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In Shorts

Agra Plane Crash: Air Force's MiG-29 fighter plane crashes in Agra, 3 people including the pilot saved their lives by jumping

Uttar Pradesh: Air Force's MiG-29 fighter plane crashed near Agra in Uttar Pradesh. 3 people including the pilot saved their lives by jumping. The plane took off from Adampur in Punjab and was going to Agra for practice, when this accident happened. Detailed information is awaited. Indian Air Force's statement has come out on the MiG-29 plane crash. It was told that today during a regular training flight, it crashed near Agra after a system malfunction. The Air Force has ordered an investigation to find out the reasons for the accident. Earlier, the defense officer had given a statement that orders for a Court of Inquiry will be given on the plane crash.



Sit on burning firecrackers and win an auto, youth accepts friends' challenge

Bengaluru: A 32-year-old man in Bengaluru died on Diwali night after his friends tried to trick him into sitting on a box of firecrackers. According to the police, Shabarish and his friends were celebrating Diwali on October 31 and were reportedly drunk. Shabarish's friends offered to buy him an autorickshaw if he sat on a box of firecrackers. The unemployed Shabarish accepted the challenge. CCTV footage of the area shows Shabarish's friends returning from the spot after lighting the box of firecrackers on which he was sitting. The video further shows that the box explodes and Shabarish falls to the ground and his friends surround him. He is seriously injured and his friends rush him to the hospital. However, Shabarish could not survive and died on November 2. The Konanakunte police arrested six people in connection with Shabarish's death and charged them with culpable homicide. According to DCP South Lokesh, Shabarish was unemployed and took up the challenge hoping for a better future with the autorickshaw that his friends had promised him.



ICC has made a big announcement for women's cricket, 4 World Cups and one Champions Trophy will be organized

New Delhi: The International Cricket Council i.e. ICC has released a schedule to promote women's cricket for 2025-2029. Which has been named Future Tours Program. This initiative will be part of the ICC Women's Championship Cycle, under which 44 ODI series will be played between women cricketers within the next 4 years. But the most interesting thing about this initiative is that an ICC tournament will be organized for women cricketers every year from 2025-2029. This program has been set keeping in mind the 2029 Women's Cricket World Cup. 11 teams will participate in it. Zimbabwe will be making its debut in this tournament. Which will contribute to the growth of women's cricket globally.

PM Narendra Modi addressed an election rally in Garhwa PM Modi called Jharkhand BJP's Sankalp Patra as his guarantee



Ranchi/Garhwa

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 4 gave the election bugle from Chetna of Garhwa district and gave the slogan 'Roti-Beti-Mati ki Pukar, Abki Baar NDA Sarkar in Jharkhand'. A huge crowd gathered to listen to the PM who reached Garhwa via helicopter from Gaya

Airport in Bihar. PM Narendra Modi called the resolution letter of Jharkhand BJP as his guarantee. He said that no stone was left unturned to insult Champai Soren, a son of a tribal. PM Modi said that this area has become a center of sand smuggling. The PM said that after the formation of NDA government in



Jharkhand, mothers and sisters will get Rs 2100 every month through Gogo-Didi Yojana. Youths will get Yuva Sathi Allowance. Gas cylinder will be available for just Rs 500. Next year, sisters will also get two free cylinders on Diwali and Rakshabandhan. The PM said that I had guaranteed to build three crore houses. The work started as soon as the government was formed. Jharkhand BJP has pledged to build 21 lakh new houses. Every poor will have a concrete house. This is the guarantee of BJP. It has been decided to procure paddy at Rs. 3100 per

quintal. Small and marginal farmers and cattle rearers will get financial help. Announcements have also been made to increase the livelihood of tribal families. Products like tendu leaves, mahua and mushroom will be processed. The central government built houses for 16 lakh poor people in Jharkhand under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. These houses were given to ST, SC, OBC families. About one lakh 15 thousand houses were given to the families of Garhwa district. **Jharkhand BJP has made a wonderful Sankalp Patra - PM: PM**

Modi said that Jharkhand BJP has made a wonderful Sankalp Patra. When our government is formed, three lakh government posts will be filled in a transparent manner. As soon as the BJP government was formed for the third time in Haryana, 25 thousand people were given employment. In Jharkhand, lakhs of youth will be given Yuva Sathi Allowance. Rs. 2000 will be given every month. An annual calendar will be made for competitive examinations. The central government has already made a strict law for those who leak papers. Rs. 2 lakh crore. PM Internship Program worth more than Rs. 1000 crore has been implemented. The youth here will also get Rs. 5000 every month under the PM package in big companies. PM Modi said that 12 Vande Bharat trains are connecting Jharkhand. A waterway is being built on Ganga ji, gas pipeline is helping in providing cheap gas to Jharkhand. He said that I have sent Rs. 600 crore of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi to the accounts of farmers of Garhwa district.

Canada: Khalistanis target Hindu temple, beat devotees with sticks

Ottawa

There is news of Khalistanis targeting a Hindu temple in Brampton city of Canada on Sunday. A group attacked people who came here to worship with sticks. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, opposition leader Poilievre and MP Chandra Arya have strongly condemned this incident.



Khalistani violent extremism has become deeper and more brazen

Indian-origin MP Chandra Arya in Canada has shared a video of the violence at the Hindu Sabha temple in Brampton. He wrote that 'Khalistani extremists in Canada have crossed the red line. This attack shows how deep and brazen Khalistani violent extremism has become in Canada. It is true that apart from

the political system of Canada, Khalistanis have also effectively infiltrated our law enforcement agencies. Chandra Arya alleged that in the name of freedom of expression, Khalistani extremists have got a free hand in Canada. Hindu-Canadians will have to come forward to protect Hindus. Politicians will have to be held accountable. **Canada's PM Justin Trudeau also condemned the attack** Canada's PM Justin Trudeau also condemned the attack, posted on x. The incidents of vio-

lence at the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton are unacceptable. Wrote that every Canadian has the right to follow his faith freely and safely. He thanked the police for responding quickly. Opposition leader Pierre Poilievre in Canada also criticized the attack on the Hindu Sabha Mandir. Said that all Canadians have the full right to practice their religion peacefully. Said that the Conservative Party condemns this attack and promises to unite people and end the chaos. Hindu Forum Canada said that it is unacceptable for Khalistanis to attack devotees at the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton. The Ontario Sikh and Gurdwara Council (OSGC) condemned the violence at the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton.

Stock market under heavy pressure, 1000 points fell, 10 big stocks fell

Mumbai

On Monday, the stock market suddenly crashed. From the beginning of trading, the stock market came under heavy pressure, after which there has been a big fall in both Sensex and Nifty. Let us tell you that the Sensex opened at 79,713.14, but it soon fell by 1000 points to 78,719. Nifty also opened at 24,315.75 points on Monday, but fell 313 points to trade at 23,990.

Out of the top 30 stocks of BSE Sensex, 25 stocks were trading at a big decline Till the time of writing the news, 25 stocks out of the top 30 stocks of BSE Sensex were trading at a big decline. Only four stocks are showing growth. The highest rise was 2.39 percent in the shares of Mahindra & Mahindra. Talking about the decline, the biggest decline was in Sun Pharma's shares which fell by 3%. Reliance Industries' shares also fell by



2.64%. Media sector saw a decline of 2.66% and Oil & Gas sector saw a decline of 2.47%. Finance, Auto, Bank and Consumer sectors also witnessed decline. Heavyweight shares like RIL, Adani Port, Sun Pharma, Tata Motors fell by up to 3%. In this sequence, Indian Oil's shares fell by 5%, Bajaj Auto's shares fell by 4.30%, HeroMotoCorp's shares fell by 3.8%. Hindustan Zinc fell by 4%, HPCL's shares fell by 3.82% and PVR fell by 6%, Chennai Petro Corp fell by 5.49% and Blue Star fell by 5%.

There is a provision of paid leave on polling day for employees working in institutions: CEO

Ranchi

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) K Ravi Kumar held a meeting with the officials of the Labor Department on Monday in the Election House. The CEO asked the employers of all industrial and commercial establishments and all other institutions to give paid leave to all the employees working in their institutions to vote on the polling day on 13 and 20 November. Those employees also include daily laborers, who are registered voters of the state. K



Ravi said that this should be widely publicized by the Labor Department. Also, they should be made aware and motivated to vote. So that, such voters can be ensured to use their right to vote freely and fairly. Let us tell you that as per the provision of Section 135-B of the Election Representation of the People Act 1951, there is a provision to provide paid leave for voting to every person employed in any business, profession, industrial undertaking or any

other institution on polling day during the election. Under this provision, daily wage workers will also be entitled to leave with wages on the polling day. There is also a provision for punishment against employers who violate this provision. The CEO has requested the employers and managers to ensure proper compliance of this provision so that not a single voter is deprived of his voting rights, with a view to providing voting facilities to the workers working in all

businesses, professions, industrial undertakings or any other institution within the state. Labour Commissioner Sanjeev Kumar Besra, Additional Chief Electoral Officer Dr. Neha Arora, Sandeep Singh, Joint Labour Commissioner Rajesh Prasad, Joint Chief Electoral Officer Subodh Kumar, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer Dev Das Dutta and officials of the Chief Electoral Officer's Office and Labour Department were present in the meeting.

Due to Chhath Puja, there is a huge crowd in trains, special trains are also falling short, people are forced to travel by hanging from the doors

Patna: Diwali is over. In such a situation, now people of Bihar and Purvanchal are leaving for their home states for Chhath festival. This is the reason why there is a huge crowd in trains. Many arrangements have been made by the railways. But these arrangements are falling short. There is a huge crowd in trains. Due to the crowd, the journey of the passengers is full of difficulties. There are claims of making many arrangements by the railways. But it is true that people are forced to travel even in toilets. There is no doubt that in view of the festive season, more than 7000 special trains have been announced by the railways. But these are proving to be insufficient. There is a huge crowd in the trains going to Bihar from Delhi, Surat, Mumbai, Chennai, Punjab. Be it general, sleeper, AC, first AC, there is a huge crowd in all. The condition of the general and sleeper bogies is such that it would be difficult for even an ant to find space in it. Passengers are forced to travel by hanging from the windows and doors. Although the railways are trying to explain them again and again. But it does not seem to be working. This kind of situation is seen every year during Chhath Puja. Every year the railways talk about running special trains.



Uttarakhand: Bus full of passengers falls into ditch in Almora, 36 passengers killed

Dehradun

There is news of a tragic accident in Almora, Uttarakhand. A bus full of passengers fell into a deep ditch in Marchula area on Monday morning. SSP Almora reached the spot as soon as the information about the incident was received. Three teams of SDRF also reached there for rescue operation. Almora SP has confirmed the death of 36 people in the bus accident. SDM Sanjay Kumar said that the



injured have been sent to nearby hospitals. The accident took place near Salt Marchula area of Almora. District Magistrate Alok

Kumar Pandey informed that the bus was going from Garhwal to Kumaon, when the accident happened in Marchula, Almora. Mr.

Pandey said that there were more than 40 passengers on the bus. He told that the police and SDRF personnel have started search and rescue operation. **CM Pushkar Singh Dhama expressed grief over the accident** Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama has expressed grief over the bus accident. He wrote in a social media post, "Received very sad news of casualties of pas-

sengers in the unfortunate bus accident in Marchula of Almora district, have instructed the district administration to conduct relief and rescue operations with speed. The local administration and SDRF teams are working to take the injured to the nearest health center for treatment. Instructions have also been given to airlift the seriously injured passengers if required." **Compensation of Rs 4 lakh**

each to the families of the deceased CM Dhama has also directed to suspend the ARTO enforcement of the concerned area of Pauri and Almora. While issuing instructions to provide assistance of Rs 4 lakh each to the families of the deceased and Rs 1 lakh each to the injured, the Commissioner of Kumaon Division has been directed to conduct a magisterial inquiry into the incident.

News In Brief

District administration and cantonment board should pay special attention so that Chhath devotees do not face any problem during Chhath Maha Parv: Sunita Chaudhary

Ramgarh. Chhath Ghat should be cleaned properly, today Chhath Ghat was inspected for cleanliness in Bijulia pond of Ramgarh cantonment board area in view of the great festival Chhath. Also, in this sequence, met the local people and sent them advance wishes for the great festival of folk faith Chhath Puja. During this, directed the officials and local representatives for the smooth supply of all basic facilities including half-hearted cleaning on the ghats crowd.

District level football competition organized to make new voters aware of voting

Gumla: District level boys/girls football competition was organized today under #SVEEP activities at Paramveer Albert Ekka Stadium, Gumla under the aegis of District Administration Gumla. Through this competition, new voters were made aware of the importance of voting and they were administered oath to vote. In the program, FC Gumla defeated Rising Star Gumla 8-0 and was declared the winner in the girls category. Whereas, in the boys category, Gumla XI defeated 11 Gumla 5-4 in tie breaker and won the title. On this occasion, Sweep In-charge Senior Officer cum Project Director PD ITDA Gumla Reena Hansda, Sweep Nodal Officer Aarti Kumari, and District Sports Officer Manoj Kumar were present as chief guests.

Vigilance Awareness Week concluded at ISECT University

Hazaribagh. The ongoing Vigilance Awareness Week at ISECT University, Hazaribagh concluded on Monday. Let us tell you that the Vigilance Awareness Week was started from 28 October under the banner of NSS in collaboration with the IQAC of the university. Under this, an essay competition was organized among the students of the university on the topic of prosperity of the nation through the culture of integrity, in which a large number of student.

Workers' meeting concluded in Kulhi Panchayat of Dulmi block

DN ■ Ramgarh

A special meeting was organized in Kulhi Panchayat of Dulmi block, in which active workers of the Panchayat participated. The meeting was chaired by former candidate of Ramgarh Assembly, Shri Bajrang Mahato ji. During the meeting, he encouraged the workers and pledged to ensure victory of Mamta Devi ji with a huge number of votes in the upcoming assembly elections. During the meeting, Shri Bajrang Mahato ji appealed to the workers to get organized and engage in election campaign. He highlighted the develop-

DC and Superintendent of Police Gumla inspected polling stations of Hadup village located in Bishunpur block

DN ■ Gumla

For the upcoming assembly elections, today District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Karna Satyarthi and Superintendent of Police Shambhu Kumar Singh inspected various polling stations located under PVTG village Hadup village located in the most remote area of Bishunpur block. During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner closely observed the availability of Assured Minimum Facility (AMF) in the polling stations. He also reviewed the security



arrangements of the polling stations and gave necessary instructions to the officers present there, so that the voting process could be completed smoothly and uninterrupted. Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner also met the police force staying in the cluster of

Bishunpur and gave them necessary guidelines regarding security arrangements. On this occasion, the Deputy Commissioner appealed to the villagers to participate in maximum numbers in the voting to be held on November 13 and exercise their right. He

said that every citizen's vote is important for strengthening democracy, and the district administration is ensuring that every voter gets the opportunity to vote safely and conveniently. The District Election Officer has instructed all officers and employees to ensure that the necessary basic facilities like water, toilets, ramps, and electricity are arranged at the polling stations on time. Also, special security forces should be deployed at each polling station so that voters can get the right to vote in a fearless environment.

Cleaning works are being done at a rapid pace in all Chhath ponds under the Municipal Council area



DN ■ Gumla

Keeping in mind the upcoming Chhath Mahaparva, the Municipal Council is doing the cleaning works of 4 major Chhath ponds, Bhatti pond, Van pond, Murali Baghicha and Chater pond under the Municipal Council area of Gumla district at a rapid pace. Municipal Council Administrator Sarjan Marandi said that within the next two days, cleaning, barricading and other necessary works of all the ponds will be completed, so that the devotees do not face any inconvenience during the festival. The administration has appealed to the devotees to take special care of cleanliness and safety during the festival and cooperate with the administration. Along with this, celebrate the festivals only by following the model code of conduct imposed in the district.

Sunil Kumar took charge as Tatanagar station director said, has had an old relationship with CKP division

DN ■ Chakradharpur

Sunil Kumar took charge as director at Tatanagar station. Sunil Kumar said that Chakradharpur division is not new for him. He has worked as Dongwaposi station manager for four years and as safety instructor at Seeni training school for more than 11 years. On Sunday, the men's union welcomed him with a bouquet of flowers by divisional convener MK Singh, Shiv Kumar, MP Gupta, Chandra Prakash and many other members. Earlier, Sunil Kumar was posted as AOM (Control) in Kharagpur division. Station director AL Rao



had the shortest tenure in Tatanagar. After joining on 26 April, he was given a farewell after retiring on 30 October. Since then, this charge was being looked after by senior

Tip trailer- 407 collided head-on, three died tragically, two seriously injured

DN ■ Chaibasa

Three people have died tragically in a horrific road accident between a Tip trailer and 407 LP near Kalapathar village on Seraikela-Rajnagar road late Sunday night, while two people are said to be seriously injured, who have been taken to Sadar Hospital for treatment. After the incident, sensation spread in the area. Police reached the spot on information and started operation. Regarding the incident, it is being told that a head-on collision took place between 407 vehicle number JH06R-6361 coming from Seraikela and Tip trailer



number JH 05CQ- 1369 coming from Rajnagar near Kalapathar village, due to which the Tip trailer caught fire and the Tip trailer driver died on the spot, while the driver and cleaner of 407 also died. Two other people travelling in the 407 were seriously injured. With the help of local people, both the injured were taken out

and sent to Sadar Hospital. On receiving the information, Seraikela police station reached the spot and took two bodies in their custody and sent them for postmortem, while one body is stuck inside the 407 and efforts are on to take it out. After the incident, a long queue of vehicles was formed on the road till the time.

Yogi Adityanath will come on Tuesday will hold several meetings in Jharkhand including Jamshedpur



DN ■ Jamshedpur

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh have also scheduled programs in Jharkhand on November 5. Defense Minister Mr. Singh will address an election meeting in Ratu of Hatia Assembly constituency. After this, he will also address a meeting organized in Lohardaga Assembly constituency. UP CM Adityanath will participate in election meetings in Jamshedpur and Ramgarh.

Special General Observer and Special Police Observer appointed by the Election Commission New Delhi inspected the counting place

DN ■ Hazaribagh

In view of the Assembly Elections 2024, Special General Observer Shri Yogendra Tiwari (retired IAS) deputed from the Election Commission, New Delhi and Special Police Observer Shri Manmohan Singh (retired IPS) inspected the Braj Griha and Counting Center built in Bazar Samiti Hazaribagh for counting of votes. During this, District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Nancy Sahay and Deputy Election Officer Mrs. Maa Dev Priya were present. On the occasion, he took stock of the security, law and order and other necessary arrange-



ments at the counting place. For the preparations before the counting of votes, he observed the strong room, counting hall and other arrangements of the market committee. During this, he directed the concerned officials to ensure foolproof security arrangements, law and order and other necessary arrangements during the

counting work. During the inspection, he took stock of the rooms, parking arrangements, available basic facilities and security arrangements. He gave necessary instructions regarding regular inspection of the strong room cum counting center and ensuring all kinds of basic facilities including drinking water, toilets.

Prabhat Pheri was taken out on the second day on the occasion of the Prakash Utsav of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji

DN ■ Ramgarh

Prabhat Pheri was taken out on the second day on the occasion of the Prakash Utsav of Shri Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism and the first Guru of the Sikhs. A large number of men and women from the Sikh community participated in the Prabhat Pheri on the second day as well. People were walking with the Sadh Sangat while singing Shabad Kirtan. Sardar Angad Singh Chandok was leading the Sangat with Nishan Sahib. The entire area echoed with Shabads like *Kal Taran Gurunanak Aaya, Ganiv Teri Sifat Sachcha Patshah. A lot of enthusiasm was seen among the



people regarding the Prabhat Pheri. Prabhat Pheri started from Gurudwara Sahib and reached the residence of late Aagyakar Singh Lamba in Bijolia via Kila Mandir Old Bus Stand. Where the group and the Sangat were welcomed by the Lamba family. On behalf of the Gurudwara Managing

Committee, Gurucharan Singh Chhabra honored Sardar Kanwaljit Singh Lamba by giving him a Siropa. Here the Lamba family arranged for tea and snacks for the congregation. Ramgarh Gurudwara head Paramdeep Singh Kalra, Meet Head Amarjit Singh Saini, Meet Head Happy Chhabra, Tejinder

Singh Soni, Jogendra Singh Jaggi, Manmohan Lamba, Raghuvver Singh, Jaswinder Singh Saluja, Trilochan Singh Jaisal, Kuljit Singh Kalra, Ankit Kalra, Pushpendra Singh Chhabra, Gurdeep Singh Saini, Gurpreet Singh, Jagjit Singh Jaggi, Raju Nanda, Angad Chandok, Gurjeet Singh Saluja, Iqbal Singh, Yash Chhabra, Jigar Chhabra, Jaskirat Bhatia, Jagjit Singh Raja Kalra, Neetu Singh Jassal, Sweety Soni, Charanjit Jolly, Sumi Jolly, Gurbaksh Kaur, Ranjit Kaur, Manpreet Kaur Saini, Balwinder Kaur, Satwinder Kaur, etc. participated in the Prabhatpheri etc.

BJP leader Lalita Koda joined JMM along with dozens of her supporters



DN ■ Chakradharpur

In Sonuwa, dozens of women including BJP Mahila Morcha leader and BJP Mahila Morcha district vice president Lalita Koda, Muni Banra took membership of the party expressing faith in JMM. They also pledged to make candidate Jagat Majhi victorious with a huge number of votes in the assembly elections. MP Joba Majhi welcomed all the women by making them wear the party's badge. He also congratulated and wished everyone for joining JMM. JMM candidate Jagat Majhi was also present on this occasion.

Regarding the upcoming Chhath festival the station in-charge Gumla appealed to the citizens

Protect your valuables while leaving the house

DN ■ Gumla

In view of the upcoming Chhath festival, the station in-charge Surendra Kumar Singh appealed to the citizens of Gumla and said that in the past few days, incidents of theft were happening continuously in Gumla. Due to the promptness of the police administration, the incidents of theft have reduced and the police have been successful in curbing it. Still, thieves are looking for an opportunity. In view of the Chhath festival, he appealed to the people to keep their valuables and cash in a safe place while



leaving the house. If you keep your house closed for a long time, then definitely inform the local police station. He also told that during the Chhath festival, patrolling teams will be deployed in the entire

city. The special patrolling team will be deployed in plain clothes at various places in the city. In case of any incident, immediately inform the numbers issued by the police 94 317 06206 etc.

Jain religious representatives handed over a 7-point demand letter to the Governor of Jharkhand

DN ■ Ranchi

Under the chairmanship of Rakesh Kumar Jain, President of Samata Yuva Sangh of the Jain community, Ashoka Surana, Uttam Kothari, Sanyam Jain, Rajesh Pincha, Jai Pincha, Dr. Gyanendra Kumar, Shri Ram, representatives presented a book named "Abhiramam", ang vastra, souvenir and a 7-point demand letter dedicated to the 50 years of sadhana and sadhutva of revered Acharya Pravar 1008 Shri Ramlal ji of Jain religion to the Governor. This book is in the interest of the Sangh and the nation. This book contains a detailed description of the basic principles of Jainism and the teachings of Mahavira, which promotes the value of non-violence and compassion in society. During the meeting, Jain representa-



tives presented a demand letter to the Governor, drawing attention to some important issues. The representatives appealed to the government for cooperation to solve the challenges faced by the Jain community.

His Excellency Santosh Gangwar Ji assured to consider these demands seriously. He said that the Jharkhand government is committed to the welfare of all communities and necessary steps

The following demands were included in the letter:

- 1. Security of traders:** There is a need to take concrete steps to ensure the safety of Jain traders. Providing security to traders is not only important for their business but it also contributes to economic development.
- 2. Mahavir education:** Special programs should be organized to promote education on the teachings of Mahavir and the basic principles of Jainism. This will help in guiding the young generation in the right direction.
- 3. Demand for land in Ranchi:** There is a need to provide suitable land in Ranchi city for Jain religious activities. This will make it easier for the programs and events of the Jain community to take place, which will strengthen the cultural identity of the community.
- 4. Control of derogatory content in social media:** An appeal was made to take strict steps to prevent derogatory and inflammatory videos towards Jainism on social media. It is important that religious sentiments are respected and positive dialogue is promoted in the society.
- 5. Parasnath Development:** It is necessary to ban all types of non-vegetarian food and alcohol around the Parasnath temple, which is a holy place of Jainism, so that the religious and spiritual sentiments of this area can be respected.
- 6. Safety of the general public:** Effective steps need to be taken to ensure the safety of the general public in Ranchi city. All citizens have the right to feel safe, and for this the government should make concrete policies.
- 7. It is necessary to ban all types of non-vegetarian food and alcohol in Jharkhand on the occasion of Mahavir Jayanti, so that the religious sentiments of this holy festival and Jain culture can be respected.**

tens to you and appealed to participate in the voting enthusiastically. He said that choose a person who listens to you and appealed to participate important occasion to strengthen cooperation between the Jain community and the state government.

Piska ROB not built on time, now 198 days extension sought

DN ■ Ranchi

The work of Piska ROB, which was stuck for years, got delayed again. Its construction was to be completed by October 2024, but only 24 percent of the work has been completed. Now NHAI is seeking additional time from the Government of India to build this important ROB bridge and approach road. Approval was given for the construction of Piska ROB in National Highway 23 Itki Road under Ranchi district, but the work started in 2023 itself and was to be completed by October 2024, but the project got delayed. There was a problem of land acquisition to build an approach road along with 1.2 km ROB, after requesting the district administration several times, one km of land is now available for work. At the same time, there is still an obstacle in 0.2 km of land, it has not been cleared. NHAI has asked to clear the said land on time, it has also been asked to distribute compensation to the farmers in lieu of the land. According to the information received, NHAI has asked for an extension of 198 days. This time period has been demanded by the contractor and engineers to complete this bridge by 25 April 2025, which has been sent to the National Highway Ministry of the Government of India by making a proposal.



Keshav expelled 3 people from Congress before Mallikarjun Kharge's Jharkhand visit

DN ■ Ranchi

Jharkhand Pradesh Congress has taken strict action against rebel leaders before its national president Mallikarjun Kharge's Jharkhand visit. Action has started against those who rebelled against Congress and contested elections. Jharkhand Pradesh Congress President Keshav Mahato Kamlesh has expelled the leaders contesting elections against the party's authorized candidates for 6 years.

Action against Devendra Singh Bittu, Muneshwar Oraon and Israfil Ansari Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee media chairman Satish Paul Munjani has given this information. The media chairman said on Monday that on the instructions of the state Congress president, Devendra Singh Bittu, Muneshwar Oraon and Israfil Ansari have been expelled from the primary membership of the Indian National Congress Party for six years.

Fighting against Congress candidate Munjani said that in the Jharkhand



Assembly Elections 2024, all three leaders are contesting against the party's official candidate. Among those expelled by the party, Muneshwar Oraon is contesting from 73-Manika Assembly Constituency. He was also the state president of Latehar district. Israfil Ansari from 34-Gomia Assembly Constituency and Devendra Singh Bittu from 75-Panki Assembly Constituency are challenging the party's official candidate.

CM Hemant Soren urged PM to return Jharkhand's rights

DN ■ Ranchi

CM Hemant Soren has once again asked PM Narendra Modi for Jharkhand's rights. He has written in a social media post that on the occasion of the Prime Minister's visit to Jharkhand, I humbly request him to return this justifiable right of Jharkhand to us. Earlier also, CM Hemant Soren had tweeted that this is not only our right, but is also very necessary for the development of the state.

Return the dues of Jharkhandis worth Rs 1 lakh 36 thousand crores to us

I once again request him to return the dues of Jharkhandis worth Rs 1 lakh 36 thousand crores to us. This amount is very necessary for the development of Jharkhand and Jharkhandis. I will also appeal to BJP colleagues, especially MPs, to help us in getting this dues of us Jharkhandis.



Child thief gang active in the capital Ranchi, carrying out incidents one after the other



Child thief gang incidents in Jharkhand

- ▶ **24 July 2024:** A child was stolen from near the stairs of Ranchi railway station.
- ▶ **10 May 2024:** An attempt was made to kidnap a girl child from Chatterjee Nursing Home in Ashok Nagar, Ranchi.
- ▶ **12 May 2024:** An unidentified woman and two men stole a nine-month-old baby from Ranchi railway station.
- ▶ **22 October 2023:** A child was stolen from the electricity office located on Harmu Road in Ranchi.
- ▶ **24 October 2024:** An incident of theft of a newborn baby came to light from RIMS Hospital in Ranchi. The entire incident was captured on CCTV.

DN ■ Ranchi

These days a child thief gang is active in the capital Ranchi. During the last one year, many cases related to this have come to light. The gang is especially targeting railway stations and hospitals. However, Ranchi

Police has taken action and arrested many people involved in these incidents and also recovered the children safely. Not only Ranchi, but the news of child theft has spread rapidly in many districts and rural areas of Jharkhand.

The goal of DALSA is to stop the incidents of witch-hunting: Shivani Singh

DN ■ Ranchi

On the instructions of the Hon'ble Jhalsa, under the guidance of the Hon'ble Justice Commissioner, a door-to-door awareness program was conducted today on 04.11.2024 at Bedotoli Panchayat Bhawan of Namkum Block. On this occasion, LADC Advocate Shivani Singh, PLV Nima Lakra, Preeti Kumari, Yudhishtir Mahato and Raja Verma and others were present. LADC Advocate Shivani Singh said that the focus was on child labor, child marriage and witch-hunting and said that children should be married only after 18 years. Give proper education to



your children before marriage, so that they can stand on their own feet. Child labor is a crime. Instead of making children work or putting them to work, educate them. Throwing light on witch-hunting, she said that day by day, common people are tortured and killed in the name of witch-hunting, which is a crime. This is a superstition that is spread among the rural people, our aim

is to eradicate it through awareness.

PLV Preeti Kumari gave information about filing pre-litigation case, widow pension, old age pension, registration of unorganized workers, Golden Card of Ayushman Bharat Yojana, child labor and child rights. Yudhishtir Mahato and Neema Lakra gave information about compensation received in motor vehicle accident.

Officer bought property worth 30 crores in main road in name of Ansari ji

DN ■ Ranchi

A property deal worth crores of rupees in main road of Ranchi has become a topic of discussion these days. State officers, builders and politicians are discussing that an officer has invested in property worth more than 30 crores. However, the name of the officer is not mentioned anywhere in the purchase and sale of the property. The property is located in the main road of the city and a luxurious hotel is built on it. There is a big plot vacant behind it. The property has been bought in the name of Ansari ji and work on this plan has also started. There is a discus-



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According to the information, there is a plan to open a shopping mall at the priceless property which has been bought in the name of Ansari ji and work on this plan has also started. There is a discus-

sion in the department that people around the officer also take bribes for giving promotions. Also, when he was posted at different places, he also extorted huge amounts. With the grace of the senior officer, Ansari ji also got many big contracts.

Lord Shri Chitragupta Ji Maharaj is the ultimate worshipable deity of every person in the universe - Sumeet Srivastava

DN ■ Ranchi

On the occasion of Chitragupta Puja, National President of All India Kayastha Mahapanchayat Sumeet Srivastava visited many Chitragupta Puja pandals in Patna and received blessings from Lord Shri Chitragupta Ji Maharaj. On this occasion, Sumeet said that Lord Shri Chitragupta Ji Maharaj is not only the worshipable deity of Kayasthas but also the ultimate worshipable deity of every person in the universe. He keeps a record of the sins and virtues of every person. Sumeet further said that it is good to see that people are becoming aware of the worship festival of Shri Chitragupta Ji Maharaj. This year Lord Shri Chitragupta Ji Maharaj is being worshipped at 52 places in the city, this shows that people are enthusiastic about the worship of Chitragupta Ji.



Four DG rank IPS officers will retire in two months

DN ■ Ranchi

Four DG rank IPS officers will retire in Jharkhand in the next two months. 1989 batch IPS officer Ajay Bhatnagar will retire on November 30 this month. He is currently on central deputation and is currently working as Joint Director in CBI. Apart from this, DGP Ajay Kumar Singh and M Meena will retire in January 2025 and RK Mallick will retire on January 31, 2025.

Six IPS officers will become DIG from January 1

Six IPS officers promoted to Senior SP rank (Senior Selection Grade) of 2011 batch of Jharkhand cadre



will become DIG from January 1, 2025. If the state government wants, the officer promoted to Senior SP rank can be made in-charge DIG anywhere at

News In Brief

Alka Tiwari met the Governor

Ranchi: The newly appointed Chief Secretary of the state Alka Tiwari made a courtesy call on Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar at Raj Bhavan today. On this visit, the Governor took information from the Chief Secretary about the development work going on in Jharkhand and also directed to bring progress.

Police destroyed 1350 kg of Java Mahua

Ramgarh: On the orders of SP Ajay Kumar, an intensive campaign was conducted against illegal liquor in all police stations and OP to conduct the assembly elections in a clean, peaceful and fear-free environment. During the intensive campaign, about 1,350 kg of illegal Java Mahua was recovered from Bhelwagarha under Ramgarh police station, Sevata Basti under Mandu (Kujju) OP and Chainpur Chataniya Tola under Mandu (Webo) OP. Which was destroyed during collection. Its estimated value is about Rs 94,500/-. Various furnaces operating illegally for the manufacture of country liquor were demolished. In this regard, necessary action is being taken by registering FIR in Ramgarh police station and Mandu (Kujju) Mandu (Webo) OP. Let us tell you that the Superintendent of Police Ramgarh is continuously conducting raids against illegal drug dealers.

Police arrested criminal with weapon

Lohardaga: Secret information was received in Gram Panchayat Salgi under Kudu police station area that an accused is preparing to commit an incident during the assembly elections with illegal weapons. On this, on the instructions of SP Haris Bin Zaman, a raid was conducted in Kolpara village of Salgi under the leadership of Sub-Divisional Police Officer Shradha Kerketta and Kudu Police Station Incharge Kuldeep Raj Toppo. In this, 35-year-old Shiv Kumar Singh, a resident of Kolpara, was arrested from his house with a country-made pistol and a bullet. In this context, he was sent to jail under Kudu Police Station Case No. 110/24 Section Arms Act.

News In Brief

Wishing a long life for brothers on Bhai Phota

Maithon. On the occasion of Bhai Phota, sisters of Bengali community in Maithon and nearby areas, especially in rural areas, prayed to God for the long life of their brothers. Sisters decorated a plate with sandalwood, rori, oil, conch and various types of sweets in their homes and applied tilak on the forehead of their brothers, wishing them a long life. This festival is a unique festival of brother-sister affection.

JMM workers joined BJP

Dhanbad. Former Mukhiya of Alkadiha Panchayat under Sindri Assembly constituency Subhash Mukherjee and Joint Secretary of District Youth Front of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha Basant Thakur along with dozens of supporters joined BJP in front of BJP's Sindri candidate Tara Devi. Among them Chandan Chauhan, Vijay Kumar, Ajit Rajwar, Dilip Rajwar, Bhuvan Modak, Buddhu Paswan were welcomed by Tara Devi by putting BJP's badge on them. Media in-charge Ashok Mahato has given the above information.

Daughter Shatakshi seeking votes for Ragini

Jharia. For BJP candidate from Jharia, Ragini Singh, her elder daughter Shatakshi alias Sakshi is campaigning door to door. Her mother-in-law and former MLA Kunti Devi, sister-in-law Kiran Singh, brother-in-law Siddharth Gautam are also busy campaigning for the candidate. On the other hand, Ragini Singh is busy campaigning day and night and is meeting people and appealing them to vote in favour of the BJP. She said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a great boon for the country. Under his leadership, the country is progressing at a fast pace. BJP's 'double engine' government will create history of development. Her elder daughter Shatakshi alias Sakshi is working hard for the candidate, supporting her at every step. She is going door to door to seek votes for her mother and appealing them to vote in her favour. Her elder sister-in-law Kiran Singh is also busy campaigning for her.

GT Road blocked after 3 killed in van accident

DN ■ Dhanbad

A pickup van hit 3 girl students and a woman near Fakirdih Chowk in Govindpur police station area of the district at around 6 am today, due to which 2 girl students and a woman died on the spot. A seriously injured girl student has been admitted to the hospital. After the incident, angry people blocked GT Road for hours. People said that a woman was taking 3 girl students for tuition at 6 am. Meanwhile, an uncontrolled pickup van coming at high speed hit the four standing on the roadside, due to which 3 died on the spot. It is said that the three who died were from the same family. Police reached the spot as soon as the information of the incident was received. JMM's Dhanbad district secretary Mannu Alam has held NHA responsible for the incident. He told the media that if the flyover had been built today, then there would have been no deaths today. The angry people completely blocked GT road for hours demanding compensation, during this time an uncontrolled pickup van coming at high speed hit the four people standing on the roadside, due to which 3 died on the spot. It is said that the three who died were from the same family. Police reached the spot as soon as the information of the incident was received. JMM's Dhanbad district secretary Mannu Alam, due to which a long queue of vehicles was formed on both sides of the road.



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Senior BJP leader Ganesh Mishra's elder brother Janardan Mishra joins CPI-M

DN ■ Nirsa

Senior BJP leader and training chief Ganesh Mishra's elder brother Janardan Mishra, who is an agent of Sahara India, joined CPI-ML in a simple ceremony held at Sindri turn with his colleagues in the presence of CPI-ML leader and candidate of India alliance Arup Chatterjee. Mr. Chatterjee honoured him and his colleagues by giving them bouquets. Mr. Chatterjee said that crores of people's money is stuck in Sahara. Many people had deposited money in Sahara for children's education, daughter's marriage, living in old age, but they did not



get the money. Many died in grief of the loss of money, and children's education and daughter's marriage got stopped. He assured that if Hemant Soren's government is formed again, his first priority will be that he will make tireless efforts to get the money stuck in Sahara released from Home Minister Amit Shah through the government. It is known that there are 9 candidates in the election fray for Nirsa assembly constituency including BJP's Aparna Sengupta, India Alliance's CPI-ML candidate Arup Chatterjee, NCP's Umesh Goswami and BSP. Elections are on 20 November and results are to be declared on 23 November etc.

Subhash Chowk turned into a pond due to bursting of MADA pipe



DN ■ Dhanbad

Due to bursting of L&T pipe, water entered all the shops of Tetulmari Subhash Chowk. If people are to be believed, the area got submerged in lakhs of gallons of water. It is known that due to bursting of 36 inch pipe of Maithon water supply near Tetulmari Station Chowk, water entered all the shops of Subhash Chowk and Tetulmari Station Chowk and turned into a pond. People closed their shops and went out. Former Panchayat Samiti member Nitish Kumar said that even after informing the department about the bursting of the pipe, the pipe was not repaired or water was not stopped till the time of writing the news. A flood like situation has arisen in the Subhash Chowk area.

ADM inspected the most sensitive booths



DN ■ Jodapokhar

Dhanbad district administration is continuously visiting all the assembly constituencies to ensure peaceful conduct of Jharkhand assembly elections. Many guidelines have been given to the local police to maintain law and order during the elections. Today ADM cum RO Piyush Sinha inspected booth numbers

165, 166, 167, 168 located in Ramzanpur of Jodapokhar police station area. These are among the most sensitive booths of the area. Tension prevails here in every election. During this time, Balliapur CO cum ARO Praveen Kumar, Samrat Chaudhary, Jodapokhar police station in-charge Rajesh Prakash Sinha were present with the ADM.

Nandi Seva Trust gets Certificate of Excellence



DN ■ Putki

Nandi Seva Trust, Putki was honoured with Certificate of Excellence for excellent service to Kanwariyas by Bihar Government's Revenue and Land Reforms Minister Dr Dilip Kumar Jaiswal, Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary and Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sinha in a programme organised at Ravindra Bhawan, Patna. Also, Trust President Ranjit Kumar alias Jitendra Yadav gave a memento of Nandi Seva Trust to the ministers. Members of Nandi Seva Trust Biren Gop, Bablu Barnwal, Manoj Agarwal, Rajesh Kumar Yadav, Manoj Kumar Jha, Shashi Kumar Barnwal etc were present in the programme.

Worker sits on dharna due to non-payment of salary

DN ■ Dhanbad

Fakirachandra Bhuiyan, who works as a general labourer in Dobari colliery of Bastakola area, sat on dharna with his family members at the main gate of Dobari colliery office today due to non-payment of salary for the last 6 months. On receiving the information about the dharna, many BCKU leaders reached the dharna site and started protesting against the management in support of Fakirachandra. The management came into action after receiving the information. BCKU leaders Anandmayi Pal and Tulsi Rawani talked to APM Abhishek Rai of Bastakola



area over phone. The management assured that the 6 months' pending salary will be paid in December, after which the dharna ended. Fakirachandra Bhuiyan said that he was ill for the last 7 years. He had become paralyzed. The treatment took a long time. After his health improved, he joined the job again, but he has not been getting salary for the last 6 months. There was starvation earlier and now the situation has gone from bad to worse. He got tired of visiting the office. He had made a written complaint to the project officer. Despite this, when no initiative was taken, he sat on a dharna with his entire family. If he does not get his salary in December, he will sit on a dharna again etc.

Four-day grand festival Chhath begins

DN ■ Jodapokhar

Four-day grand festival of folk faith Chhath will begin tomorrow with Nahai-Khai. Chhath Puja is one of the most ancient festivals of Hindus. It is celebrated especially in Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and the southern part of Nepal. This festival is celebrated on the sixth day of Kartik month in the Hindu calendar Vikram Samvat and six days after Diwali, which begins on Shukla Chaturthi and ends on Kartik Shukla Saptami. Chhath Puja begins with Nahai-Khai and ends with the Udaya Kaalin Arghya. Chhath Puja is considered the most difficult among all the fasts and festivals of Hinduism, because in this women observe a 36-hour Nirjala fast. This festival is dedicated to the Sun God. Along with women, men also perform Chhath Puja. This puja is especially performed for the happiness, prosperity and long life of their children. On the first day of Chhath Puja,



Nahai-Khai is held, on the second day Kharna, on the third in the evening and on the fourth in the morning, Arghya is offered to Lord Surya. This year, this great festival of Chhath is starting with Nahai-Khai on 5th November. The second day is Kharna on 6th November. On this day, the fasting women fast for the whole day and take Kheer Prasad at night. The 36-hour Nirjala fast of fasting women starts after Kharna. The third day is evening Arghya on 7th November. On this day Arghya will be offered to the setting sun at dusk. The grand festival of folk faith Chhath will conclude with morning Arghya on the fourth day, 8th November. On this day, fasting women stand in water at dawn and offer Arghya to Sun God. After Arghya, they break their fast.

Don't underestimate the opposition: Mathura

DN ■ Dhanbad

Mathura Prasad Mahato, India Alliance candidate for Tundi assembly elections, while addressing the labourers and farmers at Pandeydih car stand, said that don't underestimate the opposition. Most of the voters of the colliery area have migrated to Dhanbad or elsewhere. Our aim should be to bring them on the polling day and get them to vote. He said that the election tour will intensify after Chhath Puja. Our aim is to ensure that no voter is left out and to increase the scope of victory of 2014 and 2019. On this occasion, Rampreet Prasad, Nagendra Verma,



Rameshwar Singh, Chhotu Singh, Rajendra Prasad Raja, Kanchan Mahato, Shahzada Hussain, Ravi Choubey, Shakeel Ahmed, Birju Bauri, Manoj Sardar, Raju Nishad, Dilip Nishad, Azad, Mahesh Singh, Nandlal Rawani, Damrudhari Mahato, Neeraj Verma, Mahendra

Avni Raj got bronze medal in rolling skating



DN ■ Dhanbad

Avni Raj, a class 5 student of Delhi Public School Dhanbad, won bronze medal in 100 meter race in the 14th Jharkhand State Roller Skating Competition held at Khelgaon, Ranchi. This competition was organized by Roller Skating Association of Jharkhand. Avni credited her victory to coach Shiv Kumar Mahato and her elder father Bablu Paswan alias Shantanu Chandra.

Farewell given to retired employees

DN ■ Dhanbad

A farewell ceremony was organized in the auditorium of East Jharia Regional Office today in honor of retired employees. The chief guest was the General Manager of the region, Nikhil B Trivedi. The General Manager told the retired employees that according to the rules of the company, every employee or officer has to retire one day or the other. You people are retiring at such a time when the company needs your experience. I want that all the retired employees should teach their co-workers to be dedicated and devoted to work properly, so that



the people coming in their place can work properly. We are proud that we work in a branded company, which gives energy to the whole country. Just like the soldiers of the army work on the border in adverse conditions, in the same way the coal workers and officers are also shining up the country by working. May all of you be healthy and happy and use the money properly. Deputy General Manager Sushil Kumar, Personnel Manager Sanjay Kumar, Mukesh Thakur, Nunulal Paswan etc. were present on the occasion. Retired employees were honoured by giving them suitcases, shawls, mementos etc.

Sweep cell gave the message to vote through rangoli and posters

DN ■ Bokaro City

Various activities are being organized by the Sweep cell to increase the voting percentage for the upcoming assembly general elections. In this sequence, on Monday, voters were made aware of the importance of voting through rangoli and posters in various skill development centers of the district. The event was organized simultaneously in Dream Viewers Editrack Private Limited Chas Bokaro, Skill Development Center Talgadia and other skill development centers. Rangoli and poster making competition was organized for voter awareness among the girl students studying in the center.



Through rangoli and posters, the girl students gave the message about the importance of voting, right to vote and fair election process. They took a pledge to motivate their

parents and people around them to vote on the upcoming 20th November. On the occasion, Dr. Suman Gupta, Nodal Officer of Sweep Cell, administered the voter pledge to every

Vigilance awareness week is being celebrated on the theme of nation's prosperity through culture of truth and integrity

DN ■ Bokaro

Closing ceremony of the Vigilance Awareness Week being celebrated in BSL on the theme of nation's prosperity through the culture of truthfulness was organized in the main examination hall of the Knowledge Acquisition and Development Department of Human Resources. Chief Guest Director-in-Charge Virendra Kumar Tiwari was present along with Executive Director Projects Chittaranjan Mohapatra, Executive Director Suresh Rangani, Chief General Manager Gyanesh Jha, Chief General Managers of various departments, department heads, other senior officers and award winners. The program was inaugurated by the chief guest and special guests by lighting the lamp. Thereafter, all were welcomed by presenting a dance by the girl students of Ispat Vidyalaya Sector 8. On this occasion, the first prize winners of the Hindi and English categories of the inter-school debate competition presented a lecture on the theme of Vigilance Awareness Week. Apart from this, a presentation on the culture of truthfulness was made by Bokaro Sangeet Kala Academy. Chief General Manager Gyanesh Jane gave information about the various programs organized during the Vigilance Week. On this occasion, Director-in-Charge Virendra Kumar Tiwari praised the department for the successful.

Static surveillance team should check all vehicles maintain details in vehicle checking register

DN ■ Bokaro

With the announcement of the dates of assembly general elections, small and big vehicles are being checked by the static surveillance team at various intersections of the district. On Monday, District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Vijaya Jadhav, in view of the election along with law and order, conducted a surprise inspection of the SST checkpost near the Forest Guest House under the border police station of the district. She checked the vehicle checking register of the deputed static surveillance team. Also, she made them aware of the

Department of Personnel Administrative Reforms and Official Language has issued a notification

Workers will get paid leave on polling day: DDC

DN ■ Bokaro

DDC Girja Shankar Prasad held a meeting with the representatives of the managers of the private and public sector undertakings and companies of the district in the office room located in the Collectorate on Monday. Media Cell Nodal Officer Avinash Kumar Singh and others were present on the occasion. In the meeting, the DDC told the representatives of all the undertakings and companies that the Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms and Official Language, Jharkhand has



issued a notification and on the date of voting in the assembly elections, every person employed in any business, profession, industrial undertaking or any other establishment under the Representation of the People Act, who is entitled to vote in the election for the Lok Sabha or the Legislative Assembly

of any state, leave will be granted on the day of voting. There will be no deduction or reduction in the wages of any such person due to being granted leave and if such person is employed on the basis that he would not normally receive wages for any such day, then notwithstanding this, he will be paid the

wages for such day which would have been paid to him in case leave was not granted on that day. The DDC said that all the voters of private industrial institutions and public undertakings have been made aware of the guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms and Official Language to provide voting facilities. Voting days are on 13th and 20th November in the state. All will ensure its 100 percent compliance. Representatives of companies like Bokaro Steel Limited, CCL, IOCL etc.

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Home voting of Divyang and 85 plus voters will be done from 9 to 16 November

Bokaro. District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner said that all preparations have been completed for voting by postal ballot paper and PWD cell. Team of polling personnel has been formed. Voting of such voters through post wallet will be done from 9 November to 16 November from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. He said that in all the blocks under Gomia Bermo Bokaro Chandankyari, the polling team will go door to door to get the PWD and 85 plus voters to vote.

Media personnel voting through postal ballot should fill Form 12D

Bokaro. Print and electronic media representatives willing to vote through postal ballot have been asked to fill Form 12D available in the Information Building and bring a photocopy of the photo voter identity card EPIC with them. Sufficient Form 12D is available in the Information Building. A three-member team will investigate the cases of fire in temporary firecracker shops

Bokaro. DC Vijaya Jadhav has taken cognizance of the fire in temporary firecracker shops built near Garaga bridge recently, burning of many firecracker shops and damage to the goods. She has constituted a three-member investigation committee to investigate the matter and submit a detailed report. DDC Girja Shankar Prasad has been made the chairman of the investigation committee, while Deputy Superintendent of Police Nagar and District Disaster Management Officer have been nominated as members. The Deputy Commissioner has directed the investigation committee to submit a detailed investigation report within three days. It is known that on the day of Diwali, due to a sudden fire in a firecracker shop, 70 shops were burnt to ashes. There was no loss of life or property in this accident, but firecrackers worth lakhs of rupees were burnt, causing huge loss to the shopkeepers. Local public representatives including MLA Viranchi Narayan and Congress.

Health department should help patients suffering from diarrhea by organizing camps in villages : Biranchi

DN ■ Bokaro

MLA Biranchi Narayan conducted a door to door campaign in Gomdidi, Piprabedra Tola of Kalapathar Panchayat of Chas block and urged the villagers to vote in favor of BJP. He said that every village and tola is benefited by the schemes of the central government and the previous BJP government. During public relations, information was received about many people suffering from diarrhea in the area. Due to diarrhea, they are admitted in Sadar Hospital and various hospitals. Met the diarrhea victims and their families, enquired about their well being and spoke to the Bokaro civil surgeon and directed to immediately set up a camp in the village and provide top quality health care to the affected patients. The civil surgeon said that a camp would be set up in the village by 10 am. He said that on 20th November, first vote, then refreshments and by pressing the lotus button on serial number 1 of the EVM, play an important role in forming the BJP government in Jharkhand and overthrow the current Hemant Soren government. On this occasion, divisional president Harish Singh, Amar Swarnkar, Sujit Chakraborty, Nimay Mahatha, Deepak Sharma, Samaresh, Suresh Sharma, Anant Sharma, Raj Dev, Ravindra, Anil, Mukesh, Guddu, Ajay, Vivek, Dinesh, Neelkanth, Raja Ram, Ashish, Badri etc.

Pension payment orders started being issued under EPFO's Prayas initiative

DN ■ Bokaro

Under EPFO's Prayas initiative, the first pension payment order was given by BSL's Director-in-charge Virendra Kumar Tiwari to Neena Singh, General Manager-in-charge, after she completed 58 years in the month of October. On this occasion, Executive Director Shri Mahapatra, Executive Director Finance and Accounts Suresh Rangani, Executive Director Rajan Prasad, Chief General Manager Harimohan Jha, EPFO's Nodal Officer, Deputy General Manager Poonam Singh and Enforcement Officer Rituraj Kumar were present. Pension payment starts



on completion of 58 years. Three months before completion of 58 years, the process of verification of service details and documents of each benefit is started by the concerned Human Resources Department, after completion of which, the initiative

is taken to issue pension payment orders. Completing the verification of all documents on time during this period helps in issuing pension payment orders on time. This achievement has been possible due to the joint efforts of EPFO and BSL.

Excise department raided and unearthed a mini illegal foreign liquor factory, recovered liquor worth lakhs

DN ■ Bokaro

As per the instructions of District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Vijaya Jadhav and under the guidance of Assistant Commissioner Excise Bokaro, in view of the assembly elections, a raid was conducted in the Budhidih area with the help of District Excise Force. During the raid, a mini factory of illegal foreign liquor was unearthed. Where a large quantity of liquor manufacturing material and finished liquor was recovered. Charges are being registered against the accused involved in the case on the basis of relevant sections of the Excise Act. Inspector Excise Bijay Kumar Pal, Sub Inspector Sadar-cum-Tenughat, Sunny Vivek Turkey, Sub Inspector Bermo-cum-Chandpura Mahesh Das were present in the raiding team. The team has seized goods worth a total of Rs 05 lakh 08 thousand 470 from



the spot. These included foreign liquor - 72 pieces in 6 boxes, total 54 litres, spirit in 5 jarkin 225 litres, prepared foreign liquor - 450 litres in 10 jarkin, one roll of Black Tiger Whisky labels, one roll of 111

Whisky labels, bundle of labels of Number One Whisky, B Seven Whisky, RC Whisky and Iconic White Whisky, fake EAL of Jharkhand Government, caps of various brands, empty bottles.

India Alliance candidate Yogendra Mahato visits, inaugurates election office

DN ■ Gomia

India Alliance candidate Yogendra Prasad did public relations, during this he met the people present in the residential office of JMM leader Mumtaz Alam in Swang North Panchayat and while addressing the people, India Alliance candidate Yogendra Prasad said that this time India Alliance government will be formed again in Jharkhand, Hemant Soren's government in Jharkhand has done a lot of work in the interest of the people of the state and mothers and sisters have been given respect, he said that under the Maiya Samman Yojana



by the state government, every sister is being sent one thousand rupees every month in their account, 31 people were made members of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha party by wearing the party's belt. On this occasion, Mukhiya Dhananjay Singh, JMM

Block Secretary cum Mukhiya Bunt Oraon, Block Vice President Amit Paswan, Mo Saifdar, Lalan Kewat, Krishna Dayal Singh, Chandni, Chamspa Devi, Sogra Khatun, Sabiha Khatun, Zahid Ansari and others were present Were.

Anoop will win with a huge majority Ajay

DN ■ Bandh Kathara

Mahagathbandhan candidate from Bermo assembly constituency Kumar Jai Mangal alias Anoop Singh has brought a wave of development in his short tenure. The meeting was chaired by regional president and MLA representative Ajay Kumar Singh. It was conducted by regional assistant secretary and Bodia Dakshin Panchayat president Vijay Yadav. While addressing, Ajay Kumar Singh said that the current central government is an anti-industry and anti-labor government. The Congress party has the biggest contribution in the comforts and facilities

received by the workers of the country. The people of Bermo are impressed by the development work of MLA Kumar Jai Mangal alias Anoop Singh and are resolved to vote in favor of Anoop. All the people present in the meeting took a pledge and called for making the Bermo MLA victorious. On this occasion, mainly Ajay Kumar Singh, Ashish Chakraborty, Vedvyas Choubey, Vijay Yadav, Rajendra Verma, Rajendra Tiwari, Mohammad Naseem, BN Tiwari, Shivdatt Chauhan, Sujit Mishra, Harihar Chauhan and dozens of people were present.

Election meeting and public relations campaign of AJSU candidate Dr. Lambodar Mahto



DN ■ Gomia

Election meeting and public relations campaign was started by AJSU candidate Dr. Lambodar Mahto from Tirionala of Hisim Panchayat of Gomia Nxm block. All the workers of NDA alliance joined and appealed to make Dr. Lambodar Mahto win with a huge margin. In the public relations campaign, people were seen standing on the roadside to bless Dr. Lambodar Mahto. For the first time, it was seen that people are join-

ing the campaign of Dr. Lambodar Mahto. During the public relations campaign, Dr. Lambodar Mahto said that the way I had blessed you in Tirionala while presenting my views, you should bless me in the same way. The son of your house has always been with you in your happiness and sorrow and will always be there. The development that was not visible in the area is now visible. With the blessings of you people, development is taking place in the right manner in the area.

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Crowd gathered at the inauguration of the election office of JMM candidate

Chatra: The election office of the JMM candidate of the Grand Alliance, Manoj Kumar Chandra, was opened late last evening near the old block located at the Mayurhand block headquarters. It was jointly inaugurated by the Zilla Parishad member of the area Devendra Chandravanshi, candidate Shri Chandra, RJD block president, Congress block president and Shri Ram Sena president by cutting the ribbon. A huge crowd gathered in support of the Grand Alliance candidate at the office inauguration program.

Aluminium wire factory inaugurated with ceremony

Chatra: Aluminium wire factory was inaugurated with ceremony on Monday in Bela village of Mayurhand block by performing Puja with three-day Vedic chanting. After aluminium, copper wire will be produced in the factory. Kamlesh Kumar Singh, proprietor of factory RV Electricals Transformer Factory, said that wire will be produced for the factory. Maharaj Shyam Sundar Das ji of Puri inaugurated the factory by breaking a coconut and making the guests enter. BJP leader Doman Rana, Sitaram Singh, AJSU central secretary Bambam Bhagat alias Satendra Jaiswal, former Mukhiya Anil Kumar Singh, Sitaram Dangi, Kothari Singh, Shiv Kumar Singh, Ranjit Kumar Singh, Mantus Kumar Singh.

Retired teacher inaugurated the election office

Chatra: The election office of the Mahagathbandhan candidate was formally inaugurated on Monday at the Gidhaur block headquarters. Retired teachers Devcharan Dangi, Premalata Chandra, Sangeeta Kushwaha etc. jointly inaugurated the election office of JMM candidate Manoj Kumar Chandra by cutting the ribbon after performing puja. During this, Mrs. Chandra asked for a chance for the development of the area and appealed to the people to make the JMM candidate victorious RJD block president Ramdev.

District Election Officer reviewed various cells

Even small negligence in election work will not be tolerated: District Election Officer

DN ■ Palamu

Under the chairmanship of District Election Officer cum DC Shashi Ranjan, a meeting was held on Monday with the election officers of all five assembly constituencies, various cells and their in-charge officers. During this, he became aware of the work being done by all the cells one by one. In this, mainly EVM/VVPAT cell, material cell, vehicle cell, MCC cell, election cell, postal ballot cell, service ballot, media cell etc. were reviewed. During this, he took complete information



related to how much voting took place at home voting and facility center on November 3. Similarly, he also took information about the distribution of voter information slips in all five assembly constituencies. Even small negligence in election work will not be tolerated: District Election Officer In the meeting, he clearly told everyone that even small

negligence will not be tolerated in an important work like election. In this direction, it becomes necessary that the guidelines of the Election Commission are compulsorily followed in the entire election process. He stressed on training the volunteers who will assist the BLOs. Similarly, District Election Officer Mr. Ranjan reviewed several other points and gave many instructions.

Meeting held regarding relocation of polling stations



DN ■ Chatra

As per the instructions of District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Ramesh Gholap, a meeting regarding relocation of polling stations for the Assembly General Elections 2024 was held in the Collectorate Assembly Hall in the presence of all the Assembly election candidates and all the District Presidents, Secretaries of recognized political parties, District Unit Chatra under the chairmanship of Additional Collector Arvind Kumar. In the said meeting, permission was unanimously granted for the relocation of 3 polling stations. As for the relocation of 372 Upgraded Primary School Shikid of Kanhachatti block, 371 Upgraded Middle School Gadiya Bagon, 267 Upgraded Primary School Ekta Margada (Kunda) to 264 UUV Kutil, 269 Nav Pravi Kojaram.

Devotees chose new paddy for Kharna Prasad of the great festival Chhath

DN ■ Chatra

Devotees went to the paddy fields and selected new paddy for Kharna Prasad with full devotion for the great festival of Chhath. In various villages of Gidhaur block also, the work of selecting paddy for Kharna Prasad was done on Monday by the women on the occasion of Chhath Puja by reaching the fields near their respective villages with full devotion. The women told that in the four-day Chhath Puja, Sanjat is done first. That is, on the second day after Nahai Khay, new paddy is pounded and arw rice is taken out and kheer is made and Prasad is offered to Maa Katyani.



After that, after the devotees, everyone takes the Prasad. After that, on the third day of Shashthi, Arghya is offered to the setting Sun God and on the fourth day, Arghya is offered to the rising Sun in the morning and Ganga Puja is done and the Puja is concluded. The work of selecting paddy is done to

CM Hemant Soren held an election rally in favour of KN Tripathi said Strengthen the hands of Sonia Rahul Guruji

DN ■ Palamu

CM Hemant Soren addressed an election rally in favour of India Alliance candidate KN Tripathi from Daltonganj-Bhandaria assembly constituency. During this, Hemant Soren has appealed to the people to vote for KN Tripathi. While roaring from the stage, Hemant Soren targeted the BJP. Hemant Soren said that Rahul Gandhi, Lalu Yadav and Guru ji have made a combative leader the candidate from Daltonganj assembly constituency. KN Tripathi stands with every person in their happiness and sorrow, now



the people should work to wipe out the BJP from this assembly constituency and send KN Tripathi to the assembly. He said that when the BJP government is in the center, it started trying to destabilize the state, those who oppose them are sent to jail. Hemant Soren said from the stage that the election was held before time. This was done so that the government could not work. He said that the BJP people have come up with a slogan to buy votes. In the name of Gogo Didi, they said that vote on the 13th and are talking about giving 2100 rupees, while your government is already sending money.

Elderly and disabled voters cast their votes through home voting



DN ■ Chatra

On the instructions of District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Ramesh Gholap, home voting is being done for elderly voters above 85 years of age (AVSC) and voters with more than 40 percent disability (AVPD) for the Assembly General Elections 2024 as per the provisions of the Election Commission of India. In this sequence, on Monday, in all the block areas of Chatra and Simaria assembly constituencies, voters who are physically unable to reach the polling station and voters above 85 years of age and with more than 40 percent disability voted through home voting postal ballot. The polling personnel deputed for home voting went to the homes of the elderly and disabled voters who had opted for home voting and encouraged them and thanked them for exercising their vote as vigilant sentinels of democracy. Senior voters expressed happiness after the entire voting process was completed.

DEO held a meeting with BLO supervisors and reviewed distribution of voter slips

ASD list home voting and other works

DN ■ Palamu

District Election Officer cum DC Shashi Ranjan held a meeting with the Returning Officers of the five assembly constituencies of the district, all Assistant Returning Officers, Assistant Electoral Registration Officers and all BLO supervisors in the auditorium of the second floor of the Collectorate on Monday. During this, the District Election Officer first of all inquired about the distribution of voter information slips block wise. During this, the block in which less than 75 percent distribution has been done was specially



reviewed. He stressed on 100 percent distribution in the next two days. He said that during distribution, special care should be taken that the voter information slip should be given only to the voter who is present himself. He asked everyone to prepare a list of absent, shifted and death (ASD) voters, and stressed on taking special care to

Will irrigate farmers' fields by building canals from Khajuri reservoir and Kanhar dam: Anju

DN ■ Palamu

Vishrampur assembly constituency's Samajwadi Party (SP) candidate Anju Singh today conducted a public relations campaign in various villages and panchayats of the assembly constituency. She, along with hundreds of her supporters, made a whirlwind tour of dozens of villages and panchayats including Devdih, Jogi Veer, Karamdih, Sakarkoni, Talbaria, Chakka, Dalkon, Rampur, Vidanda, Ranitali, Jaharsarai, Achhodih, Gopalpur, Imaliatkar, Bodra, Harigaon, Kamat and appealed to make her victorious by pressing the EVM button on the cycle



symbol in her favour. She said that after winning the assembly elections, she will take personal interest and develop the area. I will work to provide water to the population of Majhiaon by building a canal from Khajuri reservoir and Kanhar dam. Also, I will fight in the assembly for a high-level cricket ground

in the Mukhdev High School ground, protection of crops from Nilgai, and salary for all government teachers on the lines of the Bihar government. She said that in the last 20 years, the MLA here has only worked to fill his stomach. Instead of implementing the schemes, he worked to fill his pockets. The people here kept fighting for their rights, but this should not happen. The people elect public representatives so that they can become their voice in the House. She said that if Anju Singh becomes an MLA, the area will develop. The income of farmers and businessmen and the field of skill development will get a boost. To ensure that the youth do not migrate to other states in search of employment, they will also be linked to self-employment. She said that she has always been fighting for the upliftment/interest of every section and to get them their rights, rising above caste, religion and community.

A large consignment of liquor was seized from a motorcycle without a number plate at the Deori OP check post

DN ■ Palamu

A shocking incident came to light during vehicle checking at the Deori OP check post on November 3 at around 5:00 pm. During the investigation at the check post by the police forces, a motorcycle without a number plate coming from the Son River was stopped. Two persons riding the motorcycle, on seeing the police, turned the bike and started running away. During this time, a large consignment of beer and foreign liquor kept in a white sack fell from their vehicle, in which liquor worth a total of Rs 4,815 was seized. The sack that fell contained 24



bottles of 500 ml of Godfather Company beer, whose estimated price is Rs 2,520. Apart from this, 9 bottles of 375 ml Royal Stag foreign liquor were also found, whose total price is Rs 2,295. In total, this consignment of liquor is said to be worth Rs 4,815. The police have

duly seized the said liquor and kept it for security in the Deori OP premises. In connection with this incident, Deori OP FIR No. 20/2024, dated 03/11/2024 has been registered. The police have started investigating the matter and the two persons who fled are being searched.

Attempt to sell a three-year-old girl the culprits are in the clutches

DN ■ Palamu

A girl was about to be sold in Palamu, but the police showed promptness and exposed the crime and rescued the girl. Palamu: An attempt was made to kidnap and sell a three-year-old girl in the district. Migrant labourers who returned home on Diwali kidnapped a girl and had planned to sell her. The police took action in this case and arrested the three kidnapers and freed the girl safely. This incident is from the Nawabazar police station area of Palamu. According to the application given by the family in the police station, the three-year-old granddaughter of Kares Bhuiyan, a resident of Chechariya in the Nawabazar police station area, was missing on November 1. After a lot of searching, when no



information was found about the girl, the family informed the Nawabazar police station about the entire matter. The police investigated the whole case and on the basis of technical information, arrested Sudhir Bhuiyan Shankar Ram, a resident of Chechariya and

Raju Bhuiyan, a resident of Lohrahi in Chhatrapur police station area. After getting information about this incident, the local villagers were also searching for the girl on their own level. On finding out about the accused, the villagers also beat them up but the

police reached the spot and took the accused out from among the villagers. Regarding this incident, Nawabazar police station in-charge Chintu Kumar said that the arrested accused were trying to sell the girl. All of them are laborers and had returned home whole case and on the basis of technical information, arrested Sudhir Bhuiyan Shankar Ram, a resident of Chechariya and Raju Bhuiyan, a resident of Lohrahi in Chhatrapur police station area. After getting information about this incident, the local villagers were also on Diwali vacation. Tickets have been recovered from the accused on which the journey from Bhubaneswar to Daltonganj is mentioned. The police is conducting further investigation in the whole case etc.



Bedroom decor should have a romantic essence to it, don't you think?



Give your Bedroom a romantic touch

Considering that we spend a major part of our lives in our bedrooms, we should make it one of the most comfortable zones in our homes. It should be a room that spells romance and makes you feel good as soon as you step inside — a space that stimulates your senses. So, what do you need to make your boudoir a cosy love nest? Read on to find out some tips...

Make it look great:

The way your bedroom is lit, can make or break the look you want to create. Interior designer Ketki Passi says, "The right kind of lighting can help create a romantic ambience."

Candles can work wonders — they are what romance is all about. The mysterious light and shadow effect of a candle can give a very special aura to your bedroom. Bright, harsh bulbs are a big no-no. For the ideal romantic look dim, soft lights are key. Use heavy curtains to escape the glare of harsh street-lights. Of course, table and floor lamps are

indispensable.

Make it comfortable:

A bed that looks comfortable is a basic essential here. Four-poster beds look romantic. Use light fabric drapes in pastel shades around the bed to get a soft look. When it comes to bedspreads and covers, avoid rough and uncomfortable fabrics

— soft, smooth and comfortable ones like satin, silk and very good quality airy cotton are essential. Using sexy colours makes your room look, well, sexy. Choose bright bold colours like red, orange or rust. Place plush pillows on the bed of different sizes to make it look comfortable and inviting. Two large pillows, four medium

rectangular pillows and around four to five smaller square cushions. A fluffy and soft comforter can add to the romantic look.

Prioritise privacy:

Curtains spell romance — pretty, flimsy, sheer curtains that sway with the breeze, light ones in lovely pastel shades that leave you feeling calm and relaxed. Of course, you should also have those heavy drapes to guard your privacy.

Indulge the senses:

Romance is about titillating the senses and the sense of smell is important. Spraying room freshener is passe. Opt for fragrances of incense sticks, scented sachet, aromatic candles in lavender, vanilla, and camomile etc. Go and have fun doing up your bedroom!



5 cool makeover tips for your Room

Interior designer Rakshita Singh gives some simple design tips that can add some drama in your bedroom decor.

When decorating your bedroom, you need to make sure that your aesthetics are in place and more importantly, you need to ascertain whether you want the 'me only' look for your bedroom or the 'we' look. Here are some simple design tips that can add drama to your bedroom decor...

Keep the magic alive:

Dedicate one wall of your room to your partner with a large number of tiny framed photographs in a heart shape. This will remind you of each other and the best times you have spent together. It will also help to keep the magic alive.

All about the 'we' not 'me':

It's not about his or her, BUT it's about 'WE'. Opt for more neutral tones of colour like beige, purple and whites when renovating a room for a newly married couple.

Add some romantic drama:

Add some extra canopy of cloth in your bedroom to add some drama and closure. Choose and name your bed sides before you get hitched by putting the name above your bed heads.

Make a cozy nook:

Adding a love seat in a bright and attractive colour to your bedroom decor can jazz it up.

Light it right:

Add some drama by adding tea lights and lamps in the corner of your rooms. It does make it romantic.

Plan ahead:

Even if you are a great believer in spontaneity, give that a miss. Give attention to planning to avoid any last minute trouble. A day of prep here and there will make the lead-up to your party much more manageable. Apart from your food and drinks, do pay attention to your playlist, flower arrangement, lighting and the like.

Choose a theme:

Let us admit that everybody loves a theme. It might not be a



4 ways to organise a cool party

When you are entertaining, do it with a sense of ease and elegance. Here are four simple ways to throw a party which will make the guests feel at home

very very strict theme but people enjoy the party when a theme is there. A theme actually adds more fun and life to a party. Don't go overboard but give a little crazy thinking while choosing a party theme.

It's all in the details:

Yes, life's in the details. It's the little things that make people smile, and remember even long after your party is over. Keep in mind the likes and dislikes of your guests. If you have kids accompanying the adults in the party, remember to keep their food and drinks preference in mind.

Be a relaxed host:

When you are throwing a party at home, don't behave like a caterer. Don't run around like a worried soul. Remember, it's just a party. The whole point of a party is to spend time with your guests in the spirit of celebration. So, just relax and soak in the mood of fun and revelry.

How to take care of your Woollen clothes

- * Use lukewarm water and baby shampoo or a light detergent for washing woollen clothes.
- * Regularly brush up your coats and jackets to avoid any bacteria breeding on them.
- * Dry them in the shade; else they will lose their colour and sheen.
- * Fold and then store the heavy sweaters instead of hanging them.
- * Try wearing the woollen clothes after a gap of two or three days as it takes times for them to regain their original shape.



Woollens are hard to maintain but they can last you a long time if you take good care of them. Few tips to maintain your woollens:



Food for thought from fauji kitchen

We are today grappling with intolerance, divisive narratives and trumped-up 'fassad' (tension/violence), mischievously described as 'food jihad'. Coupled with this is the advocacy for vegetarianism and forced abstinence during specified periods, disregarding dietary preferences and livelihoods. As a disclaimer, having grown up in Rajasthan, I am to a great extent an "exception-tarian", or one who imbibes non-vegetarian food but only occasionally. Fauji did make me a "mauka-tarian", enjoying whatever is served with love, and in good faith.

My first experiment in culinary re-ordering was as the second-in-command, 63 Cavalry. A forced bachelor who would dine in the mess, I pointed out the skewed menu with a daily overdose of non-vegetarian dishes. I called for adhering to the age-old tradition of a chana-bhatura lunch on Tuesday and South Indian fare for the Sunday brunch. I was surprised to see the dining members lading out pickle from jars with chana bhatura. We had three new pickles — chicken, mutton and pork! Pickle being an essential accompaniment, I was stumped. I simply gave up when they served keema dosa on Sunday. The second effort was in trying to post our Sikh cook, Chanan Singh, from the headquarter squadron to the Sikh squadron and to move Mohanan, a South Indian, to the headquarters. The Sikh soldiers, having got addicted to Mohanan's tadkas, were literally up in arms and simply refused to part with him.

When my wife Anita joined me, all married officers were invited for the much-awaited party. Unknown to us, the bachelors had taken the licence to shoot vermin. Shakeel served us the most relished pork chops. When I told him that he need not serve it, it was humbling to hear his response: "I am the host, you love it and I don't eat it." During another tenure, the mess cook in the Brigade headquarters, lovingly called Pandeyji, dished out the most delicious mutton rogan josh despite being a staunch vegetarian himself. In the same Brigade, we had the elite 18 Cavalry with three squadrons (equivalent of a company). Alpha squadron comprised Jats, who can drink but not eat mutton as per the squadron norms, though some did it surreptitiously. Bravo had Hindustani Muslims (HM). They eat their halal meat and are



not permitted alcohol. The Charlie squadron was of Rajputs, who were allowed both meat (but only jhatka) and drinks. The roof of the langar (cook house) of the Jats collapsed and they chose to set up a temporary langar with the Muslims.

Meat goes with rum so the Army issued it on meat days. As the Brigade Major, I was in the shared langar and a bit worried. The good old Muslim senior JCO walked up to me and, as if anticipating my thoughts, told me: "Sahib, don't worry, no Jat will be allowed to consume meat in our langar and break his dharma, but I can't guarantee about the headquarter squadron." The headquarter has a mixed, all castes' staffing on a deputation basis and some Jats do consume mutton there. The wise JCO's parting words still ring in my ears, "After all, we follow deen-imaan and dharma." I wish all of us could be true to ourselves, and let others be — to each his own. There's much food for thought there.

Tiger reserves and the arduous task of conservation

Return to pre-Galwan patrolling protocols is a prerequisite for satisfactory disengagement

The year was 1985. The late Shyam Sunder, then head of the Karnataka Forest Department, was camping in the Shettihalli forest resthouse of the Shivamogga division, deep inside the Western Ghats. As Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga, I accompanied him, along with the Conservator of Forests, for a field visit and camping. The resthouse had only two rooms. After dinner, I left for another resthouse at Sirigere, 15 km away. My half-an-hour journey was through a magnificent forest. No human, livestock, stray dog or wild animal was encountered on the way. The next morning, however, while returning on the same route to Shettihalli, my driver and I sighted a tiger crossing the road, 50 metres ahead of us. Spellbound, we watched the tiger for 10-15 seconds till it disappeared in the jungle. When I shared this experience with my seniors, they were thrilled. They said sighting a tiger was uncommon and many forest officers had retired without sighting a tiger in their entire service. With the help of state forest departments, an all-India tiger census was regularly carried out. Tiger numbers were assessed on the basis of pugmarks. States showed growth in numbers until the early 2000s, when it was found that the entire census was flawed and some departments had reported more tigers than they actually had. Tiger states came under heavy criticism and the Central government took strict action. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was constituted and the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, amended in 2006. It coordinated with states to take legal and administrative action to revive the tiger numbers. Anti-poaching camps were established inside forests, staff were upskilled and legal training and assistance provided to ensure that the poachers who hunted tigers for skin and body parts were brought to justice. More forest areas were brought under the purview of the NTCA. Nine areas, originally included under Project Tiger in 1973, covering nearly 16,000 sq km, were increased to 53 tiger reserves (TRs) in 2024, covering approximately 75,000 sq km. The methodology for tiger estimation, which was earlier based on pugmark count, was made more robust by Dr Rajesh Gopal, who was member secretary, NTCA, from its establishment till 2014, with the assistance of scientists of the Wildlife Institute of India. The new methodology involved eight days' field protocol in all tiger-bearing forests, putting in use new data-gathering techniques. The



methodology is peer-reviewed globally and published in leading scientific journals. Using this methodology, the tiger number in the country, which was reported to be 10,000 in 2002, was found to be 1,411 in 2006. Thereafter, estimation was done every four years. The tiger numbers started growing — 1,710 in 2010, 2,226 in 2014, 2,967 in 2018 and 3,682 in 2022. The most worrying part has been the loss of area under tiger occupancy. Anthropogenic pressure, diversion of forests for infrastructure and mining projects, encroachment and forest fires account for rapid degradation and fragmentation of tiger habitats and the tigers do not survive in human-dominated areas. This is the reason why the NTCA focuses on the relocation of families from the core areas of the tiger reserves. Though it is a long-drawn process and the Forest Rights Act, 2006, has come in the way, relocation of families is still progressing at a slow pace. Relocation of tribal families from core areas of TRs is done after taking their consent. The package is quite attractive; all male members above 18 years constitute a family and were provided Rs 10 lakh, which has been revised to Rs 15 lakh from 2018. The families not opting for cash had another

option and were provided agriculture land, houses and cash (20 per cent of the whole package) and relocated. While working as Chief Wildlife Warden, Karnataka, in 2010-11, I could relocate 19 out of 25 families in a tribal hamlet named Dalimbe Kolli in Nagarhole TR. Six families who did not give their consent were left out. It became difficult for the state to provide them the basic necessities like piped water, electricity, hospital and school. The families are now repenting. The state is also in a dilemma as the families have grown to 20 in number and there are cost overruns.

Tiger is a territorial animal and has to fight another tiger to gain territory. As habitats are lost, fragmented tigers get pushed out of the reserves and are exposed to human areas. They have to depend on livestock for prey, which is detrimental to both humans and tigers. Conservation efforts get a setback if human lives/livestock are lost. Often tigers are poisoned/shot by humans. The best forests in the country are notified and included in tiger reserves. We need to conserve tiger reserves for our own welfare as vast stretches of the forests provide origin and catchment of rivers.

Mid-air mess in HP

Strictly regulate paragliding to ensure safety

THE death of two foreign paragliders in two days in Himachal Pradesh has cast a long shadow on the Paragliding World Cup 2024, which starts today at Bir-Billing in Kangra district. A Belgian national was killed after his parachute did not open following a mid-air collision with another paraglider at Bir-Billing on Tuesday. Shockingly, 10 paragliders were flying simultaneously when the inevitable mishap occurred. A Czech woman met her end after she crashed into a mountain in Manali on Wednesday. As many as 10 paragliders, mostly free-fliers, have been killed in the hill state in the last two years. Yet, the business-as-usual approach continues unabated. Every adventure sport entails a risk to life and limb, but tragic accidents can be minimised by strict adherence to safety protocols. This week's deaths are a wake-up call for the state paragliding authorities as well as the organisers of the November 2-9 World Cup, which will feature participants from around 50 countries.



Paragliding is a popular adventure sport in Himachal, but the safety of fliers has been a matter of concern. Untrained

pilots and unregistered private paragliding schools — these are key factors that endanger the lives of paragliders. No guidelines have been laid down to regulate paragliding schools in the state. The state Tourism Department has worsened the mess by failing to make a government-funded paragliding school operational at Bir-Billing, even three years after it was set up at a cost of Rs 8 crore.

Attributing the mishaps solely to the recklessness of fliers reflects an evasive attitude. Paragliding should be suspended till foolproof security measures are put in place. There is a need to weed out unprofessional and unauthorised persons involved in this sport, for at stake is Bir-Billing's reputation as a paragliding paradise. Hosting the World Cup is a big achievement, but it's more important to work on improving flier safety throughout the year. All stakeholders must take urgent steps to ensure that the mid-air thrills eclipse the perils.

GOOD SPORT: The very essence of life

Lessons from sportspersons must be learnt so that we become better at what we do

Everything in this life has a beginning and an end — Rafael Nadal's plain words, uttered when he announced his retirement recently, may appear far too trite, even banal, to mark the end of the greatest era in men's tennis, but they contain the essence of life. The greatest sportspersons do self-realisation the best; few people assess themselves with such brutal — yet clinical and forensic — honesty as, say, Rafael Nadal. "He was much better than me," Nadal would say after a loss; after a particularly bad show, he'd just say: "I did a disaster." Press conferences with sportspersons are exercises in banalities, but players such as Nadal, combining sensibility and rationality and honesty, provided nuggets of wisdom that contain life lessons for us mortals. Sportspersons are possibly the only professionals who try to improve their skills every day of their life; for this, they must be brutally honest with themselves — they must confront their faults, their weaknesses. On the other hand, most of us mortals, mired in careerism and an inflated sense of the self, can't even see our faults.



Eighteen and ebullient in 1989, Viswanathan Anand was the young tiger, ready to take on the world, for which he saw "thrilling possibilities" for himself. Fifty-five next month, Anand has run his race, he's made his reputation. Anand took on the world in an online chess game last week — and beat over 60,000 opponents. Chess — not even a sport, and certainly not a game that runs on adrenaline — appears to be ideal for the aged. But professional chess champions are young — Kasparov and Carlsen became world champions at 22, Karpov at 23; Ding Liren is something of an oddity, winning the crown at 31. His challenger, D Gukesh, is 18, and Arjun Erigaisi 21. Anand is ancient, but he's still the world No. 10 — Gukesh and Erigaisi are the other Indians in the top 10. Anand became the champion of the world in his

late 30s; Gukesh could well become a teenaged champion. Chess great Viswanathan Anand was the India No. 1 for close to four decades; when this writer asked him about the prospect of being deposed by players young enough to be his sons, Anand just laughed philosophically and said everything must end. Indeed, Nadal and Anand — and Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Ravichandran Ashwin — would succumb to the vagaries of time; the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak, and even the spirit begins to waver with the passage of time. Ashwin is 38, Rohit will turn 38 next year, Kohli will be 36 next week. The road ahead for them is much shorter than the road travelled — we're seeing the end of a golden era, during which India achieved possibly their greatest feat in Test cricket: two consecutive series wins in Australia. It doesn't get better than that. Now they've lost a Test cricket series at home after 12 years, and for the first time ever to

New Zealand — the end of the greats is nigh.

In football, there was an end of an era, too — neither Lionel Messi nor Cristiano Ronaldo was nominated for the prestigious Ballon d'Or, presented to the best footballer in the world; the two had won the award 13 times in the last 16 years — eight for Messi, five for Ronaldo. The award this time went to Rodrigo Hernandez, a man who had admitted to his own frailties as "the lame one who never did anything"

during his days in university.

Rani Rampal, former India hockey captain, too, has life lessons for us — daughter of a cart-puller who earned Rs 80 a day, the girl who was rejected by a district-level coach for being malnourished, has gracefully walked away from the sport: "It's time for me to step off the field as a player and begin a new chapter... Hockey has been my passion, my life, and the greatest honour I could ever have asked for."

A feel of nature's masterpieces

Depending on the time of year of their birth, several hill children don't crawl. If, at some point in winter, they are expected to move on both hands and feet, they just may not. Swaddled in heavy clothing to keep the cold away, their tiny limbs cannot move freely. Come spring and suddenly, the little people may present a surprise by standing erect and taking their first steps. In the mid-hills, where many of us live, the deep bite of winter is still a couple of weeks away and these young ones, for the moment, can freely crawl, clamber and run. Once grown, today's toddlers will walk every day for a few, if not several, miles for the rest of their lives. The monsoons have ended, leaving behind a verdant landscape that shall soon pass into winter's quiet repose. While the weather is changing and there is a slight chill in the air, autumn, my favourite time in the hills, is here. The last tree fern has wilted. The cob of the 'snake plant', a species of arisaema, has long turned traffic-light red and announced that the monsoons are over. The leaves on the deciduous trees are changing colour and moving

into shades of rust, crimson and gold. If some doubt remained about an end to the months of rain, the magnificent deodar trees are pouring dusky pollen all over the place.

For someone like me, one reason for living in the hills is to walk. Autumn is one of the best times to revisit the trails I've known for most of my walking life. This may be something about taking life slow, but it is also about nourishing both body and mind. Hopefully, should it choose to, the soul (if it exists) may also decide to dance. This has very little to do with the obvious benefits of walking. It is more about the simple pleasure of being able to do so. Nature was always democratised. As a species, we humans evolved alongside this. It was always accessible. We were, and are, just a part of a far wider and more complex pattern that makes our planet. Adding to those undemocratically grandiose words and to the hundreds if not thousands of pieces that have been written extolling the virtues of walking, let me add my two bits.

Jamiat cautions TDP, JD(U), says even 'crutches' will not escape responsibility if Waqf bill passed

New Delhi: Stepping up its campaign against the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, the Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind on Sunday urged TDP's Chandrababu Naidu and JD(U)'s Nitish Kumar to heed the sentiments of Muslims on the matter and said the parties within the NDA that claim to be secular must distance themselves from supporting this "dangerous" legislation. It also cautioned that if the legislation is passed, the "two crutches" on which the BJP-led government is running at the Centre would not be able to escape responsibility. Jamiat chief Maulana Arshad Madani made the assertion at the prominent Muslim body's "Save Constitution Convention" held here at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium.

"People of the country defeated the BJP. They did not accept their policies. This government is dependent on two crutches—a strong one is Chandrababu and the other is Bihar's Nitish Kumar. I had invited him (Naidu), he excused himself but had sent his party's vice president Nawab Jan. I look at this positively as he will convey the sentiments of the people gathered here,"

Madani said, gesturing to the large gathering of Jamiat functionaries and supporters. "If the Waqf Bill is passed ignoring the emotions of the Muslims — it would be as much a responsibility of the crutches as it would be of other powers at the Centre," Madani asserted.

A resolution passed by the Jamiat at the Convention put forward the demand that no individual from any other religion be included in the Waqf Board, and that Parliament's joint committee be bound to consult only Muslims, Muslim organisations, and Muslim leaders. "Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind supports the stance of opposition parties regarding the proposed Waqf Amendment Bill and appeals to the parties within the NDA that claim to be secular to distance themselves from supporting this dangerous proposed bill and to prove their secular credentials," the resolution read.

In his remarks, Madani said Jamiat has decided that either by the end of this month or in December, it will hold a gathering of



around five lakh Muslims in Chandrababu Naidu's "area" and put forward Muslims' feelings before him.

"If this bill is passed, the crutches on which the government is dependent would not be able to escape responsibility for it," he reiterated. Madani said the waqf is established by "our ancestors and is a part of Allah's ownership, with mosques built on it." "You (government) should protect them because we live in this country and we have not come from outside. If a Hindu is a

Gujjar, a Muslim is also a Gujjar... Hindus are Jats, Muslims are also Jats — They chant slogans saying that Hindus, Muslims, and Sikhs are separate, but we say that 'Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, and Christians sab hai bhai bhai'," the Jamiat chief said. "There are so many mosques, some of which are 400-500 years old, located in Delhi... There is a section in India that seeks to usurp these mosques... Who can present 500-year-old documents? The law states that any mosque built on Waqf land is indeed Waqf," Madani said. He also said that the INDIA bloc and Rahul Gandhi had stated in the run-up to the Lok Sabha polls that if they came to power, all minorities would be free to practice their religion, an assertion he appreciated. "That is why I urged Muslims to support the alliance that gives them the freedom to practice their religion and I am happy that Muslims supported the alliance throughout the country. The alliance moved forward and the BJP was defeated," Madani said.

How a war 4,000km afar is fuelling a farm fire in Haryana

A war 4,000 kilometres away has got farmers in several districts of Haryana protesting. It is because of the Israel-Hamas war and its ripple effects on the Red Sea routes that has resulted in a big shortage of di-ammonium phosphate (DAP), a crucial fertiliser, before sowing of Rabi crops.

New Delhi: A group of farmers in Haryana's Sirsa blocked a city road, creating a long traffic jam on Sunday. They were demanding that they be provided with di-ammonium phosphate (DAP), a fertiliser crucial for sowing of Rabi crops like wheat and mustard. The shortage of fertiliser supply that has hit Haryana villages is because our interconnected world is a global village. A war 4,000 km away is one of the key reasons that is choking fertiliser supply to farmers in India. Last week, several districts in Haryana saw long queues of farmers at fertiliser distribution centres, with police being deployed to control any untoward situation. Congress MP Kumari Selja claimed that police lathicharged a group of farmers. As the Rabi season commences in India, farmers in Haryana, and states like Punjab, are grappling with a severe crisis that has its roots in the ongoing war in Eastern Europe and West Asia, particularly the Red Sea region.

The year-long war between Israel and Hamas has severely disrupted the global supply chain of di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) fertiliser, leading to a significant shortage in India. India, which primarily depends on imports for this essential fertiliser, is now facing an acute shortfall.

Here's a look at how the geopolitical turmoil and bloodbath, thousands of kilometres away, has resulted in a shortage of DAP and farming woes. While an estimated 1,139 people were killed in Israel, Palestinian health authorities say Israeli offensives have killed more than 41,500 people, since October 2023. Earlier in 2022 and 2023, the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war had also led to DAP shortages in India.

WHY DAP IS IMPORTANT FERTILISER FOR HARYANA FARMERS

DAP fertiliser, a vital one for Indian farmers in northern states like Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, contains phosphorus, an essential nutrient for several key crops. It also fulfils the initial need for nitrogen and sulphur in the crops. DAP provides critical nutrients for crops such as wheat and mustard, that are usually sowed during the months of October and November. "Every year, India consumes approximately 100 lakh tonnes of DAP, with the majority being met through imports," says Om Prakash, an agriculture expert with Kisan Tak, India Today Digital's sister media platform.

IMPACT OF ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR ON DAP AVAILABILITY IN INDIA

The Israel-Hamas war that seems to have spilled over and taken the shape of a regional war in West Asia with Hezbollah, Houthis and Iran, has severely impacted the import of DAP fertiliser. The war in the Middle East has disrupted the vital lines of communication through the Red Sea, connecting the Mediterranean Sea and the Indian Ocean through the Suez Canal.

Maha Vikas Aghadi gives 1-hour ultimatum to rebels to pull out of poll race

Mumbai. The opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) has issued a one-hour ultimatum to rebel candidates to withdraw their nominations, saying it was not in favour of "friendly fights".

Addressing a joint press conference with NCP supremo Sharad Pawar, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray warned that action would be taken against rebels who fail to withdraw their nomination by 3 pm. "We have appealed to several rebel leaders to withdraw. Many have agreed to withdraw. Once the deadline is over, we will come to know who has withdrawn. Those rebels who have not withdrawn will face action from the party," Thackeray said. Multiple rebel candidates filed nominations after being denied tickets by their respective parties. November 4 is the last day to withdraw nominations,

as per the Election Commission. With the MVA set to unveil their election manifesto on November 6 in a mega rally, the top brass wants to put up a united face. Shiv Sena (UBT) Rajya

In the MVA, the Congress has emerged as the biggest party with 101 seats in its share, followed by the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) with 96 seats and the Sharad Pawar-led NCP



(SP) with 87 seats. Smaller parties such as the Samajwadi Party, Peasants and Workers Party (PWP) and Left have been allotted seats from their respective share. Uddhav Thackeray said the Sena (UBT) had withdrawn its candidates from Alibaug, Pen and Parel constituencies for the PWP. The Sena (UBT), however, will contest the Uran seat.

The ruling Mahayuti alliance has also been plagued by around 35 candidates turning rebels. However, several of them have withdrawn their nominations, including BJP veteran Gopal Shetty, who filed as an independent candidate from Borivali after he was denied a ticket.

Bus marshals will be redeployed for anti-pollution drives in 2-4 days: AAP

Chief Minister Atishi said that the BJP is only engaging in dirty politics with bus marshals and will not allow the L-G to approve their regularisation proposal.

NEW DELHI: Accusing the BJP of playing "dirty politics" over the re-employment of civil defence volunteers, Chief Minister Atishi on Sunday said her government will send a proposal to L-G VK Saxena to redeploy in the next two to four days to assist agencies on anti-pollution drives. Addressing a press conference Atishi alleged, "BJP is only engaging in dirty politics with bus marshals and will not allow the L-G to approve their regularisation proposal. Arvind Kejriwal gave jobs to children from low-income families as bus marshals, but BJP took away those jobs."

The services of around 10,000 civil defence volunteers deployed in public buses as marshals were terminated last year over objections raised by the finance and the revenue departments. AAP-led Delhi government has been planning to utilise the volunteers in its efforts to curb the pollution which breached 500-mark on Sunday at



several places. However, on Saturday, the Delhi L-G wrote to Atishi, saying he was yet to receive a proposal despite his order to immediately reappoint the civil defence volunteers. A detailed proposal for their permanent engagement will also be sent for Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena's approval within a week, she said. Targeting the BJP, Atishi alleged, "On one side, we have the AAP and Kejriwal ji, who provided employment to 10,000 bus marshals, and on the other side, are BJP

officials have stopped their salaries since April 2023 and repeatedly recommending their termination." She pointed out that, unlike BJP, AAP fulfilled its promise to regularise contract workers, as seen in Delhi MCD and Punjab. Responding to Atishi's allegations, the BJP's Delhi unit chief, Virendra Sachdeva, said no matter "how many stories Atishi weaved over the matter", he would hold a protest outside her residence if the chief minister failed to send a proposal for redeployment of the civil defence volunteers by Monday. "It is strange that Atishi is so agitated by our demand to follow the lieutenant governor's directive to reinstate the civil defence volunteers and citing examples from 'Kashmir to Kanyakumari' to deflect the matter," Sachdeva said. "Still she fails to explain why her government has not reinstated the 10,000 civil defence volunteers from November 1 despite clear orders from the lieutenant governor," he said.

Madhya Pradesh teens hung upside down, thrashed, exposed to chilli fumes for theft

New Delhi: Two 14-year-old boys in Madhya Pradesh's Pandhurna district were hung upside down, beaten, and exposed to chilli smoke as punishment for stealing a watch. The incident happened on October 31 and came to light on Sunday after a video of the incident went viral. According to Mohgaon Police Station in-charge Rupalal Uike, the boys had gone to a local house to return money borrowed for curd. While there, they reportedly picked up a watch. Realising their mistake later, they quietly returned the watch to its original spot. However, two men from the village, Nikhil Kalambe and Surendra Bawankar, saw the boys keeping back the watch, and they then forcibly took the boys to a tractor garage, where they questioned them about the alleged theft, beat them, and then subjected them to chilli smoke treatment.

Initially, the boys did not inform their families about the incident. However, when the video, recorded by one of the accused, Surendra Bawankar, began circulating on WhatsApp, it eventually reached the father of one of the boys. Shocked, he questioned his son, who revealed the details of the ordeal. The father then took his son to the police station, where a formal complaint was lodged. Police have detained both Nikhil Kalambe, Surendra Bawankar, and another suspect in the case and further investigation is underway. The police have registered a case under sections 137, 2, 140, 3, 115, 35, 127, 2, and 75 of the BNS Act in connection with the incident.

Caught on camera: Ex-Congress MLA's son beats up shop owner in UP's Hapur

Former Congress MLA's son and his friends attacked Ankush Kukreja, a local mobile shop owner, in a restaurant on Delhi Road in the Kotwali Nagar area on Saturday night.

New Delhi: A video showing the son of former Congress MLA Gajraj Singh, Bobby, physically assaulting a local mobile shop owner has emerged. The incident took place in Uttar Pradesh's Hapur. Bobby and his friends attacked Ankush Kukreja, a local mobile shop owner, in a restaurant on Delhi Road in the Kotwali Nagar area on Saturday night. According to Kukreja, a resident of



Mohalla Patel Nagar, Bobby and his friends — identified as Rahul Sharma, Archit Bansal, Amardeep Kalaithar, and four others — confronted him at Food Panchayat Restaurant, demanding Rs 5 lakh. When he refused to pay the sum, the group attacked and left him severely wounded.

Following the incident, Kukreja was admitted to hospital in critical condition, where he is currently receiving treatment. Police have opened an investigation into the matter. Jitendra Sharma said that authorities received a complaint regarding the altercation between the two groups.

However, he clarified that, as of the initial findings, no extortion case has emerged. Sharma noted that both parties have a history of disputes and multiple cases filed against them. The police are examining CCTV footage and witness statements to gather further evidence.

Ten-year-old bibliophile turns author with The Dancing River

New Delhi: Just before nap time, Anika Ann Anil conjures and shuffles random ideas for future stories and poems. Later, on waking up, she jots down those snippets in her treasured notebooks. This has been her routine since she was six. Little did her parents know that these 'snippets' would eventually evolve into a full-fledged book and their daughter, a published author. The 12-year-old recently released her first book, The Magic in Poems and Stories. It is a compilation of all her works thus far. As with every writer, Anil's yearning to become a writer stems from her habits of reading. An admirer of the Harry Potter series, she chose to read books when most kids her age preferred screen time. "Anil has always been an avid reader. Even when she was young, she had a curious mind and often asked a lot of questions. Perhaps she found a way to figure out the answers on her own through reading," says Elizabeth Abraham, her mother. Among her favourite authors, Sudha

Murthy and Ruskin Bond top the list. "Their stories are innately funny and at the same time, very thoughtful," Anil remarks. The youngster credits her parents for instilling a love for reading in her. "They are my source of motivation. They encouraged me to write and sometimes, gave me suggestions to improve my work as well. But they never pushed me to incorporate any of them. They wanted my writing to be authentic. This way, I felt that I had the room to make mistakes and grow," she says. Inspired by her daughter's inclination to reading and writing, Abraham, who runs a Montessori preschool, has incorporated reading as part of the children's class time routine. "I have noticed how reading makes these children more and more curious about their surroundings and the world. I have hence bought more books for these children," she says. Apart from reading



and writing, Anil loves dancing as well. When asked if she wanted to pursue a career in English literature in the future, the young author says in a confident tone, "I want to be a voice-over artist too, but mostly an author."

Ten-year-old bibliophile turns author with The Dancing River

As ages passed and strangers arrived, different in wisdom and virtue. Along, they brought a new queen, born to rule. So goes a prophecy in The Dancing River, a book written by Thanusree

Shyamkumar, which follows the adventurous journey of a trio who move mountains to reach their destination.

Perhaps it's a metaphorical nod to the writer's own journey in the world of literature. Though only 10, Thanusree has read hundreds of books in all genres. For this Malayali residing in Dubai, the love affair with books began at the age of three. "Even when she was a toddler, she used to listen very keenly to the stories we read her. Now, she can read and write on her own. But the same fascination for stories remains," says Shyamkumar, Thanusree's father. From Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book and Jules Verne's Around the World in 80 Days, the youngster's interests have graduated to timeless classics in English literature, namely The Scarlet Letter, David Copperfield, and Frankenstein among others. These gems now deck up her personal library.



Buy the right deodourant

If we go by TV commercials, deodourants are potential matchmakers — spray some and you will have the opposite sex going weak in their knees. With such irresistible 'possibilities' and promises, it's no surprise that you want to give almost every new deodourant a try. But before randomly buying any product, it's important to know about its contents. Read on to know more about how to buy the right deodourant:

Know the contents
Deodourants that contain harmful chemicals can be hazardous. For example, there are safer deodourants — available over-the-counter — that don't contain harmful chemicals like aluminium chloride. Many ingredients in deodourants can cause skin irritation, which ranges from mild redness and burning sensation to a full allergic reaction, warns dermatologist Dr Smriti Shetty.

Avoid alcohol-based sprays
Deodourants and antiperspirants prevent body odour caused by bacterial growth.

Cosmetic dermatologist Dr Sadhana Deshmukh says aluminium compounds — present in most deodourants — and other active antiperspirant ingredients are often dissolved in alcohol because it dries quickly and feels cool on the skin.

"A small percentage of people are allergic to aluminium and may experience dermatitis or allergic, axillary granuloma response. When applied to the axillae (underarms), it could be irritating and may promote sensitisation to other ingredients in the product. If this happens, consult a dermatologist. To avoid the problem, I would suggest an alcohol-free deodourant," she advises.

Sensitive Skin?
Most deodourants are alcohol-based and contain antibacterial properties — the reason why they remove the odour. Perfumes can't remove body odour, but their fragrance lasts longer. The sweet smell of a deodourant, on the other hand, is short-lived. Whether expensive or cheap, almost all deodourants contain 6-15% solution of fragrance oil mixed with 80% of alcohol. Perfumes usually contain 15-25% of fragrance oil in pure alcohol.

"If you have sensitive skin, pick one without much fragrance. Also, cheaper deodourants and fragrances can lead to cosmetic allergy, contact sensitisation, lichenoid reactions, macular or patchy pigmentation — the last may spread from axillae to face, neck, chest and even abdomen and needs to be treated. So, be careful while choosing a deo. Apply it only on the underarms; do not spray it on the entire upper body. Perfumes should be applied on clothes and not on body," cautions Steerclear of these chemicals.

Dermatologist gives a list of chemicals that you should avoid in deodourants:
Aluminum-based compounds are active ingredients in antiperspirants. They block the sweat glands, thus preventing sweat from reaching the skin's surface. Some studies have suggested that aluminum compounds may be absorbed by the skin and can cause changes in the estrogen receptors of breast cells.

Parabens in their many forms — Methylparaben, Propylparaben, Ethylparaben, or

Don't just go by the fragrance, it's equally important to know what went into the making of your scented spray.



Butylparaben — are a class of artificial preservatives widely used in cosmetics and personal care products. They are being investigated for their possible role in breast cancer.

Most conventional deodourants contain a slew of toxic chemicals, such as Aluminum Chlorohydrate, Parabens, Propylene Glycol, Triclosan, TEA (triethanolamine), DEA (diethanolamine), FD&C colours (artificial/synthetic colours approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for food, drug and cosmetics), and Talc (hydrous magnesium silicate), among others.

This summer, discover natural ingredients that can help protect your skin from the harsh summer heat



Aloe vera: A popular and effective ingredient to remove that horrid sun tan during summer is aloe vera. There are many Aloe vera benefits from health to nutrition, from acne treatment to skin care. It is widely grown as an ornamental plant; however it is equally popular as medicinal plant due to several Aloe vera uses. The healing properties of ayurveda make it beneficial for skin care and helps in restoring skin's natural beauty. It is also an outstanding skin moisturizer and provides oxygen to the cells which strengthen the skin tissues and helps to keep the skin healthy.

Sandalwood: A mixture of sandalwood powder (1tsb), turmeric powder (1 tsb), and a pinch of camphor mixed with few drops of sandalwood oil works in a great way on acne and pimples. Frequent use of this mixture helps pimple and acne to vanish and it is useful against blackheads also. For best results one should leave the mixture on the face overnight. Sandalwood oil is said to be a softening agent. Frequently massage face with sandalwood oil to exfoliate the skin and make it soft and supple.

Pearl: Pearl is very helpful to brighten the skin, improve the skin texture, balancing the skin moisture, giving radiant glowing skin. Pearl has the ability to tone and regenerate the skin, revitalizing it, making it look more youthful. It helps reduce blemishes, dark marks, pimples and acnes, and it can be used both in form of paste and powder. Pearl helps in minimising the large pores on the skin and therefore reduces redness. Large pores make the skin look unhealthy and uneven redness causes skin lose its pH balance. Pearl helps to reduce both of these and makes skin look toned and even. Pearl is also largely available as an ingredient in soaps, facewashes and facepacks.

Khus: Popularly known as Khus, Vetiveria zizanioides is an ideal coolant to beat the summer heat. Owing to its effective cooling properties and fragrance, khus is often included in high quality soaps, powders, aroma therapy products and perfumes. With anti-inflammatory and antiseptic effects providing relief from inflammation, the oil obtained from khus also has sedative effect and aids in the treatment of emotional outbursts, such as anger, anxiety, epileptic and hysteric attacks, restlessness, nervousness, etc. Known for increasing the energy levels and fortified with various minerals like manganese, zinc, copper, magnesium and iodine, khus seeds (poppy seeds) are widely used to make Khus sharbat/syrups which are largely consumed by people in summers.

Beat the heat, naturally

Ginger: Ginger, just like khus is also a cooling agent for the body. It is surprising to know that ginger being a spice in fact cools the body because of its property at the time of ultimate assimilation in the body. Also, it also helps to resolve skin related issues. Hypopigmentation is also easily solved by ginger. One just needs to do is to cut a part of the ginger and dab it in the pigmented areas of the skin.

Rose water: Rose water face wash is perhaps one of the oldest and most sought after techniques of skin care. It effectively removes skin clogs and blackheads and reduces blotchiness and stickiness from the face. It helps clear all the impurities your face has collected through the day. Rose oil is said to have anti-inflammatory properties. Frequent use of the same will help clear off problems related to redness due to skin burns (over heat), and irritation. Proper face massage with rosewater will remove excess oil in the skin, keeping it evenly moisturised and exfoliated, thus restoring the lost pH balance and skin texture, preventing acnes and pimples, removing the dirt that gets accumulated in the skin pores.

Neem: One of the wonders of Ayurveda that has been ignored by urban folks in favour of more synthetic ingredients is the humble neem. An ideal solution to all your summer related skin problems, neem is the best medicine available to you. The benefits of neem can be utilized to the maximum extent in this hot sultry condition. The usage of different parts of the neem plant differs from one season to another. The juice of the neem leaves is specially useful for purification and maintenance of our skin and blood. Neem is also available as an ingredient in ayurvedic facewash and soaps that can be an ideal companion for you this summer.



Home remedies for dry hair



We can do a lot to prevent hair from becoming dry and brittle during winter season. Read on It is a fact that hair becomes dry during the winter season. While we cannot escape the seasonal vagaries, we can do a lot to prevent our hair from becoming dry and brittle during the season. Here are a few tips to keep you in good stead.

-It is best to avoid hair colouring and ironing during the season. However, if that is next to impossible, at least avoid shampooing during the season.

-Massage the scalp using hot oil. You can either use coconut oil or olive oil for best results

-Do not wash your hair in hot water as it can increase the dryness of the scalp, resulting in flaking and scaling of the skin of the scalp. Use lukewarm water instead and shampoo hair only once or twice a week.

-Use a shampoo and a separate hair conditioner. And leave the conditioner on the tip of the hair

avoiding the roots for at least 10 to 15 minutes to moisturise the hair and prevent hair fall.

-The stretch apart, beer is a great hair conditioner and so is coconut milk. For a protein packed conditioner, mix eggs and yogurt and rub it into your scalp. Leave on for five or 10 minutes, then wash it off completely.

-A haircut doesn't always have to lead to a new style. Trim off dead ends if your hair is too dry to rejuvenate your hair.



There are times when we are in a rush or just too exhausted to go through elaborate beauty rituals. While taking the easy way out is okay at times, certain shortcuts are better avoided.

No shortcuts to beauty

Styling wet hair with heat: You have just shampooed hair and exactly ten minutes if you want to make it to work on time. You grab your blow-dryer, straightening iron or curling tongs and try to style your hair to look presentable. Problem solved? Wrong. You might think you are speeding up the drying process what you are instead doing is sapping your hair off moisture and turning it into a frizzy mess.

a date right after work but have had absolutely no time to prettify yourself so you merely add some more makeup on the makeup that you did earlier in the day? Terrible idea. Adding foundation on your exiting foundation will make your face look loaded with makeup. It

Makeup on makeup
You have



will clog pores and invite a pimple or two.

Not washing brushes
When was the last time you gave your beauty tools a thorough clean up? Makeup brushes and other tools are breeding grounds for bacteria. Product build up can worsen the situation if you don't clean them regularly. Cleaning your tools is as important as disposing off old

NEWS BOX

AUS vs PAK: Babar Azam returns for Pakistan with 37 vs Australia at MCG

New Delhi. Babar Azam made a reasonable return for Pakistan in international cricket in the first ODI against Australia on Monday, November 4 at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground. Babar scored 37 runs off 44 balls with four fours before Adam Zampa dismissed him against the run of play.

Australia vs Pakistan, 1st ODI Updates

After being asked to bat first, Pakistan lost the early wicket of Saim Ayub, who scored only a single on his ODI debut before Mitchell Starc cleaned him up. Pakistan also lost Abdullah Shafique cheaply, but Babar put his head down and played some glorious shots. The 30-year-old Babar dealt in singles early in his knock before collecting his first boundary with an on-drive off Pat Cummins. In the last ball of the same over, Babar creamed Cummins through the off-side for another boundary.

In the penultimate ball of the 11th over, Babar pulled Mitchell Starc through the mid-wicket boundary for a four. Then, in the last ball of the 16th over from Sean Abbott, Babar dished out a cut shot



through third man to collect his fourth boundary of the innings. But Zampa cut short his stay in the middle. In the 18th over, Zampa ran through his defence and rattled his woodwork. Babar tried to go on to the backfoot to a ball that wasn't overly short and was beaten all ends up. He went for a flick, but saw his stumps rattled. Babar was also involved in a partnership of 39 runs for the third wicket with Mohammad Rizwan, the newly-appointed skipper of the Pakistan white-ball team. With Babar's dismissal, Pakistan lost their third wicket with 63 on the board in 17.4 overs.

Babar recently lost his place in the national Test team when Pakistan faced England in the three-match ODI series. Babar will be expected to score big in the last two ODIs in Adelaide and Perth.

Sunil Gavaskar urges India to play warm up game before Australia Test series

New Delhi. Legendary India batter Sunil Gavaskar has urged team India to play a warm-up game ahead of the five-match Test series against Australia. Notably, India were supposed to play an intra-squad warm-up fixture with India A which they've cancelled. However, Gavaskar has advised the team to play warm-up fixtures between matches.

The former batter mentioned that the youngsters who've never played in Australia



should acclimatize themselves to conditions. Indian youngsters such as Dhruv Jurel, Sarfaraz Khan and Yashasvi Jaiswal will be playing their first Test in Australia and hence could take some time to get used to the pace and bounce. "I really do believe that they should have a warm-up game. In the gaps between Test matches, they really should have warm-up games. Not necessarily for the senior players. But for the junior players who have never played in Australia before. For the Yashasvi Jaiswals, the Sarfaraz Khans, the Dhruv Jurels, all these young batters. Even against an Australia A team or a state side like Queensland. Juniors must be given the opportunity to get used to the bounce and pitches in Australia," Gavaskar told Indian Express. Further speaking ahead, Gavaskar advised India to practice as much as they can and focus on playing regular bowling instead of throw downs.

India's hopes of playing WTC final diminishing

"Just believe in yourself. Practice as much as you can. I think there is some merit in facing throwdowns. But it is more important to play regular bowling. Face the quicker bowlers. Not (Jasprit) Bumrah, of course, because Bumrah can kill you. But you can ask others to bowl from 20 yards instead of 22 yards. So therefore, the ball comes on to the bat quickly," he added. Meanwhile, after suffering a humiliating whitewash against New Zealand on home soil, India find themselves in a precarious position in the World Test Championship (WTC) standings. The Rohit Sharma-led side is on the second spot in the standings having a points percentage of 58.33% and now need to win four out of their next five matches to qualify for the WTC final on their own.

Spooked by turn: Once India's strength, spin is now their kryptonite

India vs New Zealand: Indian batters can no longer dominate spin. By preparing rank-turners, India have been shooting themselves in their foot. The 0-3 humiliation in the recently-concluded home Test series raises concerning questions.

New Delhi. Spin to win" is no longer India's mantra at home. Whenever they have rolled out spin-friendly track, leave alone dust bowls, it has often been India who found themselves in trouble. This was starkly evident when New Zealand stunned India in Pune and Mumbai after initially troubling Rohit Sharma's men with pace in Bengaluru. A 3-0 result in favor of India seemed like a foregone conclusion. Few could have imagined that New Zealand would inflict a whitewash on Indian soil. India's proud record of 18 successive series victories at home came to a sudden halt in one of the most sensational ways. The hunters became the hunted, as a resilient

group of New Zealand cricketers outperformed their Indian counterparts in every department of the game. One glaring deficiency was India's handling of spin. Over the past few years, it has been an open secret that India's dominance in spin-friendly conditions is fading—a reality that the Indian team management has been reluctant to fully acknowledge. "There is a misconception that India is good at playing spin. They are like everyone else. Gone are the days of Sachin, Ganguly, or Dravid. Now, they struggle against good spinners. We saw that in the IPL; as soon as the ball started to spin, they began to falter," said former New Zealand bowler Simon Doull after the second Test in Pune. Before examining historical data, recent numbers from the three-Test series tell a compelling story.

CAN'T PLAY SPIN ANYMORE?

While the extreme nature of the pitches is certainly a factor, India's approach with the bat was particularly alarming, especially in the recently concluded Test series.

Barring Rishabh Pant, no Indian batter scored more than 200 runs in the series, while three New Zealand batters—Rachin Ravindra (266), Will Young (244), and Devon Conway (227)—did so. Only one Indian batter,



Yashasvi Jaiswal, faced more than 300 deliveries in the series, whereas three New Zealand batters managed that feat. India's risk-laden approach was hard to understand. Outside of Shubman Gill, Yashasvi Jaiswal, and Pant, most Indian batters seemed unable to trust their defense and failed to hang in.

IND v NZ, 3rd Test in Mumbai: Highlights

India's two big guns—Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli—had a disappointing series. Rohit faced just 133 deliveries, while Kohli managed 173. Former opener Virender Sehwag did not hold back after the 3-0 defeat, stating, "The skill to play spin certainly needs an upgrade. Some experimentation is good for shorter formats, but in Test cricket, needless experimentation is poor." Kohli's struggles against spin have become a major concern. Rohit, who scored

500 runs against England in a five-Test series earlier this year, managed just 91 runs across three Tests against New Zealand. The famed lower-middle order also failed to contribute. India missed Axar Patel with the bat; he averages over 35 while batting at No. 6, 7, 8, and 9 in Tests.

GONE IN MINUTES: India's COLLAPSES

- Pune, 1st innings: 53 for 6
- Pune, 2nd innings: 50 for 5
- Mumbai, 1st innings: 83 for 6

- Mumbai, 2nd innings: 16 for 5
Take Virat Kohli's case, for example. His struggles against spin since 2020 are clear; his average in India has plummeted from 72.45 (2013-2019) to 32.86, with 24 of his 57 dismissals during this period coming against spin. Kohli's performance against left-arm spin is particularly alarming, averaging just 20.41 against this type of bowler, with 12 dismissals out of 58 since 2020. In the recent home season alone, he was out four times to left-arm spinners, including once each to Shakib Al Hasan and Ajaz Patel, and twice to Mitchell Santner. On the other hand, Rohit Sharma paid the price for being overly aggressive. Despite trusting his defense against England earlier this year, he tried to hit his way out of trouble.

Liverpool defender Ibrahima Konate downplays injury, says he won't miss game time

New Delhi. Liverpool's Ibrahima Konaté has reassured fans that the injury he sustained during the team's recent 2-1 victory over Brighton & Hove Albion will not keep him sidelined. The 25-year-old French international was substituted at halftime after suffering a knock to his arm but has since downplayed concerns over his fitness, confirming that he will be fit to play in Liverpool's next match. Konaté's injury initially raised fears of a serious issue, as he was taken off and replaced by Joe Gomez at the interval. However, following a medical scan on Sunday, Konaté shared a positive update on social media. "Thanks for all the messages of support. My injury isn't serious thankfully. I had a scan today and it confirmed there is no break. I'll be ready for the next game," he posted on Instagram, much to the relief of Liverpool fans.

The injury incident, which appeared to occur



after teammate Virgil van Dijk inadvertently stepped on Konaté's arm in a crowded goalmouth scramble, led to speculation of a potential fracture. However, sports physios have suggested that it may only be a minor bone bruise. "The recovery time for this would be less than a week," speculated a physio on social media, adding that Liverpool's medical team would likely monitor Konaté closely to avoid aggravating the injury. With Liverpool already managing a number of injuries, including those of Alisson Becker, Conor Bradley, Harvey Elliott, Diogo Jota, and Federico Chiesa, the news of Konaté's availability will be a welcome boost for the club as they prepare for their upcoming Champions League match against Bayer Leverkusen on Tuesday. This will be followed by a crucial Premier League clash with Aston Villa at Anfield on Saturday.

While Konaté has expressed his eagerness to play, Liverpool's medical team may still choose to exercise caution given his history with injuries. The team has depth in the form of Joe Gomez and promising youngster Jarell Quansah, who are both prepared to step in if Konaté's wrist requires further recovery time.

IPL 2025 auction likely to be held in Riyadh on November 24, 25

The Indian Premier League (IPL) mega auction is tentatively scheduled for November 24 and 25 in Saudi Arabia, though an official confirmation from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is still awaited.



Australia Test series, is keen to avoid a direct overlap between the events. Thankfully, due to the time difference with Australia, the auction, if held in the afternoon (IST), would likely avoid clashes with the match broadcast.

With the IPL 2025 mega auction around the corner, anticipation is high as franchises prepare to make pivotal bids on high-profile players. Among the standout names are Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, Arshdeep Singh, and Ishan Kishan, each renowned for their impact in the T20 format. These players bring a mix of batting prowess, leadership qualities, and sharp fielding, making them invaluable assets for any franchise aiming for a strong 2025 season. While several franchises have

already declared their retentions, these five players will undoubtedly be at the center of intense bidding wars. Teams are strategizing to secure the best players within their budget, and these star players are likely to command some of the highest prices. Pant's explosive wicketkeeping-batsman role, Iyer's dynamic leadership potential, and Rahul's consistency with the bat are especially appealing attributes in a fast-paced tournament like the IPL. Reports suggest that BCCI officials have already conducted preliminary visits to Saudi Arabia to assess potential venues. A second delegation is expected to travel to the Gulf nation on Monday to finalize details. While Jeddah was initially considered, Riyadh, the capital, has emerged as the most likely host city for the two-day auction. The BCCI also explored other international locations like Dubai, Singapore, and even Vienna, but Saudi Arabia appears to have been selected as the ideal venue.

Given this move outside India, IPL franchises are urging the BCCI to finalize the venue and dates promptly to allow enough time for travel and logistical arrangements. With a retention deadline of October 31, teams are working to finalize their player lists before shifting focus to the upcoming auction.

WTA Finals: Iga Swiatek scripts unreal comeback to beat Barbora Krejickova

World No.2 Iga Swiatek made a stupendous comeback in her WTA Finals match on Sunday, November 3 against Wimbledon champion Barbora Krejickova. Swiatek won the match 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 in Riyadh.



New Delhi. Iga Swiatek pulled off a comeback for the ages after beating Barbora Krejickova in the WTA Finals 2024. On Sunday, November 3, the World No.2 came back from 4-6, 0-3 down to take down her opponent in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. It took Swiatek two hours and 33 minutes to win the match 4-6, 7-5, 6-2. Swiatek, who was playing her first WTA match after her US Open 2024 exit back in September, looked "rusty" to begin with. Krejickova, who won

the Wimbledon this year after beating Jasmine Paolini in the final, was looking set for a stupendous victory before losing her way.

"It wasn't easy. At the beginning I felt a bit rusty, but I'm happy that I found a way to play a little bit more solid. I didn't feel great (at the beginning). Barbora also used that.

The score went her way pretty quickly. I knew it was tight even in the first set and I had my chances so I just wanted to use them the next time," Swiatek said. I heard it for sure. I missed that. In tough moments today when I heard you guys screaming, it helped me. Thank you for the support. Even though at the beginning my game wasn't nice, you guys still believed," Swiatek added. After a clinical showing in the first set, Krejickova broke Swiatek's serve twice in the second. But the Polish star held her nerve to force the deciding set. Swiatek returned to her best in the third set, taking a 5-0 lead. Krejickova struggled with her lower back and that did not help her. After Aryna Sabalenka defeated Qinwen Zheng on Saturday, Swiatek needs to beat both Jessica Pegula and Coco Gauff to have any chance of getting back his No.1 ranking.

Mitchell Starc joins elite Australia list after deadly new ball spell vs Pakistan

Star Australia fast bowler Mitchell Starc completed 100 ODI wickets on home soil during the first ODI against Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

New Delhi. Star Australian seamer Mitchell Starc joined elite company after his marvellous new ball spell against Pakistan in the first ODI on Monday, November 04 at Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne. The left-arm speedster was breathing fire with the new ball as he troubled the Pakistan openers Saim Ayyub and Abdullah Shafique in a hostile spell.

The veteran seamer was rewarded for his consistency as he managed to dismiss both openers and completed 100 wickets on Australian soil in ODIs. Starc became the



sixth bowler from his country to achieve the feat and joined an elite company with legends namely Brett Lee, Glenn McGrath, Shane Warne, Craig McDermott and Steve Waugh. Starc started the proceedings by

dismissing debutant Saim Ayyub in his second over who got an inside edge back onto his stumps. He further got rid of Abdullah Shafique who mistakenly ended up edging him to wicketkeeper Josh Inglis

while trying to leave the delivery. Later, he shattered Shaheen Afridi's stumps to register his third wicket of the match and finished with figures of 3/33 in ten overs. Meanwhile, Pakistan struggled throughout their innings as they failed to keep the run-flow going. After losing both openers on 24, new white-ball captain Mohammad Rizwan joined star batter Babar Azam at the crease.

Mohammad Rizwan scored 44 on his ODI captaincy debut. The duo added 39 runs for the third wicket to calm the nerves in the dressing room but failed to take it ahead as Zampa cleaned up Babar for 37 (44). After losing his partner, Rizwan continued to occupy the crease at one end and took the scoreboard forward. He was dismissed six runs short of his half-century falling prey to Marnus Labuschagne for 44 (71). Agha Salman (12 off 29) and Shaheen Afridi (24 off 19) also made valuable contributions for Pakistan down the order. The visitors were 172/7 after 41 overs with Naseem Shah (13*) and Irfan Khan (20*) at the crease.



Urvashi Rautela

Shares Unseen Video Featuring Shah Rukh Khan On His Birthday, Fans React



Urvashi Rautela surprised fans on social media by sharing an unseen video featuring Shah Rukh Khan on his birthday. The video quickly caught fans' attention. Shah Rukh Khan has turned 59 years old on November 2. Taking to her Instagram handle, Urvashi Rautela shared a video and wrote, "Thank you #ShahRukhKhan sir Happiest Birthday to you #Srk party." In the video, Shah Rukh Khan is seen giving flying kisses to his fans. One of the fans wrote, "Legends in one frame". This year, on his 59th birthday, SRK chose to skip this much-anticipated appearance, leaving fans curious and wondering about the change.

Later in the evening, he took to social media, sharing a photo of himself doing his iconic arms-outstretched pose against a sea of fans at the special event. Dressed in a violet T-shirt, a beanie and sunglasses, SRK thanked everyone for coming over and making his evening special. He wrote, "Thank you for coming over and making my evening special... my love to everyone who made it for my birthday. And for those who couldn't, sending you all my love."

Meanwhile, Shah Rukh's wife Gauri Khan shared a sneak-peek into SRK's birthday celebration with her, Suhana Khan and their close friends. On Saturday evening, Gauri Khan took to her Instagram account to share a picture from Shah Rukh Khan's birthday celebration. The picture appeared to have been clicked at their residence Mannat. It showed Shah Rukh Khan cutting the birthday cake, while Gauri Khan and Suhana Khan stood on either sides of him. Sharing the picture, Gauri wrote that it was a memorable evening, with their loved ones in attendance. On the work front, Shah Rukh Khan is now gearing up for his next project King after taking the box office by storm with his role in Jawan. It marks his first film collaboration with daughter Suhana Khan who is also playing a pivotal role in the much-awaited flick. Besides, the actor also has Pathaan 2, a sequel to his spy thriller alongside Deepika Padukone.

Aamir Khan Knows 'Nothing' About Son Azad's School, Reveals Kiran Rao: 'He Is A Very Busy Father'



Aamir Khan and Kiran Rao have been co-parenting their son, Azad, since their separation in 2021. Aamir's busy schedule as a top movie star often makes it hard for him to be as present as a father, something he has talked about in interviews. Recently, Kiran discussed the challenges of co-parenting, saying that Aamir is not very involved with Azad's schooling. In a chat with Kareena Kapoor on What Women Want, Kiran described co-parenting with Aamir as "tricky." She mentioned that she handled most of the parenting even when they were married. Now that they are apart, Aamir is realising how important it is to make time for Azad. She said, "It's tricky. He is a very busy father. Honestly, even when we were married, I was doing lot of the actual primary parenting. Once we got separated and then divorced, I think Aamir also sort of realised how much of that he will have to factor into his life because when you are living together in the same house, it somehow gets managed. But, in order to make time for Azad, it became much more of a conscious decision recently." Kiran Rao said that co-parenting with Aamir Khan has become easier after their divorce. She mentioned that Aamir is more involved with their son, Azad, and that they are living close to each other right now. She said, "Now, it's much smoother and Aamir is more involved in it. Luckily, right now, we are upstairs and downstairs, but whenever we will leave, we won't be far away. Azad is enjoying his time with his dad lot more as he is now older. It has reached a place where it is really nice. I feel like I can relax and leave Azad with Aamir."

Kiran Rao opened up on one factor where Aamir lacks. She said, "Only Aamir knows nothing about school. I think it's majority of the dad's problem. They are always like, 'Don't get us involved in school-related activities, we will take up other things'." Kiran also spoke about how her parents are supportive when it comes to bringing up Azad. She shared, "For single moms, bad day is only when you really want breaks for yourself. And your co-parent cannot (be there) for instance because of his own schedule. Luckily, for me, my parents step in and are really supportive. They come and help. But those are the days when you miss that you cannot completely switch off."

Karan Johar Opens Up About His Fear Of Being A Single Father To Roohi And Yash: 'They Will Find Out Things...'



The latest season of Fabulous Lives of Bollywood Wives revealed many personal stories, including Neelam Kothari discussing her first marriage for the first time. This emotional moment moved not only the audience but also producer Karan Johar to tears. In a reunion interview for Netflix, Karan shared his fear of difficult questions from his kids. He recalled feeling emotional when Neelam spoke with Ekta Kapoor about her divorce from businessman Rishi Sethia in the most recent season. Karan said, "I was pretty much a large part of that phase of your (Neelam) life."

That really moved me because I remember those days so clearly. I really teared up, I was actually connecting to it on an emotional level. You spoke about your daughter and that's also something that struck a chord with me. My constant fear is that I also have to deal with those questions from my own children, about my circumstances and that I have a modern family situation."

"They will find out things and I will have to be answerable. Being a single parent, I know I am answerable to my children about so many aspects. Thank you for sharing that Neelam, it was really beautiful," Karan added.

In the episode, Neelam Kothari recalled coming home from work to find her daughter Ahana and friends unusually quiet. Neelam recalled, "I came from work, and Ahana was with her friends. Normally, they are always jumping around, screaming, and shouting. But, this time, there was pin-drop silence. Ahana came to me and said, 'Mumma, you never told me you were divorced.' I just died. I was stumped. I had no words."

I told Ahana, 'First of all, how do you know?' She said, 'You're a celebrity, so my friends and I were googling you. The first thing that came up was that you were divorced. You were married.' Karan Johar welcomed twins Yash and Roohi Johar on February 7, 2017, through surrogacy. Yash was named in honour of Karan's late father, Yash Johar, a renowned film producer, while Roohi's name is a playful variation of Karan's mother, Hiroo Johar's name.



Nora Fatehi

Reveals People Asked Her If She Wanted To Become 'Next Katrina Kaif', Says It Impacted Her Mentally

From appearing on Bigg Boss 9 to becoming one of the most sought-after talents in Bollywood, Nora Fatehi has come a long way. The singer and dancer talked about her difficult journey in the film industry in a latest interview. She recalled facing rejections and how she sought therapy because it impacted her mental health while she was trying to figure it all by herself in Mumbai. Speaking to Rajeev Masand at IFFM Melbourne, Nora Fatehi recalled her initial days in Bollywood. She mentioned how she met a lot of people who promised to help her but had hidden motives. She revealed how people even promised to connect her with big production houses but that often led to scary situations. To deal with situations like these, Fatehi told people that she was open to acting but was also prepared to head back home and finish college if things didn't work out.

In the same conversation, she recalled the rejections and said, "I did seek therapy because when you get a lot of rejection, which I got a lot, a lot of 'you are not good enough', a lot of 'you want to be the next Katrina Kaif?' and I was like 'this is terrible'." She also recalled how she trusted the wrong people because she did not have any help from anyone in the industry. She continued, "Now, I would be like 'Why am I coming with you? What do you want from me? Clearly, nobody does anything for free but at that time, I was like 'God sent this person to me' and I followed a lot of idiots."

At the age of 22, Fatehi arrived in India to make a career in showbiz. She made her Bollywood debut with Roar: Tiger Of The Sunderbans in 2014. She became a household name after her stint on Bigg Boss. Following her appearance on the reality show, she was next seen in Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa 9 from where she started making her way to dance and music videos. On the work front, she will be next seen in Varun Tej's Matka.

