

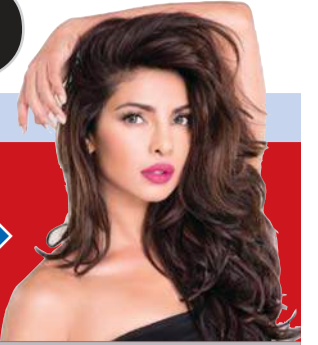


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In Shorts

Trying to kill me, Hezbollah's big mistake: Netanyahu

Jerusalem: Hezbollah tried to target Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu's house by attacking with a drone. However, Netanyahu and his wife Sara were not at home when the attack took place. Benjamin Netanyahu has called it a 'serious mistake' by Hezbollah. The Israeli Prime Minister said that anyone who tries to harm Israeli citizens will have to pay a 'heavy price'. We will continue to eliminate terrorists and those who send them. We will bring our hostages from Gaza and our citizens living on the northern border back to their homes safely. Netanyahu said that Israel is determined to 'achieve all our war objectives and change the security reality in our region for generations to come'.



Massive fire in Basukinath main market



Dumka: Dozens of shops were burnt to ashes due to a sudden fire in the main market of Basukinath. After the arrival of four fire engines from Deoghar and Dumka, the fire was controlled with the help of local people. The local administration was also present on the spot. Actually, dozens of shops were burnt to ashes due to a massive fire in the main market around 12 o'clock late Saturday night.

I am going through a crucial phase of my life: Salman Khan

New Delhi: In his first public comment after the murder of Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader and his close friend Baba Siddiqui, Bollywood actor Salman Khan said that he has to handle the fight between the contestants of "Bigg Boss 18" at a time when he is going through a crucial phase of his life.



Former Maharashtra minister Siddiqui was known for organizing lavish Iftar parties and his contacts in Bollywood. Siddiqui was shot dead on October 12 outside the office of his MLA son Zeeshan Siddiqui in Mumbai. According to the police, Siddiqui is suspected to have been targeted by gangster Lawrence Bishnoi due to his close ties with Khan.

Rebellion in BJP after announcement of seats! Maneka Sardar resigns after Meera Munda gets ticket

Jamshedpur: BJP has given ticket to Meera Munda, wife of former Union Minister Arjun Munda, from Potka assembly constituency of East Singhbhum. Supporters have congratulated Meera Munda on this announcement. On the occasion, BJP candidate Meera Munda said that the party has given us a chance. We will work for the public. Corruption is rampant in the current government, to eradicate which the public will have to support the BJP.

Meanwhile, former Potka MLA Maneka Sardar has resigned from the party. After division of 81 assembly seats in Jharkhand assembly elections, BJP has announced the names of its candidates. In Kolhan, in 6 assembly seats under East Singhbhum district, BJP has announced the name of Meera Munda, wife of former Union Minister



Arjun Munda, for Potka assembly. After the announcement of the name on Saturday late evening, a crowd of BJP workers started gathering at Arjun Munda's residence in Jamshedpur Ghorabandha, among whom women were also present. Everyone was seen congratulating Meera Munda by feeding her sweets.

Who will contest against Hemant Soren in Barhet, confusion in BJP

Ranchi: BJP has released the list of its 66 candidates for Jharkhand Assembly Elections 2024. However, BJP has still not announced any name for Barhet and Tundi. In such a situation, many speculations are being made.



It is almost certain that Hemant Soren will be the candidate from JMM from Barhet. But who will be the candidate from BJP here remains a suspense. There is a discussion in the political circles that BJP wants

to give ticket to Louis Marandi from here, but Louise does not want to contest from Barhet. In such a situation, BJP can surprise here.

Hemant Soren has been winning elections for two consecutive times

Barhet assembly seat is considered to be a dominant seat of JMM. Hemant Soren has been winning elections from here continuously for the last two times. This time also it is being said that Hemant Soren will contest from Barhet only. JMM is hopeful that Hemant will definitely score a hat-trick. Voting is to be held in Barhet in the second phase.

It is believed that Hemant Soren will file nomination from here on October 24. However,

it is not clear who will contest against him from BJP.

BJP has not been able to win in Barhet till date

BJP has not been able to open its account on Barhet assembly seat till date. In the first two elections on this seat formed in 1957, the candidate of Jharkhand Party won from here, while the Congress Party also won from here twice. Here, the candidate of Janata Party has also succeeded once. But since 1990, this seat is occupied by JMM. Hemant Soren has become MLA from here for the last two times, while before that Hemlal Murmu had won four times in a row and Thomas Hansda had won once.

Panic due to explosion in Delhi



New Delhi: A sudden explosion was heard in Prashant Vihar area of Rohini, Delhi, which created panic in the entire area. This explosion took place near the wall near the CRPF school. After the explosion, a huge cloud of smoke was seen rising at the spot, which spread panic among the local people.

Rohini DCP Amit Goyal said that experts have been called to find out the cause of the explosion. It is not yet clear what type of explosion it was or what was its source. The DCP said that complete information about the situation will be available only after the arrival of the expert team.

Forensic investigation started Delhi Police has called the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) team to the spot in view of the seriousness of the case. After a detailed investigation by the team, it will be clear what caused the explosion and whether it was an attack or an accident caused by some other reason.

Big move before elections; BJP's prominent leaders Louis Marandi, Ganesh Mahli and Chunna Singh will join JMM



Ranchi: There has been a stampede since the announcement of tickets for assembly candidates by BJP. First Maneka Sardar has resigned from the party. Now the news is coming that BJP leader and former minister Louis Marandi can be made JMM's candidate from Jama. If sources are to be believed, BJP's strong leader Louis Marandi has become disillusioned. BJP has not given her a ticket this time. In his place, Sunil Soren has been given a ticket from Dumka. She is angry with this. Sources said that soon she will resign from BJP and join JMM and JMM will make her a candidate from her traditional seat i.e. Sita Soren's seat Jama. It is almost decided that now Louis

Marandi will be the candidate of JMM. Now its formal announcement is pending. Louise Marandi, who has previously contested assembly elections from Dumka seat, recently BJP declared Sunil Soren as the candidate from Dumka seat, due to which Louise is angry. This is the reason why she is exploring the possibility of joining JMM. BJP is now trying to make her contest from Barhet seat, but Louise is not ready for this at the moment. She is getting continuous calls from BJP leaders of Delhi, but seeing her strong position in Dumka, she is not ready to move from there.

If we talk about Ganesh Mahli, then he has resigned

Former MLA Amit Mahato ready to carry the flag of JMM in Silli again

Ranchi: Former MLA of Silli Amit Mahato has once again taken up the flag of JMM. CM Hemant Soren has welcomed him in the party. After including him in JMM, Hemant Soren himself shared a photo with Amit Mahato from his social accounts. He has posted that former MLA of Silli and combative youth leader

Amit Mahato is welcome back to the JMM family. Fight, fight! It is worth noting that Amit Mahato defeated AJSU supreme Sudesh Mahato in the Silli assembly seat in the year 2015. Here Amit Mahato became MLA for the first time on JMM ticket. Amit Mahato defeated Sudesh Mahato. After this, Amit Mahato emerged as a sharp young leader in Jharkhand politics.

However, after this he also came into controversies. Ranchi Civil Court had sentenced Amit Mahato to two years of imprisonment for abusing and misbehaving with the then CO of Sonhatu. Due to this, Amit Mahato lost his MLA status. After the sentencing by Ranchi Civil Court, former MLA Amit Mahato had knocked the door of Jharkhand High Court. The High Court had provided relief to Amit Mahato.

from the BJP party. Let us tell you that he met CM Hemant late at night. Ganesh Mahli, who has been a candidate from Saraikela assembly seat twice, was very angry for not getting

BJP ticket. He has claimed that he will contest against Champai Soren from Saraikela seat on JMM ticket. There is also news that Chunna Singh can also go to JMM.

Jharkhand's weather may change again

Ranchi: The weather is changing rapidly in the country. Cold has knocked in North India. At the same time, rain continues in South India. Meanwhile, a cyclonic storm has arisen in the Bay of Bengal. The Meteorological Department has issued an alert regarding this. Jharkhand's weather may change again from October 24.

Lots of 500 rupee notes were flowing in the drain, people pounced on them, the crowd collected about 2.5 lakh rupees

Sangli: A large number of people rushed to catch the notes flowing in the drain in Atpadi of Sangli district of Maharashtra. People showed a lot of enthusiasm. Actually, lots of 500 rupee notes were flowing in the Ambabai drain. A huge crowd of people gathered to get these notes. On Saturday, people who came to the weekly market saw that 500 rupee notes were flowing in the drain. After this, people jumped into the drain to catch the notes. It is estimated that people have collected about two to two and a half lakh rupees from the river.



According to the information, a weekly market is held in Atpadi town on Saturday. This market is held near the drain located next to the Ambabai temple in the village itself. As it was a market day, people were coming and going in the morning. Around nine in the morning, some citizens going to the market saw that notes were flowing from the drain. After this, some people

got into the water and checked whether these notes were real. After getting the information that the five hundred rupee notes were real, this news spread like wildfire in the area. After this, a large number of people jumped into the drain to collect the notes.

Where did the notes come from?

Meanwhile, on receiving the information, Atpadi police also reached the spot. The police took the people out of the drain and started collecting the notes. But where did these notes come from? Who threw them and why? This is not yet understood.

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JMM candidate Sukhrum will file nomination on 21st, Hemant Soren or Kalpana may join

Chakradharpur: Sukhrum Oraon will file nomination on 21st October as JMM candidate from Chakradharpur assembly. Chief Minister Hemant Soren or his wife Kalpana Soren will participate in the nomination. This information was given by JMM district president Sukhrum Oraon. He said that after filing the nomination papers at one o'clock, a public meeting will be held at Podahat Stadium at two o'clock. Chief Minister Hemant Soren or his wife Kalpana Soren, Minister Deepak Birua, MP Joba Majhi and other leaders will participate in it.

Ramgarh Superintendent of Police inspected the accommodation sites

Ramgarh: With the aim of conducting the upcoming Assembly General Election-2024 in a clean, peaceful and fear-free manner, Ajay Kumar, Superintendent of Police, Ramgarh, on Sunday conducted a surprise inspection of the basic facilities of the accommodation sites identified for the accommodation of external forces coming to Ramgarh district. Chandan Kumar Vats, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Municipal), Pawan Kumar, Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Patratu, Faujan Ahmed, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Prof.), Mantu Yadav, Prachari Pravar, Ramgarh, Yogendra Singh, Police Inspector, Patratu Zone and all the police station / OP in-charges of Patratu subdivision were present in the inspection.

Students of Mirror of the Society Institute were taken on an educational tour

Bishnugarh: Students of Mirror of the Society Institute located in Mahato Colony, Block Road, Vishnugarh were taken on a tour of Harihar Dham Temple located in Bagodar, the border area of the block and Radha Shyam Sundar Temple located in Bhutahi Murgaoon under the block. In which the students were given detailed information about the Shiva temple.

A joint team of police and CRPF recovered two SLRs from Laduradhi and Surugada villages under the Naxal-affected Karaikela police station

DN ■ Chakradharpur

The security forces engaged in eliminating the Naxalites are getting continuous success. In this sequence, a joint team of police and CRPF recovered two SLRs (Self Loaded Rifles) from the forest and hilly area around Laduradhi and Surugada under the highly Naxal-affected Karaikela police station of West Singhbhum district. These were buried in the ground and were dug out by the security force personnel.

According to the information received by the police, the two SLRs which have been recovered were buried in the ground by active members of the banned CPI (Maoist) Naxalite organization Amit Munda, Prabhat Munda, Chaman alias Lambu, Saluka Kayam, Risib alias Jiuri, Bulbul, Bir Singh,



Hemanti and Sanjay.

Campaign continues to catch Naxalites: Superintendent of Police Giving information in this regard on Sunday, Superintendent of Police

Ashutosh Shekhar said that to catch top leaders of the Naxalite organization Misir Besra, Anmol, Mochu, Anal, Asim Mandal, Chaman, Ajay Mahato, Sagen Angaria, Ashwin etc.,

a joint operation team of Chaibasa Police, Cobra 209 Battalion, 203 Battalion, 205 Battalion, Jharkhand Jaguar and CRPF 60 Battalion, 197 Battalion, 157 Battalion, 174 Battalion, 193 Battalion, 157 Battalion, 134 Battalion, 26 Battalion and 11 Battalion teams has been formed and the campaign is being conducted continuously.

In the course of the campaign being run against the Naxalites, the Superintendent of Police received secret information on October 18. The information was that in May this year, there was an encounter between the police and the Naxalite organization, in which Budhram Munda, a member of the Naxalite organization, was killed. After the police-Naxal encounter, Naxals Amit Munda,

Prabhat Munda, Chaman alias Lambu, Saluka Kayam, Risib alias Jiuri, Bulbul, Bir Singh, Hemanti and Sanjay had hidden the weapons by digging the ground in the forest-hill area of Laduradhi and Surugada under Karaikela police station.

Taking immediate action on the basis of secret information, a joint operation team was formed with CRPF 157 BN under the leadership of Additional Superintendent of Police (Operation) Paran Rana and a search operation was started in the said forest and hill area. During this operation, two SLRs (Self Loaded Rifles) were recovered and seized from the forest-hill area around Laduradhi and Surugada under Karaikela police station on 19 October. Anti-Naxal operation is still going on in the area.

Ganesh Mahli met CM Hemant late night, will join JMM; can contest election against Champai

DN ■ Chaibasa

Bharatiya Janata Party is going to get another shock today. Information is being received that Saraikela BJP leader Ganesh Mahli is going to resign from the party. He met CM Hemant late night. Ganesh Mahli, who has been a candidate from Saraikela assembly seat twice, is very angry at not getting BJP ticket. He has claimed that he will contest against Champai Soren from Saraikela seat on JMM ticket. He said these things after the list of BJP candidates was released on Saturday. Ganesh Mahli clearly said that he will resign from BJP on Sunday. He also said that when Champai Soren came to the party, we welcomed him and left the Saraikela seat without any protest. After this, he started preparing for the election in Kharsawan. His ticket from Kharsawan assembly seat was confirmed but Champai Soren has created obstacles by going to Delhi. He wants to oust us from politics. Its result will be seen in the coming time.



Jharkhand Backward Front candidate Damyanti Nag made a courtesy call on Malti Giluwa

DN ■ Chakradharpur

Jharkhand Backward Front convener Adikant Sarangi, president Jai Jagannath Pradhan and candidate Damyanti Nag made a courtesy call on BJP's Mahila Morcha state vice president Malti Giluwa. And sought blessings for victory. On this occasion, Damyanti Nag said that I have been working to strengthen the organization by staying in the BJP party for the last several years. But the party has neglected me. Now I will win the assembly elections by becoming the candidate of Jharkhand Backward Front and will serve the people. She said that I have worked in the BJP organization



with Malti Giluwa. And now I need her blessings. I hope that she will definitely support me in the election. At the same time, Adikant Sarangi said that Damyanti Nag has been fielded in the election to bring change and development of the area in Chakradharpur assembly. We are getting support from every village and the entire city. And we hope that Damyanti Nag will

win the election with a huge majority. Jai Jagannath Pradhan said that our organization is getting support from all sections. People want a change in Chakradharpur assembly. Damyanti Nag has been fielded in the election to bring about that change. We will file our nomination soon. And with the support of the villagers, we will win with a huge majority.

Police-administration flag march in view of elections in Chakradharpur



DN ■ Chakradharpur

To ensure peaceful conduct of assembly elections and to instill confidence in people, Chakradharpur police station conducted a flag march in Chakradharpur. Police officers and jawans involved in the flag march visited Chakradharpur's old colony, Dandasai, Pawan Chowk, Aslam Chowk, Potterkholi, Chandmari, Tobacco Patti, Bata Road, Bhagat Singh Chowk, Bharat Bhawan, Bangalata, Itwari Bazaar, Potka and other localities. Police station in-charge Rajiv Ranjan said that the administration is completely serious about creating confidence in people. Police patrolling will continue from time to time at all polling booths in the police station area.

Karva Chauth festival was celebrated with great devotion on Sunday

DN ■ Ramgarh

Karva Chauth festival was celebrated with great devotion on Sunday in Bhurkunda Koyalanchal, Bhadaninagar, Basal and nearby areas. On this occasion, married women kept a waterless fast with a wish for their husband's long life. Also, married women did sixteen adornments and decorated the plate with fruits and flowers and performed Puja in the evening. At many places, other religious rituals including collective worship were performed. After the puja, the married women performed the ritual of looking at the moon and their husbands through a sieve. During this, traditional songs of Karva Chauth were also sung. After the puja, married women ended their fast by drinking water from their husband's hands. A lot of enthusiasm was seen among married women regarding Karva Chauth festival. Here, Karva Chauth festival was celebrated collectively at Praveen Sharma's residence located at River Side



Bhurkunda. First of all, all the married women had Sehri before sunrise in the morning and observed a Nirjala fast for the long life of their husbands. In the evening, all the married women gathered together and worshipped Maa Gauri and prayed for the long life of their husbands. During this, Pandit Nivedan Dwivedi performed Gauri Puja with full rites and Vedic chanting. After this, the fast was broken by offering Arghya after the moon rose. Women like Sushma Sharma, Suman Sharma, Manju Sharma, Rajni Trehan, Sneha Trehan, Mamta Shahjara, Mili Choudhary, Aarti, Geetanjali Shrivastava etc. participated in the puja.

CPM Ramgarh District Committee meeting held at Bhurkunda party office

Several issues including strengthening of organization were discussed, District conference in Ramgarh on 21st December

DN ■ Ramgarh

CPM Ramgarh District Committee meeting was held at Bhurkunda party office on Sunday. It was chaired by Com. Dhaneshwar Mahato. In the meeting organized under the guidance of observer Com. Ramchandra Thakur from the state committee, first of all a minute of silence was observed to pay tribute to Prof. Dr. GN Saibaba of Delhi University who died due to inhuman torture and pain in jail and to the death of worker of Kedla Opencast Project Gurucharan Manjhi in a

road accident while returning from duty. After this, District Secretary Com. RP Singh Chandel presented a written report. On which everyone expressed their views and passed the report. In the meeting, many issues were discussed emphasizing on the strength of the organization. On the occasion, RP Singh Chandel said that the two-day district conference of the party proposed on 25 and 26 October has been postponed due to the implementation of the election code of conduct. He proposed to organize a one-day conference in



Ramgarh instead of two days on 21 December. Also, suggested to call a meeting of the welcome committee immediately for its preparation. Which was accepted unanimously. Welcome Secretary Com. Balbhadra Das said that the meeting of the welcome committee will be held on 28 October at 11 am in the CITU office located at Kedla Underground Project. Also, all the members of the welcome committee were requested to participate in the meeting. State Observer Com. Ramchandra Thakur directed to make the Janjagan program in the district successful from 15 October to 15 November 2024 as per the decision of the central party. During this, information was given about the state's decision to defeat the BJP in the upcoming assembly elections and make the district Left Democratic Party candidate victorious by voting.

Rashtriya Seva Manch provided food to 150 poor and needy people in weekly market Bhurkunda

DN ■ Ramgarh

Like every week, Rashtriya Seva Manch social organization distributed Puri and vegetables among dozens of poor and needy people who came to weekly market Bhurkunda from far-flung rural areas to sell tooth-plates on this Sunday. During this, the president of the forum, W Singh, while distributing food among needy women, men and children, said that serving the poor is the biggest charitable work. Serving the poor is also the objective of the forum. He said that everyone should cooperate with body, mind and money at their own level in such noble and



social works. President Mr. Singh said that through public cooperation, the forum has been providing food to the poor for the last 9 years, which will continue in future as well. The president of the forum, W Singh, Umashankar Jaiswal, Prof., played an

important role in making the program successful. Ramanuj Singh, Rinku Varnwal, Shivkumar Yadav, Lalu Oraon, Renuka Devi, Lakhman Ram, Mohd. Intiaz, Sukra Karmali and other social workers made special contributions.

Shri Shri Durga Puja Committee meeting held in Jawahar Nagar Jyoti Club

DN ■ Ramgarh

Shri Shri Durga Puja Committee meeting was held on Sunday in Jyoti Club Durga Mandap located in Jawahar Nagar Bhurkunda. In the meeting, Srinivas Agarwal presented the account of income and expenditure of Durga Puja. Which was passed unanimously. It was said that with the cooperation of everyone, like every year, this year also Durga Puja and Ravana Dahan program was completed in a grand manner in Jawahar Nagar Jyoti Club. For this, all the people of the Puja Committee including the general public deserve congratulations. With the blessings of Maa Durga and other revered deities and the cooperation of the Puja Committee and the general public, Durga Puja will be celebrated in an even more grand manner next year. On the occasion, many people of Shri Shri Durga Puja Committee including Srinivas Agarwal, Deepak Kumar, Bajinath Kumar, Rajan Raut, Appu Mishra, Bantu Mishra, Kullu Mishra, Roshan Rana, Vinod Singh, Krishna Paswan, Kamlesh Mehta Sagar Kumar, Gyan Gosain, Kundan Singh, Gautam Kumar were present.



Superintendent of Police, Ramgarh conducted a surprise inspection of the inter-district checkpost

DN ■ Ramgarh

With the aim of conducting the upcoming Assembly General Election-2024 in a clean, peaceful and fear-free manner, Ajay Kumar, Superintendent of Police, Ramgarh, on Sunday conducted a surprise inspection of the inter-district checkpost Talatand Patratu Valley (Ranchi border) and Palu Patratu Khelari Road and gave necessary guidelines to the magistrate and police officer deputed in the election work. Chandan Kumar Vats, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Municipal), Pawan Kumar, Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Patratu,



Faujan Ahmed, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Prof.), Mantu Yadav, Prachari Pravar, Ramgarh, Yogendra Singh, Police Inspector, Patratu Zone and all the police station / OP in-charges of Patratu subdivision were present in the surprise inspection. Superintendent of Police, Ramgarh, along with the

present police officer, deputed magistrate and CAPF armed force/district force, checked the vehicles coming and going to Ramgarh from other districts. Superintendent of Police, Ramgarh strictly instructed the magistrate, police officer and armed forces deputed at the checkpost.

Conspiracy to kill NIA judge in jail! Panic after anonymous letter

DN ■ Ranchi

A conspiracy to kill an NIA judge was being hatched in Ranchi jail. These things have been written in the anonymous letter received by Ranchi police. The anonymous letter has created panic. Investigation of the case has also been started.

Talks of giving a contract of two crores

A letter has been received from Ranchi's Khelgaon police station, in which it has been mentioned that 6 prisoners lodged in Ranchi jail gave two crore rupees to some criminals of Bihar to kill a judge of NIA court. Seeing the seriousness of the matter, Khelgaon police automatically registered a case and all the six prisoners have been questioned. It is mentioned in the letter that the conspiracy was hatched while going from jail to RIMS for treatment.

FIR registered

After investigation, Inspector Gajesh Kumar posted in Khelgaon police station has registered an FIR against 6 prisoners lodged in Birsa Munda



Central Jail. Gajesh Kumar has written in the FIR that he has been given the responsibility of investigating FIR number 20/24. In which there was an allegation of plotting to kill the judge of NIA court and making a deal with criminals of Bihar for Rs 2 crore. **What did the inspector find in the investigation**

In the FIR, Inspector Gajesh Kumar has written that it was told in the anonymous letter that the notorious PLFI militants Prabhu Prasad Sahu and Niveshak Kumar Poddar, lodged in Ranchi jail, went to RIMS hospital in Ranchi on the pretext of treatment and gave Rs 75 lakh to the shooters to kill the judge there. After registering the FIR, when the investigation was started, it was found

that Prabhu Prasad Sahu and Niveshak Kumar are lodged in Ranchi jail in the NIA case. During the investigation, it was learned that both the prisoners had gone to RIMS for treatment on 7 August. After 7 August, Niveshak Poddar was also sent to RIMS for treatment on 28 August. Investigation has revealed that Prabhu Prasad Sahu was sent to Ranchi Day Hospital on 13 August for treatment after which he was admitted to RIMS till 22 August.

Conspiracy denied

According to information received from Khelgaon police, during interrogation both the militants have denied conspiring to kill any judge. However, it has been written in the FIR that a thorough investigation of the entire matter is needed.

36 campaign vehicles will roam in 81 assembly constituencies of Jharkhand for voter awareness

DN ■ Ranchi

CEO (Chief Electoral Officer) of Jharkhand K Ravi Kumar has appealed to all the voters of the state to vote themselves and also motivate people around them to vote. He said that voters should use their right correctly and be aware of ethical voting. He was addressing the media on Sunday while flagging off awareness vehicles from the Election House of Dhurwa with the aim of motivating voters to vote.

Campaign vehicles left for voter awareness

CEO K Ravi Kumar said that messages related to voter awareness will be broadcast through these campaign vehicles in all those areas where there was less voting in the last election. A total



of 36 campaign vehicles have been prepared for this, which will roam in all the 81 assembly constituencies of the state and create aware-

ness about ethical voting. More and more voters should participate in this great festival of democracy by exercising their franchise.

In the program organized to send off the campaign vehicles, a large number of folk artists gave cultural presentations related to voter awareness in the local vernacular language.

Sweep programs being run across the state

Additional Chief Electoral Officer Dr. Neha Arora said on this occasion that keeping in mind the local themes, sweep programs are being organized across the state in relation to the Assembly elections 2024. On this occasion, Joint Chief Electoral Officer Subodh Kumar, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer Dev Das Dutta, Deputy Director Public Relations Anand and all the officers and employees of the Chief Electoral Officer's office were present.

Telangana Deputy CM and Adhir Ranjan welcomed by Youth Congress



Ranchi: Telangana Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Adhir Ranjan, observers appointed by the party to review the Congress party's preparations for the Jharkhand assembly elections, reached Ranchi. Youth Congress leaders gave them a warm welcome on reaching Ranchi.

Congressmen led by Youth Congress leader Rohit Sinha welcomed Telangana Deputy CM Vikramarka and Adhir Ranjan by giving them bouquets in the auditorium of JAP located at Doranda, the venue of the event. Both the leaders appealed to the Youth Congress workers to put in their best efforts in the election battle and make the India Alliance candidates victorious with a huge number of votes. Pranav Singh, Michael Minj, Rajesh Kumar and Pradeep, among others, were present on the occasion.

Former MLA Janardan Paswan joined LJP (R)



DN ■ Ranchi

Former Chatra MLA Janardan Paswan joined LJP (Ram Vilas) in Delhi on Sunday. Party's National General Secretary Abdul Khaliq along with Jharkhand State President Birendra Pradhan got Janardan Paswan enrolled as a member of the party. After joining the party, Janardan Paswan along with Abdul Khaliq and Birendra Pradhan met Lok Janshakti Party (R) National President and Union Minister Chirag Paswan. Presenting his claim for Chatra Assembly, he requested for the party symbol.

It is worth mentioning that Janardan Paswan won the election from Chatra Assembly constituency for the first time in 1995 on a Janata Dal ticket. After this, he was re-elected as Chatra MLA from RJD in the year 2009. In the 2014 assembly elections also, he contested on RJD ticket. Chatra Assembly seat is an SC reserved seat. The number of Paswan voters has been good on this seat. Also, being adjacent to Bihar, Bihar politics has also had an influence.

News In Brief

Jharkhand Party released the list of five candidates

Ranchi: Jharkhand Party released the list of five candidates on Sunday. The special thing in this is that Rajkumar Munda, son of former MLA Ramesh Singh Munda, has been made the candidate from Tamar. Rajkumar Munda's brother Vikas Munda is likely to contest the election on JMM ticket. Four days ago also the party had released the list of five candidates. In this, Mahendra Jamuda from Manoharpur, Irin Ekka from Simdega, Columbus Hansda from Chaibasa, Anil Kumar Paswan from Kanke and Sandesh Ekka from Kolebira have been made candidates. So far the party has declared 10 candidates. Jharkhand Party has decided to contest elections on 20 seats. **Notorious gangster Aman Sahu is planning to contest elections**

Ranchi: Gangster Aman Sahu is preparing to contest elections from Jharkhand's Barkagaon assembly seat. His lawyer Hemant Sikarwar, who came to Raipur from Jharkhand on Saturday, got Aman Sahu to sign the nomination form for the elections. Also, an application has been filed by Aman to the Jharkhand High Court for permission to contest the elections. In fact, on Saturday, after five days of remand, Aman was produced in Raipur court, from where the court has sent him to Raipur Central Jail till October 28.

Ranchi Range DIG Anoop Birathre held a review meeting

Ranchi: DIG Anoop Birathre held a review meeting regarding security arrangements in the assembly elections. A review meeting was held on security arrangements for the Assembly elections 2024 in the auditorium of the Senior Superintendent of Police office. On this occasion, the DIG inquired about the preparation of the police regarding security in the district regarding the elections. The DIG has directed the security forces to perform duty with full precaution in the insurgency affected areas of the district. Apart from this, he said that by running S Drive in the districts, pending warrants, attachments, prompt execution of pending cases, regarding licensed weapons, identifying active criminals and other miscreants and reviewing the status of action against them. He gave strict instructions to the officials of the districts bordering the interstate border areas to activate the interstate check posts adjoining their area.

Fulfill your responsibilities impartially in Jharkhand: JMM



DN ■ Ranchi

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha has again raised questions on the Election Commission. In a press conference held at the party office, Ranchi on Sunday, it was said that the Election

Commission of India is playing the game of divide and rule in Jharkhand.

The commission had said that everyone will get equal opportunity in the assembly elections and provision will be made for

fear-free and peaceful voting. But this was not seen in the notification issued for the elections. Especially in those areas, especially in rural areas where JMM-Congress is strong, the voting time has been limited to 4 pm. In urban areas, it has been kept from 7 am to 5 pm. According to the commission itself, 88% voters cast their votes and only 12% urban voters do so. Still, the time has been kept more in cities and less in rural areas. First it divided the districts and now the areas as well. The Election Commission is a constitutional institution, it should work impartially.

As soon as the list of candidates was released, there was an atmosphere of happiness and sadness in BJP

DN ■ Ranchi

BJP has released the list of candidates for Jharkhand assembly elections. As soon as the list of candidates was released on Saturday evening, there was an atmosphere of happiness and sadness from BJP state office to the houses of leaders. There was a scene like Diwali in the houses of those who got the ticket. Happiness was celebrated by feeding sweets to each other.

Slogans were also raised outside the BJP office and supporters kept welcoming the list by feeding sweets to each other. Most eyes were on Ranchi seat. For many days, there were speculations about the ticket of the sitting MLA being cut from Ranchi and Hatia seats, which finally came to an end. The joy returned to the house of Ranchi MLA CP Singh.

As soon as the news of getting the ticket was received, Union Minister



of State for Defense and local MP Sanjay Seth could not stop himself and went to CP Singh's residence and congratulated him. On this occasion, the happiness of CP Singh's supporters was worth seeing. CP Singh has made a record by winning the election from Ranchi seat on BJP ticket for six consecutive times so far. Once again, the Bharatiya Janata Party has decided to field her from this seat.

Former CM Arjun Munda's wife Meera Munda has been fielded from Potka assembly constituency. Arjun Munda has expressed his gratitude

to the party BJP state president Babulal Marandi will once again contest from Dhanwar seat. The party has fielded him from this seat.

Most of those who wanted to get a ticket were disappointed

There are names of 66 candidates in the list released by the Bharatiya Janata Party, while this time the party had a long list of candidates to get a ticket. According to the information, the biggest basis for the selection of candidates was the votes received by the BJP in the respective assembly constituency during the Lok Sabha elections. Obviously, the performance of the sitting MLA in his constituency was a bone in the throat. Apart from this, BJP has also given a chance to MLA or MP from other party on some seats. Amidst all this, many big leaders of the party who were wishing to get the ticket have been disappointed.

Those who post objectionable posts and give provocative speeches will not be spared, police will keep a close watch

DN ■ Ranchi

The police will keep a special watch on those who try to influence the elections by spoiling communal harmony by making objectionable posts, provocative speeches, spreading religious frenzy, rumors on social media. In a meeting held through video conferencing at the Police Headquarters on Saturday, IG Campaign cum State Nodal Officer Amol Veenkant Homkar gave several instructions to the SPs of the districts. He also asked them to deal strictly with such anti-social elements so that the miscreants cannot spread religious frenzy. Apart from this, instructions were also given to ensure compliance with the guidelines given by the Election Commission.

Active criminals were identified by running a drive

At the same time, by running an S drive, pending warrants, attachment, pending cases, licensed weapons, active criminals and history sheeters were identified and the action taken



against them was also reviewed. It was also said that interstate check posts should be made as per the need and the SP himself should monitor the check posts. At the same time, the DIG should conduct surprise inspections of the check posts. Ensure that CCTV cameras are in working condition at check posts so that movement of illegal drugs, illegal weapons,

illegal liquor and other banned items can be monitored. IG Campaign Amol Vinukant Homkar, DIG STF Indrajit Mahatha, Wireless DIG Ashwini Kumar Sinha were present in the meeting. While through video conferencing, regional IG, range DIG, SSPs and SPs of districts participated in the meeting.

Other important instructions

Arrangements for housing and transportation of central forces and compliance of security related SOPs in Naxal-affected areas should be ensured. Conduct surprise vehicle checking to stop smuggling of illegally transported cash, liquor and other narcotics. - Take immediate action against those who try to influence elections by transferring cash to voters, distributing illegal liquor and in other ways. Find out the drugs (narcotics) network and take strict action against the people involved in it and identify and immediately arrest the drug peddlers who sell it around educational institutions.

Youth and women from various areas of Ranchi assembly joined JMM

DN ■ Ranchi

A crowd of youth and women from various areas of Ranchi assembly joined Jharkhand Mukti Morcha at the residential office of Rajya Sabha MP Dr. Mahua Maji. On this occasion, the youth and women said in one voice that Mahua Maji always stands with them in happiness and sorrow, is always ready for the work of the common people and the development of Ranchi will be done by them. Therefore, all of us are inspired by Mahua Maji and we are joining Jharkhand Mukti Morcha. Mahua Maji ji made everyone join the party by giving



them clothes.

Addressing this membership program in her residential office, Mahua Maji ji said that while taking forward the Jharkhand of the dreams of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha's central president Veer Shibu Soren, Hemant Soren is continuously doing every

work for all the people of Jharkhand. So that everyone has a moment of happiness in their life. She said that our Jharkhand should progress.

Somvit Maji, Nand Kishore Singh Chandel, Anish Verma contributed in making this program successful.

News In Brief

Satyendra Mahato congratulated the Central Election Committee

Dhanbad: On being made the NCP candidate from Dhanbad Assembly by the Nationalist Congress Party, Satyendra Kumar Mahato (Masterji) congratulated the party's National General Secretary Brijbhushan Srivastava, State President Sachchidanand Singh and District President Umesh Goswami, along with all the ministers and the Central Election Committee. He said that in Dhanbad Assembly, he has participated in the joys and sorrows of the common people from the beginning. Therefore, his victory will be certain. Those who congratulated include Lakshmi Devi, Rajkumari Devi, Parvez, Naushad, Manoj Rawani, etc.

Shahzadi to contest election from Jharia from Bharat Jodo Party

Jorapokhar: Bharat Jodo Party's women leader Shahzadi Khatun held a meeting with workers at her residential office Footbungalow today and announced to contest election from Jharia Assembly from Bharat Jodo Party. Giving this information in a press conference, Mrs. Khatun said that party president Naseer Ali has made her the candidate. She said that the people of Jharia want change because till date the people of Singh Mansion have only exploited the voters here. The people of the mansion have been divided into two families to hold on to the Jharia seat and have been becoming MLA one after the other by fooling the voters. Whether it is Singh Mansion or Raghukul, both families are two sides of the same coin.

Sudivy from Giridih and Kalpana from Gandey will file nomination on 24th

Giridih: Sudivy Kumar Sonu from JMM on Giridih assembly seat and Kalpana Murmu Soren on Gandey assembly seat will file nomination on 24th October. This information was given by JMM District President Sanjay Singh over telephone. He said that on 23rd October Kalpana Murmu Soren will go from Giridih to Gandey. On the second day i.e. 24th October Sudivy Sonu and Kalpana Murmu Soren will file nomination papers.

District conference of CPI (Marxist) concluded

DN ■ Dhanbad

Tributes were paid to party general secretary Sitaram Yechury in a special session on the second day of the two-day 15th district conference of Communist Party of India (Marxist) Dhanbad district at Vasudev Acharya Nagar, Gurudwara Hall, Sindri. Senior CPI (M) leader Gopikant Bakshi, CPI (ML)'s Suresh Prasad, Congress' Ajay Kumar described Yechury's demise as a great loss to the party and the country. Suresh Gupta, Maya Layak, Bagula Dhar, state secretary Prakash Biplab, Sameer Das, Kashinath Chatterjee, Gopikant Bakshi, Sundarlal Mahato etc. were present on the

Illegal foreign liquor worth Rs 22 lakh recovered in Tundi

► One in custody, plan was to use it in assembly elections

DN ■ Dhanbad

District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Ms Madhavi Mishra has directed all enforcement agencies to conduct peaceful and fair assembly elections and to prevent the use of money power or other means to lure voters in the elections. In this sequence, this morning the Excise Department unearthed an illegal liquor factory located 5 km away from Tundi police station, from where illegal foreign liquor worth about Rs 22 lakh has been recovered. Assistant Excise Commissioner Ramlila Rawani said that action is being taken against those selling illegal liquor on the instructions of the Deputy Commissioner. In this sequence, secret information was



received about illegal trade of foreign liquor in Neemtand Madhusa village of Tundi police station area. Taking immediate action on the information, the team of the Excise Department raided the house of Binulal Tudu early this morning and recovered 250 boxes of illegal English liquor of other brands including Imperial Blue. Apart from 840 liters of raw spirit, wrappers, corks and packaging and refilling material of various brands related to the manufacture of English liquor

were also recovered from the spot. He told that there was a plan to sell the illegal liquor during the assembly elections. At present, a person named Biru Lal has been taken into custody and is being questioned in the case. The Deputy Commissioner said that the people of the district can also give information about illegal liquor and other illegal businesses to the district administration. The identity of the informer will be kept secret. The district administration will take strict action on receiving such information. The raiding team included SI Jitendra Kumar, SI Joy Hembram, SI Kuldeep Kumar of the Excise Department and the personnel of the Police Department, besides Tundi Police Station in-charge cum Inspector Umashankar.

Sanskriti Mahila Samiti provided food to the needy

DN ■ Dhanbad

Like every day, the social service organization Care and Serve Foundation provided food to the needy in the Shaheed Nirmal Mahato Medical College Hospital campus today. Today's food was provided by Sanskriti Mahila Samiti Kusunda Area under Diksha Mahila Mandal, in which the women members of the committee Ajanta Das, Farzana Parveen, Reena Kumar, Indu Paswan, Santu Jha, Manju Singh, Pooja Agarwal, Meenu Mishra, Vinita Thakkar, Suman Singh, Sunita Ram and Neelam Devi were present. All of them together provided food to 300 needy people with their own hands. Care and Serve Foundation's media in-charge Neelkamal Khawas said that after having food, the women members expressed happiness and said that serving the needy is the biggest religion. This gives peace to the mind. Today's food included rice, vegetables, banana, chuda, jaggery and sweets. Rajesh Singh, Abhay Kumar, Amit Kumar, Ravi Kaushal Sinha, Robin Chatterjee, Neelkamal Khawas and Munna Khan participated enthusiastically in the program on behalf of Care and Serve Foundation.



Jamua MLA Kedar Hazra gets a warm welcome

DN ■ Giridih

After joining JMM from BJP, Jamua MLA Kedar Hazra was given a warm welcome at Giridih JMM district office today. Sadar MLA Sudivya Kumar Sonu, District President Sanjay Singh and a large number of supporters were present. MLA Sudivya Kumar Sonu welcomed Kedar Hazra by garlanding him. Talking to journalists, Kedar Hazra said that he has been serving the people of Jamua for the last several years. Hence, he has joined JMM after being influenced by the politics of Guruji Shibu Soren. Its purpose is only to serve the people of Jamua. Mr. Hazra said that in his eyes politics has never been saffron and



green, rather, he has only believed in work. He never said that he does not want the votes of Muslims nor has he associated himself with the politics of religion. For him, the people of Jamua are everything. Kedar Hazra vented his anger on former Chief Minister Champai Soren

Poster launch of Vengol Photo Video Expo

DN ■ Dhanbad

The first annual general meeting of Dhanbad District Photographers Association was held in the auditorium of Chamber of Commerce located at Bank More. Guests Omprakash Agarwal, Bharat Chavda and Anil Gupta were welcomed by the organization's members Dilip, Ranjan and Upendra Das by giving them bouquets. During the meeting, the accounts of the past year were presented, in which the achievements of the past year and the outline of future programs were discussed. On this occasion, ID cards and T-shirts were distributed among the members. Bula Chandra was unani-



mously re-appointed as President, Munna Singh as Secretary and Vishwas Kumar Gupta as Treasurer. They were honored by garlanding them. Ram Singh voluntarily resigned from the post of Secretary and became the patron of the organization. The poster was unveiled to make the 'Vengol Photo Video Expo', to be held

from 24 to 26 October at Netaji Indoor Stadium in Kolkata, a success. Around 60 photographers from different areas of Dhanbad attended the general meeting, including Ajit, Munna, Rajesh, Shubham, Umesh Das, Mukesh Shah, Deepak, Sanjeev, Ranjan, Shruvan, Ashok, Rakesh, Tapan, Anil Jaiswal, Sonu, Gaurav, Pankaj and others.

Kishori Mandal workshop concluded

DN ■ Dhanbad

Jharkhand Rural Development Trust organized a workshop of Kishori Mandal members on gender-based discrimination and child marriage elimination at Bhagat Singh Primary School Manjhaladih. 45 adolescent girls and women from Manjhaladih participated in the workshop. Trust founder Prof. Shankar Rawani said on the Supreme Court's historic decision on child marriage that the Supreme Court has accepted that child marriage violates the rights of children. The apex court has said that child marriage takes away the right to choose a life partner of one's own choice. Guidelines have been issued to end child marriage. Prof. Rawani threw light on Child Marriage Act, gender, social norms in detail. Trust secretary Halima Ijaazat said that adolescent girls will have to come forward to end child marriage. Only by getting higher education by adolescent girls will they get destination and love. To avoid and save from child marriage, it is necessary to be aware and have legal information. In the end, an oath was taken to make the village child marriage free. On this occasion, district co-ordinator Naemuddin Ansari, Pooja Kumari and etc were present.



Dharna against heavy blasting and dust

DN ■ Bhowra

People of Bhanra No. 16 and No. 6, alleging that heavy blasting in Bhanra Four A patch is causing heavy dust particles to fly into their homes, stopped the patch work and sat on a dharna today. People said that they will not let the work resume until their problem is solved. During this time, people were raising slogans against the management. People said that due to heavy blasting in the patch, heavy dust particles fly into their homes, due to which it has become difficult for them to live. A layer of dust remains inside and outside the house. Dust gets into food items. Officials have given assurances in this regard many times, but the



problem remains the same. People are having trouble breathing due to dust particles. Heavy blasting causes darkness during the day. As soon as the information about stoppage of project work was received, Project Officer BK Pandey and Bhanra OP in-charge Ranjeet Ram reached the project site with force and assured the people sitting on dharna that action will be taken on their demands. It is election time, so people should not gather. The

problem will be resolved by meeting the General Manager. A solution for the road will also be found. After getting assurance from the management, the people left the place. During this time the project work remained stopped for about 4 hours. Outsourcing project manager Mithilesh Kumar Singh said that there is no heavy blasting in the project. Some people deliberately want to disrupt the project work.

Drug addicts and anti-social elements gather in Jorapokhar



DN ■ Jorapokhar

In Jodapokhar police station area, as soon as the evening falls, anti-social elements who consume drugs gather in open places. Youths are seen drinking openly. These youths do not have any fear of the police. Empty build-

ings, school grounds, in front of religious places, stairs of Chhath Ghat are their favorite places for consuming drugs. As soon as the evening falls, drug addicts gather at these places with drugs till late night. These anti-social elements can be seen open-

ly consuming alcohol, opium, and marijuana. People living nearby are very troubled by these people. In an intoxicated state, these youths start beating and abusing passersby. These anti-social elements can commit a major incident anytime. In Jodapokhar police station area, Shalimar Idgha Ground, Shalimar Government School Campus, North Jiyalgora Bhuli Quarter Ground, North Jiyalgora 3 Number Temple, North Jiyalgora 3 Number Chhath Ghat, Bagdigi Chhath Ghat, Jiyalgora Ram Mandir Ground, Inside Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Tata Stadium Ground, Digwadidh Ganesh Ground, Bhulan Barari Football

District Wushu competition will be held on 16-17 November

DN ■ Dhanbad

An important meeting of the District Wushu Association was held today in the district office Digwadidh under the chairmanship of District General Secretary Dinesh Yadav. In which all the members of the District Committee expressed their views. It was unanimously agreed to hold a district level competition on 16 and 17 November. After the district competition, the district players selected through the district camp will participate in various competitions to be held at the upcoming state, national and international level. District Vice President Mahavir Prasad Mahato, Brahmadev Yadav, Santosh Singh, Kaushal Singh, Ajay Choubey, District General Secretary Dinesh Yadav, Joint Secretary Rahul Anand, Ajay Singh, National Judge Palvinder Singh, District Member Prabhash Pandey, Arjun Ram, Pintu Kumar, Pushpa Kumari, Kaushal Kumar, Rohit Modi, Vikas Yadav, Sonu Singh, Priyanka Yadav, Baby Kumari, Monu Kumar, Dr. MK Thakur, Goga Pandey etc. were present in the meeting. The above information has been given by District Joint Secretary Rahul Anand.



High speed car broke the check post, ran over bike and shop

DN ■ Topachanchi

In view of Jharkhand assembly elections, a check post has been set up for vehicle checking in Satkira of Hariharpur police station area. But last night, a high speed Verna car (number BR 01 FQ 6603) coming from Dumri broke the check post. Not only this, the car driver ran over two bikes and a shop parked at the check post. On receiving the information, the police chased the vehicle till Rajganj, but the car driver managed to escape. No one was injured in this incident. But the bike of Magistrate Ramlal Paswan and villager Kuldeep Prasad parked at the check post crashed. Both the bikes were shattered. Mohammad Moin's shop located next to the check post was also completely damaged. Magistrate Ramlal Paswan said that the high speed car ran away breaking the light installed at the check post, two bikes and a shop. It was told that the police has started investigation on the basis of the vehicle number that fell at the spot during the incident.



Dhanbad SSP arrived to investigate the matter, gave instructions

After the incident, Dhanbad Senior Superintendent of Police Hrideep P Janardhanan reached the checkpost on Sunday afternoon to get information about the case. He took detailed information about the incident. He also gave necessary instructions to the officers present at the checkpost. He said that the matter is being investigated. Baghmara SDPO Purushottam Kumar Singh, Topchanchi police station in-charge Doman Rajak, Hariharpur police station in-charge Girdhar Gopal and others were present on the spot.

Ensuring fair, error-free and fear-free voting is the top priority: DC

DN ■ Bokaro

On the instructions of the District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner, training was given to the polling personnel in the Bokaro Steel School Auditorium located in Sector 2C and Imamul Hai Khan Law College Auditorium located in Sector 6. Training was given to P1 and P2 personnel. Deputy Development Commissioner Girja Shankar Prasad, officer of the training cell, Sanjeev Kumar, elected officer, Additional Collector Mumtaz Ansari, SDO Ms. Pranjal, District Education Officer Jagannath Lohar, Atul Kumar Choubey, ADPRO Avinash Kumar Singh were present on the occasion.

In her address, the DC said that ensuring error-free, fair and fear-free voting is the top priority. The DC said that all the polling personnel should receive training as per the guidelines issued by the Election Commission. There should not be any negligence in this. She



said that all the points mentioned by DLMT should be listened to carefully. She said that no work related to voting should be executed on one's own will. It will be executed as per the rules prescribed by the Commission. She gave information about the mock poll process, CRC voting report, time management, execution of voter information slip on time.

On this occasion, the master trainer gave information about the voting process through postal ballot.

Child marriage is a violation of children's rights, Supreme Court gave a historic decision

DN ■ Bokaro

In a historic verdict on the child marriage law in the country, the Supreme Court has issued detailed guidelines for the effective implementation of this law and said that child marriage deprives a person of the right to choose his/her life partner as per his/her wish. Welcoming the decision on the petition of Enlightenment and Voluntary Action Service and activist Nirmal Gorani, Sahyogini's director Gautam Sagar said that this decision of the Supreme Court will strengthen the efforts to curb child marriage in the country. He appealed to the state government to implement these guidelines with immediate effect so that the goal of making India child marriage free by 2030



can be achieved.

He said that Sahyogini is an important partner of the Child Marriage Free India Campaign, an alliance of more than 200 NGOs of the country, which is running a ground campaign in more than 400 districts for its achievement by 2030. He told that the division bench of the Chief Justice of the

country, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Justice G. Pardiwala and Manoj Mishra has said in the decision that for the effective functioning of the Child Marriage Prohibition Act 2006, the government and administration need to work with a community based approach with prevention, prosecution strategy.

In the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court, schools, religious institutions and panchayats have been made a common tool for spreading awareness against child marriage. Informing this, instructions have also been given to include information regarding measures to prevent child marriage in the school curriculum in areas where there is a high fear of child marriage.

Welcoming the court's decision, the secretary of Sahayogi said that this is a very important decision for all of us. The state government and the local administration are working with determination to end child marriage. During the talks in Sahayogi, Fulendra Ravidas, Ravi Kumar, Manju Devi, Anil Hembram, Soni Devi, Suryamani Devi, etc. were present.

We will write a new dimension in the development of Bokaro and will complete the incomplete work: Viranchi

DN ■ Bokaro

After Bokaro MLA Biranchi Narayan was declared the candidate from Bokaro Assembly Constituency by the BJP central leadership, while coming to Bokaro from Ranchi, he was given a grand welcome by the workers and the general public with drums at dozens of places including Petarwar, Dantu, Jainamoda, Balidih Pandey Tola, Balidih, Kurmidih, Kurmidih Bazaar, Railway Station, Rituidih, Naya Mod, Dundibag Bazaar, Sector 12 Mod.

On reaching Bokaro after being declared the candidate, Bokaro MLA Biranchi Narayan



expressed his gratitude to the central and state leadership and said that the party will fulfill the trust with which he has made him the candidate with the continuous support of respected workers. Mr. Narayan said that the country is progressing under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Now the time is coming when BJP government will

be formed in Jharkhand as well and with the support of Jharkhand state government, we will write a new dimension in the development of Bokaro and also complete the incomplete works and make Bokaro the number one assembly of the state.

Present on the occasion were Shashi Bhushan Ojha, Mukul, Dheeraj Jha, Sanjay Tyagi, Subhash

Mahato, Mantu Rai, Mathur Mandal, Tinku Taparia, Mukesh Rai, Indra Kumar Jha, Mukesh Rai, Manoj Singh, Avinash Singh, Dhananjay Choubey, Vinay Kishore, Harish Kishore, Amar Swarnkar, Vicky Rai, Harish Chandra Singh, Anil Singh, Haripad Gop, Rishabh Rai, Pannalal Kandu, Sanatan Singh, Baidhanth Prasad, Manraj Singh, Braj Dubey, Pankaj Singh, Rajesh Ghoshal, Hasan Sheikh, Satish Sharma, Prem Kumar, Prakash Chatterjee, Sunil Goswami, Triloki Singh, Jitendra Goswami, J P Gandhi, Rajesh Ghoshal, K K Borol Hundreds were present including.

Gomia's daughter Kajal got success in NET

Bermo: Kajal Kumari, daughter of Nemchand Sao, who runs a tea shop near Gomia Gomia block office, has qualified in National Eligibility Test (NET) JRF on the basis of hard work and dedication. She said that despite limited resources, she did not let her daughter's education suffer.

Kajal's early education was done in Loyola School, after which she passed the matriculation examination from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Tenughat and studied intermediate in Anand College.

After this, she did graduation in BHU and did PG in Hindi from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.

Bokaro Cricket Premier League was organized, Media XI was victorious

DN ■ Bokaro

Bokaro Cricket Premier League was organised at the cricket stadium located in Sector 04 for voter awareness and increasing the voting percentage. In the Cricket Premier League, the matches were played between District Administration DEO XI vs BSL Management DEO XI and BSL Management DI XI vs Media XI Press 11. The first match was played between District Administration DEO XI vs BSL Management DI XI. In which DI XI was victorious in the first match. The second match was played between DI XI vs Media XI* in which Media XI was victorious. The winner of Bokaro

Cricket Premier League was the team Media XI Press 11. On this occasion, RO Chandankiyari Vidhan Sabha cum Land Reforms Deputy Collector Chas Prabhas Dutta said that everyone's participation is necessary in the great festival of democracy. He appealed to everyone to go to their polling booth with their families on the upcoming polling day on 20th November and exercise their right to vote. Giving information about the Voter Helpline App, Nodal Officer Sweep Cell Shri Shakti Kumar talked about adding the names of the people who are still left out in the voter list. During this, democracy bands were tied among all the players.

Science fair organized in Anpati Devi Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir

DN ■ Phusro

In the Vandana class of Anpati Devi Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir, Fusro Bokaro, the Science Fair was inaugurated along with the program of distribution of the half-yearly examination results of the school by the Chairman of the School Managing Committee Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Vice-President Ramnaresh Dwivedi, Treasurer Deepak Kumar Agarwal and Secretary of Dhori Staff Quarter Sumit Bansal and Principal Pankaj Kumar Mishra and parent representative Reema Singh and member Shankar Thakur by lighting the lamp as per the tradition of the school. On



this occasion, Examination Incharge Sadhan Chandra Dhar announced the examination results. The Chairman and Vice-President and Treasurer of the school said that parents should not curse their children in comparison to others in the competition for maximum marks, but children should be ready for healthy competition. Principal Pankaj Kumar

Mishra said that it is very important to give examination after getting education. With this, brothers and sisters securing first, second and third position in each class will be honored. In the science fair organized on this occasion, all the brothers and sisters from class III to X made science related models. These were evaluated.

Bharat Vikas Parishad organized Know India Quiz Competition in Crescent

DN ■ Bokaro

Bharat Vikas Parishad, Bokaro South Branch organized a "Know India" Quiz Competition at Crescent Public School, Sector 6 ton Sunday. 10 teams from various schools of the city participated in the competition in junior and senior categories. The junior category included students from class 6 to 8, while the senior category included students from class 9 to 12. Chief Guest, Dr. Priyadarshi Jaruhar, Director, GGPS Engineering College, Chas, inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp and garlanding the statues of Swami Vivekananda and Bharat Mata. After this, Branch President, Sanjay Singh gave detailed information about the history, objectives and various projects of Bharat Vikas Parishad. The



program was conducted by Anoop Kumar, while the quiz was conducted by Rajendra Kumar, a former employee of BSL, in a very interesting manner. Program Coordinator, Dharampal made the participants aware of the rules of the competition. The first stage of the competition was for the junior category, in which many interesting questions were asked in categories like audio-visual round, buzzer round and rapid fire round. After the quiz, the chief guest Dr. Jaruhar appreciated this initia-

tion, in which Bokaro Public School, Sector 3 won, while Adarsh Vidya Mandir, Chas was at the third position. ARS Public School, Lakdakhanda secured first position after a tie in the senior category, while Crescent Public School, Chas was at the second position. Third position was secured by Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Sector 3C. The winners were awarded with trophies and certificates, and the schools securing first position were also given mementos.

He said that such events develop the habit of reading books in students. Holy Cross School, Balidih secured first position in the junior category in the competition. There was a tie for the second position, in which Bokaro Public School, Sector 3 won, while Adarsh Vidya Mandir, Chas was at the third position. ARS Public School, Lakdakhanda secured first position after a tie in the senior category, while Crescent Public School, Chas was at the second position. Third position was secured by Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Sector 3C. The winners were awarded with trophies and certificates, and the schools securing first position were also given mementos.

Organizing Puja increases harmony, unity and cordiality- Dr. Shravan Sri Sri Maa Ambe Durga Puja Trust, Sector 9 became the overall champion Durga Puja Committee Sector-2 got the Best Pandal Award

DN ■ Chas

Durga Puja Award-2024 was organized by Rotary Club Chas at Rotary Bhawan, Chira Chas. President of Rotary Club Chas Vinod Chopra said that for the past 16 years Rotary Club Chas is organizing Durga Puja Award. Mr. Chopra said that Puja committees and Rotary Club Chas are working to promote India's rich heritage and culture. Program coordinator Narendra Singh said that due to the tireless hard work of the members of various Puja committees of the city, Bokaro residents get a chance to see Durga Puja in a better way.

Narendra Singh said that people doing excellent work in the society should be awarded. Chief guest Dr. Shravan said that such events increase harmony, unity



and mutual goodwill in the society. Dr. Shravan said that the Puja committees are doing excellent work. Dr. Shravan also praised Chas Rotary for the continuity of the award. Before this, Madhuri Singh welcomed the chief guest Dr. Shravan Kumar by presenting a plant. Secretary of Rotary Club Chas, Mukesh Kejriwal said that Rotary Club Chas has been con-

tinuously honoring those who do better in the society while discharging its social responsibility. And will continue to do so in future too. Former President Dr. Suman, while conducting the program, said that the Puja committees are working to bind the society together.

On the occasion, Sector 2-C was awarded for the best pandal,

Northern Displaced Area for the best idol, Joda Mandir, Chas for the best cleanliness, Sector 2c for the best electrical equipment, Joda Mandir, Chas for the best security arrangements, Sarva Dharma Samanvay Samiti Sector 12 for the best visual idol.

Apart from this, various Puja committees were awarded second, third and consolation prizes in all categories. Aman Mallick expressed his gratitude. Binay Singh, Kumar Amardeep, Prem Shankar Singh, Rajesh Kedia, Dr. Sanjeev, Rajkumar Jaiswal, Vijay Agarwal, Madhuri Singh, Archana Singh, Usha Kumar, Kiran Kumar, Dimple Kaur, Lalita Chopra, Ritu Agarwal, Usha Singh, Jyoti Agarwal and Chhaya Jaiswal made a commendable contribution in making the program successful.

IPL Orica handed over ambulance to Family Planning Association in Gomia

DN ■ Gomia

The Gomia branch of Family Planning Association of India (FPAI) located in Sasbeda Western Panchayat of Gomia was presented an ambulance for health services by IPL Gomia Orica on Saturday. On this occasion, Senior Site Manager of IPL Abhishek Vishwas handed over the keys of the ambulance to the branch manager Girish Dutt Tripathi.

On this occasion, Abhishek Vishwas said that the company not only fulfills its business responsibilities but also its social responsibilities. The company has handed over this



ambulance to FPAI Gomia branch to meet medical needs. Girish Dutt Tripathi, Branch Manager of FPAI branch, said on this initiative of the company that this ambulance will prove to be very beneficial for the patients. Plant Manager Ashish Singh, HR BP Roshan Sinha, Panchayat Mukhiya Shanti Devi, Accounts Manager Arindam Das Gupta, Project Manager Prabhash

Jha, Safety Manager Ragib Belal Sabri, PPIS Manager Sushil Pandey, Asset Manager NP Dhanireddy, Facility Manager Pradeep Bhattacharya and Procurement Lead Uttam Rawani were present in the program. Apart from this, CMO of Ardier Hospital Dr. Prashant Shekhar Patra, Dr. BK Singh, Mahavir Nayak, Rampravesh Sharma, and others were present.

News In Brief

Social worker Karim Ansari mourns the death of his father, a stream of people came to offer condolences

Ormanjhi: Haji Reyasat Ansari, father of Mohammad Karim Ansari, a young social worker and treasurer of Anjuman Committee Mesra, who had made a place for himself in the hearts of the common people of BIT Mesra area with his good behaviour, died due to cardiac arrest. After the demise of Haji Reyasat Ansari at around 7 am on Sunday, a wave of mourning spread across the entire area. The body of late Haji Reyasat Ansari was buried in the local cemetery of Mesra at 3 pm amidst hundreds of people. There was a stream of people's representatives, officials of various parties, social workers and relatives who came to offer condolences at the residence of the young social worker Karim Ansari who was drowned in grief. People present on the occasion were seen remembering the moments spent with him. Karim Ansari, who is in grief, said that today I and my entire family are missing him because whatever I am today is because of him. People's representatives, doctors, social workers and local people of the area have expressed grief over his demise.

One person died tragically after being hit by a coal vehicle

Tandwa (Chatra): A person died tragically on the spot after being hit by a coal vehicle at gate number one of Amrapali coal project operating in Tandwa block area on Saturday afternoon. The deceased has been identified as 36-year-old Mithilesh Kumar Singh, son of Krishna Singh, resident of Tehrahad in Aurangabad district of Bihar. It is said that Rajesh Paswan, a resident of the deceased's village, was driving the coal vehicle. While passing the gate in a hurry, the vehicle went out of control and got stuck in a ditch, the deceased went under the vehicle to help and was putting stones, during this time he got completely hit. As soon as the information of the incident was received.

Sweep flag hoisted at Malay Dam, District Election Officer gave the message of voter awareness by flying balloons from the dam

▶ Youth and students made paintings and rangolis based on voter awareness and appealed to people to vote on 13th November
▶ Officials and common people signed for compulsory voting on 13th November

DN ■ Palamu

Many programs are being organized under Sweep to ensure that all the voters of the district go to their booths and vote in the upcoming assembly elections. In this series, a unique initiative was taken under the leadership of District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Shashi Ranjan and various types of water sports were organized at Malay Dam in Satbarwa. During this, the DEO raised the Sweep flag from

the middle of the dam and gave the message of voter awareness by flying balloons. During this, DC, Municipal Commissioner Javed Hussain, Chhattarpur SDO Ashish Gangwar, Sadar SDM also enjoyed kayaking. Before this, all the officers also planted saplings in the Malay Dam premises.

Future voters, first-time voters made Rangoli and painting in Malay Dam premises, all took voter pledge
Future voters, first-time voters



made attractive rangolis in Satbarwa's Malay Dam premises, all these rangolis had messages related to voter awareness written on them. Similarly, all future voters made paintings on chart paper and appealed to people to vote on November 13. Many girl students also applied mehendi on their hands and

gave the message of voter awareness. On this occasion, all the people also did yoga. Coffee mugs were distributed among all the participants on behalf of Sweep. During this, the District Election Officer also administered voter pledge to all the people present in the entire campus. On this occasion, the

District Election Officer said that just as you all participated enthusiastically in today's activity, in the same way, all of you should also make your friends and relatives aware to participate in the voting on November 13. He said that remember, November 13 is the day for you to choose your government, do not miss it at all.

13th November is not a holiday, it is a day to vote, street play based on the theme attracted people

On this occasion, Masoom Art Group performed a street play based on the theme 13th November is not a holiday, it is a day to vote, which became a center of attraction among

the people. More than 300 T-shirts with voter awareness messages were distributed among the people who came to the campus. Coffee, samosas and khichdi were also arranged for the people who came to the campus. Apart from the above, Superintendent of Police Rishma Rameshan, Additional Collector, Supply Officer, Social Welfare Officer, and other officials were present on the occasion. Apart from this, a large number of students of medical and engineering colleges, students of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya and a large number of local villagers were present.

"Mehfil-e-Mushaira" organized under the aegis of Anjuman Farooq-e-Urdu and All India Majlis-e-Falahul Muslimeen

▶ Release of Dr. Mo Tanvir Mazhar's book "Habib Tanvir: Sarapa Theatre"

DN ■ Ranchi

Anjuman Farooq-e-Urdu and All India Majlis-e-Falahul Muslimeen jointly organized a Mehfil-e-Mushaira at Hotel Sartaj Main Road, Ranchi. Dr. Sagar Tripathi Mumbai and Tabish Rehan attended this Mushaira as chief guests. The Mushaira began with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Qari Mo Arif. After this, Qari Tabish Rehan presented Naatiya Kalam. Anjuman Farooq-e-Urdu President Mo Iqbal welcomed the poets in the Mushaira. After this, Secretary Dr. Mo Ghalib Nashtar introduced Anjuman Farooq-e-Urdu.

In the program, the book "Habib Tanvir: Sarapa Theatre" by Dr. Mo Tanvir Mazhar (Assistant Professor, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee University) was also released.

Many poets from Ranchi city and surrounding areas participated in the Mushaira. The names of these poets include Haroon Khamar,



Naseer Afsar, Dilshad Nazmi, Sohail Saeed, Uzair Hamza Puri, Kudratullah Kudrat, Tabib Ahmed Tabish, Shahab Hamza, Arish Nizam, Zeeshan and Tasmia Afreen.

Dr. Sagar Tripathi is one of the well-known poets of the country who belongs to Hussaini Brahmin. Many collections of his ghazals and a collection of Naatiya Kalaam have been published. He has also written poems and Shayaris on the martyrs of Karbala. In today's Mushaira, he presented samples of his Naatiya Kalaam and ghazals and received a lot of applause. The second guest poet Qari Tabish Rehan Maunath Bhanjan of UP is known for his melodious voice in the country and abroad. In today's Mushaira, he won the hearts of the audience



by presenting Naat and a few couplets. Anjuman Foro Urdu honored the guests and poets by giving them mementos, shawls and certificates. Ranchi's famous religious scholar and social worker Maulana Syed Tabbihul Hasan Rizvi was present as a special guest in the program. The program was presided over by Dr. Musharrarf Jamal Qazmi. It was conducted by poet Nehal Saryavi. Dr. Md. Mokammel Hussain, Dr. Abdul Basit, Dr. Shagufta Bano, Md. Danish Ayaz, Arshad Jamal, Dr. Tanveer Mazhar, Tayyaba Afreen, Md. Iqbal and etc were present.

Illegal Mahua liquor distillery demolished by Pathra OP police



DN ■ Hariharganj

Pathra OP in-charge Mantu Kumar on Sunday conducted a massive raid campaign against illegal liquor distillation in Sarsot village under Pathra OP of Hariharganj police station area on the instructions of Hariharganj Police Inspector cum Station in-charge Chandan Kumar. During this, the illegal Mahua liquor distillery running in Sarsot village under Pathra OP of Hariharganj police station area was demolished. Pathra OP in-charge Mantu Kumar said that during this time about 3 quintals of Java Mahua and 40 liters of manufactured liquor along with several drums were destroyed. He also said that a case will be registered under the Excise Act against the absconding businessman involved in illegal Mahua liquor manufacturing. Many police personnel including Pathra picket in-charge were involved in the campaign.

Raids in hotels and dhabas, illegal liquor seized, two arrested



DN ■ Simaria (Chatra)

In view of the Assembly General Elections 2024, the administration conducted a campaign and raided various hotels and dhabas in Simaria. Simaria SDO Sunny Raj, BDO Chandradev Prasad, CO Gaurav Kumar Rai, Excise Inspector and police personnel were involved in the campaign. The raid was conducted in different hotels and dhabas located along the Simaria-Tandwa

road. From where beer, foreign liquor and Mahua liquor were recovered. At the same time, two people have also been arrested for illegally selling liquor in hotels and dhabas. A team of officials led by the SDO also inspected Birhu located on the Simaria Hazaribagh-border and Lamta check post located on the Simaria-Chatra border. During the surprise inspection, action was also taken against illegal mining.

Ranjit Singh donated 51 thousand for the construction of Hanuman temple, people are openly cooperating for the construction of the temple

DN ■ Itkhor (Chatra)

A grand Hanuman temple is being constructed near the agricultural farm house located on Chauparan Road in Itkhor block headquarters. In which people are openly cooperating and giving financial donations. In the same sequence, Ranjit Kumar Singh, Ashish Singh and Santosh Singh, sons of Ramswaroop Singh, resident of Romi village of the block, have donated 51000 cash for the construction of the temple.

Ranjit Singh said that it is a good fortune that he got a chance to donate for the construction of a grand Hanuman temple. On the occasion, the members of



Sankat Mochan Seva Samiti reached Romi and got his parents and other people to plant a jackfruit sapling. Social worker Devkumar Babu, Ram Lakhani, Ram Chandravanshi, Janardan Singh, Jai Singh, Sudhir Kumar Rai, Deep Narayan Singh, Surendra Singh and

other members of Sankat Mochan Seva Samiti were present on the occasion. It is known that a huge Hanuman temple is being constructed in Itkhor Agricultural Farm House under the aegis of Sankat Mochan Seva Samiti. The work of temple construction has been started in

view of the dilapidated condition of the temple built during the British era. Due to the hard work and dedication of the members of Sankat Mochan Seva Samiti, new donors are coming forward every day to provide financial support for the construction of the temple.

Chhattarpur's Shравan Kumar set out on a tour to establish an old age home in Chhattarpur

Police station in-charge and Arvind Gupta bid farewell to the youth by garlanding him and giving him financial help

DN ■ Chhattarpur

If there is a passion to do something in the heart, then no goal is difficult and this has been achieved by Shравan Kumar, a resident of Bara in Chhattarpur, who has set out on a tour with the resolve to establish an old age home in Chhattarpur. His goal is to open an old age home for the poor people in Chhattarpur. Shравan Kumar, a 22-year-old youth from Bara, started his journey by taking blessings at the Thakurbari temple in Chhattarpur, where social worker Arvind Gupta Chumun, ward councillor Rajneesh and the Press Club bid him farewell by



giving him a shawl and financial help. Chhattarpur police station in-charge Prashant Kumar, SI Rahul Kumar, former chief Pukhraj Singh bid him farewell by garlanding him, giving him a certi-

ficate, some financial assistance and best wishes in the police station premises. Many dignitaries of the area were present on this occasion and congratulated Shравan Kumar for achieving his objective.

While bidding farewell on this occasion, Arvind Gupta said that Shравan Kumar has started this journey for a noble cause which is commendable. Undoubtedly, the number of abandoned elderly people has increased in the country today, they are forced to bear the neglect of their own people and their condition has become hellish, the establishment of an old age home will undoubtedly change their standard of living and they will be able to live a life of self-respect. Shравan Kumar, who went on the journey, said that his objective is to go to different parts of the country and study the need for old

age homes and gather the necessary resources to build them. He hopes that he will successfully fulfill his resolution and will be able to gather resources for the old age home. Hundreds of men and women including social workers Rabintra Paswan, Naval Gupta, Upendra Gupta, Baban Ram, Deepak Yadav, Ajit Kumar, Satyendra Soni were present in the function. Everyone congratulated Shравan Kumar on his visit to India and appreciated his efforts. Dozens of people present on the occasion gave financial assistance to Shравan Kumar and wished him well.

Teen dies after being buried in soil mine



DN ■ Chatra

A boy died after being buried in a soil mine in Banwar village, a remote village of Sildag Panchayat under Lawalaung police station area of the district. The deceased has been identified as Ayush Kumar, 14-year-old son of

Keshav Yadav, a resident of Banwar village. According to the information, Ayush had gone to the mine located on the banks of Daldaliya river to get black soil for whitewashing the house on the occasion of Diwali. Ayush was digging soil inside the

mine. During this time, he died on the spot due to the mine collapsing. The family members are in a bad state due to this incident. At the same time, the happiness of Diwali has turned into mourning due to the incident. There is mourning in the village.

News box

Man dies in hit-&-run crash on NH-8

Gurgaon. A 35-year-old factory worker, Praveen, died after being hit by a car on NH-8 near Binola on Wednesday. Based on the complaint of the victim's brother, police registered a fatal accident case at Bilaspur station. The accused is yet to be traced.

Praveen and his brother Sonu, who are from Delhi's Sundar Nagar, worked at a fuel filter manufacturing factory in Binola. "We had gone to Bhora Khurd for the birthday celebration of a friend's son. After the celebration, we started walking back to our rented house. When we were on the side of the Jaipur-Delhi expressway near Binola, an unknown car hit me and my brother from behind. I sustained minor injuries, but Praveen suffered severe injuries," Sonu said.

I shifted him to the civil hospital in a private ambulance. Since his condition was critical, the hospital authorities referred him to Safdarjung hospital. While undergoing treatment, my brother succumbed to his injuries on Wednesday night," he added. "We will verify the CCTV footage of cameras near the accident spot and try to identify the offender," police said.

Three upscale restos violate solid waste rules, fined

Gurgaon. MCG penalised three upscale restaurants in Sector 29 during an inspection on Friday after they were found flouting the solid waste management (SWM) rules, 2016. The team fined each violator Rs 25,000 on the spot and instructed them to ensure compliance in the future. These restaurants are categorised as bulk waste generators (BWGs) and must follow the guidelines specified for such generators. They have to send their dry waste for recycling, and wet waste should be composted by setting up composting units.

A team led by senior sanitation inspector Harsh Chawla and sanitation inspector Jitendra Kumar from zone 3 was inspecting the cleanliness arrangements.

"It is mandatory for all BWGs within the municipal limits to comply with the SWM rules. They are required to segregate their waste into wet, dry, and hazardous categories and dispose of it accordingly. The corporation's sanitation teams are continuously inspecting BWGs, and fines are being imposed on those not complying with the rules," said MCG commissioner Narhari Singh Banger. He said that all BWGs have been informed via notices and other promotional means about the requirement to register themselves on the online portal operated by MCG. An MCG survey in Sept identified 1,081 BWGs across all zones, of which only 8% had in-situ composting facilities, as mandated under the SWM rules. Only 6.2% of the total BWGs identified had composting units that were operational, while the rest had non-functional composting facilities. The SWM rules mandate that BWGs must recycle their dry waste in compliance with the regulations and dispose of construction and demolition (C&D) waste separately while adhering to the guidelines outlined in the C&D waste management rules, 2016.

Man gets life term for shooting dead ex-wife 9 yrs ago

Ghaziabad. A 50-year-old man was sentenced to life imprisonment on Friday for the murder of his ex-wife in 2015 in Ghaziabad. The convict, Insad alias Billa, suspected his ex-wife, Izra, then 32, of infidelity and shot her dead in the Bhojpur area on Aug 1, nearly 18 months after the couple had divorced. Rajesh Chandra Sharma, the district government counsel, said that the couple had been married for 13 years with two daughters, aged 11 and 9, and a son aged 7. Izra's mother, Salma, filed a police complaint on Aug 1 at the Tronica City Police Station. "Insad did not earn a living, which led to frequent quarrels between them. After their divorce, Izra and her children started living separately in the neighbourhood. Izra supported her family by stitching clothes. There were times when Insad would forcibly stay at Izra's place even after the separation," Salma said. According to Salma's complaint, on Aug 1, Izra was returning home around 9.30 pm with her 11-year-old daughter when Insad intercepted them. "He started arguing with her and suddenly pulled out a pistol from his pocket, firing at point-blank range. Locals rushed Izra, who was fatally wounded, to a hospital where doctors declared her dead on arrival," Salma added. Following the FIR, Insad was arrested on Aug 2. He was brought before the court and placed in judicial custody. A chargesheet was filed on July 23, 2016, and the charges were framed on Dec 7 of the following year. The prosecution presented six witnesses, including the deceased's mother, daughter, police officers, and doctors. The deceased's daughter, Uzma, who was 11 at the time, testified in court. "My parents were arguing. My mother told him that he often abandoned the family, leaving her to struggle to support us. My father lost his temper and shot her, killing her instantly," she said.

In these pollution hotspots with 5L people, bad roads kicking up dust

Noida. Bad roads, construction and open garbage burning have been kicking up dust in Greater Noida West and Surajpur Site C, which are home to some 5 lakh residents and among the pollution hotspots listed by Greater Noida Authority. As Greater Noida recorded an average AQI of 268 on Friday, higher than Ghaziabad's 258 and Noida's 242, residents blamed UPSIDA and Greater Noida Authority of doing little to reduce dust pollution in compliance with stage 1 of the Graded Response Action Plan. Amit Gupta, a resident of Arihant Ambar society in Greater Noida's Sector 1, said a 1.5km stretch outside the condominium was riddled with potholes. "Every day, someone gets injured here. We submitted so many complaints to the previous CEO, but not a stone moved. The matter was raised and promises made before the Lok Sabha elections too, but the situation hasn't changed. Every winter, we are forced to breathe toxic air," he said.

Dinkar Pandey of Ajnara Homes in Greater Noida West said the road around his society had turned into a dust corridor as construction activities continued in a nearby highrise. "A developer is digging the basement without adhering to green norms. This is not the only case. Everywhere it is the same story. No wonder Greater Noida West tops the pollution charts," Pandey said.

Four of family die after cylinder blast blows ceiling down in Faridabad

Gurgaon. Four members of a family died after the ceiling of a house came crashing down on them following an LPG cylinder blast in Faridabad's Bhankri village early on Friday. Among those who died was Nakul, who turned 14 merely a couple of hours before the ceiling collapsed. The others were his grandfather Sarjeet (55), a hardware store owner, grandmother Babita (48), and Laxmi (32), a close relative who was asleep on the terrace of the neighbouring house. Police said Sarjeet had his shop on the ground floor and the house above it. The blast occurred in the kitchen around 2am.

"Sarjeet, his wife and grandson were asleep in one room when the cylinder exploded. Such was the impact of the explosion that the ceiling and walls came crashing down. A portion of the debris fell on the terrace of the adjacent house, where Laxmi was asleep with her eight-year-old son Punit. Both suffered head injuries. While Laxmi died during treatment, her son is stable," said sub-inspector Shriram Vashisth of Dabua police station. Sundar, who lives in the



neighbourhood, was jolted out of sleep by a crashing sound. "I rushed out and saw debris lying everywhere. Sarjeet had built a one-room house above his shop. The entire building collapsed," he

added. Bhopal, whose wife Laxmi died in the ceiling collapse, said a short circuit could have triggered a spark and the explosion. "There was a power cut in the area through Thursday night. There could

have been a gas leak in the kitchen. When power was restored, a short circuit and a small spark may have caused the explosion," he added. Informed by Sarjeet's neighbours, a police team reached the area with three cranes. "The debris was cleared and the victims pulled out after almost an hour. Sarjeet, his wife and grandson were declared dead on arrival at civil hospital. Their relative, Laxmi, succumbed to injuries while undergoing treatment. We conducted inquest proceedings in keeping with Section 194 of BNS. An autopsy was conducted and the bodies were handed over. We have found pieces of the gas cylinder that exploded in the rubble. A short circuit could have triggered the blast, but we are still finding out," Vashisth said. Two buffaloes tied to a pole in the house of Sarjeet's son also died when the debris fell on them. Nakul's parents had planned to celebrate his birthday on Friday. They were inconsolable after his death.

"His parents were in shock. People from neighbouring villages also reached Bhankri to express condolences," the SI said.

Paused due to model code, Gurgaon Metro now gets a design consultant

Gurgaon. The Gurugram Metro Rail Limited (GMRL) has finally appointed Systra India as the detailed design consultant (DDC) for the much-awaited expansion of the metro network in the city. The design cost for the project is estimated at around Rs 20 crore. It will take four years to complete construction. Although GMRL finalised the agency in Aug, the process was stalled due to the model code of conduct. According to an official, the role of consultant, responsible for preparing the comprehensive design framework, includes conceptual, civil and architectural planning for all 27 elevated stations, structural designs for viaducts and station components and intermodal transfer facilities.

"We have appointed Systra India as the detailed design consultant, and it will commence the work shortly," GMRL managing director Chander Shekhar Khare said. "Its scope of work includes finalising the route alignment,

development of stations along with other critical tasks. Additionally, we are hoping to appoint the general consultant by Nov, although the tender process faced some delays due to the enforcement of the model code of conduct. We remain committed to pushing forward and ensuring timely progress," Khare said.

The consultant will handle essential building services, such as lighting, fire detection, plumbing, water supply and escalator designs, ensuring a modern and functional network. "The agency has a proven track record in handling complex urban rail projects and would bring technical expertise to ensure that we design a network that meets the city's long-term mobility needs. Their scope of work includes everything from station layouts and track structures to property development areas. The agency will ensure seamless integration with the existing metro lines," a senior GMRL official said. The design work will also focus on other

components like the planning of foot overbridges, drainage systems and the integration of property development with stations. A major part of the project includes reviewing the horizontal and vertical alignment of the metro routes while ensuring optimal traffic management and minimal disruption during construction.

Additionally, the consultant will assist GMRL in obtaining approvals from authorities such as the fire department and traffic police. The appointment of the DDC faced repeated setbacks, with GMRL floating tenders thrice.

While the bidding rounds in Aug 2022 and May 2023 saw the participation of a handful of firms, the third round this July saw only one firm taking part. GMRL accepted the firm's bid, but the assembly elections stalled its appointment as the consultant. The proposed 28.8-km metro corridor, which will connect Millennium City Centre to Cyber City, was approved by the Union cabinet in June 2023.

Footpaths to slip roads: Revamp soon for 2 key chowks



Gurgaon. Two crucial intersections of the city — Krishna Chowk and Bristol Chowk — are set to be redesigned as the GMDA plans to undertake junction improvements to enhance traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

The two vital intersections have been a sore point for commuters due to frequent traffic snarls and pedestrian safety risks.

The project aims to construct new footpaths and slip roads while making both intersections free of encroachments. Both the green areas and footpaths around the intersections have been encroached upon, with hawkers occupying much of the space. These encroachments force vehicles to park on the roads, leading to traffic jams, especially during peak hours. "We are working on a plan to improve two intersections. After conducting a traffic survey, its design will be prepared," GMDA mobility wing chief general manager RD Singhal said. The authority has also partnered with the Rahagiri Foundation, which will assess traffic patterns and suggest necessary measures to streamline movement for these two critical junctions. Earlier, the matter was also raised in the district road safety committee meeting, which directed the officials to devise a plan to alleviate the traffic pressure at these intersections, officials said.

A senior official of GMDA said that the metropolitan authority earlier took "some measures" to ease the traffic flow at Krishna Chowk with the construction of a slip road.

"But there is a lot of scope for improvement at this junction. Encroachment remains the main challenge, while the availability of land due to existing utilities causes further complications. Similarly, there is a huge footfall at Bristol Chowk, requiring some intervention to enhance pedestrian safety," he said.

Woodcraft to embroidery: Lakhpati Didis take centre stage at Saras mela, draw crowds

Gurgaon. Shehnaz from Bijnor's Jogirampuri village, showcasing woodcraft at Saras mela, says that this is her ancestral business. Around 10 years ago, she formed a self-help group called 'Hausla' with 12 women from her family. They got a loan of Rs 1.5 lakh from a bank and slowly expanded their business. Today, they have seven machines, and their group is doing business worth around Rs 10 lakh annually. The group uses mango and sheesham wood, which are easily available in Bijnor, for their artworks, says Shehnaz. Nahida, a graduate from Wadipora village in Kashmir's Kupwara district, runs a self-help group named 'Fatima' for the last four years. She creates purses, bags, handbags, stoles, shawls, and table runners with embroidery and needlework on muslin and woollen fabrics. Nahida has honed her skills



in the numerous trainings she received under the National Rural Livelihood Mission. She is happy to be self-reliant today because of her skill, she says, and run her shop in the nearby town of Handwara. She has also set up a stall at the Saras fair to showcase her products. Shehnaz and Nahida are two among hundreds of Lakhpati Didis who have set up their stalls at the Saras mela. The fair, organised for the third time by the ministry of rural development at Leisure Valley, is attracting visitors

from nearby areas such as Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad, Mewat, and Alwar. Meant to promote national rural livelihood mission, the fair has 473 stalls, including a food court, set up by 900 women from states including Punjab, Haryana, Goa, Maharashtra, Odisha, Jammu and Kashmir, Mizoram, Assam, Sikkim, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan. The fair, which has seen a footfall of 1 lakh since it began on Oct 13, is a coveted platform for women entrepreneurs from rural areas to showcase their products. It provides them with an opportunity to connect with customers from different parts of the country and expand their business. It also promotes rural entrepreneurship and empowers women by providing them with a source of income and financial independence. Joint secretary .

Building sites flouting pollution rules HSPCB starts checks

Gurgaon. Numerous large-scale construction and demolition (C&D) projects in the state are yet to comply with registration requirements on the govt web portal, despite previous directives issued by Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB). The portal, inaugurated by the state govt in Jan 2022 for real-time monitoring of pollution levels at C&D sites, is yet to witness registration from a substantial number of such sites, "which is a matter of grave concern".

The objective of this registration is to facilitate remote monitoring of dust mitigation measures at construction sites, officials said. A total of 1,109 C&D projects, each one encompassing an area of 500 square metres or more, in Haryana have so far registered on the portal dedicated to dust control, they said.

Out of the total, Gurgaon boasts the highest numbers with 398, followed by Bahadurgarh (127), Faridabad (109), Ballabgarh (102) and Sonapat (80).

"There are 1,109 sites registered on the portal, out of which 854 are operational and 255 have concluded the construction activities," HSPCB regional officer for



Gurgaon Nirmal Kashyap said.

When enquired about the plans of the C&D sites to ensure compliance and registration, the HSPCB official said that the board has requested civic agencies to share building plan data of these sites, enabling it to "cross-reference with environment clearance documents and identify non-registered sites." "We have advised against issuing building plans and completion certificates to sites that fail to adhere to the prescribed norms," Kashyap said. Officials said it is "imperative" that the civic bodies take this directive seriously and work

assiduously to register all eligible construction sites soon. Civic bodies have been provided with a checklist for monitoring compliance of dust mitigation measures in NCR, which will be carried out through this online mechanism. The list of dust control/mitigation measures includes the utilisation of anti-smog guns, water pills, water cannons, hoses, fire hydrants and sprinklers. As per the directives issued by the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), it is also obligatory for these sites to install PM2.5 and PM10 sensors that provide live feed

to the portal. The portal, which features a live dashboard to reflect ambient air quality status at specific sites, was launched as per CAQM's directions issued on Oct 1, 2021. The CAQM direction had stated, "All projects (on plot area equal to or greater than 500sqm) of construction and demolition in NCR have to mandatorily register at the web portal. Along with this, provision for video fencing equipped with remote connectivity technology will be incorporated in the web portal for effective and round-the-clock monitoring of compliance of dust mitigation measures by the project proponents." "It is mandatory for the proponents to install reliable and economical PM2.5 and PM10 sensors at the sites and link them to a platform with live dashboard accessibility for the pollution control board to monitor the activities," the direction said. After getting the data from the civic agencies, the officials might have some clarity on how many sites have not registered or about the compliance of dust mitigation measures. The follow-up action may be taken after that.

The blood on America's hands

THE rollcall of US extra-constitutional and extra-judicial encounters around the world is legion. Kuwait in 1990. Afghanistan in 2001. Iraq in 2003. Syria in 2014. Limited strikes in Libya in 2015. According to the US Congressional Research Service, the US launched 251 military interventions between 1991 — when the Cold War ended with the disintegration of the former Soviet Union — and 2022. When the Americans bombed Iraq, the destruction of the ruins of the ancient civilisation in Mesopotamia was collateral damage — but no one said a word. When the US troops hunted down Saddam Hussain, dictator extraordinaire but one who certainly did not possess any weapons of mass destruction — the Western world watched in hushed silence.

And by the time they finally left Afghanistan, after 21 years, they had succeeded in destroying tribal networks as well as playing off political leaders, which allowed the Taliban to regroup and take over the country again. Some would say — notably, the Bangladeshis in today's Dhaka — that India did the same in 1971, which is to help break up Pakistan and create a new country.

Oh yes, the Americans got that wrong, too — read US diplomat Archer Blood's book, 'The Blood Telegram', to tell you how Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger refused to criticise the Pakistani military establishment for carrying out the repeated massacres of East Bengalis. (As for how they described Indira Gandhi, who helped East Bengali politicians spearhead the creation of Bangladesh, that's another story).

So, if anyone has been surprised this week about the utterly ham-handed manner in which the US has gone about indicting an Indian intelligence official called Vikash Yadav — who, equally ham-handedly, tried to kill US citizen and pro-Khalistani activist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun; via a co-conspirator who tried to hire an American hitman to carry out the job; who, in turn, turned out to be a US undercover informer — well, then, you needn't be, even if it all sounds like a terrible Hindi movie. Listen to what the US attorney for the southern district of New York, Damian Williams, said when the charges were unsealed in the court on Thursday: "Let this case be a warning to all those who would seek to harm and silence US citizens: We will hold you accountable, no matter who and where you are." When you have so much blood on your hands, as the Americans have, you would imagine they would at least keep quiet.

Clearly, though, there's no place for irony or embarrassment or shame in the US establishment — at least, not when there's an ongoing do-or-die presidential campaign being fought between Donald Trump and Kamala Harris.

It's said to be a truism that Democrat administrations have been traditionally tougher on India than Republicans — perhaps, the Republicans don't care as much about human rights, and would rather make more money for themselves and the rest of America, which suits the Chinese just fine.

You would have thought that Joe Biden, Tony Blinken and Jake Sullivan would have known better than to allow a self-styled Khalistani activist to become the centre of the India-US relationship. Mystified Indians cannot help asking: Are the Americans OK with US citizens of Indian origin trying to break up India by pushing for the creation of Khalistan? Some say the Biden-Blinken-Sullivan trio tried to tell Canada's Justin Trudeau to tone down his public criticism of the Indian government. That's another joke. Remember the Air India 'Kanishka' flight that exploded off the coast of Ireland on June 23, 1985, killing all 329 people on board, most of them Canadian citizens of Indian origin? Well, it took Canada's famous police investigative agency, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), 15 years to arrest two pro-Khalistan Sikhs in 2000 for the terror act. A third man was arrested and let off after 24 hours.

Don't judge Bangabandhu through Hasina's misrule

His role in uniting the people of East Pakistan and the March 1971 non-cooperation movement that paralysed the Pakistani govt are among the proudest moments in our history.

Two recent announcements have taken us by surprise: first, the reconfiguration of national days, and second, the statement by Information Adviser Nahid Islam that the interim government does not consider Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as the Father of the Nation. Bangabandhu is a giant of history and the supreme leader of our independence movement. There were many others, including Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Huq, Syed Nazrul Islam and Gen MAG Osmani. History will judge them all and give them their due place. In our view, Bangabandhu must be judged in two separate segments: the first is up to our independence, and the second is after his return to Bangladesh on January 10, 1972. In the first phase, his role is central and decisive. He united the Bangalee nation to demand its economic, cultural and political rights. He generated in us the self-confidence to demand, assert and fight for our rights. During the 13 years (in total) that he was in jail, he never compromised. His sweeping victory in the 1970 General Election made him the spokesperson of the people of East Pakistan, a responsibility that he carried with tremendous courage and honesty till we became independent. His lifelong struggle to free us from the clutches of Pakistani rule is indisputable. He is the leader who inspired us to take up arms against the brutal and inhuman Pakistan Army. He was the leader of our Liberation War. But he faltered severely in running the country, especially in building a democratic polity. There is a lot of controversy about Bangabandhu's role after our liberation. Setting up Rakkhi Bahini and using it for political ends have always been a subject of criticism. But the action that really damaged his stature and respect was the introduction of one-party rule in January-February 1975. It was the beginning of autocratic rule in independent Bangladesh. Many leaders, while succeeding in revolution, falter in nation-building. They make mistakes, some of which cost their people tremendous pain, sufferings and even lives. Bangabandhu had his share of failings. Like others in history, he must be judged in totality. The best thing to do is to let qualified historians — not the politicised ones — do the job. What we cannot and must not do is judge Bangabandhu in light of Sheikh Hasina's fundamentally flawed, undemocratic, anti-people, corrupt, power-hungry, intolerant and



fascistic rule. We cannot malign Bangabandhu's historic and indisputable role with what Sheikh Hasina did in the 15-plus years she was in power. His role in uniting the people of East Pakistan, gradually building the anti-Ayub Khan movement, electrifying us with the Six-Point Programme, a stunning victory in the 1970 election, his March 7 speech, and the non-cooperation movement in March 1971 through which people totally paralysed the then Pakistani government, stand out among the proudest moments in our history. In all this, the general people and university students, especially those from Dhaka University (much like today), played a pivotal role. Many of the leaders and followers of the anti-discrimination movement of today will have different viewpoints and their own interpretations of history. As long as they are fact-based, we must respect them. However, some may not be fully aware of the historic significance of those days in the late 1960s, the magic of those moments in 1970, and the sheer magnificence of our armed struggle in 1971. We, who had the good fortune of being active participants in those events, bear testimony to those days and the role played by Bangabandhu. Every day, in our Mukti Bahini camps, we used to play the record of his March 7 speech to energise and motivate ourselves. The younger generation of today, aged 20-25 years, may form their impression of Bangabandhu only through the prism of Sheikh Hasina's misrule, corruption and abuse of power, the last few weeks of which, especially from July 15 to August 5, 2024, was a witness to a massacre of general public, pedestrians, street hawkers, bystanders and demonstrating

students. Whatever little goodwill and credibility she and her party still enjoyed, evaporated and was replaced by hatred in those weeks, the results of which we are all seeing now.

The past decade and a half, especially after the abolition of the caretaker system, followed by the manipulated elections in 2014, 2018 and 2024, turned the Awami League into a fascist party. It became deeply corrupt and considered itself above all laws. Sheikh Hasina turned supremely arrogant, and became obsessed with power, intolerant of the slightest criticism, contemptuous of independent media and disdainful of the Constitution. She became immersed in self-glory of "I can do no wrong because I am Bangabandhu's daughter." In the process, the Awami League turned into a party of exploiters, sycophants and self-servers who looted the country and laundered money abroad.

I think the greatest damage to Bangabandhu was done in the way his birth centenary was celebrated and the unlimited taxpayers' money that was spent for it.

The following year was the golden jubilee celebration of our liberation. The story followed the same pattern: nobody but Hasina's father played any part in our freedom struggle. The birth centenary, that was in 2020, continued for a year, with the ultimate fascist act of trying to propagate 'Mujib's Bangladesh' instead of 'People's Bangladesh.'

The hatred generated by all these excesses committed by the Hasina regime are now converging to malign Bangabandhu's image. The present generation of student protesters have literally seen only one government: that of Sheikh Hasina over the last 15 and a half years. Their world view and political consciousness were shaped by her government's oppressive behaviour that only generated resentment and hatred. We urge the students not to look at Bangabandhu through the misrule of Sheikh Hasina. She did, in our view, the greatest damage to her father's legacy by creating a personality cult that disgusted all and made us forget his extraordinary courage, political acumen, historic insights and organising ability. Now is the moment when we have people in power who are outside the bipolarity of our politics. We must move away from the confines of the two-party narrative — shifting from one biased narrative to another — that has kept us prisoners of bias and ignorance and avoid the trap.

SC raps states

Punjab, Haryana fail to curb stubble burning

DESPITE repeated warnings from the Supreme Court, stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana continues to worsen northern India's air pollution every year. The court recently summoned the chief secretaries of both states, demanding explanations for their failure to curb this practice. It also criticised the air pollution control board for its ineffectiveness, calling it a "toothless wonder" in its inability to enforce measures. Stubble burning has become a major environmental and public health crisis, contributing significantly to the toxic air that blankets cities up to Delhi during the winter. This pollution leads to widespread respiratory illnesses, especially among children and the elderly. While the SC's intervention is necessary, the persistent inaction points to a deeper issue: the socio-economic challenges farmers face in managing crop residue. For many, burning the stubble is the cheapest and



fastest way to clear fields between crop cycles. Though alternatives like straw management machinery exist, they are often too expensive for small-scale farmers, and

government subsidies have been insufficient. The solution requires a multifaceted approach. The state governments must enforce the laws more strictly while also offering greater financial aid and support to farmers for alternative methods of stubble disposal. Further, creating a market for agricultural waste, such as using crop residue for biofuels, could turn this environmental hazard into an economic asset.

The annual recurrence of this issue shows a lack of both political will and empathy for the millions of people who suffer from polluted air. Effective policies, technological innovation and better resource allocation are urgently needed. North India cannot afford to endure this public health disaster every year.

A collective effort from the government, judiciary and civil society is essential to break the cycle of stubble burning and ensure cleaner air for future generations.

Justice does not depend on symbolism

Removing the blindfold and replacing the sword with the copy of the Constitution do not amount to Indianisation of the concept of justice.

The statue of 'Lady Justice' was unveiled a few months ago by Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud in the Supreme Court judges' library; the media has picked up the issue only now. It is believed that a mural on the wall of the Judges Gallery in the SC gave the idea to the CJI to Indianise the statue in order to document the evolving nature of the Indian justice system. The mural depicts Lady Justice attired as an Indian goddess, with open eyes and having no blindfold; a book (supposedly the Constitution of India) is seen in her hand in place of the traditional sword, suggesting that justice is not blind in this country, nor does it symbolise punishment in new India.

The modification in the design of the statue, which is long associated with the judiciary and legal institutions, is being described by some law experts and media reports as an attempt to come out of the colonial past and its traditional attributes, although it does not appear to be so. The concept of Lady Justice, whether in the form of paintings, sculptures or metal statues, is not new to the world; it dates back to the ancient Greek and Egyptian civilisations. Themis, the Greek goddess, represented law, order and justice, while the Egyptians had Maat, who stood for order and carried both sword and feather of truth. The most direct comparison, however, is with the Roman goddess of justice, Justitia. The ancient Romans revered Justitia, whose image closely resembles the statue created in modern times. She represented the morality of the justice system.

There is no uniform or standard design of the statue of Lady Justice and it varies from country to country. At some places, she is depicted stepping on a snake, indicating that justice prevails over evil forces and



corruption, while the snake is missing elsewhere. The scales of justice are the common feature in all depictions of the idol of justice, representing impartiality and obligation of the judges to weigh the evidence presented before them. Evidences produced by all parties need to be looked at, and comparisons made while delivering justice.

The blindfold on some statues of Lady Justice appeared for the first time in the 16th century and has been used in many art works since then. Apparently, its original significance was that the judicial system was tolerating abuse or ignorance of the law to the peril of many innocents. However, in modern times, the blindfold represents impartiality and objectivity of the law and that it doesn't let other factors, such as politics, wealth or fame, influence its decisions. The SC in *Zahira Sheikh v. State of Gujarat* (2004), had the opportunity to redefine the concept of blindfold, when Zahira Sheikh, a victim of Godhra riots, retracted from her previous statements before the court on three occasions. The SC has observed that the blindfold should be nothing more than a veil which can be lifted by the court, if need be, to see who the parties are before it, in order to prevent miscarriage of justice.

The removal of the blindfold from the design of the new statue in the SC is being propagated as the ushering in of a new era in which the legal system would not get influenced by the status and social standing of the litigants. At this juncture, there is no reason to discard this prophecy; even the CJI has justified the removal of the blindfold, saying that the law is not blind; it sees everyone equally. At the philosophical level, intellectuals believe that mere removal of the blindfold from the eyes of the statue and replacing the sword with the copy of the Constitution do not amount to Indianisation of the concept of justice, as is being 'overstated'. They argue that in Indian mythology both gods of justice are male — Shani Dev, who does justice for living people, and Yamaraja, who does

justice after the death of a person. Ideally, for the Indianisation of the concept of justice, the Indian god of justice should have replaced the statue of Lady Justice. Critics are also of the view that replacement of the sword with the Constitution in the hand of Lady Justice is also not a proper move. Every Indian god and goddess is depicted to be carrying a weapon on his/her person to destroy the evil forces. In fact, there is no justice unless proper machinery is available to implement the verdict of the court through coercion. Law and justice are two different concepts. The book in the hand of the statue symbolises the importance of law, whereas the sword signifies the primacy of ensuring justice available to the victim at the grassroots level. Justice Krishna Iyer in the All-India Judges case (1992) has observed that law is a means to an end and justice is that end. Therefore, the new statue is incomplete without a symbol of coercion on her person to guarantee the implementation of the orders of the court. Without the power of coercion, justice would remain a flawed concept.

Some media reports also state that the new statue symbolises the judiciary's break from its colonial legacy. It is also not a correct statement as the concept of justice and its depiction in different art forms predate many centuries before the colonial era began. Therefore, it would be too far-fetched a conclusion to read any meaning in the attributes on the person of the new statue, although its value as an art piece is historic and cannot be denied. Justice does not depend on symbolism; it has many shades and dimensions, which can be read either from the faces of the litigants wandering in the courts or gathered from the peace and tranquility prevailing in the society.

Army captures 2 terrorists involved in multiple attacks in J&K

Bahraich remains tense, protesters set fire to bike showroom

In a joint operation conducted by the Indian Army and J&K Police in the Poonch sector based on intelligence inputs on October 18, terrorists Abdul Aziz and Manwar Hussain were apprehended.

New Delhi: In a blow to the terror infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir, security forces captured two terrorists who were involved in multiple terrorist attacks. The terrorists were captured from Surankote in Poonch district, officials said on Saturday.

In a joint operation conducted by the Indian Army and J&K Police in the Poonch sector based on intelligence inputs on October 18, terrorists Abdul Aziz and Manwar Hussain were caught.

Security forces also recovered weapons, ammunition, and grenades from the suspects, disrupting their operational capabilities.

This operation marks a crucial step in dismantling terror networks, as both individuals were involved in orchestrating

terror activities, including grenade attacks on religious sites and hospitals, terror



financing, anti-national propaganda, and arms smuggling, officials added. The recent arrests have weakened the logistical and operational networks of terror groups in the region, signalling a strong setback to their efforts.

The Army's swift and coordinated response, in collaboration with the police, has not only ensured the safety of civilians but has also dealt a decisive blow to the terror ecosystem in the area.

This success follows last month's arrest of another associate, underscoring the relentless efforts of the Army and other security forces to ensure peace and stability in the region. The breakthrough arrests of Aziz and Hussain came a day after a migrant worker from Bihar, was allegedly killed by terrorists in south Kashmir's Shopian district. The locals found the body with wounds on the roadside on Friday morning. He was immediately shifted to a nearby district hospital.

Meanwhile, there was no information revealed immediately as to which terror outfit these two are affiliated with.

Protesters in violence-hit Bahraich set fire to a bike showroom, damaging bikes and cars, amid tensions in the district over the death of a 22-year-old man during Durga Puja celebrations on October 13.

New Delhi: Bahraich in Uttar Pradesh continued to be tense as people protesting against the death of a 22-year-old man during Durga Puja celebrations last week set fire to a bike showroom, resulting in losses amounting to lakhs. The incident occurred on Saturday when Anoop Shukla, the shop owner, had gone for a heart check-up at a prominent hospital in Haryana's Gurugram. Shukla came to know about the incident during his visit to the hospital. He said that 38 vehicles, mostly bikes, were set on fire in the showroom in Maharajanjan area and a loss of Rs 50 lakh was incurred. "The building belonged to one Mohammad Saeed, but I had taken it on rent. The rioters did not spare my showroom as well. They burnt 34 bikes and four cars in the showroom. A cash drawer having Rs 4 lakh in it was also set on fire. In total, I have suffered a loss of Rs 50 lakh," he said.

Shukla said he was unsure when he would get his insurance money for the damage caused to his showroom. "The insurance company will give only Rs 35 lakh. I don't know when I will get that, I have suffered a lot," he said.

The incident comes against the backdrop of shopkeepers demolishing their shops following notices issued by the Public Works Department (PWD) to vacate properties due to illegal construction. The PWD had served the notices to 23 establishments, 20 of which belong to Muslim shopkeepers. This action follows a communal flare-up in the Maharajanjan area in Bahraich on October 13, during which a 22-year-old man, Ram Gopal Mishra, was shot dead, triggering tensions in the district. Mishra died of gunshot injuries after a dispute over loud music being played outside a place of worship in Maharajanjan during Durga idol immersion procession. The communal violence that followed saw incidents of arson, vandalism and stone pelting, with internet services suspended for four days before being restored on Thursday.

So far, the Uttar Pradesh Police have arrested 87 people in connection with the Bahraich violence. Around a dozen FIRs have been registered in the district and hundreds of unidentified rioters have been charged, according to officials. Cases were registered against around 1,000 people, including six named individuals.

High-intensity blast outside CRPF school in Delhi, cops find white powder nearby

New Delhi: The sound of a loud explosion was heard in Prashant Vihar in Delhi's Rohini on Sunday. Following the loud noise, plumes of smoke could be seen billowing from a spot near the CRPF Public School in Rohini, with a video also surfacing online. The sound came from around the school's wall and the windows of the nearby vehicles were shattered due to the explosion, visuals from the spot showed.

The windows of several cars were shattered due to the explosion, sources said, adding that the loud noise could be due to a cylinder blast at one of the nearby shops.

A white powder-like substance was found near the wall of the school.

Several videos were obtained by India Today, which show the extent of damage caused to shops near the school due to the impact of the explosion. The videos show hoardings of the shops scattered on the roads following the explosion. The police will register an FIR under the Explosives

Act. While investigating the scene, Delhi Police found a white powder-like substance near the wall of the school where the blast reportedly took place. CCTV footage around the area is being scanned to determine the sequence of events and ascertain the cause of the explosion.

Bomb Scare: Delhi Police Reaches Out To X For Help On Flight Hoax Threat Investigation

The move comes after an FIR was registered concerning a bomb threat targeting an Akasa Air flight bound for Bengaluru, which had 180 passengers on board.

New Delhi: Delhi Police have reached out to social media platforms, including X (formerly Twitter), to gather information about the accounts responsible for the posts of fake bomb threats disrupting domestic and international flights. The move comes after an FIR was registered concerning a bomb threat targeting an Akasa Air flight bound for Bengaluru, which had 180 passengers on board.

Following the registration of the FIR, police have intensified their investigation into this incident and several others reported at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport over the past month. A specialized team, including the cyber cell and Intelligence Fusion & Strategic Operations (IFSO), has been formed to handle the probe. Authorities suspect that the individual behind these threats may have used a Virtual Private Network (VPN) or dark web tools to create multiple accounts and issue the threats. Delhi Police have requested that social media platforms suspend the accounts linked to these threats and remove the posts. "We suspect the use of VPN or dark web browsers to create the accounts from which the threats were posted," an officer told PTI, adding that they have also requested the platforms to provide IP addresses to aid their investigation.

Surge in Bomb Threats

This week alone, over 70 flights, both domestic and international, have been subject to bomb threats, most of which have proven to be hoaxes. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) held an emergency meeting with airline CEOs and representatives to address the surge in threats, which has caused widespread disruption at airports across India.

On Saturday, the situation escalated further when more than 30 flights operated by major airlines, including Air India, Vistara, IndiGo, Akasa Air, SpiceJet, Star Air, and Alliance Air, received bomb threats. These incidents triggered heightened security measures, resulting in delayed flights, inconvenienced passengers, and aircraft being moved to isolation bays to follow safety protocols. As the frequency of these threats increases, the civil aviation ministry is considering stricter measures, including placing those responsible for hoax threats on a no-fly list, to prevent further disruptions.

Loud Explosion Blows Off School Wall In Delhi's Rohini, Cars, Shops Damaged

Forensic teams and officers of Delhi Police special cell have reached the spot and are trying to identify what caused the blast.

New Delhi: A massive explosion took place at CRPF school in Delhi's Rohini this morning. The school's wall suffered damage, but no casualties have been reported. Forensic teams and officers of the Delhi Police special cell have reached the spot and are trying to identify what caused the blast.

A video recorded by a local resident shows a cloud of smoke billowing from near the blast site. The eyewitness said, "I was at home. I heard a loud sound, saw a cloud of smoke and recorded the video. I do not know anything more. A police team and an ambulance have reached the spot." The blast took place near the CRPF school at Prashant Vihar at 7:47 am. Senior police officer Amit Goel said they have



called in experts to investigate what led to the blast. In a later update, police said they have not found anything suspicious yet and the underground sewage line is being examined as part of the probe. Local residents have said the explosion had shattered window panes of cars parked near the school and damaged the signboards of shops in

the area. Today at 07:47 hrs, a PCR call was received in which the caller informed that a blast with lots of noise took place near CRPF school Sector 14 Rohini. SHO/PV and staff reached at the spot, where the school wall was found damaged with a foul smell. The glasses of nearby shop and car parked near the shop were found to be damaged. No one was injured," the police said in a statement. "Crime team, FSL team and bomb disposal squad is called on the spot. Crime spot has been cordoned. Fire brigade team is on the spot. The matter is being looked into on the cause of blast," they added. The National Security Guard has been informed and a team may visit the spot. Police sources said a crude bomb could be behind the blast.

Delhi Covered In Fog As AQI Crosses 450 In Anand Vihar

As the pollution levels rise, residents of Delhi are facing increasing difficulties, especially those with pre-existing respiratory issues.

New Delhi: A thick layer of fog has engulfed parts of the national capital as air pollution continues to worsen. The Air Quality Index (AQI) at several key areas in Delhi has reached alarming levels, with Anand Vihar recording a staggering AQI of 454 at 8:30 AM, placing it in the 'Severe' category.

Worsening Air Quality Across Delhi

As the pollution levels rise, residents of Delhi are facing increasing difficulties, especially those with pre-existing respiratory issues. A local resident expressed concern, advising people to wear masks due to the spike in pollution levels and cold weather conditions.

Health Impacts of Rising Pollution According to the Central Pollution Control Board, AQI levels in the 'Severe' category can harm even healthy individuals and pose serious risks to those with pre-existing conditions. Prolonged exposure to 'Very Poor' AQI levels can lead to respiratory illnesses, while 'Poor' AQI levels can cause breathing discomfort for most people.

Toxic Foam on the Yamuna River

Along with the rise in air pollution, toxic foam has been observed on the Yamuna River near the Kalindi Kunj area over the past few days. The worsening pollution in the river is a significant environmental concern,

especially ahead of Chhath Puja, when many devotees gather by the river.

Political Blame Game

The increasing pollution has sparked a political war of words. BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla launched a scathing attack on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), accusing Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal of failing to fulfill promises of cleaning the Yamuna River. Poonawalla criticized Kejriwal for allegedly misusing funds allocated for cleaning the river, claiming they were diverted for political advertisements. Poonawalla further challenged Kejriwal to take a dip in the polluted Yamuna, highlighting

the health risks posed to women during Chhath Puja due to the river's toxic state. He emphasized that the river, which was supposed to be cleaned by 2025 according to AAP's promises, remains heavily polluted.

AAP's Response to the Pollution Crisis

Delhi's Environment Minister, Gopal Rai, countered the BJP's accusations, calling for collective action to combat the air pollution crisis. He criticized the BJP-led governments in neighboring states like Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Rajasthan, as well as the central government, for not taking adequate measures to address the pollution.

87 Arrests, Encounter, Vandalised Shops: The Story Of Bahraich Violence

22-year-old Ram Gopal Mishra was shot dead in Bahraich during a communal flare-up after a group of people objected to loud music

New Delhi: Shopkeepers in Uttar Pradesh's Bahraich vacated shops and salvaged their goods on Saturday as a demolition drive was in the offing, a week after a man's death during Durga Puja procession led to communal tensions and subsequent arrests.

What happened on October 13?

A 22-year-old man, identified as Ram Gopal Mishra, was shot dead in the Maharajanjan area of the district during a communal flare-up after a group of people objected to loud music in front of a religious institution. A video circulated after the incident showed him removing a green flag from the rooftop of a house in a frenzy and supplanting it with a saffron flag. He was shot immediately afterward.

Mishra was taken to the hospital, where he was declared dead. This was followed by destruction of property, stone pelting and arson.



Communal tensions, an encounter and arrests

The district was on edge for days in the wake of the killings, witnessing various incidents of arson and vandalism, forcing the authorities to suspend internet for four days. Some shops, houses and vehicles were vandalised. A car showroom was set on fire on October 14, even as Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath gave orders to the police to deal strictly with those disrupting law and order or spreading rumours. He also met Mishra's

family at his official residence in Lucknow, where he assured action against the accused. Additional troops, including some paramilitary forces units, had to be called in to ensure surveillance.

Mishra's family refused to cremate the body and held a sit-down protest, relenting only after assurances of action from the police and administration officials. Five men suspected to be involved in Mishra's death were arrested on Thursday after an encounter with the UP Police in which two of them Mohammad Talim and Mohammad Sarfaraz suffered gunshot injuries. The five allegedly tried to flee to Nepal, which shares a border with Bahraich. They were identified as Mohammad Faheem, Mohammad Sarfaraz, Abdul Hameed, Mohammad Taleem alias Sabloo, and Mohammad Afzal. By Friday, the Uttar Pradesh Police had

arrested 87 people in Bahraich in connection with the rioting and around 1,000 people were booked after at least 11 FIRs were registered in the matter. Circle Officer Rupendra Gaur, Tehsildar Ravikant Dwivedi and District Information Officer Ghulam Waris Siddiqui were removed from their positions after the violence. A station house officer and a police outpost in charge were suspended.

PWD issues demolition notice to accused

The PWD on Friday carried out "routine" inspections in the Maharajanjan area and took measurements of 20-25 houses, including that of Hameed, one of the men accused of having a role in Mishra's killing. According to the notice at Hameed's house, the PWD said the construction was "illegal" since it was built within 60 feet of the central point of the road in rural areas, which is not allowed.

News box

No surprises, CPM fields Sarin and Pradeep from Palakkad, Chelakkara

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. Aiming to capitalize on the strife within the opposition camp and gain maximum votes, the CPM has decided to pin all its hopes on a Congress dissident in the politically significant Palakkad assembly by-election. On Friday, the CPM announced P. Sarin, former KPCC digital media cell convenor, as an independent candidate for the Palakkad seat. The party also declared former MLA U.R. Pradeep as its candidate in the reserved Chelakkara constituency. In announcing the candidature, CPM state secretary M.V. Govindan expressed confidence in winning both seats. Sarin, who unsuccessfully contested the 2021 assembly election from Ottapalam under the Congress banner, was ousted from the Congress after rebelling against the party leadership following the announcement of its Palakkad candidate. After receiving an invitation from the CPM, Sarin visited the party's district committee office on Friday. A former civil servant and an MBBS graduate, he entered politics in 2016. At the same time, the selection of Pradeep who was elected to the assembly from Chelakkara in 2011 was expected.

Telangana HC warns government over delay in land appeal due to elections

HYDERABAD. Expressing its displeasure at the state government's delay in filing an appeal in a civil case "due to election process", the Telangana High Court on Friday warned officials that if such excuses continue, the appeal filed by them could be rejected. The state government's delay in filing an appeal in a civil case "due to election process", the Telangana High Court on Friday warned officials that if such excuses continue, the appeal filed by them could be rejected. A bench of Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J. Srinivas Rao questioned the justification provided by government officials that the delay in filing an appeal against a 2016 judgment by a single that a piece of land in Gudimalkapur, Hyderabad, belonged to private individuals was due to the recent elections. The single judge had reverse a 2014 decision by the Hyderabad collector that the land was government property. The case was originally filed by Fazal-ul-Haq and nine others, who challenged the collector's 2014 order. The court's 2016 verdict declared the land privately owned but acknowledged that the government had leased the site for a school since 1968. Officials were ordered to either complete the land acquisition process within six months or the land would remain with the private individuals. In July 2024, the Hyderabad collector filed an appeal against the 2016 judgment, citing delays caused by the election process. The bench heard arguments on behalf of the government from Special Government Pleader (GP) A Divya, who requested the appeal be considered, explaining that officials had been preoccupied with election activities, including the distribution of 2BHK houses. However, the court was unimpressed with this explanation. The bench posed critical questions about the involvement of the collector in elections, asking, "Which constituency did the collector contest from? Did he win?" The court further stressed that officers involved in election duties should not neglect their regular responsibilities. The collector denied participating in any political campaigns.

L&T Metro Hyderabad partners Mana Yatri to enhance last-mile connectivity

HYDERABAD. In a significant move to enhance last-mile connectivity, Mana Yatri, Hyderabad's first 100% open mobility app for autos and cabs, has partnered with L&T Metro Hyderabad to provide affordable and reliable services for metro commuters. This strategic collaboration offers subsidised auto rides starting from Rs 40 across all 57 metro stations, ensuring a seamless and cost-effective commute for lakhs of passengers daily. The partnership was officially announced on Friday at the launch event. For millions of Hyderabad residents, the daily commute often involves challenging task of reaching their final destination from metro rail stations. Mana Yatri's innovative, community-first approach is set to transform this experience. By integrating Mana Yatri's services with the Metro network, passengers can now enjoy a seamless commute to their desired locations at affordable rates. HMRL Managing Director NVS Reddy said Hyderabad Metro Rail remains steadfast in its commitment to providing efficient, accessible, and sustainable urban mobility solutions for the citizens of Hyderabad. This partnership with Mana Yatri is a strategic step towards resolving the last-mile connectivity challenge. "Our endeavour is to foster public transport as the preferred mode of travel, contributing to a more eco-friendly and commuter-friendly city," he said.

Odisha set for rapid growth in chemical and petrochemical sector: CM Mohan Charan Majhi

We are on the threshold of a new era of Purvodaya - the resurgence of eastern India.

BHUBANESWAR. The chemicals and petrochemicals sector in Odisha is set for an exponential growth, supported by the core sectors like steel and aluminum, and the state is well-positioned to play a key role in meeting the rising global demand, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi said on Friday. Addressing industry leaders and experts at IndiaChem 2024 in Mumbai, Majhi said, "Our chemicals and petrochemicals ecosystems are built on a solid foundation with presence of companies like IOCL, Paradeep Phosphates and IFFCO. We are on the threshold of a new era of Purvodaya - the resurgence of eastern India. The state is poised to be at the forefront of this new journey towards a Viksit Bharat and play a key role in driving India's industrial growth." With world-class infrastructure, Majhi said, the Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region (PCPIR) at Paradip is driving Odisha's ambitions in this sector. Strategically located near the country's largest port in terms of cargo volumes, this industrial hub integrates a robust supply



chain, connecting industries to global markets. The chief minister informed that the state has already seen significant investments from leading companies in the chemicals and allied sectors like Grasim, Berger Paints, Shalimar Paints while plastic sector leaders like Supreme, Ashirvad, Astral, Syntex and Srichakra Polyplast have already expanded their operations, contributing to the growth of downstream industries and creating opportunities across the value chain. "Key players in technical textiles like EPIC and MAS groups and specialty

chemicals' manufacturers like Eternis, Epsilon, Sanvira, Silox, Epigral, Himadri, Kiri and VCI chemicals have also found Odisha's industry environment to be conducive for investment. These industries are helping Odisha build a diversified chemicals sector that caters to a wide range of industrial needs," Majhi said. Highlighting the focus areas, the chief minister said, the state government is promoting investments in technical textiles and recycling of by-products besides plastics and packaging, with specialty chemicals, which have increased demand in both domestic and international markets. Other priority sectors are pharma chemicals, anode and cathode chemicals for the expanding battery and electric vehicle markets and green fuel production to support the global shift towards cleaner energy, he said and invited investors to "invest in Odisha - invest in the future".

In a first, woman elected chairperson in University College

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. For the first time in its 158-year history, University College will have a woman chairperson at the helm of the students' union. N.S. Farishtha, fielded by the SFI, along with all other candidates from the pro-Left student outfit, made a clean sweep in the college union election on Friday. Farishtha made history by winning the election by an impressive margin of 1,427 votes against her rival, A.S. Siddhi of the KSU. The SFI fielded nine women in its panel of 14 candidates. Last month, the SFI also swept the Kerala University student union election, with an all-woman panel winning all seven seats for the first time in the university's history. Speaking to the media after her victory, Farishtha stated that the clean sweep by her panel sent a clear message to University College students that the slander campaign against the SFI by rival outfits such as the KSU has not succeeded. The winners of the other student union posts were: H.L. Parvathy (vice chairperson), Abid Jafar (general secretary), B. Nikhil (arts club secretary), S. Ashwin and S.S. Upanya (University union councillors), P.R. Vaishnavi (magazine editor), R. Ardra Sivani and A.N. Anagha (lady representatives), A.R. Indian (first UG rep), M.A. Ajimhsa (second UG rep), Vismaya Vijimon (third UG rep), A.A. Vaishnavi (first PG rep), and R. Ashwashosh (second PG rep).



City witnesses an increase in house break-ins compared to previous year

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. The capital city has seen a rise in house break-ins over the past two years, with 2024 recording 118 incidents compared to 107 in 2023. According to data, in 2024, 78 of the total incidents occurred during the night, while 40 happened in the day. Similarly, in 2023, night time break-ins dominated with 77 cases, compared to 30 during the day. "Criminals are targeting homes, especially at night when occupants are away for extended periods. A pattern of them spotting houses and wandering

around to know the surroundings have been observed in the cases," said DCP Vijay Bharath Reddy. The data indicates that certain police station limits are seeing more activity than others. Valiyathura and Vizhinjam have been consistently high in break-in reports. Valiyathura recorded 15 cases in 2023 and 5 in 2024, while Vizhinjam saw a steep rise from 10 break-ins in 2023 to 17 in 2024. "These areas are being given special attention and we are working with residential associations to establish stronger neighbourhood watch

programmes," added DCP. According to the police, the modus operandi usually involves entry through less-secured doors and windows, often during the late night or early morning hours when streets are quieter. A majority of the targeted homes have been found to be unoccupied for long periods, which has made the residents install better security systems, such as alarms and CCTV cameras. The police are also encouraging people to report any suspicious activities in their neighbourhoods.

'Criminals targeting homes, especially at night when occupants are away for extended periods'

After flooding, BBMP completes dewatering, fogging

BENGALURU. Two days after the flooding at Sai Baba Layout at Horamavu Ward in KR Puram, Mahadevapura Zone, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) completed dewatering and fogging at the layout comprising 180 houses. It also asked residents of 50 houses, who were shifted due to flooding, to come back. The BBMP officials said the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) needs to take up development works, especially drains. Besides, as a permanent solution, the vent work below the Railway Department bridge needs to be hastened. Joint Commissioner, Mahadevapura Zone K Dakshayini said, "The rescue and rehabilitation works ended on Friday. BBMP workers were deployed to pump out flood and dirty water, clear the silt, add bleaching powder and then clean the homes with water." She also added that



fogging was also done in the evening to avoid the mosquito menace. Vinay, Assistant Executive Engineer of Horamavu Sub-Division, who is monitoring the work, said there is no fault from BBMP, as the runoff of water from 200 feet Hebbal-Nagawara Valley

narrows down to 20 feet at the bridge, flooding the entire layout. "23 people whose houses were completely flooded were provided accommodation at nearby hotels for three days. Besides, all affected houses were supplied with essentials like food and water, the AEE said. He also added that additional vent work is being executed. It was delayed as the work in shifting 1.9 diameters minor irrigation pipes took time. By summer, the work will be completed and during the next season, the chances of flooding will be reduce drastically." A senior official also stated that this layout is parallel to Geddalahalli near Arkavathy Layout, and the onus of development of good drains falls on the BDA. "Until and unless the vent is not increased by the Railway department at Geddalahalli, Sai Baba Layout will continue to flood during every rain," said the official.

Karnataka HC: Government staff entitled to reimbursement of private hospital expenses

The Karnataka HC said this while directing the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust of the state government to reimburse the medical bills submitted by a government servant.

BENGALURU. When a recognised government hospital refers a patient, who is a government servant, to a non-empanelled private hospital under exceptional circumstances, he/she should be entitled to reimbursement of medical expenses. The High Court of Karnataka said this while directing the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust of the state government to reimburse the medical bills submitted by a government servant. Justice Hemant Chandangoudar passed this order while allowing a petition by Nagabhushana B, assistant court officer of the HC, questioning the rejection of his claim by the trust. The trust issued an order on January 23, 2023, rejecting his medical claim on the grounds that it is not covered under emergency circumstances as defined in the Government Order (GO) of November 5, 2014. Initially, the petitioner was admitted to Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research on the premises of KC General Hospital at Malleswaram in the city. He was later referred to Mazumdar Shaw Medical Centre, a private and non-empanelled hospital, according to the GO, for treatment by a pulmonologist. After treatment, the petitioner submitted an application for reimbursement of Rs 2.63 lakh along with prescriptions, bills and the discharge summary issued on December 23, 2022. He also submitted a representation to the Registrar General of the high court, explaining the emergency circumstances that necessitated treatment at an unrecognised hospital. The same was communicated by the Registrar General to the trust, which rejected the claim, stating that it is not covered under emergency circumstances as per the GO. The GO stated that under exceptional circumstances, government servants are entitled to reimbursement of medical expenses incurred at non-empanelled private hospitals, especially when recognised government hospitals refer them to non-empanelled private hospitals for any reason. Referring to this provision, the court said the petitioner is entitled to reimbursement of medical expenses under Clause 5 of Paragraph 3 of the GO, which allows government servants to seek reimbursement of medical expenses at notified rates, even if treatment was taken in private hospitals, provided they were referred there by recognised government hospitals. Therefore, the order issued by the trust rejecting the claim is quashed. Also, the trust has to consider the petitioner's claim for reimbursement of medical expenses, subject to submission of documents, the court said.

'Convertible' path: KSRTC plans double-decker tour rides in city

However, authorities will have to wait till December 1, when the current advertising contracts expire. The bus will then be refitted.

KOCHI. The Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) now plans to launch 'city tour' rides by deploying its iconic double-decker buses in Kochi, on the lines of a successful service being operated in Thiruvananthapuram. Transport Minister K B Ganesh Kumar on Friday said the corporation plans to operate two open-top double-decker buses, including the one currently being run as a passenger service on the Angamaly-Thoppumpady route. "The double-decker bus, currently operated by Angamaly depot, will be converted into an open-top vehicle to offer passengers a thrilling experience. Another bus will be introduced at a later stage," the minister said. Various routes, including Marine Drive-Fort Kochi, are being considered for the city tour service. However, narrow roads and the low-lying structures and trees pose hurdles. "We're working with Kochi corporation to run the majestic double-decker buses here," he added. However, authorities will have to wait till

December 1, when the current advertising contracts expire. The bus will then be refitted. Earlier, there were plans to move the 80-seater double-decker bus with Angamaly depot to Thiruvananthapuram.



This was proposed after a feasibility study found "obstructions" along the proposed routes in Kochi, including in Fort Kochi.

The bus has been operating on the 45km Angamaly-Thoppumpady section, mostly along the National Highway. It is, however, now idling after services were stopped due to closure of the Kundanoor-Thevara bridge for renovation. Like the state capital, Kochi has also had a long tryst with the buses with an upper deck. Buses ran on the Palativattom-Willingdon Island route from 1969 to 1975 before the services were curtailed. A lone double-decker bus was reintroduced on the Angamaly-Thoppumpady sector in 2011. The KSRTC currently operates two electric double-decker buses for the successful 'city tour' in Thiruvananthapuram. The service allows tourists enjoy the charming beauty of the historic city and has been a hit. Another of its double-decker buses is deployed with Thalassery depot. It does chartered runs in Kozhikode city.

NEWS BOX

Virat's advice, strokeplay with Pant: Sarfaraz cherishes dream Test in Bengaluru

NEW DELHI. India middle-order batter Sarfaraz Khan scored a stunning century on Day 4 of the Bengaluru Test match against New Zealand. The batter scored 150 runs and combined with Rishabh Pant to dig India out of trouble on Saturday, October 19. In a short video uploaded by the Board of Control for Cricket in India, Sarfaraz said that Saturday was like a dream to him. The batter spoke about getting advice from Virat Kohli during his innings, and how him and Rishabh Pant wanted to play their natural attacking game when India were put under pressure. "It felt very good. When I was celebrating my century it felt like the grass was blue, not green. It felt like I was in the sky. I was so happy. My dream was to score a hundred for India and it came true," Sarfaraz Khan said about his century in the Bengaluru Test match.

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The batter added 177 runs with Rishabh Pant



in just 211 balls. While Sarfaraz got out at 150, Rishabh Pant painfully played the ball into his own stumps at 99. Sarfaraz said that both of them helped each other throughout the innings. "Me and Rishabh play aggressive cricket. Both play attacking cricket and we were talking in the middle that we would help each other," Sarfaraz said. The batter concluded by talking about the seniors of the Indian team. Sarfaraz said that Virat told him to back his shots and play without any stress.

"I have watched Virat Kohli since childhood and I always wanted to play with him. That dream came true in RCB, but to play with him in the Indian team, that was special. He kept saying that 'back your shots, play freely' and he gave me a lot of confidence. When someone like Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma pat your back and say that you have done well, it is obviously a proud moment," Sarfaraz concluded in the BCCI video.

Sarfaraz's innings helped India set a target of 107 runs against New Zealand. They play was stopped on Day 4 evening due to bad light when New Zealand had just come out to bat.

Ramandeep takes stunning one-handed catch during India A vs Pakistan A

Muscat. India A's Ramandeep Singh produced a moment of brilliance to dismiss Pakistan A's Yasir Khan during their Emerging Asia Cup clash on October 19. The diving catch, which turned a certain boundary into a wicket, left spectators at the Al Amerat Cricket Ground in Oman awestruck. Ramandeep's athletic effort came at a crucial moment in Pakistan A's 183-run chase, effectively turning the game in India A's favour. India A had earlier posted a total of 183 runs, thanks to solid contributions from skipper Tilak Verma and opener Prabhshimran Singh. However, it was the side's sharp fielding and disciplined bowling



that ultimately secured the win. As Pakistan A's wickets tumbled and the required run rate began to climb, opener Yasir Khan attempted to accelerate the scoring by targeting spinner Nishant Sandhu. In an effort to break the shackles, Yasir went for a big hit, but his hopes were dashed when Ramandeep's acrobatic effort sent him back to the pavilion. This pivotal dismissal further derailed Pakistan A's run chase. Yasir's wicket put enormous pressure on the middle-order batters, and despite a valiant knock from Arafat Minhas and a brief cameo from Abdul Samad, the team struggled to recover. The India A bowling attack, led by Anshul Kamboj, was equally impressive. Kamboj delivered a standout performance, taking 3 wickets for 33 runs, ensuring Pakistan A never gained momentum, and his recurring breakthroughs stifled any hopes of a comeback and winning the clash by 7 runs. On top of huge confidence from this win against their arch-rivals, Tilak Verma's India A will now look forward to their next group-stage match against the UAE on October 21. The team's well-rounded performance—highlighted by Ramandeep's sensational catch—will boost their confidence as they aim to advance in the Emerging Asia Cup.

Djokovic pays tribute to Nadal after final encounter: You have an incredible legacy

Six Kings Slam exhibition: Novak Djokovic honoured his long-time rival, Rafael Nadal. The emotional exchange marked the end of their legendary rivalry as Nadal prepares for retirement.

NEW DELHI. Novak Djokovic, a 24-time Grand Slam champion, paid tribute to his long-time rival and friend Rafael Nadal in an emotional and heartfelt exchange following the two great rivals' final match on Saturday at the Six Kings Slam exhibition event in Saudi Arabia. Djokovic thanked Nadal for his impact on the sport and praised the Spaniard's legacy. "It's been an incredible honor and an incredible pleasure to share the court with you," Djokovic said. "It's been quite an emotional moment today, we've been playing a lot of games over so many years." Djokovic, who faced Nadal in one of the most famous rivalries in tennis history, reflected on the



intensity of their battles and expressed a desire to remain close off the court. "The rivalry has been incredible and very intense," he continued. "I hope that we'll have a chance to maybe sit on a beach somewhere, have a little drink, reflecting on life, talking about something else. Thank you for what you have done, you leave an

incredible legacy, and we really appreciate it." The tribute came after Nadal and Djokovic clashed for the final time at the Six Kings Slam exhibition event in Saudi Arabia, where Djokovic won the third-place match 6-2, 7-6(5). The exhibition marked the end of Nadal's illustrious career, with the Spaniard set to retire following the Davis

Cup Finals next month. Nadal, a 22-time Grand Slam champion, responded with gratitude, thanking Djokovic for pushing him to reach new heights in their 15-year rivalry. "Thank you, Novak, for everything, for all the moments we shared on court during our careers," Nadal said. "It's been an amazing rivalry."

"In a personal way, you helped me go over my limits during almost 15 years," Nadal added. "Without that, I wouldn't be the player I am today. Congratulations for all the titles and an amazing career to you and your team. I wish you all the best of luck for the future."

The two legends of the game met 60 times throughout their careers, the most meetings between any two men in tennis history. Djokovic narrowly leads the head-to-head record with 31 victories to Nadal's 29. As Nadal prepares for his farewell appearance at the Davis Cup Final 8 in Malaga from November 19-24, the tennis world will bid farewell to a rivalry that defined an era. Though their competitive days may be over, the mutual respect and admiration between Djokovic and Nadal will continue to resonate throughout the sport for years to come.

T20 World Cup Final: South Africa, New Zealand set to enter new era of champions

Women's T20 World Cup: Sophie Devine's New Zealand and Laura Wolvaardt's South Africa will be looking for glory they face each other in the summit clash on Super Sunday at the Dubai International Stadium.

New Delhi The Women's T20 World Cup is all set to witness a new winner as Sophie Devine's New Zealand and Laura Wolvaardt's South Africa will face each other in the summit clash on Super Sunday at the Dubai International Stadium. Both teams will be brimming with confidence after knocking out former champions, Australia and West Indies, in the semi-finals. The White Ferns came into the mega



event on the back of 10 losses on the trot in Women's T20s. Very few gave them a chance to even go past the group stage given their poor form. But once Devine and Co. took down Harmanpreet Kaur's India by 58 runs in Dubai, they became unstoppable. On Friday, they thumped West Indies by eight runs in Sharjah. Barring the game against Australia where their batting crumbled, New Zealand haven't done much wrong. They also returned to the T20 World Cup final after finishing as the runners-up in 2009 and 2010. The men's team lost the final in Dubai three years ago, but here lies another chance, this time for the White Ferns. South Africa, on the other hand, suffered heartbreak in 2023 when

Sune Luus' women lost to Meg Lanning's troopers. The men's team also missed out earlier this year against India at the Kensington Oval. The Proteas came into the tournament as underdogs after beating Fatima Sana's Pakistan 2-1 in the away T20I series. But Wolvaardt has led them with dignity throughout. After beginning their campaign with a resounding 10-wicket win against West Indies, they also beat Bangladesh and Scotland in the group stage. But it was the semi-final that would have done their confidence a world of good.

Anneke Bosch's unbeaten 74 powered them through to an eight-wicket win against Australia, who were looking for their fourth T20 World Cup title on the trot. It was also South Africa's maiden win over the Aussies in the history of the tournament out of eight meetings. Luus could not do it in 2023 and Aiden Markram failed as well in 2024. But Wolvaardt has a chance to lift the title. For New Zealand, they would want to give 'captain' Sophie Devine a happy farewell with glory on Sunday. Devine, earlier, said that she would step down as the White Ferns' skipper after the championship.

Mohunbagan continue their Kolkata derby dominance with 2-0 win over East Bengal

Kolkata. Mohun Bagan Super Giants extended their dominance in the iconic Kolkata derby with a 2-0 win over a struggling East Bengal FC in the Indian Super League clash on October 19. The Jose Molina-coached side continued their impressive unbeaten streak in the ISL, marking their eighth consecutive derby victory at the Salt Lake Stadium. East Bengal, mired in management troubles, brought in newly-appointed coach Oscar Bruzon, who arrived in Kolkata the night before following visa complications. However, his debut was far from ideal, as the Red and Gold brigade suffered their fifth defeat of the season. Despite the match beginning on a balanced note, Mohun Bagan took control when Manvir Singh's cross-field through ball set up Jamie McLaren, who tapped in the first goal in the 41st minute. The game was sealed in the 89th minute when Dimitri Petratos, Mohun Bagan's star forward,



scored from the penalty spot. Petratos, who came on as a substitute, won the penalty himself after being fouled by East Bengal goalkeeper Prabhshimran Gill in a careless defensive mistake.

East Bengal's Finishing Woes

East Bengal's primary struggle in this match was their inability to finish attacking plays. While the team displayed some improvement in offensive movements, they

once again faltered in the final third. Even the introduction of Dimitrios Diamantakos, replacing captain Cleiton Silva in the second half, couldn't spark a breakthrough. The Red and Gold have plenty of attacking talent, but they lack the composure to convert chances into goals. With time until their next fixture, Bruzon will need to focus on instilling a more decisive mentality in front of goal.

Mohun Bagan's mixed performance

Despite securing the win, Jose Molina appeared far from satisfied, as his team's performance was underwhelming. They squandered several clear opportunities, including an early chance by McLaren, who shot directly at the goalkeeper despite being unmarked. East Bengal's disorganized defense allowed Mohun Bagan to capitalize, but stronger opposition might not be as forgiving.



reignited United's belief and energised their play. The match-winner came in the 70th minute when Danish forward Rasmus Hjulund ended his goal drought in style. A slick flick from Bruno Fernandes set Hjulund up to chip the ball past the Brentford goalkeeper, securing a vital victory and silencing the growing concerns surrounding United's form.

Drawbacks for Ten Hag to address

While the win provided much-needed relief, there were still issues for Erik ten Hag to address. United showed renewed attacking intent, but their failure to convert clear chances remains a concern. The team often lacked enough players in advanced positions, forcing Christian Eriksen, usually a deep-lying playmaker, to act as a forward in several attacking moves. Additionally, Joshua Zirkzee's performance highlighted some finishing problems. The Dutch forward demonstrated his ability to get into dangerous positions but struggled with his final touch, something United must address, especially with key fixtures on the horizon.

'Injury-free' Shreyas Iyer keen to make India Test team comeback

Mumbai batter Shreyas Iyer is keen on making India comeback. Iyer has stressed that he is injury free and pushing his limits in terms of fitness. Shreyas made his comments after scoring a century against Maharashtra in the Ranji Trophy.

New Delhi Mumbai batter Shreyas Iyer is eager to return to the Indian Test squad, expressing confidence and determination following his recovery from back surgery. The 29-year-old recently celebrated his first red-ball century since his Test debut nearly three years ago during the Ranji Trophy second-round match against Maharashtra. His last first-class ton was in the Kanpur Test against New Zealand in November 2021. "It feels special, coming back after a very long

time. Obviously, I was feeling a bit down with my injuries, but now, getting a century after a very long time, it's a great feeling overall," Iyer shared with reporters after the day's play.

Iyer, who was dropped from the BCCI central contract list earlier this year, last played in the home Test series against England in February. While he participated in the ODI series against Sri Lanka in August, he has a strong desire to contribute to red-ball cricket. Absolutely (the drive is still to play Tests). That's why I've been playing. I mean, or else I would have given a reason and sat out," he stated.

Ranji Trophy: Shreyas Iyer hits hundred

In his last five first-class games, including the Duleep Trophy, Irani Trophy, and Ranji Trophy, Iyer has made an impact with three fifties and a 40 in 10 innings. Reflecting on missing out on the Test team, he said, "I had addressed my feeling during the longer format and things didn't go my way. But I'm in a good space right now. I'm doing what I'm meant to do." Iyer noted that his recent matches have contributed to his fitness, stating, "This is my seventh match on the trot, and the body has taken a lot of load at the



same time. So, we have to manage here and there and strategise how I play."

He emphasized the importance of listening to his body: "I need to see to it that my body is in the best shape possible, and I have to decide according to that. Based on my experience over the years, I'll make the right decisions, and I hope my team will back me."

Having made a comeback in the Asia Cup last year after his surgery, Iyer also played in the

ODI World Cup. He was selected for the first two home Tests against England in early 2024 but was later omitted from the remaining matches. When asked if he fears a recurrence of his injury, he confidently replied, "Not anymore." He elaborated, "The surgery was last year, and after that, I played the World Cup, Asia Cup, and many more matches. I trained hard to ensure I maintain optimum fitness, and my capacity has improved significantly." Iyer, who led the Kolkata Knight Riders to an IPL title earlier this year, discussed his post-surgery training regimen. "I improved my long-distance running and increased my patience for the longer format. I did intensive training, pushing my body to its limits with 400-800 meters of running." Teaming up with 17-year-old Ayush Mhatre, the duo built a 200-run partnership, helping Mumbai secure a considerable lead. "Nowadays, teams often set defensive fields right from the start, so I focused on taking my time, playing more balls than taking risks." "My plan was to play session by session and see how much my body can take," Iyer concluded, highlighting his commitment to making a successful return to Test cricket.



Priyanka Chopra's

Latest Post Prompts Reaction From Husband Nick Jonas: 'Just Wow'

We can't get enough of Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas's public expression of love for each other. The duo makes us believe in true love with their heartwarming gestures, not shying away from proudly sharing their feelings for each other. Our love for the couple only grew stronger when Nick recently dropped a comment on Priyanka's post comprising her stunning pictures from a brand event. During her latest visit to India, Priyanka Chopra attended an event for a brand collaboration. Her look for the glam night featured an olive number, keeping up with the party vibes. The silver details on her mini dress contributed to her main character energy and the train at the back added drama. With nude lips, shimmering glam and dewy makeup, she completed her look. Captioning her pictures, she wrote, "At the end of the day, it's the night that counts."

Soon after the pictures were shared online, Nick Jonas was quick enough to share his reaction, reflecting on his obsession with his dear wife. In the comment section, he wrote, "Wow just wow."

Not just Nick Jonas, several other celebrities were drooling over Priyanka Chopra's mesmerising looks including Harman Sandhu as she wrote, "oh my my!" Rakul Preet Singh, too, joined her to complement the global icon as she commented, "Uffffff dead."

Raashii Khanna also added, "Stunning!" For Priyanka and Nick Jonas, love is not just in the air but all the key components of life. On his birthday last year, the actress dropped love-filled photos with an emotional note that read, "Celebrating you is the greatest joy of my life. You have pushed me in ways I didn't know was possible.. shown me peace like I have never known.. and loving like only you can.. I love you my birthday guy! I hope all your dreams always come true... Happy birthday baby."

In terms of work, Priyanka Chopra recently wrapped up filming of *The Bluff*, directed by Frank E Flowers. She also has John Cena and Idris Elba's *Heads of State* in the pipeline. At present, she is busy shooting for the second season of *Citadel*. She took a break from the same to travel to India. A few videos of her shooting in the streets of London were also shared on social media, adding to the excitement around the same.



Kiara Advani Flies To Delhi For Her Second Karwa Chauth With Husband Sidharth Malhotra And His Family



Kiara Advani was last seen in *Satyaprem Ki Katha* where she starred alongside Kartik Aayan. As the actor gears up for her upcoming projects, the actor was recently spotted at the Mumbai airport. She was seen flying out of Mumbai to Delhi to celebrate her second Karwa Chauth with her husband Sidharth Malhotra and his family. In a video posted by a paparazzo, Kiara Advani was seen entering the Mumbai airport. She was seen wearing a checkered grey blazer which she had paired with a white top and loose flowing white pants. She kept the accessories to a minimum and only opted for a pair of sunglasses and a tote bag. As she entered the airport, she graciously smiled and waved at the cameras.

Advani was seen catching a flight to Delhi where she will celebrate Karwa Chauth with Malhotra and his family. The couple tied the knot on February 7, 2023, in a lavish ceremony organized in Rajasthan which was attended by their friends and family. While Malhotra and Advani had not directly talked about their relationship to the media, they gave enough hints about their relationship when rumours rose or when they were questioned. They had shared the screen in *Shershaah* in 2021.

On the work front, Advani has wrapped up shoot for *Game Changer* where she will share the screen with Ram Charan. This will mark her third Telugu film. She is also currently working on Ayan Mukerji's *War 2*. The action flick will also star Hrithik Roshan and Jr NTR. The movie has been scheduled to release on August 14, 2025. Malhotra, on the other hand, was last seen in *Yodha* where he shared the screen with Raashii Khanna and Disha Patani. He was also seen on OTT as he played the role of Kabir Malik in Rohit Shetty's *Indian Police Force*. He recently completed 12 years in Bollywood.

Happy Birthday Sunny Deol: Why The Actor's Wedding Was A Secret For Several Years



Actor Sunny Deol celebrates his 68th birthday today, October 19. He has entertained the audience with his amazing acting prowess in several films including *Ghayal*, *Border*, etc. The 68-year-old actor has also made headlines for his personal life, especially his marriage with Pooja Deol for nearly 40 years now. According to the reports, Sunny had tied the knot with Pooja around the release of his debut film *Betaab* (1983). In this film, he was paired opposite actress Amrita Singh. However, he kept his marriage a secret for many years as per several media reports on the internet. Later that year, a magazine reportedly leaked photos of his secret wedding with Pooja Deol. However, as per the reports, the *Betaab* actor had denied being married to anyone at the time. Sunny's wife Pooja's real name is Lynda Deol and according to the reports, she lived in London for a long time even after the wedding. She was born on September 21, 1957 in London. Pooja's father Krishan Dev Mahal is of Indian origin and her mother, June Sarah Mahal, belongs to the British Royal family. After tying the knot with Sunny, Lynda's name changed to Pooja. Sunny and Pooja embraced parenthood in 1990 with their first child Karan Deol and then for the second time with their son Rajveer Deol.

On the work front, Pooja is a writer and has penned the story of Sunny Deol's film *Yamla Pagla Deewana 2*. This film received tepid reviews from the critics and the audience and flopped miserably at the box office. Meanwhile, Sunny last acted in the film *Gadar 2* directed by Anil Sharma. This film received criticism for its nonsensical action sequences, over-the-top dialogues and loud background score. Apart from Sunny, Ameesha Patel, Utkarsh Sharma, Simratt Kaur Randhawa and others. Currently, Sunny Deol is looking forward to his other much-anticipated film *Border 2* directed by Anurag Singh. This film is currently in the pre-production stage and is expected to be released on the big screens on January 23, 2026. This film stars Varun Dhawan, Diljit Dosanjh, Ahan Shetty and others in important roles. JP Films and T Series have backed this film.



Nia Sharma

Enjoys The Waves And Drops Stunning Video From Beach Holiday In Thailand

Popular television actress Nia Sharma is currently vacationing in Phuket, Thailand. The actor is currently enjoying her break after she starred in Colors TV's *Laughter Chefs*. She has been active on social media and has been sharing snippets from her beach holiday with her fans. She recently took to her Instagram and dropped a video that showed how she is exploring Maya Bay in Thailand. Taking to her Instagram, Nia Sharma shared a reel from her pitstop at Maya Bay in Thailand. The video opened with a shot of the actor enjoying the waves on a pristine beach. Dressed in a black swimsuit which accentuated her svelte figure, she also shared how she took a dip in the blue ocean waters. Another shot showed the actor relaxing on a boat as she made her way to the island. Her hair was moving with the wind and she looked at peace. Sharing these snippets, she wrote, "Exactly where I planned to be... Maya Bay... (No Bae) #phihisland #mayabay #lagoon."

Sharma recently made headlines when it was rumoured that she would be joining Salman Khan's *Bigg Boss 18*. The actor took to her social media and denied all rumours. Additionally, she also apologized to her fans for getting their hopes high.

Taking to her Instagram Stories, she wrote, "To all the fans and well-wishers I have disappointed - truly been overwhelmed for the tremendous support, love, and crazy hype! Almost made me want to go inside the house for once. Made me realise what I have earned in the last 14 years. Can't say I didn't enjoy the hype and attention. But please don't blame me. It wasn't me." The actor became a household name after she starred in *Ek Hazaaron Mein Meri Behna Hai*. She played the role of Manvi Chaudhary and was loved by the audience. After this show, she was seen in *Jamai Raja*, *Ishq Mein Marjawan*, and *Naagin 4* to name a few. She is currently seen in *Suhagan Chudail*.

