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## Assembly elections: Voting will be held in two phases in Jharkhand on 13th and 20th November

**Last date for nomination is 29 October**  
Nomination for the first phase of Jharkhand will start from 18 October. The last date for nomination for the first phase will be 25 October. Nomination for the second phase will start from 22 October. The last date for nomination will be 29 October.



### Model Code of Conduct implemented in the state



With the announcement of election dates, the Model Code of Conduct has come into force in the state. Voting will be held on 81 seats of Jharkhand Assembly. Out of these, 44 seats are general, 28 SC and 9 ST. Giving information, CEO Rajiv Kumar said that the total number of voters in the state is 2.6 crore. Out of which 1.29 crore are female voters. At the same time, the number of male voters is 1.39 crore.

**New Delhi:** The Election Commission of India announced the dates of assembly elections in Jharkhand and Maharashtra in a press conference at 3.30 pm on Tuesday. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said that elections will be held in two phases in Jharkhand. The first phase will be on 13th November and the second on 20th November. In Maharashtra, it will be held in one phase. Voting will be done on 20th November. Counting of votes will be done simultaneously in Maharashtra and Jharkhand on 23rd November.

he congratulated the voters for participating in large numbers in the assembly elections held in Jammu Kashmir and Haryana. Election Commissioner said that EC has stopped rumors on social media. Said that there has been no violence of any kind in Jammu and Kashmir elections.

### Elections will be held in two phases for 81 seats in Jharkhand

Notification for the first phase will be issued on October 18. In this, nomination will start from October 25. The last date for scrutiny is 28 and for withdrawal of nomination is October 30. The date of voting for the first phase is November 13, 2024. Notification for the second phase will be issued on October 22. In this, the date of nomination is October 29. The last date for scrutiny is 30 and for withdrawal of nomination is November 01. The date of voting for the second phase is November 20, 2024. The date of counting of votes is November 23.

Let us tell you that elections will be held for 81 assembly constituencies in Jharkhand. It has 44 general, 28 ST and 9 SC seats. 2.6

crore voters will exercise their franchise in Jharkhand assembly elections. There are 1.29 crore women and 1.31 crore male voters in this. The number of voters voting for the first time is 11.84 lakh. 29562 polling stations will be set up in 20281 areas in Jharkhand. There will be 5042 polling stations in urban areas and 24520 in rural areas.

### 9.63 crore voters will cast their votes in Maharashtra

Let us tell you that elections will be held for

AC No.	AC Name
19	Kodarma
20	Barkatha
21	Barhi
22	Barkagaon
25	Hazaribagh
26	Simaria (SC)
27	Chatra (SC)
44	Baharagora
45	Ghatsila (ST)
46	Potka (ST)
47	Jugsalai (SC)
48	Jamshedpur East
49	Jamshedpur West
50	Ichagarh
51	Seraikella (ST)
52	Chaibasa (ST)
53	Maihaon (ST)
54	Jaganathpur (ST)
55	Manoharpur (ST)
56	Chakradharpur (ST)
57	Kharsawan (ST)
58	Tamar (ST)
59	Torpa (ST)
60	Khunti (ST)
63	Ranchi
64	Hatia
65	Kanke (SC)
66	Mandar (ST)
67	Sisai (ST)
68	Gumla (ST)
69	Bishunpur (ST)
70	Simdega (ST)
71	Kolebira (ST)
72	Lohardaga (ST)
73	Manika (ST)
74	Latehar (SC)
75	Panki
76	Daltonganj
77	Bishrampur
78	Chhatrapur (SC)
79	Hussainabad
80	Garhwa
81	Bhawanathpur

288 assembly constituencies in Maharashtra. There are 234 general, 25 ST and 29 SC seats in this. 9.63 crore voters will exercise their franchise in the Maharashtra assembly elections. There are 4.97 crore male and 4.66 crore

AC No.	AC Name
1	Rajmahal
2	Borio (ST)
3	Barhait (ST)
4	Litipara (ST)
5	Pakaur
6	Maheshpur (ST)
7	Sikaripara (ST)
8	Nala
9	Jamtara
10	Dumka (ST)
11	Jama (ST)
12	Jarmundi
13	Madhupur
14	Sarath
15	Deoghar (SC)
16	Poreyahat
17	Godda
18	Mahagama
23	Ramgarh
24	Mandu
28	Dhanwar
29	Bagodar
30	Jamua (SC)
31	Gandey
32	Giridih
33	Dumri
34	Gomia
35	Bermo
36	Bokaro
37	Chandankiari (SC)
38	Sindri
39	Nirsa
40	Dhanbad
41	Jharia
42	Tundi
43	Baghmara
61	Silli
62	Khajri (ST)

female voters in this. The number of voters voting for the first time is 20.93 lakh. 1,00,186 polling stations will be set up in 57789 areas. There will be 42604 polling stations in urban areas and 57582 in rural areas.

### In Shorts

#### Violence not stopping in Bagraich



**Uttar Pradesh:** The violence in Bagraich, Uttar Pradesh is not stopping. Despite the deployment of a large number of police forces, the miscreants created a lot of havoc late on Monday night. About 10 to 15 people have set fire in Nakwa village. Not only this, some miscreants have also destroyed a religious place. At the same time, they have tried to vandalize and set fire to some religious places. When the police reached the spot after getting information about the incident, the miscreants ran away. At present, the atmosphere in the entire area is calm, but the situation is still tense. In view of the violence and tense situation, more than 50 police personnel are present on the spot.

#### Stock market fell after a good start

**Mumbai:** Indian stock market opened on a green mark with a good start on Tuesday's trading day. BSE's Sensex started at 82,189.42 level, up 216.37 points (0.26 percent) in early trade. At the same time, NSE's Nifty opened at 25,189.25 with an increase of 61.30 points (0.24 percent). In early trade, Nifty Bank rose 159.70 points (0.31%) to reach 51,976.60. At the same time, the Nifty Midcap index rose 79.00 points (0.13%) to 51,976.60 and the Nifty 100 index was trading at 26,266.50 level with an increase of 68.60 points (0.26%).

### Weather changes in the state, cold knocks due to rain

**Ranchi:** In the last 24 hours, light rain has been recorded in many districts of Jharkhand like East Singhbhum, Ranchi and Saraikela-Kharsawan, due to which the cold has increased in the weather. Due to this change, a feeling of pink cold has started in the morning and evening. According to the Meteorological Department, there is a possibility of sporadic rain and thunderstorms in the southern and central parts of the state even today. According to the Meteorological Department, a depression formed in the Arabian Sea is currently affecting the weather of the state, although it is quite mild. Due to



this, light rain can be seen today. There is a possibility of a drop of 1-2 degrees Celsius in the minimum temperature of the state in the next 24 hours.

#### Feeling of cold even during the day

The Meteorological Department has predicted that light rain may occur in some districts including Ranchi, Saraikela-Kharsawan,

East and West Singhbhum and Simdega. Due to cloudy sky, there will be a feeling of cold even during the day. No significant change is expected in the maximum and minimum temperatures.

#### Rain looms over Diwali and Chhath Puja

Rain had disrupted Durga Puja in Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha and now the shadow of rain is looming during Diwali and Chhath as well. This cyclone formed in the Bay of Bengal may cause rain in some parts of Jharkhand in the coming days, although a major drop in temperature is not expected.

### Foreign Minister Jaishankar arrives in Pakistan for SCO summit

**New Delhi:** Foreign Minister Dr. S Jaishankar arrived in Islamabad on Tuesday to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit to be held in Pakistan on Wednesday. This is the first time after nine years that India's Foreign Minister has visited Pakistan. Earlier in December 2015, the then Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj had visited Pakistan.

The meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of the SCO is attended by the top leaders of the countries included in the organization. From India, Foreign Minister Jaishankar has arrived to attend

the meeting in place of PM Modi.

The Indian Air Force plane carrying the Foreign Minister landed at Noor Khan Air Base today. Jaishankar has shared pictures of landing in Islamabad on social media.

The SCO is an influential economic and security group that has emerged as one of the largest interregional international organizations. Apart from India, Pakistan, China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan are its members.

Foreign Minister Jaishankar has already said that his visit to Pakistan is related to participation in a multilateral forum and has no bilateral aspect.

### Omar Abdullah to take oath as new CM today

**J&K:** National Conference leader Omar Abdullah is set to take oath as the new Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir on October 16. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday sent a letter to the nominated CM inviting him to take oath. The historic swearing-in ceremony is likely to be attended by many leaders of the opposition front comprising India Block, NC and other parties, most of whom are arrived.



Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi will attend the swearing-in ceremony, NCP-SCP MP Supriya Sule, Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin's sister Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, CPI leader D Raja, CPI (M) leader Brinda Karat will attend the swearing-in ceremony. At the same time, people aware of the developments claimed that Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav will reach Jammu and Kashmir on the

eve of the swearing-in ceremony. Shiromani Akali Dal's Sukhbir Singh Badal will attend the event.

This can be seen as a move to display India Block unity ahead of key assembly elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand. Farooq Abdullah said that the public has great expectations from us and I hope we will live up to their expectations. The central government should restore statehood as soon as possible and give all powers to the state government so that it (state government) can provide relief to the people.

### Election commission strict on election expenses Income Tax action on withdrawal of more than Rs 10 lakh from banks



**New Delhi:** The Election Commission of India has announced the dates for Jharkhand Assembly Elections 2024. The Election Commission has announced to conduct elections in Jharkhand in two phases. Along with the announcement of the election dates, the Election Commission has also announced the rules related to the Model Code of Conduct. According to the Model Code of Conduct issued by the Election Commission, if any candidate or his representative or any resident of the state withdraws more than Rs 10 lakh in lump sum from the banks during the election process, strict action will be taken by the IT Department.

#### Ban on distribution of liquor for free

The information given on the Election Commission's website also states that there will be a ban on free distribution of liquor, production and sale in a suspicious manner, illegal storage etc. during the election process in Jharkhand. For this, the Election

#### EC will monitor election expenditure

According to the information given in the election code of conduct on the official website of the Election Commission of India, the Election Commission itself will monitor the expenditure made by various political parties during the assembly elections in Jharkhand.

The Commission has issued comprehensive instructions for effective monitoring of election expenditure of candidates. Expenditure observers, assistant expenditure observers, flying squads (FS), static surveillance teams (SST), video surveillance teams (VST), video viewing teams (VVT), accounting teams (AT), Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC), District Expenditure Monitoring Committee (DEMC), District Complaints Committee will be constituted and enforcement agencies will be deployed to monitor election expenditure on behalf of the Election Commission. Apart from this, it includes State Police Department, State Excise Department, State Commerce Department, Income Tax Department (Investment), CBIC, DRI, CGST, ED, FIU-IND, NCB, BCAS, CISF, RPF, BSF, ICG, Postal Department and State Forest Department.

Commission has directed the Jharkhand State Excise Department to monitor the production, distribution, sale and storage of inducements in the form of liquor and free goods during the election process.

### Inflation: Neither consumption increased nor production decreased, yet vegetable prices increased by 78%

**New Delhi:** Vegetables are bearing the brunt of inflation. In September, the wholesale inflation rate (WPI) of vegetables has increased by 48.73 percent. At the same time, the prices of potatoes and onions have increased by 78 percent, while the prices of tomatoes have increased by 48 percent. The retail inflation figures have also raised concerns. It has crossed the Reserve Bank's limit of 5 percent and vegetable inflation has increased by about 36% (in August it was only 10%). In September, the food inflation rate has increased to 9.24%, which was 5.66%

in August. The contribution of vegetables in the retail inflation index is about 7.46%. It is generally believed that inflation increases due to scarcity. But the production of potatoes, onions, and tomatoes is continuously increasing. By the year 2022, their production has increased by 63% in the last decade. In 2022-23, India is the second largest potato-tomato producer in the world. At the same time, India is the largest producer of onion. Despite this, inflation on vegetables is increasing.

#### Vegetable inflation is cutting the pockets of both farmers and consumers

The effect of weather is also important in this economic cycle of vegetables. To handle this, new measures of storage and supply are needed. In this situation, vegetable inflation is cutting the pockets of both farmers and consumers. So who is benefiting from this situation? The praise of political speeches and promises on farming has its own importance and when these break, then we understand that the latest inflation is coming from where we are self-reliant.



## News In Brief

**Big revelation in police investigation: Husband wife and daughter were killed for not returning mortgaged land**

**Chakradharpur:** Police has revealed the murder of three people of the same family in village Siankel under Tebo police station of West Singhbhum district. The murder of husband, wife and daughter was till now being described as a mass murder on suspicion of witchcraft, but when the police investigated deeply, the matter turned out to be a dispute over land and money. Superintendent of Police Ashutosh Shekhar said that in the investigation so far, murder in the name of witch has not been confirmed. Raids are being conducted to arrest both the accused.

**Durga Puja Committee organized a colorful cultural program in Adar**

**Chaibasa:** Durga Puja Committee Adar organized a colorful cultural program on Sunday evening. The program was inaugurated by the chief guest, police station in-charge Tarun Kumar, police inspector Pramod Kumar, Puja Committee President Badal Ram by cutting the ribbon. Before this, the guests were welcomed by covering them with a chunari. In the program, the artists presented one after the other Hindi, Nagpuri and Bhojpuri songs. The audience also enjoyed the cultural program a lot. Especially the youth were seen dancing a lot. Here the police was seen in alert mood regarding the security of the program. Police personnel were deployed at various places to prevent any kind of untoward incident.

**Missile Man Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam remembered with great intensity on his birth anniversary**

**Chaibasa:** The birth anniversary of great scientist and former President of India, Bharat Ratna Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was celebrated at Congress Bhawan, Chaibasa on Tuesday. On the occasion of the birth anniversary of former President of India, Bharat Ratna Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, flowers were offered to his portrait and he was saluted. Dr. Kalam's personality, his life, his teachings and message were discussed.

## Assembly elections will be fair and peaceful DC

**Model Code of Conduct will be effectively implemented in the district: DC**

**DN ■ Lohardaga**

In view of the Assembly elections 2024, the DC and SP jointly held a press conference. On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagmare Prasad Krishna said that the assembly elections will be fair and peaceful, in a fear-free environment. The Model Code of Conduct has been implemented in the district, all the cells have been formed in view of the election. He said that meetings have been held in front of the senior model and effective officer of all the groups. In this, the role of all the



groups was discussed to conduct the election lawfully. Also told that during the Model Code of Conduct, the action to be taken in the first 72 hours, violation of the Model Code of Conduct, training work, necessary conference at the polling station and other information about their reporting time

have been given. The DC said that under the assembly elections, voting will be held in phases in the district. Told that voting is to be held in two phases. A total of 428 polling stations have been set up in Lohardaga Assembly. In which the number of polling stations in 72 Lohardaga Legislative

## Election code of conduct implemented in Gumla district with the press conference of DC

**DN ■ Gumla**

Voting will be held on November 13 in the first phase on three assembly seats of the district, Deputy Commissioner gave information in a press conference held today in the newly formed council Gumla, he said that Gumla: Assembly elections are to be held in Jharkhand in two phases. Gumla district has three assembly constituencies Gumla, Sisai and Bishunpur. Voting will be held on November 13 in these under the first phase. DC Karna Satyarthi organized a press conference and gave information about the whole matter. He said that the model code of



conduct has come into force with the announcement of elections. Nominations will be filed by October 25. Scrutiny of nomination papers will be done on October 28, while the date for withdrawal of nomination is fixed on October 30. Elections for three assembly constituencies of Gumla district Sisai, Gumla, and Bishunpur will be held on November 13 in the first phase, DC Gumla 7 lakh 92 thousand 183 voters will cast their votes. At the same time, SP Shambhu Kumar Singh said that the police administration is fully alert regarding the elections. Adequate security forces will be deployed. On this occasion, DDC Sub-Divisional.

## Trolley loaded with sand seized driver fled with tractor engine



**DN ■ Chaibasa**

Mining department seized a tractor trolley loaded with sand on Monday. Sand was being illegally transported from Kharkai river by the tractor. Meanwhile, the wheel of the tractor got punctured on the road leading to the Zila Parishad office. After this, the driver left the trolley loaded with sand there and fled with the tractor engine. On getting information about this, the inspector of the mining department reached there with his team. The trolley of the tractor loaded with sand was seized. Later, the trolley was taken to the mining department office by connecting it to the engine of another tractor.

## Lock hung at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya in Noamundi students returned empty handed

**DN ■ Chaibasa**

Students of Kasturba Gandhi Balika +2 Vidyalaya Noamundi were troubled the whole day as the main gate was closed without any notice. After returning from Durga Puja holidays, the students kept coming from 9 am to 5 pm and returned empty handed as the main gate was closed. No notice of any kind has been hung on the main gate of the school. An attempt was made to contact the warden of the school Shruti Bharti, but she could not be contacted. On Monday, all the teachers marked their attendance. But on Tuesday only contractual teacher Pramod Kumar



came and after seeing the school closed, he also returned. According to the news, Kasturba School teachers along with Jharkhand Education Project Council employees went on indefinite strike from 15th October for their demands. Agreement reached on these demands in the talks, teachers will go to school from tomorrow. On Tuesday, the striking workers held talks with

Jharkhand Project Director. Agreement reached on many demands. These include salary hike as well. In the talks, the accountant, computer operator, block program officer, block program manager working in BRC will be paid mobile recharge allowance of Rs. 300 per month from November. Agreement reached on medical and group insurance for the project.

## Vishwa Brahmin Sangh Ramgarh District meeting held Pradeep Sharma

**DN ■ Ramgarh**

A meeting of Vishwa Brahmin Sangh Ramgarh District Committee was held at Jalaram Bapa Temple Bijulia, which was chaired by former Ramgarh District President and conducted by Bhupesh Mani Tiwari. Chief guest in the meeting was Vishwa Brahmin Sangh State President Pradeep Kumar Sharma. In the above meeting, the formation of Ramgarh District Committee and the direction of strengthening the organization were to be discussed and Chhath Puja Mahaparva was to be discussed. Everyone expressed their views and Chhath Mahaparva was



also discussed. In today's meeting, the election of the new committee could not be held due to some reason and Chhath Puja Mahaparva was discussed. Like every year, this year also, milk and coconut, apple, orange kaila, incense, agarbatti etc. will be distributed among Chhath Vratis by setting up stalls outside Gandhi Ghat, Ramgarh. The next meeting will be held on

## Former President of India Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's birthday was celebrated in DAV Barkakana

**DN ■ Ramgarh**

Former President of India Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's birthday was celebrated in DAV Barkakana. On this occasion, the school's principal Mohammad Mustafa Majid and all the teachers of the school offered flowers on the picture of Dr. Kalam. Mansi Kushwaha of class XI conducted the stage. Aditya Rai of class IX threw light on the personality and deeds of Dr. Kalam. Dr. Kalam was always striving to promote talents, keeping this in mind, on this auspicious occasion, the participants who secured their place in various inter-house cultural competitions were awarded. In the Om Dhuni



competition, Manan Raj of class Vashishtha House secured first place, Kashvi of August House secured second place and Saharsh of Agastya House secured third place. In the Mantra Recitation Competition, Annaya Singh of August House secured first place, Shivam of Parshuram House secured second place and Tejaswi Sejal of August House secured third place. In the Bhajan

the English Poem Recitation Competition, Sanvi of Dron House, Anvi of Parshuram House and Shreya of August House, Suhasini Satpati of August House secured first, second and third place respectively. In the Hindi Poem Recitation Competition for classes VI to VIII, Kritika of Vashisht House, Aditi of August House and Sukanya of Vashisht House secured first, second and third place respectively. In the English poem recitation competition for classes VI to VIII, Lavanya Gupta of August House, Aditi Rani of Dron House and Prachi Singh of Dron House secured first, second and third positions.

## Federalism wants to take the country on the path of destruction which we will never let succeed Mumtaz Ali

**DN ■ Ramgarh**

Socialism is the path to progress and prosperity, it is a feeling of peace and comfort, these things were said by the National Star Campaigner of Samajwadi Party, Chief General Secretary Mumtaz Ali in the Assembly Election Management Seminar organized by the State Committee in his felicitation ceremony. On this occasion, in the seminar organized by the State Committee and Taleem-e-Majlis in preparation for the Assembly elections to be held in 2024, the Chief General Secretary of Samajwadi Party and the Chief Guest of this semi-



nar, Mumtaz Ali, was honored by the workers and leaders by garlanding him with flowers and giving a bouquet on behalf of Taleem-e-Majlis. The intellectuals who came to the seminar and the people who support social justice congratulated and thanked all the visitors for honoring Mumtaz Ali by calling him not their leader but their brother and son.

Addressing the people who came to the seminar, Mumtaz Ali said that socialism is the only thing that will give the whole world a new direction. It can provide light, food, livelihood, clothes and shelter. The saffron brigade can provide Sanghism talks of division, which no human being can accept in a vast country like India, the division of mutual.

## Sunil Hasda's body found in Neemdih family members suspect murder

**DN ■ Chaibasa**



Body of a youth named Sunil Hasda was found in Neemdih on Tuesday morning, causing a sensation in the area. The family of the deceased says that Sunil used to consume alcohol and often did not come home. He did not return home on Monday night as well. At around 7:30 in the morning, some boys informed the family that Sunil's body was found in Neemdih. The family immediately reached the spot and took the body to Sadar Hospital, where the doctor declared Sunil dead. Seeing the injury marks on Sunil's body, the family members suspected murder and informed the police. The police have taken the body into their custody and sent it for post-mortem and started investigating the case. The head of Neemdih Panchayat said that he had spoken to Sunil on Monday evening, but there is no information about what happened after that. There is an atmosphere of mourning in the area due to this incident, and people are waiting for the truth of the incident to come out.

## Handwash Day celebrated in Shri Agrasen School children learned the importance of cleanliness

**DN ■ Ramgarh**

Global Handwash Day was celebrated in Shri Agrasen School Bhurkunda on Tuesday. Many awareness related programs were organized on this occasion. In the morning assembly, children were told the importance of handwash and personal hygiene and were motivated to make cleanliness a habit. This year's theme of Handwash Day was discussed on why clean hands are still important. Children put forward the importance of handwash through painting, dialogue, speech. Apart from handwash, children were also told the importance of physical hygiene and it was



said that with good personal hygiene you can stay healthy and also save others from getting sick. Personal hygiene includes regular bathing, taking care of body hygiene, wearing clean clothes, washing hands and mouth, cutting nails and hair on time and cleaning teeth. Everyone also took a pledge of cleanliness. Principal Vivek Pradhan said that many types of infections can be

avoided by washing hands. Washing hands with soap and water is one of the simplest and most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs and stay healthy. Keeping hands clean can protect one from diseases like diarrheal diseases and respiratory infections. The COVID pandemic made us realize the importance of washing hands effectively. Deepika Tiwari, Basant Kumar, Divya Kumari.



# Varun Ranjan becomes new DC of Ranchi

## Varun Ranjan took over charge from outgoing DC Manjunath Bhajantri

### Transfer before announcement of elections

Before the announcement of Jharkhand assembly elections, the state government once again transferred IAS officers. Ranchi Deputy Commissioner Manjunath Bhajantri has been removed and Varun Ranjan has been made the new Deputy Commissioner. Manjunath Bhajantri has been appointed the new CEO of JSLPS.

DN ■ Ranchi



Bhajantri was made the DC of Ranchi this month. According to the notification of the state government, Varun Ranjan will be the new DC of Ranchi. The state government has also issued a notification in this regard. Let us tell you that before the Lok Sabha elections, Manjunath Bhajantri was the DC of Jamshedpur, during that time too he was removed before the elections.

### Varun Ranjan took charge

Within half an hour of the transfer notification being issued, Varun Ranjan also took charge as Ranchi DC. The state government has also transferred the Bokaro

### Who went where?

- ▶ Manjunath Bhajantri - Chief Executive Officer, Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society
- ▶ Varun Ranjan - DC, Ranchi
- ▶ Mrityunjay Kumar Barnwal - MNREGA Commissioner Jharkhand Ranchi
- ▶ Manoj Swargiri has been made the new SP of Bokaro.

SP. Manoj Swargiri has been made the new SP of Bokaro in place of IPS officer Pujya Prakash. Pujya Prakash is on long leave due to health reasons. The notification related to Bokaro SP has also been issued by the state government.

Let us tell you that the BJP had demanded the removal of Ranchi DC Manjunath Bhajantri. On Tuesday, October 15, a delegation of BJP met Chief Electoral Officer K Ravi Kumar and demanded the immediate removal of Ranchi Deputy Commissioner.

BJP Legal Cell State Convenor cum Advocate Sudhir Srivastava and State Media Co-incharge Ashok Badaik, while handing over the memorandum to Chief Electoral Officer K Ravi Kumar, had referred to the letter of the Election Commission, in which the Commission had

written a letter to the Chief Secretary and asked him to take action within 15 days.

On this occasion, Sudhir Srivastava said that an order was issued on 30/9/24 by the Election Commission of India Secretariat, New Delhi to take disciplinary action against Manjunath Bhajantri when he was the Deputy Commissioner of Deogarh. The order was in the name of the Chief Secretary and there was a clear order that disciplinary action should be taken against Manjunath Bhajantri within 15 days and informed.

### Fears of influencing the elections were expressed

The BJP delegation had also expressed apprehension by giving a memorandum to the Election Commission that it is impossible to conduct clean and fearless elections in the assembly constituencies of Ranchi, Hatia, Mandar, Khijri, Kanke and Silli falling in Ranchi district as long as Bhajantri is there.

In such a situation, it is not appropriate to keep Manjunath Bhajantri on the post of Ranchi DC. It is worth noting that the state government had recently removed Ranchi DC Rahul Kumar Sinha and appointed Manjunath Bhajantri, after which questions were raised on his posting.

## Jharkhand HC directs, VC-Registrar of all universities should be present in person on Oct 22



DN ■ Ranchi

Jharkhand High Court has directed the VC and Registrar of all universities of the state to appear in person before the High Court on October 22. The court has given this direction while hearing the petition of bell-based teacher Prasila Soren. The matter was heard in the court of High Court Judge Justice Dr. SN Pathak.

On Monday, the petitioner told the court that bell-based teachers are appointed ad hoc in all universities and colleges of the state. Earlier the High Court had said that such appointment should not be made, on which the court said that bell-based teachers get less salary than regular teachers and this also affects the quality of education. Its effect is also that students and teachers of the state migrate to other states. At the same time, the court has asked JPSC that how many posts of teachers are vacant, how many posts has JPSC taken initiative to fill. In this case, senior advocate Ajit Kumar and advocate Aparajita Bhardwaj argued on behalf of the applicant.

## CEO expressed concern over low voting percentage in urban areas of Jharkhand

DN ■ Ranchi

Chief Election Commissioner K Ravi Kumar has expressed concern over the low voting percentage in the state, especially in urban areas. In a press conference held at the Election House on Tuesday, he appealed to every urban voter to play their role with full enthusiasm. He said that based on the experiences gained in the last Lok Sabha elections 2024, facilities have been increased at different booths. He said that the Model Code of Conduct has come into effect in the state from October 15 itself. Work on the schemes on which work has not started, or whose foundation



stone has been laid, will not be done further now. Political parties will also have to show conduct as per the prescribed provisions. Additional Chief Election Commissioners Dr Neha Arora and Sandeep Kumar were also present on the occasion.

### So many voters and booth centers

K Ravi Kumar said that elections will be held in the

state in two phases on November 13 and 20. Total voters are 26043703 out of which male voters are 13144236, female voters are 12899019 and third gender voters are 448. There are 367825 disabled voters. There are 1184150 voters in the age group of 18-19 while there are 113970 voters of 85+ age group. The number of polling stations is 29562.

## Subsidy of Rs 78000 will be available for rooftop solar capacity



DN ■ Ranchi

People of Jharkhand can also take advantage of PM Suryaghar Scheme sponsored by MNRE, Government of India. In this regard, Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited has issued a general notice saying that Suryaghar Scheme is applicable here too. Under the scheme, domestic consumers can save money in electricity bill consumption by installing roof top solar on government subsidy in their premises.

In the information issued by GM (Commerce) of JBVNL, it has been said that interested domestic consumers can apply for installing roof top solar by registering online on the website www.pmsuryaghar.gov.in. The list of vendors is also available on this website. Applicants can select any of the agencies (vendors) selected by JBVNL and get the benefit of subsidy in their bank account by installing roof top solar soon.

## Hemant government burst such a Diwali bomb that BJP's Gogo Yojana was completely defeated: Congress

- ▶ Indian alliance government burst Diwali "bomb"
- ▶ Amount of Mainiya Samman Yojana increased from 1000 to 2500
- ▶ Maiya Yojana overshadowed BJP's Gogo Didi Yojana



DN ■ Ranchi

Ignoring BJP's rapid attack and desperation, Jharkhand's Indian alliance government has burst such a bomb before Diwali that BJP's Gogo Didi Yojana was completely defeated. Hemant Soren government has increased the amount given under Mukhyamantri Mainiya Samman Yojana from 1000 to 2500 from December. The above was said by Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Media Committee President Satish Kumar Munjani.

### BJP is taking help of ED as it could not do Gogo Yojana

Satish Kumar Munjani said that BJP wants to capture power in Jharkhand by hook or crook. For this, it takes help of

ED. Before the BJP elections, the ED conducts raids on the houses of leaders of various parties involved in the All India Alliance. The latest example of this is the raids conducted on 18 locations of several people of the department including Vinay Kumar Thakur, brother of Jharkhand government minister Mithilesh Thakur, IAS Manish Ranjan.

He said that the people of Jharkhand understand everything. The way the alliance has defeated the BJP in the previous elections and by-elections, the same fate is going to befall them in the upcoming Jharkhand assembly elections. Munjani said that this time the voters are not going to be misled by anyone.

## 13 Executive Engineers of Rural Works got additional charge

DN ■ Ranchi

13 engineers in the Rural Works Department have been given additional charge along with their duties. Executive Engineer Giridih Subodh Kumar Das has been given additional charge of Secretary to Chief Engineer, Provisional Engineer, Head Office, Rural Works Department, Ranchi along with his duties. Executive Engineer Works Division, Jamshedpur Rajesh Rajak has been given additional charge of Secretary to Chief Engineer, Provisional Chief Engineer, Office, Rural Works Department, Ranchi along with his duties.

Executive Engineer Works Division Simdega Ramnaresh Sharan has been given additional charge of Superintendent Engineer, Anushraman Engineer, Head Office, Ranchi along with his duties. Executive Engineer Works Division Ramgarh Neeraj Kumar Mishra has been given additional charge of

Superintending Engineer, Anushraman Chief Engineer, Office, JSRRDA, Ranchi along with his duties. Executive Engineer Rural Works Division Ranchi Sanath Soren has been given additional charge of Technical Advisor, Superintendent Engineer, Rural Works Department, Work Zone, Ranchi along with his duties. Executive Engineer Rural Works Division Koderma Saurabh Kumar Jha has been given additional charge of Technical Advisor to Superintending Engineer, Work Zone Hazaribagh along with his duties.

Executive Engineer JSRDA Ranchi Ajay Kumar has been given additional charge of Technical Advisor to Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Department Giridih Zone along with his duties. Executive Engineer Works Division Chakradharpur Chandan Kumar has been given additional charge of Technical Advisor to Superintending Engineer, Work Zone Chaibasa along

with his duties. Executive Engineer Works Division Saraikela Kharsawan Ajay Tirkey has been given additional charge of Executive Engineer Quality Control cum Advance Planning Division Chakradharpur along with his duties. Executive Engineer Rural Works Division Daltonganj Vishal Khalko has been given additional charge of Executive Engineer Quality Control cum Planning Division Daltonganj along with his duties.

Executive Engineer Works Division Dhanbad Manoj Kumar has been given additional charge of Executive Engineer Soil Exploration Division Ranchi along with his duties. Executive Engineer, Works Division Latehar, Om Prakash Baraik has been given additional charge of Executive Engineer, Monitoring Engineer, Chief Office, Rural Works Department, Ranchi along with his duties. Executive Engineer, Works Division, Hazaribagh.

## MP inaugurated Opulent Diwali and Bridal Bazaar

DN ■ Ranchi

The two-day Opulent Diwali and Bridal Bazaar was inaugurated on Tuesday at Hotel Radisson Blu. Actress Yukti Kapoor, who is known for her role as Karishma Singh in the popular TV show Madam Sir, attended the event as a special guest. Rajya Sabha MP Dr. Mahua Maji was the chief guest in the inaugural ceremony, who inaugurated and appreciated this wonderful fashion exhibition. She said that wonderful collections of famous designers from across the country have been presented here. Where you can do great shopping on Karva Chauth, Dhanteras, Diwali and wedding.

### The exhibition has specially designed garments for every style

The ceremony began with a welcome dance presented by the children of Upgraded Primary School, Sindwar Tola in collaboration with Lions Club Ranchi Samarpan. Which added to the glory of the program. Young social worker cum Bhojpuri singer Ashutosh Dwivedi, Universal India International Beauty Pageant's first runner-up Riddhima Mittal were also present on the occasion. Exhibition director Reena Agarwal said that the main



attraction of the exhibition is the latest collection of famous designers from Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Varanasi, Bengaluru, Kashmir and Ranchi. There are special design garments for every style here. There is also a lucky draw every hour, in which silver coins are being given as prizes.

### The designer collection in the exhibition has a wide range of jewelry

The director said that the designer collection included in the exhibition has a wide range of jewelry. Which

includes designer ethnic wear. It includes suits, kurtis, saris, lehengas and bridal wear. A special winter collection is also being displayed in the exhibition. It includes luxury coats, jackets, sweaters and cardigans. The special thing is that here is the Embellish Skin stall, a domestic skincare brand, which is made from chemical-free products. Said that from nourishing soaps and gentle organic cleansers to luxurious facial oils like Kumkumadi oil, every product has been carefully formulated to provide pure and natural skincare.

### Amazing collection of silk sarees is available

Told that an amazing collection of designer and silk sarees is available. Along with this, Diwali Bonanza has been presented by The Posh. It includes hand embroidered bed covers, cotton satin bed covers, printed bed-sheets and custom bed covers. Gifts have been sponsored by The Wrap Studio. Actress Yukti Kapoor's makeover has been done by Looks Salon, Ratu Road. Exhibition director Reena Agarwal said that the fashion lovers of Ranchi enjoyed this event a lot. She has cordially invited everyone. Said that they should be a part of this wonderful exhibition.

## Ranchi MLA CP Singh laid the foundation stone of dozens of schemes at once

DN ■ Ranchi

Before the announcement of Jharkhand assembly elections, MLAs start laying the foundation stone fearing imposition of code of conduct. BJP MLA CP Singh, has given a gift to the public by laying the foundation stone of not one or two but more than one and a half dozen schemes just before the announcement of assembly elections.

The MLA laid the foundation stone of various roads, lanes and drains of Ranchi to be built at a cost of about one and a half crores. During this, CP Singh says that this time he has not only laid the foundation stone of schemes continuously from the MLA fund, but he has also used the interest of the amount kept in the bank account of DDC of the District Plan head for the public.

In such a situation, he is very happy to be dedicated to the work of the public till the last moment. Obviously the election is to be announced. In such a situation, after the code of conduct comes into force, there will be difficulties in laying the foundation stone of these schemes.



## News In Brief

### Condolence meeting on the death of a sanitation worker

**Giridih:** A condolence meeting was organized today in the corporation office premises located on Bus Stand Road on the death of a sanitation worker working in Giridih Municipal Corporation, in which officials of Jharkhand Local Bodies Employees Federation and many sanitation workers were present. It is known that Raju Hadi, a daily sanitation worker of the Municipal Corporation, died suddenly last night. In the condolence meeting, two minutes of silence was observed and prayers were offered to God for the peace of the departed soul. On the occasion, many employees of the corporation including the state president of the Federation Ashok Kumar Singh, President Ajit Chandra, Secretary Lakhan Harijan, Lakhan Sharma, Shabbir Ansari, Ramkumar Sinha were present.

### 108 ambulance drivers sit on dharna in front of CS office

**Dhanbad:** 108 ambulance drivers have gone on indefinite strike in entire Jharkhand since last night demanding their pending salary. In Dhanbad also today, drivers stopped 108 ambulance service and sat on dharna in front of civil surgeon office. Ambulance drivers said that their strike will continue till their 6 point demands are not met. Drivers said that pending salary of three months should be paid and they should be made permanent.

### No action yet in the fraud of 9 lakhs from a retired soldier, complaint to SSP

**Maithan:** No action has been taken so far in the fraud of 9 lakh rupees from retired soldier Kunal Palit, resident of Agyarkund water tank of Nirsa subdivision area. Three months have passed since the FIR was registered, but the police have not arrested any of the accused. Angered by this, the retired soldier called Dhanbad SSP HP Janardhanan on Tuesday and informed him about the whole matter. He also complained against Galfarbari OP police.

## Immersion of Maa Durga in Pappavantad and Baniyadih

DN ■ Giridih

Immersion of Jagat Janani Maa Durga was done in Pappavantad and Baniyadih situated in CCL area. During this, hundreds of women filled Maa's Khonch and donated Sindoor and played Holi with Sindoor among themselves. After four days of hustle and bustle, people bid farewell to Maa Durga with moist eyes. During this time the police remained alert and went till the immersion pond.

This year Durga Puja festival concluded with the immersion of Durga Puja with peace and harmony. Puja Committee Chairman, Opencast CCL Manager, Secretary Prashant Kumar, Treasurer Chandrashekhar Sahu, Pappavantad Puja Committee's Dilip Ram, Kamalchand



Sahu, Shivnath Sahu, Hargouri Sahu, Arjun Rawani, Tejpal Mandal, Mukesh Sahu, Gopal Vishwakarma, Pappu Vishwakarma, Suraj Sahu, Virendra Mandal, Somnath Pal, Rajendra Pandit, Ramesh Kadhava, Pintu Ram, Avinash Kadhava, Kanhaiya Singh, Sudhir

Vishwakarma, Pawan Rai, Anil Thakur, Jagat Paswan, Ganesh Thakur, Sanjay Ram, Basudev Sahu, Dashrath Mandal, Birju Kumar, Priest Ramu Pandey, Murari Pandey, Pankaj Pandey and others played a commendable role in making the Puja a success.

## Organizing Global Handwashing Day

DN ■ Maithan

Hands play an important role in spreading diseases.

Regularly cleaning your hands with water, soap or alcohol-based rub is a very economical way to protect people's health. The above things were said by the in-charge headmaster Pramod Kumar Jha while addressing the program organized on Global Handwashing Day today in the premises of Madhya Vidyalaya Agyarkund located in educational institution Nirsa-3. He said that washing hands thoroughly with soap and water helps prevent the spread of bacteria and viruses. Hand hygiene is the best way to prevent the spread of germs and prevent infection. President-cum-in-charge headmaster Pramod Kumar Jha of All Jharkhand Primary Teachers' Union Nirsa-3 unit, Sona Das, Jyoti Kumari, Saraswati Vahini Operating Committee members Maruti Bauri, Aparna Bauri, Chandana Bauri, Dulari Bauri, members of the school management committee etc. were present in the program.



## Large quantity of illegal liquor seized, secret revealed by truck accident

DN ■ Giridih

Liquor mafia was preparing to sell a large consignment of fake liquor in Giridih, but an accident spoiled the plans of the liquor mafia. After the truck crashed, the police recovered a large quantity of illegal liquor, which is estimated to be worth about Rs 50 lakh. This has been confirmed by Dumri SDPO Sumit Kumar.

The SDPO said that Giridih SP Dr Bimal Kumar had received information that a 12-wheeled truck has reached Giridih, which is loaded with fake liquor, which is being prepared to be sold in Giridih. On this information, the police was conducting a



checking campaign on the Delhi-Kolkata National Highway. Meanwhile, the police received information that a truck with UP number has met with an accident between Chhachando and Dhavatand in Madhuban police station area. On receiving the information, Madhuban and Pirtand

## Governor inaugurated private hospital

Former MP, DC, SSP and many other dignitaries were present

DN ■ Dhanbad

Jharkhand Governor Santosh Gangwar inaugurated a private hospital in Dhanbad today. After this, he took stock of the medical facilities in the hospital. He met school children and taught them discipline. Dhanbad Deputy Commissioner Ms. Madhavi Mishra, SSP HP Janardhanan, former MP PN Singh, MLA Raj Sinha, BJP leader Ragini Singh, Sindri MLA Indrajit Mahato's wife Tara Devi, along with many BJP leaders, IMA Dhanbad President Dr. AK Singh and many eminent doctors of the city were present on the occasion. Earlier, the district administration gave



a guard of honor to the Governor. Tight security arrangements were made by the district administration regarding the arrival of the Governor. The hospital management told the journalists that treatment for more than 19 diseases

will be available in this state-of-the-art hospital. Now the people of Jharkhand will not need to go to other states for treatment. He said that better medical services will be provided to the patients here at a reasonable cost.

## Drunk father killed his own infant daughter by throwing her, arrested

DN ■ Maithan

In Siarkanali village of Galfarbari OP area of Dhanbad district, a drunk father killed his 21-day-old infant daughter by throwing her. This allegation has been made by the mother of the child, Mamta Devi. On receiving the information, the police investigated the matter and arrested the accused father Deepak Paswan. The police is interrogating him. The body of the girl was sent to Dhanbad for post-mortem. The father of the girl, Deepak Paswan, has denied the allegation. He told the police that he is getting his ailing wife treated. She is suffering from TB. The news of throwing



the child to death is false. At the same time, Mamta Devi told that on Monday evening, husband Deepak Paswan came home drunk and started quarreling unnecessarily. During this, he threw the infant daughter. The child suffered internal injuries and stopped drinking milk. She

died on Tuesday morning. Mamta said that her husband Deepak often beats her after drinking alcohol. He also beats her old mother. The villagers also told about Deepak's misdeeds and said that Mamta and her mother-in-law keep hiding in the village due to fear of beating.

## 108 ambulance drivers start indefinite hunger strike



DN ■ Giridih

Drivers and technicians serving in 108 ambulances have not received their salary for the last three months. Due to this, Durga Puja was a dull one for these people. Now, 108 ambulance drivers and technicians have started a hunger strike under the banner of Jharkhand Mazdoor Morcha. All the workers serving in various hospitals of the district have

sat on an indefinite hunger strike. They say that last time also the agency ran away with their salary money. This time also they have not been paid salary for three months. The workers say that not only should they be paid salary, but their service should be regularized. Labor leader Ashok Singh, who is supporting their movement, said that drivers and

technicians serving in 108 ambulances for the last seven years are being continuously exploited. Neither their PF is deducted nor is insurance done. On the contrary, salary has also been stopped for three months. Last time the agency ran away with only two months' salary. This time all the workers were alert and before the Puja, they gave a notice to the government and the administration that if the three months' pending salary was not paid before Durga Puja, then they would go on an indefinite hunger strike. Shri Singh said that when they did not get their salary, everyone started a hunger strike. When the hospital and the ambulance are permanent, then why are the workers working in it not permanent? He said that today money is being distributed and the four thousand workers engaged in serving the patients along with the ambulance are being exploited, which will not be tolerated.

## Senior women football players were honored

DN ■ Dhanbad

On Tuesday, in the Buds Garden School campus, through the new police station in-charge of the area, Alisha Agarwal, the school management provided certificates and gifts to encourage the 29th senior women football players. While honoring all the players, Alisha Agarwal praised their hard work and sports talent. Principal Pramod Chaurasia congratulated the women players in advance on their selection in the Jharkhand team and saluted their hard work. School director Gauri Chaurasia welcomed the police station in-charge by giving a bouquet. The police station in-charge and all the football players



were welcomed by the school's Scout and NCC Band Group by giving a march past and salute. On behalf of the school management, Pramod Kumar Chaurasia welcomed the police station in-charge as the chief selector of the trial camp, Jharkhand football team's chief selector and former player of

Mohammedan Sporting Club Kolkata Niazuddin and President AK Pal welcomed the team's coach Paras Karmali by giving a bouquet. During this, the students and teachers of the school welcomed all the players with thunderous applause, due to which a lot of enthusiasm was seen among the players.

## NSUI stops IIT-ISM boundary construction

DN ■ Dhanbad



DN ■ Dhanbad

Without giving any information, Dhanbad IIT-ISM tried to construct the boundary of its institute in front of PK Roy College, due to which the students of PK Roy College may have to face a lot of problems. In case of any kind of disaster in the college, there is only one way to get out. In view of this, today all the teachers and dozens of students along with NSUI workers protested and stopped the boundary construction. On the occasion, NSUI State Vice President Gopal Krishna Chaudhary, State Secretary Ravi, University Student Representative Raj Ranjan Singh, Sunny Singh, Aniket, Roshan Kumar, Piyush Singh, Aman, Ayush, Dhruv, Navneet, Avinash, Varun, Mukesh, Sachin and many students were present.

## Social worker Uday Pratap honoured in Bhakti Jagran



DN ■ Dhanbad

Social worker Uday Pratap Singh and Dilip Singh participated in Bhakti Jagran organised by Shri Shri Sarvajani Durga Puja Committee, Nichtipur Township. Puja Committee Chairman Anil Kumar Rai and Azad Mukhiya honoured Uday Pratap Singh by draping Maa's dupatta on him and gave him the privilege of carrying Maa's flame. Shri Singh said that when today's generation organises Maa's

Jagran, it makes him very happy to see their inclination towards cultural and religious activities. Performing religious rituals in the society increases the culture of Hinduism. Therefore, everyone should consider it their duty to propagate religion. Santosh Oraon, Jagdish Oraon, Ashok Jha, Mukesh Modi, Pradeep Singh, Ujjwal Singh, Sanjay Singh and others from the committee were active in the Jagran.



# Voting will be held on November 20 in all the assembly constituencies of the district; notification will be issued on October 22: DC

14,87,103 voters will cast their votes, including 7,65,024 male and 07,22,046 female voters



DN ■ Bokaro

The Election Commission of India has announced the Assembly General Elections 2024. According to this, voting is to be held on November 20 in the second phase for 34 Gomia, 35 Bermo, 36 Bokaro and 37 Chandankiyari assembly constituencies. The notification of the election is October 22, the last date for nomination is October 29, scrutiny of nomination forms is October 30, the date for withdrawal of candidature is November 01, the date of polling is November 20 and the date of counting is November 23.

The above things were said by District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Vijaya Jadhav. She was addressing various print and

electronic media representatives in a press conference held in the Collectorate Auditorium on Tuesday. All ROs and other officials were present on the occasion. He told that the total number of voters under all the assembly constituencies is 14,87,103. In which the number of male voters is 76,50,24 and the number of female voters is 72,20,46. At the same time, the number of transgender voters is 33. The District Election Officer said that from August 27, 2024 till now, a total of 15,904 new voters have been added in all the assembly constituencies. Under the Lok Sabha constituency, the number of handicapped voters is 18,731 and the number of 85 plus voters is 4,700. Said that there are 1581 polling stations in

828 buildings in the assembly constituency. The total number of polling stations in 828 buildings in all the 04 assembly constituencies under the district is 1581. In which 341 polling stations have been set up in 206 buildings under 34 Gomia assembly constituency, 355 polling stations in 213 buildings under 35 Bermo assembly constituency, 588 polling stations in 204 buildings under 36 Bokaro assembly constituency, 297 polling stations in 205 buildings under 37 Chandankiyari assembly constituency. At the same time, the District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner gave detailed information about the progress of the work done so far by various cells. Further, he told that Krishi Utpadan Bazar

## DC appeals to wear arms bands with messages related to voting

**Bokaro:** With a view to increase the voting percentage in the assembly general elections, DEO cum DC Vijaya Jadhav inaugurated the arms band on Tuesday evening in the Collectorate auditorium. A message related to voting was written on the band. DEO cum DC said that the voting percentage of the district is not satisfactory. Especially in urban areas, this time the people of the district have to erase this stain, she appealed to the voters of the district to increase the voting percentage, asked everyone to use their right to vote and also appeal to others to vote. On this occasion, DEO cum DC explained in detail about various apps of Election Commission of India (Voter Helpline, C Vigil, Dial 1950, Saksham App, KYC etc.). He appealed to all present to wear arms bands with the message to vote. Deputy Development Commissioner Shri Girja Shankar Prasad, Nodal Officer of Material Cell Mrs. Maneka, Returning Officer Gomia cum Additional Collector Mohammad Mumtaz Ansari, Returning Officer Bokaro cum SDO Chas Ms. Pranjal Dhandha, Returning Officer cum DCLR Shri Prabhsh Dutta, Returning Officer Bermo cum SDO Bermo Mukesh Machhua, Nodal Officer of EVM Cell Manoj Kumar, Nodal Officer of Sweep Cell Shakti Kumar, Associate Officer Media Cell cum Assistant Public Relations Officer Avinash Kumar Singh, Associate Officer Pankaj Dubey were present on the occasion.



Samiti ITI Mod Chas has been made the strong room and counting center. With the release of the notification, a 24X7 control room has been started in the composite control room, implementing the model code of conduct. VVPAT will be used along with EVMs at every polling station. Loudspeaker banned from 10 PM to 6 AM. Loudspeaker, election meeting, and campaigning will be banned 48 hours before voting. All candidates will have to give an affidavit. Candidates will also have to submit a criminal report. Helpline no.- Dial 1950 service has been started for getting complaint information related to assembly elections. Which will remain operational from 9 AM to 9 PM. C-Vigil app has been developed by the Election Commission of India to deal with violation of model code of conduct during elections. Complaints received through which will be resolved within 100 minutes. A total of 204 sector

officers have been appointed for the successful conduct of the election work. Also, nodal encore ID of all nodal officers has been created which will help in streamlining the election process during the election period and in taking appropriate decision regarding giving or not giving permission. On this occasion, Deputy Development Commissioner Girja Shankar Prasad, Nodal Officer of Material Cell Maneka, Returning Officer Gomia cum Additional Collector Md. Mumtaz Ansari, Returning Officer Bokaro cum SDO Chas Ms. Pranjal Dhandha, Returning Officer cum DCLR Mr. Prabhsh Dutta, Returning Officer Bermo cum SDO Bermo Mukesh Machhua, Nodal Officer of EVM Cell Manoj Kumar, Nodal Officer of Sweep Cell Shakti Kumar, Associate Officer Media Cell cum Assistant Public Relations Officer Avinash Kumar Singh, Associate Officer Pankaj Dubey were present.

## News In Brief

Villagers got certificate of outstanding electricity bill waiver



**Bermo:** On Monday, in Jaradih under Koh Panchayat of Gomia Patorwar block, CPI RJD Jan Abhiyan convener and Jharkhand agitator Iftikhar Mahmood distributed certificates of outstanding electricity bill waiver to dozens of villagers. On this occasion, many villagers including Devi Lal Mahato, Sitaram Mahato, Indranath Mahato, Dhaneshwar Ravidas, Maheshwar Ravidas, Jhubar Mahato, Karamchand Mahato, Sukri Devi were present. Addressing the program, Mahmood said that under the pressure of the movement started by CPI RJD Jan Abhiyan from February 1, 2023, the state government was forced to give free electricity and outstanding bill waiver to domestic consumers. He termed it a big success of the people's movement. On this occasion, the women present raised the problems related to the Sahara Group and demanded to run a movement on this too. Supporting the women's views, Mr. Mahmood assured that this issue will also be given priority.

**Mukhiya gave certificates to about 50 villagers**



**Tenughat:** Panchayat Mukhiya Neelam Srivastava distributed certificates of about 50 villagers including Jasu Srivastava, Shaligram Prasad, to whom the pending electricity bills have been waived off by the Energy Department. Addressing the people present on the occasion, Mrs. Srivastava said that the public is very happy with the state government's action of giving free electricity to domestic consumers. She further said that the pending electricity bills of about 500 people of Tenughat have been waived off. They will also be given certificates soon.

## Capacity building training programme for frontline officials organised by Vigilance Department

DN ■ Bokaro

Under the 3-month vigilance awareness campaign of the vigilance department, a capacity building training program for the frontline officers of Bokaro Steel Plant was organized in the Knowledge Acquisition and Development Department on 15th October today, in which a total of 31 officers from various departments were participants. Chief General Manager Vigilance Gyanesh Jha and Manish Jalota Chief General Manager along with Santosh Kumar Gupta Assistant General Manager were present as chief guests in the program. The objective of the program



was to spread awareness among the officers of Bokaro Steel Plant on the subject of organization's system and process, ethics and policy, governance conduct rules, cyber security etc. In this interactive

## The MLA laid the foundation stone for more than five dozen schemes

DN ■ Bokaro

MLA Biranchi Narayan laid the foundation stone online for the construction of about 5 dozen schemes at a cost of crores including bridge on Garga river, library building, malnutrition center, welfare pavilion, road, hose, deep boring, irrigation well, hand pump, platform, shed. Bokaro MLA Biranchi Narayan said in an online address that every village, city, displaced area of Bokaro assembly constituency is being developed. He said that the construction work has been possible with the



cooperation and blessings of the public. He said that apart from the renovation of rural roads, new roads are also being constructed. After the approval of construction of many roads and bridges, the tender process is going on. There was a very old demand for construction of bridges on Garga, Injri

## The Janwadi Lekhak Sangh organized a condolence meeting and paid tribute to the late litterateur

DN ■ Bokaro

Patron of Janwadi Lekhak Sangh, Bokaro, member of Jharkhand State Council and senior litterateur Dr. Nar Narayan Tiwari died suddenly on 10 October, 24 when he was on a trip to Mathura-Vrindavan with his family. His last rites are being performed in his native village in Ballia (UP). Last evening, a memorial meeting was organized in Sector 4D under the aegis of Janwadi Lekhak Sangh, Bokaro, under the chairmanship of senior poet and member of the National Executive Committee of Jales, Gopal Prasad, in which many eminent litterateurs of the city participated. Senior



storytellers Prahlad Chandra Das, Lalan Tiwari, Dr. Parmeshwar Bharti, Chand Mungeri, Arun Pathak, Kumar Satyendra, Sangeeta Kumari, Meera Yogi, Shanti Bharat, Akash Khunti and Pradeep Kumar Deepak etc. not only shared the moments spent with their dear friend but also shed light on his personality and work. Litterateur Vinod Kumar

expressed his condolences online. Senior poet and story writer Lalan Tiwari, who worked together for about 45 years, discussed many poignant incidents and his first book "Kranti Rath". Prahlad Chandra Das said that with his death, Jales, Bokaro has lost a dynamic and sharp speaker. Ghazal writer Chand Mungeri said that Bokaro's literary world has suffered an irreparable loss. While giving the presidential address, poet Gopal Prasad became very emotional. He narrated the incident of how before joining Janwadi Lekhak Sangh, he used to get irritated with the word Janwadi and used to criticize its members, especially Gopal Prasad, and said that after this, he gradually joined Jales and became its member. Then Janwad (democratism) gripped him so much that he remained its member and office bearer till the end. Kranti Rath and Manisha Manjari are his two poetry collections and a book "Manavya Chintan" is a collection of articles.

## Awareness session organized on ABMS of Preventive Vigilance

DN ■ Bokaro

Under the Vigilance Awareness Campaign, an awareness session on the subject of ABMS of Preventive Vigilance was organized in the conference room of Material Management Department in the presence of Chief General Manager Harsh Nigam, Chief General Manager CR Mishra and Chief General Manager Gyanesh Jha, in which a total of 30 officers participated. The program was a part of the 3-month long campaign under the Vigilance Awareness Week. In the ABMS awareness session, various aspects like background and job statement of ABMS and the role and responsibility of officers and employees were discussed in detail through a presentation by Shani Ranjan Assistant General Manager as faculty. On the occasion, Chitra Parashar, Senior Manager, discussed with all the participants the do's and don'ts in the processing of tax cases through case studies.



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## Maa Durga was given farewell with joy

DN ■ Bermo

Jarangdih Maa was given farewell on Monday in Jarangdih, all women, men, young men, girls participated with great enthusiasm, while the devotees were sad about being separated from Maa, for nine days Maa gave them the shade of her affection and now she is going back, faith and fun both were seen among the crowd, some were seen immersed in the devotion of Maa, while some were in the mood of fun, before this, women applied sindoor to Maa, everyone played sindoor with each other, along with this everyone applied gulal to each other and bid farewell to Maa, all the people of Puja Committee and many male and female devotees immersed Durga Mata with music and fireworks, dancing and singing and took Maa's blessings and here all the devotees wished for Durga Mata to come next year. During this procession, Bokaro Thermal Police Station Incharge cum Police Inspector Shailendra Kumar Singh, SI Arvind Mehta, SI Gudiya Warla, Lady Constable Sunita



Devi were present. He participated in the procession and immersion along with his team and was seen giving protection to the procession and let me tell you that the idol of the Mother was so big that the devotees could not lift it, after which Kirana was called by the committee and the Mother's idol was lifted from the Kirana and placed in a tractor and after taking a complete tour of the Jarangdih Durga Puja pandal, the Maa Durga idol was immersed in the Konar river, on the occasion the administrative arrangements were seen to be quite good by Bokaro Thermal Police Station in-charge cum Police Inspector Shailendra Kumar.



News In Brief

Administration's whip against illegal sand transportation, two tractors and one Hiva seized

Chatra. On Tuesday, during a raid on Tandwa-Simaria main road against illegal sand transportation in Tandwa police station area, action was taken by seizing two tractors loaded with illegal sand. During the raid, mining inspector Rakesh Hansda seized a tractor JH 13 E 6009 and a Hiva at Udsu turn. While CO Vijay Das seized a tractor JH 02 BH 3632 loaded with sand in Kisunpur and handed it over to the local police station. Giving information, CO Mr. Das said that by conducting regular raids, action will be taken against illegal sand excavation, transportation and storage. Modi Construction is fearlessly transporting fly ash away from the prescribed route

Chatra: A company named Modi Construction is fearlessly transporting overloaded wet waste (fly ash) from the NTPC plant away from the prescribed route these days. It is said that the Bijupada route is fixed for transporting the ash. Which is being taken by managing the NTPC management and DTO. At the same time, heavy pollution is being caused due to the falling of wet waste on densely populated roads. According to sources, Modi Construction Company is earning lakhs of rupees by evading two toll taxes and saving an additional increase of one hundred rupees per tonne on transporting through this route. If sources are to be believed, a part of it is also distributed among the concerned officials and middlemen.

Meeting of villagers regarding Chhath Puja

Chatra: A meeting of villagers was held on Tuesday to celebrate Chhath Puja in the Surya Mandir premises located at Lotar Dam of Gidhaur block headquarters. It was chaired by Prayag Dangi and conducted by Rajesh Kushwaha. The villagers present in the meeting decided to celebrate Chhath Puja with great pomp and show. Also, a Puja committee was formed for the successful conduct of the Puja and Rajesh Kushwaha was unanimously given.

Doctors of Medinirai Medical College Hospital on one day strike

DN ■ Medininagar On one hand, the doctors' agitation in Kolkata has been going on for 2 months regarding the Kolkata incident. On the other hand, all the doctors of Medinirai Medical College Hospital are on a one-day hunger strike for several hours. Now this movement has gained momentum. On Tuesday, on the call of IMA, JDN and FAIMA, doctors have started a nationwide movement. This movement has also been supported by the doctors of Medinirai Medical College Hospital. Hunger strike is being held from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm on Tuesday. During this time

Assembly Election 2024: District Election Officer held a review meeting with the nodal officers of all the cells

DN ■ Palamu

District Election Officer cum DC Shashi Ranjan held a meeting with the nodal officers of all the cells in view of the preparations for the Assembly Election 2024 in the Collectorate Auditorium on Tuesday. During the meeting, he became aware of the preparations being made for the Assembly Election 2024 cell-wise. He asked all the officials to remain in election mode. He said that successful conduct of elections is not possible without teamwork, in such a situation, it is necessary that every-



one should unite together and discharge their respective responsibilities. He said that the nodal officer will ensure that the execution of the responsibility of the person is completed on time under his supervision. During the review, DC cum District Election Officer Mr. Ranjan became aware of the date of training at various levels from the nodal officer of the training cell, and also inquired about the work done so far by the Election Cell. Apart from this, he asked the concerned to prepare the data base of the polling personnel, complete the pending entries without delay. He gave necessary directions to the

senior officers of the concerned cells regarding the postal ballot, setting up of facilitation centers, providing facilities to handicapped voters, evaluation of the number of vehicles by the vehicle cell, material cell, EVM cell, observer cell, media cell, Sweep cell etc. He reviewed the election, personnel, vehicle, material, model code of conduct, media, training, observer and other cells and gave many other instructions. He instructed to follow the instructions given in the handbook of the Election Commission for successful conduct.

Voting will be held on November 13 in the first phase in Simaria and Chatra assembly constituencies

DN ■ Chatra

Regarding the Jharkhand Assembly General Election 2024, District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Ramesh Gholap held a press conference in the assembly room located at the Collectorate on Tuesday and gave information related to the announcement of Assembly General Election 2024 by the Election Commission of India. Giving the above information, the Deputy Commissioner said that the Model Code of Conduct has come into force in the district from today. Action will be taken against those



who violate the Model Code of Conduct. A total of 19 cells have been formed in the district. For its successful operation, necessary guidelines have been given by meeting with the nodal officers of all the cells. The first phase of elections will be held on November 13 and the second phase on November 20 in the entire state. In which the elections in Chatra and Simaria assem-

MLA laid the foundation stone of eight schemes worth 15 crores



DN ■ Palamu

Hussainabad MLA Kamlesh Kumar Singh laid the foundation stone of eight schemes online in Hariharganj and Pipra block area. The MLA laid the foundation stone for the construction of a bridge besides seven roads at a cost of about 15 crores. In the online address, MLA Kamlesh Kumar Singh said that all-round development of the area is his first priority. He said that every effort was made to provide basic facilities in all the villages. The same Pipra block includes strengthening of the road from the main road to Tendui, strengthening of the road from the main road to Damwa, strengthening of the RCD road to Pipra block and police station, strengthening of the road from Main Road Bara to Banahi, strengthening of the road from Dalpatpur to Poldia via Mahugain, while strengthening of the road from Hariharganj.

Meritorious students are benefiting from Shanti Kiran Scholarship Scheme

DN ■ Chatra

Like every year, this year also, an announcement has been made to give Rs 1000 per month to two girl students under the Shanti Kiran Scholarship Scheme. Let us tell you that on securing first and second position in the matriculation examination from Secondary Shishu Shiksha Niketan Jakhand, two girl students are given Rs 1000 per month per girl till they do Inter and Rs 1500 per month per girl till they do graduation by Shanti Kiran (private institution). This year Simran Kumari, daughter of Akshay Kumar Ram Kadgawan



Kala, scored 442 marks and Reena Kumari, daughter of Babulal Dangi Paroria, scored 392 marks and were in first and second position in the group of girls. This scheme was started by two sisters Swati Singh, Reshu Singh and brother Abhas Singh of Itkhor block from the year 2021. Which is continu-

Youth murdered with sharp weapon body lifted after 4 hours



DN ■ Medininagar

A youth was murdered in Purnadih of Khamdih under Satbarwa police station area of Palamu district by attacking him with a sharp weapon while he was sleeping. On receiving the information of the incident, the family and local people did not allow the dead body to be lifted for 4 hours demanding that senior police officers should come to the spot and investigate with a sniffer dog. However, later on the persuasion of the police station in-charge Anchit Kumar, the anger of the people subsided and the police took the dead body into custody and sent it to MRMCH Medininagar for post-mortem. The youth has been identified as 24-year-old Sakendra Sao, son of Suresh Sao, a resident of this toll. There is talk of land dispute and money transaction behind the incident. The police is engaged in investigation and a disclosure is likely soon.

Administration should immediately arrest Durga Jauhari Ruchir Tiwari

DN ■ Medininagar

Sarva Brahmin Vikas Samiti strongly condemns the incident of beating and behaving indecently with Akshay Kumar Pandey, son of Shri Shravan Kumar Pandey, resident of village Mahuganya and Akshay Kumar's sister. It is known that yesterday, while going to the market, Durga Johri, BJP leader and businessman, had a minor collision between his scooter and a four wheeler. After the matter was settled, Durga Johri, his brothers and goons beat up Akshay Kumar Pandey and his sister in the market and behaved indecently. This comes under the category of a big crime. The woman



is coming forward to save her brother, whose video is also captured in the CCTV footage camera. Despite that, beating her also shows the character of the BJP leader and his goons. Palamu Superintendent of Police should immediately register an FIR under Sections 323, 504, 506, 354 and immediately arrest Durga Johri and his goon companions, otherwise Sarva Brahmin Vikas Samiti will be forced to surround the

JMM leaders demanded to make Rajendra Sinha the candidate

DN ■ Medininagar

A public support meeting cum worker conference was organized in the local Shivaji Maidan to make JMM its candidate. The program was presided over by Rajendra Prasad Sinha and conducted by JMM District Secretary Sannu Siddiqui. Thousands of people from Daltonganj Assembly participated in this public support cum worker conference. This crowd proved that people have increased faith in JMM. Addressing the people, District President Rajendra Prasad Sinha said that the tenure of the MLA has been zero for the last 10 years. BJP only does the politics of Jumla (rhetoric)



and only works to mislead the public with sweet talk. Honorable Chief Minister Hemant Soren ji has given a gift to all the sisters by passing the Maiya Samman Yojana amount in the cabinet and increasing it from 1 thousand to 2500. Hemant Soren Ji has worked in all the areas, all the schemes like Abua Awas, electricity bill waiver, old pension, Sarvajan pension, farmer loan waiver, etc. have given relief to Jharkhand. Mr. Sinha said that if any government has ruled Jharkhand for the longest time, it has been that of the BJP. If the BJP had wanted, the shape of Jharkhand would have been different today, but the BJP does not want Jharkhand to progress. Today, when Hemant Soren is working to take Jharkhand forward, the government is trying to

stop him in many ways, but now the public has woken up and the people of Jharkhand are not going to fall for the BJP's slogans. On this occasion, he said that if the party gives us a ticket and we become an MLA from here, we will show how development takes place and he said that even without being an MLA, he is always trying to find solutions to people's problems. He is constantly working for the poor and needy to find solutions to their problems. In this public support meeting, hundreds of youths joined JMM. Rajendra Prasad Sinha made them join JMM by garlanding them and making them wear.

A discussion conference was organized



DN ■ Medininagar

A discussion conference was organized in view of the assembly elections on Tuesday under the chairmanship of young social worker Rajiv Ranjan at the National ITI College Kauhakhoh in the block area. During this, intellectuals, public representatives and social workers participated. Addressing the discussion, social worker Rajiv Ranjan said that in today's environment, awareness among voters has increased as compared to earlier. They have started understanding their rights and entitlements. There is a need to select a public representative with an honest image for the all-round development of the area. For this, all the voters of the area will have to understand the importance of vote. He stressed on all the voters to strengthen democracy by exercising the right to vote. After the discussion, a lunch was also organized.

Palamu got two gold and 1 silver medals in the 18th Jharkhand State Level Junior Athletics Competition

Giving Palamu a total of three medals

DN ■ Medininagar

18th Junior Athletics Championship was organized at Rajrapa Stadium from 14 to 15 October 2024 under the joint aegis of Jharkhand State Athletics Association and Ramgarh District Athletics Association. In this competition, boy / girl players participated from Palamu under the leadership of Monu Kumar and Preeti Kumari. The players of Palamu performed well in the competition and won a total of 3 medals with two gold and one silver. Sandhya Kumari in high jump and Shivani Kumari in discus throw won gold



medals, while Mansi Singh won silver medal in high jump and brought laurels to Palamu District Athletics Association. Palamu District Athletics Association President Ajat Shatru Prasad Sinha, Secretary Sanjay Kumar Tripathi expressed happiness and congratulated

them. Among those who expressed good wishes were Palamu District Olympic Association cum Athletics Association treasurer Kamalanand Dubey, Palamu District Olympic Association president Kishore Kumar Pandey, Athletic and Kho-Kho Association patron Mahendra Kushwaha, Palamu Yogasana Association secretary Anil Kumar Pandey, Palamu District Wushu Association president Ramesh Chandra Prasad, Wushu Association secretary Sumit Varman, Weight Lifting Association secretary Abhilash.



# MLA Amba Prasad laid the foundation stone of a dozen schemes including Megalith Park in Barwadih

Approval was also given for construction of road from Chirudih to Hesabar and Kaunsi to Sehda - Amba



DN ■ Barkagaon

Barkagaon MLA Amba Prasad formally laid the foundation stone of a dozen schemes in various villages of Barkagaon Assembly constituency including Megalith Park in Pankri Barwadih. A grand park will now be built at the historical tourist spot Megalith Sthal, which will provide a better environment to the block residents.

**MLA Amba Prasad laid the foundation stone of these roads-**

Construction of PCC path and drain from Santa Sao's house to Kaila Sao's house in Pakri Barwadih, 4 km road construction from Barkagaon Surya Mandir to Arahara, 4 km road construction from NTPC Path Chepa

Khurd to Chepa Kala, road construction from Harli Shiv Mandir to Satbahini Bridge via Napo Kala, road construction from Dokataand to Maldi via Barbania, PCC road construction from Harli Shiv Mandir Chowk to Pradeep Paswan's house, PCC road construction from Pura Sahu's house to Chandrika Sahu's house in Napokhurd, inauguration of road construction from main road Govind Sao Rameshwar Sao's house to Jharna Gosai Raju Sao's house in Napo Khurd Barbania, 6.5 km road construction from Lurunga to Indra, 6 km road construction from Jubla to Chano, road construction from Mahudi Madhya Vidyalaya to Chumba Garha.

Approval of these schemes was

received-

With the tireless efforts of MLA Amba Prasad, administrative approval has been received from the Rural Works Department for the construction of 4.500 km road from village Chirudih to Hesabar (cost 5 crore 80 lakh approx) under the Chief Minister Gram Sadak Yojana and 4.450 km road construction from village Kaunsi to Sehda of Gondalpur Panchayat (cost 7 crore 60 lakh approx) under the Chief Minister Gram Sadak Yojana. Among the people present on the occasion, mainly Jharkhand Mukti Morcha Block President Sanjay Singh, Block Congress President Visheshwar Nath Choubey and many others were present.

## School bags distributed among students in Upgraded Primary School Jobar

DN ■ Bishnugarh

School bags were distributed among students on Tuesday

in Upgraded Primary School of Jobar Panchayat under Vishnugarh block.

School bags were given to 195 students of class 1 to 5 jointly by the head of Panchayat Chetlal Mahato. Headmaster cum in-charge Degalal Mahato said that the government is providing many materials to children in all government schools such as thick clothes (sweaters) in winter (cold), dress, shoes, socks, mid-day meal, books, copies, pens, school kit etc. Now school bags have been given to the children. So that small children will not have any problem in bringing educational kits like books, copies etc., they will bring them safely, which will be very convenient for the children. And they will be able to study properly. Also, the head said that you should use the given things properly. All children should come to school every day and study diligently.



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## Convocation ceremony organized at Meru BSF Rani Jhansi Convocation Ground

▶▶ 373 new constables took oath of the Constitution in front of the national flag

DN ■ Meru/ Hazaribagh

On 15 October 2024 (Tuesday), 373 new constables of Border Security Force (Assistant Training Center, Border Security Force, Hazaribagh Batch No. 161 and 162), who are from different states of India, Delhi, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka etc., after 44 weeks of hard work, dedication and sadhana, completed basic training and participated in the convocation parade. Shri Kamaljit Singh Baniyal, Inspector General, Assistant Training Center and Training Center and School, Border Security Force, Hazaribagh, took the salute as the chief guest in the convocation ceremony.

On this occasion, senior officers of the district administration, public representatives, other officials of the institute and family members of the new constables were present. 373 new constables participating in the convocation parade took the oath of the Constitution in front of the national flag and pledged to dedicate themselves to maintaining the unity, integrity



and sovereignty of the nation. During the ceremony, the new constables mesmerized the audience by performing a spectacular drill and march past. During this, the chief guest boosted the morale of the new constables by awarding them for their outstanding performance in various subjects including overall best performance.

As the chief guest, Shri Kamaljit Singh Baniyal, Inspector General, Assistant Training

Center and Training Center and School, Border Security Force, Hazaribagh, in his address, congratulated the new constables and said that after today's convocation parade, they have formally become important members of the Border Security Force, which is India's first line of defense, and are going to take the first step to discharge their duties in the force. Congratulating the parents and family members of the new constables, he said that by sending their sons to the Border Security Force, they have made an important contribution in the work of national service.

He congratulated the team of skilled instructors of Assistant Training Centre for successfully imparting training. After the passing out parade, the tune of BSF band attracted and thrilled the audience. Apart from this, the jawans performed group yoga, weapon handling, martial art (Kalarippattu) of Kerala state and the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya Meru performed a wonderful cultural programme which was highly appreciated by the people present. All the youngsters who are passing out are soon going to take responsibility of the borders.

## Mothers and sisters expressed their happiness by distributing sweets when the amount of Maiya Samman Yojana was increased from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 2500

DN ■ Bishnugarh

On Tuesday, Chief Minister Hemant Soren ji increased the amount of Maiya Samman Yojana from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 2500 in village Jamnijara, Aljari of Nagi Panchayat under Vishnugarh block. In which the mothers and sisters of Vishnugarh block expressed their happiness by distributing sweets. Maiya Samman Yojana fulfills the rights of mothers and sisters who were always marginalized by the previous double-engine government, but Hemant Soren ji's government is working to give respect to every mother-sister-daughter of the state. Strengthening the resolution of 'Half the population, full rights', Maiya Samman Yatra is moving forward. By bringing many schemes for women, the work of making women self-reliant and empowered has been done. Currently, through Maiya



Samman Yojana, a new dimension has been established in the direction of women empowerment by giving 2500 every month to the women of the state, which is a wave of happiness among women. All the mothers and sisters present expressed their gratitude and thanks to the Honorable Chief Minister.

During this, former Mukhiya of Nagi Panchayat Narayan Ganju, DM Raj Patel, Lakhna Mahato, Divya Devi, Kanchan Kumari Kiran Kumari Tekni Devi, Gudiya Devi Rajesh Tudu, Vinod Tudu from Bakspura Panchayat, including a large number of mothers and sisters were present.

## One-day seminar organized at ISECT University

▶▶ Right to food is important for better life and better future: Dr. Sudhanshu

DN ■ Hazaribagh

A one-day seminar was organized on the occasion of National Women Farmers Day and World Food Day on Tuesday in the main campus auditorium of ISECT University Hazaribagh. The program was started by lighting the lamp by the chief guest, senior scientist of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ramgarh, Dr. Sudhanshu Shekhar, special guest, scientist of National Rainfed Upland Rice Research Center, Hazaribagh, Dr. Vibhas Chandra Verma, Vice Chancellor of ISECT University, Dr. PK Nayak, Registrar Dr. Munish Govind, Dean Academic Dr. MK Mishra and Agriculture Department Head Dr. Arvind Kumar. After this, all the guests were welcomed in the program by garlanding them with flowers and shawls. Addressing on the occasion, chief guest Sudhanshu Shekhar said that the right to food is a basic human right. It is impor-



tant for better life and better future. Expressing happiness, he said that there has been progress in the fight against hunger for more than a decade. This is the reason why the proportion of malnourished people has decreased globally. During this, Dr. Shekhar also shared information about government schemes with the people present. Special guest Dr. Vibhas Chandra Verma also made people aware of the status of agriculture in India, its importance and the benefits of agricultural work with advanced technology. He also described water conservation as important and said that there is a need to make people aware about water conservation on a large scale.

## Para teachers expressed gratitude to the CM and Education Minister for the approval of EPF from the Cabinet

DN ■ Barkagaon

In the cabinet meeting held on Monday under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Hemant Soren, the proposal to give the benefit of EPF to 60 thousand Para teachers (assistant teachers) of Jharkhand was approved. Regarding the matter, sweets were distributed to express happiness under the leadership of Assistant Teacher Sangharsh Morcha Barkagaon Block President Shamsher Alam. And expressed thanks and gratitude to the Chief Minister of the state Hemant Soren and Education Minister Baijnath Ram. Block President of the Morcha Shamsher Alam said that the present government has given the benefit of EPF along with honorarium increase to the Para teachers of the state, for this I thank Chief Minister Hemant Soren and Education Minister Baijnath



Ram on behalf of the whole family and express my gratitude. 1800 will be deducted from honorarium in EPF, government will give 1950. 60 thousand Para teachers of Barkagaon block including morning were demanding EPF for about 22 years. And they used to protest from time to time for various demands including EPF. It used to happen that if any Para teacher died, then the Para teachers themselves used to collect donations from their teachers and give it to the family of the Para teacher as a support amount.

## Mukhiya Bimla Devi released from jail on bail, warmly welcomed by Block Mukhiya Sangh and Panchayat residents

DN ■ Barkagaon

A month and a half ago, ACB team arrested Mukhiya Bimla Devi, the Mukhiya representative and sent her to jail. At that time when Mukhiyas from all over the state were on pendown strike for their five-point demand. And were protesting against the arrest of the rural Mukhiya that the Mukhiya has been framed under a conspiracy, in the same case, after getting bail from the court, the Panchayat residents got the information of Mukhiya Bimla Devi's release from jail, as soon as the Panchayat residents got the news, hundreds of people gathered with music, garlands and bouquets to welcome them and there was a queue of people to have a glimpse of their Mukhiya and to garland her. On reaching her village, the Mukhiya bowed her head in Bhokta Sthan temple and took blessings. During this, on seeing her two small children, the motherly affection overflowed and she became emotional. He accepted the greetings of the Panchayat residents, the President and members of the Mukhiya Sangh and other public representatives for the warm welcome given by the people of his village and the Panchayat and expressed his gratitude and said that the allegations leveled against me are false, I have faith in the court and I have got justice and have been released on bail, I have full faith that I will get proper justice from the court and



the people of the Panchayat know what is right and what is wrong. On this occasion, hundreds of villagers and Panchayat residents danced to the sound of Tasha party from Bhokta Sthan to his house via Barwadih to Hetgadha Barkagaon, expressing their happiness by bursting firecrackers and shouting slogans like Barkagaon Purvi Panchayat Mukhiya Bimla Devi Zindabad, Barkagaon Purvi Panchayat's Mukhiya Kaisi Ho, Bimla Devi Jaisi Ho, etc. While present to welcome the Mukhiya were Mukhiya Sangh President Ranjeet Kumar, Barkagaon Central Mukhiya Takrimullah Khan, Sandh Panchayat Mukhiya representative Bhikhan Mahato, Panchayat Samiti member Ritesh Thakur, Sandeep Kumar Singh, Awadhesh Singh, Pradeep Kumar, Ramchandra Sao, Manoj Sao, Nageshwar Sao, Sarita Kumari, ward member Firoza Begum and etc were present.

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**Hazaribagh Youth Wing's commendable step on Chhath Mahaparva, soup and worship material will be distributed for Rs 11**

**Hazaribagh:** Hazaribagh Youth Wing, which ensures its participation in social and religious activities in the district, is organizing a special program on the auspicious occasion of the upcoming Chhath Mahaparva. It will be held on November 4 at Bada Bazar Chowk. Through this program, a soup and worship material will be provided to the devotees. The formal poster launch of this program was done on Tuesday by the Deputy Commissioner of the district Nancy Sahay. The objective of this step of the organization is to provide assistance to various sections of the society in the preparation of Chhath Mahaparva. Additional Collector Santosh Singh was also present on this occasion.

**Body of a youth recovered from Chhadwa Dam, police engaged in investigation**

**Hazaribagh:** Police on Monday recovered the body of a 22-year-old youth from Chhadwa Dam in Pelawal police station area at around 9 am. The deceased was identified as Dharmendra Kumar, son of Santosh Gop, resident of Kanchanpur in Katkamsandi block. In this regard, the police said that information was received from the people nearby. After this, the body was taken out from Chhadwa Dam and sent to Sheikh Bikhari Medical College Hospital for post-mortem. Police is investigating the matter.

**Eyes got wet on the farewell of Goddess Durga in Chauparan**

**Hazaribagh:** Durga Puja was concluded peacefully in the district. Devotees worshipped the idol of Maa Durga installed at 9 different places of Chauparan block with devotion and faith for ten days. Before immersion, women applied sindoor on each other and played Sindoor Khela and bid farewell to the mother wishing for long life of their husbands. Although this moment was emotional for a while, women like Chandni Sinha, Nandani Keshari.



## Not criminalising marital rape smacks of patriarchy

IN an affidavit before the Supreme Court, the Union government has taken a stand against the criminalisation of marital rape. In the affidavit before the apex court, the Home Ministry mentioned that a man has no fundamental right to force sex on his wife as there are enough laws to protect women against sexual violence and that criminalisation of marital rape would be an extremely "harsh measure." The Supreme Court is hearing a number of petitions seeking to amend the British-era law that a man cannot be prosecuted for rape within marriage, even though violence within marriage is rampant in India. According to a recent government survey, one in every 25 women has faced sexual violence from their husbands. In January 2023, the Supreme Court appointed two advocates as nodal counsels to streamline the proceedings by compiling a common document of relevant materials from all parties. Currently, marital rape is outlawed in more than a hundred countries around the world. It was outlawed in the Great Britain in 1991. India is one of the few countries, along with Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Saudi Arabia, where the marital rape law remains in force. The Indian Government, in its affidavit, highlighted the fact that Parliament, in its wisdom, has deliberately chosen to retain the marital rape exception and urges the court to defer to legislative judgment in such sensitive matters. Parliament is directly elected by the people and is aware of the understanding of the people in such delicate, sensitive issues. In the affidavit, the government urged the court to exercise judicial restraint and leave the regulation of marital relations to the wisdom of Parliament. A number of petitions have been filed by different women's rights groups to strike down Section 375 of the IPC, which mentions several situations in which having sex is not considered rape, one of them being sex by a man with his wife, if she is not a minor. According to the campaigners, this kind of argument is medieval and unacceptable in modern times. The United Nations, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International have raised concerns about India's refusal to criminalise marital rape. The Delhi High Court has given a split verdict, which remains pending for the Supreme Court's final judgment, in which one judge has held that marital rape is "morally repugnant" while the other expressed the view that the exception to Section 375 of the IPC is valid and should continue to exist.

It has to be borne in mind that the marital exception in the IPC and the definition of marital rape were drafted on the basis of Victorian norms that did not recognise men and women as equal and merged the identity of husband and wife under the "Doctrine of coverture." Further, marital rape violates the right to equality enshrined in Article 14 of the Indian Constitution. Hence, it creates two classes of women based on their marital status and immunises action perpetrated by men against their wives. There is no other reason for the victimisation of women other than their married status. Moreover, it becomes difficult for married women to avoid abusive conditions because of their financial dependence on their husbands. The exemption is also violative of Article 21 of the Constitution, which includes the right to life and encompasses the right to health, privacy, and dignity. The Supreme Court has recognised the right to abstain from sexual activity for all women, irrespective of their marital status, as a fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution. In 2013, the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) strongly recommended that the Government of India criminalise marital rape. The forthcoming judicial review by the Supreme Court will provide an opportunity to eliminate a discriminatory legal relic that violates the fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution and will help to transform women's lives and rights.

## India's western flank is on fire

### Why US is acting in tandem with Israel to carry out missile attacks against Iran

ON October 11, Iran launched its third missile strike on several targets in Israel, including on the capital city of Tel Aviv. According to an Israeli Defense Forces statement, nearly 300 ballistic missiles were involved in the attack but most were reportedly intercepted and neutralised by Israel and US forces based in Qatar, working together. The first missile strike took place on April 13, in retaliation for the targeted killing of Iranian diplomats in an Israeli bombing attack on an Iranian consulate in Syria. However, Iran gave advance warning of the attack and avoided causing major damage. It also announced that it did not want to escalate the conflict beyond this retaliatory attack. Nevertheless, this missile attack was the very first direct attack from Iranian soil on Israel and therefore a significant departure from the past.

The proxy war against Israel conducted hitherto through Iranian proxies such as Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon and Houthis in Yemen, had now graduated to a direct clash of arms between the two major adversaries in West Asia and the Gulf.

Israel did not respond directly to the Iranian attack, but it chose to inflict damage on Iran by targeting both the Hamas and Hezbollah leadership in Lebanon. It carried out the brazen assassination of the Hamas chief, Ismail Haniyeh, in the Iranian capital, Tehran, just hours after he had attended the inauguration of the new Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on July 31. This was a humiliating blow to Iran, demonstrating Israel's ability to strike at will at targets within Iran, leveraging its superior intelligence capabilities. More importantly, Iran's attempt at deterrence by launching its April missile attack on Israel had failed. Israel then upped the ante with the bold assassination of the Hezbollah chief, Hassan Nasrallah, on September 27 in a suburb of the Lebanese capital, Beirut. Not just Nasrallah but several other senior leaders of this Shia militia were also killed in the targeted bombing of their headquarters. This was a prelude to the start of a major Israeli ground offensive into southern Lebanon with the objective of flushing out Hezbollah forces spread across southern Lebanon.

Iran's second missile barrage against Israel came soon thereafter on October 1. Like the April attack, this,



too, reportedly caused little damage. Assisted by the US, Israel was able to intercept and shoot down most of the missiles. Unlike the April attack, however, Iran gave no advance warning about the attack. Nor did it declare its intent to avoid further escalation.

As anticipated, Israel declared its intention to retaliate against Iran and promised that it would be "painful." While in April, US President Biden had urged restraint on Israel, this time there was no such advice from Washington. On the contrary, US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan, promised severe consequences for Iran and said the U.S. would "work with Israel to make that the case."

This change in US stand has not been fully appreciated. This is no longer just an Iran-Israel conflict. It is now a US-Iran conflict and that changes the nature of the confrontation unfolding in the region with serious consequences.

It is against this backdrop that Iran chose to launch yet another missile barrage against Israel on October 10, reportedly using hypersonic missiles which it may have developed itself or may have obtained from Russia. There may have been greater damage inflicted on Israel than in the earlier attacks but it is difficult to assess the scale of such damage. The US announced that it had worked together with Israel to shoot down most of the missiles. This time President Biden declared that the US was "fully, fully, fully supportive of Israel." One should now jettison the view of the US acting as a restraint on Israel, in favour of avoiding escalation and a wider regional war. We will now increasingly see the US acting in tandem with Israel to carry out devastating aerial

and missile attacks against Iran. Three categories of targets are being mentioned: Iran's nuclear facilities, its oil and gas facilities and terminals and military targets, including the command-and-control centres of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards.

The longstanding effort of Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli leader, to drag the US into a war against Iran, has finally succeeded. It may be noted that a wider war in the region will have relatively less impact on the US since it is no longer dependent on energy supplies from the region. It would be less worried about an Iran lashing out by attacking oil and gas facilities of the Gulf countries or blockading the Hormuz Straits, through which most of oil and gas supplies are exported to markets both in Europe and Asia. It would be prudent to plan for another era of very high oil prices. India will be seriously impacted.

Iran may be seriously weakened and face a debilitating economic crisis. Its proxies may also be weakened even if they are not neutralised. They will respond as such groups always do — by engaging in asymmetrical warfare. There will likely be an uptick in international terrorism. Even a weakened Iran may finally cross the nuclear threshold and acquire a nuclear arsenal despite the immense sacrifices this may entail. It will be convinced that it is only as a nuclear weapon state that it could ensure its survival. This could have a cascading effect in the region, with Saudi Arabia and Egypt choosing to embrace the nuclear option. None of the countries of the region can escape a negative fallout from a war against Iran. They have tried to shield themselves by pretending that they do not have skin in the game, but they always did. If they had intervened early in the day to impose some penalty on Israel to stop its brutal war against Gaza and now in Lebanon, the trajectory of events may have been different. But their silence meant that Israel saw no downside to its aggressive policies. We may be on the threshold of another major war and one on our western flank where nine or more million Indians live and work. Our energy supplies may be significantly disrupted. That India has so few levers to influence events in its strategically critical neighbourhood is a sobering thought.

## Unsafe in Bangladesh

### Yunus cannot abdicate responsibility

A SENSE of frustration is visible in India's strong condemnation of the attacks on Hindu temples in Bangladesh. Ever since former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's ouster following the political upheaval in early August, New Delhi has repeatedly voiced concern about the safety and security of Bangladesh's minorities. It is ironic that the targeting of symbols of Hindu identity continues unabated under the watch of Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus. There have been multiple instances of desecration, vandalism and robbery at shrines and puja pandals. Yunus' contention that these attacks are politically motivated and not communal amounts to a singular abdication of responsibility. A systematic pattern of hate is being allowed to gain ground in Bangladesh, despite his assurances of protecting religious freedom and periodic visits to temples.

Certainly, these are testing times for India-Bangladesh ties. New Delhi's reticence over the demand to deport



Hasina to face trial is possibly raising hackles in Dhaka. For some in the new regime, riling India is the perfect way

with which Bangladesh can look its powerful neighbour in the eye — however misconceived the notion. Still, both sides must be fully aware of the grave consequences of any delay in bridging the growing distrust. Diplomatic channels need to be activated soonest at full throttle. First and foremost, though, Dhaka must crack the whip. To act — or not to act — cannot constitute leverage. Especially not when the reins of power are with Muhammad Yunus, the West's poster boy of all that is noble.

There's a lesson in what's taking place in Bangladesh, for India as well. Side-stepping the elephant in the room would be as deplorable as not calling out Dhaka. Let's not be in denial about minority-bashing at home. This vile absurdity must end. It's a disservice to India and Indians.

## Holding your breath on an India-Pak encounter

India and Pakistan are now at a point where even if they want to sit across a table and talk to each other publicly, they cannot do so for fear of enraging domestic constituencies.

THE visit of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to Pakistan to participate in the October 15-16 meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is unlikely to have a thawing effect on the 10-year freeze in bilateral relations. This much the minister has made clear, ruling out any bilateral agenda. "The visit will be for a multilateral event. I'm not going there to discuss India-Pakistan relations. I'm going there to be a good member of the SCO," he said. Jaishankar's statement is almost identical to that of then foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari in May 2023, before he arrived in Goa for the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers meeting: "My decision to attend this meeting illustrates Pakistan's strong commitment to the charter of the SCO... during my visit, which is focused exclusively on the SCO, I look forward to constructive discussions with my counterparts from friendly countries."

Nonetheless, bilateral drama is written into the script of every India-Pakistan encounter, or even a non-encounter. That was how it was in Goa, where Zardari and Jaishankar managed to have a showdown without exchanging a single bilateral word. It may be the same in Islamabad. Jaishankar claimed the other day that he is a "civil and courteous person, and will behave accordingly." That was possibly self-deprecatory humour. He is not Diljit Dosanjh who won Pakistani hearts the other day by calling up Pakistani singer Hania Aamir on stage during his Europe tour. The galleries back home would be terribly put out if Jaishankar returns without his signature-style tough talk against Pakistan, this time on Pakistani soil. After all, this is what India-Pakistan diplomacy has been reduced to, not just now, but over several years — a performance for domestic audiences defined by the need to demonstrate toughness toward the other, even in body language.

So, Jaishankar's "namaste" to the Pakistan minister in Goa last year got approving media coverage, as "Jaishankar gives the cold shoulder to Zardari."

India and Pakistan are now at a point where even if they want to sit across a table and talk to each other publicly, they cannot do so for fear of enraging domestic constituencies. This is a logjam that can be broken only with statesmanship and political will. A back-channel process between the two NSAs in 2016-2017, and another the UAE claimed it had mediated in 2020-21 shows a willingness to speak.

When the process makes progress, as in February 2021 when the two armies reaffirmed their commitment to the two-decade-old ceasefire on the Line of Control, things freeze up again, because then the process must be made public. The lessons of the past are not helpful. Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's visit in 2004 came after several years of back-channel contacts and a massive shift in relations between the US and Pakistan after 9/11.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh continued the engagement that began then, but India-Pakistan ties have never recovered from the 2008 Mumbai attacks. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's outreach lasted only a week, from his Christmas Day stopover in Lahore on his way back to Delhi, to the Jaish e-Mohammed (JeM) attack on Pathankot. Today, the dynamic has changed from what it was even 10 years ago. Jaishankar will arrive in Islamabad after the successful holding of an election in the post-August 5, 2019 truncated Jammu & Kashmir. In Kashmir, the victory of the National Conference (NC) is viewed as a verdict against Delhi and the changes the Modi government wrought on August 5, 2019. But the NC knows, and has said as much, that in running the government, a confrontation with the Centre is not



the way forward. From Delhi's point of view, Pakistan's internal turmoil is a further disincentive for engagement. Who to talk to in Pakistan — the civilian government or the army — was a question even in normal times. But now, General Asim Munir, the embattled army chief, is in the midst of a self-inflicted do-or-die battle with not just the untameable and ever-growing popularity of the jailed Imran Khan, but also sections within his own force. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his brother, Prime Minister Emeritus Nawaz Sharif, once thought of as the most likely of the Pakistani political class to make a paradigm shift in relations with India, are now beholden to Munir for their survival.

The Beijing-Islamabad relationship, the increasingly communal lens in India on ties with Pakistan plus Delhi's demand for a review of the Indus Waters Treaty further complicate the relationship.

For his part, Munir has not spoken his mind on India. What Delhi can see and feel is that the Pakistan

army's preoccupations, including with the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan and its Afghan Taliban patrons, the resurgence in Baloch militancy — with Chinese nationals in their crosshairs — have not led to the quietening of groups like the JeM and Lashkar-e-Toiba. A shadowy group, the so-called 'People's Force Against Fascism', has owned the regular attacks in Jammu since 2021, but Indian security agencies link it to the LeT and JeM. Delhi believes it can handle the costs of cross-border terrorism and leave ties in deep freeze. But flip the script for a moment. Imagine that Jaishankar is taking with him the message, like Vajpayee in 2004, that Modi has accepted Pakistan's invitation to attend the SAARC summit it has been waiting to host since 2016.

India's unquiet quitting of SAARC due to tensions with Pakistan is one reason why it faces so much resentment from smaller countries in the neighbourhood. When India laments the growing influence of China in the region, it needs to recognise its own role in letting the region go.

A revival of SAARC would put the energy back into India's neighbourhood policy and earn it the goodwill of neighbours. It would certainly put some pressure on Pakistan to conduct itself responsibly. The revival of SAARC may or may not resolve the differences between India and Pakistan, but it will provide bilateral engagement opportunities, normalise interactions in multilateral fora and make them less of a circus than they are now.

Bonus: An India engaged with Pakistan may help Prime Minister Modi to be taken more seriously by the world in his efforts to stop the war between Ukraine and Russia — and give that peace initiative greater heft.



# L-G Saxena grants MCD commissioner financial powers over solid waste projects

**UD Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj delayed approving crucial files, hampering MCD services due to lack of financial sanction.**

**NEW DELHI.** In a move that is set to escalate the confrontation between the AAP-led government and Rajniwas, L-G VK Saxena on Monday granted financial powers enjoyed by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi's Standing Committee to the civic body's commissioner by approving his authority to take financial decisions on the management of solid waste amounting to more than Rs 5 crore. Under the Delhi Municipal Corporation (DMC) Act that governs the MCD, proposals worth over Rs 5 crore have to be passed by the standing committee. Rajniwas said the move would ease the existing problem of municipal solid waste in the city due to the non-existence of the standing committee. "In a step that will help ease the existing problem of municipal solid waste in the city due to non-existence of a standing committee in MCD and intransigence of the UD



Minister, Saurabh Bhardwaj, the L-G has approved the delegation of financial powers exceeding the current Rs 5 crore to the MCD commissioner," a statement issued from the L-G House read. "On July 10, the MCD had moved the GNCTD to delegate financial powers to the MCD as per the provisions of Section 202 of the DMC Act, 1957. However, the UD Minister, Saurabh Bhardwaj kept the file pending at his level,

severely affecting municipal services due to lack of financial sanction since the Standing Committee was not in place," it added.

"The L-G Secretariat has recalled the file on two occasions. However, the file was not yet sent by the minister and remains untraceable," the statement said.

"Finally, contracts for collection and transportation of municipal solid waste and street sweeping were approved on Monday by the L-G by delegating financial powers upon the MCD commissioner," the statement added. It cited projects amounting to Rs 1,137.98 crore, rate contract for setting up of waste-to-energy facility at Narela, Bawana for Rs 604.26 crore, rate contract for bio-mining of legacy waste at Singhola amounting to Rs 46.17 crore and bio-mining of legacy waste at three dump sites at Okhla, Gazipur and Bhalswa.

## Lawrence Bishnoi gang member provided weapons to Baba Siddique's killers: Cops

**The main target, as confirmed by the police, was not Zeeshan Siddiqui but Baba Siddiqui. The shooters were given a photograph of Baba Siddiqui along with a flex banner to identify him.**

**Mumbai.** Shubham Lonkar, who made a social media post claiming responsibility for the murder on behalf of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, supplied weapons to the shooters responsible for the murder of former Maharashtra minister Baba Siddiqui.

Shubham's brother, Pravin Lonkar, played a pivotal role in providing both financial and logistical support to the shooters. The two brothers, along with several accomplices, held multiple meetings in Pune to plan the murder.

The 66-year-old leader was shot dead while leaving his office for his residence in Bandra West on Saturday night. A total of six rounds of bullets were fired at Baba Siddique, three of which struck him. The NCP leader was declared dead after being taken to the hospital.

Sources revealed that a meeting between Shubham Lonkar, Shiv, Dharmaraj, and Gurmail Singh took place in Pune to finalise details of the murder. Though no specific amount was promised to the shooters initially, they were assured a significant sum after the successful execution of the murder. Each shooter was, however, given Rs 50,000 upfront for expenses related to the operation.

The main target, as confirmed by the police, was not Zeeshan Siddiqui but Baba Siddiqui. The shooters were given a photograph of Baba Siddiqui along with a flex banner to identify him. "There was no fixed amount promised, but they were assured a big reward," an investigator familiar with the case said.

The shooters arrived in Mumbai in September, with Dharmaraj and Shiv Kumar coming first, and Gurmail Singh joining them later from Haryana. The attackers reportedly fired at the NCP leader from a distance of six to seven feet, with Dharmaraj using pepper spray to escape the scene. After shooting Baba Siddique, Dharmaraj Kashyap used pepper spray in the air to create a diversion and flee the scene. Despite the chaos, the shooters managed to escape initially.

The police are currently investigating the authenticity of social media posts claiming responsibility for the murder. Both Facebook and Instagram have been contacted to verify if the Lawrence Bishnoi gang was involved as claimed.

## Delhi Police takes action against fake Diljit Dosanjh concert tickets, arrests 1

**Delhi Police said that the accused was using social media to sell fake tickets for the concert.**

**New Delhi.** Delhi Police arrested a person involved in selling fake tickets for Punjabi singer Diljit Dosanjh's concert in Delhi. The concert, part of Diljit's Dil-Luminati Tour, will be held on October 26 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

The arrest comes a month after Delhi Police issued a warning, urging fans to stay alert to online ticket scams. The tickets for the concert were sold out within minutes, leaving several fans frustrated.

However, the Delhi Police found out that the tickets were being sold at exorbitantly high prices online, and urged the citizens to be careful while dealing with resellers. Police also pointed out that fake tickets to the concert were being sold and advised people to be extra

careful while clicking on unknown links. Delhi Police stated that the accused was selling tickets through social media, and they were being sold

In a post on Instagram, Delhi Police used a witty caption using Dosanjh's hit song Oh Paise Puse Baare Billo Soche Duniya from his GOAT album to warn them about scams ahead of the concert.

"Gana sunne ke chakkar me ticket ke liye galat link par paise puse dekar apna band na bajwa lena (Don't fall for fake ticket links and end up getting scammed; always verify first)," read the caption of the post. Diljit Dosanjh reposted the creative warning on his Instagram Stories, tagged the Delhi Police handle, and posted a fist emoji to lend a mark of respect to the authorities. Following Delhi,

Diljit will perform in cities like Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Pune, Kolkata and others. It will conclude with a show in Guwahati on December 29.



at prices ranging from Rs 10,000 to Rs 50,000. **Delhi Police warn Diljit Dosanjh fans of ticket scams ahead of concert**

## JNU alleges arbitrary extension of faculty probation, raises concern over rector appointment



**NEW DELHI.** The Jawaharlal Nehru University Teachers' Association (JNUTA) on Monday alleged that several newly appointed faculty members have had their probation periods arbitrarily extended, as it also raised objection to the appointment of Rector I, claiming that it was done in violation of the seniority rule. Terming these actions "illegal" and "detrimental" to the institution's ethos, the JNUTA in a statement alleged that the appointment of Rector I was made in violation of Ordinance 5 (Clause 4), which states "if there are two or more rectors, the rector who has the longest continuous period of service shall be the senior most".

The JNUTA claimed that by disregarding the clause, the vice chancellor "is willingly committing an illegality that has repercussions for the university, given that it involves an office as important as that of Rector I". According to JNUTA, the move has already had its implications as the newly-appointed rector participated in the 159th academic council meeting on October 10 and is set to attend the 319th executive council meeting scheduled for Monday.

## Rajya Sabha polls in 4 J&K seats to be held after nearly 4 years: Sources



**Srinagar.** Elections in four Rajya Sabha seats in Jammu and Kashmir will be held after nearly four years following the swearing-in of the National Conference-led government on October 16, sources told.

Lt Governor Manoj Sinha had invited National Conference leader Omar Abdullah to take oath as the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister on October 16.

According to sources, the National Conference-Congress is expected to win three Rajya Sabha seats. The alliance won a majority in the just-held Assembly polls in the Union Territory, securing 48 of 90 seats. Other parties, including CPI-M, AAP and five Independents are supporting the alliance, pushing the overall tally to 55.

The BJP, which finished second with a best-haul of 29 seats, could get one Rajya Sabha seat, sources said.

National Conference supremo Farooq Abdullah is likely to be nominated to Rajya Sabha while BJP may send one of its senior leaders to the Upper House, they added.

Former Deputy Chief Ministers Nirmal Singh and Kavinder Gupta, who were denied tickets for Assembly polls, are the frontrunners for the BJP's Rajya Sabha nomination, sources further said. The last Rajya Sabha polls in the erstwhile state were held in 2015 and the four seats have remained vacant since 2021 after the elected members completed their six-year tenures.

In the Assembly polls held after a decade in Jammu and Kashmir, the National Conference won 42 seats, Congress 6, BJP 29, PDP 3 and one each by the People's Conference, CPI-M and AAP. Seven independents also emerged victorious.

## Who is protecting Lawrence Bishnoi? Trinamool MP to Centre on Canada's charge

**Saket Gokhale questioned how Lawrence Bishnoi was able to allegedly carry out murders and extortion in India and abroad from jail.**

**New Delhi.** Trinamool MP Saket Gokhale asked the Centre to come clean on the role and status of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi after Canada alleged that Indian agents were working with his gang to target pro-Khalistan elements.

Gokhale said the role of Bishnoi in the India-Canada standoff has got "murkier" following a report by The Washington Post that claimed the gangster featured in discussions during a secret meeting between National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval and his Canadian counterpart.

Bishnoi, whose gang has a presence in Canada, is currently lodged in Sabarmati Central jail in Ahmedabad. Asserting that Canada's claims don't matter, the



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Trinamool MP questioned how Bishnoi was able to allegedly carry out murders and extortion in India and abroad from jail. "How is Lawrence Bishnoi so powerful despite being inside a Gujarat jail?... Who is protecting Lawrence Bishnoi and on whose orders is he working?" Gokhale questioned.

He also pointed out that the killing of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moose Wala, former Maharashtra minister Baba Siddique, a gym owner in Delhi and several others have been attributed to Bishnoi. In recent months, the Bishnoi gang has targeted Salman Khan and sent him death threats.

"Why is the Modi government opposing every attempt at taking Lawrence Bishnoi to other jails outside of Gujarat for investigations in other cases?" Gokhale

said. He also questioned if Bishnoi was being "actively used" by the Modi government and being given a "free hand intentionally". "The government is best equipped to answer the Canadian claims... However, the role and status of Lawrence Bishnoi is something that the government must come clean on," the Trinamool MP said. The Washington Post has claimed that during their meeting with Ajit Doval last week, Canadian officials outlined alleged evidence showing that India had enlisted the Bishnoi gang's networks to carry out the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar and attacks on Sikh separatists. Doval acknowledged that Bishnoi was "capable of orchestrating violence from wherever he is incarcerated" and "was known to be up to no good from his jail cell", the report claimed.

## How will Delhi government cut dust pollution with 500-km of unpaved roads

**MCD officials confirmed that only about 68 kilometres of road repairs have been completed from April to September this year.**

**New Delhi.** With the onset of winter, pollution levels in Delhi have surged, prompting the implementation of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) Level 1. The situation has worsened due to dust from the city's deteriorating roads, causing respiratory issues for residents.

A recent survey by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) revealed that approximately 500 kilometres of roads are in a dilapidated state, significantly contributing to the pollution crisis.

The MCD is responsible for maintaining 15,000 kilometres of roads, but ongoing financial challenges and the failure to form a standing committee have hindered repairs.

For years, the condition of the roads has remained poor, with potholes left unfilled and no new carpeting. MCD officials, speaking anonymously, confirmed that only about 68 kilometres of road repairs

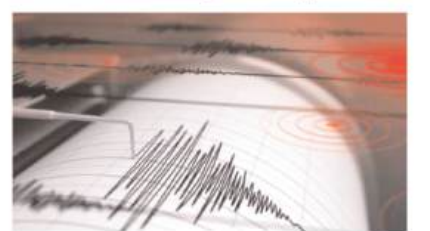
have been completed from April to September this year. The situation has drawn sharp criticism from



plagues residents. Singh accused the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government of failing to address local factors affecting air quality over the past decade. He asserted that residents are frustrated with the MCD and AAP's inaction and are determined to vote the party out in the upcoming assembly elections. In response to the ongoing issues, the 2024-25 budget has allocated approximately 1,000 crore rupees for the repair of MCD-managed roads. However, Atul Goyal, president of United Residents Joint Action (URJA), pointed out that while the MLA fund has increased to 15 crore rupees, the funds will primarily be directed towards Public Works Department (PWD) roads.

The remaining amount for MCD road repairs will depend on the tendering process, which could be complicated if the election code of conduct is enforced soon.

## Earthquake of magnitude 3.3 hits Mandi in Himachal, no injuries



**New Delhi.** An earthquake of magnitude 3.3 hit Himachal Pradesh's Mandi around noon on Tuesday, according to the National Centre for Seismology. The depth of the earthquake was 5 km below the ground.

The epicentre of the earthquake was located in the hilly region between Kullu and Mandi. The quake registered a magnitude of 3.3 on the Richter scale. Despite the tremor, no reports of damage have surfaced.

The epicentre was pinpointed at latitude 31.74 and longitude 76.86 and five km deep. While the earthquake's intensity was low, its recurrence has raised concerns among residents about potential future shocks.



The science behind a

# Happy Marriage



another mad, not to worry, says a researcher who has found that some marriages actually thrive on negative behaviours. For couples with serious problems, the best way to breed a happier marriage, it seems is by placing blame on each other, telling the other person to change, and being less forgiving. In fact, a research has found that if unhappy couples practise same positive thoughts about behaviours, their relationships seem to get worse over time. There is evidence to suggest placing blame and other negative exchanges can motivate partners to change. A research suggests marriage counsellors might do well to encourage troubled couples to be more critical of one another.

### Work hard at it

Love can stand the test of time if you apply elbow grease. In a study, researchers analysed surveys of several people, including new relationships and marriages that had lasted at least 20 years. A high number of people were still much in love with their long-term partners, though the researchers drew a distinction between romantic love, which can endure, and passionate or obsessive love, which tends to fade away soon.

The key to keeping that romance alive: hard work. Research has suggested these couples spend time and care about the relationship; they seem to be able to resolve conflicts relatively smoothly. Studies have also shown novel experiences can stimulate the production of the neuro-chemicals dopamine and norepinephrine, which show up in the brain in the early, blissful stages of a relationship.

They say opposites attract. Like ones, repel. However, marriage is a different set of algorithms. It's far more complex, and calculated. Relationship counsellors claim that there are measures to make this fragile bond an ever-lasting one. Here are six tried-and-tested methods. Spend similar

If you like to keep your wardrobe up to date with the latest fashion magazine in sight, and he prefers to live off his four pairs of jeans and shirts, this, according to the laws of love, is detrimental to your marriage. A recent study suggested that people who were financial opposites had greater conflicts over money and lower marital satisfaction in the end than those whose spending tendencies were similar. Even though a spendthrift will have greater debt when married to someone similar than when married to a tightwad, the spender is less likely to argue about money with the partner.

### Be grateful about us

Be grateful for what you have, and the Universe will give you more opportunities and situations to be grateful for. Most feel gratitude, but seldom relay these feelings to their partners, assuming he or she just knows. Individuals who feel appreciated by their partners often hold less

resentment over any imbalance in labour and more satisfaction with their relationships.

A study also suggested, spouses who use couple focused words such as 'we,' 'our' and 'us' when talking about a conflict show more affection, fewer negative behaviours such as anger, and lower physiological stress levels during the disagreement. Using words that expressed separateness, such as 'I,' 'you', and 'me', during the discussion was associated with dissatisfaction.

### Have a rollicking time in bed

You've likely met a neurotic in your lifetime, the person who gets upset easily, often has mood changes and worries constantly. Turns out, that personality trait doesn't mix well in relationships and is strongly tied to negative marital outcomes than any other personality type. Frequent sex could be a solution. Even if the sex isn't good now, keep at it: Another study found, it may get better with age. Men in their 50s are more satisfied with their sex lives than men in their 30s and 40s as it increases the bond.

### Make it quick



If your spouse puts you off you now, the future is bleak. According to a study showing that couples view one another as more irritating and demanding, the longer they are together. Researchers asked 800 individuals about their level of negativity towards their partner, children and friends. Spouses and partners took the top slot as the most annoying. And the negative views of spouses tended to increase over time. However, that increase in negativity could be a normal part of relationships.

### Be strong

While on the subject of spouses driving one



## Pamper your pets with the best care this winter



If it is too cold for you to stand at the door without your coat, it is probably too cold for your pet as well. Though some breeds have dense undercoats that protect them against very cold temperature these days there are insulated coats available for the other breeds. "As it is cold I purchased coats for my dog and they are quite useful. After all Brownie (her Pomeranian) is also a part of the family," said Rajni Kharbanda, a homemaker. "For some, pet booties, jackets, scarves and caps might seem silly but these come in very handy for protecting your pet from the harsh winters," she added. Limiting your pet's time outdoors on cold days is certainly the most important

thing to do this winter. And doing that is very easy; just provide your four-legged companion with a warm and cozy indoor shelter. A comfortable chair, basket or even a box is all he needs to make a perfect bed. If keeping your pet indoors doesn't work for you, then make sure that their surroundings are lined with old rugs and linen to keep them warm.

Your pet needs to remain hydrated as he can get dehydrated just as quickly in the winter as summer. The water in the bowl kept outside can turn icy cold and the pet might not feel like drinking it. So keep replenishing the bowl after regular intervals. Another important aspect to keep in mind

is that animals move around lesser during winters and so they need less food to eat. Dr Dipti Barve, a dentist and proud owner of Alan, a Great Dane and Simba, a Labrador, informed, "Although your pet needs an extra layer to keep warm during winters, they don't need extra layers of fat. In fact, they move around lesser in the winters, so they need a little less food. I always feed my dogs with the highest quality natural pet food available to ensure they have a healthy coat and energy levels during winters."

Your pet won't mind if its cold and dark because he still needs to be taken for a walk. Likewise bathing your pet is also absolutely needed.

Ask your vet on the frequency of giving your pet a bath. Apurva Jain, a student, shared, "I make sure I bathe my pet and spend quality time with him in the mornings so that he gets ample amount of sunshine to dry up." This is important because otherwise your pet will often seek heat by snuggling too close to heating sources like fire places, space heaters and lamps that pose a major threat to them.

With the increasing number of pets and pet owners, pet grooming has taken centre stage. Priyanka Kharbanda, another pet owner, said "I plan to start a grooming salon and spa services for pets. Dog training

As winter sets in, everyone is busy pulling out shawls, coats and heaters out of storage. But for pet lovers, winter care for their furry pals can be a complicated matter. To help their pets in bearing the chilly winters of the city, Nashikites are giving an extra dose of care to them.

and day care facilities at affordable rates is also the need of the hour." Dr Patil, a vet from the city, informed, "Fever, cough, constant sneezing and nose discharge are the most common problems among cats and dogs during this season. To prevent these, taking utmost care of your pet is necessary." So this winter, make sure your furry friend gets most of your attention and the best perks to stay healthy and enjoy the season.

## Tough jobs may protect memory

If you hate your job because it requires complex work with other people or data, you may now discard the negative thoughts as researchers have found that complex jobs help people retain their memory and thinking skills even after retirement.

The study found that people who held jobs with higher levels of complexity with data and people, such as management and teaching, had better scores on memory and thinking tests. "These results suggest that more stimulating work environments may help people retain their thinking skills, and that this might be observed years after they have retired," said study author Alan Gow from Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland.

"Our findings have helped to identify the kinds of job demands that preserve memory and thinking later on," Gow added. For the study, the researchers tested memory and thinking abilities of 1,066 Scottish people with an average age of 70. The tests looked at memory, processing speed and general thinking ability. Researchers also gathered information about the jobs participants held. The job titles were assigned scores for the complexity of work with people, data and things. For example, complex jobs might involve coordinating or synthesizing data, while less complex jobs might involve copying or comparing data. In terms of working with others, more complex roles might involve instructing, negotiating or mentoring, while less complex jobs might involve taking instructions or helping. The analysis used levels of complexity according to the Dictionary of Occupational Titles.

Examples of jobs that score highly for the complexity of work with people are: lawyer, social worker, surgeon. Examples of jobs that score highly for the complexity of work with data are: architect, civil engineer, graphic designer or musician.



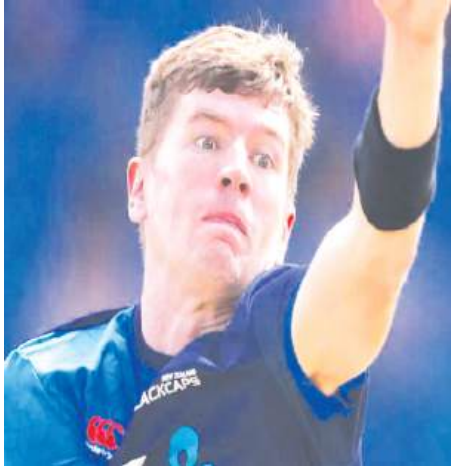


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**IND vs NZ: New Zealand's Ben Sears ruled out of series, Jacob Duffy called in**

New Delhi. New Zealand pacer Ben Sears has been ruled out of the Test series against India due to a knee injury, a statement from the Blackcaps revealed on October 15, Tuesday. Sears has been replaced by Jacob Duffy in the squad for the 3-match series, which will begin on October 16 in Bengaluru.

Sears had complained about pain in his left knee while training during the Sri Lanka series and had undergone Tests in New Zealand last week. His trip to India was delayed as the scans revealed a tear in the meniscus. While New Zealand cricket sought out medical advice and was hoping the pacer could make the cut for the squad, the doctors advised New Zealand cricket to rule him out of the series. Duffy, who has been called in as Sears' replacement, will be leaving for India on Tuesday. The 30-year-old is yet to play a Test match for New Zealand, having represented them in 6 ODIs and 14 T20Is so far. Duffy has 299 first-class wickets to his name.



**What Stead said about Sears' injury**

New Zealand coach Gary Stead said that they were disappointed to see Sears miss out but feel excited with the prospect of having Duffy as an option. Stead admitted that Duffy has the chance to make his Test debut during the course of the series. "We're obviously disappointed for Ben who made a strong start to his Test career during the home summer and offers a genuine pace option," said Stead.

"It remains to be seen how long we'll be without him for, but we're hopeful his road to a full recovery will be a short one."

"It's an exciting opportunity for Jacob who has been around Test the squad before. With three Tests ahead of us, he has every chance of making his Test debut." New Zealand are already without the services of Kane Williamson for some duration of the series as the star batter is recovering from an injury.

**UEFA Nations League: 10-man France edge past Belgium, Germany beat Netherlands**

New Delhi. Randal Kolo Muani's brace propelled France closer to the Nations League quarter-finals with a 2-1 victory over Belgium in their League A Group 2 encounter in Brussels on Monday. Kolo Muani opened the scoring from the penalty spot after Wout Faes handled the ball in the box, but Belgium equalised through Lois Openda just before halftime. Belgium's captain Youri Tielemans had missed an earlier penalty, sending his shot over the bar. Kolo Muani secured the win with a header in the 62nd minute, converting Lucas Digne's cross, as France held on for the win despite playing the final 14 minutes with 10 men after Aurelien Tchouameni received a second yellow card. Belgium, missing key players Kevin De Bruyne and Romelu Lukaku, created several chances but were wasteful in front of goal, a recurring issue for the team. Openda had been a bright spot, winning the missed penalty after being brought down by William Saliba and later



scoring a well-timed header from Timothy Castagne's cross.

France, without Kylian Mbappe, held firm despite Belgium's pressure and saw a goal disallowed for handball before Kolo Muani's decisive second goal. With Italy leading the group on 10 points and France just behind on nine, both teams are in strong contention for the quarter-finals. Belgium, with four points, still have work to do.

**Leweling stars for Germany on debut**

Germany's Jamie Leweling marked his international debut in style, scoring the decisive goal in a 1-0 win over the Netherlands in their Nations League Group A3 clash on Monday. The 23-year-old midfielder, one of two new faces in the squad, had an early goal disallowed for offside in the second minute. However, he made no mistake in the 64th minute, smashing the ball into the top corner after the Dutch failed to clear a corner. Germany dominated from the outset, keeping the Netherlands under constant pressure.

**OTD in 2021: CSK scripted redemption to win 4th IPL trophy, beat KKR in final**

- ↳ **CSK won their 4th IPL trophy on October 15, 2021**
- ↳ **They beat KKR by 27 runs in the final in Dubai**
- ↳ **Ruturaj Gaikwad scored 635 runs to win Orange Cap**



↳ Chennai Super Kings scripted their redemption by winning their 4th IPL title in Dubai. The MS Dhoni-led side beat Eoin Morgan's KKR in the final by 27 runs.

New Delhi. On this day in 2021, Chennai Super Kings lifted their fourth IPL trophy, defeating Kolkata Knight Riders by 27 runs in the final held in Dubai. It was a moment of redemption for MS Dhoni's men, who bounced back after missing out on the playoffs in the previous season. CSK's consistent performances throughout IPL 2021 were capped off by an impressive win in the final, with young opener Ruturaj Gaikwad playing a pivotal role in their success during that particular season with a century and four fifties. Batting first, CSK posted a daunting total of 192/3. Faf du Plessis led the charge with a brilliant 86 off

59 balls, anchoring the innings with well-timed boundaries and clever running between the wickets. Ruturaj Gaikwad also made an impact with a steady 32, setting a solid platform at the top. Robin Uthappa (31) and Moeen Ali (37\*) added crucial runs towards the end, taking CSK to a challenging score. CSK's epic redemption CSK beat KKR in final In response, KKR made a flying start with openers Venkatesh Iyer (50) and Shubman

Gill (51) adding 91 runs for the first wicket. However, CSK's bowlers pulled things back remarkably, picking up wickets at regular intervals. Shardul Thakur was the pick of the bowlers with 3/38, while Ravindra Jadeja and Josh Hazlewood also kept things tight, ensuring KKR could not maintain their momentum. With this victory, CSK became four-time IPL champions, joining Mumbai Indians as the most successful franchises in the tournament's history.

Ruturaj Gaikwad's performances stood out throughout the season. His tally of 635 runs earned him the Orange Cap, making him the youngest player to win the prestigious award. He was also awarded as the Emerging Player of the Season for his performance. Gaikwad also became the first cricketer to win both the IPL title and the Orange Cap in the same season, marking a significant milestone in his young career.

The triumph in 2021 further cemented MS Dhoni's legacy as one of the greatest leaders in T20 cricket. The title win was a testament to CSK's resilience and team spirit, as they once again proved why they are among the most consistent teams in the IPL.

**R Ashwin defines beauty of Test cricket ahead of IND vs NZ: It's pinnacle of sport**

- ↳ **R Ashwin will be back in action during India vs New Zealand Test series**
- ↳ **India host New Zealand for a three-match Test series, starting October 16**
- ↳ **The 1st test match will take place at M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru**



New Delhi. India's veteran spinner Ravichandran Ashwin defined the beauty of Test cricket in a video released by the BCCI on their official social media handle. The video gave snippets of the Indian team's practice session in Bengaluru with a voice-over by Ashwin from behind. The veteran spinner said that the format requires

adaptability and every day the team needs to come up with a new approach and strategy. Meanwhile, the Indian team has been training hard in the nets ahead of the all-important Test series vs New Zealand. "See, Test cricket is always about adaptability, right? You can't start Day 5 like how you started Day 1. Every day you need to be able to adapt along with conditions. That's why they say Test cricket is the pinnacle of this particular sport," Ashwin said in the video. Ashwin will be back in action for India after he won the Player of the Series award for a 2-0 clean-sweep vs Bangladesh last month. He will hope to emulate a similar kind of performance against the Kiwis. With 527

Test wickets to his name, Ashwin has a chance to surpass Nathan Lyon's tally of 530 and become the off-spinner with most wickets in the format from the current era.

IND vs NZ: What to expect India host New Zealand for a three-match Test series, starting October 16, Wednesday. The 1st Test will take place at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. New Zealand will be led by Tom Latham after Tim Southee stepped down from captaincy duties after their 0-2 Test series loss against Sri Lanka. New Zealand have failed to win any of their last five Test matches, whereas India have won each of their last five matches in red-ball cricket. The Rohit Sharma-led side stand at the top of the points table of the World Test Championship rankings. The Indian team will aim to strengthen their position at the top as they currently have 74.24 PCT. New Zealand, on the other hand, slumped to sixth position in the rankings with 37.50 PCT. India and New Zealand last played a Test match in Bengaluru back in 2012. India won the match by five wickets by playing just four specialist bowlers (two pacers and two spinners).

**What happened the last time India hosted New Zealand in Bengaluru Test in 2012**

New Delhi. India is set to host New Zealand for a three-match Test series, starting October 16, Wednesday. India lead the overall head-to-head record with 22 wins in 62 games and 27 draws. Meanwhile, New Zealand won 13 matches in the format against India. As M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru is set to host the 1st Test, let us recall as to what happened the last time India hosted the Blackcaps in the format at this very venue. India clinched a 2-0 series victory over New Zealand by winning the second Test at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru, by 5 wickets in August 2012. The hosts chased down 261 on the fourth day, thanks to a steady knock from Virat Kohli and valuable contributions from skipper MS Dhoni and Cheteshwar Pujara. After winning the toss and opting to bat first, New Zealand posted 365 in their



first innings. Ross Taylor led the way with a brilliant 113, while Kruger van Wyk added 71 to take the visitors to a competitive total. Pragyan Ojha was the pick of the Indian bowlers, taking 4/90. In reply, India managed 353, falling 12 runs short of New Zealand's total. Virat Kohli stood out with a patient 103, his second Test century. MS Dhoni (62) and Suresh Raina (55) chipped in with crucial runs to keep India in the game. For New Zealand, Tim Southee impressed with figures of 7/64, troubling the Indian batters with swing and seam.

**Virat's 2nd Test hundred**

New Zealand's second innings was wrapped up for 248, despite Ross Taylor's quick 35. R Ashwin once again starred with the ball, finishing with 5/69, taking his match tally to 12 wickets. His consistent bowling proved decisive in restricting the Kiwis. Chasing 261 for victory, India's top order struggled early, losing three quick wickets. However, Kohli (51) held the innings together, and Dhoni (48\*) finished the job with composure. Cheteshwar Pujara's steady 48 also provided crucial stability during the chase.

**Kylian Mbappe, LaLiga president accuse FIFA of destroying football ecosystem**

New Delhi. A players' union, the European leagues' group, and Spain's LaLiga have jointly filed a complaint against FIFA, alleging "abuse" regarding the governing body's international match schedule. The complaint was submitted to European Union antitrust regulators amid growing concerns over player well-being, with many athletes facing fatigue, injuries, and mental strain despite their substantial salaries.



The complaint asserts that FIFA's control over the international calendar constitutes an abuse of dominance and violates EU law, according to FIFPRO Europe, European Leagues, and LaLiga in a joint statement. The European Leagues, an association that includes major leagues like the Premier League, Bundesliga, Serie A, and Ligue 1—excluding LaLiga—has voiced specific concerns about the revamped Club World Cup set to take place next year. The tournament will expand from

seven to 32 clubs and is scheduled for nearly a month in the U.S., potentially disrupting clubs' pre-season tours aimed at enhancing global fan engagement. Premier League CEO Richard Masters expressed that the situation has reached a "tipping point," emphasising feedback from players who feel overwhelmed by the excessive number of matches. LaLiga President Javier Tebas criticised FIFA for prioritizing its own interests while disregarding the broader

impact on the football ecosystem.

In a video statement during a news conference held by the three organisations, French captain Kylian Mbappe echoed these sentiments, stating, "When it's too much, it's too much." FIFA, however, maintains that the international calendar was established with input from representatives across all continents, including Europe, and in consultation with FIFPRO and various leagues. In addition to the expanded Club World Cup, the upcoming World Cup will also grow from 32 to 48 nations. UEFA has similarly adjusted its schedule with a new Champions League format but has not been included in the current complaint, as FIFA is seen as responsible for the international calendar. Mathieu Moreuil, Premier League director of international football relations and EU affairs, noted that relations with UEFA are different due to ongoing dialogue.

**IND vs NZ 1st Test, Bengaluru weather report: Will rain play spoilsport**

- ↳ **India and New Zealand are all set to renew their rivalry in the Test arena with the first match of the series happening at the iconic Chinnaswamy stadium on October 16. Will the weather in Bengaluru play spoilsport**

New Delhi. India and New Zealand are all set to renew their rivalry in the Test arena with the first game of the 3-match series emanating from the iconic Chinnaswamy stadium in Bengaluru from October 16,

Wednesday. The Indian team will be aiming to get the preparations in before the Border Gavaskar Trophy against Australia down under, which will begin in November. Rohit Sharma and his men will be buoyed by the fact that they won the series against Bangladesh where the team showed two different facets to their game. While the Chennai Test showed the team's resilience, in Kanpur the Indian team showed that they could easily dominate a bowling attack. New Zealand are coming into the series after being beaten 2-0 by Sri Lanka recently. They will also be without Kane Williamson for some part of the series as the star batter recovers from an injury. However, they still have firepower in the side that can test the hosts. With all the elements for a thrilling series in store, will the weather be kind to both teams in Bengaluru?



India vs New Zealand 1st Test: Bengaluru weather report

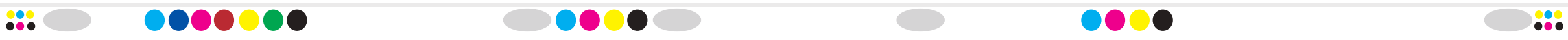
According to Accuweather, Bengaluru is expected to be cloudy throughout with some showers also expected. Tuesday is expected to be a day filled with rain showers as there is

a 90 percent chance. On Wednesday, which will be Day 1 of the contest, the rain percentage is 41, with thunderstorms predicted in the afternoon.

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The percentage is 40 on Thursday and will be the highest on Friday at 67. On Saturday, it will decrease to 25 percent before rising to 40 on the final day of the game on Sunday. India vs New Zealand: Squads

India: Rohit Sharma (C), Jasprit Bumrah (VC), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Sarfaraz Khan, Rishabh Pant (WK), Dhruv Jurel (WK), Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd. Siraj, Akash Deep





# Adah Sharma

**Responds To Backlash Over Moving Into Sushant Singh Rajput's Flat: 'This Is a Free Country...'**



Adah Sharma grabbed eyeballs when it was reported that the actor would be moving into late actor Sushant Singh Rajput's house in Mumbai. The flat was vacant for four years after the actor died by suicide. Sharma was criticized by netizens for moving into Rajput's house. In a recent interview, the actor opened up about the hate that she received and shared her thoughts. In a conversation with India Today Digital, Adah Sharma talked about the backlash that she received for moving into Sushant Singh Rajput's house. She mentioned how she loves the flat and said that she cannot react to everything that comes her way. The actor said, "As an actor, or even as a person, you cannot react to everything that's been said. We all have a lot of things to do in life. Also, this is a free country, and everyone has the right to have an opinion."

Sharma mentioned that she does not want to explain herself or her decision to people. She continued, "If they feel about something, they should... and continue to do so. I am not here to tell anyone 'I am a good person' or give them reasons for my actions. I did what I had to do, and I know myself. And just like I don't want anyone to change for me, I would also not change myself. I am really all settled in the house, and I really love the place."

Apart from working in Bollywood, Sharma has also worked in Telugu, Tamil, and Kannada films. She made her Bollywood debut with the horror flick, 1920. She was nominated for the Filmfare Best Female Debut Award. She, later, became a household name after she starred in Sudipto Sen's The Kerala Story.



# Samantha Ruth Prabhu

**Pens A Note And Praises The Cast And Crew Of Jigra, Calls Alia Bhatt 'Tigress'**

Alia Bhatt's latest movie Jigra was released in theatres over the weekend. The film is being lauded by many for Bhatt's riveting performance. Among them is Samantha Ruth Prabhu who also praised the film. She recently took to her social media to appreciate the film and penned a long note. Taking to her Instagram Stories, Samantha Ruth Prabhu shared a poster of Jigra. Along with the poster, she praised Alia Bhatt for her performance and called her a 'tigress.' She also lauded director Vasanth Bala and Vedang Raina. She wrote, "@aliahatt you tigress! A performance so feisty and throbbing with life that I couldn't take my eyes off you! The brave choices you make... the standards you set for yourself... Keep inspiring!" Prabhu continued, "@vasanbala you've made a film so unique and you've really pushed the envelope with how to present a female lead! Thank you! Still tripping on the vibe of your film. @vedangraina what a talent! Going to be looking out for your work. The lashings scene... you had me gasping! So visceral. @rahulr\_23 my dearest... Your best performance yet! Your action scenes... So good! You made me forget I am watching my best friend. I could only see Muthu! The adorable Manoj Ji, the crazy talent that was Vivek, and the rest of the cast... all of you have my heart! Superb performances from everyone. @achintstagram your score and the songs! Going to be living rent-free in my head."

Ahead of the release of Jigra, Prabhu attended the pre-release event of the film in Hyderabad. Bhatt had praised Prabhu at the event and said, "My dearest Samantha, you are a hero on and off-screen. I have so much admiration for your talent, for your resilience, for your strength. It's not easy to be a woman in a man's world, but you have surpassed gender. You stand tall on your two feet, and you have your talent, and your strong kicks to be an example for everyone." On the work front, Bhatt will be next seen in Alpha where she will share the screen with Sharvari. Prabhu, on the other hand, will be seen in Citadel: Honey Bunny where she will star alongside Varun Dhawan.



## Kannada Actor Darshan And Pavithra Gowda Denied Bail In Renukaswamy Murder Case: Report



The bail petitions of popular Kannada actor Darshan Thoogudeepa and his friend Pavithra Gowda were rejected by a Bengaluru sessions court on Monday in connection with the high-profile Renukaswamy murder case. The case has captured significant attention, as Darshan, a beloved figure in the Kannada film industry, has been embroiled in this serious legal matter for several months. The case revolves around the murder of 33-year-old Renukaswamy, reportedly a fan of Darshan, whose body was discovered near a stormwater drain in Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, on June 9. Police sources indicate that the tragic events were allegedly set in motion when Renukaswamy sent inappropriate and obscene messages to Pavithra Gowda, Darshan's friend. These messages reportedly enraged the actor, leading to the chain of events that culminated in Renukaswamy's murder.

According to police, Renukaswamy had been communicating with Pavithra since February, with their interaction turning more explicit in June when he allegedly sent indecent photos. Despite the inappropriate nature of the messages, instead of contacting the police, Pavithra and Darshan reportedly chose to take matters into their own hands. Prosecutors argue that this decision led to Renukaswamy being abducted by a gang linked to the Akhila Karnataka Darshan Thoogudeepa Sena, a fan organization. It is claimed that Renukaswamy was taken to a shed in Pattanagere, where he was assaulted by the gang members before Darshan and Pavithra arrived. Upon their arrival, Renukaswamy was reportedly beaten again, which prosecutors allege ultimately resulted in his death. Darshan, who has been in judicial custody since June 11, has been fighting to secure bail over the past few months.

## 'Should Conduct The Show Responsibly': Rupesh Rajanna On Kichcha Sudeep's Exit From Bigg Boss



In a major announcement, Kichcha Sudeep confirmed that he will be leaving the Bigg Boss Kannada franchise after the end of Bigg Boss Kannada 11. Sudeep revealed that the current season will be his last as the host and stated that it is time for him to leave the show. The news has taken the internet by storm, leaving fans shocked and emotional. In a heartfelt post, Sudeep thanked his fans and the viewers for their unfailing love and support throughout his tenure as the host. He attributed the success of Bigg Boss Kannada 11, which set a new benchmark in Kannada television with an outstanding rating of 9.9, to the engagement of the viewers.

While Kichcha Sudeep said that it is time for him to move on to his next projects, actor Rupesh Rajanna's tweet tells a different story. Rupesh Rajanna's recent tweet tells the story that Kichcha Sudeep did not voluntarily quit the program but something else happened. The truth about what happened is yet to come out.

"Bigg Boss, which has become a business show, should give a chance to good Kannada actors. Our Kannada actor @KichchaSudeep should also conduct Bigg Boss responsibly. Instead of encouraging those who have a bad reputation, it is better to give an opportunity to deserving contestants in Bigg Boss and bring dignity to the show", he tweeted.

In his statement, Sudeep said, "It's been a great 10+1 years of travel together, and it's time for me to move on with what I need to do. This will be my last season as a host for BBK, and I truly believe that my decision will be respected by Colors and all those who have followed Bigg Boss all these years." His exit marks the end of an era for the popular reality show. Kichcha Sudeep has been the second longest-serving Bigg Boss host for all languages after Salman Khan, who has hosted 14 seasons of the Hindi version. Fans of Bigg Boss Kannada were left disappointed after Kichcha Sudeep announced that Bigg Boss Kannada 11 would be his last season as host.

Many took to social media to express their feelings. One ardent viewer tweeted, "We will miss you as a host as you have been an integral part of BBK since its start. We are disappointed but we respect your decision."