days turn into months, months into years and years into centuries, the names of those who sacrificed their lives for national security are forever immortalized in our collective memory. Today, when I once again stand on the sacred soil of Kargil, it is natural for those memories to be refreshed again. I remember how our forces successfully carried out the operation despite extreme and challenging war conditions. Attacking Pakistan, the PM said that the neighboring country has not learned anything from its history and is fighting a proxy war. Pakistan has failed in all its nefarious attempts in the past but it is trying to keep itself relevant with the help of terrorism and proxy war. The PM said that today I am speaking from a place where the masters of terror can hear my voice directly. I want to tell these patrons of terrorism that their nefarious intentions will never succeed.



## News In Brief

**Tributes paid to the immortal martyrs of Kargil Vijay Diwas at JM College**

**Ramgarh:** On the occasion of the 25th Vijay Diwas of the Kargil War, Kargil Day was celebrated on Friday at JM College in Patel Nagar Bhurkunda under the aegis of National Service Scheme Unit 1. The program began with the college principal Dr. Girdhar Pathak and program officer Dr. Sheela Singh paying tribute to the pictures of the brave martyrs of the country. During this, people prayed for the happiness and prosperity of the families of the immortal soldiers. On the occasion, program officer Dr. Sheela Singh.

**There are vast career opportunities in marketing and banking sector: Vivek Pradhan**

**Ramgarh:** A seminar on banking and marketing skills was organized on Friday at Shri Agrasen School Bhurkunda. Students of senior classes participated in it. Marketing and banking skills were discussed in the seminar for the all-round development of students. Principal Vivek Pradhan said that marketing and banking are among the major sectors in the present times. There are vast career opportunities in it. But to succeed in this field, we have to prepare ourselves. On marketing skills, he said that to do better in this field, one has to become an expert on points like customer engagement, better presentation of the product, improvement on objections received, identification of customer segment, market research, communication skills.

**Problems of workers discussed in the meeting management assured solution**

**Ramgarh:** National Coal Workers Union (RKMU) held talks with regional management on Friday regarding various problems of workers. During this, a meeting was organized under the leadership of Barka-Sayal regional secretary of the union Devendra Kumar Singh and area welfare member Bimal Bihari Srivastava in the presence of regional workshop (B) Bhurkunda management project officer Azhar Khan and project engineer Gupta.

## Under the chairmanship of DC a joint review meeting related to prison mining road safety was held

DN ■ Gumla

On Friday, a joint review meeting related to NCORD committee, prison, mining and road safety was organized under the chairmanship of DC Karna Satyarthi. In the course of reviewing the NCORD committee, the DC gave instructions to ban illegal narcotics in the district. During this, Superintendent of Police Shambhu Kumar Singh said that the police administration is continuously raiding those who sell illegal narcotics like ganja, drugs in the district. Along with this, some suspicious



people have been kept on the radar and surprise raids are also being done. In the course of review related to road safety, the DC talked about providing compensation amount to the families of the deceased in road accidents soon. Apart from this, he also talked about cooperating to get other insurance amount and compensation amount

from the Disaster Management Committee to the families of the deceased in road accidents. He said that the families of the deceased in road accidents are given a compensation amount of Rs 2 lakh under road safety, while apart from this, compensation amount of Rs 1 lakh is also provided to the families from disaster man-

agement. Apart from this, if the deceased has taken Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, then they also get assistance from there. Also, if the deceased has made a labor card, then assistance amount is also given by the government on that. The Deputy Commissioner directed to give the benefits of the schemes to all the beneficiaries on time. The DC while being strict towards the employees of the District Transport Department, directed them that the employees of the Transport Department should cooperate in cover-

## Police arrested Shahzad Ansari accused of firing incident on Main Road Gumla from bus stand

One country made pistol and three bullets recovered : sent to jail

DN ■ Gumla

On receiving secret information by Gumla SP Shambhu Kumar Singh, the police team formed started a raid operation at Gumla bus stand and arrested him with one country-made pistol and three cartridges. After the arrest, a press conference was organized in Gumla police station premises on Saturday and Shahzad Ansari, age about 22 years, father Asraf Ansari, village Ambuwa, present address Ambedkar Nagar Gumla, was sent to jail. On this occasion, while giving a press conference, SDPO Suresh Prasad Yadav said



that on Friday, on receiving secret information by Gumla SP Shambhu Kumar Singh, the police team formed was immediately sent by station in-charge Umesh Kumar Singh to conduct a raid operation at the bus stand. On police cordoning off the area, a suspicious person started running away, then the police took him into their custody and on questioning, he told his

name as Shahzad Ansari. On thorough investigation by the police team, one country-made pistol and three cartridges were recovered from him. SDPO Suresh Prasad Yadav said that he has a criminal history and is also accused of firing on the main road. The accused are. His arrest was made possible due to the tireless efforts of armed force personnel Abhay Shankar.

## Martyrs of Kargil were saluted in DAV Barkakana



DN ■ Ramgarh

Paying tribute to the sons martyred in Kargil, lamps were lit and wreaths were offered at Amar Jawan Jyoti in DAV Barkakana. On this emotional occasion, Komal of class IX conducted the stage, while Aditya Rai of class IX expressed his views. Akanksha Kumari presented a beautiful poem on Kargil Day. NCC cadets of DAV presented a patriotic one-act play on Kargil Day, which touched the hearts of all the people present. The children presented the group song 'Teri Mitti', which made the atmosphere lively. The Principal of the school Mohammad Mustafa Majeed described the feeling of patriotism as important in his address on this occasion. He said that we should express gratitude towards the soldiers due to whose sacrifice we are living peacefully. Teachers and students of the school were present in this ceremony. Everyone together paid tribute to the martyrs and saluted their bravery.

## New CEO welcomed by Chief and BDO in Karaikela



DN ■ Chakradharpur

Newly appointed Zonal Officer Bhikam Kumar was welcomed by Chief Peter Ghanshyam Tiu and BDO Namrata Joshi with a bouquet at Karaikela Panchayat Bhawan. On this occasion, Chief Peter Ghanshyam Tiu said that the new CEO will solve the problems of this area. This is what we all expect. He said that most of Bandgaon is a rugged forest area. There are many problems here. It is necessary to solve those problems. Newly appointed Zonal

Officer Bhikam Kumar assured the Chief, BDO and villagers that he will not be negligent in his work. Also, the problems will be solved immediately. Every possible effort will be made to provide government benefits to the needy people. On this occasion, Agriculture Officer Veer Singh Jonkon, Sadanand Hota, Lal Singh Bhumij, Hurshikes Nayak, Naseem Ahmed, Lal Babu Das along with block workers and panchayat representatives and villagers were present.

## Workshop organized for Ruar Abhiyan in Bandgaon



DN ■ Chakradharpur

School Ruar'2024 workshop was organized in Birsa Bhagwan Plus Two High School of Bandgaon block. It was inaugurated by BDO Namrata Joshi, BEEO Ranjana Pandey, Chief Peter Ghanshyam Tiu and BPO Kali Prasad Gupta by lighting the lamp. On the occasion, BDO Namrata Joshi said that efforts are to be made in the workshop for enrollment and retention of all children in the age group of 5 to 18 years in the school. She said that this program and Project Impact has been kept to be implemented completely in the school. For its success, children staying out of school will be identified and connected to the school with the help of various clubs formed in the school, school management committee, mother committee Saraswati Vahini, child parliament members, public representatives, government and non-government organizations.

## Preparations for the Vaishya Kranti Sammellan begin

DN ■ Ramgarh

A meeting of prominent members of Jharkhand Pradesh Vaishya Morcha was held on Friday at Mukeshlal Sindhuriya's residence in Jawahar Nagar, Bhurkunda. It was chaired by Block President Mukeshlal Sindhuriya and conducted by General Secretary Bhuneshwar Sahu. Central President Maheshwar Sahu, special guest District Working President Basant Prasad Sahu and Central Organization Secretary Upendra Gupta were present as chief guests in the meeting. The meeting was held to prepare for the proposed Vaishya Kranti Sammellan in Bhurkunda



on Kranti Diwas on 9 August. After discussions in the meeting, an 11-member preparation committee was unanimously formed. In which Mukeshlal Sindhuriya, Bhuneshwar Sahu, Kailash Sahu, Upendra Gupta, Rajaram Prasad, Madheshwar Keshari, Ashok Sahu, Bharat Keshari, Geeta Devi Rama, Gopal Keshari and Pintu Kumar Gupta have been made members. On the occasion, Central President

Maheshwar Sahu said that nothing can be achieved without struggle. Vaishya Morcha has achieved this position on the strength of struggle. He said that on 9th August, a big fight will be announced for the demands of Vaishya and OBC. Therefore, our preparation should also be big. Finally, it was decided that a campaign will be launched from 2nd August. The work of pasting posters, distributing pamphlets, putting up banners.

## MLA Sukhram Oraon laid the foundation stone of solar based deep boring

DN ■ Chakradharpur

MLA Sukhram Oraon on Friday laid the foundation stone of solar based deep boring cum water tower construction works in the city with about 8 lakh rupees from MLA fund under Jal Samridhi Yojana. The foundation stone of solar based deep boring construction works was laid by duly performing Puja and breaking coconut next to Lord Hanuman temple near Sonua bus stand of the city. On this occasion, MLA Sukhram Oraon said that the target has been set to provide water to every house in Chakradharpur assembly, for this he is continuously making efforts, in this the



state government and central government are also running many schemes by giving priority to drinking water, he said that earlier the foundation stone of solar based deep boring cum water tower was laid from MLA fund to provide pure drinking water to the city, school, haat bazaar and people's homes as per the need. The MLA said that whatever deep boring was done in the city by us in 2005 from the MLA

fund, people are still taking advantage of it. It is hoped that we have also given priority to the problem of drinking water from Chakradharpur assembly and have brought the scheme to the ground, so that there is no problem of water anywhere. The MLA said that for this, the state government is getting the broken hand pumps repaired, so that people do not face the problem of drinking water. He said

that hundreds of people come to worship at Sonua bus stand temple every day. But the local people had demanded a deep boring regarding the problem of water. Which was completed today. This will also benefit the people coming and going. On this occasion, former ward councillor Leela Devi, JMM leader Sarwar Nehal alias Najju, Amar Bodra, Sanjeev Vishwakarma, BJP leader Shesh Narayan Lal, Kumar Vivek, Guddu Singh, Parminder Chauhan, Sanjay Paswan, Bulletin Rawani, Pratima Saw from Shiv Charcha Samiti, Babita Gupta, Anita Gupta and a large number of people.

## If the clogged drains are not cleaned soon the Nagar Parishad will be locked : Khurshid Alam

DN ■ Gumla

Jharkhand Party leader Khurshid Alam has issued a press statement saying that the Nagar Parishad is not cleaning the garbage in the drains of various wards. The rains are about to come and the situation can get very bad. Especially in the drain from Islampur Chowk to Harijan School turn in ward number 9, the drain has been blocked by dumping mud in the drain for half the distance, which is not cleaned by the Nagar Palika. Only formality is done in the name of drain cleaning. The above things were told by Jharkhand Party leader Khurshid Alam in a press statement



that now the problem has become that the water of the road is not able to flow in the drain and the drain water has entered the houses on the north side of Anjuman Hospital, due to which the families of ten houses are living in filth. Neither the ward councillor is serious about this problem nor the Nagar Parishad. If this serious problem is not resolved immediately, the matter will become serious. The

Nagar Parishad is being run by contractors. In Ward 9, whenever the cleaning workers clean the drain, they are busy in cleaning work, meanwhile the contractor of the Municipal Council, who has taken the contract for building the drain in Panwariya Mohalla, takes the cleaning workers of the Municipal Council for his personal work. The Municipal Council is warned to resolve this matter immediately or else the Municipal Council office will be locked. The residents of the locality are secretly angry with the Municipal Council about this problem.

## Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha took out a torch procession in honour of Kargil heroes



DN ■ Ramgarh

A torch procession with tricolours was taken out on the eve of Kargil Vijay Diwas under the aegis of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha Ramgarh district. This torch procession reached Ramgarh Subhash Chowk via Ramgarh Gandhi Chowk, where tribute was paid to Kargil heroes and lamps were lit in memory of our brave martyrs and the programme concluded by honouring ex-servicemen Ranjan Fauji, Fridgebihari Singh Yadav, Ramtahal Mahato, Dinesh Kumar Yadav, Arvind Yadav by giving them clothes and flowers. The programme was presided over by Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha district president Abhitesh Singh and conducted by general secretary Rajesh Soni. In this program, BJP Yuva Morcha state minister Pooja Singh, Raju Chaturvedi, Chotan Singh, Prahlad Pandey, Neeraj Singh, Anju Thakur, Yuva Morcha district office minister Sanjay Agarwal.

## Trust's goal is to solve the problems of the needy

DN ■ Ramgarh

On behalf of Ilm Ki Roshni Trust, the trust members provided financial help to an orphan girl living in village Turov block Churchu. Whose road accident happened on 16 July 2024 while returning from school in which she was seriously injured. The jaw was broken in three places, the neck was also broken and the tooth was broken and penetrated inside. She is being treated at Max Hospital Hazaribagh, which cost a lot. As soon as this information was received, the trust took the matter seriously and appealed to the people for help. Ilm Ki Roshni Trust



Secretary Muhammad Wasim Kausar Razvi said that the girl was helped by the hands of Trust President Maulana Nazim Kausar by going to her residence for better treatment. Also, giving courage to the victim girl and her mother, he said that we are always with you, tomorrow will be better. Prayers were also offered for the speedy recovery of the girl.

Also, the trust secretary said that the trust is always helping almost every needy person who contacts any member of the trust by investigating them and this process has been going on for the last four years and if the public supports it, it will continue in the future as well. Muhammad Iqbal Ansari, Muhammad Abdul Ansari were present on this occasion etc.



Anurag Gupta took over as Jharkhand DGP



DN ■ Ranchi

Anurag Gupta took over as Jharkhand DGP on Friday. It is worth noting that Anurag Gupta, a 1990 batch IPS, was made the in-charge DGP of Jharkhand by the government. The notification related to this was issued by the Home, Prison and Disaster Management Department on Friday. Outgoing DGP Ajay Kumar Singh welcomed him with a bouquet. As soon as he took charge, DGP Anurag Gupta listed his priorities. He said that the focus will be on four main points. Among these, narcotics, cyber, violent crime and women's safety will be given top priority.

Anurag Gupta is currently posted as CID DG. He is also the DG of Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB). Ajay Kumar Singh, posted as Jharkhand DGP, has been made the MD of Police Housing Corporation. According to the notification issued, Prashant Singh, MD of Police Housing Corporation, has been made DG Wireless.

Jharkhand's Mines Department has recovered royalty of Rs 10400 crore, most from coal



DN ■ Ranchi

Jharkhand's Mines Department has recovered royalty of Rs 10,400 crore from minerals in the financial year 2023-24. Earlier, Rs 9798.40 crore was recovered in financial year 22-23, Rs 7477.41 crore in 21-22, Rs 4888.36 crore in 20-21, Rs 5165.82 crore in 19-20 and Rs 5974.34 crore in 18-19.

**Highest royalty from coal:**

The Mines Department gets the highest royalty from coal. Royalty of about Rs 5500 crore is received only from coal. At the same time, royalty of about 3150 crore comes from iron ore. The remaining royalty is received from stone, gold, uranium, bauxite, limestone, copper and other minerals. Apart from royalty, Jharkhand has been claiming Rs 1.36 lakh crore from the Center. **States have the right to impose tax on minerals: Supreme Court**

Actually, the Supreme Court said on Thursday that the royal-

ty payable on minerals is not a tax. Under the Constitution, the states have the legislative right to impose tax on mines and mineral-rich land. Despite this, Parliament can limit this power of the states to ensure uninterrupted mineral development in the country. The nine-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court said in an 8:1 majority decision that Parliament does not have the power to impose tax on mineral rights under Entry-50 of the Second List of the Constitution.

The bench comprises CJI DY Chandrachud, Justice BV Nagarathna, Justice Hrishikesh Roy, Justice Abhay S Oka, Justice JB Pardiwala, Justice

**35 years ago, the Supreme Court had declared royalty as tax** In 1989, in the Tamil Nadu Government vs India Cements Limited case, a seven-judge bench of the Supreme Court had said that royalty on minerals is a tax. In 2004, a five-judge bench of the Supreme Court hearing the West Bengal vs Kesoram Industries Limited case said that royalty is not a tax. There was a contradiction in the decisions given in 1989 and 2004. Regarding this, in 2011 the Supreme Court handed over the case related to royalty to a bench of nine judges.

Manoj Mishra, Justice Ujjwal Bhuiyan, Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Augustine George Masih. Justice BV Nagarathna gave a dissenting verdict on the matter. While reading the verdict, he said that the states do not have the legislative power to impose tax on mines and mineral-rich land. At the same time, the CJI said that the Mines and Minerals

(Development and Regulation) Act (MMDR), 1957 does not prohibit the state from imposing tax on mines and minerals. Under this, royalty is not in the nature of tax. The issue of tax collection by the Center on mines and minerals till now will be heard on July 31. This decision of the Supreme Court will give a boost to mineral-rich states like Jharkhand and Odisha.

Ranchi contractor commits suicide by shooting himself

DN ■ Ranchi

A contractor from Hindpuri police station area of the capital Ranchi has committed suicide by shooting himself. The name of the deceased contractor is Satyajit Sarkar but he was living in an apartment located at Imli Chowk in Hindpuri police station area. After hearing the sound of gunshot, Sarkar's neighbors called his wife. Informed about the whole matter. When the family reached outside the flat, the door was locked from inside. After this, the police was informed about the matter.

When the police team broke the door of room number 102 of B block of Kalicharan Apartment and reached inside, Satyajit



Sarkar's body was found on the sofa. He had a pistol in his hand. Police said that this is a case of suicide. At present the reason for suicide is not clear. Satyajit Sarkar used to do contracting work. At the time of the incident, his wife and children had gone to their maternal home. FSL team has been called to investigate the matter. Fingerprints have also been collected. CCTV footage of the apartment is also being scrutinized.

Out of 1250 BPL seats in 120 schools of Ranchi district, only 650 seats are filled, many big schools are violating RTE

DN ■ Ranchi

Under the Right to Education Act (RTE), 25 percent of the seats in the entry class of recognized private schools are reserved for BPL category students. Under the Right to Education Act, 25 percent of the class strength has to be enrolled for BPL category students. This is paid by the government. The school is given Rs 5100 as tuition fee for one year per student. 60 percent of the tuition fee for students from class one to eight is paid by the Center and 40 percent by the state government. At the same time, the state government pays 100 percent of the fees of



students below class one. Many big and famous schools of the capital Ranchi are violating the RTE policy. According to the information, 1250 seats are available for BPL category students in 120 schools of the district. But only 650 admissions have been done till July. More than 40 schools including

Bridford, Kerala School, Saint Xavier's School, Prabhat Tara School, one of the famous schools of the capital, have not given admission to BPL students. According to the data received, admissions in BPL category are less in rural areas. People of rural areas want to get admission in big schools.

Hemant govt. is working in a planned manner for the development of all regional languages including Urdu: Hidayatullah Khan

DN ■ Koderma

On July 26, in the Parishad Auditorium of Koderma district, Chairman of Jharkhand State Minority Commission Hidayatullah Khan and member Barkat Ali jointly reviewed the various schemes being run for the welfare of minorities in the district department wise. In a press conference organized after the review, the Chairman of the Commission told the media that today the Commission reviewed the schemes being run by other departments including education, rural development, social security, social welfare, fisheries, agriculture, health for the welfare of minorities in the district. He said that the objective of the commission is that the schemes of the central and state government for the welfare of minorities should be properly implemented in all the districts of Jharkhand. He said that



it is also the priority of the CM of the state that all the people of the state should get the benefit of all the schemes of the government. He told that the commission is satisfied with the reports received from the departments during the review. However, the District Education Officer presented an incomplete report, on which the commission directed to prepare and send the complete report.

The commission told that tomorrow the departments will be reviewed in Hazaribagh. Along with this, public hearing will also be done. The commission is continuously visiting all the districts and conducting department-wise review and public

hearing. During the public hearing, many applications were also received which have been sent to the concerned department for further action.

During this, he said that there are more cases related to education especially in Koderma district. There is also a shortage of Urdu teachers in Koderma district. The commission will recommend this to the Jharkhand government. Despite the large number of Muslims living in minority communities in Koderma, people expressed displeasure over Urdu teachers and school, on which the commission took cognizance and assured a solution as soon as possible. Chairman Hidayatullah Khan said that CM Hemant is serious about the educational upliftment of the minority community, so all the problems will be resolved soon. He said that the Hemant govt. does not have any differences regarding language.

CM Hemant's cook dies in a road accident



**Ranchi:** A JAP 1 jawan posted at the Chief Minister's residence died during treatment after being injured in a road accident.

The deceased jawan Laxman Chhetri used to work as a cook at CM Hemant Soren's residence. The central officer of Jharkhand Police Class IV Employees Union gave a tearful farewell to JAP 1 cook Laxman Chhetri. Many JAP officials and personnel were present in the tribute program.

Satire on Tomato price hike



**Teacher-Which one is far, moon or America? Student-Tomato sir...**

-Prem prakash Upadhyay "Natural" Uttarakhand

Jharkhand High Court stays order to remove Himanshu Shekhar Chaudhary, chairman of State Food Commission

DN ■ Ranchi

Jharkhand High Court has stayed the state government's order to remove Himanshu Shekhar Chaudhary from the post of Chairman of State Food Commission. The court has ordered the state government not to appoint anyone to this post till further orders. During the hearing, the court was told that Himanshu Shekhar Chaudhary was appointed as the chairman of the State Food Commission in February 2021 for 5 years, but in July 2024 he was suddenly dismissed without any show cause and action. The reason for his removal by the state government was stated to be not submitting the statement of income and expenditure to the department.

During the hearing, the court has been told on behalf of the petitioner that whatever are the eligibility conditions in the law of the Central and State Government,



none of the points apply in Himanshu Shekhar Chaudhary's case. He is eligible for this post, removing him without a show cause notice is against natural justice. On which the court passed a stay order on the order of his dismissal and directed the state government not to appoint anyone to the post of Chairman of the State Food Commission till further orders. The state government sought time from the court in the matter. The next hearing of the case will be in the month of August.

Pankaj Mishra withdrew his bail petition from the High Court

DN ■ Ranchi

The bail petition of Pankaj Mishra, accused of managing tenders and earning huge wealth through illegal mining in Sahibganj district, was heard in the Jharkhand High Court. Pankaj Mishra requested to withdraw the bail petition. The court accepted it and granted permission to withdraw the petition. Pankaj Mishra's bail petition was rejected in the special court of ED, after which he filed a petition for bail in the High Court.

Let us tell you that Pankaj Mishra was arrested by ED in July last year. During the investigation, ED has also seized Rs 11.88 crore deposited in 37 bank accounts of Pankaj Mishra, Dahu Yadav and their associates.

At the same time, ED had



searched 19 places in Sahibganj, Barhet, Rajmahal, Mirza Chowki and Barharwa. During this, many documents and cash worth Rs 5.34 crore were seized. During this search operation, the ED also seized five stone crushers being operated illegally from the site, five illegal guns and cartridges.

News In Brief

ED court refuses to grant bail to JMM leader Antu Turkey



**Ranchi:** Ranchi PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act) special court on Friday gave its verdict on the bail plea of JMM leader Antu Turkey, who is in jail on charges of land scam. The court has rejected Antu Turkey's bail plea by refusing to grant him bail. Earlier on July 12, after hearing the arguments of Antu Turkey and ED, the court had reserved its decision. Let us tell you that ED had arrested Antu Turkey on April 16 this year. Since then he is in judicial custody.

Honorarium of Jharkhand Day Boarding Instructors Increased

**Ranchi:** There is good news for all the day boarding instructors operating in Jharkhand. The honorarium of the instructors has been increased. Sports Director Sandeep Kumar has issued an order related to this on July 25. According to the order issued, the honorarium of the instructors has been increased from Rs 14038 to Rs 19467 per month. Let us tell you that in the last one year, day boarding coaches have applied to the Sports Director several times for increasing the honorarium.

AFFIDAVIT

I ANUSHKA SINGH, D/o-Alok Kumar Singh, aged about 18 years, by faith-Hindu, R/o-Plot No. 380, Near Kali Mandir, Co-operative Colony, B.S. City, Dist-Bokaro, Jharkhand, do hereby solemnly affirm on oath and declare as follows:-

1. That, my actual and correct name is ANUSHKA SINGH, which is mentioned in my Aadhaar Card, vide Aadhaar No. 9302 2207 2999.
2. That, I am Account holder of Bank of India, Co-operative Colony Branch, vide Account No. 587010110005311.
3. That, in my aforesaid bank Account Record my name has been inadvertently mentioned as ANUSHKA,
4. That, ANUSHKA SINGH and ANUSHKA both name are same and one lady i.e. myself.
5. That, I intend to mention my actual name as ANUSHKA SINGH in place of ANUSHKA in my aforesaid Bank Account.
6. That, I am swearing this affidavit to produce it before authority concern and for needful purpose.

The statements made herein are true and correct. I sign in this affidavit no. 2600 at Bokaro on 20/07/2024.

AFFIDAVIT

IMD KHURSHID, S/o-Late Md Idrish, aged about-56 years, by faith-Islam, R/o House No-126, Muslim Mohalla, Sahadat Nagar, Purana Chas, P.O. & P.S.-Chas, Dist-Bokaro, Jharkhand-827013, do hereby solemnly affirm on oath and declare as follows:-

1. That, my actual and correct name is MD KHURSHID according to my Aadhar Card vide No.-5087 7938 6201 and PAN Card vide No- BILPK5633F but wrongly mentioned my name as MOHAMMAD KHURSHID in my Bank of India, Branch-Chas, vide A/c 471110110015747 and 471110110015880, Customer Id vide No- 157584285.
2. That, MD KHURSHID and MOHAMMAD KHURSHID both name are same and one person i.e. myself.
3. That, in intend to rectify my actual name MD KHURSHID in place of MOHAMMAD KHURSHID in my said bank account.
4. That, I am swearing this affidavit to produce it before the concerned authority and for the needful purpose.

The statements made herein are true and correct. I signed this affidavit no. 721 at Bokaro on 23/07/2024 .



## News In Brief

**Puja-archana for the construction of the dome of the temple**

**Maithan:** Puja-archana was performed today for the construction of the dome of Balaji temple located at Sanjay Chowk. In this holy work, apart from Dr. Ramji Dwivedi, Akhileshwar Tiwari, Pramod Agarwal, Dharendra Nayak, Maithon OP in-charge Aakrisht Aman, Mona Sharma, Lambu Yadav, Arun Tiwari, Rakesh Dubey, Sukhmay Mandal, Janardan Yadav, craftsmen from Maharashtra and others were present.

**Important points discussed in BJP Nagar meeting**

**Girdih:** The meeting of Bharatiya Janata Party Working Committee concluded today. District President Mahadev Dubey, former MLA Nirbhay Shahabadi and others attended the meeting. During this, many important points were discussed regarding the organization. It was told that on July 28, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat program will be broadcast at every booth. After the program, a booth committee meeting will be held. In the meeting at every booth, there will be opinion poll on many important points. Also, new and energetic young workers will be included in the booth committee. Former MLA Nirbhay Shahabadi said that the countdown for the assembly elections has started.

**Garden umbrellas given to footpath shopkeepers**

**Girdih:** Garden umbrellas were made available to footpath shopkeepers of the city courtesy of Rotary Club Girdih and Nirman Pipes. In this series, Rotary Girdih officials and Nirman Pipes employees jointly went to different places of the city and gave garden umbrellas to those selling goods on the footpath. It was told that this noble work is being done with the spirit of service. Apart from shopkeepers selling vegetables, fruits and other items on the roadside, umbrellas were distributed among cobblers and those who make a living by sitting on the footpath. People of Rotary and Nirman Pipes said that during the rainy season.

## Deputy Commissioner heard the grievances of the common man in Janta Darbar

DN ■ Dhanbad

Deputy Commissioner Ms. Madhavi Mishra today organized a Janta Darbar in her office room and heard the problems of the common man. She forwarded the applications of all the cases that came to her notice to the concerned officials for immediate execution. During this time, applications came mainly in relation to land dispute, arms license, illegal occupation of government land, freeing land from encroachment, fraud, pension, forced excavation, online receipt, Abua housing, education, health,



employment, caste/residential certificate, Anganwadi Sevika selection, land division, land measurement and other problems. The Deputy

Commissioner marked the applications and transferred them to the concerned officials and directed for execution. He said that these problems will be

resolved soon. Officials have been instructed for this. In-charge Officer Public Grievance Cell Niaz Ahmed was present on the spot.

## Meeting of Anjuman Taraqqi Urdu (Hind) Dhanbad concluded

DN ■ Dhanbad

Meeting of Anjuman Taraqqi Urdu (Hind) Dhanbad was held at the residence of Shamsul Huda Ansari Aligarh (Chhote Haji) in Wasseypur under the chairmanship of Syed Miftahul Arifeen Rizvi. Secretary of Anjuman Dr. Hasan Nizami presented the accounts. In the meeting, there was a discussion regarding the implementation of the work of promotion, development and publication of Urdu. People blessed with their good advice. Broadcasting Secretary Ghulam Gaus 'Asvi' said that we all have to be ready to save and promote Urdu. Under the Urdu Bachao Abhiyan, people will be connected to the Urdu language. Syed Sarwar Hussain said that Urdu awareness campaign will be run by organizing camps at various places. Syed Sarwar Hussain, Syed Miftahul-Arifeen Rizvi, Intiaz Bin Aziz, Dr. Yunus Firdausi, Master Abdul Gaffar, Ghulam Gaus 'Asvi', Dr. Hasan Nizami, Abdul Rehman 'Abd', Shamsul Huda Ansari etc were present on the occasion.



## Rotary Club started the first 1000 days program

DN ■ Mahuda

The first 1000 days program organized by Rotary Club Dhanbad was inaugurated by lighting a lamp in Chhatrutand Panchayat Bhawan. Dhanbad MP Dhullu Mahato said that this step of the members of Rotary Club Dhanbad is commendable, no amount of praise for it would be less. It is hoped that Rotary Club will continue to work related to the health of women and adolescents. He said that it stands with the people of Baghmara in every sorrow and happiness with Dhanbad and will continue to do so in the future. Rotary Club Dhanbad President Rahul Vyas said that we are very happy that Rotary Club of Dhanbad has organized a



program called "First 1000 Days" in the remote area of Mahuda. Our aim is to create more awareness among adolescents, pregnant women and lactating mothers by giving them health related information through this program. Health related information was given in detail in the program. On this occasion, social workers Umesh

## Workshop on skill and technical education concluded in Kendriya Vidyalaya



DN ■ Maithan

Various information on skill and technical education was given to students from 6th to 12th class in Kendriya Vidyalaya Maithan Dam today. The workshop was inaugurated by Principal in-charge Praveen Kumar Mathur. Chief speaker PGT Mangal Rai said that in the modern

era, skill education will take you forward as an important and interesting career option. After this, he gave information to the students about various courses related to different departments. PGT Mangal Rai played an important role in making the program successful. About 210 students participated in the workshop.

## Sahiyar suffering from serious illness dies during treatment

DN ■ Tisra

Kamala Devi, a Sahiyar from Jayarampur Quarter, resident of Lakshmi Colliery, aged about 50 years, died due to serious illness in Ranchi RIMS this morning. On hearing the news of death, Rekha Bhatt, Sunita Devi along with Urban BTT Manawwar Ansari reached her house and helped her husband Ashok Sharma and the family of the deceased who was struggling with financial crisis and promised to provide all possible help in this hour of grief. It is said that Kamala was ill for the last several days. Earlier she was undergoing treatment in Dhanbad PMCH. After this, she was sent to Ranchi RIMS, where she died of cardiac arrest this morning. Tribute was paid to her by organizing a condolence meeting in the cluster. Lakshmi Dubey, Manorama Gupta, Shanti Priya, Shanti Devi, Rekha Devi, Kiran Devi, Munni Devi, Poonam Devi, Rani Devi, Savita Devi etc. reached the spot and consoled the family. Her son Shrawan Kumar Sharma lit the funeral pyre. Her cremation took place at Mohalvani crematorium.



## Tribute paid to Tapas Nag on death anniversary

DN ■ Maithan

The fourth death anniversary of MCC leader Comrade Tapas Nag was organised at the local recreation club. The tribute meeting was started by Mrs Anandita Chatterjee, wife of former Nirma MLA Arup Chatterjee, by offering a floral garland to the life-size photograph of Comrade Nag. Mrs Chatterjee said that Comrade Nag was a dedicated worker of the party. He conducted many successful movements in his lifetime. He had a good hold in rural areas. He was the voice of the weak and poor people. His untimely death has caused a deep loss to the party, which cannot be compensated. Medha Panchayat



Mukhiya Manoj Raut said that Comrade Nag's behaviour with him was friendly. He was always available to help people. He was very popular among his opponents and supporters due to his friendly nature. A beautiful song was presented by Ratul Sarkar in the tribute meeting. Ekta Sangh Ganesh Puja Committee also organised a tribute meeting in Area Number Four. Those who paid tribute included former Nirma

MLA, party workers, leaders of various political parties, officers and members of DVC union, social organizations, local shopkeepers and common citizens. The meeting was conducted by Chandi Charan Chakraborty. Dipto Chatterjee, Rajan Rajak, Subhash Addi, Alok Bhattacharya, Nirmal Sarkar, Apurbo Ghosh and Munna had commendable cooperation in organizing the meeting successfully.

## Family took the body of the dead worker on the assurance of the management

DN ■ Bhowra

Yudhishtir Modi, working as a cableman in Bhaunra Four A patch under East Jharia area, died early in the morning today at his home in Bhojudih, Chandankiyari due to illness. His family reached Bhaunra colliery office with the body and started demanding immediate job and compensation for the dependent. During this, there was a little ruckus. Later, the matter was settled after the management's persuasion and the family went back to their home in Bhojudih with the body.

Then the management heaved a sigh of relief. According to the information received, Yudhishtir had gone to his home in Bhojudih after doing duty on 22 July, where his health deteriorated. The family was getting him treated at their own level, but he died on Friday morning. The colliery manager told the family of the deceased that the dependent's job will be as per the company's rules,



because his death did not happen during duty. Therefore, immediate employment cannot be given. You all come in the process, the management will help you in every possible way. On this, the family of the deceased agreed and returned with the body. Later, the wife of the deceased, Niyuti Devi, wrote a letter to the management informing them about

her husband's death and demanded that the company's rules and regulations be followed and the compensation be given as soon as possible. Regional Secretary of Janata Shramik Sangh Shiv Kumar Yadav and President Ramchandra Paswan gave Rs 3000 as assistance to the family of the deceased and said that Janata Shramik Sangh will always stand for the help of the workers.

## Officers should settle pending cases on time: Ms. Madhavi

Deputy Commissioner reviewed pending cases and reports in High Court/Supreme Court

DN ■ Dhanbad

A review meeting of pending cases in High Court and Supreme Court and pending reports related to various commissions was held in the auditorium of Collectorate today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner cum District Magistrate Ms. Madhavi Mishra. In the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the pending cases department wise and zone wise for timely settlement of the cases of the district in the High Court Jharkhand.

He said that the work of execution should be expedited by giving priority to the cases of High Court. Accountability will be fixed on the officers who are negligent in pending cases of the court.

She said that serious and complex cases should be taken into cognizance immediately, so that its solution can be found on time. Apart from this, necessary guidelines were given to all the zonal officers for pending mutation, early execution of pending land measurement, illegal occupation of government land, making land available for government schemes. The Deputy Commissioner directed the Zonal Officers to inspect all mining projects and measure the area of the mining area and submit a report by August 5.



Deputy Development Commissioner Sadat Anwar, Additional Collector Vinod Kumar, ADM Law and Order Mrs. Hema Prasad, DCLR Santosh Gupta, DLAO Ramnarayan Khalkho, Mining Officer Mihir Salkar, District Education Superintendent Bhootnath Rajwar, District Social Welfare Officer Mrs. Anita Kujur along with all the Zonal Officers and Law Branch Incharges were present in the meeting.

## Two-day sports competition starts at DAV Model School

DN ■ Jorapokhar

DAV Sports-2024 regional level two-day basketball, handball and football competition started today at DAV Model School CFRI Dhanbad. The competition was inaugurated by the Principal of the host school, Mrs. Mahua Singh, by hoisting the sports flag. 377 students from 30 teams participated in these competitions, including 276 boys and 101 girls. Principal Mahua Singh encouraged the children and said that victory and defeat are certain in sports, but sports should be played with the spirit of sportsmanship. One should hit his target with enthusiasm, discipline and patience. In the under-



19 age group of boys' basketball competition played on the first day, DAV Bistupur defeated DAV Noamundi by 27-12 points and won the gold. In the under-17 age group, DAV CFI defeated DAV Bistupur by 27-12 points and won the gold medal.

In the under-14 age group, DAV Bistupur defeated DAV CFR I by 13-1 and won the gold medal with a brilliant performance. In the under-17 age group of girls, DAV CFI defeated DAV Bistupur by 13-04 points and won the gold medal. On the other hand,

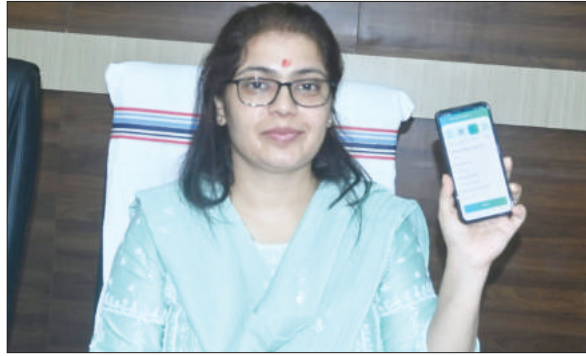
in the under-17 age group of boys' handball competition, DAV CFRI defeated DAV Bistupur by 7-0 points and in the under-14 age group also DAV CFRI defeated DAV Bistupur by 5-0 points. In the under-14 age group of girls, DAV CFRI defeated DAV Bistupur by 2-0 points and won the gold medal. In the under-17 age group, DAV CFRI defeated DAV Bistupur by 5-1 points and won the gold medal. In the Under-17 boys football competition, DAV Bistupur defeated DAV Jamadoba by 1-0 goal and DAV Sijua defeated DAV CFRI by 2-0 goals. Sports supervisor Mrs. Chandrima Mukherjee, Principal, DAV Sijua



## District Election Officer joined the hashtag name check campaign

DN ■ Bokaro

On the instructions of the Chief Electoral Officer Jharkhand, the date of publication of the draft voter list, on 25th July Thursday, the District Election Officer and other officers participated in the Aahat Naam Checko social media campaign for public awareness. This campaign lasted for 1 hour from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in the Collectorate auditorium. Under the leadership of DC, all senior officers, Block Development Officers, Zonal Officers and other district level officers participated in the Naam Checko social media campaign. Everyone went to



the Booth Level Officer Up and checked their name in the voter list and took photos and uploaded them on their social media platforms. On the other hand, the Booth Level Officers were present at all the polling stations in the district. Along with the publication of the draft voter list, they helped the voters in checking their names.

Form 6 and 8 were collected from those whose names were missing or there was an error. As per the instructions of the District Election Officer, the Didi of JSLPS also spread public awareness in the area and made the voters aware about matching their names in the voter list and the Naam Checko social media campaign.

## DTO collected Rs350000 fine from 12 vehicles



DN ■ Bokaro

District Transport Officer Vandana Sejwalkar, on the instructions of DC, conducted a checking campaign against big vehicles at BIADA Balidih Toll Plaza and Bermo Fusro Road of the district. During this, it was found that most of the vehicles were found without valid route, meter, overloaded, over seized, pollution, fitness and insurance papers were found failed, due to which these vehicles were fined. According to the information given, about Rs350000 fine was recovered from 12 vehicles. District Transport Officer said that checking campaign was conducted in BIADA area and other areas of the district, in which a fine of three and a half lakh rupees was taken from 12 vehicles. All the said vehicles were given a final warning to rectify it as soon as possible, otherwise action will be taken against the concerned vehicle owner as per economic and penal rules.

## Additional Commissioner Chas Anant visits his alma mater DPS Bokaro after three decades, inspires students



DN ■ Bokaro

To inspire and encourage the students, DPS Bokaro alumnus (1993 batch) Anant Kumar, presently posted as Additional Commissioner of Chas Municipal Corporation, visited his alma mater to motivate the youngsters. He shared his invaluable insights on a spectrum of crucial life skills, leaving

a profound impact on young minds. Emphasizing the significance of holistic development, Anant Kumar underscored the importance of fitness as a cornerstone of a healthy and productive life. He urged students to prioritize physical well-being and engage in regular exercise. Expressing his grat-

itude to his alma mater he said that DPS Bokaro has the world-class infrastructure to facilitate its students to be global leaders. Furthermore, he delved into the essence of empathy, ethical values, need for integrity, honesty and fairness in all aspects of life. He inspired students to uphold these values and become responsible citizens. Principal, Dr. A.S. Gangwar shared that it is always a pleasure and glory to see the alumni visiting their school and inspiring the younger generations to maintain the legacy of educational excellence.

## BSL management deserves thanks for giving Rs 10 lakh insurance to contract workers: Choudhary

DN ■ Bokaro

While presiding over the union meeting at Jai Jharkhand Mazdoor Samaj office, Sector 9, General Secretary BK Chaudhary said that the number of deaths of contract workers due to accidents in the plant is increasing. After their death, a huge financial crisis is created for their dependent families. Due to this, the union has been continuously raising its voice on all platforms for implementing group accident insurance scheme for them in Bokaro Steel like other steel plants, which had a positive result in the agreement made with the management and Bokaro Welfare Trust on 24th July, in which Rs 10 lakh will be paid to the dependents of contract workers after their death



due to accident. He thanked Bokaro Steel Plant's Director-in-Charge BK Tiwari, Executive Director Human Resources Rajan Prasad along with Chief General Manager Harimohan Jha on behalf of the union for playing an important role in getting this historic agreement done. Mr. Chaudhary said that economic exploitation was being done by the

contractor-engineer-in-charge nexus and gate passes were being stopped if money from the salary was not returned. This too is being stopped to a large extent. He said that once the above problem is resolved, there will be a lot of relief among the contract workers. There is joy in the contractor's organization, Bokaro Welfare Trust was also congratulated. Joint general secretaries Shankar Kumar, K Singh, SK Singh, Anil Kumar, Rajendra Prasad, Badal Kari, Roshan Kumar, Tulsi Mahato, RK Mishra, Aashiq Ansari, Ram Rawani, Ahmed Manik Chandra Shah, Abhimanyu Manjhi etc were present in the meeting. This information was given by office minister RB Choudhary.

## Trees are the source of our life, Rotary launched tree plantation campaign: Agarwal

DN ■ Chas

With the objective of maintaining environmental balance, Rotary Club Chas planted 80 fruitful and shady trees in a private premises on Chas Dhanbad Road today. President Vinod Chopra said that it is the duty of all of us to protect and nurture trees that provide environment and oxygen. Program coordinator Vipin Agarwal said that along with planting trees, protecting them is the duty and moral responsibility of everyone. Mr. Agarwal said that in the coming times, the solution to hellish life is tree plantation.

On the occasion, founder president Sanjay Vaidya said that only by planting trees, we can take a pledge to give a safe environment to the coming generations. Mr. Sanjay said



that tree plantation is our basic need. Secretary Mukesh Agarwal said that Rotary has a clear message that if trees are not safe, then human life will not be safe. He said that today 80 saplings of fruitful and shady trees including mango, jackfruit, jamun, guava, gul-

mohar were planted. Vinod Chopra, Mukesh Agarwal, Pooja Ved, Dimple Kaur, Vipin Agarwal, Kumar, Amardeep, Gaurav Rastogi, Ritu Agarwal, Jyoti Agarwal, Manjit Singh, Shweta Rastogi, Vijay Agarwal, Poorvi Kejriwal etc. were present in the program.

## Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrated in DAV Public School Kathara

DN ■ Bermo

Bandh Kathara Kargil Vijay Utsav was celebrated with great joy in the premises of DAV Kathara. The martyrdom of brave soldiers and their bravery was remembered in the prayer meeting. During this, the students saluted the immortal martyrs who sacrificed their lives to protect mother India. Class 10 student Shanvi Anand presented a speech on Kargil Vijay Utsav. Class 10th student Anushree Kumari, class 9th students Ruhani Praveen, Sanchita Mahato, Srishti Kumari mesmerized everyone by singing the song Vijayi Vishwa Tiranga Pyara on this occa-



sion under the direction of music teacher Shri Sangeet Kumar. The school's Principal and Director of Jharkhand Zone G, Vipin Rai said that we should take inspiration from our brave fighters and imbibe their principles. On this occasion, senior teachers Pankaj Kumar, PN

Chaudhary, Dr. RS Mishra, Sharmila Thakur, Rekha Kumari, AK Goswami, CCA Coordinator BK Dasodhi, religious guru TM Pathak, Jitendra Dubey, Arvind Ksha, Sanjay Kumar Singh, Mantosh Kumar, Amit Pandey and all the employees were present.

## Conference on Energy Conservation and Standard and Leveling Programme for Retailers organized

DN ■ Bokaro

Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency and Energy Efficiency Bureau under Ministry of Power, Government of India organized a one day conference on energy conservation and standard and leveling program for retailers on 26th July at West Inn Hotel, Bokaro in which more than 70 delegates participated. In the program, training on star level was given to the vendors by GK Vikas energy expert. The program started with lighting of lamp by chief guest and special guest and other persons present on the stage. On this occasion Shailendra Kumar Pandey, President Laghu Udyog Bharati, Kundan Kumar Upadhyay, State President JST SBEA and Vishwajeet Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, Ujala Enterprises were the chief guests of the program. While explaining the objective of the workshop, he asked to focus on low energy consuming appliances as well as other means of saving energy. Addressing all the retailers and participants, he asked them to use electrical appliances properly and be aware.



## The workers gave a warm welcome to him on being made the state vice president of Youth Congress

DN ■ Chas

On his arrival in Bokaro for the first time after being made the Jharkhand State Vice President of Youth Congress, Dev Sharma was accorded a rousing welcome by all the leaders and workers of Youth Congress and Youth Lines Force with drums, fireworks, bouquet of flowers and sweets. On this occasion, senior District Vice President of Bokaro District Congress Committee Devendra Choubey, Narayan Singh Chaudhary, former District Vice President of Youth Congress Chandradev Rajbhar garlanded the statue of Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as soon as Mr. Sharma arrived. Former National President of Congress Rahul Gandhi, National President of Youth Congress BB Srinivas, State President of Congress Rajesh Thakur, Incharge Mir Saheb Youth State



President Abhijeet Raj, Incharge Ishita Sahitya, all the State and National level leaders of Congress and Youth Congress were thanked and supporters were congratulated. Thereafter, a joint bike rally was taken out by Youth Lines Force in which Mr. Sharma also participated. The bike rally passed through Check Post Bypass, Dharamshala, Mor Mahavir Chowk. Meanwhile, he was welcomed with sweets and crackers at various places. The rally reached

Jodha Remote and all the auto drivers and shopkeepers congratulated him. Mr. Sharma greeted everyone and then Lal As soon as he reached Garia Mor, everyone from Tractor Association to all the shopkeepers welcomed and congratulated him. He reached his residence Bodro and said that today he has got the opportunity to reach here due to the workers, they have always stood with him in every kind of happiness and sorrow and will always do.

## Ex-Servicemen Service Council organized a tribute program on Kargil victory

DN ■ Bokaro

To celebrate the completion of 25 years of Kargil victory, the Bokaro unit of Ex-Servicemen Service Council organized a tribute cum honour programme in Shaheed Udyan City Park to pay homage to its martyred soldiers with the concept of Silver Jubilee celebrations. In which the Chief Guest was Chief General Manager Kundan Kumar along with Ashwani Kumar Mittal, Regional Manager, Bank of India, PK Mishra, Divisional Officer, Punjab National Bank and Union Driver, Bokaro Metropolitan, Ranjit Barnwal were present. On the occasion, all the people present including Kundan Kumar paid homage to all the martyred soldiers. 2 minutes of silence was observed in their honour. On this occasion, Regional Manager of Bank of India, Ashwani Kumar Mittal, in his speech, praised the contribution of soldiers during this war and asked to always have a feeling of respect for the soldiers. On the occasion, Mr. Ashok, in his familiar style, showered his emotions with the song 'Hai Preet Jahan Ki Reet Sada Main Geet Wahan



Ke Gaata Hoon'. In the programme, on the occasion of Kargil victory 1999, the Bokaro unit of the council started a series of various programmes related to its social concerns on 16th July itself with the Saraswati Puja. While conducting a tree plantation programme at Vidya Mandir, Sector 3, an online painting competition was also organised in which the first winner, Sneha Kumari, was honoured by presenting a memento. Disabled children of Asha Lata Kendra were also present to motivate. On this occasion, some soldiers of the Kargil war shared their memorable moments, which was thrilling. President of Maharana Vichar Manch, Uday Kumar Singh, Metropolitan Incharge Ratan's National Coordinator of Population Solution Foundation, Kaushal Kishore, S.N. Das, Jitendra, Vivek Singh Chaitanya from Vidya Bharati, Shri Rohit Lal, Ashok Kumar Verma, Mrigendra Pratap Singh, Chandrashekhar Kumar, Rajesh Dubey, along with hundreds of ex-servicemen and civilians were present in the programme.

### News In Brief

#### Court granted anticipatory bail to advocate

**Bokaro:** In case number 183 registered at Pindra Joda police station, advocate Ranjit Kumar Mishra was granted anticipatory bail by the court of District and Sessions Judge Anil Kumar Mishra. It may be known that the people who attacked advocate Bhudev Singh Chaudhary and Ranjit Kumar Mishra had lodged a primary case by making false allegations. Today the court granted anticipatory bail to Ranjit Kumar Mishra. This information was given by advocate Ranjit Giri.

#### Management trainees contributed to Bokaro Steel Plant

**Bokaro:** 25 management trainees contributed to Bokaro Steel Plant and their three-week training program was organized in the knowledge acquisition and development department of Human Resources. Executive Director Rajan Prasad and Executive Director Mines Jaideep Das Gupta were present as chief guests in the local induction program of management trainees. Chief General Manager Manish Jalota congratulated the trainees on their achievement and welcomed them to Bokaro Steel Plant. Safety oath was administered on the occasion. All the management trainees took the safety oath with Executive Director Human Resources Rajan Prasad. On the occasion, Mr. Prasad wished them a bright future and said that the plant is constantly touching new heights in which your role is also expected.

#### Coal stones are transported in a dangerous manner

**Bermo:** The dumpers of outsourcing company NEPL working in Jarangdih project of CCCL Kathara area transport coal in a dangerous manner due to which fear prevails among the common people. According to the information, boulders are transported from Jarangdih of Kathara area by outsourcing company NEPL and are taken from the mine to OB and dumped there. In this process, more than half of the big boulders loaded in the dumpers hang outside the dumper due to which an accident can happen here anytime.



News In Brief

Selection of Abua housing in Gram Sabha

Chatra: A meeting was held on Friday in the new Panchayat Bhawan located in Itkhori Block Office regarding the selection of Abua housing scheme. It was chaired by Itkhori Panchayat Mukhiya Jugeshwar Dangi. It was said in the meeting that the beneficiaries will be given benefits after examining the Abua housing list. For this, the selected officers and employees will soon inspect the houses of the beneficiaries. After this, housing will be provided to them according to their needs. Apart from Panchayat Samiti member Sarita Devi, Panchayat Secretary Archana Mathur, Satyendra Giri etc.

Woman associated with JSLPS made serious allegations against BPM

Chatra: An active female member associated with JSPL has filed a case related to molestation against JSPL's BPM Amit Kumar Gupta in Itkhori police station. Police have registered a case under police case number 79/2024 on the application given by the said woman and are investigating the whole matter. Here BPM Amit Kumar Gupta said that I have been implicated in a false case as part of a conspiracy. Which is a matter of investigation.

Special Gram Sabha organized many public utility schemes selected

Chatra: On Friday, special Gram Sabha was organized in various areas of Gidhaushar block. Gram Sabha was organized in Dwari Panchayat Bhawan regarding DMFT item and Abua Awas under the chairmanship of Mukhiya Jagdish Yadav. In which the Mukhiya gave information about the schemes run from DMFT item to the villagers present. At the same time, PCC path, Nali, Garhwal and other public utility schemes were selected through Gram Sabha. Also, in the second list of Abua housing construction work, a list of 165 beneficiaries of Dwari Panchayat has been released. The verification of which was discussed. At the same time, a special Gram Sabha was organized under the leadership of Mukhiya Sumira Kumari in the meeting.

District Mining Task Force meeting concluded under the chairmanship of DC

DN ■ Medininagar

A meeting of the District Mining Task Force was held on Friday under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Shashi Ranjan to prevent illegal mining in the district. In this meeting held in the auditorium of the Collectorate, first of all, District Mining Officer Anand Kumar informed Deputy Commissioner Shri Ranjan about the action taken on illegal mining. He told that from 28 June to 25 July, a total of 55 vehicles related to illegal mining have been seized, while Rs 32.78 lakh has been



recovered as fine and a total of 42 confiscation cases have been filed. Out of the 55 seized vehicles, 42 vehicles are related to illegal sand transportation while 13 vehicles were related to illegal stone. The maximum seizure of 10 vehicles has been done from Chainpur police station area. In the meeting,

DC Shri Ranjan told all the zonal officers and police station in-charges that all of you should identify the river under your area from where illegal sand is lifted, after that check posts should be established on that route. Ensure the entry of every vehicle passing through there in the register and also block the path

by digging a trench in the middle of the path coming out of the river as per the need or take any other action at your level but ensure that no illegal mining of any kind takes place anywhere in your area. He instructed to follow the rules of NGT in letter and spirit. He asked all the sub-divisional officers, circle officers and police station in-charges to work with full seriousness towards illegal mining in their area. Deputy Commissioner Shri Ranjan asked all the sub-divisional officers to regularly inspect the mining or sand ghats in their area.

DC gave many instructions in the meeting of District Skill Committee

DN ■ Medininagar

A meeting of the District Skill Committee was organized under the Labor, Planning, Training and Skill Development Department in the Collectorate Auditorium under the chairmanship of DC Palamu. During the meeting, the District Skill Officer held a detailed discussion regarding the schemes related to skill development under DSDP 2024-25. The Project Assistant informed the members of the District Skill Committee about the job roles/trends currently available for the training service providers, skill centers, planning schemes and



training operated in the district under the Chief Minister Employment Creation Scheme through video clip to the candidates who have received training from the Skill Development Scheme to become self-reliant, as well as new trades and job roles were discussed. DDC District Skill Officer, District Skill Committee members, Center Manager of the Training Institute run by the Project Assistant.

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20 quintals of Java Mahua and 40 liters of illicit liquor destroyed



DN ■ Medininagar

Hariharganj's Pathra OP in-charge Mantu Kumar Singh and a joint team of the Excise Department conducted a raid against illegal Mahua liquor in Akouni village under Pathra OP police station area and recovered 20 quintals of Java Mahua and 40 liters of illicit liquor and destroyed it at the spot. After this, the Excise Department team seized the drums of Mahua liquor recovered in the raid and took it with them. Excise Department SI Devi Lal Soren, who was present on the spot, said that people manufacturing and selling illegal liquor will not be spared at any cost. He said that the liquor mafia fled as soon as the police arrived. Due to this, no one could be arrested from the spot. He said that the people manufacturing liquor are being traced. This campaign of the Excise Department will continue continuously. A large number of armed police personnel including ASI etc.

Gram Sabha held on Abua Awas on the instructions of DC



DN ■ Chatra

On the instructions of Deputy Commissioner cum District Magistrate Ramesh Gholap, Gram Sabha was organized on Abua Awas in Singhani Panchayat Bhawan of Pathalgarh block. It was chaired by Mukhiya Radhika Devi and conducted jointly by Panchayat Secretary Rakesh Prasad and Shweta Kumari. In the Gram Sabha, the Panchayat Secretary told the villagers about Abua Awas that Abua Awas will be given to those beneficiaries who have a kutchha house. It will not be given to beneficiaries with a pucca

house and four wheeler vehicle. If found wrong during investigation, legal action will also be taken against such beneficiaries. Along with this, a category wise list of Abua Awas was also released, in which 55 for AC, ST, 76 for OBC, General 2, Minority 1, thus a total of 134 will be given the benefit of Awas in Singhani Panchayat. On this occasion, Deputy Mukhiya Poonam Devi, BTM Rajiv Raman, Ward Member Ruby Kumari, Meena Devi, Rajesh Kumar, Israel Ansari and a large number of villagers were present.

Udal Ram took charge as the 26th CO



DN ■ Chatra

On Friday, Udal Ram joined as the 26th Circle Officer in Pathalgarh Block cum Circle Office. Shri Ram took charge from the in-charge CO Rahul Dev. During this, the in-charge CO welcomed the new CO by giving a bouquet. Also on this occasion, Executive Member of Press Club Chatra and District Vice President of JJA Shrikant Rana, President of Patrakar Sangh Pathalgarh, Journalist Mrityunjay Kumar, Kailash Dangi, Sanjay Rana, employee Dineshwar Das greeted the new CO by giving a bouquet. After taking charge, Shri Ram said that my first priority will be to ensure that the common people do not face any problem in the work related to the circle and to provide them the benefits of various schemes run by the government.

Students of M Public School celebrated Kargil Vijay Diwas

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Kargil Vijay Diwas was celebrated in the premises of M Public School Chhakanbag on Friday under the aegis of Maria Educational and Social Welfare Society. On this occasion, the children of M Public School paid tribute by forming a chain in the memory of the martyred Indian brave soldiers. During this time, speech and painting competitions were organized by the children in the school. Tree plantation was also done. On this occasion, the Chairman of the Society M Parvez and the Secretary of the Institute Rumi Naz Noori said that even today every Indian's



chest swells with pride due to the courage and valor that the Indian Armed Forces showed to the whole world in the Kargil war. The students participating in the program were also rewarded while motivating them. On this occasion, the secretary of the organization and headmistress of the school

Rumi Naz Noori, teachers Vivek Mawar, Pawan Shaundik, Ujjwal Singh, Sachin Kumar, Sujit Kumar, Jagriti Kumari, Beauty Kumari, Shabana Parveen, Jyoti Kumari, Khushi Kumari, Riya Kumari, Soni, Dr. Alamgir, Mo Aziz, Anup, Rakesh Sanhita and school children were present.

Palamu MP Vishnu Dayal Ram raised voice in Parliament for setting up industries and factories in Palamu and Garhwa districts

DN ■ Medininagar

Palamu MP Vishnu Dayal Ram raised a very important matter related to setting up industries and factories in Palamu and Garhwa districts respectively under Palamu parliamentary constituency under Rule 377 in Lok Sabha. Shri Ram said that both the districts of Palamu parliamentary constituency, namely Palamu and Garhwa, come under the category of aspirational districts. You know that coming under aspirational districts means that these two districts have not developed as much as they should have. This is the only parliamentary constituency reserved for



(Scheduled Castes) in the entire state of Jharkhand. The biggest problem in this area is migration due to lack of employment. I have been raising this issue in this House since the year 2014. But till date not a single industry or factory has been set up. Unfortunately, there was a Japla cement factory, which has also been

closed. Due to lack of employment, people here are forced to migrate to other states. The most unfortunate thing is that my entire Palamu parliamentary constituency is rich in minerals. There is coal in abundance here. Apart from this, there is graphite, limestone and bauxite in the neighbouring district Lohardaga. This bauxite passes through both my districts and goes to Mirzapur where an aluminium factory is located. From here, coal goes to the thermal plants of the country which provide light to the area where it is located. In Garhwa district, land is available to build

Bhawanathpur thermal power plant. There is coal, water from the Son river, human resources and all facilities are available. An aluminium factory can also be set up. Apart from this, a graphite-based industry can be set up based on the availability and quality of graphite. There are many limestone mines which are closed at present, they can be opened as soon as possible. The Honorable MP said that through you I request the Central Government to kindly establish industries and factories in the Palamu Parliamentary constituency so that the problem of migration from this area can be stopped.

Chowkidar recruitment case reaches High Court petition filed against making reservation of Scheduled Castes zero in recruitment

DN ■ Medininagar

Palamu Chowkidar recruitment case has now reached the High Court. Chowkidar Recruitment Scheduled Caste Reservation Bachao Sangharsh Samiti has gone to the High Court to stop the recruitment. The petition is to be heard in the High Court on Monday. Committee President Sandeep Kumar Paswan said that a petition has been filed in the High Court on July 22. The entire matter is to be heard on Monday. Sandeep Paswan said that a petition has been filed demanding a ban on the recruitment. Many points have been kept in the petition. Actually, advertise-



ments have been issued for direct appointment to the post of Chowkidar in many districts of Jharkhand including Palamu. In this advertisement, reservation for Scheduled Castes has been kept zero. The last date to apply for recruitment in Palamu district was fixed as July 20. With the release of the recruitment advertisement, agitations started in many areas

including Palamu. A few days ago, the Sangharsh Samiti also met the Chief Minister of the state Hemant Soren and demanded a ban on the recruitment. Apart from Sangharsh Samiti, many organizations in Palamu have protested by organizing agitations. Sangharsh Samiti says that people from scheduled castes were appointed to the post.

Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrated in Kargil Shaheed Memorial Park

DN ■ Medininagar

Kargil Vijay Diwas was celebrated in Kargil Shaheed Memorial Park located at Pol Pol in Sadar block. The program started with garlanding and paying floral tribute to the statue of Shaheed Yugambar Dixit and Shaheed Havildar Prabodh Mahato installed in Kargil Shaheed Memorial Park. The entire campus echoed with slogans of Bharat Mata Ki Jai, Vande Mataram, Shaheed Yugambar Dixit Amar Rahe, Shaheed Prabodh Mahato Amar Rahe. Former soldier Brijesh Kumar Shukla, who was present mainly in the program, said that today the whole nation is celebrating the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas. First of all, salute to the valor, bravery, valor and valor of the brave sons of India who were martyred in the Kargil war. Today's day is inscribed in golden letters in the history of India. This day is a source of inspiration for the youth of India. On this day, the courage and sacrifice of the brave soldiers of India are remembered, who protected the security



and sovereignty of the country. This day promotes the feelings of national pride and unity. It is a symbol of the valour, courage and valour of the soldiers who died in the Kargil war. This is the day when the brave soldiers of India defeated the Pakistani soldiers with their valour and valour. On this day, we are paying tribute to the soldiers who died in Kargil. The Kargil war was very difficult and inaccessible, where the Pakistani army crossed the Line of Control and infiltrated into Indian territory and reached the peaks of Kargil, Batalik and Dras sector. During this time, the conditions were very bad, because the

Pakistani army was on the higher peaks while the Indian army was on the lower part. But the brave soldiers of India did not give up and defeated the Pakistani army by crossing the difficult situation. And again captured the peaks of Kargil, Batalik and Dras sector. On this occasion, the head of Pol Pol Panchayat, Mrs. Pushpa Devi, Arvind Kumar Gupta, Mrs. Sanju Shukla, Ayush Kumar, the Principal of Shri Sarveshwari Mangalam Vidya Mandir, Nandlal Vishwakarma, Om Prakash, computer teacher, and students of class IX and X respectively, Saloni Sneha, Komal Lakshmi, Khushboo Mishra, Neha Kumari Prashant, Ranjan Tiwari, Mahadev Kumar Gopal Mayank, Suraj Kishan, Rajhans, Kunal Singh, Vivek, Hrithik Vishnu, Sujal Roshan, Rishika, Vandana Priyanka, Shashi Beauty, Apeksha Nikhil Suhana, Sushma Purnima, Antika, Vivek Prashant, Sanjeev Kaushal, Ashwini Pawan, Pankaj Ashish, Ayush, Divyanshu Shyam, Saurabh and hundreds of children were present.



## Border Security Force quarterly e-magazine "Meru Graffiti" formally released

DN ■ Hazaribagh

Fifteenth e-edition of the quarterly e-magazine "Meru Graffiti" compiled and edited by the Faculty of Studies on Border Security Force Meru Family, for the period 11 April 2024 to 10 July 2024, was formally released by Shri K.S. Banyal, Inspector General, Training Centre and School, at the Training Centre and School, Border Security Force, Meru Camp, Hazaribagh, in the Administrative Building Conference Hall located in the campus. On this occasion, Shri Rakesh Ranjan Lal, Deputy Inspector General (Administration), Shri Rajesh Kumar, Deputy Inspector General



(STS), Shri D.K. Pramanik, Deputy Inspector General (Training), Shri Satyawan Khainchi, Commandant, and all the officers of the Training Centre and School were present. This magazine will be issued through Border Security Force's IPP network/e-mail and other digital platforms. This edition shows glimpses of some of the activities done by the Training Center and

School during the last three months (11 April 2024 to 10 July 2024), especially in the field of training, administrative, cultural, visit of senior officers, Baba activities, various cultural events etc. It is known that the fourteenth e-edition of this magazine has been released on 31 April 2024. To ensure that the current edition of the magazine reaches all the readers, it has been released again in e-format.

## DC attended the inauguration program of three-day Kabaddi competition at Navodaya Vidyalaya Bonga as the chief guest

DN ■ Hazaribagh

Three-day (26.7.24 to 28.7.2024) Kabaddi competition organized at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Bonga, Hazaribagh under the aegis of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti Patna, Division Patna was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Nancy Sahay by lighting the lamp. The Chief Guest said in his inaugural speech that sports is an integral part of life. Sports plays an important role in mental development along with physical development. On this occasion, the



Vice Principal of the school, Mr. S.N. Sinha apprised the Chief Guest about the achievements of the school. He informed that 144 participants from Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal are participating in this divisional sports competition. The participants selected in this competition will participate in the Navodaya com-

petition to be held at the national level. The programme concluded today was hosted by Anika Kumari, Class XI and Srishti Saumya, Class X and a cultural programme was presented by the students of Navodaya. Arun Kumar Amitabh gave the vote of thanks. The competitions were conducted under the guidance of

Tanveer Akbar Khan, Physical Education Teacher. On this occasion, eminent personalities like Manan Vishwakarma, Rakhi Kumari, Krishna Kumar Yadav, Jai Shankar Prasad, Rosalin Minj, Pramod Kumar, Mahendra Ram, Vinod Pandey, Anil Kumar, Deepak Binhan, Ganesh Shankar, Prashant Kapate, Ajay Kumar, Asha Paswan, Rajkumar Mahato, Anju Dutta Jha, Jaya Jaiswal, Avita Soren, Suchitra Kujur, Abhishek Aviral, Niranjan Kumar, Priyanka Sharma, Deepak Yadav, Sunil Choubey etc. of Kabaddi Association, Hazaribagh were present.

## Meeting of Mukhiya Sangh regarding corruption prevailing in the block headquarters



DN ■ Barkagaon

A meeting of the Block Mukhiya Sangh was held in the Barkagaon Sand Panchayat Bhawan regarding the corruption prevailing in the Barkagaon Block Headquarters. The meeting was chaired by Mukhiya Sangh President Ranjit Kumar Mehta and conducted by former Mukhiya cum Mukhiya representative of Sand Panchayat Bhikhan Mahato. Special emphasis was laid on the strength of the Sangh in the meeting. In-depth discussions were held on the corruption prevailing in various departments of the block headquarters, especially in the zone. Due to corruption, the common people are getting troubled by falling prey to it. Mukhiya Sangh President Ranjit Kumar Mehta said that if the block and zone officials do not stop corruption and taking bribes in time, then the Barkagaon Mukhiya Sangh will be forced to protest in the block headquarters.

## Congressmen paid emotional tribute to the martyrs on the 25th anniversary of Kargil War Vijay Diwas

DN ■ Hazaribagh

Under the aegis of District Congress Committee, Congressmen paid emotional tribute to the martyrs on the 25th anniversary of Kargil War Vijay Diwas. The program was led by Metropolitan Congress President Manoj Narayan Bhagat. On this occasion, Metropolitan Congress President Manoj Narayan Bhagat said that on this day, the brave sons of India drove out the Pakistani army from the peaks of Kargil in Jammu and Kashmir and successfully carried out Operation Vijay. Since then, every year this day is celebrated as Kargil War Vijay Diwas to celebrate the glo-



rious victory of the brave sons of India. On this occasion, District Vice President cum Spokesperson Nisar Khan said that Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated every year on 26 July 1999, in fact the war that lasted for about 60 days between India and Pakistan ended on this day. On this occasion Vice President cum

Spokesperson Nisar Khan, Senior Vice President Krishnadev Prasad Singh, Govind Ram, Raghu Jaiswal, Krishna Kishore Prasad, Parvez Ahmed, Sadrul Hodda, Anil Bhuiyan, Mustaq Ansari, Syed Ashraf Ali, Mugheshwar Prasad Chaudhary, Raju Chourasiya and many Congressmen etc.

## Labour Superintendent tried to connect five workers who returned from Cameroon with welfare scheme



DN ■ Bishnugarh

Five workers of Bishnugarh block who went to Cameroon region of Africa through middlemen for employment and returned safely on the initiative of Jharkhand Government and Central Government, came face to face with Labour Superintendent Anil Dev Ranjan and shared their pain and suffering. Special information was given about covering them under welfare schemes run by the Labour Department. Also, Chhatradhari Kumar Mahato resident of Kharna, Bhikhan Mahato resident of Jobar, Teklal Mahato resident of Achaljamu, Bisun Mahato resident of Achaljamu were registered under Jharkhand Bhawan and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, in which Chintamani Mahato resident of Chano could not register online due to technical glitch in bank account. On this occasion, Labour Enforcement Officer Dev Kumar Mishra said that if you go anywhere.

## Hindu Mahapanchayat organized in Barkagaon Kushwaha Dharamshala

DN ■ Barkagaon

Regarding the anti-religious incidents and other problems occurring in Barkagaon block, a Hindu Mahapanchayat was organized by Barkagaon Bajrang Dal, Vishwa Hindu Parishad in the meeting hall of Barkagaon Kushwaha Dharamshala Guruchatti. In which eminent people from various villages and hamlets of Karnapura area participated and put forth their views. During this, people discussed the demand for Ram Navami procession route in Mahudi. Sanjay Choubey said that I appeal to the administration to issue license as soon as possible and allow the Ram Navami procession to pass. Otherwise we Hindu organizations will be forced to protest again. In the meeting, emphasis was laid on strengthening the Hindu organization. Mainly Bajrang Dal state meet-



ing chief Sanjay Choubey, Bajrang Dal state convener Deepak Thakur, former district vice president Laldev Mahato, block vice president Bhola Mahato, Bajrang Dal cow protection chief Abhinav Kumar, former chief Mahendra Mahato, Bhikhan Mahato, social worker Baleshwar Mahato, Sudhir Jaiswal, Suman Giri, Ramcharit Prasad, Inglesh Soni,

Sitaram Rana, Ravi Dangi, Santosh Thakur, Ramchandra Mahato, Premchand Prasad, Pintu Gupta, Laldev Singh, Basudev Prasad, Awadh Kishore Kumar, Shivshankar alias Shibu Mehta, Dinesh Prasad, Kanhaiya Kumar, Ravikant Mahato, Hulas Dangi, Kanhaiya Pandey and many others were present on the occasion.

## Meeting held in Katkamdag in support of BJP leader Pradeep Prasad

DN ■ Hazaribagh

A meeting was organized in Katkamdag block of Sadar assembly constituency under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Vimal Gupta. Mainly the divisional president of Katkamdag, public representatives and hundreds of common people were present in the meeting. In the meeting, everyone unanimously supported BJP leader Pradeep Prasad. At the same time, the supporter of BJP leader Pradeep Prasad, who reached the meeting, told in detail about the social service of Pradeep Prasad, told that more than 85 thousand plants have been planted and distributed by



him for Hariyali Mahotsav, apart from this, many social works are done by Mr. Prasad 365 days a year, such as many social activities were told in detail to the people of the block. On the other hand, Deputy Chief Vimal Gupta said that BJP leader Pradeep Prasad is always dedicated to social service, all of us block residents fully support him. And we all take a pledge to walk step

by step with him. The election of such a person would be a matter of pride for the Sadar Assembly constituency. All our best wishes and full support are with Pradeep Prasad. All the people present in the meeting unanimously supported Pradeep Prasad and pledged to walk with him step by step. Present on the occasion were Deputy Chief Vimal Gupta, Mandal President.

## Consumers in Barkagaon are troubled by Airtel's poor network forced to port to BSNL

DN ■ Barkagaon

These days, consumers using Airtel SIM cards in Barkagaon are facing many problems in talking to each other. Important work seems to be getting disrupted due to Airtel's poor network. Let us tell you that for the last 2 months, Airtel consumers are not able to hear clearly after calling each other and people disconnect the call. Due to which people are feeling irritated. And the consumers are facing a very bad effect on their daily work. Many consumers complained about



this on the toll free number but no solution could be found. At the same time, the agency people are also not able to give a clear answer as to how and when the problem will be solved. Azad Ranjan, operator of

Shweta Sales located at Barkagaon Chowk, said that due to poor network and increasing recharge plans, every day 15 to 18 new BSNL SIMs are being purchased and 20 to 30 customers are buying BSNL SIMs for porting from Airtel and Jio to BSNL. The number of people porting their numbers from Airtel to BSNL and getting new SIMs has increased four-fold. He said that BSNL is offering much better plans than other companies. This has increased the inclination of people towards BSNL.

## Bank of India Customer Service Center inaugurated in Urgi



DN ■ Bishnugarh

Bank of India Customer Service Center in front of Girija Nayak Public School in Urgi village of Bhelwara Panchayat of Vishnugarh block was inaugurated by cutting the ribbon by the branch manager of Bank of India. On this occasion, he said that with the opening of this center, many types of banking facilities will be provided to the people. From here, people can open bank accounts, deposit money and withdraw money as per their convenience. The program was mainly attended by Beda Hariara Panchayat Mukhiya Ramchandra Yadav, Vijay Prasad Deepak Kumar, Ayush Kumar, Badal Kumar, Guru Prasad Saur and many others.

## Chandopatra illuminated due to the efforts of Jharkhandi Bhasha Khatian Sangharsh Samiti

DN ■ Bishnugarh

Entire village was in darkness for three weeks due to the transformer being damaged in Chandopatra Tola of Govindpur Panchayat of Vishnugarh block. District President of Jharkhandi Bhasha Khatian Sangharsh Samiti and Vishnugarh Deputy Chief Saryu Saav ji, former Zilla Parishad member Jai Prakash Singh Patel, Central Organization Minister of Jharkhandi Bhasha Khatian Sangharsh Samiti Mahendra Prasad Mahato alias Mahi Patel took cog-



nizance of the situation and established contact with the officials related to the electricity department and got a new transformer made available. District President Mr. Saav said that the problem

is not that the transformer got damaged and the village became dark, the problem is that the government has no alternative to these circumstances. It is taking several weeks to make a transformer.



## Adopt multi-pronged strategy to counter cross-border terrorism

PAKISTAN has been pursuing its policy of bleeding India with a thousand cuts with unabated persistence for the past four decades. Somehow, India has neither been able to tackle this problem nor find a viable counter. Of late, terrorist activity has shifted from the Kashmir valley to south of the Pir Panjal range to areas of Poonch and Rajouri as well as Kathua in the Jammu region. During this year itself, there have been at least six major attacks, including the killing of nine pilgrims in Reasi last month. This shift is not due to any enhanced anti-terror measures taken in the Valley, but perhaps due to an unprecedented flow of tourists, which leads to financial gains for almost all sections of society, from porters to shikara owners and hoteliers. Any terror attack in the Valley would impact the inflow of tourists, which in turn will result in financial losses to the local people and their consequent slant towards terrorists. In addition to cross-border terror attacks, Pakistan has been pumping drugs into India, more recently using drones and other means. To counter this, India needs to deploy anti-drone systems, besides working out a more effective system to check the smuggling of drugs both by sea and land routes.

The Line of Control (LoC) and the International Border are fenced, yet terrorists continue to sneak into Indian territory and inflict casualties on Indian troops, police and other personnel. To infiltrate into Indian territory, terrorists normally use nullahs and streams, which are not fenced, and sometimes make tunnels under the fence to send terrorists. Terror attacks on military establishments close to the border resulted in the setting up of extensive fencing and the raising of boundary walls around unit lines, thereby inducing in some manner a siege mindset among the troops. Terrorists who sneak into Indian territory are generally dealt with effectively, though often only after they succeed in inflicting casualties on military personnel and causing other damage. Even the existing distressful state of political and economic conditions in Pakistan has not resulted in any pullback of this policy of 'a thousand cuts'. Pakistan's policy of promoting terrorism has eventually led to terror attacks on it from across its western border.

A well-evaluated policy is required to dissuade Pakistan from indulging in this game of pushing terrorists into India. This can be achieved by attempting some of the following measures.

One, deploy adequate forces and ensure effective surveillance to neutralise terrorists just as they attempt to cross into Indian territory. This may involve shifting a certain number of troops from depth areas and redeploying them along the border. There is also a need to enhance intelligence inputs. All areas up to 200-300 metres with undergrowth on the home side of the fence should be regularly checked for any tunnel opening. Second, take punitive action against Pakistan for every terror attack. Such a policy was adopted when we carried out the surgical strikes in 2016 and the Balakot airstrikes in 2019. Earlier, the military mobilisation consequent to the 2001 attack on Parliament ended in a fiasco. These actions did not produce the desired results. Further, there is the possibility that these actions could lead to escalation, such as border skirmishes and even a major conflict. In this regard, China factor will have to be borne in mind. Third, build friendly relations with Pakistan so that it gives up its policy on cross-border terror attacks. Good neighbourly relations can result in open trade and cooperation in a range of areas. India could even, when required, extend financial help. It is the continued adverse relations with India that lend justification to the Pakistan army to exist in its present state. Otherwise, there is no rationale for Pakistan having a military of the size it has and the consequent unaffordable burden it imposes on the country's economy. India wants a friendly, cooperative and prosperous Pakistan. Friendly relations with India would work to a great extent in Pakistan's favour. However, the China factor has come into play; it will work to Pakistan's disadvantage and eventually drive it into a debt trap. If none of the above options work, India must portray Pakistan as a terrorist state at world forums. Terror activities and treaties cannot coexist.

## R&D needs firm commitment from govt

India must invest in developing critical technologies for nuclear and other energy sources

IN her 2024-25 Budget speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman made a bunch of announcements relating to the future course of India's energy mix in the light of the need to move towards the target of achieving 'net zero' carbon emissions by 2070. While continuing the thrust on renewable sources of energy, the government wants to give a push to nuclear power as well. "Nuclear energy is expected to form a very significant part of the energy mix for Viksit Bharat," Sitharaman said. She did not elaborate on any time frame to make nuclear power a significant player in the energy mix but talked of some ideas to promote nuclear power: the setting up of small reactors — Bharat Small Reactors (BSRs); research and development to develop the Bharat Small Modular Reactor (BSMR); and a role for the private sector in this regard. At present, nuclear power constitutes a minuscule part of India's energy mix. Per the data shared in the Economic Survey a day before the Budget, the total installed capacity of power in India stands at 494,000 MW (megawatt). Of this, nuclear power contributes a mere 6,800 MW, while renewable sources of energy account for 125,000 MW (which is almost a quarter of the total installed capacity). The rest comes from hydro and thermal power. The production of nuclear power has remained stagnant since 2016. Not a single megawatt of nuclear power has been added to the grid for nearly a decade. The promise of massive additions to the installed capacity has eluded the Department of Atomic Energy since the 1980s when it first set the target of 20,000 MW by 2000.

The reasons for the return of nuclear energy on the table are many. The most obvious is the need for energy transition necessitated due to climate change. Nuclear power is considered a clean, carbon-free source of energy. A study on India's energy options towards 'net zero' done by the Indian Institute of Management (IIM-Ahmedabad) came up with some projections. While coal would continue as the backbone of the Indian energy system for the next two decades, renewable sources and nuclear power would be the predominant sources then on, according to the study. Countries are also realising that the energy transition requires certain critical technologies (battery storage, carbon

capture, etc.) which are not readily available. China has become the main source of several critical materials and rare earths needed for batteries, electric vehicles, etc.

If Sitharaman wants nuclear energy to reach a 'very significant' level in the energy mix from the minuscule role it plays currently, a new policy direction and investment are necessary. The Budget does not provide any of this. Pinning all hopes on the private sector to achieve this is misplaced. The doors for non-government players in the nuclear sector have been open since the much-touted Indo-



US nuclear deal. The deal promised a piece of the nuclear supplies pie for Indian companies. But not a rupee has been invested by any Indian or foreign investor nor have Indian companies got supply contracts from elsewhere, as hoped by then UPA government. The Atomic Energy Act, 1962, was amended to let the Nuclear Power Corporation form joint venture companies with other public sector entities like the National Thermal Power Corporation. Till recently, the Modi government has maintained that it does not propose to allow the private sector to enter the nuclear power domain. It is not clear if Sitharaman's statement about the collaboration with the private sector reverses this position. Coming to technology, the Finance Minister has spoken about BSRs and BSMRs. The International Atomic Energy Agency defines reactors under 300 MW capacity as 'small' and those up to 700 MW as 'medium'. Most of the two dozen nuclear reactors in India are below 300 MW and so are small, the only exception being the two

Kudankulam reactors which are 1,000 MW each and Kakrapar which has 700-MW reactors. The pressurised heavy water reactors operational in Tarapur (Maharashtra), Narora (UP), Rawatbhatta (Rajasthan) and Kaiga (Karnataka) range between 160 MW and 220 MW. We don't know if the government wants BSRs to be even smaller than the internationally accepted definition of 'small' or if it is going to rechristen existing reactors as BSRs because they are already small.

The idea of modular nuclear reactors, too, has been around for some years now. A modular reactor refers to using modules fabricated in factories and already available parts to assemble a small nuclear plant (below 300 MW) to speed up construction. The idea is that many such reactors can be planned at one site, and manufacturers can achieve 'economies of scale'. However, nuclear suppliers have seen low demand for modular reactors because the regulatory requirements for design certification, construction and operation licences are similar to those for large reactors. The core issues of fuel availability, safety and nuclear waste disposal remain major challenges for nuclear power generation — be it through small, modular or large reactors. The elephant in the room is

R&D, be it any source of energy — nuclear, hydrogen, wind or solar. Unless we invest in developing critical technologies for each of these energy sources, the road to 'net zero' is going to be painful. Many technologies and critical materials needed for the energy transition are not available commercially or have to be sourced from monopoly suppliers. The Modi government has been stingy when it comes to spending on R&D. Sitharaman announced a new funding mechanism for R&D — the National Research Fund (NRF) — in 2019. On Tuesday, she said: "We will operationalise" the NRF, but still did not commit when. Her Budget speeches in the past have talked about funding to the tune of Rs 50,000 crore over five years for NRF. No such funding has materialised. Now, she is talking of "a financing pool of Rs 1 lakh crore" for R&D. What India needs is a firm commitment from the government to R&D in general and critical areas like energy in particular.

## No NEET re-test

Focus on sustainability, income for farmers

MANY weeks of student trauma later, the Supreme Court verdict on Tuesday finally shut the door on the NEET controversy with a firm rejection of the demand for a re-exam. While the SC decision to avoid a re-test, considering the disruption it would cause to 24 lakh aspirants, is pragmatic, it also highlights deeper issues within our educational and testing systems. Chief Justice DY Chandrachud's observation that the leaks did not constitute a 'systemic breach' provides temporary relief but does little to address the underlying vulnerabilities. The leaks in Hazaribagh and Patna, as per the evidence presented by the National Testing Agency (NTA) and IIT-Delhi question the integrity of an exam critical for aspiring medical professionals. The court's reliance on the NTA to address the affected students' cases reflects a stopgap approach rather than a long-term solution.



The UGC-NET's cancellation in June further amplifies concerns. The Ministry of Education's suo motu action based on undisclosed inputs from the Union Home

Ministry, while protecting students' interests, exposes the fragility of our examination infrastructure. The lack of transparency regarding the exact nature of the compromise fuels distrust and anxiety among the student community. These incidents demand a comprehensive overhaul of the examination and testing framework. The establishment of a high-level committee to review the NTA's structure, as suggested by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, is a step in the right direction. However, this must be coupled with robust measures to enhance security, transparency and accountability. The recurrent examination scandals not only undermine the credibility of educational institutions but also affect the future of young candidates. In a country striving to harness its demographic dividend, ensuring the sanctity of examinations is non-negotiable. The government must prioritise reforms to restore faith in the system and fulfil the aspirations of the youth.

## The poor get short shrift in short-sighted Budget

The poorest, who don't have to pay income tax, will nevertheless have to pay for virtually all that they must consume as goods, which fall under the GST ambit.

EVERY year, the government presents the Economic Survey and the Budget one after the other. Through the survey, it seeks to describe how the economy is faring. And through the Budget, it tries to spell out what action plan it has in mind. These are viewed against two considerations: given the current situation, what should be done? And are things likely to go in the right direction?

The government seems rather pleased by what it has been able to achieve so far in its 10 years in power. In the 2023-24 financial year, the economy grew by 8.2 per cent, making India the fastest mover among all large economies. In 2023, the global economy grew by 3.2 per cent. The country is also confident about being able to contain the headline inflation of 4.5 per cent in 2024-25. But this story is not entirely rosy. Retail inflation was higher at 5.4 per cent during 2023-24. And more disturbingly, food inflation was as high as 7.5 per cent. Overall, having done rather well in this regard, the survey has spelt out the following growth strategy so that the goal of Viksit Bharat can be attained by 2047: the private sector will have to find its own capital to keep growing steadily. Public-private partnerships will have to be encouraged to create a green transition in the country. The government will have to plug the gaps for MSMEs (micro, small and medium enterprises) to keep growing. A policy will be needed to fill the skills gap so as to enable the country to continue growing. To shape the policy, the capability of the state machinery and the system will need to keep pace.

If it is a long-term goal for a quarter century, where do we begin from now? First, there is good news for taxpayers. The standard deduction is being raised from Rs 50,000 to Rs 75,000. The slabs are being tweaked so that employees can save up to Rs 17,000. Professionals are going to get incentives to

join the workforce. Over two million youngsters will benefit from it. Not just the salary income, but the exemption for capital gains is also being raised for those who make gains on investment. Thus, the Budget will help the middle class, which will have to pay lower taxes. The irony is that the poorest, who don't have to pay income tax, will nevertheless have to pay for virtually all that they must consume as goods, which fall under the ambit of the GST. More GST-linked reforms can be undertaken by the Centre and the states, though consensus is always hard to achieve. Besides, it is unfair that the Centre makes a killing from cess, which it does not have to share with the states; the latter need all the revenue they can procure for projects to meet development targets, such as ensuring that poor children get educated.

The Budget has also approved several big-ticket projects designed to please the BJP's allies — the Nitish Kumar-led Janata Dal (United) and Chandrababu Naidu-helmed Telugu Desam Party. The move by the BJP, which does not have an absolute majority on its own, is aimed at remaining in power at the Centre.

Major projects include the Patna-Purnea and Buxar-Bhagalpur expressways. Besides, a two-lane bridge will be built over the Ganga in Bihar's Buxar district. Additionally, a 2,400-MW power plant will come up in Bhagalpur's Pirpainti. Railway and roadway projects have been announced for Andhra Pradesh. Moreover, a sum of Rs 15,000 crore has been announced for the development of its new capital, Amaravati. The Budget, which is a political act, has a



clear goal: to ensure that the BJP's coalition partners — without whose support the saffron party will not be able to stay in power — and the middle class are content. The objective to please the latter is driven by the gut feeling of the traders who dominate the leading party. In terms of sheer numbers, the small middle class cannot determine electoral outcomes. The motive of the ruling dispensation is to make the masses happy. In the short run, things are going well for the government. Even the global commentariat has lauded the high growth rate. But for the growth to be sustained, workers must develop better skills and maintain good health. The Budget has introduced only token programmes to address these key issues.

Thus, the overall feeling is that while the ruling party understands political compulsions well, it is not being far-sighted. The expectations from the Budget have also highlighted three issues that need addressing, irrespective of what is happening on the ground right now. Despite buoyant growth, the consumption demand is soft, and employment is a serious laggard. Are large numbers of people not getting the fruits of high economic growth? And — this is a bit more technical — is the low level of inflation as robust as it is cracked up to be?

Many have argued that the growth rate is not as high as it is made out to be, as the economy has suffered from the setbacks of demonetisation and the Covid-19 pandemic. So, in a way, the economy is merely trying to catch up. Consumption is subdued not because people are saving more but because they are trying to repay the deep debt that they got into when they lost their source of income as a result of the two setbacks. Retail inflation is restrained not because of abundant supplies but because people are unable to consume what they would like to. There is also a powerful contradiction. If the economy and businesses are to continue doing well, the RBI must keep the interest rates low. But then, how can banks pay a higher rate of interest in order to garner more deposits? Hence, the banks are seeing a mismatch between loans and savings. Overall, the Budget is realistic in a short-sighted way. It is an exercise by the middle class and for the middle class. But that leaves the issues for ensuring long-term growth unaddressed.



# US woman accuses Rajasthan lawyer of rape on pretext of marriage

**In her complaint to the police, the woman said that she was invited to India by the accused, who then raped her several times in hotel rooms in Jaipur and Ajmer based on a false promise to marry her.**



**New Delhi.** The woman approached the Bundi's Superintendent of Police (SP) with the help of an NGO, following which a zero FIR was filed against the accused, a resident of Ajmer. Speaking to the media about the case, Bundi's Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Amar Singh said that the woman visited India twice between April and July. The woman alleged that during this period, the accused falsely promised to marry her and established physical relations with her several times in hotel rooms in Ajmer and Jaipur, the DSP said. The dispute arose between the two after the woman discovered the man was already married and had a family in Ajmer. She then lodged a case against the accused, the officer said. "They allegedly even had a wedding function with the woman in a temple in Ajmer, but avoided taking her to his home despite her insistence," Singh said, as per news agency. A case has been registered in connection with the matter and further investigation was underway, Singh said.

# Supreme Court's Rap For "Sorry State" Of Foreigners Detention Centre In Assam

**New Delhi.** The Supreme Court on Friday flagged the "sorry state" of a detention centre in Assam that house individuals whose citizenship is unclear and foreigners waiting to be deported. The court said it was troubled by the lack of water and sanitation facilities, and non-functioning toilets.

The centre holds 3,000 people. The centre, meanwhile, is to respond on the issue of deportation within the same time.

The court had earlier told the centre to deport 17 declared foreigners presently held in detention camps across the northeastern state. Four of the

A bench of Justice Abhay Oka and Justice AG Masih referred to a report by the Secretary of the Assam Legal Services Authority, about a detention centre in Matia in Goalpara district.

"There are no proper toilets... no medical facilities. What are you managing?" the court asked. "We find the facilities are very poor... there is no adequate water supply, there is no sanitation system (or) proper toilets. The report does not speak about and medical health."

The court directed the Law Authority to ensure a follow-up visit to establish not only under-par facilities as mentioned in the report but also quantity and quality of food and kitchen hygiene. A report is to be submitted within three weeks. According to the petitioner, the Matia detention



foreigners have been held for two years. It was in this context the court had directed the Assam Legal Services Authority to visit the detention camp.

# Gangster, Out Of Jail, Holds "Comeback" Rally, Sent Back To Prison



**New Delhi.** A gangster in Maharashtra was recently released from jail but was sent back to prison after his celebration rally video went viral on social media. Nasik's gangster Harshad Patankar was jailed under the Maharashtra Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Slumlords, Bootleggers, Drug Offenders and Dangerous Persons Act (MPDA). He got out of jail on July 23, following which his supporters took out a car rally to celebrate his release. About 15 two-wheelers also took part in the rally, which was allegedly held from the Bethel Nagar to Ambedkar Chowk. In the viral videos, Patankar can be seen waving at his supporters while coming out of the car's sunroof. His supporters also shared the reels of the rally on social media, with the caption "comeback". Listen to the latest songs, only on JioSaavn.com The reels, however, prompted police action and Patankar was arrested again, along with his six aides, for carrying out the unauthorised rally and creating chaos. According to reports, several police cases have been registered against him, including attempted murder, theft and violence.

# In Fresh States vs Governors Row Over Bills, Supreme Court's Notice To Centre

**New Delhi.** The Supreme Court on Friday issued notices to the centre and secretaries to the governors of Bengal and Kerala, on the basis of pleas - long-standing and frequent - by the states, claiming delays in granting assent to pending bills and referring those to President Droupadi Murmu. A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud issued notices to the Home Ministry and senior aides of Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan and his Bengal counterpart, CV Ananda Bose. "...bills are pending for eight months. I am challenging the reference (of the bills) to the President. There is confusion among governors... they keep bills pending. This is against the Constitution..." senior advocate KK Venugopal, appearing for the Kerala government, said. "We are issuing notice to Additional Chief Secretary to Governor and Union," the court said. Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi then spoke up, "I represent Bengal... we will frame common issues", to which the Chief Justice said, "Issue notice in the Bengal case as well (with) liberty to implead union government. We will issue notice to Governor and Union Home Ministry." "Every time the court hears this... some bills are cleared," Mr Singhvi remarked, "Same happened during Tamil Nadu case as well." The Supreme Court has given the centre and governors three weeks to respond. The court also directed petitioning states to submit a joint notice. **Kerala Government Vs Governor** In March, Kerala's ruling CPIM moved the Supreme Court against the Governor's decision to reserve seven bills for review by the President. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's government called Mr Khan's move "manifestly arbitrary" and violative of Article 14 of the Constitution. "Equally... advice by Union of India to the President to withhold assent for four bills, which are wholly within domain of the State, while disclosing no reason whatsoever, is also manifestly arbitrary and violates Article 14 of the Constitution," the state government had said. These seven bills have been pending with the Governor for two years, the state added.

# Heavy rain in Delhi leads to waterlogging and traffic jams

**New Delhi.** Several roads in Delhi were water-logged and commuters faced traffic snarls with vehicles breaking down after a spell of heavy rain lashed the national capital on Friday morning. Data shows 39 mm of rainfall was recorded from 5.30 am to 8.30 am at Delhi's main weather station in Safdarjung. While 89 mm of rainfall was recorded at the Delhi University weather station it was, at the weather station in Pitampura it was 10 mm. Multiple videos of commuters in Delhi facing issues due to the waterlogging surfaced online — a BMW car stuck in a waterlogged area, motorists struggling to drive on the road in front of Saket Metro station, and people using wooden planks as boats to float on top of the water. Amongst the areas where waterlogging was reported were the roads in front of the Australian and the British embassies in Lutyens Delhi, Dhaura Kuan, Saket Metro Station, the area around the New Delhi Railway Station, Shantipath, Motibagh, Naoraji Nagar, Bhikaji Cama Place, Minto Bridge, Sadar Bazar market, Ring Road, Mukarba Chowk, Gulabi Bagh underpass, GTK Depot, Zakhira Underpass, Anuvrat Marg near Qutub minar, Nigam Bodh Ghat, and opposite the Satya



Niketan Bus Stand. "Water logging took place due to railway construction that led to a pipe leak around the Leela Palace hotel that led to water accumulation around the British High Commission... The issue has been resolved," an official of the New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) said. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a yellow alert (be aware) in the Capital till Sunday, and forecast moderate rain and a generally cloudy sky on Friday as per its seven-day forecast.

# NCW complaint: Trinamool MP Mahua Moitra provided FIR copy after approaching Delhi HC, Court to hear maintainability of quashing next

**New Delhi.** The Delhi Police on Friday provided Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra with a copy of the FIR lodged against her on July 7 after the Delhi High Court on Friday took up for hearing Moitra's petition seeking quashing of the FIR.

Moitra was booked after she allegedly posted a video on social media, wherein NCW Chairperson Rekha Sharma was seen arriving at the site of a stampede in Hathras. The post was later deleted.

Following the NCW complaint, Moitra was booked under Section 79 (intending to insult the modesty of any woman) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) at the IFSO unit of the Delhi Police. Senior advocate Indira Jaising, appearing for Moitra before the court of Justice Neena Bansal, submitted that while the



FIR was lodged on July 7, and Moitra through her legal representatives sought a copy of the FIR by way of a communication dated July 9, the same was not provided till date. Jaising went on to further submit before the Court that Moitra, through the

petition, was seeking that the FIR copy be produced and the same be quashed. She also requested that Moitra be permitted to amend her petition once provided with the FIR.

During the hearing, the counsel for the Delhi Police agreed to provide a copy of the FIR but objected to the plea for amending the petition as well as quashing, adding that the same would require a fresh petition.

The counsel argued, "Their grievance stands satisfied if I give a copy (of the FIR), then their petition becomes infructuous and they'll have to file a fresh petition (for quashing). This is an abuse of the process of law." The Court has listed the matter next for November 6.

# Injustice, Centre oppressing people of Delhi like the British: Atishi over budget allocation

**Addressing a press conference, Atishi said, "In 2023-24, Delhiites paid Rs 2.07 lakh crore as income tax to the central government. In return, the central government allocated only Rs 1,168 crore to Delhi which is not even 0.4% of the tax paid by the people of Delhi."**

**New Delhi.** Continuing with her attack on the Centre over budget allocation for Delhi, AAP senior leader and Finance Minister Atishi Thursday accused the BJP-led Central government of doing "injustice" to the residents of the city, stating that it was "oppressing the people of Delhi like the British".

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The minister said that in the last decade, ever since the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government has come to power at the Centre, Delhiites have paid Rs 15,59,933 crore as income tax but in return, they got only Rs 7,534 crore.



"That is, Delhiites received only 0.48% of the income tax that they paid to the BJP-ruled central government in the last 10 years," she added.

Atishi accused the BJP-ruled Centre of oppressing the people of Delhi like the British. "I want to ask the BJP-ruled central government on behalf of Delhiites, why is this injustice

happening to the people of Delhi? If the central government can give money to the rest of the states of the country, then the people of Delhi should also get the money they are entitled to. This is the demand of the people of Delhi," she said.

Delhi BJP has termed the allegations false and a lie. State unit president Virendra Sachdeva said that the central government has done several works in Delhi and spent Rs 5.5 lakh crore for the development of the Capital.

Bansuri Swaraj, MP from New Delhi Parliamentary constituency, said, "I challenge Minister Atishi to have an open debate with a BJP representative on the development works, services, and grants provided by the Central government to Delhi in the last 10 years."



Resistance to antibiotics is making it difficult to treat even milder illnesses like typhoid, the incidence of which has gone up significantly in Delhi over the past few days due to increased consumption of contaminated food and water. Doctors said that while earlier oral drugs could cure most patients, they now needed to give injectable antibiotics to 20-30% of the patients to

treat typhoid symptoms. "In few cases, even the injectable drug doesn't help and we have to give add-on antibiotics to bring down fever, one of the characteristic

# Drug resistance making Typhoid tough to treat

symptoms of typhoid," said Dr Rommel Tickoo, senior consultant, internal medicine, at Max Hospital Saket.

TOI spoke to doctors at Apollo, Sir Ganga Ram (SGRH) and Safdarjung hospitals who confirmed the trend. Over-the-counter use of antibiotic is a major culprit, said Dr B K Tripathi, professor of medicine at Safdarjung Hospital. "Many patients take

anti-fever drugs and even antibiotics on their own to treat typhoid symptoms. When it doesn't help, they rush to hospital. In many cases, both we have to put patients on both injectable drugs and add-on antibiotics," Dr Tripathi said.

Typhoid, a major public health infection, is caused by Salmonella typhi bacteria and leads to symptoms such as persistently high fever, nausea, headache and abdominal pain. Earlier most people could be treated at home, but now more need to be hospitalised, increasing the cost of treatment, said doctors. "In rare cases, treatment failure

can cause severe complications and death even," a doctor said.

According to Dr Atul Kakar, vice-chairperson of medicine department at SGRH, multi-drug resistance has become an emerging public health crisis. "When I was a student, we used to give chloramphenicol - a type of antibiotic - to treat typhoid. Its use was discontinued later due to high toxicity. Recently, we have observed that the same drug is sensitive to the typhoid-causing bacteria when new drugs fail. This means that we may have to go back in time and use older drugs with known side-effects if the drug-resistance pattern continues to grow like this," he said.

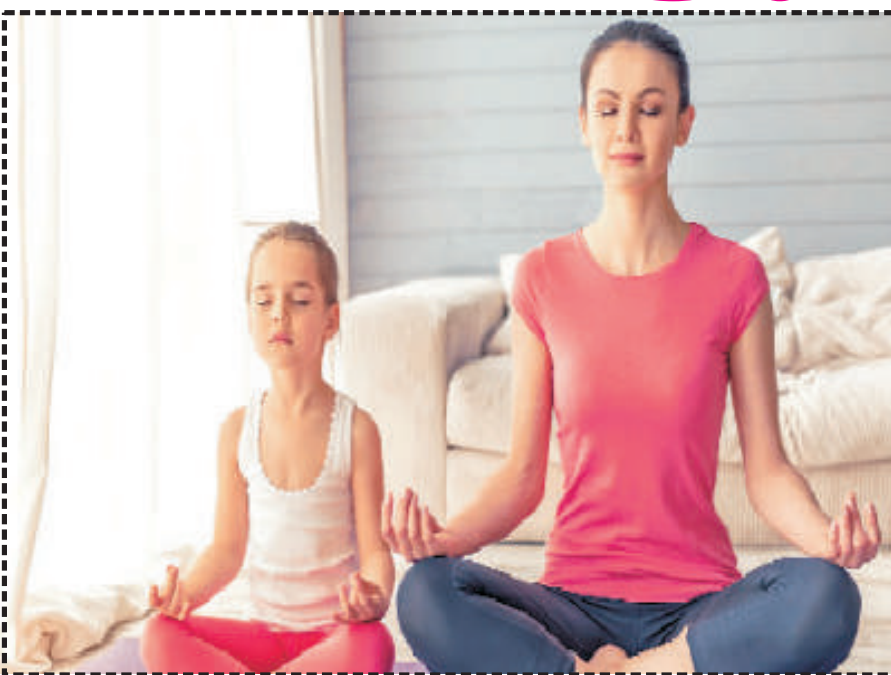
A research published in Journal of Global Infectious Disease in 2010 by Safdarjung doctors had pre-empted the problem. Ciprofloxacin, they wrote, has become a norm for treating enteric fever or typhoid, but in future novel molecular substitutions (new antibiotics) may become frequent owing to irrational use of ciprofloxacin in human and veterinary therapeutics, in a population endemic with nalidixic acid-resistant strains. "The therapeutics of ciprofloxacin-resistant enteric fever narrows down to third and fourth generation cephalosporins, azithromycin, tigecycline and penems. The first-line antimicrobials ampicillin, chloramphenicol and cotrimoxazole need to be reconsidered," the microbiologists predicted further.

Preventing infections is equally important. Typhoid, for example, spreads from person to person by food and water that are contaminated with traces of infected faeces or urine. Dr Suranjit Chatterjee, senior consultant (internal medicine) at Apollo Hospital, said improved sanitation, hand hygiene and availability of clean drinking water could reduce infection rates significantly.

Apart from typhoid, medical experts say, drug resistance is also becoming a major problem in treatment of pneumonia, urinary tract infection and tuberculosis. "Over-the-counter use of antibiotics must be stopped. The government must take steps to restrict their sale so that they can be used only when needed," Dr Tickoo said.



## Perk up mommy Energy



Make some park time Mums need to get out more often. Short mindful breaks spent amid nature can be very therapeutic for overworked nerves. Eliminate all unnecessary thoughts and just listen to yourself breathe for 60 seconds. Be in the moment. Keep a pencil box So many ideas, so little time. Maintain a journal. Every time you remember a chore or a must-do, make a note of it. Then prioritise the errands. Plan the day's routine by listing the most tedious work at the start of the day as you are most energetic then. Don't be a picky eater

You are probably missing out on important nutrients like vitamin B12 and vitamin D. B12 anaemia causes tiredness and fatigue. Mothers need to think of food as fuel and eat foods that are alive - green vegetables, seasonal fruits. The natural sugar in fruits provides a quick pick-me-up when you're down and out. Nuts are a good source of magnesium which helps in converting sugar to energy. Lay off unhealthy, high-glycaemic foods (cookies, cakes, etc). Fix a play date Motherhood doesn't mean hibernation. Perhaps you need play dates as much as your li'l one. The power of connection boosts mommy energy.

## Why you should not drink bottled water

Bottled water is our go to choice whenever we step out. Even doctors and experts recommend drinking only bottled water when one is outside. And understandably so - water borne diseases are rampant and can be extremely dangerous.

The scenario of water-borne diseases is complex for a variety of reasons. In the past 10 years, these diseases have become not only comprehensive but also presented forth some new infections along with the re-emergence of those we already know.

So why did we warn you against bottled water? Well, celebrity nutritionist Rujuta Diwekar in her recent Instagram post mentioned - "Strict NO to bottled water. It takes three liters of groundwater (a common resource) to make one litre of bottle water, which is then sold for an exorbitant price. Not to mention,



the non-biodegradable plastic it generates." For the sake of our environment and good health, next time you step out of your house, carry water with you. Rujuta recommends drinking matka water with khus khus or vetiver soaked in it to beat summer blues. Summer is also the perfect time to indulge in seasonal sherbets like varyali, bel, panha, kokum and nimbu pani. Coconut water is also a healthy option to have.





## NEWS BOX

**Paris Olympics 2024: Aditi Ashok's chance to leave Tokyo heartbreak behind**

**New Delhi** Aditi Ashok will be one of India's biggest hopes of winning a medal in the upcoming Paris Olympics 2024. Last time around in Tokyo, Ashok agonizingly missed out on finishing on the podium from once being in a position to win a silver medal. She finished fourth. Back in 2016, Ashok gave a glimpse into the future when she made her debut in the Olympics. In the Tokyo Olympics, she came close to winning India's first-ever medal in the Olympics, but fell short. She gave herself a chance to win a medal till the 17th hole when Lydia Ko pulled off a birdie to break the tie and push the Indian golfer down to fourth. Back in June, Ashok booked a ticket to Paris after she was ranked No.41 in the Olympic Golf Rankings (OGR). The youngster will be seen in action when the women's individual event takes place from August 7 to 10 and has a great chance of making amends. Whether or not she gets a medal will only be known on August 10 when the Women's Individual Stroke Play Round 4 takes place. Along with Ashok, Diksha Dagar is the only other female golfer in the Paris Olympics. She also broke into the Indian squad after being ranked No.41 in the world.

Gaganjeet, Shubhankar set for Olympic debuts Gaganjeet Bhullar, Shubhankar Sharma form the men's contingent along with Diksha and Ashok as the quartet looks to end India's long wait for an Olympic medal in golf. Shubhankar, ranked 48th in the men's OGR list, and Gaganjeet, ranked 54th, secured Olympic quotas and will also be making their debuts in the quadrennial event. The duo came up the ranks after the Indian Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports helped them out through the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS). The 27-year-old Shubhankar is a two-time winner on the European Tour and was also Asia's No.1 player back in 2018. Bhullar, on the other hand, is an 11-time Asian Tour champion and a 2006 Asian Games silver medal winner.

The golf events at the Paris Olympics will take place at Le Golf National, starting on August 1, with 60 men's and 60 women's golfers participating. The men's event will take place from August 1 to 4.

**England's Ben Stokes wants cramped international schedule to be addressed**

**New Delhi** England captain Ben Stokes has voiced concerns over the current international cricket schedule, emphasizing the need for it to be "addressed" and advocating for player input on future tour programs. Following the final Test against West Indies at Edgbaston, England will enjoy a three-week break for The Hundred tournament before facing Sri Lanka in a three-match series. This will be the longest rest period for England players until the end of the year. The Sri Lanka Test series concludes on September 10, and Australia's white-ball team begins an eight-match tour just a day later at the Ageas Bowl. From there, England's schedule became relentless, with the Australia series immediately followed by a Test tour to Pakistan, a white-ball series in the West Indies, and three Tests in New Zealand to close out the year. This tight schedule particularly impacts players who compete in all three formats, leaving little time for rest and recovery between series. When asked if his ambitions with the Test team would be hampered by the schedule, Stokes replied, "I hope not. It is something that does need to be addressed. Who knows what international cricket is going to look like, with all the franchise stuff that is going on as well? It does need to get looked at. The landscape is constantly changing. I don't think anyone can put their hand on their heart and say they know what cricket is going to look like in even two years' time." Stokes suggested that consultation with players, including himself and Jos Buttler, could provide valuable input on the Future Tours Programme (FTP). "The FTP could maybe see the people playing in it consulted, and I think we could have some good input in that," he said. When asked whether he had been consulted on the recent FTP running from 2023-27, Stokes responded, "Yes and no. Make of that what you will."

**With Sat-Chi at helm, India readies for best-ever badminton show in Paris**

**New Delhi** In an exclusive interaction with IndiaToday.in, Badminton Association of India general secretary Sanjay Mishra said that he was expecting two to three medals from badminton in the Paris Olympics. It was a bold call given India have won just 3 medals in the sport in the entire history of the competition. Out of the three, two medals were won in 2016 and 2020, where PV Sindhu finished second and third respectively. However, there might be some merit to the logic.

The 7-member contingent for India is their strongest ever and consists of world beaters. India's best singles player, HS Prannoy, world no. 3 doubles pairing Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty, and the unpredictable Lakshya Sen, are part of the men's team. India's most consistent big game player - PV Sindhu, will be at the helm of the women's contingent alongside Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto.

The sport has grown by leaps and bounds in the country since the Thomas Cup 2022 win and has helped in the recognition of the players as well. The BAI general secretary revealed that the association has tried to increase cash rewards for the athletes, apart from giving them better facilities for training.

# Olympics 2024: Indian shooters aim to end 12-year drought in Paris

## India will enter the Paris Olympics with their largest ever shooting contingent featuring 21 athletes who will be eager to end the country's 12-year-long medal drought in the sport at the mega event.

**New Delhi** The quest for medals has begun at the Paris Olympics 2024 as players from different nations have started competing at the sporting extravaganza. India have also sent a 117-member strong contingent for the quadrennial event out of which 21 will be seen competing in shooting. Notably, India have won four medals in shooting in their Olympic history making it their third most successful sport at the mega event. The foundation of India's successful run in shooting in three consecutive

Olympic events was laid when Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore won a historic silver medal at the 2004 Athens Olympics.

The Jaipur-born athlete secured a silver medal in double-trap event making him the first individual Olympic silver medal winner from India post-independence. Post Rajyavardhan's heroics, Abhinav Bindra took the Indian shooting to unprecedented heights in the next edition held in Beijing as he struck gold in 10m air rifle.

As a result, he etched his name in Indian sporting history with golden words being the first individual gold medal winner in Olympics from the country. Indian shooters continued podium finishes in the 2012 London Olympics as well with Gagan Narang bagging a bronze in 10m air rifle while Vijay Kumar secured a silver in 25m rapid fire pistol. However, since then two editions have passed for India without a single Olympic medal in shooting.

India's largest-ever shooting contingent Hence, the Indian shooting



contingent will be desperate to end the drought in the upcoming event as they enter the tournament with their largest group ever. The 21-member team surpasses their 15-member squad from Tokyo 2020.

The Indian shooters will be seen participating in all the 15 events at the Paris Olympics. The contingent will be led by former youth Olympic Champions Manu Baker who will compete in women's 10m air pistol, 25m

pistol and 10m air pistol mixed team.

The contingent also features Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Anjum Moudgil and Elavenil Valarivan from the Tokyo Olympics while the remaining will be making their debut at the mega event.

Shooting events to begin from July 27.

One of the emerging talents in the Indian shooting fraternity is Sift Kaur Samra who bagged a gold at the 2023 Hangzhou Asian Games in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions. Another notable performer from India is 19-year-old shooter Esha Singh who also

clinched four medals in Asian Games. On the other hand, Sarabjot Singh and Arjun Singh Cheema will feature in 10m air pistol Indian team while Anant Jeet Singh Naruka will feature in skeet shotgun events.

The shooting event at Paris 2024 begins with 10m air rifle competition on July 27 and will come to a close with the skeet mixed team gold medal match on August 5.

## Jasprit Bumrah on Hardik getting booed during IPL 2024: It changed after WC

**New Delhi** India's premier fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah opened up about how Hardik Pandya dealt after getting booed during the IPL 2024. Hardik had dealt with immense criticism and slandering when he replaced Rohit Sharma as the captain of the MI franchise during IPL 2024. Bumrah revealed that despite the time of adversity, Hardik's mental resilience was key. However, Hardik turned his boos to cheers within a month after he helped India lift the T20 World Cup 2024 at Barbados on June 29, Saturday. Hardik Pandya was booed across the stadiums during the IPL 2024 and had to face scrutiny from the fans. Hardik left GT to return to MI after 2 years and his comeback did not go down well with the supporters. From Ahmedabad to Wankhede, Hardik was booed by the fans and the all-rounder chose not to take it on his heart and continued playing and captaining the team with focus. However, Mumbai had an abysmal run in the tournament as they finished in 10th position in the points table with just four wins from 14 matches.

**Bumrah reflects on Hardik's struggles** Bumrah acknowledged that the emotions of



the fans are attached to the sport in the country. We understand (that) we live in a country where emotion is really the talking point. It's an emotion-driven country. We understand that fans do get emotional, and players are also emotional," Bumrah said in an interview with Jasprit Bumrah.

He further emphasized on facing difficulty in blocking out the negative comments and the boos, despite the necessity to do so.

"It does affect that you're an India player, and you're playing in India, and your own fans are speaking that about you. But it is the way it is. You've got to take it on your chin. How can you go out there and stop people?"

"If you start focussing on yourself, you try to

shut that door," Bumrah said. "It's not that simple saying 'just don't focus on it.' They're screaming, and you can hear it, but then, the inner circle helps you. We, as a team, don't encourage that, we don't promote that, we don't think that is warranted."

The fast bowler highlighted the importance of having the support of teammates and families during times like these.

"Now, the world can think what they want to. We as a team were talking to him, if he needed support, his family would always be there. Certain things are beyond your control. If it happens, it happens."

**Hardik scripts his redemption**

He also suggested that the perception of the fans for Hardik changed after his heroics in the T20 World Cup 2024. He also cautioned that this narrative could change quickly with just one loss. "Now, that narrative has changed since we won the World Cup." You cannot take it seriously. Because, again, the people are singing praises. It doesn't mean it's the be-all and the end-all. A few days later, if we lose another game, the narrative can change. You understand it is how it is.

## India captain Suryakumar reveals special relationship with coach Gambhir

**India's newly appointed T20I captain**

### Suryakumar Yadav shares insights on his relationship with head coach Gautam Gambhir as they prepare for the upcoming series against Sri Lanka.

**New Delhi** India's newly appointed T20I captain Suryakumar Yadav has opened up on his special relationship with head coach Gautam Gambhir ahead of the limited-overs series against Sri Lanka. This series marks the beginning of a new era under head coach Gambhir, who recently took over from Rahul Dravid following India's T20 World Cup triumph. One of Gambhir's



significant early decisions was appointing Suryakumar as the T20I captain, replacing Hardik Pandya. This choice sparked considerable discussion, but as the series opener approaches, the focus is now on the present and the future. "Yeh jo relationship hai, bahut special hai. Kyunki main jab 2014 me gaya tha, I played under him for KKR. It was special because wahan se opportunity mila khelne ka, franchise ke liye aur... Jo bolte hena, tum teen kadam chale, aap bhi do kadam aaye, aur bich me kahi toh mile. Toh

waisa relationship tha. Aur abhi bhi woh relationship waise ka waise hi hai, strong," Suryakumar said in a video released by the BCCI.

Suryakumar, known for his aggressive batting style and innovative shots, emphasized the mutual understanding and support that define his relationship with Gambhir. Reflecting on their experiences with the Kolkata Knight Riders, Surya noted how this dynamic would benefit the Indian team in their new roles. "But he knows ki main kaise kaam karta hoon. What my mindset is when I come to practice sessions. How he tries to work as a coach. And it's all about that lovely relationship we have and very excited to see how it goes forward," Suryakumar concluded. Gambhir's tenure as head coach and Suryakumar's captaincy promise a fresh approach, aiming to build on India's recent successes and take the team to new heights.



The most expensive player at the auction was the wicketkeeper, batter LR Chethan, who represented the Gulbarga Mystics last season. He joined the Bengaluru Blasters for Rs 8.2 Lakh. Mayank Agarwal will be leading the Bengaluru Blasters, who was retained by the team alongside Suraj Ahuja, Shubhang Hedge and Mohsin Khan. Leg-spinner Shreyas Gopal was sold to Mangaluru Dragons for Rs 7.6 lakh. The Mystics retained Devdutt Padikkal, who missed the last season due to an injury. Vijaykumar Vyshakh was also retained and the Mystics acquired the services of Luvnith Sisodia for Rs 7.2 lakh. The defending champions Hubli Tigers secured the services of KC Cariappa for Rs 4.2 lakh. The Tigers will be led by Manish Pandey and also have fast bowler Viswath Kaverappa in their ranks.

## Paris to kick off 2024 Olympics under tight security

### France will host a grand Olympic opening ceremony in Paris on Friday, featuring a parade along the Seine amidst tight security. The event occurs against a backdrop of global tensions and heightened security measures.

**New Delhi** France aims to wow the world on Friday with an extravagant Olympics opening ceremony through the heart of Paris, officially kicking off Games fraught with security risks at a time of heightened geopolitical tensions. Some 45,000 police, 10,000 soldiers and 2,000 private security staff will ensure the safety of the parade along the river Seine, its banks and surrounding monuments, in an unprecedented display of security. A

procession of barges will take nearly 7,000 athletes along the river past Paris's most famous landmarks, while more than 300,000 spectators will watch from the banks. Since the last Olympics in Beijing in 2022, wars have erupted in Ukraine and Gaza, providing a tense backdrop to the Games. France is at its highest level of security - though officials have repeatedly said there is no specific threat to the opening ceremony or the Games.

As part of a vast security operation, authorities have turned to powers passed under an anti-terror law, placing 155 people under surveillance measures that strictly limit their movement, according to official data and a Reuters review of cases. Meanwhile, Israeli competitors are being escorted by elite tactical units to and from events and given 24-hour protection throughout the Olympics, officials say.

**Paris Olympics 2024: Full Coverage** Scores of world leaders will be in Paris for the opening ceremony, which will be protected by snipers on rooftops. The Seine's riverbed has been swept for bombs, and Paris'



airspace will be closed. For the Games more generally, radar-surveillance planes and Reaper drones will watch sensitive sites from above, and Mirage 2000 fighter jets will be on standby to intercept aircraft straying into restricted airspace.

**EVERYTHING READY**

"Everything is ready," French President Emmanuel Macron said in a video he posted on X. "Even the (Olympics) rings are there," he said, overlooking the Eiffel tower. "Enjoy the Games!" Macron, who won a second mandate two years ago, had hoped the

Olympics would cement his legacy. But his failed bet on a snap legislative election has weakened him and is casting a shadow over his moment on the international stage. High security also means much grumbling from locals, after police imposed a security zone along the river ahead of the opening ceremony, erecting metal barriers to fence off neighbourhoods and requiring authorisation - passes with QR codes - to enter. Cafes along the banks of the Seine, which normally buzz with activity in the summer, have been left very quiet due to the restrictions. That has not helped lift the national mood over the Olympics, which Macron will hope improves once the Games have properly started. Russia's invasion of Ukraine means Moscow's usually huge delegation of athletes has been reduced to 15 who met and accepted eligibility requirements to compete as neutrals, according to a list published by the IOC on July 20.





# Pranitha Subhash

## Announces Second Pregnancy, Shares Photos Flaunting Baby Bump, Fans React

Pranitha Subhash, a popular actress, has announced her second pregnancy. The actress also shared photos flaunting her baby bump. The news has gone viral and fans are sending congratulatory messages to her. The actress got married in 2021 and welcomed her first baby in 2022. Then, Pranitha took a break to enjoy her time with the newly born kid. Taking to her Instagram handle, Pranitha shared photos in which she is wearing a denim and black tee. "Round 2... The pants don't fit anymore!" read the caption. One of the fans wrote, "Congratulations maam." Another wrote, "Hey congratulations."

Pranitha Subhash is popular among the masses for her impeccable performances in the Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and Hindi films. Her fans keep pouring in love for the diverse roles played by her. She has a large fanbase across different regions. She leaves no opportunity to create major mother-daughter goals by posting adorable snaps with her cute daughter. The recently concluded Ugadi festival was no exception. The actress and her daughter were all decked up in South Indian attire.

In a bunch of pictures from Ugadi, Pranitha Subhash and her daughter Arma were looking adorable in traditional South Indian clothes. With a green saree consisting of pink borders, the actress opted for heavy accessories to compliant her outfit. On the other hand, Pranitha's daughter wore a beautiful saffron traditional Kurta. The mother-daughter duo looked cute as they posed for the photo while sitting on the floor. Other photos captured the cute bond between the mother and daughter. "Bringing smiles on all our faces," wrote Pranitha Subhash while hinting at her cute daughter. Pranitha Subhash was seen in the Kannada movie Ramana Avatara. It is written and directed by Vikas Pampapathi and stars Rishi and Pranitha Subhash in the lead roles. The 31-year-old, who started her career with a Kannada film Porki alongside actor Darshan, became a renowned name in Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam movies. She shared silver screens with superstars like Mohan Babu, Upendra, Suriya, Mahesh Babu and many others. The actress recently made a comeback in the entertainment industry with the movie Thankamani after a long hiatus of three years. It is a Malayalam movie written and directed by Ratheesh Reghunanadan and starred Dileep in the titular role. It was released on March 7, 2024.



## Are Gigi Hadid And Bradley Cooper Making Marriage Plans? What We Know



Rumoured couple Bradley Cooper and Gigi Hadid's chemistry has become the talk of the town. Despite their nearly 20-year age gap, their bond seems to be going strong, and fans are eager to see them settle down together. Although there's no official announcement about a proposal, recent reports suggest their romance is getting serious, with marriage potentially on the horizon. According to the Daily Mail, Cooper is seriously considering taking their relationship to the next level and is "ready to propose to Hadid." The couple, who each have a daughter from previous relationships, have also "discussed the possibility of expanding their family together." As per an insider, "Bradley has already determined that he is going to ask Gigi to marry him. This is not even a question. They discussed family and marriage early on in their relationship. They have been committed to each other and to their plans for some time and now it is just a matter of when. Bradley only has a couple of projects currently in production but has nothing lined up after that. He wants to take some time away to focus on this and give Gigi the attention and love she deserves." The Oscar winner already has "the blessing of her family, friends and even her daughter."

While Gigi Hadid shares daughter Khai with her former partner Zayn Malik, Bradley Cooper, on the other hand, also has a daughter named Lea De Seine with his ex, Irina Shayk. According to reports, Bradley and Zayn share a good relationship, as they both focus on co-parenting their children. The two families interact smoothly, as Gigi and Zayn's daughter get along well with Bradley and Irina's child. The source mentioned that they are all committed to creating a supportive blended family for their kids. Another source revealed that Cooper's feelings for Hadid blossomed after she supported the actor during his challenging awards season. Despite receiving several nominations, Bradley did not win any major awards for Maestro, which left him disheartened. During the low phase, the supermodel was there to provide comfort and encouragement.

## Yeto Vellipoyindhi Manasu, Starring Nani And Samantha Ruth Prabhu, Set For Special Re-Release



After almost twelve years, the timeless love story Yeto Vellipoyindhi Manasu is making a triumphant comeback to the big screen. Directed by the renowned Gautham Menon and featuring Nani and Samantha in the lead roles, the acclaimed film is scheduled for re-release on August 2. The announcement by producers Supriya and Srinivas under the Lakshmi Narasimha Movies banner promises to revive the enchantment of a film that charmed audiences back in 2012. A particular distributor has bought the rights to re-release the film in theatres next week and it will run in selective private theatres in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Yeto Vellipoyindhi Manasu garnered acclaim upon its release, earning five esteemed Nandi Awards. The film's honours include Best Hero for Nani, Best Heroine for Samantha, Best Music Director for Ilayaraja, and Best Lyricist for Ananth Sriram. Additionally, Gautham Menon received the Special Jury Award for his exceptional contribution to the film.

The film was highly praised for its engaging storyline, stellar performances, and beautiful music. Nani and Samantha received particular commendation for their roles, while Gautham Menon's script and direction were notably impressive. Ilayaraja's enchanting soundtrack significantly enhanced the cinematic experience, winning the hearts of music lovers. Yeto Vellipoyindhi Manasu was simultaneously produced in both Telugu and Tamil, with Jeeva taking the lead in the Tamil version. Samantha starred in both versions, highlighting her versatility as an actress. Initially, Gautham Menon planned a Hindi adaptation featuring Aditya Roy Kapur and Samantha, but the project faced production issues and was ultimately shelved.

Meanwhile, Gautham Vasudev Menon is eagerly anticipating the release of his long-delayed film Dhruva Natchathiram, starring Vikram and Ritu Varma in the lead roles.

# Hina Khan

## Is 'Very Strong' Amid Cancer Diagnosis, Shivangi Joshi Says 'We Are Praying For Her'

Shivangi Joshi has reacted to Hina Khan's cancer diagnosis. The two used to work together in the popular show, Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai. In the Rajan Shahi show, while Shivangi used to play the role of Nayra, Hina used to essay the role of her mother, Akshara. In a recent interview, Shivangi Joshi called Hina Khan a "fighter" and revealed that they are still in touch with each other. The former Balika Vadhu actress shared that she is planning to meet Hina soon and hoped for her recovery. "I'm still in touch with her. We spoke yesterday. She is okay. She is very strong. She is a fighter and she will be fine soon. We are all praying for her. I will meet her soon. She will get well super soon," Shivangi told Pinkvilla.

On June 28, Hina Khan confirmed that she had been diagnosed with stage three breast cancer. She took to her Instagram handle to share the heartbreaking news with her fans. Hina penned down a long note and shared that her treatment has already begun and assured all that she is "doing well." "Hello Everyone, To address the recent rumour, I want to share some important news with all the Hinaholics and everyone who loves and cares for me. I have been diagnosed with stage three breast cancer. Despite this challenging diagnosis, I wish to reassure everyone that I am doing well. I am strong, determined and fully committed to overcoming this disease. My treatment has already begun and I am ready to do everything necessary to emerge from this even stronger," Hina wrote.

I kindly ask for your respect and previously during this time. I deeply appreciate your love, strength and blessings. Your personal experiences, anecdotes and supportive suggestions would mean the world to me as I navigate this journey. I, along with my family and loved ones, remain focused, determined and positive. With the grace of the almighty, we believe I will overcome this challenge and will be completely healthy. Please send your prayers blessings and love," she added. Since then, the 36-year-old actress has been sharing several motivating posts online, hoping for her speedy recovery. She even chopped her hair in one of the videos. In another, she was seen getting emotional with her mother. In one of her recent posts, Hina expressed that her boyfriend, Rocky has been her greatest "strength" during these tough times.

