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1st priority for new J&K govt would be uniting people of Jammu, Kashmir: Farooq Abdullah

Srinagar: National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah on Saturday said the first priority for the new government in Jammu and Kashmir would be to unite the people of the two regions of the Union Territory and get rid of the "hatred" that was "pushed" in the recently-held Assembly polls.

He also said restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood would be on the new government's agenda.

"Our first priority will be to unite Jammu and Kashmir and remove the hatred that was pushed in this election," Abdullah told reporters after participating in the Dussehra celebrations here.

The NC-Congress alliance has staked claim to form the government in Jammu and Kashmir after securing a clear majority in the polls. The Communist Party of India (Marxist), the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and several Independent legislators have extended support to the coalition.

Chief minister-designate Omar Abdullah met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday and requested him to fix the date for the swearing-in ceremony at the earliest.

Asked if restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood would also be a priority for the new



government, the NC chief said it is already on the agenda.

"We are already requesting that statehood must be restored so that the state can work and we can get on with our job," he added.

The BJP-led Centre abrogated the provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution, which had given special rights to Jammu and Kashmir, in August 2019 and bifurcated the erstwhile state into Union territories.

Abdullah said Dussehra celebrates the victory of truth over falsehood.

"The biggest message from this is that lies get defeated and the truth wins. You yourself saw how lies were burning and truth was rising. This was their lesson and Lord Ram had also said the

same," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said. The veteran leader said this was the first time that the organisers of the Dussehra event invited him.

"I was a member of Parliament for the last five years but they did not remember me. But today, when they remembered me, I came and it felt very good. I used to watch this in my father's time. Our Hindu brothers also used to participate in it. We miss them a lot and I pray to god that the void is filled next year," he said.

The former chief minister batted for the return of Kashmiri Pandits to the valley.

"I hope our brothers and sisters who left Kashmir return and take care of their homes. The

time has come for their return and they should return sooner," he said.

Asked if the new regime in the Union Territory would take any step for their return, Abdullah said there would be a government initiative as the NC not only thinks about Kashmiri Pandits, but also about the people of Jammu.

"We have to treat them (the people of Jammu) well, so that they also feel that the NC government is not their enemy. We want to take everyone together," he added.

Abdullah said his party's government will empower everyone, whether they are Dogras, Punjabis or Kashmiris, and there will be no discrimination against any resident of Jammu and Kashmir. Asked if the leaders of the INDIA bloc will be invited for the oath-taking ceremony, the former Union minister answered in the affirmative.

"We have already invited everyone, they just have to be told about the date," he added.

Replying to a question on Baramulla MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid alias Engineer Rashid's meeting with the LG regarding the release of political prisoners, Abdullah said, "He should get himself released first, then talk about political prisoners." (PTI)

Half-brother Noel to succeed Ratan Tata as chairman of Tata Trusts

Mumbai: Noel Tata, the half-brother of late Ratan Tata, will be the next chairman of Tata Trusts, sources said on Friday.

The 67-year-old Noel was chosen by the board to lead the string of philanthropic trusts that control the Tata empire.

Having functioned mostly under the shadows of his illustrious half-brother, Noel will now have the responsibility of leading the Tata Trusts -- broadly comprising Sir Ratan Tata Trust & Allied Trusts, and Sir Dorabji Tata Trust & Allied Trusts -- that hold a controlling 66 per cent stake in Tata Sons, the holding and promoter firm of Tata Group companies.

He is already a trustee on the boards of Sir Ratan Tata Trust and Sir Dorabji Tata Trust.

Known to keep a low profile, Noel has been a trustee on the important trusts, and was also seen at the cremation of his half brother on Thursday.

The meeting of the Tata Trusts board was held to choose the successor to Ratan Tata after his demise on Wednesday. A formal announcement of the successor is expected later in the day.

Noel has been involved with the Tata Group since 1999, and chairs the successful retail arm Trent, which looks after chains like Westside and Zudio and commands a market capitalisation of over Rs 2 lakh crore. He is also the chairman of



Volta and Tata International.

Noel is married to Aloo Mistry, the sister of the late Cyrus Mistry and a part of the Shapoorji Pallonji family, which is the single largest private shareholder of Tata Sons with more than 18.4 per cent holding.

Relations between the Shapoorji Pallonji group and the Tatas have not been warm since the sacking of Cyrus Mistry from the chairmanship of Tata Sons.

Tata Sons operates all commercial enterprises in the group and collectively reported revenues of USD 165 billion last year.

Noel was seen as a front runner to succeed Ratan Tata at Tata Trusts, and there was also speculation about Ratan Tata's long-time confidante Mehli Mistry.

According to some reports, Mehli, who is already a trustee on the Tata Trusts, is being considered to be made as a permanent trustee. However, there was no confirmation of the same. (PTI)

Ratan Tata: The Humble Titan Who Transformed Indian Industry and Touched Millions with His Legacy

Priyanka

Ratan Naval Tata, a name synonymous with decency, integrity, and corporate excellence, passed away at the age of 86 in a Mumbai hospital on a Wednesday night. Tata, though one of the most influential industrialists globally, never appeared on any list of billionaires. Instead, he led a life marked by humility and unpretentiousness, controlling over 30 companies operating across six continents. His legacy, however, is not only defined by his immense business success but also by his philanthropy and dedication to societal betterment. Born in 1937, Tata was educated at Cornell University, where he earned a degree in architecture. Despite having the opportunity to work abroad, he returned to India in 1962 to join the family business, the Tata Group. His early career was spent on the shop floor of Tata Steel in Jamshedpur, where he worked alongside laborers, learning the ins and outs of the business from the ground up. This hands-on experience shaped his understanding of business and his leadership style, which was always rooted in humility and a willingness to learn.

In 1991, Tata succeeded his uncle, J.R.D. Tata, as chairman of the Tata Group. This was a pivotal time for India, as the country was opening its economy to the world. Under Tata's visionary leadership, the group underwent a transformation, growing into a global powerhouse with interests spanning industries such as steel, automobiles, software, and consumer goods. His strategic acquisitions, including those of Tetley Tea, Daewoo Motors, Corus Group, and the iconic Jaguar and Land Rover brands, firmly positioned Tata Group on the global stage.

Tata's contributions, however, extended far beyond business. His deep sense of responsibility and commitment to societal welfare were evident in his leadership of the Tata Trusts, one of India's oldest and most influential philanthropic organizations. Under his guidance, the Trusts made significant contributions to healthcare, education, and rural development. Tata personally oversaw the establishment of institutions such as the Tata Institute of Social Sciences and supported numerous educational projects across the country. His belief that businesses have a duty



to give back to society was a guiding principle throughout his career.

One of Tata's most notable projects was the launch of the Tata Nano in 2009. The car, billed as the world's most affordable, was aimed at making car ownership accessible to Indian families. Despite facing challenges in production and marketing, the Nano remained a symbol of Tata's commitment to innovation and social progress. His vision extended beyond just selling cars; it was about empowering the common man and addressing the unique challenges faced by Indian consumers.

Ratan Tata's humility and modest lifestyle were key aspects of his persona. He eschewed the

trappings of wealth and luxury, living a simple life despite his vast business empire. Tata was an aviation enthusiast, becoming the first Indian to fly an F-16 fighter jet in 2007. He also had a deep love for animals, especially dogs, and even created a kennel at Bombay House, the Tata Group's headquarters, for stray dogs. His love for animals and his connection to nature further highlighted his compassionate nature, both as a businessman and as a person.

One of the most defining moments in Tata's life was his response to the 26/11 Mumbai attacks. When the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, a Tata-owned property, was targeted, Tata personally visited victims and their families, ensuring they were taken care of. His dedication to rebuilding the hotel and supporting the affected employees underscored his deep commitment to both his business and the people who worked for him.

Though controversies touched his career, including the leaked Radia tapes in the 2008 telecom scam, Tata was never implicated in any wrongdoing. His integrity remained intact throughout his life, and he was widely respected for his ethical approach to

business. Even after retiring as chairman of Tata Sons in 2012, Tata continued to play an active role in business and society. He mentored young entrepreneurs and invested in over 30 tech-driven startups, including Ola Electric, Paytm, and Lenskart, helping to shape the future of Indian business.

Tata's personal life was as modest as his business legacy. Despite coming close to marriage several times, he never married, citing personal and family obligations that prevented him from pursuing relationships. His humility and grounded nature were reflected in his daily interactions, whether with industry leaders or common citizens. He believed in treating everyone with respect, a principle that endeared him to many.

Through his leadership and philanthropy, Ratan Tata left an indelible mark on Indian society. His contributions to education, healthcare, and rural development improved countless lives, and his emphasis on ethical entrepreneurship set a high standard for corporate governance in India. His leadership during key acquisitions, such as Jaguar Land Rover, positioned Tata Group as

a global leader in multiple industries, while his post-retirement focus on mentoring startups demonstrated his forward-thinking approach to business.

Tata's life and legacy are a testament to the power of responsible leadership. He transformed the Tata Group into a global conglomerate while maintaining the values of integrity, humility, and social responsibility. His philanthropic initiatives, particularly through Tata Trusts, continue to have a lasting impact on education, healthcare, and rural development in India. Even after stepping down from active leadership, his influence remains visible in the success of the companies he mentored and the lives he touched.

In a world where business success is often equated with wealth and power, Ratan Tata stood apart as a leader who valued humility, service, and the greater good. His life serves as an inspiration to future generations, not just as a business titan, but as a man who truly understood the meaning of leadership and responsibility. His legacy will continue to inspire and guide the corporate and philanthropic worlds for years to come.

Karachi Airport explosion linked to foreign intelligence agency: preliminary report

Karachi: A preliminary report over the recent explosion near Pakistan's busiest airport here has indicated that the attack was executed with the assistance of a foreign intelligence agency, a media report said on Saturday.

The report, submitted by the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) to the anti-terrorism court, stated that the suicide bombing targeted Chinese engineers as part of a conspiracy to damage Pakistan-China relations, The Express Tribune reported.

On Sunday, two Chinese nationals were killed and 17 people injured in the suicide attack by a Baloch insurgent group that targeted a convoy of Chinese workers.

The explosion near the Jinnah International Airport on Sunday night also killed the suspected suicide bomber.

The preliminary report identified the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) as being involved in the attack and indicated that the attack

was executed with the assistance of a foreign intelligence agency, the Tribune said.

It suggested that an unidentified terrorist parked their vehicle close to a convoy of Chinese nationals before detonating the explosive, the report said.

Upon hearing the blast, police arrived at the scene and found injured individuals, including personnel from police and Rangers.

The Chinese nationals were working at the Port Qasim Electric Power Company on the outskirts of the city and were returning home when their convoy was attacked.

A case has been registered at the Airport police station under the supervision of the station house officer.

The CTD's report includes charges of murder, attempted murder, assault, use of explosive materials, and terrorism, among other counts.

Earlier this week, an initial investigation report confirmed the tragic event

involved 70 to 80 kg of explosives.

On Friday, China said it has dispatched an inter-agency working group to Pakistan following the deadly suicide bomb attack in Karachi.

Thousands of Chinese personnel are working in Pakistan on several projects under the aegis of the USD 60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Balochistan, bordering Iran and Afghanistan, is home to a long-running violent insurgency. Baloch insurgent groups have previously carried out several attacks targeting CPEC projects.

The BLA accuses China and Islamabad of exploitation of the resource-rich province, a charge rejected by the authorities. It has fought a long-running insurgency for a separate homeland.

The group in the last two years carried out similar suicide bomb attacks in Karachi targeting foreign nationals. (PTI)

Ukraine's Zelenskyy meets Pope Francis as he continues his European tour to push his 'victory plan'

Vatican City: Pope Francis met Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the Vatican on Friday, the latest step on the Ukrainian president's European tour to win support for his proposed "victory plan" aimed at ending the war with Russia.

The pope and the Ukrainian leader held private talks for 35 minutes. After their private meeting at the Sala della Biblioteca and the presentation of the Ukrainian delegation, Francis gave Zelenskyy a bronze plaque depicting a flower and an inscription reading: "Peace is a fragile flower."

In turn, Zelenskyy gifted the pontiff with an oil painting portraying "The massacre of Bucha. The story of Marichka." Bucha, a suburb northwest of Kyiv, was occupied by Russian troops shortly after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and witnessed some of Russia's worst atrocities against civilians.

Later Friday, Zelenskyy met the Vatican's secretary of state, Pietro Parolin, accompanied by Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, secretary for relations with states and international organizations.

"The discussions were dedicated to the state of the war and the humanitarian situation

in Ukraine, as well as the ways in which it could be brought to an end, leading to just and stable peace in the country," the Vatican said in a statement, adding that "some matters relating to the religious life of the country were also examined."

Since the first Russian attack on Kyiv, there have been multiple contacts between Francis and Zelenskyy, through visits, letters and phone calls.

The pope sparked some criticism from Ukrainian leaders in March when he suggested they should have the courage of the "white flag" negotiating an end to the war with Russia, in what was interpreted by many as a call to surrender.

Francis has repeatedly and strongly for an end to the war, focusing on prisoner exchanges and on reaching a diplomatic solution to the Ukrainian conflict.

Cardinal Matteo Maria Zuppi was sent as a special envoy on a mission to ease tensions among the parties at war, meeting with political and ecclesiastical leaders around the world. His mission was, in particular, to encourage exchanges of Russian and Ukrainian prisoners and to find a way to facilitate the return of children forcibly deported from Ukraine to Russia.

Zelenskyy is city-hopping across Europe to promote a plan that he said "aims to create the right conditions for a just end to the war" against Russia, unveiling the proposals to European allies after a summit with President Joe Biden was derailed by Hurricane Milton.

On Thursday, Zelenskyy met with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer in London, French President Emmanuel Macron in Paris and Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni in Rome.

He is expected to travel to Germany later on Friday to hold talks with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz.

The Ukrainian leader has yet to publicly detail his proposals for "victory." But the timing of his efforts to lock in European support appear to have the looming US election in mind. Former President Donald Trump has long been critical of US aid to Kyiv.

Ukraine's stretched and short-handed army is currently under heavy pressure in the country's eastern Donetsk region. Russian forces recently pushed it out of the Donetsk town of Vuhledar and are now in control of about half of nearby Toretsk, local administration chief Vasyl Chynchyk said Friday. To stop the losses, Zelenskyy needs to secure more help. (PTI)

BUSINESS

Rupee falls 12 paise to hit all-time low of 84.10 against US dollar

Mumbai: The rupee on Friday fell 12 paise to a record low of 84.10 against the US dollar, tracking a weak trend in domestic equities and relentless foreign capital outflows.

The situation in the Middle East continues to be volatile and might keep oil prices high and the rupee weak in the short term, according to forex traders.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened slightly strong at 83.97 against the US dollar. During the session, the local currency oscillated between a high of 83.96 and a low of 84.10.

It finally settled at its all-time low of 84.10, a loss of 12 paise from its previous close. The domestic unit had closed

at 83.98 on Thursday.

"After keeping it in a range below 83.99 since August 8, 2024, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) finally allowed the rupee to weaken past 84 as FPIs who have emerged as big sellers in equities continued to buy USD to take their money out of the country," said Anil Kumar Bhansali, Head of Treasury and Executive Director, Finrex Treasury Advisors LLP.

"We can now expect the rupee to move to 84.25 in the short term. Importers will continue buying at all dips, and exporters may now hold their exports with a stop below 83.95. The

Iran/Israel/Lebanon news also does not seem good and could keep oil strong and the

rupee weak," he said.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was down 0.09 per cent to 102.89 points.

Brent crude, the international benchmark, slipped 0.57 per cent to USD 78.95 per barrel in futures trade.

In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex was down 230.05 points to close at 81,381.36, while Nifty declined 34.20 points to settle at 24,964.25.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net sellers in the capital markets on Friday, as they offloaded shares worth Rs 4,162.66 crore, according to exchange data. (PTI)

India's forex kitty drops by USD 3.71 bln to USD 701.176 bln



Mumbai: India's forex reserves dropped by USD 3.709 billion to USD 701.176 billion for the week ended October 4, the RBI said on Friday.

In the previous reporting week, the reserves had jumped by USD 12.588 billion to an all-time high of USD 704.885 billion.

For the week ended October 4, foreign currency assets, a

major component of the reserves, decreased by USD 3.511 billion to USD 612.643 billion, the data released on Friday showed.

Expressed in terms of dollar, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Gold reserves decreased by

USD 40 million to USD 65.756 billion during the week, the RBI said.

The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were down by USD 123 million to USD 18.425 billion, the apex bank said.

India's reserve position with the IMF was down by USD 35 million to USD 4.352 billion in the reporting week, the apex bank data showed. (PTI)

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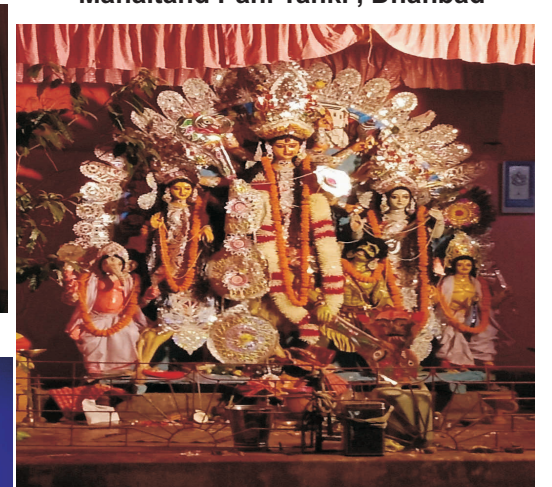
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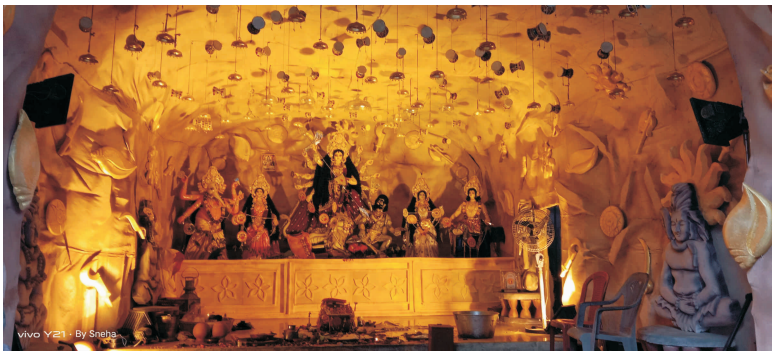
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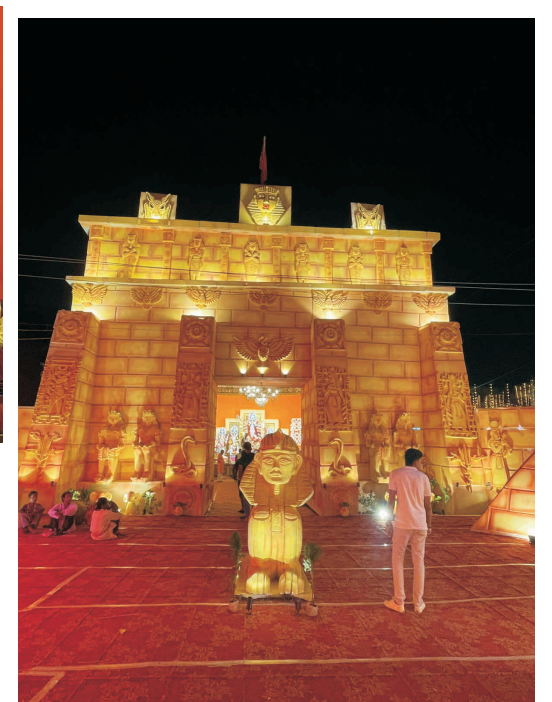
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CSIR-CIMFR hosts Jigyasa Program on “One Health” at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Dhanbad

Priyanka

Dhanbad : The CSIR-Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CSIR-CIMFR) organised an informative session on the theme of “One Health” today at PM SHRI School Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Benagoria, Nirsa, Dhanbad. The event was part of the CSIR-Jigyasa initiative, aimed at educating students on the crucial link between human, animal, and environmental health. The program focused on the



importance of understanding how the well-being of humans, animals, and ecosystems are interconnected. It emphasized the need for a

holistic health approach to promote balance and wellness across these domains. An overview of the Jigyasa program was also presented, highlighting

its role in raising awareness among young learners. Experts from CSIR-CIMFR engaged with 40 students and a teacher from the school, discussing critical issues such as zoonotic diseases, antimicrobial resistance (AMR), pandemics, food adulteration, and nutrition. The session offered practical strategies for leading a healthy and disease-free life, sparking great interest and active participation from the students.

Police Seize Large Quantity of Illegal Liquor in Salanpur Basti Raid

Sneha Chourasia

Katras: In a late-night raid on Tuesday, Katras police station and Ramkanali OP police jointly confiscated a significant quantity of foreign liquor and beer bottles from Salanpur Basti. Rajkumar Chauhan, the businessman was arrested and taken to Ramkanali OP for questioning. The police are now working to trace the larger network behind the illegal



liquor trade. According to OP in-charge Mangal Prasad Kujur, the raid

was conducted on the orders of senior officers. The authorities seized 12 boxes of foreign

liquor, beer, and cigarettes from Chauhan’s residence. He admitted to running a small shop near his house where he sold foreign liquor, beer, and cigarettes. A case has been registered against Rajkumar Chauhan, and further investigation is underway to uncover the bigger players involved in this illegal operation. The raid was led by Katras police station in-charge Asit Kumar Singh and other officers.

BCCL Worker Drowns, Body Recovered After Hours Of Search

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : In a tragic incident on Wednesday morning, 55-year-old Praveen Bhuiyan, a worker at BCCL’s Sudamdih ASP Colliery, drowned while bathing in a pond near Hatalla Matal Baba Maidan under Sudamdih police station area. Praveen had returned home after completing his night shift and went to the pond for a bath. Despite efforts by local villagers, his body could not be found immediately. Upon receiving the information, Sudamdih police reached the spot and began their investigation. Later in the afternoon, on the initiative of Jharia MLA Purnima Neeraj Singh, a professional diving team from Munidih was brought in to assist with the search. After several hours of effort, the diving team managed to recover Praveen’s body from the pond, which reportedly contains a 40-foot deep pit. The recovery of the body led to emotional scenes, with Praveen’s family, including his wife Kusuma Devi, son Ashok Bhuiyan, and daughters Shobha Devi and Abha Devi, inconsolable at the site of the tragedy. According to the family, the area has been facing severe water



shortages for the past 15-20 days, forcing residents to rely on the pond for daily activities like bathing and defecation. A protest had taken place at the BCCL office just a day earlier, but no action had been taken to resolve the issue. The pond, once part of a mining operation by the NCDC company in 1974, remains hazardous with its deep waters. The diving team, comprising 100 individuals, was rewarded Rs.20,000 by MLA Purnima Neeraj Singh for their efforts. Local leaders, including Dr. Birendra Kumar Yadav, Abhishek Singh, and former councilor Sumit Supkar, were present at the scene during the rescue operation. Authorities are now investigating the incident and the broader issue of water scarcity in the area, which has left residents dependent on unsafe sources for their daily needs.

Decision on seat-sharing with allies after MCC announcement: Jharkhand Cong chief

Ranchi: Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee (JPCC) President Keshav Mahto Kamlesh on Saturday said a decision on seat-sharing among alliance partners would be taken after announcement of the Model Code of Conduct for the

ensuing assembly elections. Elections to the 81-member assembly in Jharkhand are due this year as the term of the present Vidhan Sabha comes to an end on January 5, 2025. "The decision on seat-sharing among alliance

partners will be made based on discussions after the announcement of the Model Code of Conduct here," Mahto told reporters. He said all alliance partners stand united and are with the JMM-led

coalition government here. Mahto also said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will come to Ranchi this month. He, however, said that the date of Gandhi's visit is yet to be finalised. (PTI)

NABARD sanctions Rs 770 crore for two irrigation projects in Jharkhand

Ranchi: The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) on Saturday said it has sanctioned Rs 770 crore financial assistance for the construction of two irrigation projects in Jharkhand.

These projects were approved under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

"NABARD has sanctioned financial assistance of Rs 769.58 crore for construction of two irrigation projects in Palamu and Giridih districts under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund during FY 2024-25," S K Jahagirdar, Chief General Manager, NABARD



Jharkhand Regional Office, said.

Once completed, the project in Palamu will provide irrigation to an additional 11,000 hectares of land through pipelines across eight blocks in the district. The megalift irrigation

project in Giridih will cover 165 of the 197 villages in Pirtand block, leading to the development of 10,158 hectares of cultivable command area.

Both projects are expected to significantly enhance agricultural activities in

these districts, according to NABARD.

The routine announcement by NABARD came as the state is gearing up for assembly elections, expected to be held this year.

The tenure of the current Jharkhand assembly of 81 members is due to expire on January 5, 2025.

"With this sanction, NABARD's support to Jharkhand under RIDF during FY 2024-25 has reached Rs 1,017 crore. The support provided to Jharkhand since the inception of the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund now stands at around Rs 24,300 crore," the bank said in a statement. (PTI)

Police Arrested Youth with Loaded Pistol



Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : In a swift police action, a youth named Rakesh Kumar Tiwari was arrested with a loaded pistol from Bhutgardiya Chowk in the Boragarh OP area of Dhanbad district. Rakesh, a resident of Jeetpur Tiwari Basti under Jorapokhra police station area, was apprehended after Dhanbad Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) received secret information about a suspicious individual on a bike in the area, allegedly planning a crime.

Acting on the tip-off, a police team led by Boragarh OP in-charge Ajit Kumar swiftly took action, arresting the youth and recovering an illegal loaded pistol from him. A case has been registered against Rakesh at the Boragarh OP, and the police are currently interrogating him. The raid team includede ASI Surendra Panna, Constable Mohan Kumar Yadav, Havaldar Deepchand Oraon, and other personnel. Further investigation is underway to uncover the details of the crime he was planning.

Young Man Injured in Road Accident Near Barwadda Kisan Chowk



Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : A young man named Vijay Rajwar (27), a resident of Jealgora, was seriously injured in a road accident near Barwadda Kisan Chowk on Thursday evening. The accident occurred amid heavy traffic due to Durga Puja celebrations. Gautam Mandal, founder of Humanity Helping Hands, arrived at the scene and quickly transported Vijay to Shahid

Nirmal Mahto Medical College and Hospital (SNMMCH) in his car. He was accompanied by Chiranjit Mandal, Ranjit Mandal, and Pappu Mandal, who assisted in the rescue.

Gautam mentioned that the route to the hospital was severely jammed, particularly near the steel gate, making the journey to the hospital challenging. Vijay is currently undergoing treatment at SNMMCH, and his condition is being closely monitored.

Murder accused nabbed after 11 years from Jharkhand forest

New Delhi: A 50-year-old man was arrested from the forest area in Jharkhand for his alleged involvement in a case of murder committed in 2013 in Delhi's Tilak Nagar by six people over a property dispute.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) SK Sain said it was a contract killing where six people, including Raju Banarasi alias Raju Singh alias Mritunjay Singh, was involved in the murder of Jitender Lamba.

The killers were paid Rs 10 lakh for the execution of murder by Jitender's real brother Rajesh Singh Lamba.

Five accused were arrested earlier, but Banarasi was on the run. The court had declared him a proclaimed offender and also announced a cash reward of Rs 50,000 on his arrest.

Sain said despite multiple setbacks and without any proper lead, the team relentlessly worked and after analyzing

hundreds of mobile numbers of last ten years contact of arrested accused persons as well as their friends, finally a mobile phone of Banarasi's distant relative was found active in Jharkhand.

The number's location was constantly showing in the forest areas of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand border.

"The team reached the location area and started work with the local labours to get access in the forest area smoothly as it is

difficult to find the person in such dense forest," Sain said. During this, the team developed their sources and laid a tactful and strategic trap which finally succeed to zero down and nab Banarasi, who was driving a truck in the jungle area, he added.

Banarasi, who is unmarried, was staying in the jungle area with the help of a relative, police said. (PTI)

Jharia MLA distributes compensation for Land Acquisition related to Road Widening Project

Priyanka

Jharia : In a significant event held at the Ward Development Center in Jeetpur, organised by the Jharia Zonal Office, Jharia MLA, Purnima Niraj Singh, participated as the chief guest in a compensation distribution program for the landowners affected by the road widening project. The event marked a milestone in addressing the concerns of the landholders.

District Land Acquisition Officer, Ram Narayan Khalko, and Jharia Zonal Officer, Manoj Kumar, welcomed the MLA with a bouquet of flowers. In her address, MLA Singh said that on the auspicious occasion of Navratri, an amount of ₹90,35,333 is being paid as compensation to 22



Compensation Details for the Landowners:

Santosh Mahto - ₹ 4,11,4522.
 Sujeet Mahto - ₹ 4,11,4523.
 Phulmania Devi - ₹ 14,13,0694.
 Mahendra Mahto - ₹ 12,63,4505.
 Niranjana Mahto - ₹ 14,21,3816.
 Durga Mahto - ₹ 8,22,9057.
 Rajendra Mahto - ₹ 16,45,8128.
 Ratan Mahto - ₹ 5,48,6049.
 Dinesh Kumar Mahto - ₹ 5,48,60410.
 Phulchand Mahto - ₹ 5,48,604

landowners from 10 families of Nunudih Mauza, Jharia zone, related to the Mahuda-Sindri-Jamadoba road widening project. The matter had been pending for two years due to departmental reasons.

MLA Singh further added, "I had raised the issue of delayed payments with the Secretary of the Road

Construction Department, Sunil Kumar, and other officials in Ranchi, making them aware of the difficulties faced by you all. As a result, the compensation is being transferred to your bank accounts today."

The affected landholders, along with their families, expressed their gratitude to the MLA and shared their happiness upon receiving the funds.

The event was also attended by former councilor Jai Kumar, Zonal Inspector Abhay Kumar Sinha, Bablu Mishra, Subhash Mandal, Vicky Bhuiya, Bheem Mahto, Kistu Mahto, Vikash Kumar Singh, Sintu Singh, Mumtaz Ansari, Lakshmi Devi, Sona Devi, Savitri Devi, Sakunti Devi, Maya Devi, Kanchan Devi, Sakuntala Devi, Reena Devi, and many family members of the landowners.

United LIAFI Formed in Hazaribagh Division

Priyanka

Topchanchi : A meeting of officials from all Life Insurance Federation unions under the Hazaribagh division was held at Shan-e-Punjab Hotel in Topchanchi under the chairmanship of Naresh Prasad Srivastava, with Subhash Chandra Mahto conducting the session. Addressing the meeting, representatives from the unions expressed concern over several long-pending demands of agents, which neither the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) nor

IRDAI has addressed. To take collective action on these issues, the United LIAFI (Life Insurance Agents' Federation of India) was formed.

The key office-bearers of United LIAFI include Nayan Kumar Kamal, Prashant Kumar Dubey, and Krishna Murari Singh. Prominent attendees at the meeting included Akhilesh Kumar, Ashok Gupta, Ramashankar Upadhyay, Ratan Kumar Singh, Anish Kumar Singh, Suryakant Singh, Sanjay Kumar Nikumbh, and Anil Kumar Sinha.

A Better Tomorrow Starts with Prioritizing Mental Wellness Today

World Mental Health Day, celebrated annually on October 10, is an opportunity to raise awareness about mental health issues globally, to foster conversations, and to mobilize efforts to support mental health. In recent years, mental health has come to the forefront of public discourse, driven by rising levels of anxiety, depression, and other mental health challenges, particularly in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, despite this growing recognition, mental health remains one of the most underfunded and misunderstood areas of public health.

Mental health is integral to every aspect of our lives. It influences our relationships, our ability to cope with stress, and our capacity to work productively. Good mental health allows individuals to realize their full potential, work efficiently, and contribute positively to society. Conversely, poor mental health can lead to a diminished quality of life, impaired relationships, and a greater likelihood of physical illness.

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that around 1 in 4 people will be affected by a mental health disorder at some point in their lives. Depression is currently the leading cause of disability worldwide, and suicide is the second leading cause of death among 15-29-year-olds. These alarming statistics underscore the urgent need for mental health awareness, treatment, and support systems.

One of the primary goals of World Mental Health Day is to dismantle the stigma surrounding mental illness. Despite increased awareness, mental health disorders continue to be treated with suspicion and misunderstanding in many societies. People

experiencing mental health issues often face discrimination, social exclusion, and a lack of empathy, which prevents them from seeking help.

Stigma not only exacerbates the suffering of those dealing with mental illness but also perpetuates a culture of silence. Many individuals fear being labeled as "weak" or "unstable" if they admit to struggling with anxiety, depression, or other mental health conditions. This silence can have devastating consequences, leading to untreated mental illnesses and, in the worst cases, suicide.

Normalizing conversations about mental health is crucial. Mental health issues should be treated with the same seriousness and openness as physical health problems. Just as we would encourage someone with a broken arm to seek medical help, we must encourage those experiencing mental distress to reach out for professional support without judgment.

While individual awareness and action are vital, governments and institutions must play a central role in creating supportive environments for mental health. Unfortunately, mental health services remain grossly underfunded in many countries. According to the WHO, mental health receives only a small fraction of national health budgets, even though mental health disorders account for a significant portion of the global disease burden.

Investing in mental health care is not only a moral imperative but also an economic one. Untreated mental health conditions cost the global economy trillions of dollars annually in lost productivity. Depression and anxiety, in particular, lead to absenteeism, presenteeism

(where individuals are physically present but unable to work effectively), and other work-related issues.

Governments should prioritize funding for mental health services, ensuring that there are sufficient resources for prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation. Additionally, mental health care should be integrated into primary health care systems so that individuals can access support in their communities without having to navigate complex and inaccessible mental health services.

Beyond institutional support, the role of community and family in promoting mental health cannot be overstated. A supportive environment at home and within the community can make a significant difference in how individuals manage mental health challenges. Encouraging open communication, showing empathy, and reducing the pressure to conform to unrealistic standards of "normalcy" are critical steps families can take to support loved ones.

Communities can also play a role in mental health advocacy by promoting awareness and offering safe spaces where individuals can discuss their mental health struggles without fear of judgment. Peer support groups, community mental health programs, and local campaigns can all contribute to a more mentally healthy society.

Schools and workplaces should also prioritize mental health by offering resources, creating safe spaces, and promoting well-being programs. Mental health literacy—understanding the signs of mental illness and knowing how to offer support—should be taught from a young age.

By fostering mental health awareness early on, we can equip future generations with the tools they need to navigate life's challenges.

Even cultural traditions and festivities like Durga Puja, Diwali, Chhath Puja, etc also provide vital mental health benefits. Festivals offer an escape from everyday pressures, fostering social connections and joy. The vibrant atmosphere, music, rituals, and community gatherings rejuvenate the mind and reduce stress. Celebrating together encourages emotional release, offering a chance to refresh and combat mental fatigue.

Technology has opened new avenues for mental health support, with telemedicine and mental health apps offering accessible care. However, the same digital platforms can also contribute to mental health challenges. Social media, in particular, has been linked to issues such as anxiety, depression, and feelings of inadequacy. It is essential to strike a balance between leveraging technology for mental health care and addressing its potential harm.

World Mental Health Day serves as a reminder that mental health is a universal human right. By continuing to break the stigma surrounding mental illness, investing in mental health care, and fostering supportive communities, we can build a world where mental health is valued and prioritised.

Mental health affects all of us—whether directly or indirectly—and ensuring its care should be a collective responsibility. By raising awareness, investing in mental health services, and fostering supportive communities, we can create a world where mental health is truly valued as an essential component of a healthy, fulfilling life.

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Forget about the long term. Focus on today and tomorrow. The details are what makes life more interesting now, and you have plenty of those to handle. Friends may need you more than ever.

Aries
Mar 21 - Apr 19

When your partner or colleague blows up today, do whatever it takes to avoid escalating the situation. You can always return to the issue if it's contentious, but emotions can run hot today.

Leo
Jul 23 - Aug 22

You're in the perfect place to open doors and try new opportunities, though you may not feel very organized. Try anything new that seems interesting. You can always backtrack if you need to.

Sagittarius
Nov 22 - Dec 21

You can't be stopped if you're working with friends or colleagues toward a common goal. If you're on your own or at cross-purposes with those closest to you, it's time to do something about it!

Taurus
Apr 20 - May 20

It's a slow day for everyone today except for you! The trouble is you may have to wait and wait for others to finish their tasks so you can get going, but there's no use trying to hurry them along.

Virgo
Aug 23 - Sep 22

You should hit a big milestone today, though others might not even take notice. That's okay. They're sure to see in the near future, whether or not you publicize the event. Let it slide.

Capricorn
Dec 22 - Jan 19

Today feels a little blurry to you, but it's not so bad that you need to stay home in bed. You just have to accept that ambiguity is part of the routine for the time being. Things get better soon!

Gemini
May 21 - Jun 20

Try to stick with what you know today. Though you may love the allure of the new, you should save it for a time when your reserves of personal energy are considerably higher. That shouldn't be long!

Libra
Sep 23 - Oct 22

You may get too many requests for help than you can handle, but you just need to step back and see if you can put some of it off for a while. It's a good day to take care of your own stuff first.

Aquarius
Jan 20 - Feb 18

Your philosophical meanderings are deeper than usual today, and you might hit a rich vein of truth. It's a good time to take notes when you're just daydreaming or shooting the breeze.

Cancer
Jun 21 - Jul 22

You should do whatever you can to show off today, though not in a flashy way! You may just want to use a talent that others might not see much of or be there first when help is required.

Scorpio
Oct 23 - Nov 21

You've got more good energy than you know what to do with. Today brings you a camouflaged opportunity that you would do well to jump on. Keep pushing after everyone else gives up!

Pisces
Feb 19 - Mar 20

Balasore repeated as data-logger video shows train changed track before collision in TN: Experts

New Delhi: A day after a passenger train rammed into a stationary freight train near Chennai, experts and union leaders said according to the data-logger video, the Mysuru-Darbhanga Express train was given a green signal to pass through the main line, however, it entered a loop line already occupied by the freight train.

Train number 12578, Mysuru-Darbhanga Bagmati Express, collided with the stationary goods train at the Kavaraipeppai railway station in the Chennai rail division in Tamil Nadu at around 8:30 pm on Friday, leading to injuries to nine passengers.

The data logger is a device placed in the station area to capture train movements and signal aspects, among other things.

This data logger's yard-simulation video has been circulated among senior railway officials' WhatsApp groups since Saturday morning, prompting them to draw a parallel between the accident and the Balasore train collision of June 2, 2023.

When contacted, the chief public relations officer (CPRO) of the Southern Railway said he is not aware of any such video and that multiple investigations have already been initiated into the collision.

In a press statement released late on Friday, the Railway Board also admitted that the passenger train was given a



green signal for the main line but it experienced a jerk and entered the loop line, resulting in the collision with the freight train. A high-level enquiry has been ordered into the incident. The board said on Saturday that the commissioner of railway safety will conduct a detailed investigation as he visited the accident site in the morning. In Balasore, the Howrah-bound Coromandel Express was given a green signal for the main line. However, due to the wrong interlocking of tracks, it entered a loop line and collided with a stationary goods train.

"Based on the information available in the public domain, it appears that this collision almost repeats the Balasore train collision of June 2, 2023. The railways should take a serious approach to remove the anomalies in the signalling system," R Kumaresan, president, All India Loco Running Staff Association (AILRSA), Southern Railway,

said.

According to safety experts, in an automatic-signalling system, the signal aspect follows the interlocking of tracks. It means if the signal is green for the main line, the interlocking will automatically be set in such a way that the train comes on the main line.

"The lack of coordination between signal aspect and interlocking happens due to some fault in the signalling system. Prime facie, it appears to be some kind of a technical glitch," a safety expert said, requesting anonymity.

Sanjay Pandhi, the working president of the Indian Railway Loco Runningmen's Organisation (IRLRO), expressed surprise as according to him, all previous trains passed through the said station "without any abnormalities in the signalling and interlocking system".

"In Balasore, the collision happened soon after the signal-

repair work was over. Contrary to that, there was no such thing reported at the Kavaraipeppai railway station and train operations were normal.

"So it appears that some malfunction, which could be corrosion of mechanical equipment etc., might have happened, leading to a coordination break of signal and interlocking," Pandhi said. K P Arya, who retired as the chief signal and telecom engineer/information technology in the Northern Railway, said, "The data logger's yard-simulation video shows that the train concerned is going on both the main line as well as the loop line, which is not possible."

"So there is a possibility that the train might have derailed at the interlocking point and while the engine and some coaches headed towards the loop line and collided with the freight train, the remaining coaches scattered all around, infringing the main line as well," he added.

Arya said it is a widely-known (but never officially acknowledged) engineering defect of tracks and interlocking-point mechanisms, which can cause such a derailment.

"I have gone on highlighting this aspect during my various tenures to the Railway Board as well as to the commissioner of railway safety," he said.

The experts said a clear picture would only emerge after a thorough investigation, which is already on. (PTI)

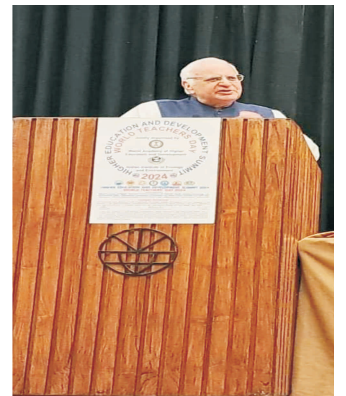
Prof. Prem Vrat, Chairman Board of Governors, IIT (ISM), honoured with Fellow of Eminence Award at Higher Education Summit 2024

Correspondent

New Delhi: Prof. Prem Vrat, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, has been awarded the prestigious Fellow of Eminence Award by the World Academy of Higher Education and Development. The honour was bestowed upon him during the Higher Education and Development Summit 2024 held at the India International Centre, New Delhi, coinciding with World Teachers' Day on October 5. The event, graced by Ram Nath Thakur, Minister of State for Agriculture and Rural Development, as the Chief Guest, recognised distinguished personalities in the field of education. Among the honorees was Dr. VK Saraswat, Member of NITI Aayog, along with other eminent figures.

Prof. Prem Vrat also chaired a panel discussion on the theme "Higher Education for Vishit Bharat@2024," contributing his expertise to the dialogue on the future of education in India.

Celebrated annually, World Teachers' Day recognises the invaluable role of educators in shaping future generations. The day also highlights the



contributions of professionals who have reached the heights of success thanks to the guidance of their mentors.

Prof. Prem Vrat, a distinguished academic, has dedicated over 55 years to teaching, research, and consultancy. A product of the IIT system, he earned his B.Tech (Hons) and M.Tech from IIT Kharagpur and a Ph.D. from IIT Delhi. His illustrious career includes roles as officiating director at IIT Delhi, founding director at IIT Roorkee, and vice-chancellor of UP Technical University, Lucknow, among others.

He has published more than 515 research papers, guided over 50 PhD theses, and holds numerous fellowships from prestigious academies, including INAE, NASI, IIIE, WAPS, and ISTE.

Demographic change in Uttarakhand won't be tolerated: CM Dharam

Dehradun: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dharam on Saturday said that no kind of demographic change will be tolerated in the state.

Participating in the Dussehra Mahotsav here Dharam spoke of the state's "close association" with events in the life of Lord Ram and said the 'sanatan' (eternal) form of the "holy" land and the purity of its cultural and religious heritage will always be

protected.

"No kind of demographic change will be tolerated in the state," he said.

There are many places in Uttarakhand which have witnessed events related to Lord Ram, Goddess Sita, Laxman and Hanuman, he said.

"Lord Hanuman brought Sanjivani from Dronagiri mountain in the Chamoli district. The Tapasthali (place of

penance) of Lord Shri Ram's family guru Vashishtha is also located in Rishikesh. Ramleelas are held in every corner of the state. The preservation of our cultural heritage and traditions makes us united and strong," he said.

Describing Dussehra as a festival symbolising the victory of truth over falsehood, he said it reminds us of the end of an arrogant and unrighteous person like Ravan and

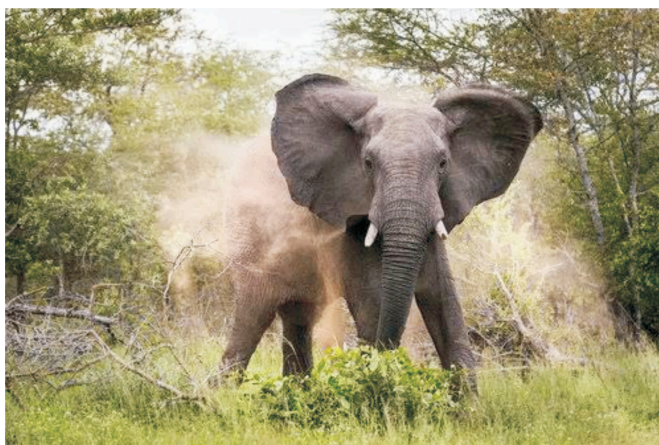
the triumph of the qualities of ideal life represented by Lord Ram.

The state government is soon going to build Uttarakhand State Guest House in Ayodhya, he said. Paulgarh Wildlife Sanctuary has been renamed as the Sitawani Wildlife Sanctuary after Goddess Sita, Dharam said, adding the state government is committed to keeping the "divine form of Uttarakhand" intact. (PTI)

26-year-old man killed in elephant attack in UP's Bahraich

Bahraich (UP): A 26-year-old man was killed in a wild elephant attack here on Friday morning in the vicinity of the Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, officials said.

Mubarak, a resident of the Bhawanipur village, was cycling to the Bharthapur village for work when he encountered the elephant. The animal charged at him, lifting him with its trunk and throwing him to the ground before trampling him. Despite efforts to save him, Mubarak succumbed to his injuries on the way to



hospital, they said. Confirming the death, Forest

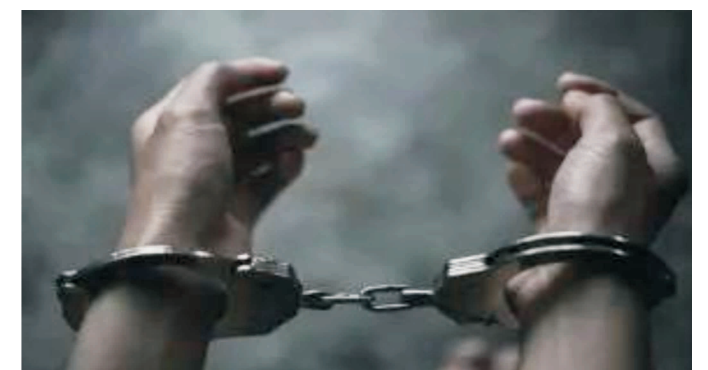
Range Officer Ram Kumar said the report of the incident

was being sent to the higher authorities. A compensation will be given to the deceased's family after completing the formalities, he added.

The local forest department and police are investigating the incident and have sealed the road between Bhawanipur and Katarniaghat. They have also advised villagers to exercise caution and remain alert.

This latest attack comes on the heels of recent wolf and leopard sightings in the area. (PTI)

Man held for murdering grandmother



Thane: A 20-year-old man was arrested on Thursday for allegedly murdering his grandmother in a fit of rage in Wagle Estate area here, police said.

The accused was identified as Abhi alias Avi Vishnu Chouhan.

The incident took place on October 9, said police sub-inspector Niteen Hange of Srinagar police station.

Dayawati Hariram Chouhan

(77), the victim, suspected that her grandson had taken her pension money, a sum of Rs 12,000, and quarreled with his sister, the official said.

The accused then allegedly hit her with a stone grinder, causing her death, he added.

Chouhan was booked under section 103(1) (murder) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and further probe was on, the official said. (PTI)

RG Kar doctor's death: Protestors march to CBI office demanding speedy justice

Kolkata: Hundreds of protestors, comprising doctors, lawyers and members of civil society on Saturday led a march to the CBI office in the CGO complex in Salt Lake demanding fair and speedy justice for the gruesome murder and rape of a woman doctor of the state-run R G Kar Medical College and Hospital.

Originating from the Karunamoyee area in Salt Lake, the protestors marched towards the CGO complex located a few kilometres away shouting slogans like "We want justice".



They also expressed 'awe' at the CBI as the charge sheet of the central investigating body practically affirming the findings of the Kolkata Police probe which nailed one

Sanjoy Roy as the sole culprit, now under custody.

"We are surprised how the CBI can endorse the probe of the Kolkata Police in its charge sheet submitted a few

days back. This to our mind lacks transparency and those others behind this cruelty should be exposed", one of the protestors said.

The police had put up barricades on the roads approaching the CBI office in the CGO complex.

However, five representatives of the protestors were allowed to go inside the CBI office to submit a memorandum of demands.

The CBI is probing the rape and murder of the doctor of R G Kar Medical College and Hospital. (PTI)

Manoj Kumar Dubey Appointed as New CMD & CEO of IRFC, Aims for Transformative Growth

Priyanka

New Delhi : Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC), a leading Miniratna public sector enterprise under the Ministry of Railways, has announced the appointment of Manoj Kumar Dubey as its new Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). A 1993-batch Indian Railways Accounts Service (IRAS) officer, Dubey took office on Thursday.

With IRFC's market capitalization surpassing Rs 2 lakh crore and a net worth of Rs 50,755 crore, Dubey emphasized his excitement to lead one of India's top 10 public sector undertakings (PSUs). "It's a privilege to lead IRFC during India's pivotal growth period," Dubey said, underscoring the company's alignment with the Viksit Bharat 2047 strategy. IRFC also boasts one of the highest shareholder bases in India, with over 51 lakh shareholders.

Previously serving as Director (Finance) and Chief Financial Officer at Container Corporation of India (CONCOR), Dubey



spearheaded significant transformations, increasing shareholder numbers from 55,000 to 300,000. An alumnus of Hindu College, University of Delhi, and an MBA graduate from IIT-ISM Dhanbad, where he earned a Silver Medal, Dubey brings with him a wealth of expertise in financial management and strategic operations.

Dubey aims to expand IRFC's lending portfolio and explore co-lending opportunities with infrastructure finance companies, aligning with the PM Gati Shakti programme and India's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. His innovative work in public-private partnerships (PPP), tariff structuring, and international mega projects solidifies his reputation as a respected leader in the infrastructure sector.

Cong analysing Haryana assembly poll loss, booth wise report sought: Kharge

Kalaburagi (Karnataka): Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday said the party was analysing the Haryana Assembly poll results, and has sought a booth wise report to determine what led to the defeat.

He said his party is paying special attention to ascertain what led to Haryana loss, keeping forthcoming elections in mind, but ruled out the possibility of this result having any impact on the upcoming Maharashtra Assembly election.

"We are doing the analysis, along with Rahul Gandhi and other leaders I have held a

meeting a couple of days ago to analyse and we are getting booth wise reports. How much fault lies with our workers, what is the role of our leaders and what happened, on all that we are getting report booth wise, based on it we will analyse and decide on further course of action," Kharge said.

Speaking to reporters here, the Congress leader said the party is paying special attention to it as the entire country was of the opinion that Congress will win in Haryana, and no one including journalists or news channels said the party is going to lose and BJP will

win.

"What happened, we are analysing it, after that we will decide on what to do. We will have to face several elections in the days ahead, we will certainly look into it, keeping it (upcoming elections) in mind," he added.

The BJP won a third straight term in Haryana, dashing the hopes of the Congress.

Asked whether the Haryana results will have an impact on upcoming Maharashtra polls, the Congress chief said, "one election result will not have an impact on election in another state, but the question is why the results were like this, despite people

in our favor"

"We could have understood if the opinion was 50:50, with one half saying results will be in our favour and the other half saying otherwise, but despite the entire country including media, channels, print media, leaders and public opinion in our favour, what was the reason behind this result? We have to find it," he said.

Asked whether there were any doubts regarding the election process, Kharge said he won't comment on it now, and will respond after analysing the booth wise report. (PTI)

Police seize 208 kg of cocaine worth Rs 2,080 crore from west Delhi, second big haul in a week

New Delhi: In the second big drug haul in a week, Delhi Police has seized 208 kg of cocaine worth Rs 2,080 crore from a rented shop in west Delhi, an official said on Thursday evening.

The drugs were hidden inside plastic packets of snacks with 'Tasty Treat' and 'Chatpata Mixture' written on them. About 20-25 such packets kept in cartons were recovered from a small narrow shop in west Delhi's Ramesh Nagar area, the official said.

The seizure is linked to an earlier recovery of 562 kg of drugs worth over Rs 5,000 crore from southwest Delhi's Mahipalpur, he said.

He further said the recovered seizure weighs around 208 kg, which is worth Rs 2,080 crore in international market.

Official sources said the consignment was kept there by an Indian origin UK citizen who is now on the run.

"We got a tip off during investigations of our previous seizure and arrest. On Thursday evening, a team of the Special Cell was sent to the shop and recovered the consignment," a police officer said.

The UK citizen, who is identified by the police, managed to escape before the arrival of the team. He had taken the shop on rent a few days ago, the officer said, adding two people including the owner of the shop have been detained and questioned. The owner told the police that the shop was taken on rent for business related to garments, the officer said.

It is suspected that the UK citizen wanted to transport the drug consignment to other parts of the country but he fled after the police's previous seizure, he said.

The Special Cell, on October 2, had seized over 560 kg of

cocaine and 40 kg of hydroponic marijuana estimated to be worth Rs 5,620 crore from a godown in Mahipalpur in south Delhi and arrested four people. Two more persons were subsequently apprehended from Amritsar and Chennai.

Earlier in the day, the Special Cell arrested a man identified as Akhlak, a native of Hapur, Uttar Pradesh. This was the seventh person to be arrested in the case. The police sources said the syndicate was allegedly run by a Dubai-based businessman Virender Basoya. He was allegedly running the racket with the help of Tushar Goyal and Jitender Gill alias Jassi, both arrested by the police, they said.

The police have also issued a look out circular (LOC) against Basoya, who is on the run. The police suspect that Basoya is a part of an international syndicate which has given

different works to different people.

Majority of syndicate members do not know each other and they were operating on the basis of code names on social media, the police sources said.

A senior police officer, who is privy to the investigations, said so far 700 kg of cocaine, worth over Rs 7,000 crore, has been recovered from the national capital so far.

The seizures are the part of same syndicate which which had brought consignment via sea route to Goa from South American countries.

It is suspected some more such consignments are kept or already transported to other destinations, the officer said.

He said the police teams are conducting raids at various parts of Delhi and NCR and trying to nab the other co-accused of the drug syndicate. (PTI)

Teenage girl gang-raped in UP, two arrested



Banda (UP): A 16-year-old girl was allegedly raped by two men here when she was returning home from a fair, police said on Friday. The two accused have been arrested. The girl had gone to the fair in a neighbouring village with her elder sister on October 7. While the sisters were returning home in the evening, the accused -- Aavesh and Mujibur Rahman -- stopped her, forcibly made her sit in their car and took her to an unknown place where they raped her, Station House

Officer, Pailani police station, Inspector Anand Kumar said. The accused also allegedly pressured her to change her religion. The girl somehow managed to escape and reached home the next morning, the SHO said. Based on a complaint lodged by the girl's mother, an FIR was lodged in the matter and the girl's medical examination was done, he said. Kumar said the two accused were arrested on Friday and produced before a court, which sent them to jail. (PTI)

18th Parinirvan Diwas of BSP Founder Kanshi Ram Observed in Dhanbad

Priyanka

Dhanbad : The 18th Parinirvan Diwas of Kanshi Ram, founder of BAMCEF, DS-4, and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), was observed on Wednesday by the Dhanbad District unit of BSP at Sugiyadih. A large number of party workers and supporters from various blocks of the district participated in the event. The program commenced with the garlanding of the portraits of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Kanshi Ram by the chief guest, former BSP State President and Zone In-Charge, Subal Das. Subsequently, attendees took turns paying their tributes. Addressing the gathering, Subal Das emphasized the continued relevance of BSP's politics in the present times, especially when caste-based and social oppression is still prevalent across the country, including Jharkhand. He expressed concern over the ongoing atrocities, such as gang rapes and the attacks on



the constitutional rights of Dalit and Bahujan communities, including the reservation system. He stated that BSP remains crucial in countering these injustices. Das also highlighted the upcoming elections in Jharkhand, stating that unless the people bring about a change, the state will remain in its current situation despite its rich mineral resources. He expressed confidence that only BSP could transform Jharkhand. He criticized both the Hemant Soren government's financial schemes and the opposition's promises, accusing them of treating the people like mere voters to be manipulated. Das affirmed that no

government in Jharkhand would be formed without BSP's participation and that the party's presence in the government would ensure employment for everyone and guaranteed government jobs in every household. The event was presided over by District President Abhay Kumar. Others who addressed the gathering included District In-Charge Sunil Kumar Ravidas, District General Secretary Manoj Kumar Das, former District President Baburam Manjhi, Narayan Das, Babulal Das, Ranjit Vidyarthi, Subhash Bauri, Tapan Ravani, Rajkumar, Ramprasad Das, and Paramhans Saxena.

Jairam Mahto Announces Second List of JLKM Candidates

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : Jairam Mahto, leader of the Jharkhand Lok kranti Morcha (JLKM), revealed the party's second list of candidates during a press conference at the Dhanbad Circuit House. Jairam Mahto, who is contesting from Dumri, has selected long-time party worker Motilal Mahto as the candidate for the Tundi Assembly seat. This decision came as a surprise, as it was initially believed that Jairam Mahto himself would contest from Tundi if AJSU President Sudesh Mahto entered the race. Additionally, Jairam Mahto announced that Aqeel Akhtar, also known as Rizwan Ansari, will contest from the Gandey constituency. Rizwan had previously faced allegations, but an internal investigation cleared him of all charges, leading to his selection as the Gandey candidate. With this announcement, JLKM has now declared candidates for 20 seats and plans to contest 70 constituencies across Jharkhand. Among the notable candidates are Guna Bhagat for Mandar, Sapna Modak for Dhanbad, and Usha Devi for Sindri. The list has surprised many, including leaders who left the BJP and JMM to join



The second list of JLKM candidates includes:

Guna Bhagat (Mandar)
Motilal Mahto (Tundi)
Sapna Modak (Dhanbad)
Usha Devi (Sindri)
Aqeel Akhtar (Gandey)
Saroj Kumari (Bokaro)
Rajdesh Ratan (Rajdhanwar)
Manoj Yadav (Koderma)
Uday Mehta (Hazaribagh)
Mahendra Mandal (Barkattha)
Krishna Yadav (Barhi)
Parimal Thakur (Godda)
Pandu Ram Hebrew (Kharsawan)
Aniket Mehta (Daltanganj)

JLKM, as they were left out of the ticket allocations. After releasing the second

list, protests arose within the party over the candidate selection. JLKM's Central General Secretary, Shankar Mahto, voiced his opposition to Usha Devi's candidacy in Sindri, accusing her of working against the party in previous Lok Sabha elections. In response, Shankar Mahto declared that he would contest as an independent candidate from Sindri and expressed confidence in his ability to win. As JLKM continues to prepare for the upcoming elections, internal conflicts over candidate selections have raised concerns, but the party remains focused on its strategy to field candidates across the state.

Bokaro Police Raid at Dhanbad Hotel, 6 Women and 1 Man Detained in Connection with Chain Snatching

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : Bokaro Police raided the Coalfield Hotel near Lindsay Club under Dhanbad Police Station and detained six women and one man. The incident is believed to be connected to a gang involved in chain snatching during Durga Puja fairs.

According to sources, the man and women were staying at the hotel when the police team arrived around 2 PM and took them into custody. They were found with several bags, and it is suspected they were targeting women attending the fairs. The group is linked to a gang caught earlier in Bokaro. Based on their information, the raid was conducted in Dhanbad, and the detainees were taken back to Bokaro for further investigation.

In efforts to ensure a peaceful Durga Puja, Dhanbad district



has been divided into seven zones, with magistrates, senior police officers, and forces deployed in each zone. Mobile police units will be patrolling key areas, including fairs and events like Ravana Dahan and the idol immersion ceremony. Special

attention is being given to over 300 identified locations where potential disturbances could occur. Strict surveillance and measures have been ordered to ensure the safety of women during the celebrations.

Jharia Man Arrested for Cheating in CISF Constable Recruitment Exam

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : A man from Jharia has been arrested for using an impersonator in the written exam for the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) constable recruitment conducted by SSC earlier this year. The accused, Ganesh Yadav, was caught during the physical test at Koyla Nagar CISF ground on Tuesday after discrepancies were found in his biometric data.

According to Nalin Kumar

Choubey, a CISF official, the written exam was held on March 6, 2024, where biometric data and photographs of candidates were taken. However, when Ganesh appeared for the physical test on Tuesday, his left thumb impression did not match the biometric records. Additionally, his photograph was found to be different from the one on record. Upon interrogation, Ganesh admitted that he had used an impersonator to take the written exam on his behalf. He was subsequently handed over to the

Saraidhela police. An FIR has been lodged against both Ganesh and the unknown individual who appeared in the exam for him. Police are now investigating the identity of the impersonator and plan to arrest him soon. Ganesh Yadav will be sent to jail on Wednesday.

The authorities are treating the incident as a serious case of fraud and impersonation, undermining the integrity of the recruitment process.

Robbery Gang Arrested at Dhanbad Railway Station: Three Members, Including Woman, Apprehended

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad: In a significant crackdown, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) on Monday arrested three members of a notorious gang from Dhanbad railway station. The arrested individuals include a woman, while one member of the gang managed to escape. The gang, consisting of six members, has been involved in robbing passengers using drugs to incapacitate their victims. Out of the six, five members hail from Aurangabad, Bihar, and the sixth from Gaya. The gang is reportedly led by Anil Singh, a resident of Dev in Aurangabad, who employed the accused and paid them ₹40,000 per month to carry out the robberies. Among those arrested are Sunaina Devi, Anil Singh's wife, 45-year-old Virendra Singh from Aurangabad, and 20-

year-old Suraj Kumar from Gaya. Sunaina's brother-in-law, Sunil, managed to escape during the operation. The breakthrough came after a robbery on September 12 at Dhanbad station. Rajiv Kumar Singh, a resident of Dehri-on-Sone, was waiting for the Ganga-Sutlej Express on platform number two when he was approached by Sunaina, who was wearing a yellow sari. She struck up a conversation with him, while a man loitered nearby. When the train arrived, the three boarded the same bogie, and Sunaina insisted that Rajiv have some cold drink and chips. Unwillingly, Rajiv consumed a small amount, after which he started feeling drowsy. In a semi-conscious state, he realized his belongings, including a gold ring, ₹25,000 in cash, and his mobile phone,

were being taken from him. He eventually fainted. Upon reaching Dehri-on-Sone, Rajiv was admitted to the subdivisional hospital. After recovering, he returned to Dhanbad on September 29 and began searching for the culprits. On Monday, Rajiv spotted Sunaina wearing the same yellow sari she had worn during the robbery. Recognizing her, he immediately alerted the authorities, leading to the arrest of Sunaina, Virendra, and Suraj. RPF is continuing the search for Sunil, who escaped during the operation. The gang is believed to be involved in multiple such incidents, preying on passengers across the region. The police are investigating further and are expected to uncover more information about the gang's operations.

Inauguration of AMR Speech & Hearing Care in Dhanbad

Priyanka

Dhanbad : The AMR Speech & Hearing Care Center was inaugurated on Monday at Madhav Apartment, Durga Mandir Road, Hirapur, by Dr. Manish Narayan, who cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony.

The owner of the center, Manjar Alam, shared that audiologists Rajesh Kumar and Abhinash Sharma will provide their services at the care center. The facility will offer a wide range of services, including audiometry, impedance audiometry, pediatric audiometry, free-field audiometry, speech therapy, voice therapy,



hearing aid trials, hearing tests, and hearing aid repair services. The inauguration ceremony

was attended by Manjar Alam, Anwar, customers who use speech and hearing equipment, and other esteemed guests.

Halt of Shaktipunj Express Inaugurated at McCluskieganj Station



Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : In a move to enhance passenger convenience, the Jabalpur-Howrah Shaktipunj Express (Train No. 11447/48) will now have a two-minute scheduled halt at McCluskieganj

station from 12 October 2024. The inaugural halt of Train No. 11447 Jabalpur-Howrah Shaktipunj Express was flagged off by Hon'ble MLA Samri Lal at McCluskieganj station. Officers and staff of the division were present for the

occasion. The train will arrive at McCluskieganj at 11:41 am and depart at 11:43 am. Train No. 11448 Howrah - Jabalpur Shaktipunj Express will arrive at 10:17 pm and depart at 10:19 pm.

Delhi govt committed to ideals of 'Ramrajya': Kejriwal

New Delhi: Former chief minister and AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal, attending a Ramleela event at Chirag Delhi on Saturday, emphasised Delhi government's "commitment" to the ideals of 'Ramrajya'.

Speaking after the symbolic burning of Ravan's effigy, Kejriwal praised Lord Ram's virtues of sacrifice and righteousness, urging citizens to take inspiration from the Ramayana and Ramcharitmanas.

During the event, organised by local MLA and Cabinet Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj, Kejriwal highlighted the work done by the AAP government to benefit every section of the society,



including free electricity, quality education, healthcare, free bus travel for women, and pilgrimage facilities for the elderly.

"We are trying to ensure that in Delhi, even the poorest children get access to good

education, and whether someone is rich or poor, everyone is treated equally with the best healthcare. From free 24x7 electricity to free travel for women in buses, we are making sure that no one is left behind," Kejriwal said.

He further encouraged people to bring their children to watch Ramleela, stressing the cultural and moral values of learning from Lord Ram's life.

"Just as Lord Ram accepted his exile without hesitation, there are countless lessons of humility and duty in his life that inspire us in our governance today," he added.(PTI)

Specially-Abled Children from Pahela Kadam Inaugurate Durga Puja Pandal

Priyanka

Dhanbad : On the auspicious occasion of Durga Puja, specially-abled children from Pahela Kadam, a special school run by Narayani Charitable Trust in Jagjivan Nagar, had the honour of inaugurating the Shri Shri Sarvajanin Durga Puja Pandal at Purana Bazar, Ratanji Road, Marwari Mohalla, Dhanbad, on Wednesday. The children, accompanied by Secretary Anita Agarwal and Supervisor Kaushal Agarwal, cut the ribbon to mark the official opening of the pandal.

Following the inauguration, the children performed a devotional dance in front of the Goddess, which was highly appreciated by the audience. The organisers distributed refreshments to



all the children and gifted them school bags as a token of appreciation for their participation.

The organisers expressed their gratitude, saying, "It is a blessing to have these specially-abled children inaugurate the pandal. These children are a reflection of God's grace, and we must support them to help them feel like any other child." Secretary Anita Agarwal, along with the Pahela Kadam family, thanked Sanjay

Sawaria, President of the Sarvajanin Puja Committee, Secretary Pradeep Agarwal, and the entire team for giving their children this special opportunity. The joy on the children's faces, she added, was akin to serving God.

The children were delighted to receive the gifts, and the Pahela Kadam family extended their warm wishes for Durga Puja and Navratri, celebrating the triumph of good over evil.

Tata Motors Finance Pays Tribute to Late Ratan Tata

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad: Former chairman of the Tata Group, Ratan Tata, passed away at the age of 86 after battling health issues. He was admitted to a hospital in Mumbai, where he breathed his last. Today, a tribute was paid to the late Ratan Tata at the Tata Motors Finance District Headquarters in Saraidhela, Dhanbad. A solemn ceremony was held where everyone

observed two minutes of silence and offered floral tributes to his photograph.

The event was attended by key officials of Tata Motors Finance Limited, including Zonal Business Head Rajesh Singh, Regional Sales Manager Om Prakash Gupta, Zonal Sales Head Bhargav Padmanabh Singh, and Territory Sales Head Ashwini Kumar. Other prominent attendees included Satish Singh, Santosh Kumar,

Rakesh Yadav, Roshan Kumar, Maya Biswas, Deepak Singh, Sanjeev Mishra, Rajesh Singh, Saikat Mitra, Rinu Parveen, Jitendra Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Awadh Kumar, and Anand Ojha. The gathering reflected on Ratan Tata's immense contributions to Indian industry and his leadership in guiding the Tata Group to new heights. His legacy of ethical business practices and philanthropy continues to inspire millions.

Sunny Singh Demands Death Penalty for BJP Leaders Convicted in IIT BHU Gang Rape

Priyanka

Dhanbad: Former Dhanbad Zila Nagar Adhyaksh, Sunny Singh, strongly condemned the expulsion of 13 students from IIT BHU who were protesting against the bail granted to the BJP leaders accused in the gang rape of a student. Addressing the media on Tuesday, Singh expressed his outrage over the mishandling of the case by the state government, which led to the accused receiving bail. He criticized the BJP-led state and central governments for suppressing voices seeking justice and retaliating by expelling students from the college.

Singh emphasized that the BJP leaders involved in the gang rape were arrested with solid evidence, yet political pressure from the state and central government weakened the investigation,



ultimately allowing the accused to secure bail. He questioned the BJP's "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" slogan, accusing the party of protecting its own members instead of ensuring justice for the victim. Singh demanded to know why justice is being delayed and why no strong action has been taken against the accused.

The expelled students had raised legitimate questions about the gang rape case and the BJP's role, only to face punishment instead of

receiving support. The National Students' Union of India (NSUI) has vowed to continue their protest nationwide until the victim receives justice and the expelled students are reinstated unconditionally.

Sunny Singh, along with NSUI leaders Aniket Kumar, Anmol Singh, Devansh Verma, Rohan Jha, Rohit Mandal, Vishal Kumar, Shubham Jha, Sachin Kumar, Roshan Kumar, Sahil Kumar, and Anuj Kumar, among others, were present at the protest.

Samson ton powers India to 133-run win, 3-0 T20I series sweep against Bangladesh

Hyderabad: Sanju Samson's ebullient maiden T20 International hundred dotted India's resounding 133-run victory and 3-0 series sweep over a listless Bangladesh here on Saturday.

Once India broomed away records like rotten twigs while posting 297 for 6 after electing to bat, it was always a case of eventual margin of win and Bangladesh never really offered a meaningful fight, ending up at 164/7 in the third and final T20I.

Pacer Mayank Yadav (2/32) and leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi (3/30) led the hosts' bowling effort.

Samson (111, 47 balls, 11x4, 8x6), who hammered the second fastest T20I century by an Indian after Rohit Sharma (35 balls), and skipper Suryakumar Yadav (75, 35 balls, 8x4, 5x6), biffed 173 runs during an electrifying second wicket stand, propelling the hosts past several records.

The total was second in the all-time list of the highest T20I team totals behind Nepal's 314 and ahead of Afghanistan's 278/3, and also India's highest in the shortest format.

They were purely amazing stats even taking into account a barren pitch and lighting quick outfield. But beyond that cold realm of numbers, Samson's innings was touched by his esoteric genius, the ingredient that makes him compelling and frustrating in



equal measure.

But the Kerala right-hander chose to display his captivating side on the field on a clement Hyderabad night and Bangladesh withered quickly.

Samson needed a big effort after lukewarm outings in the first two matches in Gwalior and New Delhi and, oh boy, did he make it count here!

Samson's brand-new purpose found an immediate on-field expression as he pummelled pacer Taskin Ahmed for four consecutive fours -- two cover drives and as many flicks -- in the second over of the innings.

It was the perfect teaser for the blockbuster action that unfolded in the next 10.3 overs.

The rapid start also helped India

move past the early dismissal of opener Abhishek Sharma (4), falling to a poorly-timed pull off slinger quick Tanzim Hasan.

Suryakumar was a mere spectator once Samson slipped into top gear with an array of mind-spinning shots. That could be the biggest tribute for the 29-year-old's knock.

It is quite tough to put Suryakumar to shade in T20Is but Samson did that with a knock of rare brilliance as India raced to 82 for 1 in Power Play and 152 for 1 after 10 overs.

No bowler was spared during the batting extravaganza that was based on the single-minded and simple philosophy of naked aggression.

It was so glaring in the 10th over when leg-spinner Rishad Hossain came to bowl. Hossain erred in line and length and Samson creamed him for five consecutive sixes, including a 105-meter monster.

But the most stunning shot in Samson's innings was a six off the backfoot off pacer Mustafizur Rahman.

Waiting deep inside the crease, Samson judged the slower ball to perfection, and whacked it over extra cover for a maximum, eliciting a dejected shrug and shake of head from the experienced bowler.

Soon, he brought up his hundred off 40 balls with a boundary off off-spinner Mahedi Hasan and celebrated with a roar and punch before getting melted into a tight embrace by his captain.

Suryakumar reminded the gallery of his presence, smashing Tanzim for three fours and a six while reaching his fifty in 23 balls.

But both the batters fell in the space of adding 10 runs. Samson was jettisoned by Mustafizur's well-directed bouncer and Suryakumar became Mahmudullah's last T20I victim, giving a simple catch to Rishad in deep.

But by then India had reached 206 for three in the 15th over.

That itself was a daunting total but Hardik Pandya (47, 18 balls, 4x4, 4x6) and Riyan Parag (34, 13 balls, 1x4, 4x6) flogged the dead horse to milk a further 70 runs for the fourth wicket as India raced to a massive total.

Once Mayank ousted Pervez Hossain in the first ball of Bangladesh innings, they struggled for momentum in the always futile chase of 298.

The tourists did not have the resources even to attempt a powerful chase as knocks by Towhid Hridoy (63 not out, 42 balls, 5x4, 3x6) and Litton Das (42, 25 balls, 8x4) remained distant specks in the match's scoresheet. (PTI)

Peru upsets Uruguay 1-0 and ends winless run in South American World Cup qualifying



Lima (Peru): Peru won its first match in South American World Cup qualifying by beating Uruguay 1-0 on Friday.

Miguel Araujo scored the only goal with a header in the 88th minute, and Peru moved out of last place in the South American standings.

Peru was winless in eight matches in qualifying, but beat Uruguay in a qualifier for the first time since 2017.

The Peruvians rose above last-placed Chile.

Uruguay remained third after nine matches, four points behind leader Argentina and one behind second-placed Colombia. The first six teams secure a berth in the 2026 World Cup in North America

and Mexico.

Uruguay wasted opportunities in the first half, with Federico Valverde, Darwin Núñez and Maximiliano Araújo stopped by Peru goalkeeper Pedro Gallese.

Peru took control in the second half.

"I honestly feel responsible, due to the players we had in the midfield and in the offense, for such a small proportion of goal chances we created in the second half," Uruguay coach Marcelo Bielsa said.

Uruguay next hosts Ecuador on Tuesday, the same day Peru faces fourth-placed Brazil. (PTI)

Ayhika, Sutirtha create more history for India by assuring first ever medal in women's doubles

Astana: Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee achieved another first for Indian table tennis by assuring themselves of a medal at the Asian Championships here on Saturday.

The Mukherjees, who had beaten the world champions from China on way to a historic bronze at Asian Games last year, bounced back to beat South Korean of Kim Nayeong and Lee Eunhye 10-12, 11-7, 11-9, 11-8 in the quarterfinals here.

The world number 15 pair from

India faces Japan's Miwa Harimoto and Miyuu Kishara in the semifinals on Sunday. The final is also scheduled for Sunday.

Ayhika plays with an anti-spin rubber that helps her slow down the game for Sutirtha, who uses a short pimped rubber, to attack on the following return.

Manav, Manush stun higher-ranked South Koreans

In the men's singles, Manav Thakkar and Manush Shah exceeded expectations to reach the pre-quarterfinals.

Manav, ranked 60th, recorded one of the biggest wins of his career by upsetting world number 14 Jang Woojin from South Korea 5-11, 11-9, 5-11, 11-9, 11-7 in the round of 32.

World number 115 Manush made short work of 23-ranked An Jaehyun from South Korea 11-9, 11-5, 11-6 in a head turning performance. Both Manav and Manush play their pre-quarterfinal later on Saturday.

Harmeet Desai's singles campaign ended in the round of 32 with a straight game loss to 30th

ranked Lim Jonghoon in the round of 32.

Veteran Sharath Kamal, India's highest ranked player at 42, had suffered a shock defeat against 506th ranked Mohammed Alqassab on Friday evening. G Sathian went down against North Korean Ham Yu Song, who doesn't feature in the ITTF rankings.

Manika Batra is scheduled to face Japan's Miwa Harimoto in a round of 16 clash on Saturday. (PTI)

World's best team India lets you know where you've to improve: Nick Pothas

Hyderabad: Bangladesh fielding coach Nick Pothas on Friday admitted that "world's best team" India put his side under tremendous pressure throughout the Test and T20I series, but he wants to leverage it as a learning experience.

Bangladesh came to India riding high on their recent Test series win over Pakistan, but were quickly brought down to earth by the home side, emphatically grabbing both Test and T20I rubbers.

"When you look at the bowling and the batting, one thing India will always do to you is put you under immense pressure because of the level of skill they have. India lets you know where you have to improve," said Pothas in the pre-match press meet here.

India won the first two matches at Gwalior and New Delhi to take an unassailable 2-0 lead,



rendering the third T20I here on Saturday inconsequential.

But Pothas said Bangladesh need to be "honest" in their self-assessment after such a tour where they suffered some heavy defeats.

"We are very fortunate to be touring India because you can get a lot of learning done. And the learning has to be honest. The learning is how do you absorb pressure for longer periods of time?"

"How do you read the game better under pressure for longer periods of time? But most

importantly is how do you prepare? And that has to evolve, that has to change all the time," he added.

"But it is a privilege to play in India because when you play the world's best team, they help you understand where you need to improve."

Pothas held "underperforming" batsmen responsible for his side's defeat in the three-match T20I series against India.

"We are playing against a phenomenal opposition in their own country. Yes, we have some experience along the way but I agree with you, from a batting point of view, we have underperformed according to our expectation."

"You can take performance and an outcome as two different conversations but, yes, we would have liked to get 170, 180 here," he noted.

Shakib Al Hasan and

Mahmudullah will soon retire from international cricket, and Pothas hoped that the veterans would be around Bangladesh cricket to pass on their wisdom to coming generation.

"I would imagine having played international cricket for the length of time they have and performed to the high level that they have, I think the most important thing that we need to acknowledge is that they have forged a path for young cricketers to follow."

"With any luck they are going to be around to help in whatever capacity but to be able to pass on that experience to make the next generation better."

"Bangladesh has been very fortunate to have cricketers of their calibre play for that length of time and as a group and as a country we wish them the best of luck," he said. (PTI)

Jharkhand Team Shines at the 8th National Pickleball Championship



Priyanka

Dhanbad : The three-day 8th National Pickleball Championship concluded on Sunday with the prize distribution and closing ceremony in Panipat. The Jharkhand team, led by Prabhat Kumar, delivered an outstanding performance. Talented player Sonu Kumar from Jharkhand won the gold medal in the men's category by defeating Maharashtra's Kuldeep Mahajan.

In the boys' category, Aditya Prajapati and Jigar Vishwakarma clinched the bronze medal by defeating the Maharashtra team. Additionally, Mohd. Shahid and Chandan Prajapati

secured the bronze medal in the men's category.

Jharkhand Pickleball Vice President, B. Sughir shared that the team was selected at Dhanbad's Golf Ground, and they lived up to expectations. He congratulated Sonu, Aditya Prajapati, Jigar Vishwakarma, Mohd. Shahid, Chandan, and all other participants from Jharkhand for their impressive performance. He also announced that more pickleball tournaments would be organised soon, giving local players the opportunity to participate in both national and international tournaments, as the sport is rapidly gaining popularity in India.

Alia Bhatt's 'Jigra' earns Rs 4.55 crore on day one

New Delhi: Bollywood star Alia Bhatt's latest film "Jigra" earned Rs 4.55 crore net on its opening day at the domestic box office, the makers announced on Saturday.

Released in theatres across the country in Hindi and Telugu on Friday, the movie is directed by Vasanth Bala, known for "Mard Ko Dard Nahi Hota" and "Monica, O My Darling".

It is produced by Karan Johar's Dharma Productions in collaboration with Bhatt's Eternal Sunshine Productions.

"Humari audience ka pyaar jahaan, hum wahaan! #Jigra in Hindi & Telugu - in cinemas now," Dharma Productions posted along with a poster that revealed the movie's net box office collection (NBOC) of Rs 4.55 crore on day one.

Also starring Vedang Raina and Manoj Pahwa, "Jigra"



follows the journey of Satya, a young woman who goes to great lengths to free her

brother Ankur, who is imprisoned in a foreign jail.(PTI)

3 Bengali films released this Durga Puja getting 'good response': Stakeholders

Kolkata: Three Bengali movies were released this Durga Puja with each getting a "good response" from cinephiles who are making a beeline to cinema halls to enjoy films during the festivities, industry stakeholders said on Friday.

The movies that were released on October 8, a day before the beginning of Durga Puja, are 'Tekka', 'Bohurupi' and 'Shastri'.

"The three movies are getting encouraging responses till the day of Mahasaptami (October 10). 'Bohurupi' topped the list, followed by 'Tekka', an Eastern India Motion Pictures Association (EIMPA) official told PTI.

Mithun Chakraborty-starrer 'Shastri' also got a significant response, he said.

"Starting Navami morning with 51 almost full shows in the Kolkata centre alone...it will be one giant day for Bengali cinema," said Zinia Sen, one of



the producers of 'Bohurupi', in a post on social media.

"According to data, 'Bohurupi' recorded 132 'almost houseful' shows and six houseful shows on the day of Mahasaptami while the figures for almost houseful shows are 76 for 'Tekka' and 19 for 'Shastri,'" the EIMPA official said.

"Thrilled to share that 'Tekka' has crossed Rs 1.5 crore in just three days," film's producer and lead actor Dev wrote on X.

Director Srijit Mukherji said it

was a "blockbuster" Saptami for 'Tekka'.

Asked to comment, Dev told PTI, "I wish all the three films do well at the box office. But obviously, Tekka should be the first choice from the producer's point of view. As a Bengali film industry stakeholder, I wish that cinephiles also flock to theatres to watch two other films."

Another EIMPA official said 'Bohurupi' has so far recorded over Rs 2.1 crore in revenue, and 'Shastri' over Rs 25 lakh.(PTI)

Vidya Balan 'overjoyed' to be back in 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa' after 17 years

Jaipur: Bollywood star Vidya Balan, who played the iconic character of Manjulika in 2007's "Bhool Bhulaiyaa", on Wednesday said she is happy to be part of the third installment of the film, which has earned her "immense love".

She was speaking at the trailer launch of the much-anticipated horror comedy, held at Jaipur's iconic Raj Mandir cinema hall.

Also present were co-stars Kartik Aaryan, Triptii Dimri, and Rajpal Yadav, along with director Anees Bazmee and producer Bhushan Kumar.

Balan thanked Bazmee, who also helmed Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2, for casting her in the new film.

"I'd like to thank Anees Bazmee first. Thank you very much for bringing me into 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3'... Otherwise, I would have possessed Bhushan," she quipped.

The actor also expressed gratitude to Kumar, who heads the production banner T-Series.

"After 17 years, I'm back in the Bhool Bhulaiyaa franchise. I'm overjoyed. This film has given me immense love over the past 17 years, and I feel I'll receive even more in the next 17," she added.

Balan explained the reason behind unveiling the trailer in Jaipur.

"As Kartik said, 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2' was shot here, just like the first 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa', which was entirely shot in Jaipur. Jaipur shares a long-standing connection with the franchise, which is why we're launching our first trailer here," she said.

Also starring newcomers Madhuri Dixit and Triptii Dimri, "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3" promises an unforgettable mix of horror and comedy when it releases in theatres across the country this Diwali.



The trailer sees Aaryan returning as Rooh Baba, a character he first portrayed in 2022's "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2".

"If you enjoyed 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2', you'll love this film even more. Once you step into the theatre, you'll realise this is a beautifully crafted film, packed with comedy and thrilling horror," Bazmee teased.

"We have pushed the limits of the horror-comedy genre to bring something fresh and entertaining," he added.

Aaryan described working with Balan and Dixit as mesmerizing.

"I was just mesmerized watching them. They make such complicated things look seamless on screen; they are so effortless. They made reels, cracked jokes with us, but once the camera starts rolling, they get into their characters. I have learned so much from these two legendary actors," he said.

The actor teased a particular scene from "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3" where he shared the screen with Balan and Dixit.

"We were shooting a scene where Vidya ma'am and Madhuri ma'am asked who between them I thought was Manjulika. It was a big moment for me to shoot and share screen space with them. The scene was thrilling, a bit

creepy, and somewhat horrific, yet I enjoyed acting in it," Aaryan said.

Though Dixit missed the trailer launch event due to prior work commitments, she sent a video message that was played for the audience.

"I am so excited that the trailer of Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 releases today. This film is a true labour of love, with immense heart and soul poured into every moment. I'm incredibly excited to be part of this remarkable journey."

"Unfortunately, prior commitments kept me from being there today, but I'm with you in spirit. Can't wait for everyone to experience what we have created," she said.

For Dimri, being part of the Bhool Bhulaiyaa franchise was a dream come true.

"It's a huge opportunity to be part of such a big franchise. I was over the moon when I was offered the role. I've always been a fan of Anees Bazmee sir's work, and I've watched all his films with my father. I've also admired Rajpal sir, Vidya ma'am, Kartik, and Madhuri ma'am's work."

"To get a chance to work with all of them is a huge deal, and we had an amazing time shooting together," she said. (PTI)

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