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ACB arrested Deoghar Civil Surgeon taking bribe of 70 thousand

Ranchi: ACB team has arrested Dumka Civil Surgeon taking bribe of 70 thousand. ACB team has taken the civil surgeon with them and is interrogating him. ACB team had received information that the civil surgeon was demanding bribe for doing some work, after which ACB took this action.



Jharkhand Assembly Polls: 100 companies of paramilitary forces received for pre-poll duty

Ranchi: Jharkhand Assembly Polls Jharkhand has got 100 companies of paramilitary forces on the instructions of the Election Commission for pre-poll duty before the assembly elections 2024. These include CRPF, CISF, BSF, SSB and ITBP. These forces will be deployed in all 24 districts of the state. Three to five companies of paramilitary forces will be available to each district. These forces will be deployed in the tasks of flag march, area domination, checking etc., so that the general public can have confidence that the security arrangements will be tight in view of the elections.



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Decision on seat sharing between Congress and JMM almost finalized

Ranchi: Decision on seat sharing between Congress and JMM is almost finalized. As per the formula, JMM will contest on 43 seats this time as well, like last time. It can give its three sitting seats to CPI(ML). In the last assembly elections, Congress contested on 31 seats. However, this time it can contest on 29 seats. Decision on seat sharing between Congress and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) for Jharkhand assembly elections is almost finalized. As per the formula, JMM can give its three sitting seats to CPI(ML). Last time JMM contested on 43 seats. Even after the exchange of seats, it will contest on 43 seats this time. In the last assembly elections, Congress contested on 31 seats. However, this time Congress can contest on 29 seats. Last time RJD contested on 7 assembly seats. But, this time it is likely to get 5 seats in the alliance. This time the new ally in the alliance is MALE.

Eight accused of bikers gang involved in the murder of a youth on the night of Vijaydashmi arrested

Jamshedpur: On the night of 13 October Vijaydashmi, in Bistupur police station area, a case of stabbing a youth Devraj Pillai of Kadma to death and then beating and injuring another youth came to light. On the instructions of SSP, the case was solved and the criminals were arrested. A team was formed under the leadership of DSP for this. The team, taking the help of technical evidence, arrested a total of 8 criminals involved in the incident and sent them to judicial custody after interrogation.

J&K: Omar Abdullah took oath as CM, Surinder Singh Chaudhary became Deputy CM



New Delhi

National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah took oath as the CM of Jammu and Kashmir. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha administered the oath of office and secrecy to him at the swearing-in ceremony held

at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Conference Center (SKICC) in Srinagar. With this, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir got its first elected government. Apart from Omar Abdullah, Surinder Singh Chaudhary also took oath as Deputy Chief Minister. Apart from the CM and Deputy CM, four ministers also took oath as ministers. These include Sakina Ittu, Javed Rana, Javed Dar and Satish Sharma. Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, KC

Venugopal, Supriya Sule, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and many leaders of India Block attended the swearing-in ceremony. Many veteran leaders including PM Modi congratulated. Many veteran leaders including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh have congratulated Omar Abdullah on becoming the new Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir. PM Modi wrote on X that congratulations to Omar Abdullah ji on taking oath as

the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir. Best wishes to him for his efforts to serve the people. The Center will work closely with him and his team for the progress of Jammu and Kashmir. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh wrote on Twitter that congratulations to Omar Abdullah on taking oath as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir. I hope that the pace of governance in the state will continue to move forward and his government will be able to fulfill the aspirations of the people. My best wishes for a suc-

cessful tenure. **Assembly elections held in Jammu and Kashmir after 10 years** Let us tell you that assembly elections have been held in Jammu and Kashmir after 10 years. The Congress party has decided to support Omar Abdullah's government from outside. Talking about the results of the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections, the National Conference (NC) won 42 seats and the Congress won 6 seats. At the same time, the Bharatiya Janata Party got 28 seats.

SUIDHA app will facilitate the candidates in the nomination process Chief Electoral Officer held a meeting with all recognized political parties after the announcement of the assembly elections



Ranchi

Chief Electoral Officer Mr. K. Ravi Kumar has said that the Model Code of Conduct has come into force in the state with the announcement of the assembly general elections. During this time, some necessary guidelines have

been issued by the Election Commission of India for all political parties and candidates participating in the election. By complying with this, clean, fair and peaceful voting will be ensured. With the aim of providing equal opportunity to all in the election

process, an expenditure limit of Rs 40 lakh has been fixed by each candidate during the election. To bring transparency in the expenditure of the candidates, a register of expenditure details has to be submitted in the office of the District Election Officer. This register is made pub-

lic by the District Election Officer on the website of his office. He was holding a meeting with all recognized political parties on Wednesday after the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct for the assembly elections. The Chief Electoral Officer told the representatives of the recognized political parties that the Election Commission has created the SUIDHA app, using which all the applications used by the candidates in the nomination process can be filled. Also, an appointment can be taken in the RO office for the day of nomination. Along with this, it will also help in filling your details and making affidavits through this medium. He said that through the C-Vigil app, one can also register a quick complaint on violation of the Model Code of Conduct. He said that all the candidates are expected to understand all the instructions related to the election and also make their workers aware

of it, so that no difficulty arises in calculating the election related expenses. He said that during the election, some rules have been made by the state for publicity by the candidates, election process, star campaigners, political parties etc., as well as the Election Commission of India has also issued a directory of "What to do, what not to do". Any kind of doubt can be avoided by following these and the guidelines of the Election Commission of India during the election. On this occasion, System Analyst Shri S N Jameel gave point-wise information about the use of various online applications used in elections such as C-Vigil, Suidha App, KYC etc. used by the candidates. On this occasion, Additional Chief Electoral Officer Dr. Neha Arora, OSD Mrs. Geeta Chaubey, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer Shri Dev Das Dutta along with representatives of various recognized political parties were present.

Weather changed in Ranchi, heavy rain with thunder, yellow alert for thunderstorm

Ranchi

The weather changed in Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand. It is raining heavily. During this, the clouds are also thundering. The Meteorological Department has expressed the possibility of thunderstorm and has issued a yellow alert and appealed to be cautious. IMD had said in its forecast released a few hours ago that there may be rain with thunder in nine districts of the state. A warning of thunderstorm was also issued.



Weather changed, it started raining The weather took a turn in the capital Ranchi after noon. Dark clouds covered the sky and it started raining heavily. The clouds also started thundering.

The Meteorological Department had issued a forecast today on Wednesday afternoon. It was told in this that the weather may change in nine districts of Jharkhand in the next few hours. There may be rain with thunder. The districts for which the forecast was issued include Ranchi, Khunti, Lohardaga,

Ramgarh, Dhanbad, Gumla, East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum and Saraikela Kharsawan districts.

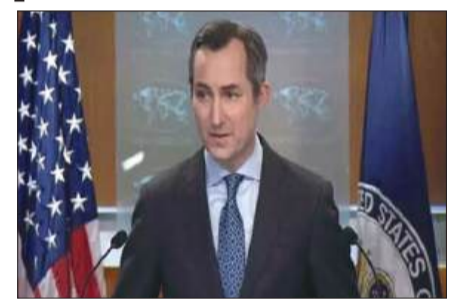
Be careful if the weather is bad

The Meteorological Department has issued a yellow alert on Wednesday. The IMD has urged people that if you are outside the house when the weather is bad, then you need to be cautious. In such a situation, you should stay at a safe place. Avoid staying under a tree in any situation. During this time, also maintain distance from electric poles. Farmers should not go to their fields. They should wait for the weather to become normal. Only then should they go to the fields.

30-day deadline to increase humanitarian aid in Gaza, US puts pressure on Israel

Washington

The US has asked Israel to increase humanitarian aid in Gaza within the next 30 days. If this does not happen, it has warned of stopping US aid. According to the Joe Biden administration, the US State and Defense Secretaries co-signed a letter in this regard last week, which was sent to their Israeli counterparts. During a press briefing on Tuesday, State Department spokesman Matthew Miller confirmed the signing of the letter by Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defense Minister Lloyd Austin. The letter was addressed to Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Galant and Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer. Miller said the purpose of the letter was to "clarify our concerns about humanitarian aid reaching Gaza." He further said that the US considers this letter to be "a private diplomatic communication which we did



not want to make public on our part." According to a CNN report, the letter warned that if Israel fails to provide more humanitarian aid to Gazans, it could be accused of violating US laws governing foreign military aid. If this happens, US military aid to Israel could be in danger. According to news agency Xinhua, the letter said that under US laws, the State and Defense departments have to constantly assess whether Israel is adhering to its assurances that it will not restrict aid flow to Gaza.

Canada declares pro-Palestine group 'Samidoun' a terrorist organization



Ottawa

The Canadian government has listed a group called the Palestinian Prisoner

Solidarity Network as a terrorist organization. The Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network is also

known as 'Samidoun'. Apart from Canada, Samidoun is also known as a terrorist organization by Germany, Netherlands, Israel, United States. The US Treasury Department describes it as 'a sham charity, which serves as an international fundraiser for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) terrorist organization.

Canada will not tolerate such activity: Dominic LeBlanc Public Safety Minister Dominic LeBlanc said in

a statement that Samidoun has been declared a terrorist organization under the Criminal Code. This sends a strong message that Canada will not tolerate such activity. Canada will do everything in its power to combat the ongoing threat to national security and citizens. The statement said that as a listed unit, Samidoun now meets the definition of a 'terrorist group' under Canada's Criminal Code. **Samidoun has close ties with PFLP** According to a news state-

ment from Public Safety Canada, Samidoun has close ties with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). It advances the interests of the PFLP, which is a listed terrorist unit in Canada, the US and the European Union. But Samidoun describes itself as 'an international network of organizers and activists working for Palestinian prisoners imprisoned in the struggle for freedom'. It says it works to raise awareness about Palestinians in custody or imprisoned.

19 of the top 30 big IPOs failed to give returns higher than the index: Report

Mumbai: 19 of the top 30 big IPOs in the country have given less returns than the CNX 500 index.



This information was given in a report released on Wednesday. Wealth management firm Capitalmind Financial Services reported that eight of the 30 big IPOs that have come in the country so far have given negative returns. Among the high-profile IPOs, Reliance Power has given the highest negative returns to investors. It was the largest IPO of its time. Among the top 10 IPOs, only two IPOs have given more returns than the CNX 500. Coal India's stock has doubled in the last 14 years. If the dividends given by it are included, then Coal India has given returns equal to the index. The report further said that out of the top 10, only Zomato has been able to give great returns to investors. After this, Hindustan Aeronautics, Indian Railway Finance Corporation, Sonata BLW Precision Forgings and ICICI Lombard, among the top 30 big IPOs, have also given investors better returns than the index. The report further stated that among the 10 biggest IPOs in the last two years, Bajaj Housing Finance, Bharti Hexacom and Brainbees (First Cry) have given great returns to investors. Anoop Vijaykumar, Investment and Research Head, CapitalMind Financial Services.

News In Brief

District Election Officer held a meeting with representatives of political parties

Gumla: An important meeting was held today with the representatives of political parties (President, Secretary) in the new Collectorate building under the chairmanship of District Election Officer-cum-DC Karna Satyarthi.

Model Code of Conduct announced by the Election Commission of India has come into full effect

Gumla: After the announcement of the Assembly Elections-2024 by the Election Commission of India on 15.10.2024, the Model Code of Conduct has come into full effect.

Superintendent of Police Shambhu Kumar Singh and other police officers inspected the inter-state check post Manjha Toli

Gumla: Superintendent of Police, Gumla, along with Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Chainpur and Police Station In-charge, Raidih, inspected the Manjhatoli inter-state checkpost under Raidih police station of Gumla district to ensure that the Vidhan Sabha-2024 elections are conducted in a peaceful, hassle-free and fear-free environment.

DC held a review meeting with the Sweep Cell gave necessary instructions

DN ■ Gumla

Deputy Commissioner Karna Satyarthi held a meeting with the officials and personnel of the Sweep Cell. In the meeting, the District Election Officer directed the officials of the cell to run as many awareness programs as possible in urban areas in view of the elections.



The Sweep calendar. In which coordination and participation should be increased with various stakeholders to make people aware of voting. He said that voter awareness programs should be organized by making an action plan.

asked to organize various programs under Sweep in schools, colleges. The District Election Officer said that special attention should also be given to the beautification of polling stations.

Baby elephant dies after being hit by train series of elephant deaths not stopping

DN ■ Chakradharpur

Late on Monday night, a train hit a herd of elephants, due to which a baby elephant died a painful death. And two elephants were seriously injured. It is to be noted that the railway and forest department have completely failed to save elephants from train accidents.



forest department are not taking any concrete steps to save them. Due to which elephants keep dying after being hit by trains every day etc.

Voting awareness program organized in West Singhbhum

DN ■ Chaibasa

As per the instructions of West Singhbhum District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Kuldeep Chaudhary, a program was organized today at Birsa Munda Cricket Stadium to increase awareness about voting under SVEEP activities in view of the Assembly General Elections-2024.



Distribution System shopkeepers. Through this rally, the people of the area were motivated to vote in maximum numbers on November 13. Giving information about the working system of EVM machine, he said that EVM and VVPAT machines are connected with the control unit.

Organised under the aegis of West Singhbhum District Cricket

DN ■ Chaibasa

31st S.R. Rungta District Cricket League, organised under the aegis of West Singhbhum District Cricket Association and sponsored by Rungta Mines Limited, is going to start at the local Birsa Munda Cricket Stadium.



which was relegated from A-division last year to B-division, along with Shah Sports Cricket Academy of Chakradharpur, Gop and Singh Club of Bada Jamda and Chaibasa Cricket Club, while Group-B includes last year's B-division runner-up team Student Club Chakradharpur along with National Cricket Club Bada Jamda, Laxman Gilua Cricket Club Chakradharpur and Devendra Manjhi Cricket

Club Chakradharpur. Similarly, Pratap Cricket Club Chaibasa, Friends Club Chaibasa, Fanatic Club Chaibasa and Lattu Oraon Cricket Club Chakradharpur have been placed in Group-C and Rival Club Guwa, S.R. Rungta Group Chaibasa, Jagannathpur Cricket Club and Friends Colts Chaibasa have been placed in Group-D. According to the tie sheet released by the District Cricket etc.

One dead one woman injured after being hit by a truck

DN ■ Chaibasa

A person has died after being hit by a truck in the middle of Chaibasa city. While a woman has been seriously injured. The deceased is 30-year-old Amar Shanti Banra, a resident of Unchudi village under Mufassil police station. His wife Nanika Banra has been seriously injured. Both the legs of the woman have been seriously injured.



being hit by the rear wheel of the truck. During this time, there was also a lack of human sensitivity among the people. After the incident, no one was coming forward to help the injured woman. After the accident, people were going ahead pretending to be unaware of the woman looking at people in the hope of help.

On receiving the information of the incident, the Sadar police station reached the spot. First Nanika Banra was picked up from the spot and sent to Sadar Hospital. After this, the body of the deceased Amar Shanti Banra was picked up and brought to Sadar Hospital. Where the post-mortem of his body will be done. The Hiva is said to belong to a big construction.

On the direction of the Hon'ble Alipore Court Prasanth Kumar Sinha became the President and S.R. Mishra became the General Secretary in South Eastern Railway Men's Congress

DN ■ REPORTER

In the case of Men's Congress going on in Alipore Court of Kolkata, the court took an important decision on 05/10/2025 and put its seal on the election of the Central Committee of Men's Congress on 03/10/2024 and directed the Railway Administration to release the election results.



he wrote a letter to PED (HR) Railway Board and demanded the South Eastern Railway Administration to release the list of Men's Congress. After this, the Railway Board directed all General Managers (Personnel), South Eastern Railway to release the list on 10/10/2024. Executive General Secretary of Mens Congress and

16 months, the official work of Mens Congress was disrupted, but still Mens Congress was always active among the railway workers in the entire zone. An example of this was the removal of corrupt people from Urban Bank after decades. He also claimed that only Mens Congress will be victorious in the union election in the entire zone. Mishra appealed to all the rebel workers that if they really love Mens Congress, then forget their mutual differences and fight this election together with rock solid unity and set an example. He said that the door of Mens Congress is always open for everyone.

Series of murders is not stopping body of an unknown person found in Girugarha forest

DN ■ Chakradharpur

Gudri police recovered the mutilated body of an unknown person from Girugarha forest near Lodhaai Saidwa village of Gudri police station area on the information of the villagers. According to the police, some criminals have killed the deceased by beating him with sticks. The body appears to be two days old. The body has not been identified yet. Villagers are saying that the deceased is not from the area. Since the incident is a Naxal-affected area in Gudri police station area, there is a suspicion that the incident was committed by Naxalites or



extremists. However, the police is avoiding saying anything in this regard. Police is saying that the truth of the matter will be clear after investigation. According to the police, on Tuesday morning, villagers who went to graze goats in the forest saw the body in Girugarha forest near Saidwa village. They informed the village about it. After which the villagers informed the police

about the incident. On receiving the information, the police recovered the body on Tuesday afternoon and sent it for post-mortem. According to the police, the age of the deceased person is about 35. Height is about five and a half feet, fair complexion, black hair. He is wearing a red-white checkered T-shirt with black jeans. He is wearing a silver watch on his left wrist and blue slippers on his feet. The police is trying to identify the body. It is known that in the last 10 days, 3 hawks were murdered and after that, 3 more bodies were found due to land dispute.

Manoharpur's daughter will play in tindraji at national level

DN ■ Chakradharpur



Rachna Boipai, a student of Nehru Memorial + 2 Chidiya School of the block, got first place in the district level tindraji competition in Khelo Jharkhand competition and has brought laurels to herself and her school by securing fourth place in the entire Jharkhand level. She has been selected for the national level. On this, Nehru Memorial + School's principal Midula Danga said that Rachna has brought laurels to her family as well as her school. We wish her all the best on behalf of the entire school. May she play for India and bring laurels to India.

Villagers held a meeting in Sagipi village and made social worker Dr. Vijay Singh Gagarai aware of the problems of the area

DN ■ Chakradharpur

A meeting was held in Sagipi village of Kulitodang Panchayat of the block on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Panchayat Mukhiya Majhiram Jonko. Where mainly People's Welfare Association Secretary Dr. Vijay Singh Gagarai was present. On this occasion, the villagers made social worker Dr. Vijay Singh Gagarai aware of the various problems of the Panchayat. Where social worker Dr. Vijay Singh Gagarai came face to face with the problems of the villagers. Also told the villagers the importance of education. During this,



social worker Dr. Vijay Singh Gagarai said that education is very important to move forward in life and get success. Parents must send their children to school regularly. He said that through his social organization People's Welfare Association, people are being made aware about better education, health facilities, so that the lifestyle of the people can

improve. During this, the local villagers also appreciated the social work being done by the People's Welfare Association. Also It was decided to join social worker Dr. Vijay Singh Gagarai and his organization People's Welfare Association. During this, villagers from different villages of the Panchayat were added by running a membership.

Assembly elections: Jharkhand police will keep an eye on 63 big Naxalites

DN ■ Ranchi

The dates for Jharkhand assembly elections have been announced. Elections will be held in two phases in the state. The first phase will be on November 13 and the second phase on November 20. The election results will come on November 23. After the announcement of dates, Jharkhand Police has also started preparing for the elections, so that voting can be done peacefully in Naxal-affected areas. For this, Jharkhand Police will keep an eye on 63 big Naxalites. On the instructions of the Election Commission, Jharkhand has got 100 companies of paramilitary forces to conduct elections peacefully. These include CRPF, CISF, BSF, SSB and ITBP. These forces will be deployed in all 24 districts of the state. These 63 big Naxalites will be kept under watch.

Jharkhand Police will keep an eye on 63 big Naxalites. These include Raju Yadav, Gulshan Oraon, Virendra



Ganjhu, Jitendra Singh, Akela, Shivraj, Kherwar, Pappu Sharma, Mrityunjay, Prabhat, Lovelesh Ganjhu, Kundan, Ravindra Ganjhu, Chhotu Kherwar,

Manohar Ganjhu, Misir Besra, Patiram Manjhi, Chaman, Raghunath Hembram, Ajay Mahato, Sanjay Mahato, Sahebram Manjhi, Amod Modak, Sadhu Charan, Suleman Hansda, Rahul Champiya, Sagen Angaria, Saluka Kayam, Samel Budh, Sahendra Yadav, Karim, Akram Ganjhu and Brajesh Ganjhu, Firoz Ansari and Anil Turi, Lalchand Hembram, Kunwar Manjhi, Ranvijay Mahato, Prayag Manjhi, Mochhu, Rampradas Mardi, Pancha Oraon, Balram Lohara, Martin Kerketta, Raju Bhuiya, Pankaj Korwa, Krishna Yadav, Jayanti, Gulshan Munda, Amit Munda, Sahdev Soren, Biren Ganjhu, Sahdev Mahato, Biren Singh, Prabhat Munda, Arif, Godrai Yadav and Ravindra Yadav are included.

Now only Chaibasa district is severely Naxal affected in Jharkhand. Chaibasa is the only district in Jharkhand, which is among the 12 districts with severe Naxal effect in the

country. The Left Wing Extremism Division of the Union Home Ministry had released a list of districts affected by the Naxal problem across the country in April 2024. It included 38 districts of nine states. Of these, five districts of Jharkhand (Giridih, Gumla, Latehar, Lohardaga and Chaibasa) were considered Naxal-affected districts.

Lok Sabha elections were conducted peacefully in the state

Let us tell you that Lok Sabha elections 2024 were conducted peacefully in Jharkhand. On the strength of its special strategy, Jharkhand Police foiled the conspiracy of all the violence of the Naxalites and conducted the elections peacefully. Now the challenge before Jharkhand Police is to conduct the assembly elections in a peaceful manner. Jharkhand Police believes that Naxal violence in elections has become a thing of the past. Jharkhand Police will do a better job in the assembly elections too.

News In Brief

Six police officers including two inspectors deputed in Police Headquarters

Ranchi: Six police officers including two inspectors deputed in Jharkhand Police Headquarters. After the order of DGP Anurag Gupta, DIG Personnel has issued the order related to this. Those who were deputed in Police Headquarters include Inspector Ajay Kumar, Mahendra Das, Sub Inspector Hemant Bhagat, Rishikesh Kumar Sinha, Lalit Khalkho and Preeti Kumari.

Vehicles being checked on Jharkhand-Odisha border

Jamshedpur: As soon as the notification for the assembly elections in the state was issued, the police tightened vigil in the border area. On Wednesday, a check post was set up at the border drain bridge near Muchrishol and police was deployed. The police is thoroughly checking all the vehicles coming from Odisha and passing through the Gudabanda-Dumriya route. All vehicles were checked on the suspicion of bringing cash from the Odisha border and misusing it in the assembly elections in Jharkhand. During the last Lok Sabha elections, the police had seized money from many drivers carrying more cash than the prescribed amount.

Jharkhand Basketball League Session-1 to be held from 18th to 20th

Jamshedpur: Jharkhand Basketball Association will organize Jharkhand Basketball League Session-1 from 18th to 20th October at Dhatkidih Community Development Center. Six teams from all over Jharkhand are participating in it. There will be 12 players in a team. There will be six senior teams, three junior teams and three youth players' teams. Jharkhand Basketball Association Secretary and India Team Coach JP Singh said that all the league matches will start at 6 pm. Jharkhand Basketball Association President, former Olympian Harbhajan Singh, Treasurer Pradeep Mukherjee, Technical President Arif Aftab were also present.

Newly promoted ASI was honored by wearing a badge



DN ■ Ranchi

Newly promoted ASI was honored by wearing a badge in a ceremony organized at Ranchi Police Line. On this occasion, many officers including SSP, City SP, Kotwali and Sadar DSP were present. On the occasion, SSP said that the newly promoted ASI should bring such a change, which can create a good image of themselves as well as Ranchi Police. Happiness was clearly visible in the newly promoted policemen who were honored. Let us tell you that Jharkhand Police Headquarters had promoted about two thousand policemen recently.

Jharkhand Taekwondo team leaves for Puducherry

DN ■ Ranchi

Jharkhand Taekwondo team left for the 40th Senior National Taekwondo Championship organized by Puducherry Taekwondo Sports Association and Indian Taekwondo Federation to be held at Rajiv Gandhi Indore Stadium in Puducherry from 18 to 20 October. The team left by Dhanbad Allpuja Express under the leadership of Syed Farooq Nadeem Coach, senior member of Jharkhand Taekwondo and Ranchi District Secretary. Players from Deoghar, Hazaribagh, Ranchi, Dhanbad, Jamshedpur, Godda were selected in the State Championship held in Deoghar. Players who will represent Jharkhand



include Avinash Narayan Singh, Aditya Narayan Singh, Roshan Kumar Chauhan, Utkarsh Singh, Harshit Raj, Chetan Kumar, Deepak Kumar, Manjit Singh, Aqib Javed. Women players include Budheshwari Kumari, Rajnandini, Neera Kumari, Anjali Keshari. Jharkhand Taekwondo Secretary

Neeraj Kumar, Vice President Manoj Kumar, Treasurer Bambam Kumar Dev, Joint Secretary Rabiul Hussain, Dilip Kumar, Rajiv Ranjan, Devghar Taekwondo President Anup Kumar, Patron JC Raj congratulated all the players. They also wished them good luck for the victory.

Four theft accused arrested from Pithoria area of Ranchi sent to jail



DN ■ Ranchi

Police of Pithoria police station of capital Ranchi have arrested four people involved in theft. The names of the arrested persons are Jamil Ansari, Sarii Ansari, Faizal Khan and Mohammad Shakeel. All these arrested were sent to jail after medical examination. They are accused of stealing motor and buying and selling stolen goods. Pithoria police station in-charge Gautam Rai said that information was received that these people are active in Kanke area, after which raids were conducted and during interrogation they accepted their involvement. At present, all the accused have been sent to jail.

NUSRL students' team will go to Berlin to participate in international arbitration moot competition

DN ■ Ranchi

An excellent team of students of National University of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL) has performed brilliantly as semi-finalists in the FDI International Arbitration Moot 2024 (South Asia Round). The team includes Sarthak Kumar, Lisa Gupta, Suryansh Singh, Aylah Singh and Abhinav Shukla. Due to hard work and talent, they have got the opportunity to go to Berlin to compete internationally. The team has made it to the top four of the competition due to its excellence. They have to participate in the international round to be held on November 1-4, 2024.



The success of the students is a testament to collective effort: Soni NUSRL students have not only brought laurels to their university but have also increased the prestige of the country through this competition. The team successfully addressed complex legal issues such as sequential clarifications, third party funding, pro-

tection of costs and powers to draw adverse conclusions. Moot Court convener Soni Bhola said that our team has worked hard to make its place on the international platform. All the members did research together and resolved doubts with the guidance of teachers. Their success is not only the result of individual talent, but also

a proof of the excellent atmosphere and collective effort of the university. **Students will perform well in future also:** Vice Chancellor Vice Chancellor Dr. Prof. Ashok R. Patil said that the talent of our students is now clearly coming to the fore. The results of their hard work are coming out. I am confident that they will perform well in future also. On behalf of the entire university family, I wish them all the best that they return successfully from this competition. Thus, the students of NUSRL are making their mark not only in the field of education but also at the international level.

Fire broke out in Khadgarha vegetable market, chaos ensued

DN ■ Ranchi

A fire broke out in Khadgarha vegetable market located near Sukhdev Nagar police station on Wednesday morning. Fire also broke out on the lower and upper floors of the vegetable market. After the fire, there was chaos on the spot. After getting information about the fire, vegetable sellers reached the spot and started removing their vegetables. A crowd of local people gathered there. It has not been revealed yet whether the fire broke out due to short circuit or this incident was carried out by some anti-social elements. Meanwhile, the police reached the spot and started investigating the matter.

Fire broke out on the lower part and upper floor of the market

Regarding the incident, it is being told that on Wednesday morning suddenly a fire broke out on the lower part and upper floor of the vegetable market. The flames of the fire were very strong. The local



people tried a lot to extinguish the fire at their level, but could not succeed. After this, the fire department was informed about the incident.

CTCA, GTPS and Nadia High School victorious in Under 16 Cricket Tournament

DN ■ Lohardaga

Three matches were played in the Under 16 School Cricket Tournament organized by Lohardaga District Cricket Association. In which CTCA, GTPS and Nadia High School team were victorious. In the first match played between SS Public School Kutmu and CTCA, CTCA team won by 9 wickets. SS Public School team batting first could score only 57 runs at the loss of 10 wickets in 18 overs. From the team's side, Shirsh scored 30 runs. Whereas Prince and Aryan Singh of CTCA team took three wickets each, while Anirudh took two wickets. Coming to play the reply innings, CTCA team became the winner by scoring 60 runs in 9 overs at the loss of one wicket. Arjun scored 22 and Sushant scored unbeaten 19 runs.

The second match of the tournament was played between Chunnihal High School and GTPS. Batting first, Chunnihal High School team scored 150 runs at the loss of 8 wickets in the stipulated 20 overs. Sonu scored the highest 42 runs, while Irfan scored 24 and Kunal Sahu scored 13 runs. GTPS's Ayush took two wickets and Jagam Khan took one wicket. Playing the reply innings, GTPS team won by scoring 154 runs at the loss of 7 wickets in 16 overs. Jagrit scored 42 runs from the team's side, while Ayush and Jagam scored 16-16 runs. Vansh of Chunnihal High School took two wickets, while Ayush and Sumit took one wicket each.

GTPS team won the match by three wickets. The third match was played between Nadia High School and DAV Public School. Nadia



High School, batting first, scored 156 runs at the loss of 5 wickets in 20 overs. Vivek contributed 38 and Ranjit contributed 37 runs in this. Ujjs and Aditya of DAV took one wicket each. Coming to play the reply innings, DAV's team could score only 80 runs at the loss of 9 wickets in 20 overs. Atharva Sahu scored the highest 28 runs. Manish Oraon of Nadia School took 3 wickets and Ranjit Mahli took two wickets. Nadia High School won the match by 77 runs.

Jharkhand: Prohibitory orders will remain in the capital Ranchi till November 23 for the assembly elections

DN ■ Ranchi

Administrative preparations have started in the state for the Jharkhand assembly elections. Prohibitory orders have been issued for a peaceful election environment in the capital Ranchi assembly constituency. This prohibitory order will continue till the election results are declared. After two phases of voting, the election results will be declared on November 23. Therefore, the prohibitory order will continue till November 23. Using the powers conferred in Section 163 of the Indian Civil Security Code, pro-



hibitory orders have been issued in all the assembly constituencies under Ranchi Sadar subdivision. The prohibitory order has been issued by Ranchi Sadar Subdivision

Magistrate Utkarsh Kumar. The DC office said that the prohibitory order has been implemented with immediate effect which will remain in force till 11 pm on November 23.

News In Brief

Women football player trial camp concludes

Dhanbad. The names of the selected players of Jharkhand Women's Football Team for Senior Women's National Football Championship were announced today by Camp Director Pramod Chaurasia as per the instructions of Jharkhand Football Federation General Secretary Gulab Rabbani. Malti Kumari, Anisha Oraon, Anjali Munda for goalkeeper and Shivani Toppo, Nisima Kumari, Purnima Kumari, Chammi Kumari, Pooja Toppo, Divyani Linda, Dixit Bara for defense and Neetu Linda, Anita Kumari, Sangeeta Hansda, Taravati Kumari, Anushka Kumari, Lalita Bopai.

NSUI launches campaign

Dhanbad. Jharkhand State NSUI President Vinay Oraon today launched the 'Judega Vidyarthi-Jeetega Jharkhand' campaign in Dhanbad district in the community hall located in Housing Colony. The program was chaired by State President Vinay Oraon and conducted by State Vice President Gopal Krishna Chaudhary. Under this campaign, students in all colleges and universities under Dhanbad district will be connected to the party and they will be told about the party's ideology and the work done in the past. A target of making 10 thousand members has been set at the district level, which has been given a deadline to complete before the assembly elections. In this episode, today more than 100 students, inspired by the party's ideology, joined NSUI under the leadership of NSUI State President Vinay Aron.

Grand celebration of World Anesthesia Day

Dhanbad. A special program was organized on the occasion of World Anesthesia Day at SJAS Super Specialty Hospital, Dhanbad. On this occasion, Dr. DK Singh of the Department of Anesthesia, Dr. Mustafa Noon of Critical Care, anesthetic specialist Dr. Anand Kumar and Dr. Sapan Razak together cut the cake on World Anesthesia Day and congratulated everyone present. World Anesthesia Day, also known as National Anesthesia Day or Ether Day in some countries.

Seminar for building a child marriage free India

DN ■ Dhanbad

Under the campaign to build a child marriage free India, a seminar was organized today at Kiran Montessori School, Telmachho by Jharkhand Rural Development Trust in collaboration with Access to Justice for Children with students, girls and teachers. District coordinator of the trust, Naimuddin Ansari, elaborated on stopping child marriage, child sexual violence, child labour. Trust founder Shankar Rawani said that Jharkhand Rural Development Trust is conducting intensive awareness programmes to make Dhanbad a child

Deputy Commissioner held a meeting regarding assembly elections

DN ■ Dhanbad

A meeting of senior officers and nodal officers of all the cells was held in the auditorium located at the Collectorate under the chairmanship of District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Madhavi Mishra regarding the preparations for the upcoming assembly elections-2024. The Deputy Commissioner took information about the preparations for the upcoming assembly elections from the senior and nodal officers of all the cells. Also instructed to complete all the work expeditiously. He



said that the officers of all the cells should hold a meeting with the personnel of their respective cells and focus especially on the works and responsibilities related to the cell. Necessary guidelines were given to the Personnel Cell to prepare the requirement of manpower assembly wise, depute additional polling officers at polling

stations where there are more than 1200 voters, prepare training schedule, constitute medical board, EVM randomization, dispatch, counting, postal ballot, requirement of vehicles, material, expenditure monitoring, observer cell and other subjects. He directed the Medical Cell to prepare medical kits for sector officers, zonal mag-

Seva Sankalp Sanstha donated blood



DN ■ Dhanbad

A blood centre was inaugurated at FZS Super Specialty near Vinod Bihari Chowk in Dhanbad. On this occasion, Akash Kumar Mandal, President of Seva Sankalp Sanstha Dhanbad, donated blood along with his team. On this occasion, Akash Mandal, President of Seva Sankalp Team, Founder Akarsh Gupta alias Mittu, Organization Minister Mukesh Mandal, Executive President Mukesh Mahato, Vice President Shubham Singh, Vice President Manjeet Mandal, Member Anayat Afzal, Sohail were honored by Mr. Sudeep Pandey.

Union Law and Justice Minister reached Dhanbad for the meeting

DN ■ Dhanbad

Law and Justice Minister of India Arjun Ram Meghwal reached Dhanbad today to attend the meeting of BJP Scheduled Caste Front and Prabuddh Nagrik Sammelan. He said in the press conference that BJP goes to the elections with the agenda of good governance and development. He said that wherever there is a double engine government, the pace of development increases and good governance comes fast. He said that right now there are elections in Jharkhand along with Maharashtra. He told the public that if you want development in the true sense, then choose

istrates, BLOs and polling stations and hand them over to the Material Cell on time. DDC Sadat Anwar, Municipal Commissioner Raviraj Sharma, Returning Officer of Sindri Assembly cum Additional Collector Vinod Kumar, Returning Officer of Nirma Assembly cum ADM Supply Ziaul Ansari, Returning Officer of Dhanbad Assembly cum SDO Rajesh Kumar, Returning Officer of Jharia Assembly cum ADM Law and Order Piyush Sinha, Returning Officer of Tundi Assembly cum LRDDC Dilip Kumar Mahato.



a double engine government. He told that it has been felt that wherever there is no double engine government, development stops and diversion of funds received from the Center starts. He said that there will be no diversion of funds in BJP's Gogo Didi scheme. When our

Training on Procurement Rules at IIT-ISM

DN ■ Dhanbad

CVO Office of IIT-ISM, Dhanbad organized a training on Procurement Rules for the employees of the Institute. During this, Subodhkant, GeM Trainer, Jharkhand and Bihar Region, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, apprised the trainees about the legal, procedural, regulatory framework of public procurement and general financial rules on public procurement. Prabodh Pandey, Registrar of the Institute, Garib Nath Singh, Chief Vigilance Officer, IIT-ISM and Satyendra Kumar Assistant Registrar CVO Office



were present during the training held at the Executive Development Center Lounge of IIT-ISM Dhanbad. It was part of the series of training organized by the CVO Office of the Institute as part of the three-month campaign of Vigilance Awareness Week-2024. During the one hour long training, Subodh Kant explained about the general financial rules and Government of

India guidelines regarding procurement of goods, procurement of works and procurement of consultancy services through Government funds. He also highlighted various aspects of contract management including payment, PVC etc. As part of the series of training, a session on the organization of financial markets and systems and procedures of cyber crime was chaired etc.

District administration busy preparing for assembly elections



DN ■ Giridih

For the Assembly General Elections-2024, a press conference was held by District Election Officer Naman Priyash Lakra and Superintendent of Police Dr. Bimal Kumar with representatives of print and electronic media in the meeting hall located at Giridih Collectorate. The District Election Officer told the media representatives that after the announcement of elections on October 15, the code of conduct has been implemented in the entire district. Voting is to be held on November 20 in the second phase in all the assembly constituencies under Giridih district. He informed that the date of gazette notification has been fixed on October 22. The last date for nomination is fixed on October 29 etc.

All three branches of Dhanbad will jointly do election campaign and public relations

ECRKU election campaign committee meeting concluded



DN ■ Dhanbad

Election campaign committee meeting of East Central Railway Employees Union was concluded in Dhanbad branch-1, in which the elections to be held on 4, 5 and 6 December for getting the recognition of the union were discussed. It was decided in the meeting that all three branches will jointly campaign for the elections in Dhanbad area. Union's media in-charge NK Khawas told that

ECRKU will conduct a public relations campaign on October 17 at 8:30 am in IOW-1 Dhanbad and on October 18 at 6 pm in Crew Lobby Dhanbad. Rajesh Kumar Singh, Rakesh Kumar, Netaji Subhash, NK Khawas, JK Saw, BK Dubey, Vishwajit Mukherjee, Ritalal Gop, Prabhakar Kumar, Shambhunath, MK Mukesh, Pintu Nandan, Ranjit Kumar Yadav, Shiv Kumar, Kumar Azad, Ashok Kumar, BP Azad, Rajkumar etc were present.

Inauguration of Provincial Mathematics Science Fair at Saviman Barganda

DN ■ Giridih

Provincial Mathematics-Science Fair was inaugurated at Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir, Barganda. Chief Guest Dr. Anuj Kumar, Principal Giridih College, Special Guest Shrikant Yashwant Vispute Sadar SDM, Ajay Kumar Tiwari State Secretary, Vidya Vikas Samiti Jharkhand, Secretary of the Samiti Dr. Pawan Mishra, Vice President Satishwar Prasad Sinha and Principal Anand Kamal jointly inaugurated the program by lighting a lamp and offering flowers. The program was conducted by Brain Kumar Tudu and the vote of thanks was given by



Umesh Kumar Sinha. The guests were honored by giving shawls and mementos. A total of 807 brothers-sisters and patron Acharya-didi from eight departments of Jharkhand were present in the science fair. The State Secretary said that we have to introduce children to ancient and modern knowledge. There is science at every step. Even after obtaining a higher degree, we should not leave our values. We

have to become such that innovation develops in us along with study. The all-round development of brothers and sisters will happen only with the development of Panchkosh. There should be a sense of duty from childhood. One should take a pledge to serve the nation by becoming a leader himself. Special guest Sub-Divisional Officer said that organizing such programs leads to the complete

development of children. Art is also required along with science. Art is also not beyond science. Science forces you to ask questions. Unless you think about the outside world, you cannot do anything good. Knowledge, science and mathematics are helpful in human development. Dr. Anuj Kumar said that the tradition of science has been going on since ancient times. Concentration, experience, sacrifice, penance and passion are greatly needed in our life. Assimilate the goodness and always try to move forward in life. Science fair is a medium to develop the tendency to find solutions etc.

Drawing competition on APJ Kalam's birth anniversary



DN ■ Jodapokhar

On the birth anniversary of former President Missile Man APJ Abdul Kalam, children presented his biography through drawing at Hello Kids Smart School, Shalimar. During this, children learned about his lifestyle. Students from class 1 to 10 participated in the drawing. Principal Irfan Khan gave the message to the students to read the books of Missile Man and follow his path. Students Palak, Siya, Wazir Imam, Naureen, Aamir, Rizwana, Arkam Qadri, Umra got first place. Principal Irfan Khan, teacher Shafiqat Firdaus, Fauzia Tabassum and all the teachers of the school supported the program successfully.

Robbery attempt at Kandra Mukhiya's house

DN ■ Mahuda

Late last night, dozens of criminals broke into the residence of Dhanbad MP Dhullu Mahato's close aide, Kandra Panchayat Mukhiya and BJP's District General Secretary Dhaneshwar Mahato at Mahuda turn and attempted robbery. Hearing the sound, Dhaneshwar Mahato, who was sleeping inside the house, came out of his room and saw that dozens of criminals wearing masks and carrying weapons had entered the house. He immediately locked the door of his room from inside and informed the police. In about ten minutes, police



station in-charge Dheeraj Kumar reached the spot with his team. As soon as the police reached, the criminals jumped over the wall and fled. The police station in-charge investigated all around the house, but nothing was found. The entire incident has been captured in CCTV. On receiving the infor-

mation, Dhanbad MP Dhullu Mahato, MP representative Shatrughan Mahato reached his residence and inquired about the incident. The MP spoke to SP Dhanbad over the phone and demanded strict action against the criminals. The incident is said to have taken place at 1 o'clock in the night.

One criminal arrested with a loaded country made pistol, 2 cartridges recovered : SP

DN ■ Bokaro

On the basis of secret information, on getting information about a criminal in a black T-shirt roaming near Cooperative More under Bokaro Steel City Police Station, the police took immediate action and arrested Pramod Sharma, father of late Yogeshwar Sharma, resident of Sector 2B 2-412, with a loaded country-made pistol, two live cartridges and two misfire cartridges. Giving information in a press conference, the newly appointed Superintendent of Police of Bokaro, Manoj Swargiari said that after receiving the information, a team was formed under the leadership of Deputy



Superintendent of Police. The team searched and arrested that person. The police spotted the criminal near the liquor shop located in the Cooperative, who was wearing a black shirt. On seeing the police force coming towards him, he started running rapidly towards Sector 2. After this, he was chased and taken into custody by the officials of the armed force and the team. During interrogation, a country-made

pistol with an 8 mm live cartridge in the barrel and a misfire cartridge from his stomach pocket were recovered from his waist. According to the police, this criminal was planning to carry out a major incident, but as soon as the police got the information, he was arrested as per the strategy. The raid was conducted and the team included police sub-inspector Virendra Khakha, Gultan Mistry etc.

Newly appointed SP held a meeting with the officials and gave several instructions to ensure fair assembly elections

DN ■ Bokaro

Under the chairmanship of newly posted Superintendent of Police Manoj Swargiari, a meeting was held with all the sub-divisional police officers, all the Deputy Superintendents of Police, all the Zonal Police Inspectors and all the police station in-charges of the district, in which he got introduced to all the officers, thereafter, while discussing about conducting the upcoming assembly elections in a peaceful, fair and clean environment, many necessary guidelines were given. According to the information, the daily



law and order report related to the election was made available to the election cell by 5:00 am with high priority, to execute the pending bailable and non-bailable warrant advertisement and attachment in the police station and OP of the district, to arrest the absconding wanted accused, to verify the arms license holders in the district and to ensure timely

deposit of weapons, to take legal action against such persons who can disrupt the election work, to send CCA proposals against active criminals, to identify the persons who disturb the peace and register their names in the goonda register, to send monitoring proposals of the accused involved in property related cases and to take preventive action by physi-

cally verifying the tainted. The SP was directed to register a case against the persons violating the model code of conduct and take action. Instructions have also been given to ensure physical inspection of polling buildings, CAPF and other outsiders' residences. The SP also directed the police officers to activate 8 inter-state awareness centres and 6 inter-district check posts located within the district and to prevent and seize smuggling of cash, illegal liquor, drugs, narcotics and other illegal items and to conduct continuous raids against illegal liquor.

Second state topper Aarush studies for 10 hours daily

DN ■ Bokaro

Aarush Banerjee, a brilliant student of class 12th in DPS Bokaro, who secured second position in the state and first position in the district by scoring 54 marks in category B of IOQM, has been very serious about studies. Including school hours, he studies for about 10 hours daily with full dedication. As a result, this time also he has proved his talent at the state level. He was the state topper in the same exam last year. Aarush, son of Dr. Devashish Banerjee, posted as a doctor in Pune, and Babita Banerjee, working as a teacher in Bokaro, has been a promising student of DPS Bokaro since class



nursery. From the beginning, he has been actively participating in Olympiads etc. He has attributed his success to the healthy competitive environment in the school, guidance of Principal Dr. AS Gangwar and support of teachers. He is interested in computer science and wants to become a software engineer in future. Aarush considers his mother.

Elected officer held meeting with representatives of various political parties

DN ■ Tenughat

Gomia Returning Officer cum Additional Collector Bokaro Mumtaz Ansari and Bermo Returning Officer cum Sub-Divisional Officer Mukesh Machhua held a meeting with local workers of all political parties at Bermo sub-divisional headquarters Tenughat and discussed about the upcoming assembly elections. Mr. Ansari said that as soon as the Chief Election Commission announced the election, the State Model Code of Conduct has been implemented. Under that, elections are to be held in the second phase in 34 Gomia and 35 Bermo. For which, a strong



democracy has to be established by establishing coordination between the workers of all the parties and conducting fair elections. In the nomination process in the sub-divisional office, only five persons including the nomination candidate have been ordered to enter the nomination room. During the nomination process, two candidates can stay in the corridor of the office, the rest of the

candidates will wait for their turn in the waiting room. The nomination process will begin from Tuesday. When asked about the Naxal-affected areas of Gomia and Bermo assembly constituencies, he said that the Naxal-affected issue has probably almost ended. Just a few days ago, during the Lok Sabha elections, no incident or accident took place and neither.

Use of loudspeakers is prohibited from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am

DN ■ Chas

In the guidelines issued for the assembly elections, it has been informed that the use of loudspeakers will be prohibited from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am. Besides this, writing slogans, pasting posters, pamphlets, hoisting flag of a particular party, putting up banners on public roads, hoardings and putting up arches on any public government property has been banned. In case of violation, legal action will be taken against the concerned persons. It has also been informed that writing slogans, pasting posters, pamphlets etc. on any personal property has been banned without the written permission of the property owner. Besides this, during the prohibition period, five or more persons shall not gather at any place. It has also been said that no person, political party, organization, candidate shall use any such poster, pamphlet, article or photograph which hurts the sentiments of any person, community, religion, caste. This will be considered a violation of the Model Code of Conduct. It is noteworthy that this will not be applicable on the traditionally armed communities, Nepal's carrying Khukri and Punjabis carrying Kirpan and on the magistrate, election commissioner and police officer deployed on law and order and election duty. Similarly, this order will not be applicable on the previous This will not be appli-

Government gave scholarship of Rs. 3.60 lakh to the players of MGM School

DN ■ Bokaro

Players of MGM School Bokaro performed brilliantly in the SGF I National Competition held in Durg district of Chhattisgarh last year and won 6 bronze medals along with one silver medal. Under the new sports policy of Jharkhand, the players were awarded scholarships by the Jharkhand government. The names of the players who received the scholarship are - Sakshi Srivastava Class 12th scholarship amount of Rs. 60,000, Zeba Naaz Class 12th scholarship amount of Rs. 50,000, Priyanshu Raj Singh Class 11th scholarship amount of Rs. 50,000, Harshit Kumar



Class 12th scholarship amount of Rs. 50,000, Vedant Bhardwaj Class 10th scholarship amount of Rs. 50,000, Tripti Jha Class 10th scholarship amount of Rs. 50,000 and Angel Rani Class 10th scholarship amount of Rs. 50,000 were given as scholarships. On receiving the scholarship, the players expressed their happi-

ness towards the Jharkhand government and called it a commendable step and right to boost the morale of the players. MGM School's sports teacher Rajeev Singh said that this time also 21 players from MGM School have been selected for SGFI National Championship in Judo and Gatka and the coach expressed hope etc.

Rock band show organized in Bokaro Mall premises to increase voting percentage

Image of the district got tarnished due to unsatisfactory voting percentage in the Lok Sabha elections : DDC

DN ■ Bokaro

To increase the percentage of voting in the assembly elections, the Sweep Cell organized a rock band show in the Bokaro Mall premises. Through a colourful musical program, the message to vote on the coming 20th November was given. On this occasion, Deputy Development Commissioner Girja Shankar Prasad, Nodal Officer Material Cell, Maa's elected officer Gomia and Additional Collector Mohammad Mumtaz Ansari, elected officer Bokaro SDO Ms. Pranjal, elected officer Prabhbas Dutt, associate officer of PWD Cell, Dr.



Suman Gupta, nodal officer Shakti Kumar, associate officer media ADPRO Avinash Kumar Singh and others were present. In his address, the Deputy Development Commissioner said that the second great festival of democracy has begun. In this great festival, everyone has to use the constitutional right of voting

rights. He raised the slogan of first voting, then any other work. He said that the percentage of voting in the district in the Lok Sabha elections was not satisfactory, due to which the image of the district has been tarnished. He said that we have to prove ourselves as responsible citizens by voting. We have to vote ourselves and appealed to

inspire others also for this. In their address, the Additional Collector and SDO appealed to the general public to vote and said that if someone's name is not in the voters list, he can still get his name added by applying in Form 6. For any information and assistance related to the election, dial 1950, the team will be ready to help you. On this occasion, various questions related to the election were asked to the people in the quiz competition organized. The audience present participated enthusiastically in the competition. Those who answered were rewarded by the officials.

Students of DPS Bokaro waved the flag of success, Shlok became state topper

Arush got second place in the state in 12th

DN ■ Bokaro

In the chain of their academic excellence, the students of DPS Bokaro have once again waved the flag of success. For the second consecutive year, the school had the best performance in the entire state in the national level prestigious mathematical examination Indian Olympiad Qualifier in Mathematics. In the examination category 3rd A class 8-11, Shlok Anand, a student of class IX, got the pride of being the state topper by securing the highest 59 marks in Jharkhand. At the same



time, in category B class 12, Arush Banerjee got 54 marks and secured second place in the state and topped the district. A total of 15 students of the school have achieved great success in this examination. In the category A of the school, class 9 student Shlok Anand 59, Shivam

Ojha 51 and Anuj 44 of class 11 secured first, second and third positions respectively. After this, Ayush Raj 42, Kumar Anmol 41 of class 11, Aarush Ranjan 41, Ayush Lachhiramka 40, Shirsh Krazia 33 of class 10, Sudhanshu Kumar 32 of class 9, Malvin Pareera 29

State topper Shlok is away from social media, aspires to become an engineer

DN ■ Bokaro

Shlok Anand, a brilliant student of DPS Bokaro, who topped Jharkhand with 59 marks in category A of the Indian Olympiad Qualifier in IOQM Mathematics, avoids social media. In a special conversation, he said that he has maintained this distance to focus on studies. He neither has a Facebook nor an Instagram account. Shlok, a student of class IX, has a heartfelt desire to become a computer engineer in future. Shlok, the promising son of civil engineer Kishore Kumar and housewife Runam Kumari in Patna, has achieved this success by



studying separately for about four hours every day apart from school. He has been studying continuously in DPS Bokaro since class 3 and has attributed his success to the efficient guidance of the teachers here under the direction of Principal Dr. AS Gangwar. Apart from studies, he is very fond of playing chess.

Bhim Army Bokaro Mahanagar Committee was formed he became Mahanagar President : Ajay Kumar

DN ■ Bermo

Bhim Army's membership acceptance cum get-together program was held in Railway Colony Bada Field on Wednesday. In the said program, District President Govardhan Ravidas and guests offered flowers on the picture of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. On the occasion, a large number of young comrades in Bokaro Mahanagar took membership under the leadership of Ajay Ram ji, resident of Bokaro, in the presence of District President Govardhan Ravidas. Shri Ravidas said that the ideology of our great men has



to be spread to the masses and by participating in every sorrow and happiness of the exploited and suffering society, their sufferings have to be removed. There are many evils like superstition, illiteracy, drug addiction etc. spread in the society, which have to be eradicated. State spokesperson Prabhunath Baudhdh said that Bhim Army has

become very strong in Bokaro. The Mahanagar President said that in the coming time, Bhim Army's organization will be formed in all the wards of the Mahanagar and a movement will be carried out in public interest. On the occasion, Bokaro Mahanagar Committee was formed in which Ajay Kumar was made President, Ajay Murmu.

News In Brief

BSL team won Direct Personal Strategy Cup

Bokaro. The grand finale of Strategy Direct Personal Cup Business Simulation Games organized by All India Management Association New Delhi was held at MTI Ranchi in which the team of General Manager Sudhir, Assistant General Manager Knowledge Acquisition and Development Amit Anand, Senior Manager Ms. Preeti Kumari from Bokaro Steel Plant won the first place. The second team of Bokaro Steel Plant secured the first runner up position in the competition which included Upma Manager Rahul Singh, Senior Manager Owais Ahmed and Manager Rahul Ranjan Panda.

Sweep Cell planted saplings in the Collectorate premises and gave the message to vote

Bokaro. The district administration is organizing various activities to increase the voting percentage in the district. In this sequence, the Sweep Cell planted saplings in the Collectorate premises on Wednesday. On the occasion, Sweep Cell's nodal officer Shakti Kumar, associate officer Ms. Priyanka Kumari, associate officer Ashwinash Kumar Singh and other officers and employees of the Sweep Cell participated in this tree plantation program. Appealed to the general public to vote and motivate others to vote as well. On the other hand, a meeting was held by Sweep Cell's nodal officer Shakti Kumar in the auditorium located in the Collectorate with the major social media influencers of the district to increase the voting percentage in the assembly elections to be held on November 20.

Raid on illegal liquor manufacturing site, 3000 kg Java Mahua and 150 liters of liquor seized

Bokaro. On the instructions of the District Election Officer, on Wednesday, under the guidance of Assistant Commissioner of Excise Umashankar Singh and supervision of Inspector Production, the team of District Excise Department raided the illegal liquor manufacturing site and seized 3000 kg Java Mahua liquor and 150 liters of illegally brewed liquor. According to the information, during

News In Brief

Newly married woman's body found in well, police engaged in investigation

Chatra: Police have recovered the body of a newly married woman from a well in Khataha Tand of Indra village under Gidhaur police station area. Police recovered the body and sent it to Chatra Sadar Hospital on Wednesday for post-mortem. The deceased has been identified as Kajal Kumari, 20-year-old wife of Kamakhya Yadav, a resident of Indra village. At the same time, Vijay Yadav, a resident of Gadiya Amkudar of Rajpur police station area, has filed an application in Gidhaur police station, accusing his in-laws.

There is no future for distorted songs in Bhojpuri: Singer Devi

Chatra: Hindustan's famous Bhojpuri and folk singer Devi said in a press conference during a program in Pratappur block of the district that there is no future for distorted or vulgar songs in Bhojpuri. Art resides in the hearts of people. Singer Devi arrived on Tuesday to present her song in a program organized on the occasion of Durga Puja in Pratappur. She started the program with the Devi song 'Nimiya ke dadh maiya laglo hindolwa', after which she added more charm to the program with one devotional and folk song after another. The audience was seen dancing to her singing till late night. Puja Committee President Rishi Kumar, Businessmen Association President Gautam Kumar etc. played an important role in making the program a success.

Dealer seriously injured in motorcycle accident

Chatra: Dealer Dhaneshwar Bhagat, resident of Pathra village, was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident near Tetriya Mod on Jihulthori main road of Mayurhand police station area. According to the information received, the dealer was going from Padma to his home in Pathra, when suddenly the motorcycle went out of control near Tetriya Mod and met with an accident. Due to which the dealer was seriously injured. Passers-by stopped on seeing the accident-hit motorcycle on the roadside.

Standing committee meeting with representatives of political parties

DN ■ Chatra

A meeting of the standing committee was held with the representatives of all recognized political parties under the chairmanship of District Election Officer cum DC Ramesh Gholap in the meeting room located at the Collectorate. In which the District Election Officer told that the Election Commission of India has announced the election on October 15 for the Jharkhand Assembly General Elections 2024. The Model Code of Conduct is in force in the district. Giving necessary information regarding the



necessary action to be taken within 24 hours and 72 hours of the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct, the DEO said that after the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct, banners and posters related to all government schemes and political parties are being removed, in which coop-

eration is expected from all. 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 assembly constituencies will be held in the first phase on November 13. For which nomination of candidates

is scheduled from 18 October to 25 October, scrutiny of nomination papers on 28 October and withdrawal of nomination on 30 October. Counting of votes will be on 23 November. Nomination of candidates is to be done in the office room of Returning Officer cum Sub-Divisional Officer Chatra/Simaria. Deputy Commissioner cum DEO said that after the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct, information must be given to the Returning Officer cum Sub-Divisional Officer 48 hours before organizing.

Large quantity of illegal liquor recovered from Bolero vehicle

DN ■ Palamu

On the instructions of SP Palamu regarding the upcoming assembly elections, Hariharganj police on Wednesday recovered a large quantity of illegal liquor loaded on a Bolero. It is said that the police had received information that a large quantity of illegal liquor was being taken to Bihar in a Bolero BR 26A 7477. In light of the information, the police took immediate action and conducted an intensive raid campaign. During the raid, the Bolero was caught with liquor on Kauwakhoh NH 139. The police arrested the said Bolero driver. On searching the Bolero, 264



bottles of beer loaded on it were recovered. In which 216 cans of 650 ml of Godfather and 48 cans of 500 ml of Godfather beer were found. Whose value is 44 thousand. At the same time, the police seized the Bolero and the liquor. In this regard, Police Inspector cum Station Incharge Chandan Kumar said that the seized

liquor was being taken to Bihar. Investigation is being done about the people involved in smuggling. Soon the smugglers will be arrested and action will be taken. Many policemen including SI Satish Kumar Gupta, Dhananjay Kumar Gop, Hemant Baski and Rakesh Kumar Singh were included in the raiding team etc.

Samajwadi Party will contest on 81 seats in Jharkhand



DN ■ Palamu

Samajwadi Party's Jharkhand election in-charge Vyas ji Gond reached Palamu where he held a press conference in Medininagar and said that Samajwadi Party will contest on 11 seats in Jharkhand. It will field its candidate from all the assembly constituencies of Palamu and Chatra. Vyas ji Gond also targeted the BJP government and said that the BJP government is anti-farmer, anti-youth government and also said that Hemant government has not done anything for the rights of the tribals. Despite being tribals, they do not think about the tribals. Tribals are being exploited in their own state. During the press conference, many party workers including Samajwadi Party state president Ranjan Yadav were also present.

Social worker Arvind Gupta demanded action by DC against the guilty workers and officers

DN ■ Chhatarpur

Dozens of beneficiaries of Nagar Panchayat Chhatarpur have completed their housing work, yet their last installment is not being paid. Due to which they are quite upset. Especially for those who have built their house by taking loan, their PM housing has become a headache for them. Not only this, there are many such beneficiaries who have not been able to pay any installment even after the housing allotment. These things were said to the journalists by the social worker of Nagar Panchayat and former candidate for the post of President of Nagar Panchayat Arvind Gupta



Chunmun. He has also sent a memorandum to this effect to the Executive Officer and City Manager through social media, in which he has demanded that the installments should be paid immediately to the beneficiaries who have completed the housing. The problems of the beneficiaries of PM housing should be solved by

arranging a single window system. The payment of many beneficiaries of PM housing is pending for the last two-three years, their payment should be ensured after investigation. The beneficiaries are troubled by visiting the Nagar Panchayat office for the first, second and third installment, but due to the indifference of the Nagar Panchayat, their problems are not being solved. Arvind has said that he had drawn the attention of the Nagar Panchayat several times in this regard and demanded the solution of the problems of the PM Awas beneficiaries, but the Nagar Panchayat adopted an indifferent attitude.

Awareness campaign conducted for opium eradication



DN ■ Chatra

An awareness campaign was conducted in various villages of Kunda police station area on Wednesday to prevent illegal opium cultivation. Special awareness campaign was conducted in Margada, Ekta and Gendra of the police station area. During the opium eradication campaign, officials interacted with the local people and told them about the misuse of opium and the dangers caused by it. Officials told the villagers that misuse of opium not only harms personal health, but it is also a big threat to the society. He appealed to the people to cooperate with the police in fighting against opium. Kunda police station in-charge Prince Kumar Singh, ASI Aneshwar Singh, in-charge forest officer and all forest guards etc were involved in the awareness campaign.

Who will be the BJP candidate in Palamu Confusion in Daltonganj and Chhatarpur

DN ■ Palamu

Jharkhand assembly elections have been announced, which will be held in two phases on 13th and 20th and counting of votes will be done on 23rd November. Elections are to be held in the first phase on all 9 seats of Palamu division. The nomination process will also start from Friday. At present, Bharatiya Janata Party has MLAs in five assembly constituencies out of nine assembly constituencies of Palamu division. Discussion on the names of candidates in the Bharatiya Janata Party for the 2024 assembly elections is in full swing. Names of three candidates



have been decided on all assembly seats. Emphasis on these leaders in ticket race According to discussions, the names of candidates have been decided on all assembly seats except Daltonganj and Chhatarpur assembly. Prakash Ram from Latehar assembly seat, Hare Krishna Singh from Manika, current MLA R a m c h a n d r a Chandravanshi from Bishrampur, Kamlesh

Singh from Hussainabad, Bhanu Pratap Shahi from Bhawanathpur, Satyendra Tiwari from Garhwa, Dr. Shashi Bhushan Mehta from Panki are strong names. For Daltonganj assembly constituency, current MLA Alok Chaurasia, BJP state general secretary Manoj Singh and Arun Shankar are in the race to get the ticket. Tough competition in Daltonganj and Chhatarpur The names of MLA.

Brahmadev Prasad's Innova car met with a horrific accident driver died Brahmadev Prasad seriously injured

DN ■ Medininagar

On Tuesday night, OBC Ekta Adhikar Manch's central president and Bishrampur assembly candidate Brahmadev Prasad alias B.D. Prasad's Innova car met with a horrific accident. This accident happened when Brahmadev Prasad, Mantosh Thakur and Vijay Sharma were going from Ranchi to Gaya. At around 01:00 in the night, a truck hit their car near Barachatti police station (Gaya). In this accident, the driver of the car, Vijay Sharma, died on the spot. Brahmadev Prasad and Mantosh Thakur were seriously injured. They were immediately admitted to RIMS



Hospital in Gaya, where they have been referred to Patna in view of their critical condition. His condition remains critical, and his supporters and family members are praying for his speedy recovery. Brahmadev

Prasad, who is the central president of OBC Ekta Adhikar Manch as well as the MLA candidate from Bishrampur Assembly, has a huge support base in the area. Given his popularity, this accident has plunged the entire area into

deep mourning. His supporters and locals are extremely worried about his health after this tragic incident and are praying for his speedy recovery. This accident has sent a wave of grief and worry across the region. His family and supporters have demanded a thorough investigation of this accident and strict action against the culprits from the government. Brahmadev Prasad's hard work as an MLA candidate and his constant voice for the rights of the OBC community have made him a strong leader, and this accident has further increased people's sympathy and support for him.

Three persons injured in a fight between two parties over fishing

DN ■ Medininagar

In a dispute between two parties over fishing in Narsinghpur Pathra village of Chainpur police station area, a person Sanjay Kumar Mahato, age 50, was seriously injured. After this, the injured person was brought to Medinirai Medical College Hospital by his family for treatment. Where his condition remains critical even after treatment. Regarding this incident, the injured Sanjay Mahato said that on Wednesday morning at 4:00 am, he was fishing with his other family members, when Vishwanath Mahato,



Pradeep Mahato, Raju Chaurasia, Vijay Chaurasia, Saroj Mahato, Lakshmi Narayan Chaurasia, Rajesh Chaurasia of the village came together armed with sharp weapons and beat me and hit me on the head

with a tangi and seriously injured me. After this, his family members brought him to Medinirai Medical College Hospital for treatment. Where his condition remains critical even after treatment. Two people from the other side were also injured in this fight. They are being treated at Medinirai Medical College Hospital. After this, the family members of the injured Santosh Mahato informed the police of Chainpur police station about this incident. As soon as the information about the incident was received, the police started investigating the matter related to the incident.

District Council gave application to District Supply Officer

DN ■ Medininagar

Patan Western District Council member Sangram Singh has given application to District Supply Officer Medininagar and said that in Patan block, Block Supply Officer Sanjay Kumar has deleted ration cards of many poor people without checking. And he is collecting illegal money from public distribution system shopkeepers. He said that two cancelled ration cards in Palhe Kala (1.2) Santosh Kumar Gupta and his brother (3) Jaynab Bibi ration card no. 202800702930 (4) Meena Devi ration card no. 202002632783 (5) Manju Devi ration card no. 202002632854 (6) Raju Ram ration card no. 202002632817 (7) Aditya Pal, ration card no. 202004791283 (8) Sunaina Devi, ration card no. 202002632785 (7) Geeta Devi All these card holders are from Gram Panchayat Satauwa. These people regularly lift ration and all these people are landless and moneyless and their only means of livelihood is labour. The card holders



who are regularly lifting ration, then under what circumstances the ration card was deleted by the Block Supply Officer without any investigation. On one hand the government is working towards eradicating poverty and on the other hand Sanjay Kumar is working to eradicate the poor. I have also informed you verbally many times that Sanjay Kumar and his associates are illegally collecting lakhs of rupees every month from the Public Distribution System shop-

keepers at the rate of Rs. 30 per quintal through the Public Distribution System shopkeepers. It should be known that in Patan Palamu there are a lot of poor people, the moneyless and landless always keep migrating to earn their living. Some card holders asked why their ration card was deleted, they were told that it is in my jurisdiction, you can go wherever you want, do not consider me as the Block Supply Officer, consider me as the District Supply Officer. The card holders are intimidated by them, such corrupt Block Supply Officers who have deleted the ration cards of the poor and are engaged in illegal collection every month by selling the food grains of the poor. This should be immediately investigated and punitive action should be taken by transferring them. He said that the Block Supply Officer is in charge of Patan block as well as the Block Supply Officers of many blocks. In such circumstances, action should be taken and they should be transferred.

What are kids Reading?



Geronimo Stilton, Captain Underpants, Wimpy Kid, Percy Jackson...kids today have much to choose from.

Pranksters George Beard and Harold Hutchins are terrorised by their principal, the mean Benjamin Krupp. They get back, and how! They turn him into a reluctant superhero who wears just briefs and a cape! If you are a 10-year-old, you would have got the story by now. This is the tale of Captain Underpants, a hot favourite among pre-teens. Then, there's the adorable mouse who publishes 'The Rodent's Gazette'. He scouts around for news instead of cheese and craves a vacation. That's Geronimo Stilton. He also has a sister, Thea Stilton, who has a separate series in her name. There's a big smile on kids' faces as they read the squiggly text that literally shivers when Geronimo is afraid.

Books for kids are big news now. There was a time when interest in books came down and technology turned temptress. But, authors such as J.K. Rowling hooked kids back to the page. Luckily, others rushed in to meet the demand.

Divya Chandran's sons Adhvik and Dhaman picked up the reading habit seeing their parents read. Today, her elder one reads National Geographic's NG Kids Magazine (for ages 6-14). There's also an NG Little Kids

Magazine (for ages 3-6).

"Adhvik loves reading about wildlife. So, I make it a point to pick up books on the subject. Dhaman likes The Berenstain Bears. When we let kids read books relating to the topics they are interested in, it keeps the reading habit alive," she says. But, yes, she does check if the books are age-appropriate.

Adventure is cool

J. Yashaswi finds Captain Underpants cool because it combines adventure, school life and an element of magic. His mother Nandini says she tries to ensure her son reads a mix of modern-day tales and vintage kids' books. So, Roald Dahl and Enid Blyton are a vital part of his reading list too.

Of late, parents and schools are encouraging children to read, if only to keep them off electronic gadgets. Book stores hold events for



children. Online store Flipkart is working at initiatives such as book readings with famous children's authors, to draw in young readers, says Anil Goteti, director-retail. Niranjani Ramanathan, who runs JustBooks library in Coimbatore, says parents are keen on books that showcase Indian culture and tradition in an easy-to-read manner. Probably why, publications by Tulika Books, Karadi Tales and Amar Chitra Katha are very popular. "It helps that most new international titles are available here too." That way, children keep pace with what others in their age group are reading across the world.

Niranjani says that a library helps because when children visit it, they end up seeing and picking up books they would have never been exposed to otherwise.

Anu Vignesh's daughter Mayanka, a Class V student, is a huge fan of Enid Blyton. She loves horses too, and so, an encyclopaedia on horses is popular on her reading list. So are pre-teen books such as the St. Claire's series.

Rema Giridhar's daughter Layanaya, 9, reads a lot of Amar Chitra Katha and Geronimo Stilton. "We allow her to read what she wants to. When she chooses a slightly higher read, we step in as censors, so that she reads the right books," she says.

Abhirami, 15, is a voracious reader. She grew up abroad and so also reads books that are unfamiliar here. Her mother Vasanthi, an avid reader herself, says she has always encouraged Abhirami to read. "We have gently nudged her to try books a little higher than her level. This has ensured she reads all books, not just those she is used to or is comfortable with," she says. Thanks to this, Abhirami reads Jane Austen, Charles Dickens, Jerome K Jerome and PG

Wodehouse. But, she also loves Asterix! Sometimes, children's reading habits rub off on adults. That's what happened with Vasanthi. "Abhirami tells me about the new authors she's reading. It's lovely because these are authors who were not around when I was a kid. At any age, it's nice to read kiddie books," she says, rushing off to read her daughter's copy of Jacqueline Wilson's Hetty Feather. "I've to return it tonight!"

What sells online

Anil Goteti of Flipkart says that Indian authors such as Ruskin Bond, R.K. Narayan and Sudha Murthy are amongst the most popular kids' authors. Adventure is a top seller, followed by the fantasy genre. And, despite the influx of new authors and titles, Enid Blyton and R.K. Narayan are still a hit.

Top-Sellers

Ages 5 to 7 Geronimo Stilton, Roald Dahl, Captain Underpants, Wimpy Kid, Dr. Seuss
Ages 8-10 Wimpy Kid, Famous Five, Hardy Boys, Nancy Drew, Amar Chitra Katha, Percy Jackson and Narnia
Ages 11-15 Lord of The Rings, The Hunger Games, Calvin and Hobbes, Artemis Fowl, Tintin and Twilight



All people lamenting how kids these days don't read much, wake up and smell the coffee. Kids are very much reading, and a lot, because parents today are making an effort to ensure their kids start early and get hooked to reading by the time they can read independently. And it's a habit that seems to stay, once they get going.

Mridula Charlu, a senior manager at an IT firm says it's been two years since their family of four took a library membership at their neighbourhood branch of Just Books "because we all love books. We used to go to the library once a week on Saturdays, now we are not so regular," she admits. She started reading books to her now nine-year-old daughter Arundhati when she was barely one. "And then while potty-training her, we gave

her books to read to keep her entertained while she sat...that's where it really started, she laughs. "By the time she was three, she was reading independently. Now, I have to tell her to stop reading, go out and play. My husband and I read a lot as well, so I guess she picked the habit from us." Arundhati has a group of about six other classmates, who exchange books between themselves and read. Her son Agastya, now a little over four years, and Arundhati read every night before they go to bed. Some classics are also downloaded on the iPad for them to read.

There may be other many encouraging factors too, apart from enthusiastic bookworm parents. The number of good libraries that allow books to be ordered from home and are delivered at the doorstep have

increased. So have activities around books—new book launches are accompanied by storytelling sessions for children. Many libraries conduct monthly activities for kids around a theme or book that could include painting, craft, making up their own stories —al of which lead kids towards more stories and more books.

Divya Purandar is a familiar figure in Bangalore's bloggers' circles as the one who blogs at One Story A Day. It all started for Divya and her then three-year-old son Abhay when they were in America. She was bowled over by the books and library system there. She started this habit of reading her son one story a day and it's become an inseparable part of their life over the last four years. "Now he's picked up reading on his own and

I get him books from early readers' series thrice a week," says Divya. She's a member of three libraries "just for him", and apart from borrowing, also buys him books every month. "He's not really a voracious reader and doesn't grab each and every thing I get him, but now I discover he's interested in reading books on adventure, cars, and mythology, especially Amar Chitra Katha."

But why then are so many rueing that kids don't read? Mridula points out that there are two kinds of children — those that read and those that don't. Umesh Malhotra, CEO of Hippocampus library, says there are two categories of parents — those who are educated and have always believed in the power of reading, and those who are schooled and focus mostly on academics and struggle to realise the importance of the reading habit in their children's lives. "The average starting age of reader in our place is about 3.5 years and we have upward of 3,000 members. Many mothers bring their kids to our library when they are as young as one, and we have seen them evolve as readers till they are about seven. Parents have taught children the alphabet by the time they are three, and they specially take time out to make them read," he observes.

Varsha Pillai, mother to Aadya, who's just a little over two, has been reading to her daughter since she was one. She started identifying things in books before she turned two. They graduated from hard board books, to touch and feel, to small stories like the Baby Einstein series. Books are also great company for children on long journeys, she's realised. Varsha believes there are many takeaways to children learning to read early. "She is able to identify and recognise things around her. Recently we went to the Mysore zoo and she recognised a Toucan because she'd seen it in a book." Apart from going to the library regularly, Varsha also buys second-hand books that can be rough-used, and come at a much lower cost than rather expensive children's books otherwise.

Taking baby reading Steps



What kind of military power does India need

SOME unrelated events of the last week draw attention to India's modest trans-border military (TBM) capability and the manner in which certain disruptive technologies are impacting the conduct of war. The military operations in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war (that began in February 2022) and the spiral of violence triggered by the Hamas terror attack on Israel (in October 2023), now roiled by the entry of Hezbollah and Iran, testify to the latter trend to a certain degree. Some preliminary policy inferences can be drawn that are relevant for India. The first development pertains to the October 9 Cabinet Committee on Security approval for the acquisition of two nuclear propelled submarines (SSN); these platforms are also referred to as attack-submarines or hunter-killers. They will be indigenously designed and built at Visakhapatnam. This is a major policy decision and an ambitious one at that.

India was yet to acquire the requisite level of technological competence to design and build a conventional diesel-electric submarine, but yet it had moved straight to design and build a SSBN (a nuclear powered submarine with nuclear-tipped ballistic missiles) — the INS Arihant. The SSBN has a strategic role, which is to ensure credible second-strike capability to render nuclear deterrence more robust. India joined this select group of nations in 2018, one which includes the USA, Russia, the UK, France and China.

After a long gestation period of almost 17 years since the acquisition of an SSN was first mooted, India is now embarking on the project, though this approval has to be followed by adequate budgetary allocations. An SSN is a totally different platform by way of technological features and as is the case with the first type of any naval platform, the journey will be long, arduous and expensive. The two SSNs are reported to cost Rs 15,000 crore each, though this is an initial estimate. When these two boats enter service in an operational manner — with full ordnance package, which means submarine-launched missiles — India will have a credible underwater capability, wherein the SSN can be tasked with attack, surveillance and special operations roles, depending on the tactical exigency. In essence, the SSN can remain on extended underwater 'prowl', and unfriendly navies will have to factor this capability when operating in maritime areas of relevance to India. On the same week, on October 7, the CCS also approved phase III of the Space Based Surveillance system (SBS), which will allow India to launch 52 spy satellites in low earth and geostationary orbits. Expected to cost Rs 27,000 crore, the trans-border surveillance capability of this cluster will be enhanced by artificial intelligence and give a fillip to India's comprehensive TBM index. Air power is a core element of a nation's TBM capability and this aspect came into focus with the assumption of office by the new air chief, Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, who took over in end-September. During the traditional media interaction in the run-up to the Air Force Day on October 8, ACM Singh noted the gap between India and its principal strategic challenger, China, in the air power domain and dwelt on the need to ramp up domestic production of fighter jets to redress dwindling numbers. Moreover, he said, his first effort would be not to allow "the fighter aircraft strength go down below 30 squadrons" and that HAL should stick to its promise to deliver 24 aircraft every year to bridge the numbers gap.

The 30 squadron figure has to be seen against the aspiration of the IAF to have 42 fighter squadrons to deal with a two-front operational requirement against China and Pakistan. This number was arrived at after the 1965 war with Pakistan; and none other than the legendary JRD Tata, an accomplished pilot and founder of Air India, was a member of the group that made this assessment.

The manner in which air power has been transmuted is evident in the Russia-Ukraine war as well as the violence in West Asia, where the use of relatively less expensive unmanned drones and missiles/rockets have replaced the once-familiar deployment of fighter aircraft and long-range bombers.

Himachal's financial struggle in a centralised system

Initially meant for specific, temporary purposes, cesses and surcharges have now become permanent fixtures in the tax system.

Tikender S Panwar (Ex-Dy Mayor, Shimla) and Raja Awasthi (Official, Govt of Himachal Pradesh) OVER the past week, BJP president and Union Health Minister JP Nadda has made claims regarding the fiscal crisis in Himachal Pradesh. Nadda has argued that the state government, led by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, is financially dependent on the Central government. He has claimed that Rs 500 crore was being provided as a fiscal deficit grant, with an additional Rs 800 crore given monthly to keep the state financially afloat. However, these statements are not merely a reflection of the fiscal concerns but also a political attack on the Congress-led Himachal government, raising questions about the state's fiscal management. Nadda's comments can be seen as part of a broader trend of undermining fiscal federalism in India, particularly targeting smaller states like Himachal Pradesh. But do the smaller Himalayan states truly depend on the Centre for survival? And why has fiscal centralisation intensified in recent years? Himachal Pradesh ranks just below Kerala in terms of human development indices, thanks to successive governments which have invested heavily in education and social welfare. By the mid-1980s, the state had achieved full electrification despite its low population density and challenging terrain. Human resource development has been a significant driver of growth even though the state has remained industrially underdeveloped. Himachal Pradesh also contributes significantly to national resources, particularly in water and electricity generation, thanks to its large reservoirs and hydroelectric power stations. However, this has come at the cost of environmental degradation in the state. While the state's expenditure on social welfare remains high, it plays a vital role in national infrastructure. The financial landscape of India over the last decade has increasingly shifted towards centralisation, weakening the fiscal autonomy of states. Contrary to Nadda's assertions, the Centre's financial assistance is not an act of mercy but rather a constitutionally mandated part of India's federal structure. Article 270 of the Constitution outlines the distribution of taxes collected by the Union between the Centre and the states, based on the Finance Commission's recommendations. These taxes include corporation

tax, personal income tax and the Central GST. However, the BJP leader's claim ignores the larger issue of cess and surcharge, which are collected by the Centre but not shared with the states. In 2024-25, cesses and surcharges are estimated to constitute 23 per cent of the Central government's gross tax



receipts, depriving the states of their share. The total tax revenue for 2022-23, 2023-24 (revised estimates) and 2024-25 (budget estimates) are projected to be Rs 30.5 lakh crore, Rs 34.4 lakh crore, and Rs 38.8 lakh crore, respectively. Of this, the states' share will be only Rs 9.5 lakh crore, Rs 11.0 lakh crore, and Rs 12.2 lakh crore. It is significantly lower than the 41 per cent share recommended by the 15th Finance Commission.

Initially meant for specific, temporary purposes, cesses and surcharges have now become permanent fixtures in India's tax system. The share of cesses and surcharges in the Centre's gross tax revenue increased from 10.4 per cent in 2011-12 to 20.1 per cent in 2020-21. This shift has eroded the share of taxes devolved to states, significantly affecting their revenue. Even though various finance commissions have repeatedly advised that cesses and surcharges be levied sparingly, the Central government has increasingly relied on these measures. States have little-to-no control over these revenues, which are often used for Centrally-sponsored schemes. This has undermined the spirit of fiscal federalism, leaving states with reduced fiscal independence.

For example, the GST compensation cess, intended to cover shortfalls in tax collection after the GST's introduction, is being used primarily to repay loans taken for compensation purposes. The Centre's

reliance on these levies has not only weakened the financial position of the states but also raised concerns about the transparency and accountability of how these funds are used. Does the given fiscal architecture mean that the larger game plan is to destabilise the Opposition-ruled state governments in the country? JP Nadda, hailing from Himachal Pradesh and having served as a Cabinet minister in the state, should recognise the unique fiscal challenges faced by the mountain states. Himachal, which shares an international border, has particular fiscal needs and requires special attention from the Centre. After achieving statehood, Himachal enjoyed a strong partnership with the Central government, which facilitated its remarkable developmental progress. This collaboration was built on mutual trust and shared responsibility for development, not on condescension or political ridicule. If Nadda truly wants to help HP, he should advocate for the state's rightful demands rather than demean it for political purposes. HP's fiscal concerns are longstanding and deserve attention. They include issues related to the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), the Punjab Reorganisation Act and the water cess dispute — all of which have significant financial implications for the state. The Supreme Court has upheld Himachal's claims in these matters. The Central government should work to resolve them fairly. Himachal Pradesh is not merely surviving on the Centre's largesse; it is an integral part of India's development, contributing to national resources while balancing its own fiscal needs. The state has made considerable progress in human development, largely through its investments in education, health and social welfare. However, the increasing centralisation of fiscal powers, particularly through cesses and surcharges, has limited the state's financial independence. For fiscal federalism to thrive, the Centre must recognise the importance of states like Himachal and work collaboratively to address their concerns. Restoring the balance between the Centre and the states that ensures a fair distribution of resources is essential for the long-term development of India's federal system. Rather than perpetuating political attacks, the Centre should focus on promoting the rightful fiscal interests of Himachal Pradesh and fostering a more cooperative approach to governance.

Right to protest

Normalisation of disruption is not good

THE right to protest is protected under Article 19 of the Constitution. Citizens have a right to assemble peacefully and protest against the action or inaction on the part of the State. What's becoming an issue of concern, particularly in Punjab, is the repeated recourse — almost a given — to blocking roads and railway tracks when something irks someone. The protesters base their argument on past experience, which is that memorandums and dharnas count for little and only the disruption of traffic and essential services has the desired effect of forcing the authorities to take cognisance. The counter-argument is equally persuasive. What purpose does it serve to inconvenience fellow citizens day in and day out? If the authorities are at fault, why make the people suffer? The normalisation of disruption is a telling commentary on a State that does not care — for protesters and public alike.



It is essential to guard against a citizen versus citizen binary taking root. A situation, where both protesters and citizens harbour the notion of being victims, does not augur well for democracy. It dilutes the legitimate demand of

protesters and makes citizens immune to legitimate causes. No one gains. The use of the term 'andolanjevi', in the protests against the Modi government's three farm laws drew criticism, and rightly so. People in our region stood as one, in solidarity with the protesting farmers. If these selfsame citizens — known for backing a worthy cause — increasingly feel they are at the receiving end, those leading the protests need to introspect. The methods being adopted are not helping.

Meanwhile, another 'andolanjevi,' the well-known Ladakhi activist Sonam Wangchuk is not being allowed to have his say in Delhi. Section 144, the Raj-era section in the revamped penal code, has been imposed all over the capital's New Delhi district, prohibiting the gathering of more than five people. This is unimaginable in Punjab. That is why we must further nurture the tradition of talking truth to power, but not at the cost of societal disjunctiveness.

Young doctors must introspect, too

They should also raise their voice against the dehumanisation of modern biomedical system

AS I write this piece from Kolkata, I see young doctors coming to the street, raising their voice, exposing the huge network of corruption, or the tyranny of 'threat culture' that operates in government hospitals in West Bengal, and demanding safety and protection in their workplaces. Will it be possible for young doctors to feel somewhat uneasy with the way their profession has been transformed into a trade or a profit-making business? Yes, their determinism, or their courage to fight the ruling political establishment, is indeed praiseworthy. Yet, I feel like appealing to them and their senior colleagues to widen their horizons, become sufficiently self-reflexive, and also critically examine the discontents of the hegemonic biomedicine — its power discourse, its commodification, and innumerable malpractices associated with it. Well, I too adore doctors; and I am aware of the remarkable achievements of modern medicine. Take insulin, control your diabetes, and lead life reasonably smoothly; or, go for a knee replacement surgery, and walk once again confidently — yes, the heroic tales of modern medicine can be heard in every household. But then, these achievements notwithstanding, I cannot deny my ambivalence, and even some serious critique of the modern biomedical establishment. And I want young doctors particularly, because they have not yet lost their critical thinking, to reflect on this critique, and give a new meaning to their struggle. Well, young doctors need to reflect on the prevalent politics of knowledge. Isn't it a fact that it is fairly easy to debunk 'traditional' medical systems like ayurveda, unani or homeopathy? If, as a patient, you dare to speak of the discontents of the modern biomedical system, you are likely to be reminded that you are merely a layperson; and hence, it would be better to accept everything your doctor suggests or prescribes.

In fact, the power discourse implicit in the hegemonic biomedicine, as Ivan Illich articulated with great insight in his classic 'Limits to Medicine', "disempowers the patient." But then, as a patient, you are not just a discrete body with a set of measurable parameters (say, your blood culture, or the findings of your biopsy report); you are also a living soul with consciousness and agency; and you might have your own choice regarding the way you wish to live or die.

Should you pass through a painful process of chemotherapy in the ICU of a super-specialty hospital, and live with a faint hope that you might get temporary relief from the pain of 'acute myeloid leukemia', and survive for another two months? Or, should you refuse to reduce yourself into an object of experimentation and choose to go back to your home, and eventually leave the world amid the presence of the loved ones in your own bedroom?

Nobody — not even the best doctors with the power and aura of 'scientism', and the technology of artificial life-support systems — should be allowed to deprive you of your choice or your agency.

However, the irony is that because of the hegemonic biomedicine, and, to use Illich's words, the resultant "medicalization of death", most of us seem to have lost our control over the experience of living and dying. Not to say 'yes' to everything the doctors and associated pharmaceutical industry suggest is often ridiculed as an act of irresponsibility, or a demonstration of one's 'anti-science' temperament! Likewise, will it be possible for young doctors to feel somewhat uneasy with the way their profession has

been transformed into a trade or a profit-making business? Of course, doctors need to earn and live a decent life. But then, we are witnessing how, because of the absence of good facilities in our overcrowded government hospitals (don't forget that public health spending for financial year 2024 is merely 2.2 per



cent of the GDP), corporate super-specialty hospitals do not hesitate in selling 'good health' as a commodity with an 'appropriate' price list — say, ICU: Rs. 90,000 per day; or deluxe room: Rs 75,000 per day; or attractive 'packages' or 'discounts' for bypass surgery and kidney transplant. No wonder, health insurance companies seek to "bring smiles to happy consumers", and advise you "not to worry about cost limit, and focus only on your recovery!"

However, if you acquire the courage to keep your eyes open, you can easily see the speedy transformation of a noble profession into an ugly trade involving the

chain of corporate hospitals and nursing homes, all-pervading health insurance companies, and, above all, the \$65-billion pharmaceutical industry.

Is it the reason why middle class parents are willing to sell their property, and send their children to dubious private medical colleges so that they can become 'doctors'? And, finally, should the practitioners of modern biomedicine recognise the social/economic dimension of disease and illness? For instance, can a doctor cure your chronic bronchitis only through costly medicine, if you are constantly exposed to polluted air because of your social location as a construction worker or a labourer in a coalmine? Or, for that matter, can even the best doctor help you to free yourself from the recurrence of stomach ailments and jaundice, if the state fails to provide clean and safe drinking water to the slum you live in and you don't have the money to buy

heavily priced filtered water bottles? Possibly, 'value-neutral' medical science does not want to ask difficult social/political questions; instead, it is easier to see the patient as just a 'discrete' body and ask him to go to clinical labs for a battery of 'tests' he can seldom afford! Yes, as Kolkata has demonstrated, young doctors are bold enough to protest for their rights and dignity. But then, will it be altogether wrong if you and I expect some amount of self-introspection from them so that they can also raise their voice against the pathology that has dehumanised the modern biomedical system?

Why Lawrence Bishnoi is at the centre of India-Canada row over Nijjar killing

Amid its diplomatic row with India, Canada has accused the PM Narendra Modi-led government of colluding with the Bishnoi gang to carry out criminal operations even though it has not provided any concrete evidence.

New Delhi: Lawrence Bishnoi, the dreaded gangster imprisoned in Ahmedabad's Sabarmati Central Jail, has emerged as a new focal point in the India-Canada diplomatic row. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has accused India of colluding with his gang to carry out criminal operations in Canada even though it has not provided any concrete evidence. A Washington Post report claimed that National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval held a secret meeting with his Canadian counterpart in Singapore, where they discussed Bishnoi's alleged involvement in the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada. India has strongly rejected these accusations, dismissing Ottawa's claims of New Delhi's involvement in the murder as a "deliberate strategy to smear India for political gain".



On June 18, 2023, Hardeep Singh Nijjar was shot dead outside a gurdwara in British Columbia, Canada. Three sharpshooters fired 34 rounds at him. Nijjar, designated as a terrorist by India's National Investigation Agency (NIA), had a Rs 10 lakh bounty. He was accused of carrying out targeted killings of Hindu leaders in Punjab in collaboration with Pakistan's intelligence agency, ISI, and had been involved in terrorist activities in Punjab. Intelligence agencies also reported that Nijjar had undergone training in

Pakistan. Almost a year later, in May 2024, Canadian police arrested four men of Indian origin -- three initially and one later -- in connection with the murder. Karan Brar and Kamal Preet Singh, both 22, along with 28-year-old Karan Preet Singh, reportedly confessed to the killing, according to Canadian officials. A fourth suspect, 22-year-old Amardeep Singh, was later arrested and also claimed involvement in the murder. All four had arrived in Canada on student visas and were staying there. Before the police made any official statement, a Canadian newspaper reported that the four arrested men were linked to the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. The report claimed that Bishnoi's men, allegedly at the behest of India's Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), carried out Nijjar's murder by sending four shooters from Punjab to Canada. On October 15, amid reports of the Bishnoi gang's hand in the murder of an NCP leader and former

Maharashtra minister Baba Siddique, Canada reiterated that Indian agents working with the Lawrence Bishnoi gang were targeting pro-Khalistan elements. However, the Canadian police have yet to provide any concrete evidence beyond the names of the four men from Punjab. According to Canadian authorities, members of the Bishnoi gang were also responsible for the killing of another Khalistani terrorist, Sukhdool Singh, in Winnipeg, Canada, in September last year. Sukhdool Singh, also known as Sukha Duni, had fled India and was associated with the rival Bambaiga gang. The Bishnoi gang later took responsibility for the murder, declaring, "We will find and eliminate our enemies, wherever they may be". An official from India's intelligence agency stated that many gangsters and terrorists from Punjab flee to Canada, where they are given refuge by the government. According to him, a gang war is going on between.

HARDEEP NIJJAR'S MURDER AND BISHNOI GANG

40,000 Indians apply for Australia's work and holiday visa with only 1,000 spots

New Delhi: Australia's new Working Holiday visa has attracted significant interest from Indians, with 40,000 applications submitted for only 1,000 available spots, reported news agency PTI. The visa, open for the age group of 18 to 30, allows them to study, work, or travel in Australia for up to 12 months.

The application process, which began on October 1, will close at the end of the month. Applicants will be selected randomly, and those shortlisted can apply for a temporary visa to start their stay in Australia next year. "The great thing about the Working Holiday visa is that there are no restrictions on the jobs you can do. Till now, 40,000 applications have been received for the 1,000 visa spots. While many participants are expected to work in hospitality and agriculture, they will also have the option to pursue short courses or improve their English skills," Australian Assistant Minister for Immigration Matt Thistlethwaite told PTI. "The great thing about the Working Holiday visa is that there are no restrictions on the jobs you can do. Till now, 40,000 applications have been received for the 1,000 visa spots. While many participants are expected to work in hospitality and agriculture, they will also have the option to pursue short courses or improve their English skills," Australian Assistant Minister for Immigration Matt Thistlethwaite told PTI. Many participants are expected to work in hospitality and agriculture, while others may take short courses or improve their English skills. Thistlethwaite pointed out that the process offers young people the chance to experience Australian culture and gain work experience across various sectors, with hopes that it may encourage future returns on student or skilled worker visas.

Punjab Should Declare Itself Helpless": Supreme Court On Delhi Air Pollution

New Delhi: The Supreme Court - as Delhi faces (predictably) worsening air pollution levels in the city and the national capital region - slammed the Punjab and Haryana governments Wednesday, calling them out for failing to act on June 2021 orders to prosecute violators of anti-pollution laws. The court seemed to dare the Punjab government to declare itself "helpless" to deal with multiple violations. "Let them declare 'we cannot do anything... we are helpless,'" it said, as it noted that Punjab and Haryana - ruled by the AAP and BJP, respectively - had not prosecuted violators, particularly farmers burning stubble, or agricultural waste, since 2021, and only imposed nominal fines. The Commission for Air Quality Management - the central government panel that had issued orders to prosecute pollution law violators - was also criticised. It was called a "toothless wonder" for failing to enforce its own orders and its members' competence was questioned.

A bench of Justice Abhay S Oka, Justice AG Masih, and Justice A Amanullah - hearing the issue of non-compliance with CAQM directions - set a one-week deadline to prosecute violators. "Why is there no prosecution for violation of orders? This is not a political issue... it is about implementation of statutory directions by CAQM under Section 12..." Justice Oka said. "We will take penal action against (CAQM) officers... only then there will be action. No political considerations will apply here," he added, as the court called out the Haryana government over nearly 200 recorded cases of farm fires for which "only nominal fine has been recovered". The court pointed out states were fed detailed information - by the Indian Space Research Organisation - about the location and size of fires caused by burning farm stubble.

"So you cannot say locations were not found... but nobody is going to prosecute, nobody is going to take action (against the violators)," he continued, "They will pay a nominal fine..." "What is all this going on?" an angry court asked, also demanding to know if prosecution was being halted or slowed "at the instance of somebody else". "... we will issue summons to them also. What is this hesitation in prosecuting people?" the court asked of the state governments. Earlier this month too, the CAQM was slammed for "total non-compliance" with the law. "Have committees been constituted? Please show us a single step taken... show us a single direction issued..." the court said, unimpressed when told the CAQM meets once in three months.

Air India flight, diverted to Canada due to bomb threat, leaves for Chicago

New Delhi: Air India on Wednesday announced that the Chicago-bound flight carrying 211 people which was diverted to Canada after receiving a bomb threat, was finally heading to its destination. On Tuesday, seven Indian flights got bomb threats, with at least two of them making emergency landings. In a statement, Air India said that passengers of flight AI127 were being ferried on a Canadian Air Force aircraft which took off from the remote Canadian city of Iqaluit at 3.54 am (local time) and is expected to land in Chicago at 7.48 am (local US time). "We thank the Canadian authorities and authorities at Iqaluit airport for their support and assistance extended to the passengers and Air India during this unexpected

disruption," it added. Of the 211 people on board, 20 were crew



members. On Tuesday night, the flag carrier had announced that the flight was "subject of a security threat posted online and, as a precautionary measure, has landed at Canada's Iqaluit airport".

Besides the New Delhi-Chicago Air India flight, the six others that received bomb threats on Tuesday were the Jaipur-Bengaluru Air India Express, Dammam-Lucknow IndiGo, Darbhanga-Mumbai SpiceJet, Siliguri-Bengaluru Akasa Air, Amritsar-Dehradun-Delhi Alliance Air and Madurai-Singapore Air India Express. The development came a day after three international flights from Mumbai were affected due to similar threats, with one being diverted to Delhi. While the Mumbai-New York Air India flight carrying 239 passengers was diverted to Delhi for security checks, the two other concerned flights were IndiGo 6E 1275 en route to Muscat, IndiGo 6E 56, headed for Jeddah.

Continuous rain in Tamil Nadu, several trains cancelled, red alert in Andhra

New Delhi: The well-marked low-pressure area over the southwest and adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal moved west to northwestwards and intensified into a depression on Tuesday evening, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in a statement. The weather system is expected to make landfall between Andhra Pradesh's Nellore and north Puducherry on Thursday, October 17.

This meteorological system is advancing northwestwards at approximately 10 kmph, and the anticipated landfall is likely to bring significant weather changes to the region, the Met said in a press statement. According to a Met official, heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely in a few places in southern Andhra Pradesh and northeast Tamil Nadu in the next 24 to 36 hours. Southern Karnataka is also expected to receive a fresh spell of rainfall in the same period, the wether body said. In view of the rain alert, schools and colleges will remain shut in Chennai, Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur and Chengalpattu districts of Tamil Nadu on Wednesday, October 16. The government has also urged private officers to allow their employees to work from home due to the rain forecast. State Chief Minister MK Stalin also spoke to people living in relief camps due to the heavy rain.

He also announced that free food would be provided on October 16 and 17 at all Amma canteens in view of the rain. Similarly, in Bengaluru, officials announced that schools will also be shut on October 16 due to the orange alert issued in the city. Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar advised people to take necessary precautions following incessant rains in the city, as he declared the government's preparedness to deal with the situation.

Shivakumar said the government has the "strength" to manage the situation and "set right" the issues that have cropped up due to the rains. "I appeal to citizens to take necessary precautions in the wake of the rains. There might be some traffic issues today," Shivakumar, who is also the Minister in-charge of Bengaluru Development, Shivakumar said.

Teams of NDRF and State Disaster Response have also been deployed in Chennai and Bengaluru following the heavy rain forecast. In Tamil Nadu, 1,000 monsoon medical camps have been set up, which includes 100 such facilities in Chennai. As many as 13,000 volunteers have come forward to assist authorities in rain-related tasks. In total, 65,000 volunteers are on standby in the state.

Supreme Court questions National Task Force's slow pace of work: Must expedite

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday noted that the National Task Force (NTF), set up to establish safety protocols for healthcare professionals, has made little progress. The court directed the government to take steps to ensure the task force completes its work within a reasonable time. A bench led by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud observed that no meetings of the task force had been held since September 9.

"What has the task force done after September 9? Why (there is) no meeting after September 9? Why is there no progress? It must expedite the work," the bench

said. Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, informed the court that an affidavit had been submitted outlining the actions



taken by the National Task Force (NTF) to date. He described the NTF's efforts as "humongous" and assured that it was working toward a lasting

solution to the challenges faced by healthcare professionals. Mehta also assured the court that the NTF would accelerate its efforts. "It appears that neither the National Task Force nor the subgroups have made any substantial progress pursuant to the remit set in the orders of this court. The SG has accepted that no meeting appears to have been held since the first week of September 2024. We are of the view that the Union of India must take proactive efforts to ensure that the task of the task force is completed within a reasonable period in the future," noted the bench. The court ordered that meetings be held regularly and asked for updates on tentative recommendations. The court set a tentative deadline of three weeks for the task force to present its progress.

Complete defiance: Supreme Court blasts Punjab, Haryana over Delhi air pollution

The Supreme Court directed the Commission of Air Quality Management to take penal action against state government officers and directed the Haryana Chief Secretary to be present in court next Wednesday.

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday reprimanded Punjab and Haryana over the issue of stubble burning, stating that no effective action has been taken by the states to address the problem, which exacerbates air pollution levels in Delhi and its neighbouring regions during the winter season. Noting that there has been a substantial increase in stubble burning cases in both the states and calling it an "absolute defiance" of

direction by the Commission of Air Quality Management (CAQM), the court summoned Haryana Chief Secretary on October 23. "We see that the affidavit by Haryana is full of non-compliance. We direct Commission to take penal action against State Officers under Section 14. We direct Chief Secretary Mr Prasad to be physically present on next Wednesday. Commission will make statement about coercive action taken against State officials. Chief Secretary holds an explanation to court not only for non-compliance but also for not taking stringent action against violators," Justice AS Oka said.

The Supreme Court was hearing a case of non-compliance of orders passed by the Commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region (NCR), particularly regarding stubble burning. The court also criticised the central commission for failing to take action on violations. It said, "Who is



appearing for Punjab and Haryana? None of the members of the commission are qualified for dealing with matters of air pollution. Absolute non-compliance. Check our last order and June 10 order as well. Not a single prosecution has been done yet. Everything is just on paper".

When the Haryana Chief Secretary submitted that 17 FIRs were registered this year, Justice Oka pointed out that the cases were not under the required provisions and warned that the court would issue contempt proceedings if

action was not taken within one week. "We are telling you very clearly. We will give you one week and if not complied, we will issue contempt against Chief Secretary. Why are you shy of prosecuting people?," the top court asked. The Supreme Court had directed the Punjab and Haryana governments to file affidavits disclosing steps taken to comply with CAQM orders. Taking up the affidavit filed by Punjab, the court noted the state also has not prosecuted people for stubble burning. Show us a single prosecution. You could have prosecuted persons under Section 15 of the Environment Protection Act. Not a single case is initiated. There is no compliance..." Justice Oka said. Stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana is a significant contributor to Delhi's air pollution, especially during the post-harvest October-November season, worsening the Air Quality Index (AQI) to extremely unhealthy levels.



Can your Beauty Salon harm you?

If you're planning on some post party indulgence, here's why you should think twice

The quickest way to pamper yourself is to indulge at the salon. However, a recent study claims that a simple fish pedicure that involves tiny toothless carp nibbling away at dead skin could spread deadly infection and disease. And that's just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. So, if you have intentions of stopping by the salon for a beauty treatment, read on.

Skin-tillating? ...not at all! If you have a weak immune system, or condition like diabetes and psoriasis in particular, experts advise you to stay away

from your local beauty parlour. They warn of the dangers of contracting Hepatitis C from the use of unsterile scissors (through a nick during a haircut or even a manicure). A website even reports how American singer Paula Abdul suffered a long and painful thumb infection she picked up at a Los Angeles nail salon and testified before legislators in support of a bill to increase nail salon health standards.

"If a person is already infected with a bacterial or

fungal infection and warts or molluscum (viral) and bleeds into the water in the tank, then there definitely is a very chance this could be passed to another client, either via the fish or contaminated tank water; if this not taken care of it can be harmful," says skin expert Dr Krupa Amonkar. In addition, there is a danger of contracting the Hepatitis c virus from unsterile scissors either through a nick during a haircut or during a slip that

draws blood in a manicure. A website reports how singer and American Idol judge Paula Abdul suffered long, painful thumb infection that she apparently picked up at a Los Angeles nail salon and testified before legislators in support of a bill to increase nail-salon health standards. Mike Comins, chairman of the British Association of Cosmetic Doctors, says: "Hepatitis C is a robust virus that can live outside the body for quite a long time and may not display any symptoms at all. It can linger for decades, increasing your risk of cirrhosis and liver cancer. It's very contagious and not routinely tested for." Adds skin doctor Rita Shah, "One has to be careful. If the instruments are not sterilised properly, there's a risk they could spread blood-borne infections." Hair and now! Ever thought a simple blow dry could nix it for you? That's apparently that case.

You can actually suffer 'asphyxiation' from a Brazilian Blowdry as a major ingredient in the straightening treatment d u b e d t h e Brazilian, or permanent, blowdry is said to be formaldehyde. And inspite of certain restrictions on the amount of the chemical that can be used, and new formaldehyde-free formulations, certain firms are still selling products that can cause breathing difficulties and other unpleasant side-effects. That's a scare, not counting smaller woes like head lice from dirty brushes! And don't forget hot wax has the potential to be seriously dangerous if it's not handled properly or even a stroke from a washbasin! If you have managed to just end up with a crick in your neck and shoulder after a shampoo, count your blessings. Research indicates that the position in which you have to hold your



neck while being shampooed over a basin could, in a few cases result in a stroke, known as Beauty Salon Stroke Syndrome. The result can be dizziness, facial numbness, and even a blood clot in the brain. This is especially dangerous for those with high blood pressure. The warning signs are out, next time you might want to do a re-think before your hairdo or manicure.

Finding a good tattoo artist is half the job done, yet there are things even the most professional ones might withhold from you. Here are some of them:

Tattoos hurt... a little The pain you will experience while getting a tattoo is relative, and a lot of it is in the mind. Says tattoo artist Lama, "I've had body builders who start crying once the needle pierces the skin and middle-aged women who doze off while they are getting a tat." If you are confident in your artist and excited about the design, experts say that you're more relaxed and the pain is miniscule. It also boils down to the skill of the artist. If he doesn't know the levels to push the needle, is too rough or doesn't know the level of thickness of the skin's layers, it could cause bleeding and scarring. The tattoo needle shouldn't make you bleed.

Asking for the shop minimum is an insult

The shop minimum at a tattoo parlour is the overhead costs that it takes to get you tattooed. Keeping the equipment clean and sterile costs money. This includes needles, ink and workstations. Asking your tattoo technician a question like, "What's your shop minimum?" can dampen his mood.

Never get a tattoo in summer

Tattoo ink is made up of pigments that can fade easily when exposed to the sun's ultraviolet rays. With the weather hot all year-round in Mumbai, you can't deprive yourself of tattoos.



Tattooing

etiquette and tips for newbies

So, while your tattoo is healing, cover it up. Wear clothing while walking in direct sunlight and avoid the beach.

White tattoos are a waste

Transparent and white tattoos are a growing trend that will almost always leave you with regret. Says tribal tattoo expert Mo Naga, "You're going through the pain and healing for something that is sort of invisible. White ink falls out, gets splotchy and yellow over time. It usually ends up looking like a scar or birthmark." You don't want to go through the entire process of healing for something that looks good only for a day.

Machine users aren't tattoo artists

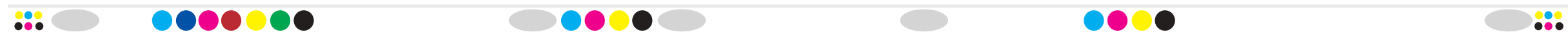
"There are many people around calling themselves tattoo artists because they know how to use the equipment," says tattoo artist Sunny Bhanushali. A tattoo machine is just a tool, knowing to use it doesn't make a person a tattoo artist. While choosing the tattoo artist, always ask to see his finished work. A good tattoo artist will be very good at drawing, painting or any other art form. So the easiest way to find the right artist around you is to look at his tattoo portfolio and drawings. Don't tattoo the name of anyone besides your parent or child. Tattooing the girlfriend's name on your arm is risky business so hold off on name tats. Brash youthfulness, saving broken relationships, and even branding a partner as yours makes name tattoos a cover-up job. After his split with long-time girlfriend Winona Ryder, Hollywood actor Johnny Depp had to change the tattoo on his right arm from 'Winona Forever' to a weird 'Wino Forever'. The bottom line is: Young love ends, the tattoo stays. All inks should be in disposable caps. Ink, cream and other materials must be divided into separate containers for each client. Visit a tattoo parlour and you will see rows of tiny white caps on a tattoo artist's work station. Tattoo ink is placed into

If you belong to that shrinking breed of people who've never been inked, you're probably still contemplating that oft-repeated question of tattoo virgins: Does it hurt? Get past the temporary pain once you've set your mind on getting inked, and decide on the design.

these caps because throughout the tattooing process, the artist has to constantly dip the tattoo needle into the colour of ink. Like old fountain pens, tattoo needles retain a tiny amount of ink on the tips that have to be constantly replenished. If they were to keep dipping the tattoo needle into a central, main pot of ink, it would cross-contaminate every client.

Have your concept ready

Says Sunny, "You need to have some concept for your tattoo. The artist will convert your idea into a creative design. If you don't have any idea about what exactly you want on your body, the artist will be at a loss about what to suggest and you might get something you regret." Also, amateur tattoo artists in the city download ready designs from internet. Don't settle for clones. Demand a custom design. It's your right to ask your artist to draw something specially for you.



NEWS BOX

Lionel Messi remains coy on Argentina future: These can be my last games

New Delhi. Lionel Messi has remained coy on his Argentina future after scoring a hat-trick against Bolivia in the South American World Cup qualifiers on October 15, Tuesday. Messi was in scintillating form as he put the Bolivian side to the sword, bagging his 10th international hat-trick. With this, Messi went level with Cristiano Ronaldo for the most international hat-tricks in history. Messi was asked after the win over Bolivia if he would be there in time for the 2026 World Cup, where Argentina will be defending their crown. The 37-year-old would give an honest answer saying, as quoted by ESPN, he hasn't set a deadline for his future and is focussed on enjoying the love he is getting from the fans at the moment.

"I didn't set any date or deadline about my future," Messi said. "I'm just enjoying all this. I am more emotional than ever and taking all the love from the people because I know these can be my last games." Plan to be with Argentina as long as I can contribute. Messi went on to say that he feels great playing at home as he can lap up the affection from the Argentina fans. The Argentine maestro said that the team enjoys the connection with the fans at the



moment. "It is very nice to play here feeling the affection of the Argentina fans," Messi said after the game. "It makes me emotional to listen how they shout my name. We all enjoy this connection with the fans and we love playing at home."

Messi said that he feels like a kid once again being surrounded by younger teammates and would continue playing for the Argentina team if he can maintain that feeling and contribute to the side.

"It's a joy to be present and appreciate this moment. Being surrounded by younger teammates, given my age, makes me feel like a kid again," Messi said. "I find myself doing silly things because I feel so comfortable. As long as I maintain that feeling and can continue contributing to the team, I plan to be here enjoying [the national team]."

Shubman Gill should not open in Rohit Sharma's absence in Australia: Anil Kumble

New Delhi. Shubman Gill has the experience of playing in Australia and he is capable of shining at No. 3, former India captain Anil Kumble said. The legendary leg-spinner urged India to resist the temptation to open the batting with Gill if and when Rohit Sharma is unavailable for a Test match in the much-anticipated Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Shubman Gill began his career as an opener, making his debut in Melbourne in 2020. He opened the batting for India in as many as 17



Tests before opting to move to No. 3 in 2023. When India looked beyond Cheteshwar Pujara, Gill volunteered to drop in the batting order and allow Yashasvi Jaiswal to open the innings with Rohit Sharma in Test cricket.

Rohit, according to sources, is likely to miss the first Test of the upcoming five-match series against Australia in Perth due to personal reasons, leaving a spot at the top up for the taking. Kumble said India should look at opening with Yashasvi and KL Rahul and allow Shubman to continue batting at No. 3. "You know he (Shubman) is exceptionally talented, skilful and he's done that. He's been to Australia before. Like you mentioned, in Brisbane, he got a wonderful fifty there and he knows the conditions," Kumble told the broadcasters during a rain delay on Day 1 of the Test between India and New Zealand in Bengaluru on October 16. "I don't want to change that. I know there's a temptation to push Shubman Gill because Rohit is not available in the first Test. But, there's always KL Rahul who that name is synonymous with change and adapting to whatever the team wants. Whether you want to open the batting or keep wickets, Rahul Dravid did that, now KL Rahul is doing that," he said. Gill hit a match-winning 91 in India's iconic victory in the Brisbane Test in 2021 while opening the batting. The young batting star has slowly, but surely, found his footing at the No. 3 spot for India.

Pro Kabaddi League: Tamil Thalaivas bank on Sachin, retained core for season 11

- Thalaivas bought Sachin for 2.15 crores
- Sachin will have a chance to cement himself as one of the best in the league
- Thalaivas retained their core players before the auction

New Delhi. After a disappointing campaign last time around, Tamil Thalaivas are eager to make a strong comeback as Season 11 of the Pro Kabaddi League kicks off on October 18. Despite reaching the semi-finals in Season 9, the Thalaivas faltered last season, failing to progress beyond the league stage. Now, with a revamped coaching setup and key player retentions, they are determined to secure a place in the PKL 11 Playoffs. For this season, the Thalaivas have adopted a dual-coach system, appointing Udaya Kumar as head coach and former PKL champion Dharmaraj Cheralathan as the strategy coach. This collaborative approach is

expected to bring fresh ideas and guidance to the team. Although Tamil Thalaivas weren't amongst the busiest teams during the Season 11 Player Auction, they made headlines by signing star raider Sachin for a record INR 2.15 crores. With their core squad intact, here's a breakdown of the Thalaivas' strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats heading into the new season.

Strengths

One of Tamil Thalaivas' key strengths is their ability to retain most of their core players from last season. Star raider Narender, who has accumulated 429 raid points in two seasons, will once again be the focal point of their attack. Adding to this is the acquisition of Sachin, who boasts 952 raid points in his PKL career and holds the record for the most do-or-die raid points (233) in league history. Together, Narender and Sachin form a formidable raiding duo, providing the team with a powerful offensive unit. The Thalaivas' depth in raiding is further strengthened by backup options like Vishal Chahal, who made an impressive debut last season with 34 raid points, and the experienced Chandran Ranjit, who has tallied 534 raid points in his PKL career. In defence, the team has maintained continuity by retaining key players such as Sagar, M.



Abishek, Sahil Gulia, Himanshu, Mohit, and Amirhossein Bastami. Sahil Gulia and Sagar were among the top 10 defenders last season, with 69 and 66 tackle points respectively, ensuring the Thalaivas have a solid defensive lineup.

Weaknesses

Despite their strong roster, the Thalaivas' depth in defence could be a concern if key defenders like Sahil Gulia or Sagar suffer injuries or experience a dip in form. Sagar's absence for several matches last season significantly affected the team's defensive balance, and a similar situation this season could expose their backup defenders, such as M. Abishek, Himanshu, Mohit, and Bastami,

who will need to step up under pressure.

Opportunities

For Sachin, this season presents an opportunity to further cement his status as one of the league's premier raiders. Just 48 raid points away from reaching 1000 in his PKL career, he will aim to surpass the 200 raid points mark in a season for the first time. With the support of Narender, who will share the raiding responsibilities, Sachin finds himself in an ideal setup to achieve his personal and team goals.

Threats

One potential threat for the Thalaivas is the lack of an experienced all-rounder in their squad. All-rounders are crucial for providing balance, contributing on both offense and defense. Iranian Moein Safaghi is the team's only designated all-rounder, but he has yet to make his PKL debut. Relying solely on him to fill this vital role could be risky, especially if key players are sidelined due to injuries. Without a proven all-rounder, the Thalaivas may struggle to maintain balance if they face personnel challenges throughout the season. As Season 11 approaches, Tamil Thalaivas will look to build on their strengths while addressing these potential weaknesses and threats, as they aim to make a deep playoff run.

IPL 2025: Coach Paras Mhambrey to work with Lasith Malinga at Mumbai Indians

- Paras Mhambrey worked with Mumbai Indians for 4 years from 2009
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- Mumbai appointed Mahela Jayawardene as their head coach in October

New Delhi. Mumbai Indians added former India bowling coach Paras Mhambrey to their coaching unit on Wednesday, October 16. The five-time Indian Premier League champions confirmed that Mhambrey will work closely with bowling coach Lasith Malinga in IPL 2025. Mhambrey returns to the Mumbai franchise after having had a successful stint with the Indian senior men's



cricket team.

Paras Mhambrey, 52, was part of the Rahul Dravid-led coaching team during India's T20 World Cup triumph. Having worked closely with Dravid over the last few years, Mhambrey is one of the most sought-after bowling coaches. Mumbai Indians confirmed that Lasith Malinga will continue to have the responsibility of working with the bowlers and Mhambrey will work alongside him in IPL 2025. The announcement came a week after MI welcomed Mahela Jayawardene back as

their head coach for the IPL 2025 season. The former Sri Lanka captain, who was instrumental in their title triumphs, replaced Mark Boucher, who was in charge of the team for the 2022 and 2023 seasons. "He will work alongside current Bowling Coach Lasith Malinga, as part of the coaching team under Head Coach, Mahela Jayawardene. He has been a part of the Mumbai Indians coaching team earlier as well, celebrating title wins in the IPL and the Champions League T20," Mumbai Indians said in a statement.

Paras Mhambrey played two Tests and three ODIs for India after making his debut in 1996. A medium-pace bowler, Mhambrey picked 5 wickets in international cricket. Mhambrey played domestic cricket for Mumbai, featuring in 91 first-class matches and taking 284 wickets and 83 List A matches with 111 wickets.

Mhambrey worked with the Mumbai Indians for four years after he was first appointed as assistant coach in 2010. The former fast bowler's extensive experience of working as a bowling coach will come in handy as Mumbai Indians look to bounce back from the horror season in 2023.

Net gains for Adarshini, Sachin in CM Trophy 2024

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CHENNAI. Adarshini Shri NB of Vellore and Sachin JT of Coimbatore clinched the badminton schools girls' and boys' singles gold medals in the CM Trophy 2024 on a day where incessant rains battered the city. Adarshini defeated Rajarajeshwari J of Sivagangai 21-13, 21-4 in the girls' final, while Sachin JT got the better of Rishivanth CA of Tiruppur 21-15, 15-21, 21-14 in the boys' category. Defending champs Chennai



continue to top the leaderboard with 59 gold, 40 silver and 43 bronze while Chengalpattu is a distant second with 12 gold, 17 silver and 17 bronze. Salem district, who are third in the standings, managed to close the gap on Chengalpattu by winning the women's handball gold as Kancheepuram and Chennai bagged silver and bronze, respectively. Tiruchirappalli bagged the school boys' hockey gold on a better goal difference as three teams finished with five points each, registering one win and two draws.

MOP Vaishnav triumph

MOP Vaishnav College for Women won the University of Madras, Inter-Zone (women) ball badminton tournament held at SA Arts & Science College. In the final, MOP defeated Ethiraj 35-19, 35-26. Teams from MOP, JBAS, SRMAS, Ethiraj and WCC took part in the tournament. Placings: 1. MOP Vaishnav; 2. Ethiraj; 3. B-Zone combined team; 4. A-Zone combined team.

Vijay clinches title

Tamil Nadu's Vijay Shreeram finished with a tally of 7.5 points at the end of the 8th and final round and won the New Prince Group of Institutions-Sri MS Venkatararam Memorial 9th International FIDE-rated chess tournament. International Master Ravichandran Siddharth, Aswin Sairam, Ayushh Ravikumar, Madhesh Kumar, Vignesh B, IM Balasubramaniam R and Karan JP scored seven points each and they finished 2nd to 8th place, respectively, based on their tie-breaks. Vijay bagged a cash award of Rs 60000 and a trophy.

Bengaluru crowd erupts with Virat Kohli chants at Chinnaswamy Stadium

- India host New Zealand for three-match Test series
- Day 1 of 1st Test delayed due to persistent rain in Bengaluru
- Kohli received loud cheers from crowd at M Chinnaswamy

New Delhi. Day 1 of the 1st Test between India and New Zealand might not have witnessed any action yet, with rain playing spoilsport. Nonetheless, the fans remained upbeat, cheering through a rainy day at the M



Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on October 16, Wednesday. Despite an Orange Alert declared in the city and the Karnataka government ordering work from home due to inclement weather, this couldn't stop the fans from turning up in huge numbers despite the

incessant rain. Supporters queued outside the stadium amid persistent showers before finally gaining entry. The toss was delayed, but the fans continued to fill the stadium, showcasing their enthusiasm for the game and its players. As the Indian team shifted

their base to an indoor training session, Virat Kohli made an appearance, sending the crowd into a frenzy. The RCB star walked across the stadium to the indoor training area, greeted by thunderous cheers. Emerging star Yashasvi Jaiswal accompanied Kohli, eager to get into the groove before the match. Jaiswal has frequently been seen practising alongside Kohli in the nets, eager to learn from the seasoned campaigner. Kohli's arrival was met with chants of his name, creating the perfect homecoming for the crowd favourite. The unbreakable bond between the Bengaluru fans, RCB, and Kohli was on full display. Kohli has always acknowledged the love and support showered on him by the fans. Now, the Bengaluru crowd eagerly awaits his performance in whites for India as they take on New Zealand. Although rain and drizzle persisted throughout the day, fans remained unfazed, waiting patiently to support the Indian team and their favorite stars.



Priya Bapat

Sends A Message On Body Positivity With Her New Beach Outfit

Marathi actress Priya Bapat maintains a strong presence on social media. She is currently enjoying a vacation on the beach. During her free time, she indulges in activities she enjoys, including photoshoots, and the pictures are currently going viral on social media. In the photos, Priya donned a black transparent full-sleeve top, which she teamed with a matching sequin skirt. She chose a glam look, including perfectly drawn eyebrows, black smoky eyes, contoured cheeks, and a pink lip shade. She left her hair open and free-flowing and rounded off her look with a pair of golden hoops. She can be seen posing on a beachside. Her happy and vibrant sun-kissed look, along with her body-positive message, gives pure vacation vibes.

The photos went viral. While one of her fans commented, "Wow, stunning." Another one added, "Adorable." While many dropped red heart and fire emotions in the comment section. Well, this is not the first time. A few days back, the actress dropped a couple of photographs from her photoshoot session and surprised her fans. In the photos, the actress is seen slaying in a black and white printed co-ord set. She wore a blazer teamed with a matching black bralette and trousers. She chose a nude base except for the kohlrimmed eyes, tied her hair in a high-rise bun, and completed her look with golden earrings. Her pictures gave boss lady vibes, and she looked stunning.

Priya Bapat mainly works in Marathi films. She is best known for her roles in the movies Kakparsh and Aamhi Doghi, for which she won the Best Actress award. She made her debut with the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar movie in 2000. She is also remembered for her roles in Munnabhai MBBS and Lage Raho Munnabhai. Priya Bapat is one of the highest-paid actresses in Marathi cinema. She was recently seen in the Hindi-language crime thriller film Visfot. The film was written by Abbas Dalal and Hussain Dalal, directed by Kookie Gulati, and produced by Sanjay Gupta and Anuradha Gupta under the banner of White Feather Films. The film stars Riteish Deshmukh and Fardeen Khan, with Priya Bapat and Krystle D'Souza in supporting roles. It was released on September 6, on Jio Cinema.



Oviya Filed A Complaint With The Commissioner Against 'Morphed Video', Says Manager: 'It's A Sensitive Issue'



An alleged private video of actress Oviya, known for Kalavani and Bigg Boss Tamil Season 1, was making the rounds of social media. The notorious incident has been the talk of all leading social media platforms with many rumours afloat. Actress Oviya, on the other hand, hasn't made an official statement regarding the ongoing controversy. However, she replied to many users who harassed her in the comments section of her Instagram posts. Many lauded her for handling the issues with sarcasm, while others questioned why she is not denying the claims.

Meanwhile, News18 got in touch with Oviya's manager, who claimed that the actress has filed a complaint with the Chennai police commissioner and will take necessary legal action against the culprit. "It is a morphed video made by someone who wanted to tarnish the name of Oviya. She has taken the matter to the police commissioner and will take necessary legal action against the culprit," he said. When asked about the details of the accused, Oviya's manager said, "It is a sensitive issue. So, I can't reveal such details." When trying to reach Oviya, the manager claimed that she is currently unwell and cannot be contacted. Social media continues to be abuzz with talks about the scandal. Many have come down heavily on people sharing the screenshots of the viral clip. Actress Oviya made her acting debut with the Malayalam film Kangaroo. She later became famous with the Tamil film Kalavani, which had actor Vemal in the lead role. The film became a blockbuster and Oviya was roped in for notable projects like Marina and Kalakalappu. She became immensely popular for her stint at Bigg Boss Tamil Season 1, where she was harassed by other teammates. Her statements like "Neenga Shut up Pannunga" in the house became part of Tamil pop culture. It also made Tamil merchandise like t-shirts.

Raveena Tandon Recalls Mob Attack, Says Similar Thing Happened With Richa Chadha: 'It's A Planned Thing'



In June, Raveena Tandon and her driver were attacked by a mob in Mumbai amid allegations of rash driving. In a recent interview with NewsX Live, Raveena shared that Mumbai Police indicated the attack was pre-planned. She also mentioned that her friend, actress Richa Chadha experienced a similar mob incident the next day. Raveena expressed concern over these intimidation tactics and said that Richa had to settle the matter because there were no CCTV cameras to capture the truth. Raveena said, "Unfortunately, this has been going on in Mumbai, which is a planned kind of a thing. Jo ki darane ki baat hai (to intimidate). Jab ye mob ka incident hua (When this mob incident happened), in fact, the next day, my friend Richa Chadha called me. She said, 'Raveena, you won't believe it, the same thing happened!' The same thing happened with Richa, and unfortunately, no CCTV cameras to record the truth. In fact, she had to pay up. She had to settle the matter. The cops told her that settle it. She, in fact, the poor thing, went ahead and settled."

Raveena Tandon said that the police believe her mob incident was planned to get money. She described how the mob tried to break into her house while her children were inside and her husband was away. Raveena and her staff blocked the gate to stop them, insisting that the police should take care of it.

"I remember, the mob was so aggressive. They were entering my house. My children were upstairs at home. My husband wasn't at home. Jo mere male members of staff dikha rahe the unko, wo kheech ke maar rahe the unko. In fact, gate pe main khadi ho gayi aur meri jo do domestic staff ki members hain, jo saalo se hain mere sath, hum gate par khade ho gaye the that no one will enter the house. Aur wo dhakka de de ke bol rahe the aap bas driver ko bahar bhej dijiye. Toh maine kaha uski galti hai toh police ko aa jane dijiye, fir aap le jaye usko. (They were bashing up male members of my staff. Me and two female members of my staff stood at the gate so that no one enters the house. They kept pushing and demanding us to surrender the driver. I said if the driver is at fault, let the police come and take him). Who are you to give justice? Who are you to lynch him? Aap kyu maara peeti karna chahate ho? No hitting! Please don't hit anyone. But ek jo mob frenzy ho jati hai na jab sab sath mein ho jate hain (it was like a mob frenzy, when everyone gets together)," Raveena added.

Taapsee Pannu

Takes A Jibe At The Rise In Spy Thrillers In Bollywood: 'Everyone Wants To Do...'

Taapsee Pannu has done a plethora of spy films in her career. While she made her debut in Bollywood with the slapstick comedy film Chashme Baddoor, she went on to play more nuanced roles later. In a recent interview, she took a dig at the rise in spy thrillers in Bollywood. She spoke about how every actor wants to work in a spy thriller today which she had done years ago. In a conversation with News X, Taapsee Pannu spoke about how she worked in spy thrillers when they weren't the rage in Bollywood. She mentioned how she was a part of spy-thrillers when they 'were not in fashion.' The actor said, "Now, everybody wants to do a spy thriller. I did it so many years ago that now if I do it again it's very weird; why are you repeating yourself?"

I've done something which was so remarkable back then, I don't want to touch it and spoil it again. If I have to really do action thriller, I was very clear I will go in some other world."

Pannu played the role of a spy in Baby which was released in 2015. Following this, she stepped into the shoes of a spy in Naam Shabana which was released in 2017. Bollywood has a plethora of spy films in the pipeline, including the YRF Spy Universe and the woman-led Alpha which will star Alia Bhatt and Sharvari in lead roles. On the work front, Pannu will be next seen in Gandhari. Netflix recently shared the introduction teaser of the film. From the looks of it, the project might revolve around a mother who



takes drastic steps when her children are in danger. Sharing the announcement, the OTT giant wrote, "The Hasseen writer-actor duo is back. Kanika Dhillon and Taapsee Pannu return with an action thriller. Gandhari arrives soon, only on Netflix. #GandhariOnNetflix @kanika.d @taapsee @kathhapiictures." The release date of Gandhari has not been announced yet.

