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Jharkhand government will buy 60 lakh quintals of paddy, Rs 1440 crore will be spent

Ranchi: Hemant government will buy 60 lakh quintals of paddy this year at a cost of Rs 1440 crore. From December 15, farmers can sell their paddy through PACS in all the districts of the state.

Let us tell you that this time the government has taken an important decision with the aim of stopping middlemen and encouraging farmers to sell paddy at the government rate, under which they will get 50% of the total amount at the time of selling paddy and preparations have been made to pay the remaining amount within a week.

Instructions have been given to ensure the lifting of paddy by the miller within a week from the warehouses of Paddy Procurement Center i.e. PACS, so that farmers and PACS managers do not face any kind of problem.

Government will buy paddy at the rate of Rs 2400 per quintal

The state government will buy ordinary paddy from farmers at Rs 2400 per quintal and grade A paddy at Rs 2420 per quintal. In this fixed rate, apart from the Centre's support price of Rs 2300 per quintal, the state government is giving a bonus of Rs 100 per quintal. In the last Kharif season, the amount for paddy purchase was Rs 2183 fixed by the Centre, while the state government used to give Rs 1.17.

JSFC Managing Director Satyendra Kumar, while giving information about the preparations for paddy purchase starting from December 15 this year, said that 680 paddy procurement centers have been set up in all 24 districts of the state, to which 102 rice mills have been tagged.

Paddy will be purchased through PACS and to make the amount available to the farmers, the government has made the money available up to the district level. The outstanding amount of last year's farmers has also been paid. In such a situation, the target of purchasing 60 lakh quintals of paddy has been set, we hope that it will be completed on time.

The increased amount of Maiiyaa Yojana may be released today

While addressing the public meeting from Barhet, CM Hemant can send Rs 2500 to the accounts of women

Ranchi: Now a new update has come regarding the ambitious Mainiya Yojana of the Hemant Soren government. According to the information, there is a possibility that Hemant Soren will put Rs 2500 in the accounts of women from his assembly constituency Barhet on Saturday.

The Jharkhand government has decided to increase the amount of Mahila Maiiyaa Samman Yojana from Rs 1000 to Rs 2500 per month. Chief Minister Hemant Soren will launch the gift of increased amount from the land of Santhal Pargana on December 14. 50 lakh women of the state will get direct benefit of this scheme.

Let us tell you that before the Jharkhand assembly elections, CM Hemant Soren had announced to increase the amount of Mainiya Samman Yojana from Rs 1000 to Rs 2500 per month. According to the information, the Chief Minister will



start sending an amount of Rs 2500 to the accounts of women beneficiaries as the fifth installment under the Mainiya Samman Yojana from his assembly constituency Barhet on December 14.

Preparations to remove ineligible beneficiaries from Mukhyamantri Maiiyaa Samman Yojana

Ranchi: The Women and Child Development Department has started preparations to remove ineligible beneficiaries from the Mukhyamantri Maiiyaa Samman Yojana. The Director of the Social Security Department under the department, Samira S, has written a letter to all the Deputy Commissioners. The Director has said that some ineligible beneficiaries are taking advantage of the scheme. Due to this, eligible beneficiaries are not able to get the benefits of the scheme.

The Director has identified many such reasons in her letter:

1. Many beneficiaries are already taking advantage of the Social Security Pension Scheme.
2. Many beneficiaries are also taking advantage of the scheme from more than one district.
3. Beneficiaries do not come under the resolution issued by the department on July 1.

The Social Security Director has talked to the Deputy Commissioners to identify ineligible beneficiaries and exclude them from the scheme.

Hemant will address the public meeting in Barhet

CM Hemant Soren is on a two-day Santhal tour. During this, on Friday, he will worship at Deoghar Babadham and Basukinath temple in Dumka. CM Hemant Soren will be accompanied by his wife and Gandey MLA Kalpana. Hemant will first go to Bhognadih in

Barhet and will address the public meeting after garlanding the statue of Veer Shaheed Sido, Kanho, Chand, Bhairav, Phoolo, Jhano. There is a possibility that during this program itself, Hemant Soren will put Rs 2500 in the accounts of women. However, departmental letter has not been issued in this matter yet.

In Shorts PM Modi installed Kalash for Maha Kumbh



Prayagraj: PM Modi reached Prayagraj today on Friday. At 11:30, the Prime Minister's helicopter reached Bamrauli Airport. Then from there, he boarded a cruise in Ganga ji and reached Sangam Ghat. UP CM Yogi was also present with him. Shri Modi met the saints here, performed puja on the banks of Ganga and installed Kalash for Maha Kumbh. In this sequence, after offering milk and chunari to Ganga ji, he did parikrama of Akshayvat. Later PM Modi reached Hanuman temple and performed aarti of reclining Hanuman ji. He also visited the Maha Kumbh exhibition. After this, he addressed the public meeting organized here.

Threat to bomb six schools in New Delhi

New Delhi: Six schools in the national capital Delhi were threatened with bombing. This threat was given through e-mail. On receiving the information, teams of Delhi Police and Fire Department reached there. Both the teams are investigating. Nothing suspicious has been found in the investigation so far.

It is worth mentioning that earlier on December 9, more than 40 schools in Delhi were given similar threats. It was claimed that bombs have been planted in their campus. It was said in the e-mail that if the bomb explodes, there will be huge damage. The sender of the mail had demanded 30 thousand dollars in exchange for stopping the blast.

Allu Arjun gets big relief, gets bail from High Court

Hyderabad: South superstar Allu Arjun has got interim bail from the Telangana High Court on December 13, 2024 in the stampede case at Hyderabad's Sandhya Theater. The police arrested the actor on Friday morning. Actually, the actor was arrested on charges of the death of a 32-year-old woman in a stampede during the screening of his recently released film 'Pushpa 2: The Rule' at Sandhya Theater.



The High Court said that despite being an actor, Arjun has the right to life and liberty as a citizen. Hearing on Allu

CM Hemant Soren reached Deoghar for the first time after bumper victory



Deoghar: CM Hemant Soren and his wife Kalpana Soren have reached Santhal Pargana region on a two-day tour. As soon as they reached Santhal Pargana division, first of all CM Hemant Soren and his wife Kalpana Soren visited Baba temple and took blessings of Lord Bholenath by performing

Jalabhishek there. Security arrangements of the temple premises were made more tight regarding the arrival of the CM. Common people were banned from entering the temple for some time.

After performing Jalabhishek at Baba temple, CM Hemant Soren while talking to the media

said that the mandate received in the assembly is for the benefit of the people of the state. That is why he wants to assure the people of the state that in the coming time the government will work for the interests of the people of the state.

His wife and MLA Kalpana Soren, who accompanied CM Hemant Soren, said that this is Baba's court. Any kind of political talk will not be appropriate here. While chanting Har Har Mahadev, she gave the message that this time, with the blessings of Lord Bholenath, JMM has achieved a landslide victory and in the coming times too, JMM will work to do better work for the state of Jharkhand.

Jharkhand also participated in the fourth national conference of Chief Secretaries

New Delhi: The fourth national conference of Chief Secretaries started in New Delhi on Friday. The objective of this conference is to strengthen the cooperative dialogue between the Center and the states, to establish coordination towards overall development and progress. Chief Secretary Alka Tiwari participated in this important conference on behalf of the Jharkhand government.



Other senior officials including Principal Secretary Planning Mast Ram Meena, Secretary Rural Development K Srinivasan and Secretary Industries Department Jitendra Kumar Singh were present with her.

Priyanka Gandhi surrounded the Modi government on lateral entry, privatization, caste census, reservation Said- the public broke the dream of changing the Constitution

New Delhi: Our country has a tradition of dialogue and discussion that is thousands of years old. There is an old culture of debate and dialogue. Different religions also have this culture of debate, discussion and discussion. Our freedom struggle emerged from this tradition. Our freedom struggle was a unique fight, which was based on non-violence and truth. This fight of ours for freedom was a very democratic fight. Every class was involved in it. Everyone fought for the freedom of the country. From that freedom struggle, a voice emerged, which was the voice of our country, that voice is our constitution.

They came to know in the elections that the people of the country will keep this constitution safe

Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi today attacked the Modi government during the discussion on the constitution in the Lok Sabha. She said, if these results had not come in the Lok



Sabha, the work of changing the constitution would also have started. In this election, they came to know that the people of the country will keep this constitution safe. In this election, while winning and losing, it was realized that the talk of changing the constitution will not work in this country. Through lateral entry and privatization, the government is working to weaken the reservation.

Earlier when the Parliament was in session, the public had hope: Priyanka

Priyanka said that earlier when the Parliament was in session, the public had hope that the government would discuss inflation

Bengaluru Police gave notice to Atul Subhash's wife Nikita Singhania



Police gave 72 hours time to Singhania family

Bengaluru: In the case of suicide of Bengaluru engineer Atul Subhash, Karnataka Police has issued notice to wife Nikita Singhania and her family members. Police has asked wife Nikita and her mother Nisha Singhania along with brother Anurag Singhania and uncle Sushil Singhania to appear in the police station. Police has given 72 hours time to Atul Subhash's wife and his family members. Police has taken this action after the complaint of Atul Subhash's brother. According to the police notice, Nikita

Singhania will have to appear in Marathahalli Police Station in Bengaluru.

After the complaint of Atul Subhash's brother Vikas Kumar, a four-member team of Bengaluru Police of Karnataka, including a woman policeman, reached Jaunpur in Uttar Pradesh. This team pasted the notice at the house of Atul Subhash's wife. The notice states that there are reasonable grounds to question you to find out the facts of this case. In such a situation, you will have to appear before the investigating officer in the police stations mentioned in Bengaluru within three days. Atul Subhash, a resident of Bihar, committed suicide after being harassed by his wife Nikita and her family. Earlier, he had left his ordeal in a large video and a 24-page note.

Atul Subhash had said that he was emotionally disturbed for years due to harassment and several cases filed by his wife and her family and a judge of UP.

Zomato gets tax notice of Rs 803.4 cr



New Delhi: The shares of food delivery platform, restaurant aggregator and Blinkit operator Zomato Limited have crashed. Zomato's shares fell by more than two percent in early trade on December 13. Zomato has received a notice from the GST department regarding tax, after which the company's shares have seen a decline.

Let us tell you that an order has been received from the Joint Commissioner of CGST and Central Excise, Thane, Maharashtra, demanding GST of Rs 401.7 crore and a penalty of Rs 401.7 crore with applicable interest for the period from October 29, 2019 to March 31, 2022. The demand order is worth a total of Rs 803.4 crore.

According to the data, at 9.20 am, Zomato shares were trading at Rs 282.5 per share, down 0.84 percent. The company said in a notice shared with the stock exchange that it has received a demand order regarding non-payment of GST, including interest and penalty on delivery charges.

Zomato is confident of its position and will fight the case. According to the company, "We believe we have a strong case on merits, supported by the opinion of our external legal and tax advisors. We will file an appeal against this order before the appropriate authority," Zomato said.

News In Brief

Drug Free India program organized by Prajapita Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya Gumla

Gumla: Drug Free India program was organized by Prajapita Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya Gumla in Tana Bhagat Mahavidyalaya Ghaghra and Government Sponsored High School Totambi. In the program, people were told about the harm caused by drug addiction and awareness was brought in them. Along with this, children were also made aware of the harm caused by misuse of technology addiction. People were made aware of how to get rid of all kinds of problems in life through Rajyoga meditation on how to get rid of oneself from drug addiction. DRDA Director Vidyabhushan Kumar, BK Anjita, BK Suchita, BK Manju, Renuka BK Shivani BK Anshu BK Mangal Bhai BK Vinesh BK Sanjay along with the Principal of the college Mohammad Asrad Momin, Principal of Totambi Sanjay Prasad and other teachers of the school were present in the program.

Efforts to keep the disabled in the orphanage

Jorapokhar: On the information of 20 year old orphaned disabled Vishal Kumar Rai in Gorakhunti of Bhaunra, physiotherapist of Jharia Resource Center Dr. Manoj Singh and special educator Akhlaq Ahmed reached the spot and inquired about the matter. On the request of the people of the colony, the process of keeping Vishal there is being completed by establishing contact with the Missionary of Charity orphanage in Dhanbad. Vishal is completely disabled and is unable to do his daily activities. Two years ago, after the death of his father Mahavir Rai and mother Sunita Rai, he was living with his aunt, but unfortunately 15 days ago his aunt also died. Now he has no one of his own. Today the people nearby informed Dr. Manoj Singh. Physiotherapist of Jharia Resource Center Dr. Manoj Singh said that the legal process.

Union Minister of State Shantanu Thakur visits Science Centre and Savitribai Phule Library, Gumla

DN ■ Gumla

Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shri Shantanu Thakur visited Gumla district and reviewed the educational and scientific activities being conducted in the district. During his visit, he visited the District Level Science Centre and the Savitribai Phule Library built for women and girl students.

Visit to Science Centre

At the Science Centre, the Minister visited an exhibition on science and technological innovations. He observed exhibits related to Physics, Biology, Geography, Geology, and Mathematics and enjoyed the experience of robot demo, 3D printing, drone technology, and planetarium dome. He himself practiced the technological games available at the centre and said, "Such places are inspiring for children."

During this time, students from various schools and colleges of the district gave their scientific



presentations. Students of Gumla Polytechnic College demonstrated drones and robots. Students of DAV School presented projects on biological sciences and techniques of farming with less water. Students of St. Patrick School demonstrated a sensor-equipped stick, which is useful for the elderly and the disabled. Similarly, students of CM School of Excellence and children of Telang Khadiya Library presented projects related to solar energy and other subjects. During this, the Minister also took the contact numbers of some children, he appreciated the projects of

the children and also said that he would contact the children later to give practical shape to the children's ideas.

Women of Self Help Group (SHG) of Dumri block organized an exhibition of sanitary napkins prepared under "Project Kishori". The Minister interacted with these women and appreciated their efforts. He said, "It is a pleasure to see that not only children are developing scientific interest in Gumla, but rural women are also getting empowered. This effort of the district administration is highly commendable." Visit to Savitribai Phule Library

After this, Minister Thakur inspected the high-tech Savitribai Phule Library specially built for women and girl students. He praised the excellent arrangements of the library and called it an inspirational initiative for women.

In the library, the Minister participated in a dialogue program with the girl students. The girl

students shared their experiences and asked the Minister about the challenges in life, such as depression, keeping focus, and avoiding confusion. Minister Thakur said in simple and inspiring words, "Whenever you are angry, low feeling, or depressed, practice meditation. This is the most effective way to overcome negativity. Continuous practice, hard work, and dedication towards your work will definitely bring success." He also said that you should identify your interest and abilities and work in that direction and do not get distracted by the words of others.

Minister praised

The Minister praised the district administration and Deputy Commissioner Shri Karna Satyarthi and said that efforts will be made to adopt these efforts made for children and women in Gumla in other districts as well. He described these innovations and self-reliance of children and women as in line with the vision of self-reliant India.

Filaria eradication program organized in Barkagaon



DN ■ Barkagaon

Filaria eradication program was organized in the premises of the Community Health Center in Barkagaon. It was led by Medical Incharge Dr. Avinash Kumar. In this program, medicines were distributed among 12 filaria patients. In the program, information about filaria was given by MTS Tarun Sharma and Abdul Manan (Piramal Foundation). He told that filaria is an incurable disease, this disease is caused by mosquito bites. MMDP program is very effective for its prevention. Under this program, this disease can be prevented by taking filaria tablet once every year. He also told that this initiative will help in increasing health awareness in the community and controlling the spread of filaria. Along with distributing medicines to all the patients, the importance of this program was emphasized. Villagers were made aware about this.

Second day of three-day lecture series inaugurated at Daulat Mahato Memorial Teacher Training College

DN ■ Bishnugarh

The second day of the three-day lecture series at Daulat Mahato Memorial Teacher Training College, Banaso was inaugurated by the Principal of the college Dr. Sunil Kumar Chaturvedi along with the keynote speaker Dr. Shiv Kumar Rana by lighting the lamp jointly.

Dr. Shiv Kumar Rana, Principal Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Teachers Training College, Lari, Ramgarh was the keynote speaker on the second day of the lecture series! Dr. Rana said in his address that "the skillful use of learning materials in teaching reflects the expertise and credibility of teach-



ers!" The stage was managed by IQAC coordinator and NSS program officer Swarna Mishra and the vote of thanks was given by Saroj Kumari Srivastava! Assistant Professors present included Babli Kumari, Omkar Nath Sharma, Ashok Kumar Jha, Virendra Dev, Raghavendra Pratap, Shashi Bhushan Dev, Saroj Shrivastava, Rajesh Kumar Barma, Praveen Kumar

Dumri's migrant labourer's son commits suicide in Delhi

Buried with teary eyes in the cemetery located at Burari Church

DN ■ Dumri

Prem Rohit Tigga, 19-year-old son of migrant labourer Jai Mukut Tigga of Khetli village of Dumri police station area, committed suicide in Delhi on 10 December 2024. The reasons for the suicide are not yet clear. Delhi Police took the body of the deceased in custody from Kumhar Mohalla, Jasola Village, Jamia Nagar, South Delhi and got it post-mortem done, and then handed it over to the family. The last rites of the deceased were arranged with the efforts of Azhar Ali, Congress Vice President of Bharano



Block of Gumla district. Difficulty was faced in arranging to keep the body in the cold storage to perform the last rites as per religious customs. But with the efforts of Azhar Ali, space was found to keep the body in the cold storage in Delhi. Prem Rohit Tigga's last rites were performed today in the cemetery located at Burari Church.

67th Mine Safety Week celebrated in Bhurkunda Mine A Balkudara, oath of safety taken

DN ■ Ramgarh

The 67th annual Mine Safety Week concluded with cultural programs on Thursday at Mine A Balkudara, an outsourcing mine of Bhurkunda project of CCL Barka-Sayal project. The program started with the flag hoisting by the chief guest Rajendra Prasad, PO cum convenor of the Rohini project. Thereafter, the guests, officers and CCL personnel took a collective oath of safety. Also, two minutes of silence was observed and prayers were offered to God for the peace of their souls, remembering the deceased colleagues of accidents and Corona period. The ceremony started with the guests lighting the lamp. After this, the officials also inspected the safety parameters and gave many necessary guidelines to the local officials. The students of Shanti Niketan Vidyalaya Urimari gave a rousing welcome to the guests and seated them on the stage with song and dance. On this occasion, Chief Guest Rajendra Prasad



said that work under this year's theme 'Progress through Safety'. Do not work by ignoring safety. The coming year is bright for Bhurkunda project. Coal production will soon start from many mines here. Bhurkunda PO Rakesh Kumar Satyarthi said that good coal production is taking place in Balkudara open mine, for which everyone deserves congratulations. He said that not a single mine accident has taken place in Bhurkunda in the last five years, which is commendable and this has to be maintained in future as well.

Visit of Hon'ble Minister Shri Shantanu Thakur in Gumla

DN ■ Gumla

Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, Shri Shantanu Thakur visited Gumla district today and reviewed the progress of development works going on under the Aspirational District Program. The meeting was held at the Collectorate Auditorium at Chandali, where the Minister analyzed various departmental activities in depth and received necessary guidelines from the officials. Deputy Commissioner of Gumla, Shri Karna Satyarthi, Deputy Development Commissioner Shri Dileshwar Mahato, Project Director PDITDA Ms. Reena Hansda and other district level departmental officers were present in the meeting. In the meeting, the Project Director gave data-wise information about the progress made in areas like health, education, skill development, agriculture, Jal Jeevan Mission and employment generation. All the



progress was explained in detail by the Deputy Commissioner Gumla.

Progress in Health Sector

The Minister was informed that remarkable achievements have been recorded in the direction of strengthening health services in Gumla district. At present, 93% institutional deliveries are being ensured in the district, which is a major success towards reducing maternal and infant mortality rate. Special attention has been given to the health of women and children, where emphasis is being laid on identification and treatment of sickle cell anemia along with regular health checkups. A major project is being run to make the district sickle cell anemia free,

under which screening and awareness campaigns are being conducted on a wide scale. Apart from this, health services are being provided to remote areas by organizing regular health check-up camps. The Minister praised the progress made in the health sector and called it an exemplary effort.

Steps towards women empowerment and rural employment

During the meeting, it was told that work is being done to accelerate development in various fields in Dumri, an aspiring block of the district, in this sequence, self-employment opportunities have been provided to rural women under a new initiative "Project Kishori". Sanitary pads are being manufactured by women of self-help groups, which are being supplied to four nearby districts. Under the Ragi Mission being run in the district, women have been trained in the field of ragi production.

Minister Shantanu Thakur visits various new projects in Gumla

DN ■ Gumla

Union Minister Shri Shantanu Thakur (Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways) visited various development projects in Gumla district and reviewed the progress of the related works. During this, he inspected the "Ragi Mission" project promoting empowerment and self-employment of rural women. The Minister visited the Ragi Processing Center, where rural women welcomed him in traditional ways. He observed the resources available at the center and tasted the products made from Ragi. He praised the quality of the products and called this initiative an important step for the rural economy and Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.



country and internationally. Minister Thakur said, "The visit was full of experience and inspiration. The Central Government has made special provision in the budget to promote millets, and this initiative in Gumla is a great example of it. The annual turnover of Rs 3 crore of the Ragi Processing Centre under Gumla Ragi Mission is a proof that with the right direction and support, rural

women can become self-reliant." He appreciated the efforts of the rural women and said that all possible assistance will be provided from the Centre to make this project stronger. Besides this, the Minister distributed assets among the beneficiaries of various schemes. The beneficiaries were given benefits of schemes including Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, and Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, among others. The Minister praised the collective effort of the district administration and women in Gumla and promised that the project would be presented before the Prime Minister. He described the Ragi Mission as a perfect example of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. During this period, mainly Deputy Commissioner Mr. Karna Satyarthi, Deputy Development Commissioner Mr. Dileshwar Mahato, Project Director PDITDA Ms. Reena Hansda, District Planning Officer Mr. Raman Arya, DPM JSLPS other related officers, staff and others were present.

Agenda meeting between Coal Mines Workers Union and RA Mining Company Management

DN ■ Ramgarh

An agenda meeting was held between Coal Mines Workers Union and RA Mining Company Management at Sayal Project Office on Thursday. Sayal PO Subodh Kumar, Incharge Jitendra Singh were present on behalf of RA Mining in the talks. In the agenda meeting, Barka-Sayal Regional Secretary of the Union, Dr. Ashish Kumar demanded implementation of Coal India's High Power Committee salary to the workers working in mining, 8 hours of work from the workers, CMPF, regular sprinkling of water on the roads, etc.

On which Mining Management Jitendra Singh assured to take positive initiative. He said that water will be sprinkled wherever needed. Positive initiative will be taken on the demand letter given by the union. Also, local unemployed will be employed. On the occasion, Dr. Ashish Kumar has said that if initiative is not



taken on our demands, then a strong protest will be held against the company in the coming days. The entire responsibility of which will be of the management. Union's Barka-Sayal regional secretary Dr. Ashish Kumar, branch secretary Rahul Singh and from the management's side, manager Aslam Khan, Vinod Kumar Pandey, Alok Kumar etc. were present in the talks.

Jharkhand Police's Public Grievance Solution Program on 18th



DN ■ Ranchi

Jharkhand DGP Anurag Gupta has directed the SSPs and SPs of the districts to organize a public complaint program on December 18 in all the districts of the state. In which the common people will put their problems in front of ADG, IG and DIG rank officers of the police.

The DGP has also directed the concerned officials to review the compliance of the instructions given regarding the six thousand complaints received in the Public Grievance Solution Program held earlier on 21 August 2024. An order has been issued from the Police Headquarters in this regard.

Temperature of these 13 places in Jharkhand is less than 9 degrees

DN ■ Ranchi

The temperature of 13 places in Jharkhand has gone below 9 degrees centigrade. Cold wave is being seen in 10 districts. The chill has increased due to cold winds in the morning. The minimum temperature of 10 centers has been recorded at 8 degrees or below. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has given this information.

Ranchi's maximum temperature 24.8 degrees centigrade

IMD's Ranchi-based weather center said on Friday that the maximum temperature of the capital Ranchi was recorded at 24.8 degrees centigrade in Hinoo. The minimum temperature here was 10 degrees centigrade. The Meteorological Department said that the highest temper-



ature of the state was recorded in Chaibasa of West Singhbhum.

Dhanbad's minimum temperature is the lowest 7 degrees

He said that the maximum temperature in Chaibasa was recorded at 29 degrees centigrade. At the same time, the lowest minimum temperature in Jharkhand was recorded at 7 degrees Celsius in Dhanbad.

Name of weather station & Minimum temperature on 13 December

Daltonganj- 7.9 degree centigrade	Palamu- 7.7 degree centigrade
Bokaro- 8.1 degree centigrade	Ramgarh- 7.2 degree centigrade
Deoigarh- 8.2 degree centigrade	Simdega- 7.5 degree centigrade
Dhanbad- 7.0 degree centigrade	Jagannathpur- 7.7 degree centigrade
Hazaribagh- 8.2 degree centigrade	Lohardaga- 7.6 degree centigrade
Jamtara- 7.5 degree centigrade	Pakur- 8.8 degree centigrade
Baharagora- 8.1 degree centigrade	

Ranchi's minimum temperature increased by 1.4 degrees centigrade to 10 degrees during the last 24 hours, which is 0.4 degrees centigrade less than normal.

Jamshedpur's minimum temperature dropped by 2.6 degrees centigrade

Jamshedpur's minimum temperature has increased by 0.3 degrees centigrade. The minimum temperature here was recorded at 9.6 degrees, which is 2.6 degrees below normal. The minimum temperature in

Daltonganj dropped by 0.4 degrees to 7.9 degrees centigrade. This is 2.2 degrees centigrade less than normal. There was no change in the minimum temperature in Bokaro. It was 8.1 degrees yesterday, which is 4.5 degrees centigrade less than the normal temperature of this day.

Chaibasa's minimum temperature dropped by 0.4 degrees to 9.2 degrees, which is 3.3 degrees centigrade less than normal.

Bharat Gaurav tourist train will run from Jharkhand for the first time

IRCTC will provide Shirdi Darshan along with seven Jyotirlingas

- ▶ Pilgrimage will start from 5th January
- ▶ Will provide Shirdi Darshan along with seven Jyotirlingas
- ▶ Train will run on these routes
- ▶ Facilities will be available in pilgrimage

DN ■ Ranchi

If you are also thinking of visiting Jyotirlingas, then this news is for you. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has planned to run Bharat Gaurav Tourist Circuit Special Train from Jharkhand for the first time. This train will run from Jharsuguda from 5th January, which will provide Shirdi Darshan along



with seven Jyotirlingas. These include Bhimashankar, Dwarka, Grishneshwar, Mahakaleshwar, Nageshwar, Omkareshwar, Trimabakeshwar, Shirdi and Somnath. This journey will be from 5th January to 17th January (12 nights/13 days).

Interested pilgrims can get detailed information

and booking for the journey by visiting IRCTC office (near railway station Ranchi, parcel office) or by calling on 8595937711. Interested pilgrims will have to pay Rs 24330 for sleeper class and Rs 42655 for 3 AC. All taxes are also included in this. You can also book tickets through IRCTC website www.irctctourism.com.

Beautification and development of the capital will be done: Secretary

In the first phase, Kutchery Chowk area will be redeveloped

DN ■ Ranchi

Principal Secretary of Urban Development and Housing Department Sunil Kumar has directed JUSCO to develop the capital Ranchi in accordance with its name and dignity. The Principal Secretary gave this instruction during a meeting held in the office room in the Project Bhawan on Friday. The blueprint prepared by JUSCO for the beautification and development of Kachhari Chowk and the areas around the Deputy Commissioner's office in the first phase was presented before the Principal Secretary. After seeing the presentation, the Principal Secretary said that proposals related to the development and beautification of other major areas of the city should be prepared soon just like



Kachhari Chowk.

There are various government offices in the Kachhari area, the main center of the city, due to which there is a lot of traffic pressure. To make it smooth, proposals for integrated development were presented. This area will be made attractive by widening the existing roads, beautifying them, constructing footpaths and making provision for drainage system and lighting. Under this, a plan has been prepared for integrated development of Deputy

Commissioner's Office, Commissioner's Office, Line Tank Pond, Sharda Babu Lane and other connecting roads. The Principal Secretary directed that a detailed report of all the vacant government land and old government buildings be prepared and presented before him. He said that the report should mention the public facilities available to the common people 24 hours a day. Provision should be made for walking market, park, tree plantation and lighting so that the view of this Kachhari area situated in the heart of the city looks beautiful. The Principal Secretary directed to coordinate with the Energy Department to streamline the electricity wires spread haphazardly in the city. He also asked to prepare a report on the beautification of LPN Shahdev Chowk to Kanke Marg.

Hollywood film "Mahayogi" gives the message of stop fighting and being united

DN ■ Ranchi

On one hand, today, films are showing tremendous violence, abuse, hatred, action, fighting, whereas in such an era, producer director Rajan Luthra's Hollywood film Mahayogi gives the message of stopping war and talks about mutual love, affection and peace. The film has been released in theatres this week by Rakesh Sabharwal of Prince Movies all over India. This film is being released in India under the supervision of Narendra Sharma.

The film Mahayogi, produced under the banner of production house Trilock Films inc USA, presents a heart touching story. The whole humanity of the world should live in love and peace and should not fight. This Hollywood



film Mahayogi, which gives the message that there should never be a war between two countries, is worth watching.

The name of the film Mahayogi will make you think that it is a spiritual movie but it is not a spiritual movie. However, Rajan Luthra has played a character similar to Lord Shiva who is the central character in the film.

God's heart is crying seeing people fighting among themselves in the name of politics and religion. Casteism, apartheid, racial discrimination has increased today. Neighboring countries are bent on war and people are not ready to live together with their neighbors. There is unrest, bombs, missiles and the death everywhere. In such circumstances, a volcano of anger is erupting from inside the earth.

In such a situation, Mahayogi has come to tell all of us that this will not happen again. Now the time

has come for humanity to wake up. Kalyug is about to end and soon Satyug will begin. The film gives the message that we should forget religious, social and internal discrimination and walk on the path of mutual love, peace and global unity. Only then will the good times begin.

Producer director Rajan Luthra is conveying the message of God to people through his film "Mahayogi Highway 1 to Oneness" that God resides in mutual love, harmony and unity. In the film, glimpses of American cities San Francisco, Los Angeles look attractive, while the beautiful locations of Haridwar and Kedarnath also captivate the mind. Such cinema, which is important for the society, should be watched.

High Court directed Ranchi DC to appear in person

DN ■ Ranchi

The petition filed for rehabilitation of footpath shopkeepers of Morhabadi was heard in the High Court on Friday. During the hearing, the reply from the district administration could not be filed in the court. After which the court has directed the DC of Ranchi district to appear in person in the next hearing. Now the court will hear the case on January 3. The case was heard in the court of High Court Judge Justice Anubha Rawat. Advocate Anurag Kashyap argued on behalf of the petitioners.

Labour Planning Department's eye on construction of World Skill Center

Ranchi: Labour, Planning, Training and Skill Development Department, Jharkhand has set a target of construction of World Skill Center in the state. On Friday, a review meeting was held in Shaurya Auditorium, Ranchi under the chairmanship of departmental minister Sanjay Prasad Yadav. During this, the minister gave necessary instructions on other points besides World Skill Center. Said that the recovery of labor cess should be doubled. Keeping the future in mind, skill training should be given in new sectors like Solar, DV, AI. Better facilities should be provided in labor hospitals.

News In Brief

More than 400 assistant police inspectors transferred

Ranchi: Police headquarters has transferred more than 400 assistant police inspectors. A notification has been issued in this regard. The SSP and SP of the district have been asked to submit a report of the transferred assistant police inspectors to the headquarters.

Officers deputed to check certificates of JSSC-CGL pass candidates



Ranchi: Five officers of Jharkhand Secretariat Service have been deputed to Jharkhand State Staff Selection Commission to check the certificates of the candidates as per the vacancy given by the concerned departments under Jharkhand General Graduate Qualification Combined Competitive Examination 2023. The Personnel Department has issued a notification in this regard.

Sunil Kumar, Under Secretary, Personnel Department, Sangeet Kumar Bhagat, SO, Personnel, Deepti Shikha Herenz, Industries, Kartik Banra, Tourism Department, Chandradeep Ekka, School Education Department.

Team of officials reached 3 famous hotels of Ranchi

DN ■ Ranchi

As per the instructions of the Municipal Corporation Administrator, the corporation team under the leadership of Assistant Administrator Chandradeep Kumar inspected the holding tax, trade license and water tax etc. in various residential buildings and commercial establishments under the corporation area on Wednesday and Thursday. In this sequence, on Thursday, the team measured the building for determination of holding tax in Hotel Radiant, Hotel Konark and Avon Guest House located on Station Road.

Earlier, notice was issued to the operators of the concerned hotels for self-assessment of tax. The tax collector of the Municipal Corporation had also contacted several times, but the concerned people did not show interest in self-assessment of tax.

After measuring these three hotels, the Assistant Administrator strictly instructed



the hotel operators to pay the holding tax as soon as possible.

He also told the hotel operators that in case of disobeying the instructions, the hotel will

be sealed under the relevant sections of Jharkhand Municipality Act-2011.

Notice to the operator of Nucleus Mall-2, pay the outstanding holding tax

On Wednesday, under the leadership of Assistant Administrator Chandradeep Kumar, Cambrian School located on Kanke Road, Nucleus Mall-2, Janaki Bhawan located at Antu Chowk and Kotak Mahindra Bhawan located at Yashoda Tower were inspected. The corporation team had given instructions to re-assess the entire campus of Cambrian School and a notice related to it. The operator of Nucleus Mall-2 located on Kanke Road was issued a notice and directed to pay the outstanding amount of holding tax as soon as possible.

The owner of Janaki Bhawan located at Antu Chowk was not paying the holding tax for the last several years. Due to this, the corporation team measured the entire building and issued a demand. Also, instructions were given to pay the holding tax as soon as possible. During the inspection of Kotak Mahindra Bank located at Yashoda Tower, trade license was not found.

The bank management was directed to obtain the license within 15 days. Apart from this, the team checked the trade licenses of various commercial establishments. City manager, tax collector, representatives of Shri Publications and Stationers were present on the spot.

Pay holding tax on time

Assistant Administrator Chandradeep Kumar said that buildings whose tax is pending for a long time or commercial holding has not been done even after doing business, should get commercial holding done as soon as possible and pay holding tax. Also, establishments whose trade license has expired should get the trade license renewed as soon as possible.

Appealing to the common people, he said that pay holding tax on time. Obtain trade license for business, otherwise the corporation will take legal action under Jharkhand Municipality Act-2011.

News In Brief

Intensive vehicle checking campaign at Tetulmari Subhash Chowk

Dhanbad: Vehicle checking campaign was conducted today with police force under the leadership of Tetulmari police station in-charge Satyendra Yadav at Subhash Chowk Tetulmari. During the checking, the trunk of all the vehicles, bags, purses and driver were searched. During this, drivers without helmets and documents were seen waiting for the checking campaign to end. During the campaign of Tetulmari police, panic was seen among anti-social elements and illegal traders.

Five-day workshop concluded at BIT Sindri

Sindri: A lecture series and training session was held today on the fifth day of the five-day workshop "Application of Remote Sensing and GIS in Research" sponsored by Jharkhand Science, Technology and Innovation Council, Ranchi in the Civil Engineering Department of BIT Sindri. On this day, Prof. Dr. AP Krishna of BIT Mesra was present as a resource person in the first session. At the beginning of the session, the coordinator of the workshop and head of the department, Dr. Jeetu Kujur, honored Dr. Krishna by giving him a bouquet. After this, while addressing the participants, he said that this workshop is a golden opportunity especially for researchers and students to upgrade their skills and understand the practical use of remote sensing and GIS techniques. In his lecture, Dr. Krishna highlighted the utility of modern techniques of remote sensing and GIS such as multispectral and hyperspectral imaging, drone-based data collection. At the end of the first phase of the session, Dr. Brahmadev Yadav, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, BIT Sindri, gave the vote of thanks and appreciated the informative lecture of Dr. Krishna. He said that this session was extremely beneficial for all the participants and it will definitely give new heights to their research work and professional efficiency.

Examination Centre Selection Committee meeting concluded under the chairmanship of DC

DN ■ Dhanbad

The meeting of the Examination Centre Selection Committee related to the selection of examination centres and evaluation centres for the Annual Secondary and Intermediate (Arts, Science and Commerce) Examination-2025 was held today in the auditorium located at the Collectorate under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner cum District Magistrate Ms. Madhavi Mishra. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner told regarding the above subject that the Annual Secondary and Intermediate (Arts, Science and Commerce) Examination, 2025 is likely to start from the second week of February. For the conduct of the examination, it is necessary to determine the exam-



ination centres in the districts in time like previous years. He told that like previous years, this year also the examination is to be conducted under the supervision of the district administration. Determination of the examination centre is the first and most important task of the process of conducting the examination, because by setting up the examination centre at the right place and affiliating schools/colleges with each centre in a systematic manner, many problems

related to the examination are solved and this also ensures the conduct of malpractice-free examination. During this, MLA Tundi Mathura Prasad Mahato, MP representative Dhanbad, MLA representative Jharia, MLA representative Baghmara and other representatives gave a proposal to select the school keeping in mind the distance in view of the transport system. Regarding this, the Deputy Commissioner gave necessary guidelines to the District Education Officer and all Block Education Officers. He also directed the concerned Block Education Officer to inspect all the new centers. He said that after inspecting the centers, ensure the arrangement of basic facilities like water, toilet, electricity etc.

Nirsa SDPO organized crime review meeting

DN ■ Maithan

Crime meeting of November was organized in Nirsa in the office of Sub-Divisional Police Officer Rajat Manik Bakhla. Mr. Bakhla reviewed the possible cases to be reported and executed in November in front of all the police station in-charges. Necessary guidelines were given especially in serious cases like murder, robbery, dacoity, rape, POCSO. Many necessary guidelines were given for the prevention of theft, house-breaking, vehicle theft etc. Guidelines were given for the execution of warrants, attachment, summons etc. Necessary discussions were held for maintaining



law and order at picnic spots on the arrival of the new year. In the light of the instructions given by the Superintendent of Police (Rural), many necessary guidelines related to installation of QR code and CCTV were given. Along with this, all other important topics were discussed. Rajat Manik Bakhla, Sub-Divisional Police Officer Nirsa, Ramji Rai, Police Station In-charge Chirkunda, Manjeet Kumar, Police Station In-charge Nirsa Police Station, Fagu Horo Police Inspector Chirkunda Zone, Ajay Singh In-charge MPL, Aakrishi Aman In-charge Maithan OP, Nitesh Kumar Mishra In-charge Kalubhan OP, Prabhat Ranjan Rai In-charge Panchet OP, Nitish Kumar Gulfarbari OP, Suresh Devgan Kumardhubi OP etc. were present in the meeting.

Blood donation camp at Pemia Rishikesh Institute of Technology

DN ■ Dhanbad

On Tundi MLA Mathura Prasad Mahato being made the chief whip of JMM, Dilip Singh, joint secretary of Indian Red Cross Society and founder of Yuva Sangharsh Morcha, congratulated him by garlanding him and giving him a bouquet. Mathura Prasad Mahato was present as the chief guest and Dilip Singh as the special guest at the blood donation camp. Dilip Singh said that Mathura Prasad Mahato always stands with the people in their happiness and sorrow. My best wishes are that Mathura Prasad Mahato continues to help the people with the same energy for the betterment of the people. A total of 43 units of blood were collected in the blood donation camp organized by Pemia Rishikesh Institute of Technology at Binod Bihari Mahato Memorial Teachers Training College, Topchanchi. The coordinator of the program was Priya. Dr. Rashmi, Vineet Mishra, Vivek Gaurav, Praveen Kumar, Ram Prasad, Sapna of Health Point Blood Center, Ranchi made a commendable contribution in making the camp successful.



Terror of stray animals on Jharia-Sindhri main road

DN ■ Jorapokhar

Road accidents are becoming a matter of concern on the Jharia-Sindhri main road of the district. The main reason for road accidents is not only the stray animals roaming on the road and faulty street lights, but the negligence and sluggish working style of the Municipal Corporation is also responsible. On this road, herds of cows, bulls and dogs can be seen roaming openly and sitting in the middle of the road. The problem of stray animals on this road has taken a very frightening form. Groups of stray animals come in the middle of the main road and affect the traffic, which creates the problem of jam. Due to the sudden arrival of these stray animals on the road, the drivers do not even get a chance to control themselves, due to which often the drivers themselves become victims of accidents. Many people have lost their lives in these accidents, while many have been seriously injured. Darkness on the roads and stray animals together are making every night more dangerous. Street lights



have been out of order for months at many places on the Jharia-Sindhri main road. Local people have complained repeatedly, but the Municipal Corporation did not consider it necessary to pay attention to this. Potholes and stray animals are not visible in the dark and this has become the biggest reason for accidents. People say that the lethargy of the Municipal Corporation has increased their problems further. The work of catching stray animals has come to a standstill, because the tender issued for this has not been renewed yet. There is no plan to repair street lights. Municipal Corporation officials do listen to the complaints, but do not take steps to solve them.

Public awareness campaign organized in LIC Sindri branch

DN ■ Sindri

As per the instructions of the National Executive, under the progressive Agent Policyholder Swabhiman Samman Public Awareness Campaign of Life Insurance Corporation of India, Agent Association LIAFI, Life Insurance Corporation of India Agent Association, on the day of complete rest, regional president Prashant Kumar Dubey said that more and more young men and women should become policy holders. For this, there was a demand to increase the bonus of policy holders, to give maximum facilities to agents like adding first year commission and T&M in gratuity, to give group insurance to non-clubs along with family along with PF-pension. Mandal Federal EC member Omeshwar Kumar Singh said that CLI should be paid under equivalent work equivalent payment, CLIA should get discount in club membership and maximum youth should get facilities to connect with the corporation. Branch Secretary Santosh Chatterjee said that there will be strong opposition to demoralizing and harassing the agents and the officials of LIAFI.



BCCL inter-regional T20 cricket tournament organized

DN ■ Tisra

Two matches were played today under the BCCL inter-regional T20 cricket tournament at Jelgora Stadium. The first match was played between Barora region vs Washery Division. Barora won the toss and decided to field first. Batting first, Washery Division scored 105 runs in the stipulated 20 overs by losing 8 wickets. Playing the reply innings, Barora's team scored 106 runs in 12.3 overs by losing 2 wickets and won the match by 8 wickets. CCU's regional personnel manager Mrs. Nirmala Kiran gave the Man of the Match award to Prashant Kumar Singh of Barora. The second match was played between



Katras vs Kusunda. Kusunda won the toss and batting first, was all out after scoring 72 runs in thirteen overs. Playing the reply innings, Katras's team won by scoring 73 runs by losing 6 wickets. They won the match by four wickets and entered the quarter finals. The Man of the Match award was given to Sachin

NIFT gives wings to talent: Director General

► NIFT is a suitable platform for creative students: DC
► NIFT organized one-day outreach program

DN ■ Dhanbad

National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), India's leading institute for fashion and design education, today organized the first outreach program at New Town Hall with the aim of connecting students and teachers of 4 districts with NIFT. On this occasion, NIFT Director General Mrs. Tanu Kashyap said that NIFT gives wings to the talent of the students. It has good livelihood options for the students. The aim of the institute is to empower people from every section of the society through education. He informed that the date for submission of forms for the upcoming session's examination is 6 January 2025, while the examination will be conducted on 9 February 2025. This



time the examination will also be conducted in Hindi along with English. About 5000 new students will be provided opportunities for enrollment in various streams. Scholarship facility is also available for meritorious students of all classes. Also, it was told that NIFT has campuses in 19 cities of the country including Varanasi, Srinagar, Patna, New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Gandhinagar, Jodhpur, Hyderabad. Deputy Commissioner Ms. Madhavi Mishra said that NIFT provides proper platform to creative students. Skilled students are given

guidance and training in fashion technology by the institute. She told the students that there are immense possibilities in the field of fashion and textile. Therefore, they should listen and understand everything told in the outreach program. She said that through the outreach program, NIFT has taken an important step in starting world-class education, which will provide students an opportunity to take the first step towards a creative career. During the program, the institute's alumni and famous fashion industry professionals Mukesh Kumar and Doman Tudu shared their experiences. Apart from NIFT Patna Director Colonel Rahul Sharma, Dr. Vijay Dua, Assistant Director Social Security Niaz Ahmed, District Education Officer Mrs. Nishu Kumari, a large number of students and teachers were present in the program.

Jharkhand and Bengal police will be alert for the security of tourists in Maithan Dam

DN ■ Maithan

A coordination meeting of DVC, CISF, Jharkhand Police, Bengal Police and Naviks was held in Maithan. In a coordination meeting held with Jharkhand Police, West Bengal Police, CISF and the Naviks of the Dam, DVC management stressed on taking full care of the convenience of tourists on the New Year in order to ensure security and better facilities for the tourists visiting Maithan Dam on 25 December and New Year. It was decided in the meeting that Bengal Police in the Bengal site situated to the west of the dam and Jharkhand Police



on the Jharkhand side will be alert everywhere in the security arrangements. To assist them, CISF jawans and DVC security guards will also be alert around Maithan Dam, so that the tourists do not face any inconvenience after coming to Maithan Dam. DVC management will also make arrangements

Lenovo's exclusive store launched in bank more

DN ■ Dhanbad

Lenovo Exclusive Store was inaugurated by Chief Guest Ajay Narayan Lal Dhanbad District Chamber of Commerce General Secretary by cutting the ribbon next to Hotel Black Rock at Bank More. After this, the guests lit the lamp. On this occasion, Lenovo's Jharkhand Head Krishna Singh, Savex Branch Manager Abhishek Kumar said that all the latest products of Lenovo laptops, desktop all in one and tabs are available at Lenovo's original tariff in Lenovo Exclusive Showroom at Bank More, the heart of the city. Store owner Lalit Kumar Agarwal said that attractive inaugural discount is available in the store for a limited time. Finance facility is available on zero down payment along with servicing facility in the store. On this occasion, guests and customers saw the entire products of the company in the store. Experts gave information regarding the features of Lenovo products in comparison to other companies. Customers were satisfied and took advantage of the inaugural discount and purchased the products of their choice.



Cockfight organised in Charkitand despite opposition

DN ■ Mahuda

Cockfight is being organised in the area despite opposition from social workers. The administration is not cooperating. The educated children of the village did not even come to school today to watch the cockfight. Alcohol, gambling and sabab in cockfight are adversely affecting the children. The matter is of Charkitand village of Singda Panchayat. Cockfight was organised with the help of some local youth Chotu Bhai Neta. Many houses have been ruined due to cockfight. People who came to watch the cockfight bet thousands of rupees on each hen. If the same money was spent on their children, the situ-



ation of Jharkhand would have been better today. Here, the Mukhiya of Kandra Panchayat, Rinku Devi, has requested the villagers not to organise cockfights in her Panchayat by holding a meeting at the Panchayat level. She has said that many kinds of problems have to be faced due to the organisation of

cockfights. Here, the villagers have informed the high level police administration about the cockfight taking place in Charkitand. They assured the villagers that action would be taken very soon, but nothing happened. Cockfights continued throughout the day and people kept fighting with each other.

Paddy procurement starts from December 15, MSP is Rs 2400 per quintal: DSO

DN ■ Bokaro

As per the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Vijaya Jadhav, District Supply Officer Shalini Khalko on Friday interacted with farmers regarding paddy procurement in Radhanagar Panchayat and Pindrajora located in Chas block. Farmers were made aware to sell paddy only at the paddy procurement center. Also, they were told not to sell paddy in other states through middlemen. He told that the government has fixed the minimum support price of paddy at Rs 2400 per quintal, support price 2300 and bonus 100 rupees.

DSO said that the district administration has



completed all the preparations for paddy procurement. Farmers can sell paddy at the nearest paddy procurement center and Lamps from December 15, 2024. He urged the farmers not to sell paddy to West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and other states at low prices. If there is any kind of problem, then get it resolved at the district administration or zonal office. This year, paddy will be purchased at the rate of Rs 2,400 per

quintal. To sell paddy, farmers will have to get themselves registered. Rayat farmers can sell a maximum of 250 quintals and non-Rayat farmers can sell a maximum of 100 quintals of paddy. The amount of paddy will be paid directly into the farmers' bank account.

During this, District Cooperative Officer Shweta Gudiya, Block Supply Officer Jitendra Kumar Singh and others were present.

State government should make Medical Protection Act, former MLA met Health Minister

DN ■ Bokaro



Former MLA of Bokaro Viranchi Narayan handed over a memorandum to the Health Minister of Jharkhand Government Dr. Irfan Ansari, demanding the formulation of a better Medical Protection Act keeping in mind the interests of patients, medical workers, hospitals and the general public and sending the amount of the Chief Minister's Asadhyay Rog Yojana to the district as soon as possible. In the memorandum given to the Health Minister, Mr. Narayan has said that there is a need for a Medical Protection Act in the state, keeping in mind the interests of the hospital and the general public in the treatment of patients, in its absence, every day the family of some patient complains of wrong treatment or

negligence and demands justice but justice is not received.

Mr. Narayan has said that in protest against this, some people block the road or vandalize it, assault on doctors and medical staff, after which it is common for doctors and medical staff to go on strike. Due to all this, other patients and the general public also face problems, hence a demand has been made to make a better Medical Protection Act to protect the interests of all.

Apart from this, appropriate action has been demanded to send the amount of Chief Minister Incurable Disease Scheme to the district as soon as possible. He has said that due to this, the treatment of many patients suffering from incurable diseases is getting delayed. Shri Narayan has demanded the Health Minister to take comprehensive action on both the subjects.

48th Annual Sports Festival celebrated at Ochinmaya Vidyalaya, Bokaro, Vayu House topped with 296 marks

DN ■ Bokaro

The 48th annual sports festival was held with great enthusiasm in the playground of Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Bokaro. Players from all houses participated in it with great enthusiasm and a huge crowd of parents had gathered to encourage them all. A total of 118 different games were organized with the aim of inculcating sportsmanship and commitment towards sports in the students. Students, teachers and parents participated in various games.

On this occasion, the chief guest was Kundan Kumar, CGM - City Administration, Residential Acharya



Swamini Samyuktananda, President Biswaroop Mukhopadhyay, Secretary Mahesh Tripathi, Treasurer R.N Mallick, Former Treasurer Anup Sharma, Principal Shri Suraj Sharma, Bipul Kumar Singh, Principal Rainbow Public School, Ranjit Kumar, Principal, Adarsh

Public School Vice Principal Shri Narmendra Kumar. The chief guest Kundan Kumar inaugurated the event by lighting the torch.

Chief guest Kundan Kumar, in his address, boosted the enthusiasm of the children and said that sports and physical activ-

ities play a very important role in personality development, and we should continuously promote sports for India to become a world leader. Principal Suraj Sharma explained the importance of sports and made the parents understand that sports are very important for the all-round development of children. March past, yoga exhibition, aerobic dance, drill and various sports competitions for boys and girls were organized in the sports festival. Students from pre-nursery to 11th class participated in it with full enthusiasm and zeal. Overall Champion House-Vayu House stood first with 296 marks.

JLKM block president Prashant Kumar's mother passes away, condolences

Bokaro: JLKM Block President Prashant Kumar Mahato's mother Urmila Devi, 66, passed away on Thursday night at 11.30 pm. She was ill for the past one year. On receiving the news, hundreds of well-wishers and JLKM workers reached Murhulsudi residence for the last darshan and to offer condolences. On Friday, her last rites were performed at Gawai river ghat. The deceased's only son Prashant Mahato lit the funeral pyre.

JLKM supremo cum Dumri MLA Tiger Jairam Mahato 9 Basanti Hembram, Central Women's Front treasurer cum Gomia Assembly in-charge Puja Mahato, Central Organization General Secretary Bhuvaneshwar etc were present on the spot.

We have to produce by being alert all the time: General Manager

(Sajeesh Gupta) DN ■ Jarangdih

The 67th Mine Safety Week celebration was organized on Thursday in the Jarangdih project open mine office premises of CCL Kathara area. Deputy Director of Mine Safety, General Manager of the area, ISO officer, various department heads, project officers, colliery managers and representatives of various labor organizations were present in the celebration.

On this occasion, General Manager of the area Sanjay Kumar said that it is organized in all the mines of the country only with the inspiration of the Directorate of Mine Safety. He said that there is no shortage of coal in Jarangdih. Provided we



are not able to get the land on time, due to which we are far behind our target. We have to fulfill our target at any cost. We have to produce by being alert all the time. He said that till now 3 lakh 98 thousand tons of coal has been produced by the colliery, which is far behind the target of 15 lakh tons.

He hoped that by the completion of the work, Jarangdih colliery will produce four lakh tons of coal. Deputy Director of Mine Safety Koderma Tejawat Naresh said that we should work, but not by ignoring safety.

News In Brief

Follow safety rules at all costs: Singh

Phusro: The 67th annual mine safety week was celebrated with great fervor at Dhori Khas colliery of CCL Dhori area. In the ceremony, the team of CCL's Govindpur project inspected the Dhori Khas underground mines and took stock of the safety arrangements. PO Ranjit Kumar gave a brief information about the Dhori Khas colliery. Dozens of workers of the project were rewarded for doing better work. ISO VP Singh and Conveyor Govindpur's PO Anil Kumar Tiwari said that it is necessary to follow the SOP of safety rules at all costs.

Death of son of BJP Bokaro District Working Committee member



Phusro: Vikas Kumar, the elder son of BJP Bokaro District Working Committee member Madan Srivastava, resident of Central Colony, Makoli, died of a heart attack on Thursday night at Asharfi Hospital in Dhanbad.

Local people told that he felt chest pain while working at ISM in Dhanbad. The company people admitted him to the hospital, where he died during treatment. On receiving this sad news, an atmosphere of mourning prevailed among the family members. Vikas was cremated in the Damodar river on Friday.

Nicotine addiction can cause problems like insomnia, irritability and depression: Aslam

DN ■ Bokaro

A seminar was organized on the ill effects of tobacco in Kendriya Vidyalaya-3, Bokaro. The program was presided over by the school's principal Krishna Kumar. During the program, District Advisor Mohd. Aslam told all the children about the ill effects of tobacco and the poisonous elements found in tobacco.

During his discussion, the District Advisor told the children that the intoxicating substance nicotine found in tobacco can cause serious problems like anxiety, insomnia, irritability and depression in children. The District Advisor told the children that if some-



one wants to quit tobacco addiction and is unable to do so even after trying many times, then send him to the Tobacco De-addiction Center, Sadar Hospital's OPD No. 13 so that he can be helped to quit tobacco. The school's principal told all the children that if tobacco is defined in one line, then tobacco means a storehouse of diseases. Whether

you take it in the form of smoke or chew it. It enters the human body and causes various types of diseases and then people die due to those diseases. So avoid this addiction and as a responsible citizen, make people around you aware of its ill effects. Social worker Chhotelal Das, school teachers, staff and children were present during the program.

Bokaro Vikas Forum and Shopkeepers Association will protest against the action- Anil

DN ■ Bokaro City

A press conference was held by Bokaro Vikas Forum, in this press conference, the President of the Forum, Anil Singh said that on the notice pasted by the BSL management on the illegal construction of the labor leader, the labor leader said that he has been given permission for the construction work by the Managing Director. Mr. Singh has demanded that the construction permission be made public.

He said that if there is permission, then by what authority have the BSL officials pasted the notice on his under-construction work. If they have the permission, then the person who pasted the notice should be terminated and suspended. It was said that on one hand, without any notice, the footpath shopkeepers are deprived of their employment and



their savings are demolished with bulldozers, while on the other hand, in front of the influential and rich people, the bulldozers of those officers are brought back on the phone of the influential leader by the BSL management officials. The honorable MP here had said that if even a single nail of the temporary footpath shopkeepers of Bokaro is uprooted, he will give a tough fight to BSL. Where has the MP gone? The fellow footpath shopkeepers of Bokaro are searching for him. Mr. Singh said that Bokaro Cooperative Colony

Housing Society was given to BSL employees for residential construction work. Today, in that housing society where officers are appointed by BSL management, complete commercialization is going on in that society.

On the other hand, by taking land on lease from SAIL in the name of Engineering, Medical and Service Trust, complete commercialization is going on and by doing illegal construction, transactions worth crores are being done every year on additional lands of BSL.

He said that Bokaro Vikas Forum and Bokaro City Residents Footpath Shopkeepers Association will very soon protest against BSL management. Mukesh Singh, Milan Kumar, Vishal Kumar, Rajesh Singh, Mohan Kumar were mainly present in the press conference.

Management should implement the Centre's Street Vendor Act for footpath shopkeepers- Kumar Amit

DN ■ Bokaro

BJP State Working Committee Member Mr. Kumar Amit met BSL Executive Director (Personnel & Administration) Rajan Prasad in the Administrative building and submitted a memorandum regarding the issues of contract labourers of Bokaro Steel Plant, unemployed youths, footpath shopkeepers, displaced persons and other public issues. Kumar Amit discussed in detail with Mr. Rajan Prasad on issues like providing non-controversial land for Transport Nagar in Bokaro, not to retrench contract labourers in the name of medical, to provide apprenticeship training to all local willing students on the lines of Rourkela Steel Plant, to reserve Class IV posts for displaced and local youths as before, to take initiative for getting Panchayat status to the remaining northern displaced villages, to



provide electricity and water connection to slum dwellers and Khatal dwellers at reasonable rates, to allot kiosks to footpath shopkeepers on license and make them permanent under the Street Vendor Act of the Government of India and give priority to displaced persons in it, to provide employment to displaced youths

who have completed apprenticeship training, to provide jobs to sports persons under sports quota as before, to give closed health centres in various sectors to private hospitals under outsourcing, to organize job fairs for local unemployed youths by the outsourcing companies of the plant, to expand the plant to increase production and sought directions for solutions from them.

Kumar Amit has also specially requested the management not to disturb Bokaro by harassing poor shopkeepers and people in the guise of encroachment free campaign. The Executive Director assured Kumar Amit to seriously consider these matters and take positive initiative. On this occasion, Chief General Manager of City Services Mr. Kundan Kumar and young BJP leaders Karan Gorai, Lalbabu, Chandraprakash etc. were also present.

Management should install CCTV cameras in Bokaro Steel City: Hariom

DN ■ Bokaro

BSL Non-Executive Employees Union has written a letter to the Director-in-Charge, Bokaro Steel Plant, demanding installation of CCTV cameras in the entire city. In its letter, the union has written that on one hand a private company is conferring the title of Great Place to Work on SAIL and Bokaro Steel Plant, while on the other hand the employees and their families residing in various sectors of Bokaro Steel City are troubled by the terror of thieves and thieves.

Along with the police administration, the security department of the city service is also helpless in front of the exploits of thieves and thieves. All the residents of the city are very scared of incidents like theft of valuables from homes, theft of vehicles parked outside, theft of tyres of four-wheelers, snatching of women's neck chains, snatching of mobile phones etc. These inci-

dents can be controlled by the use of technology. For this, a command control room can be established and CCTV cameras can be installed in the entire Bokaro Steel City and all its entry and exit points to keep a systematic surveillance of the entire city. From Naya Mor to Bypass Road, all the entry gates of Sector 12, 11, 9, 8, 6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, one CCTV camera on every two-three streets, each market, both the entry gates of BGH and parking, each hutia, city park, temple, mosque, gurudwara, church premises, all the roads adjacent to private schools, all markets etc. By installing CCTV cameras, all organized and unorganized crimes can be monitored. Union President Hariom has said that CCTV cameras can be installed in the entire city only with the money of CSR of BSL and other companies. The lifetime earnings of BSL employees are being looted by thieves, which is many times more than what they earn in their job.

News In Brief

Grocery shop caught fire, goods burnt to ashes

Pathalgarha (Chatra): A grocery shop located in Barwadih village of Pathalgarh block caught fire on Friday afternoon. All the goods kept in the shop were burnt to ashes in this incident. The fire was somehow extinguished with the help of local people. The shop belongs to Ganesh Dangi, a resident of Barwadih. People present on the spot said that the shop was closed when the fire broke out. Seeing the flames and smoke coming out from there, the fire was extinguished with great difficulty with the help of villagers. Victim Ganesh said that this shop was my only means of livelihood. My family was run by this. Due to this incident, I have completely come on the road. Ganesh has appealed to the block administration for help.

Awareness campaign for child marriage free India

Simaria (Chatra): An awareness camp was organized by Lohardaga Gram Swaraj Sanstha in Lutidih village of Simaria block on Friday. In the camp organized under the Child Marriage Free India campaign of the Government of India, the district manager of the organization Vikas Kumar Gupta and community worker Sita Devi gave detailed information about stopping it while informing the people about the Child Marriage Free India program.

BDO reviewed the schemes, gave guidelines to Panchayat Sevaks and Employment Sevaks

Gidhaur (Chatra): BDO Rahul Dev held a review meeting with Panchayat Sevaks and Employment Sevaks in the auditorium of Gidhaur Block Office on Friday. The BDO instructed the Panchayat Sevaks present in the meeting to complete the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. At the same time, he asked to close the records after inspecting the site and studying the measurement book in the MNREGA scheme. In the ongoing scheme operated by MNREGA, the employment servants were instructed to complete the well scheme soon.

A government school where teachers make students do their personal household work

DN ■ Medininagar

Former MLA candidate of Chhatrapur 78 assembly constituency under Palamu district, young leader Sandeep Sarkar has issued a statement. In which he has said that the teacher of Government-aided Middle School Kachanpur was getting the eighth class students of the school to do personal work of his house, which is reprehensible. In the statement, he further said that since last two days I was getting information that teacher Upendra Kumar Paswan calls the eighth class students from the school to his house every day around 12 o'clock and makes them dig and put soil in the potato field. When I found this to be true, I immediately called and informed the Sub-Divisional Officer Chhatrapur, District Education Officer Palamu and Block Education Extension Officer Chhatrapur. Also, when I reached the school and talked to the headmaster in this regard, the attendance of total 41



students was made in the eighth class, but only 21 students of eighth class were present in the school. Sandeep Sarkar has demanded from the district administration to take action against all the teachers involved by registering an FIR under Force Act 1986. At the end of the statement, Mr. Sarkar said that if this matter is hushed up, then the district administration will be in trouble. All the young friends are ready to stage a phased protest. On this occasion, CRP of the education department Sandeep Ji, Sikandar Ram, Pravesh Yadav, Malikchand Ram and etc were present.

District level monitoring committee meeting related to paddy procurement scheme

31 PACS selected for paddy procurement, farmers will get it at the rate of Rs 2400 per quintal

DN ■ Chatra

A meeting of the district level monitoring committee related to paddy procurement in the Kharif marketing season 2024-25 was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Ramesh Gholap in the Collectorate Assembly Hall. In which it was told that in the Kharif marketing season 2024-25, the state headquarters has set a target of purchasing one and a half lakh quintals of paddy for the district. It is known that the maximum limit for paddy procurement is



fixed at 200 quintals per farmer and at the time of purchase, the crop product should not have more than 17 percent moisture. In the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the paddy procurement process through PACS

under the district in the last marketing year, block wise, and complete information about all the action plans related to paddy procurement in this marketing year was obtained from the departmental officer. The Deputy Commissioner

directed the concerned officer to motivate the farmers to sell paddy in PACS only, sell their produce at the government-supported price and beware of middlemen. Apart from this, in the meeting, information was obtained about the availability of weighing machines, moisture testing machines etc. in addition to proper arrangement and cleanliness of the warehouse for storage after procurement in PACS. Out of the total 38 applications received for PACS, 31 were selected unanimously.

Labourer seriously injured after being hit by a pickup, referred

DN ■ Hariharganj

A labourer was seriously injured after being hit by a pickup in the field located at Arrua Khurd Middle School under the police station area. The incident is said to have taken place around 8 pm on Thursday night. The injured has been identified as 60-year-old Naresh Paswan, a resident of Maharajganj in Bihar state bordering Hariharganj. According to the information received, the injured Naresh Paswan was urinating. Then he came under the grip of an uncontrolled pickup vehicle. Due to which his right leg was badly damaged. He was rushed to CHC for treatment in a hurry. Where the doctors, seeing his critical condition, referred him to Aurangabad Sadar Hospital for better treatment after first aid. After the information, SI Nandal Sahini of the police station reached the spot with his team and took stock of the incident. In this regard, he told that this incident happened with a novice learning to drive a pickup vehicle in the field. The police is taking further action by seizing BR 26 G 2529 with National Decoration written on the pickup.



A.K. Singh College Japla inspected and verified by NAAC peer team

DN ■ Hussainabad

NAAC peer team verified and verified SSR in local A.K. Singh College Japla for the last two days. NAAC peer team chairperson Prof. K.A. Abubakar, member coordinator Prof. Dinesh Kumar Choubey and member Dr. Sanjay Kharat were welcomed by college secretary Mr. Prafull Kumar Singh, principal Prof. Suryamani Singh, Prof. Dr. Ramsubhag Singh, IQAC coordinator Prof. Arun Kumar Singh and NAAC coordinator Prof. Dr. Alok Ranjan Kumar. College NSS program officer Prof. Rajesh Kumar Singh and cultural program chairman Prof. Rahul Kumar Singh led the welcome party of their volunteers and students. Students welcomed the peer team in a musical atmosphere with drums, nagadas and mandar in the context of Jharkhandi culture. The peer team verified the details and analysis mentioned in the SSR for two consecutive days and prepared a report. Meetings were also held with former stu-



dents and parents. Many questions were also asked to the current students. On receiving answers to these, the peer team praised them profusely in the meeting held with teachers and non-teaching staff. The peer team also praised the cultural program and exit meeting during these two days. The peer team was satisfied with the presentations made by the heads of all the departments in the PPT presentation. The chairperson and coordinator member of the peer team praised the arrangements of the college in the exit meeting.

District level core committee meeting held under Mahila Lakhpati Kisan Abhiyan

DN ■ Medininagar

A meeting related to Mahila Lakhpati Kisan Yojana was held in the Collectorate Auditorium on Friday under the chairmanship of DDC Shabbir Ahmed. In the meeting, the objectives and action plan of Mahila Lakhpati Kisan were explained through PPT presentation. Under this scheme, work is to be done through convergence by conducting a survey with all the departments of the district and JSLPS. JSLPS has been made the nodal department at the district level for the successful operation of Mahila Lakhpati Kisan Yojana. While conducting the survey work, the department was instructed to provide complete data to other departments. In the meeting, various points such as institution building and financial inclusion were discussed regarding the strategy to promote sustainable livelihood for SHG families. Private sector participation - partnership with start-up, FPO, NGO, Rural Enterprise Center. Apart from



this, the work to be done under Micro Credit Scheme, Financial Inclusion, Bank Linkage, Women Enterprise Acceleration Fund, Agricultural Livelihood, Integrated Agriculture Cluster was discussed. Under MNREGA, Didi Bari Yojana for farmers was emphasized on providing 100 days employment to eligible beneficiaries by saturating them with job cards. In order to promote livelihood activities, discussions were held regarding promotion of industry, agriculture and non-agriculture, skill, enterprise. On this occasion, District Agriculture Officer, Animal Husbandry Officer, Horticulture Officer, Land Conservation Officer, Fisheries Officer, DPM of JSLPS, and others were present.

Nagar Untari police disclosed theft cases, accused arrested

DN ■ Garhwa

Shri Banshidhar Nagar Untari police station police disclosed the theft cases that took place in Jangipur Basti and Uka Kala (Chaubedeh) last month and arrested the accused Vinod Bhuiyan and sent him to jail. Police recovered 14 mobiles, two sets of silver anklets, a bronze lota and thali, a laptop of ACER company, and a modified Hero Splendor bike without number plate from him. Vinod Bhuiyan is a resident of Sirsoti Tola Mahuabari of Bijpur police station area of Sonbhadra district of Uttar Pradesh and used to commit thefts while staying at his in-laws' Koraya village (Shri Banshidhar Nagar police station area). In a press



conference held at Nagar Untari police station on Thursday, Police Inspector Ratan Kumar Singh informed that on November 19, there was a theft in the houses of Anuj Chandravanshi, a resident of Jangipur Basti and Geeta Devi, a resident of Uka Kala. Two mobiles,

jewelry and cash were stolen in the theft. A special team was formed to investigate these cases, which included SHO Aditya Kumar Nayak and other policemen. The team arrested Vinod Bhuiyan on Wednesday on the basis of technical evidence and secret information. During

interrogation, he confessed to the theft and the stolen goods were recovered at his place. Vinod Bhuiyan revealed to the police that he has committed many other thefts in Shri Banshidhar Nagar and Garhwa police station areas. He told that the stolen jewellery was kept in a steel box and hidden in the dam. According to the police, Vinod Bhuiyan has a criminal history in Uttar Pradesh. The accused has been sent to judicial custody after medical examination. The police will soon take him on remand and take the investigation forward. SHO Aditya Kumar Nayak, ASI Sanjay Paswan and other policemen were also present in the press conference.

Police destroyed opium cultivation in 15 acres

DN ■ Chatra

On the instructions of Superintendent of Police Vikas Kumar Pandey, the police and forest department team on Friday destroyed illegal opium cultivation in various places of Sikidag Panchayat of Kunda police station area by running a campaign. Under the leadership of Sub-Divisional Police Officer Pradeep Kumar, the police and forest department jointly ran a campaign and destroyed illegal opium (poppy) cultivation in about 15 acres with the help of two tractors. It is known that the police is reaching the opium fields through satellite images. The Maps Drugs app provided by the



Narcotics Control Bureau has become an effective weapon. The satellite image marks the opium flowers and tells the police the location of the opium cultivation along with latitude and longitude. On the basis of this, the police reaches the spot and is destroying the opium cultivation flourishing there.

Police station in-charge Prince Kumar Singh said that this time the police will not allow opium cultivation under any circumstances. Those who do farming should be careful or else they will have to go straight to jail, those who do farming are being identified. Strict legal action will be taken against them.

Safety of family is our first priority: Avinash Dev

DN ■ Medininagar

Saint Maryam School management is always committed to the safety of its members working in its institution. In this connection, blankets were distributed among all the drivers and co-drivers of the school bus. On the occasion, Chairman of Saint Maryam School Avinash Dev said that all the members working in the institution are integral members of our family. The responsibility of everyone's safety is included in our priorities. We want that all the members of the school can live comfortably even in the freezing cold, they should feel warm even in the horror of cold, so that they can perform their duties better. I believe that only by staying healthy will they be able to take the children to school and from school to home properly.



24x7 hospital inaugurated in Alam Nagar, villagers will get better health services

DN ■ Alam Nagar

The 24x7 hospital was inaugurated by the honorable District Magistrate Taranjot Singh ji in Khurahan Panchayat Bhawan of Alam Nagar police station area. The District Magistrate formally inaugurated the hospital by cutting the ribbon. On this occasion, all the top officials and respected villagers including the honorable head of the Panchayat Manju Devi, Udakishunganj SDO S Z Hasan, Alamnagar BDO Nishant Kumar, and Alamnagar CO Divya Kumari were present.

This hospital has been inaugurated with the aim of further improving the health services of the area, so that the local people can get immediate medical assistance. Many dignitaries including Dr. Santosh Kumar, In-charge Medical Officer Alamnagar, Pramod Kumar BCM, Dilip Kumar, health worker Shambhu Kumar Singh, Prabhat Kumar Singh alias Guddu Babu, Shiv Shankar Singh, former



Mukhya Virendra Kumar Singh were present in the inauguration ceremony. During the program, posted and working medical officers Dr. Rupesh Ranjan, Dr. Devesh Deep, Dr. Krishna Kumar and Shweta Kumari ANM welcomed the visitors and gave information about the functions of the hospital. This hospital will now provide 24-hour health services, providing better medical facilities to the people of the area. During the inauguration ceremony, everyone appreciated the move and hoped that this hospital will improve the health facilities of the area.

Creation of a healthy and clean environment is possible through efficient management of biomedical waste

DN ■ Araria

Biomedical waste, i.e. medical waste, is such waste generated during health services that can pose a serious threat to both human health and the environment. Its correct management is extremely important not only for health workers and patients, but also for the safety of society and the environment.

For this purpose, a one-day training program was organized for Jeevika Didi's about the management of biomedical waste in Sadar Hospital. In this program, Superintendent-in-charge of Sadar Hospital Dr. Akash Kumar Rai, UNICEF ADC Rakesh Kumar, Senior Nurse Nazia Parveen, and Manisha Kumari informed the Jeevika Didi's about the importance and utility of biowaste management and provided necessary training regarding its efficient management.

Hospital Superintendent-in-charge Dr. Akash Raj made the participants of the training aware of the importance of proper management of



biomedical waste. He said that it is necessary to properly separate the biomedical waste generated during health services and destroy it safely in accordance with environmental standards. If it is not managed properly, the risk of infection may increase, which can affect the health of patients as well as health workers working in the hospital and other visitors. In the training program, experts told the Jeevika sisters about the classification of biomedical waste into four major categories: biological, infectious, chemical and general waste. Also, they were made aware of the method of using

red, blue, yellow and black colored dustbins. The process of transporting and destroying the waste was also discussed in detail. Health workers were trained regarding the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), the correct method of washing hands and infection control measures.

Civil Surgeon Dr. KK Kashyap said that efficient management of biomedical waste not only prevents the spread of infectious diseases but also ensures the quality of health services. He said that such management makes it possible to create a healthy and clean environment in the society. Along with this, special attention will be given to the efficient management of biomedical waste in all the hospitals of the district.

The objective of this training programme was to promote proper management of biomedical waste in Sadar Hospital and other health institutions and to explain all the aspects related to its efficient management.

Meeting held between Janta Mazdoor Sangh and Bhurkunda Management in the project office

Management assured to take positive initiative on 17 point demands of the union

DN ■ Bhurkunda (Ramgarh)

A meeting was organized on Friday in Bhurkunda project office between Janta Mazdoor Sangh and Bhurkunda management regarding 17 point demands. In the meeting, the union apprised the management of all its 17 demands. On which the management assured to take positive initiative on all the demands. Bhurkunda Janta Mazdoor Sangh Secretary Baijnath Kumar, President Satnarayan Thakur, Rahul Jha, Renuka Devi, Ganesh Bhowmik, Arjun Sahu, Area officials Chaman Munda, Dashrath Kurmi, Ashok Sharma, Mahendra Singh, Raju Malhotra, Lokesh Kumar and from the management side Manager Qamar Fahim, Project Engineer Ankur Vishwanath, Civil Engineer Balmukund Kar, Personal Manager Bhandari, Ramkundan Mahato, Manager Underground Rajiv Ranjan, Jitendra Tiwari were present in the meeting.



Children of Shri Guru Nanak Public School visited Chhotanagpur Fun Keshal and Ratu Fort

DN ■ Ramgarh

Students from Nursery to Class 4 of Shri Guru Nanak Public School, Ramgarh were taken on an educational tour to Chhotanagpur Fun Keshal and Ratu Fort on Friday, in which eight teachers were involved. According to Principal Harjaap Singh, in an educational tour, children see things directly, which makes their knowledge permanent. By going on the tour, children learn new things and take their knowledge to a new level. Through this tour, children experience a different culture and gain cultural awareness. By going on the tour, children face new experiences and chal-



lenges, which develops their emotional intelligence. By going to Chhotanagpur Fun Keshal, children enjoyed different types of swings. By going to Ratu Fort, they came face to face with history. What is a fort like, how did

the fort keep the kings safe. We were informed about the shape of palaces and forts in ancient times. We learnt new things and developed respect for nature. The school will continue to organise such trips in the coming days.

Free human medical camp organized by SSB in Balchanda, 84 patients treated

DN ■ Araria

13 December 2024: Under the direction of Mahendra Pratap Commandant, 52nd Battalion Sashtra Seema Bal (SSB), Araria, a free human medical camp was organized under the civil welfare program in village Balchanda located in the working area of Outer Border Outpost Bhalua on Friday, 13 December 2024. This camp was organized by SSB with the aim of spreading awareness about the health of the villagers in the border areas and providing them health services. The camp was inaugurated under the chairmanship of Mahendra Pratap Commandant of Sashtra Seema Bal, in which Dr. Manoj Jat, Assistant Commandant (Medical), 52nd Battalion provided medical services. The health of the local citizens was examined in the camp and free medicines were distributed to them. A total of 84 patients including 40 men, 27 women, and 17 children were treated in this camp.



Dr. Manoj Jat, in his address, provided health tips related to food and made the villagers aware about the benefits of Shri Anna, taking a proper diet, maintaining hygiene and the side effects of addiction. He especially motivated the villagers to contribute in the field of health and education of women and children, explaining the importance of the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign. In this camp, local villagers were also motivated to produce fruits and vegetables, so that the jawans can get fresh fruits and vegetables and their health is better.

Munshi Bari Sangharsh football team defeated Nepal and made it to the finals, Barun Lakra became 'Man of the Match'

In the first semi-final, Munshi Bari Sangharsh football team defeated Nepal 2-1 and confirmed its place in the finals

DN ■ Araria

In the first semi-final of the Tufail Sibten Memorial Football Tournament organized by Modern Sports Club Araria, Munshi Bari Sangharsh football team defeated Nepal 2-1 and confirmed its place in the finals. In this tough match, Munshi Bari Sangharsh team performed brilliantly and defeated Nepal. In the first semi-final match, Barun Lakra won the title of 'Man of the Match' with his excellent sportsmanship. During the match, Barun scored important goals, with the help of which Munshi Bari Sangharsh team won.



In the second semi-final, there will be a match between Modern Sports Club Araria and Sarna Football Team, Purnia, and the final match will be played on Sunday. Jokihat MLA Shah Nawaz Alam and Zila Parishad President Aftab Alam Pappu will attend the final as chief guests. In the first semi-final match, Life Insurance Corporation of India Araria

branch manager Ehsan Sahil was present as the chief guest. He encouraged the players after the match and explained the importance of sports. Babloo Marandi, Ajay Marandi, and Sadre Alam performed their responsibilities as referees of the match. Modern Sports Club President Satyan Sharan, Secretary Ishfaq Alam, Rishabh Jain, Zaki Akhtar Ansari, Tanjil

Ahmed Jhunno, Shadab Shamim, Waqar Ahmed Kaif, Rajan etc. played an important role in organizing the tournament. Chief guest Ehsan Sahil said, "Sports creates mutual love and goodwill, and the purpose of this tournament is to encourage the players and promote unity in the community." He also said that the organizers have made better arrangements for the final match, so that the spectators do not face any kind of inconvenience. Apart from preparing for the final match, the tournament has also strengthened the spirit of sportsmanship in the region.

Students who performed well in sports were awarded certificates at Adarsh DAV Public School

DN ■ Bishnugarh

All the students who participated in various sports held at Vikas Vidyalaya Ranchi under CBSE Cluster-3 Athletic Meet at Adarsh DAV Public School, Chedra in the block were awarded certificates for their excellent performance. Also, the winners of various class competitions like frog race competition, kangaroo race competition, painting competition, Hindi writing, English essay competition were given certificates to encourage the students for their excellent performance. The school's principal Digvijay Narayan encouraged the students by giving them certificates and while discussing the importance of sports, he said that students should participate enthusiastically in such events for physical development. The school's managing director Sagar Kumar praised all the participating students and motivated them to perform better at regional and national level in future. On this occasion, the school's academic vice principal Pratibha Ansari and the vice principal of discipline Mukesh Kumar praised this achievement and wished them a bright future. The program was conducted by class teacher Suman Kumari of class 2. The school's sports teacher Ravi Kumar motivated the students and



said that those who work hard with true dedication definitely get success. In this program Rita and Mahjabeen Ara, Nazim Ara, Upasana Kumari, Swati Kumari, Renu Devi, Khushboo Kumari, Mini Devi, Mahjabi Naz, Jyoti Toppo, Neelam Kumari, Anjali Kumari, Monica Rana, Poornima Kumari, Hemlata Kumari, Yashoda Kumari, Ajoy Kumar Mishra, Prince Kumar Singh, Brahmadev Mandal, Saifullah Ansari, Tajuddin Ansari, Ashok Kumar, Roshan Patel, Ravi Pandey, Rajesh Kumar, Pratima Devi, Gunadhar Devi and a large number of students and teachers were present.

Basic care of skin and hair is necessary: Dr. Minali Middha

Rotary Ranchi runs awareness campaign on skin care

DN ■ Ramgarh

Most skin diseases occur due to lack of hygiene. If we take care of hygiene in our body and surroundings, we will be saved from many skin related diseases. Basic care of skin and hair is very important. This is said by dermatologist, hair fall and cosmetologist specialist Dr. Minali Middha. Dr. Middha was addressing a special awareness program organized at Rotary Hall Ranchi. The program was presided over by Rotary Club President Gaurav Bagroy. Dr. Middha said that skin disease problem arises due to dust particles, viruses and bacteria present in the environment around us. The skin of every person is not the same and neither do the same reasons have the same effect on it. Therefore, adopt measures to keep the skin safe while going out in the sun. Do not use any kind of skin product and sunscreen lotion with-



out consulting a doctor. The products used on the skin on your own make the skin thin and lifeless, which takes away the shine of the skin and makes the skin dry. Excessive use of soap on the face also causes harm. No medicine of any kind should be used for ringworm and itching without consulting a doctor. This disease occurs more in places where sweat comes. Therefore, such places should be kept dry by using powder. In the case of premature graying of hair, Dr. Middha said that to deal with this problem, get it checked by a dermatologist. Do not apply any kind of dye on your

own. Because, many types of hair dyes can cause infection on the scalp. Dr. Middha said that wrinkles on the face after a certain age are common, but premature wrinkles mean that the skin is not getting proper nutrition. To get rid of wrinkles, it would be better that whenever you have to go out of the house during the day, apply sunscreen prescribed by a dermatologist on the face as well as the neck. Avoid spicy and sweet foods. Avoid constipation. Drink three liters of water daily to maintain moisture in the skin. Dr. Middha said that the problem of acne is being seen a lot in the young generation. To avoid the problem of acne, clean the skin regularly. Avoid oily substances, sweets, chocolate aerated drinks and spicy food. Dr. Middha answered all the questions of the people present. On this occasion, Ajay Chhabra, Jogesh Gambhir, Anil Kumar Singh, Rajiv Modi, Shahid Pal, Rekha Singh, Manoj Tiwari and etc were present.

Rotarians will continue to serve the needy: Praveen Sharma

Rotary Club Bhurkunda presented a wheel chair to a handicapped person in Urimari

DN ■ Ramgarh

Rotary Club of Bhurkunda has provided a wheel chair to handicapped Anita Kumari, daughter of Vinod Bedia, resident of Urimari Garsula Bihad Tola, as part of its social responsibility. The wheel chair was handed over to Anita by Urimari OP in-charge Ramkumar Ram and Rotary Club Bhurkunda President Praveen Sharma.



On the occasion, Praveen Sharma said that the purpose of Rotary is to serve the needy. Helping a handicapped is a virtuous act. Now Anita will be able to overcome the problems of transportation by using this wheelchair. Rotary Club Bhurkunda Secretary Ranjit Gupta, Dr. NK Singh, Ajay Goyal, Chandrashekhar Agarwal, Karmveer Singh, Surendra Prasad, Baleshwar Bedia, Umesh Bedia, Sikasan Karmali, Lal Bahadur Manjhi, Surendra Bedia, Pawan Bedia, Mukund Bedia and many villagers were present on the occasion.

Reimagining anti-drug strategies in Haryana

INDIA is in the throes of a drug-abuse epidemic that imperils not just individual lives but also the social and economic foundations of the nation. This crisis ripples across families, communities and public health systems, demanding urgent and innovative solutions. While law enforcement has made strides in curbing the supply chain, addressing the demand side of the problem remains a formidable challenge. In this battle, effective communication and awareness campaigns are indispensable. Yet, traditional approaches — lectures and fear-based messaging — have failed to resonate, especially with the youth, who are most vulnerable to substance abuse. Haryana has pioneered a transformative anti-drug communication model that breaks away from outdated methods. Rooted in cultural relevance, informed by behavioural science and enhanced by technology, this holistic strategy not only warns against drug use but empowers individuals to make informed decisions and develop resilience. Haryana's approach exemplifies how innovative, people-centred strategies can create lasting impact. Conventional anti-drug initiatives often rely on one-way communication, emphasising the dangers of drug use or issuing stern warnings. While well-intentioned, these methods rarely address the deeper causes of substance abuse such as peer pressure, stress, emotional isolation and poor coping mechanisms. For young people, these campaigns often appear disconnected from their realities, diminishing their effectiveness.

Recognising these shortcomings, Haryana reinvented its communication strategy to meaningfully engage audience. The state shifted from fear-based messaging to participatory, relatable and empowering approaches, tailored to its communities' cultural and social contexts. This paradigm shift has proven crucial in bridging the gap between awareness and action. At the heart of Haryana's innovative approach is 'Chakravayuh,' an educational escape room that uses immersive learning to impart life skills and promote drug resistance. Participants work in teams to solve real-life scenarios, navigating challenges that require critical thinking, ethical decision-making and teamwork. This interactive format moves beyond just highlighting the dangers of drug use; it equips participants with essential skills such as resilience, focus and collaboration, which are vital for resisting peer pressure and making positive choices. Unlike traditional lectures, which often fail to engage, the 'Chakravayuh' transforms learning into a memorable and impactful experience. Participants leave with knowledge and practical tools they can apply daily. Haryana has adapted the 'Chakravayuh' concept into a digital format to broaden its reach. Collaborating with developers through hackathons, the state has created a mobile game, replicating the escape room experience. This gamified approach leverages the popularity of digital platforms among young people, making anti-drug education engaging and accessible.

This technological innovation is particularly significant in bridging the urban-rural divide. By delivering interactive content to underserved areas, the digital initiative ensures inclusivity. Additionally, it opens avenues for private sector partnerships, fostering further innovation and scalability. Haryana's model also integrates cultural and spiritual elements to connect with its audience. One standout initiative is 'Ram Gurukul Gaman,' a musical drama inspired by the story of Lord Rama's exile. The play serves as a metaphor for resilience and courage in overcoming life's adversities, delivering a compelling message: challenges are inevitable but can be met with strength and determination.

Why Baku climate change summit failed women

Climate initiatives that explicitly include women have been shown to produce better outcomes for entire communities.

THE most recent United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) focused on finance, but it fell short in many ways. As representatives from several developing countries walked out in protest, the contentious negotiations defied the odds to produce a commitment — the Baku Climate Unity Pact — from developed economies to deliver \$300 billion in climate funding annually to their poorer counterparts by 2035. That is triple the target agreed in 2009 (and reached, for the first time, in 2022), but it is nowhere near the estimated \$1.3 trillion in annual financing that developing economies will need over this period. Although the agreement represents progress, we must recognise it merely as a starting point. But insufficient financing is only part of the problem. The reality is that as world leaders clashed in Baku amid unprecedented international tensions, the true battle being waged was for the future of climate finance — and the role of women in it. Women and children are 14 times more likely to die in climate-related disasters than men and women comprise 80 per cent of those displaced by extreme weather. These disparities are not incidental but are rooted in systemic inequalities. Yet the so-called New Collective Quantified Goal on climate finance includes just one reference to women and girls. In paragraph 26, it "urges parties and other relevant actors to promote the inclusion and extension of benefits to vulnerable communities and groups in climate finance efforts, including women and girls." Women and girls' greater vulnerability to climate change reflects systemic inequality of access to education, economic opportunities and decision-making power. These differences are also apparent at climate-related forums. While this year's COP was heralded as the most gender-balanced in terms of registrations, women accounted for just 35 per cent of delegates (up from 34 per cent at COP28). Of the 78 world leaders who attended, just eight were women and only four addressed gender-specific issues in their statements. Climate initiatives that explicitly include women have been shown to produce better outcomes for entire communities. Moreover, women are already leading some of the most innovative and effective climate initiatives globally in areas ranging from sustainable agriculture to renewable-energy deployment. The conclusion should be obvious: the potential for gender-responsive climate finance to unlock more efficient pathways for decarbonisation, adaptation

and resilience makes it a strategic necessity. And yet for every \$100 of climate finance deployed globally, only 20 cents go towards supporting women and only 0.01 per cent of climate finance addresses both climate action and women's rights. Even so, COP29 was not a total loss for women and girls. The enhanced Lima Work Programme on Gender was extended for another decade, though without additional funding for the UN Framework

communities, it lacked the structural push necessary to ensure implementation at scale. To transform COP29's promises into reality, we need clear international guidelines for gender integration, backed by allocated budgets, measurable targets and participatory approaches to ensure effective, transparent, and accountable climate finance. High priority should be given to financing local initiatives, particularly in informal settlements, where women often lead climate-resilience efforts. Robust tracking systems — which monitor not only how much money is pledged, but also where it goes and who it benefits — are essential. Of course, steps at the international level alone cannot bridge the gender gap in climate action; national policy frameworks are also vital. And in India, too, women continue to be sidelined. According to the latest analysis from the UNFCCC, 82 per cent of countries mention gender in their nationally determined contributions (NDCs), but fewer than 26 per cent include meaningful gender considerations in their long-term strategies and investments. As countries prepare their updated NDCs — to be submitted this February and assessed at COP30 in November next year — they must incorporate gender-specific programmes and policies.



Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat to support implementation. In addition, the 27 gender-specific provisions in the final "Presidency text on gender and climate change" emphasised the vital role of women's full, meaningful and equal participation in climate action and the critical importance of incorporating gender considerations into all policymaking domains. The "Gender Action Plan" that countries agreed to develop for adoption at COP30 provides a framework for progress.

Despite these commitments, COP29 fell short in addressing critical intersectional issues such as the links between gender equality, peacebuilding and climate action. Similarly, calls to address gender gaps in skills — such as STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) training to access green jobs — and the care economy as part of climate action failed to make it into the final document. While the text encouraged gender-responsive climate finance and simplified access for grassroots women's organisations and indigenous

We do not know whether the international environment will be any less tense when countries gather in Brazil for COP30. But we do know that the failure to pursue meaningful climate action would carry astronomical costs as the proliferation of deadly climate disasters results in lost lives and trillions of dollars in lost output. We also know that if the fight against climate change is to succeed, it must be as inclusive as it is transformative. That is why COP30 offers us a unique opportunity to reflect on our priorities and align gender equality with the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals. The climate crisis is not gender-neutral, so our solutions cannot be. Without a consistent focus on gender-responsive climate finance, we risk perpetuating cycles of vulnerability. Thirty years after the UN's Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action established gender equality's place on the global agenda, we must achieve another leap forward for women's rights, this time as a vital part of the fight against climate change.

Case for secularism

SC to decide on Places of Worship Act

AT stake is India's secular character and vision as a special Bench of the Supreme Court begins hearing from December 12 a batch of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991. The legislation preserves the identity of religious sites as they stood on August 15, 1947. It also bars suits that seek to alter the status. The hearing comes amid intense judicial activity, particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan, in response to multiple civil suits questioning the origins of mosques and dargahs. The petitions in the apex court claim that several mosques have been built on the ruins of temples demolished by invaders. The law, the contention is, denies Hindus and members of other communities the right to reclaim their places of worship. Muslim organisations argue that the law safeguards the basic structure



Constitution. The affirmation of the 1991 Act in the Ayodhya judgment of the past.

provides hope that attempts to tinker with the principles of secularism and fraternity — that define the very idea of India — are defeated. A five-judge Supreme Court Bench has held that the Places of Worship Act is designed to protect the secular features of the polity. Historical wrongs, it noted, cannot be remedied by people taking the law in their own hands and Parliament has mandated that history and its wrongs shall not be used as instruments to oppress the present and future.

The outcome of the case could well determine the trajectory of communal relations in the country. For a former apex court judge, RF Nariman, the solution to address the disputes over religious sites, which he said were emerging like hydra heads, is strict implementation of the 1991 Act. The present and future cannot be held hostage to

A new & private race to the moon

India has created a Rs 1,000-crore venture capital fund to support space startups

THE election of Donald Trump as the next US President is causing ripples in many sectors — ranging from climate change to immigration. The space sector was also added to the list when the President-elect nominated 41-year-old Jared Isaacman as the next administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Isaacman is not a space scientist, an engineer or a public administrator but an entrepreneur-businessman. His connection with the space sector is that he has flown to space twice as a space tourist; is a trained jet pilot; and holds a stake in SpaceX — the firm founded by Elon Musk. His nomination — subject to congressional confirmation — has, therefore, raised eyebrows in the space industry.

Musk and Isaacman are friends. The former has also been nominated to co-lead the Department of Government Efficiency. Apart from carrying out space missions for NASA, Musk's business interests include launching space-based Internet service globally — using a constellation of satellites under a venture called Starlink. The company's application for providing satellite-based Internet services in India is pending with the Central Government and its clearance is subject to security approval from the Ministry of Home Affairs. Musk and his partner Isaacman becoming part of the Trump administration is likely to impact NASA's policies as well as the space sector globally over the next four years. The appointments come at a critical point for the American space agency, which is planning a return to the moon. NASA conquered the Cold War-era of space race, when it successfully landed humans on the lunar surface

in 1969. Post the USSR breakup, it built the International Space Station (ISS) as an international collaborative effort. With changes in technologies connected with space travel and renewed interest in lunar and inter-



planetary missions, NASA has embarked on the mission to return to the moon. The first moon race was entirely led by state-funded efforts. However, in the second race, private companies are going to play a big role. After NASA shut its space shuttle programme, it funded private companies like SpaceX, Blue Origin (founded by Jeff Bezos) and Boeing to develop reliable space travel systems. The agency has been hiring services from SpaceX to ferry cargo and astronauts to the ISS. For its lunar mission too, NASA must depend on private companies. For NASA's return to the moon after five

decades, both SpaceX and Blue Origin are in the race to develop lunar landers. The two companies are being funded to simultaneously develop lunar landers by NASA. If one fails or is delayed, the other can deliver on time. The total value of the contract for Blue Moon Lander is \$3.4 billion up to 2029, while that with SpaceX is valued at \$2.89 billion. In addition, NASA has a massive budget and awards contracts worth billions of dollars to commercial space companies for a range of projects. Isaacman at NASA's helm and Musk being a part of the Trump administration appears to be a clear case of 'conflict of interest.' Isaacman — with a substantial financial stake in SpaceX — would preside over the high-stakes contracts to private companies, including SpaceX. This apart, he has been critical of NASA's policy of parallel development of lunar landers. Musk has also publicly made fun of his close competitor, Boeing, for its problems with the Starliner spaceship that ferried Sunita Williams to the ISS but developed a snag, delaying her safe return to earth. Isaacman has also criticised NASA's Space Launch System project as a waste of public money. As the next head of NASA, he will have to take a call on several such issues. The first race to the moon was a highlight of the Cold War rivalry between the two superpowers. They eventually saw the futility of such a race, given the inherent risks and high-capita costs involved and began cooperating for projects. The ISS is the prime example of such cooperation between Russia and America and several other nations. NASA also decided to shift some of

its key tasks such as space transportation to private companies. The agency is funding private companies to develop new space technologies, thereby reducing the risks involved. Commercial players have benefited from NASA's technical skills by hiring its former experienced scientists, engineers and astronauts. Although, the second race to the moon — NASA's Artemis — is a state initiative, it will be largely driven by commercial space providers. This marks a global shift in the approach to space. The flight of an Indian astronaut to the ISS slated for 2025 is being projected as a by-product of Indo-US cooperation in space, but in effect, it is being executed through commercial operators and is paid for.

We are going to witness such a tilt towards the private sector in other areas of space activity as well. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has also started encouraging private players to develop satellites and rockets and launch them. The government has created a Rs 1,000-crore venture capital fund to support space startups. Private engineering firms are already major suppliers to the space agency. The head of IN-SPACe — the agency that coordinates the entry of private companies in the space sector — also comes from the private sector. Space exploration is not just about human curiosity and seeking scientific knowledge. It is as much about diplomacy, geopolitics, national pride and commercial interests. It is about providing commercial and strategic services such as location, search and rescue and is an aid to military campaigns. In the long-term, it could lead to colonising the moon and exploration of resources on planets. Should this activity be pursued in a global cooperative and collaborative manner or left for competition among private companies and billionaires? Even though competition breeds innovation and faster development of technology, it comes with a set of risks and dangers.

400 IndiGo flyers stranded in Turkey for over 24 hours without food, lodging

► **The passengers shared their ordeal on X, claiming that they were promised food and accommodation by the airlines, but the lounges were too small to accommodate nearly 500 stranded people. The flyers also claimed that they received no help or support from the airline's staff despite an over 24-hour delay.**

New Delhi. Around 400 passengers flying with IndiGo have been stranded at Istanbul Airport for over 24 hours, as delays to flights from Istanbul to Delhi and Mumbai left travellers frustrated and without adequate support. Passengers voiced their anger on social media, claiming inadequate communication from the airline's staff, lack of food, and poor accommodation. The trouble began when a flight from Istanbul to Delhi, scheduled to depart at 8.10 pm on December 12, was initially delayed to the next day at 1.30 pm. Passengers were left at the airport with little information or support from IndiGo staff. A flyer posted about the situation on social media, stating that while the flight was delayed by several hours, the passengers were not given adequate food, accommodation, or even proper updates from the airline. The individual questioned the airline's handling of the situation, calling it "bulls**t", asking how such treatment could be justified. Similarly, the flight from Istanbul to Mumbai, originally set to depart at 8.15 pm on December 12, was



first pushed to 11.00 pm, then delayed again to the following morning at 10 am. Frustrated travellers took to social media to express their dissatisfaction, saying they received no communication from IndiGo regarding the ongoing delays. Passengers reported that Turkish Airlines staff were the ones providing updates, and there was no formal announcement from IndiGo. Despite promises of lounge access as compensation, the lounge at Istanbul Airport was overcrowded and unable to accommodate all the stranded

travellers, they claimed on social media. Many passengers were left standing for hours, facing further discomfort due to the lack of proper facilities. Passengers also expressed their discontent at the lack of alternative flight options or clear communication regarding compensation plans. One passenger, who was on the Mumbai-bound flight, criticised the airline's accountability and customer service, stating that the situation was not just a minor inconvenience but a major failure in basic service. "Where is the accountability? Where is the empathy for the passengers stranded overnight at the airport?" a flyer posted, demanding an explanation and apology from IndiGo. In response to the complaints, IndiGo apologised for the inconvenience and assured passengers that they would connect with them directly. The airline acknowledged the issues but did not provide specific details about the reasons behind the delays. IndiGo also requested passengers to share their details via direct message for further assistance.

India signs Rs 13,500 crore deal for advanced indigenous Su-30MKI jets

The new Su-30MKIs, featuring 62.6% indigenous content, will be produced at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's Nasik division, with key components supplied by Indian defence industry partners.

New Delhi. In a major push to strengthen its air power, India has inked a Rs 13,500 crore deal with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for 12 indigenous Su-30MKI fighter jets. The agreement, signed on December 12, 2024, marks a significant step towards self-reliance under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative and bolsters the Indian Air Force's (IAF) operational capabilities. The new Su-30MKIs, featuring 62.6% indigenous content, will be produced at HAL's Nasik division, with key components supplied by Indian defence industry partners. These jets are part of a broader modernisation plan that includes upgrading 84 Su-30MKIs under the "Super Sukhoi" project. The



upgrades aim to maintain the aircraft as a formidable force in modern warfare by enhancing their combat capabilities with cutting-edge technology.

Key features of the upgraded Su-30MKI include: Next-generation AESA radar for superior target tracking, electronic warfare, and enhanced situational awareness. Advanced avionics and digital cockpit systems for better mission processing and integration with modern air defence networks.

Enhanced weaponry, including the BrahMos - A cruise missile, Astra BVR missiles, and precision-guided munitions, making the aircraft versatile for diverse missions. State-of-the-art electronic warfare suite for robust protection against radar and missile threats. Upgraded AL-31FP engines for improved thrust, fuel efficiency, and enhanced high-altitude performance. Advanced data link systems to enable real-time coordination with other platforms like drones, AWACS, and ground stations. Indigenous systems such as mission computers and flight controls, reducing dependency on imports and boosting domestic defence manufacturing.

The acquisition comes at a critical time for the IAF, which is addressing a depleting squadron strength. Defence experts have hailed the move as a vital investment in India's long-term strategic preparedness and a.

Opposition MPs move to impeach High Court judge over 'majority's say' remark

New Delhi. Opposition MPs on Friday moved an impeachment motion in the Rajya Sabha seeking the removal of Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav of the Allahabad High Court following his controversial remarks advocating that the country should function according to the wishes of the majority. The lawmakers, led by Samajwadi Party MP Kapil Sibal, submitted a notice for impeachment to the Rajya Sabha Secretary General on Friday. The motion, signed by around 55 members, is expected to be discussed before the end of the winter session of Parliament. Justice Yadav made the comments during an event organised by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad's (VHP) on Sunday. In widely circulated videos, he endorsed the implementation of a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and stated that laws should align with the preferences of the majority.

"This is the law... The law, in fact, works according to the majority. Look at it in the context of family or society... Only what benefits the welfare and happiness of the majority will be accepted," Justice Yadav said. The remarks sparked widespread condemnation, with opposition leaders calling them divisive and unconstitutional. The notice for impeachment states that the judge "engaged in hate speech and incitement" and "targeted minorities and displayed bias and prejudice against them" with his address at the VHP event. Earlier this week, lawyer and activist Prashant Bhushan wrote to Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna, seeking an inquiry into the judge's conduct. Bhushan argued that Justice Yadav's remarks were discriminatory and targeted the Muslim community.

This is not the first time Justice Yadav has been the subject of controversy. In September 2021, he drew criticism for making remarks regarding the sanctity of cows while hearing a case about their slaughter. Under the Constitution, a judge can only be removed through a presidential order following an address by each House of Parliament.

Bail For Bengal Ex Minister Partha Chatterjee, To Be Released On February 1

New Delhi. The Supreme Court has set a deadline for bail to former West Bengal minister Partha Chatterjee in a money laundering case related to the alleged cash-for-job scam and directed to speed up the trial against him. He should be released on February 1 - or before if charges are framed against him and witness statements are recorded, a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan has said.

Mr Chatterjee, once a trusted lieutenant of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, was removed as a minister and suspended by Trinamool after his arrest in a money laundering case related to the alleged



teacher recruitment scam in July 2022. The Enforcement Directorate had filed the chargesheet in the case, but the charges are yet to be framed. "We direct the trial court to decide on framing of charges before the winter vacation begins or before 31.12.2024," the Supreme Court said on Friday. The court also noted that Mr Chatterjee is still an undertrial accused and cannot be subjected to punitive detention. Senior lawyer Mukul Rohatgi, representing the politician, had earlier argued that he has been in jail for over two years whereas the punishment for the charges he faced was seven years' imprisonment. Mr Chatterjee's aide Arpita Mukherjee, from whose house a large amount of cash was seized, has also been granted bail, he had pointed out.

The Supreme Court had last month questioned the ED over low conviction rates in money laundering cases and asked how long the ex-minister can be kept behind bars.

55 Rajya Sabha MPs' Demand Impeachment In High Court Judge's "Majority" Remarks Row

The impeachment motion said Justice Yadav had crossed a line by "expressing his views on political matters in a public space" and that this was an egregious violation.

New Delhi. A group of 55 Rajya Sabha MPs, led by Kapil Sibal, has submitted a request to impeach Allahabad High Court judge Shekhar Kumar Yadav for "hate speech and incitement to communal disharmony".

In a 21-page motion submitted to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat Friday morning, Mr Sibal and his colleagues, including the Congress' P Chidambaram and Digvijaya Singh, the AAP's Raghav Chadha, the Trinamool's Sagarika Ghose and Saket Gokhale, the RJD's Manoj Jha, and the CPIM's John Brittas, argued Justice Yadav's speech - at a Vishwa Hindu Parishad event - "prima facie (shows) evidence (he) has targeted minorities and displayed bias and prejudice against minorities". The impeachment motion red-flagged what it said was Justice Yadav had crossed a line by



"expressing his views on political matters in a public space" and that this was an egregious violation.

"... there is no ground for sitting judges of the High Courts to affiliate with extremist groups or parties. No litigant can hope for justice in a court in which a member holds such a biased, prejudiced, publicly expressed opinion against the minority community and in favour of majoritarian approach." Some of those were mentioned (translated from Hindi) in

the impeachment appeal, including a reference to "seeing the Ram Mandir with your own eyes", "India should function according to the wishes of the majority... this is the law", and "I have no hesitation in saying this is Hindustan". The appeal cited a 1997 statement by the Supreme Court on Restatement of Values of Judicial Life, in which it was said "a judge shall not enter into public debate or express his views in public on political matters, or on matters that are pending, or are likely to arise for judicial determination". The actions of Justice Yadav, therefore, "are sufficient to prove grounds of misbehaviour and constitute charges of impeachment", based on factors like engaging in hate speech, targeting and making discriminator remarks against minorities, and breaching a constitutional mandate, it said.

Punjab farmer leader shouldn't be forced to break fast: Top court to government

► **The Supreme Court asked the Punjab and Central governments to immediately provide medical help to the farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal and persuade him to break his fast-unto-death.**

New Delhi. The Supreme Court on Friday voiced concern over the deteriorating health of Punjab farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, whose fast-unto-death entered 18th day on December 13. The top court asked the Punjab and the Central government to immediately provide medical help to the farmer leader and persuade him to break his fast-unto-death. The top court further asked Centre and Punjab government representatives to immediately meet farm leader Dallewal, but warned against the use of any force to break his protest.

In its observations, the Supreme Court said, "Human life is more precious than agitation. However, the government should not force the farmer to break his fast forcefully." The Supreme Court also directed the court-appointed committee to keep talking to the



farmers to resolve the friction issues. Dallewal has been on a fast-unto-death at the Khanauri border between Punjab and Haryana since November 26 to press the Centre into accepting the agitating farmers' demands, including a legal guarantee of MSP on crops. On December 12, Dallewal also wrote an open letter to

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in which he asserted that ensuring a minimum support price (MSP) to every farmer is like the fundamental right to live. Farmers under the banner of Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha have been camping at Shambhu and Khanauri border points between Punjab and Haryana since February 13 after their march to Delhi was stopped by security forces. A "jatha" (group) of 101 farmers made two attempts to enter Delhi on foot on December 6 and December 8. They were not allowed to proceed by security personnel in Haryana. The protesting farmers would make another attempt to march on December 14.

Samyukta Kisan Morcha leaders Rakesh Tikait and Harinder Singh Lakhwala are expected to visit Khanauri border on Friday to meet Dallewal.

Supreme Court to rule on 'Jai Shri Ram' chant in mosque hurting sentiments

► **The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear a petition challenging the quashing of criminal proceedings against two men who allegedly entered a mosque in Karnataka and chanted 'Jai Shri Ram'.**

slogans inside a mosque in Karnataka. The case stems from a September 2023 incident at the Badriya Juma Masjid in Dakshina Kannada, where two men allegedly entered the mosque premises, chanted 'Jai Shri Ram', and threatened members of the Muslim community, stating they "will not let Bearys (or Byari, a Muslim community) live in peace." The incident, captured on the mosque's CCTV, reportedly ended when people from the mosque office came out after hearing the commotion, causing the men to flee. An FIR was registered under Sections 447, 295A, 505, and 506 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), covering charges such as criminal trespass, deliberate insult to religious sentiments, public mischief, and



criminal intimidation. The Karnataka High Court, however, quashed the FIR in October, having earlier stayed the police investigation. The court ruled that the allegations did not fulfil the essential ingredients of the offences mentioned in the FIR. It further observed that chanting 'Jai Shri Ram' does not, in itself, hurt religious sentiments. The petitioner then challenged the High Court's ruling in the

Supreme Court, arguing that the court failed to consider the context of the incident. According to the plea, the slogan 'Jai Shri Ram' was deliberately chanted after the accused trespassed into mosque premises and issued threats against the Muslim community. The petitioner further contends that the Karnataka High Court erred in law by staying the investigation at an early stage and subsequently quashing the FIR. It asserts that the FIR outlined prima facie ingredients of both cognisable and non-cognisable offences, which warranted a proper investigation. The Supreme Court is expected to examine whether the High Court's decision to set aside the proceedings was justified and whether an investigation should be allowed to proceed. The matter is scheduled to be heard on Monday.



Face cream

ingredient may help slow down ageing

Using complex genetic data analysis and testing, scientists have shown for the first time that allantoin, which is found in botanical extracts of the comfrey plant and is an ingredient of many anti-ageing creams, can mimic the effect of calorie restriction and increase lifespan in worms by more

than 20 percent.

Calorie restriction -- a reduction in calorie intake without malnutrition, has been found to slow down the ageing process in several animal models from worms to mammals, and developing drugs that can reproduce this effect, without the side effects, could have widespread human applications.

"Calorie restriction has been shown to have health benefits in humans and, while more work is necessary, our findings could potentially result in human therapies for age-related diseases," said study lead author Joao Pedro de Magalhaes from University of Liverpool in Britain.

To identify potential calorie restriction mimetic compounds, the team made use of existing molecular signatures from human cells and

A commonly used skin care ingredient is one of several newly identified compounds that can mimic the life-extending effect of a starvation diet, a new study has found.

treated with a variety of small-molecule drugs.

The researchers found that worms treated with allantoin, rapamycin, trichostatin A and LY-294002 not only lived longer, but also stayed healthier.

Molecular analysis of allantoin suggests it acts by a different mechanism from rapamycin, a well-known longevity drug.

"Testing anti-ageing interventions in humans is not practical, so developing computational methods to predict longevity drugs is of great use," Shaun Calvert from University of Liverpool noted.



Say hello to bouncy hair with these tips



Want big bouncy hair? Follow these tips for volume that stays...

A layered haircut gives a more voluminous look

When your hair is cut in layers, it does not take a lot of weight on the strands on top and that is the reason they do not look flat and weighed down. And this kind of a haircut also helps to retain the shape given to thick hair at

the time of cutting, for a much longer time.

Stay clean and clear

Product residue can weigh down your hair and make it look limp. Make sure that you are thorough with your cleansing.

Mix and match hair products

After a wash, use a leave-in conditioner, then apply a serum. If you are blow-drying, then spritzing on a heat-protect serum makes

sense. If you want to boost roots then spray some thickening product with the ends coated with a little shine serum.

Sleep your way to voluminous hair

This is the easiest way to have big hair — shampoo and condition your hair. Let dry naturally. Before you hit the sack, twist the entire length of your hair and then roll it up into a bun. If your hair is too short for one bun, make sections of it and tie them up in soft scrunchies. You could make little braids too. The morning will see you with stunning, wavy hair.

Blow-dry the right way

Blow-dry your hair upside down with the dryer directed at the roots. After most of it is dry, flip your head upright. Now, pick up sections with a paddle brush and dry again. You could also use a root-boosting product.

Curls can add volume

Whether you have thin or thick hair, curls and waves can get you that instant volume you want.

Home remedies for hair fall in winter season

Using curd and lemon, or getting a hot oil massage during winter months, can prevent hair fall and dandruff, says an expert.

Rahul Agarwal, CEO, Organic Harvest, has shared home remedies:

- **Curd and lemon:** This combination helps you to reduce hair fall and acts as a natural conditioner during the winter season. It cures dryness of the scalp and reduces dandruff. Squeeze a few drops of lemon in curd and apply on your hair as a mask. Let it dry and then rinse.

- **Hot oil massage:** To regain strength and shine of your hair, massage your scalp with hot oil. It nourishes the hair skin and helps your scalp against winter winds.



- **Oil and camphor:** To keep your head and hair cool, mix small amount of camphor and oil and apply it on your scalp. It reduces dandruff and the itchiness on the scalp.

- **Steam:** This helps you regain the moisture

content and strengthens your hair. It opens the follicles of hair so that they can absorb more nutrients. Above all, steam helps in healthy hair growth, reduces hair fall and makes them shine.

- **Neem and coconut oil:** It acts as anti-fungal oil against the fungus that affects scalp, which makes it red and extremely itchy. Neem and coconut oil together becomes an antiseptic against dandruff and scalp irritation.

- **Neem paste and curd:** A mix of neem leaf paste with curd, when applied on the scalp reduces hair fall, prevents the greying and boosts up hair growth.

Go from drab to fab in just a few minutes

With the party season in full swing, you need to make sure that you are equipped to change from a work-dreary daytime look to a festive-cheery party look in a jiffy, despite that demanding job and a host of household chores.

Since you are getting dolled up within the office itself, the look should be one that uses only enough products that can fit into your tiny makeup pouch. One of the tips to keep in mind is not to experiment with makeup when you are in a hurry, rather stick to the tried and tested techniques. This step-by-step guide can help you transform in a matter of minutes.

Wash off the day's grime with a scrub

Begin on a clean canvas. After working the whole day, your face needs a good wash, so use a gentle face scrub to clean it up and remove all remnants of makeup.

Use a light-reflecting moisturiser and

under your eye with the base of your triangle, parallel to your lower eyelid. Then blend it gently with a brush or fingers.

Define your eyes

Use a black kohl or an eyeliner in some cool colour to line your upper lashes. Or try your favourite tried-and-tested (avoid experimenting with eyeliner if you are in a hurry) cat-eye look with a black gel liner. Then use an eyelash curler and once curled, apply a few coats of mascara to open up your eyes. Let dry between coats to avoid clumpy lashes.

Sculpt your face



primer

A generous application of a light-reflecting moisturiser will soften your skin. Priming your face is the next important step before you apply a foundation.

Choose a good base

Apply a light foundation with your brush if your skin is blemish-free. If not, then choose one that gives good coverage. Brushes are quick and give an even finish much faster than when you apply by hand.

Cover up with concealer

Use a mineral concealer with light reflecting properties to disguise under-eye dark circles. Apply this in a triangular patch



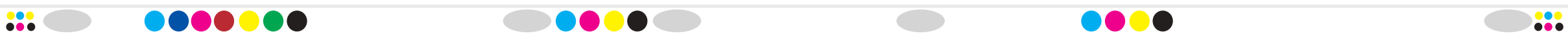
Use a bronzer and blush in tandem to cut and shape your face. This also helps to slim down your face and gives the cheeks some definition.

Embrace bold lips

Dark red lips spell party like nothing else can. Outline with a lip pencil first and then fill in colour with a lip brush. This is extremely important if you are applying dark colours. If not properly lined, it could ruin your look.

Opt for a quick blow-dried look

Brush and spritz some spray to plump up your hair. Use a paddle brush to lift your hair and backcomb a few sections to get extra volume.



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Viswanathan Anand shares throwback photo of Gukesh: The boy who would be King

New Delhi. Five-time World Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand continued to celebrate D Gukesh's historic world championship triumph. On Friday, the legendary chess player took to social media to share an old photograph of himself with a young D. Gukesh. On December 12, Gukesh defeated Ding Liren in a thrilling decisive final game in the Championship match to claim the prestigious title, becoming only the second Indian to do so after Anand. Anand, who met Gukesh as a child, fondly referred to him as the "boy who would be king" in his post, recognising the immense talent the young chess prodigy displayed even then. Gukesh shattered a 38-year-old record held by Russian legend Garry Kasparov, who became World Champion at 22 in 1985. At just 18, Gukesh has now etched his name into chess history. Gukesh is one of the students in the first batch of the WestBridge Anand Chess Academy, founded by Anand. The WACA has been supporting young chess talents with exposure to the best minds in the sport. The match against Ding was a closely contested affair, with both players tied at 6.5 points heading into the final game. The deciding Game 14 showcased Gukesh's strategic brilliance and composure under pressure. Ding, playing with the white pieces, seemed poised for a draw until a costly mistake on the 53rd move sealed his fate. Gukesh's



consistent pressure, aided by a pawn advantage, forced an uncharacteristic error from the defending champion, marking a dramatic end to the contest.

Following the victory, an emotional Gukesh was seen shedding tears of joy. In a moment, reflecting his humility and sportsmanship, the young champion rearranged the chess pieces on the board and applauded Ding for the intense battle they had shared. Anand's acknowledgment of Gukesh's achievement as a heralding moment for a new generation of chess stars resonates deeply within the Indian chess community. This historic win positions Gukesh as a global ambassador for the sport, inspiring aspiring players across the world. With this triumph, Gukesh has not only secured his place in the annals of chess history but has also ensured that India continues to be a significant force on the global chess stage.

Hojlund gets Manchester United over Viktoria Plzen, Tottenham draw stalemate

New Delhi. An eventful evening of UEFA Europa League action saw Manchester United edge Viktoria Plzen 2-1, courtesy of a timely brace from Rasmus Hojlund. Trailing 1-0 at half-time, United turned the tide in the second half under Ruben Amorim's guidance, securing the Portuguese manager's third victory in six games. Hojlund's stellar performance rescued United, but questions lingered over Marcus Rashford's form as the Red Devils continue to seek consistency. Despite their struggles, the crucial three points bolster United's campaign in a highly competitive group stage. Elsewhere, Tottenham Hotspur, managed by Ange Postecoglou, were held to a 1-1 draw by Scottish Premiership heavyweights Rangers. The visitors initially took the lead in the first half, but Dejan Kulusevski equalized at the



75th-minute mark, salvaging a point for Spurs. Though Tottenham dominated possession, their inability to capitalize on opportunities underscored ongoing issues in finishing critical matches. Rangers, meanwhile, celebrated the result as a testament to their defensive resilience and counterattacking prowess. Serie A side Lazio secured a convincing 3-1 victory over Dutch giants AFC Ajax. The match saw veteran forward Pedro roll back the years with a clinical finish, helping his side maintain dominance throughout the encounter. Lazio's midfield control and attacking efficiency proved too much for Ajax, as Maurizio Sarri's team climbed higher in their group standings, demonstrating their intent to progress deep into the competition. Arguably the most thrilling encounter of the evening took place in Lyon, where Olympique Lyonnais edged Bundesliga side Eintracht Frankfurt in a 3-2 nail-biter. Both teams displayed attacking intent and traded blows in a high-octane match, but Lyon's superior composure in key moments sealed the victory. The win was crucial for Lyon as they aim to reclaim European prominence, while Frankfurt rued missed chances in an otherwise valiant effort.

Cricket to Chess: Mental coach Paddy Upton a constant in India's sporting highs

Chess World Championship: D Gukesh gave a special mention to Paddy Upton, emphasising the significant role played by the mental conditioning coach in his road to glory. The former South African cricketer was also part of India's 2011 World Cup-winning team.

New Delhi. Paddy Upton has made a habit of shaping sporting champions. From crafting India's mental resilience for the 2011 Cricket World Cup – the cricket team's first title in 28 years – to inspiring the men's hockey team to a historic bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics, Upton's expertise has transcended disciplines. His latest triumph? Guiding Indian teenage Grandmaster D Gukesh to World Chess Championship glory. Gukesh and Upton began collaborating in mid-2024, with the connection facilitated by Sandeep Singhal,

co-founder of the WestBridge-Anand Chess Academy (WACA). Although Gukesh had a team filled with chess greats, WACA recognised the need for a mental conditioning expert. That led them to approach Upton, whose illustrious CV made him an obvious choice. Soon after the historic victory, Gukesh revealed his team of seconds (professional players who assist others) and gave a special mention to Upton, emphasising the significant role the former South African cricketer played in his journey to glory.

Upton, a former first-class cricketer from South Africa, understood little about chess itself, but he worked on shaping Gukesh's mental fortitude. Also Read: How 'heartbroken fan' D Gukesh was fuelled by Anand's 2013 loss. Gukesh needed to be at his mental best, especially amid chatter about Ding Liren's lean patch leading up to the World Championship. Some pundits even speculated that Ding might not show up to defend his crown. However, the Chinese Grandmaster surprised everyone with an exceptional performance in the opening game in Singapore, playing his best chess in two years. In the decisive Game 14, Ding was mere minutes away from forcing a tiebreaker in the Championship, but Gukesh's persistence, focus, and a critical blunder from Ding turned the game in his



favour on Thursday. "Paddy has been a huge, huge support for me in the last six months. Although he is not part of my chess team, he has been a very, very important person in this journey. One of the critical aspects we worked on was managing the uncertainty around my opponent's form and approach. Paddy doesn't understand chess deeply, but he understands sport and the psychology behind it," Gukesh remarked.

Upton and Gukesh held weekly sessions focused on fostering mental clarity and maintaining composure under pressure, essential traits for championship-level play. Upton's emphasis on simplicity became a cornerstone of their strategy. Gukesh's World Championship victory not only cements his place among the chess elite but also underscores the growing significance of mental conditioning in modern sports. As

Gukesh noted, "It's really cool that Paddy helped India win the 2011 World Cup. Thirteen years later, he has helped India win the Chess Championship." Speaking to Chess24, Upton reflected: "One of the biggest mistakes newcomers make at big events is thinking they need to do something special. The key is consistency – doing what you've been doing really well, one move at a time." This philosophy proved crucial in the gruelling World Championship matches, where Gukesh's ability to remain calm under pressure ultimately tipped the scales in his favour. Beyond mental preparation, Upton also introduced physical workouts to ensure Gukesh remained sharp and balanced. As Gukesh explained, "Not only the mental part, but he also planned workouts to keep me in shape physically. Our sessions were about having conversations, sharing thoughts, and receiving feedback. Paddy listened to my thoughts and gave me invaluable insights." WHEN UPTON MOULDED CRICKET AND HOCKEY CHAMPIONS

Upton's journey with elite athletes highlights the universal applicability of mental conditioning. In cricket, he was part of Gary Kirsten's coaching team that masterminded India's 2011 World Cup triumph, a victory etched in the nation's collective memory. ss

Chennai to Singapore: Gukesh's triumph heralds a new golden age for Indian chess

World Chess Championship: D Gukesh's success at the highest level and the rise of a young crop of Indian Grandmasters make for exciting times for Indian Chess.

New Delhi. A flight from Chennai to Singapore takes four hours, give or take. But for Indian chess fans, the journey to redemption has taken 11 long years. Back in Chennai, 2013, the dreams of a billion were shattered when Viswanathan Anand succumbed to Magnus Carlsen, ending his illustrious six-year reign as one of the best chess players in the world. Now, 11 years later, in Singapore, Gukesh beat Ding Liren in one of the most spectacular games in the history of the World Chess Championships. The final moments of Thursday's game will forever be etched in the minds of a billion Indians. Gukesh, realising the ultimate blunder from Ding Liren, composed himself and kept his emotions under check. In these situations,



the chances of a blunder increase many times. Gukesh, with a pawn up and going into the King's endgame, concluded the moment was his. He made the move, walked around the room and tried to keep calm. He laughed in disbelief over the blunder. When Ding offered the handshake, the emotions just poured out. A billion Indians celebrated. The World Chess Championships had come back home after 11 years. When Gukesh won the World Chess Championships, somewhere Viswanathan Anand had a calm smile. His legacy has only been cemented by Gukesh's immortal feat. Gukesh is also part of the Westbridge Anand Chess Academy. Now, the academy has produced a world champion. When Anand won the World Chess Championships, the era was different.

There was dispute in FIDE. Many westerners felt that an Indian did not have the mentality to win a major world title. When Anand won the title in 2000, many put it down stating that FIDE was split and who is the best player disputed. But from 2007 till 2012, there was domination unlike any. In Gukesh's case, there was a question mark as to who will take over from Anand. Social media and technology had erupted exponentially in the decade following Anand's loss. Now, chess engines were becoming sophisticated. Social media was the x-factor in preparation. Overcoming all of that at the age of 18 is truly a monumental moment. Speaking exclusively to India Today, Viswanathan Anand remarked, "Gukesh's win will go a long way for Chess in India." The godfather of Indian Chess has never spoken truer words. CHESS ON THE HIGH IN INDIA AGAIN?

In India, there is appreciation for the sport if you keep on winning. Shooting would never have grown big in India had it not been for Abhinav Bindra's epoch-making gold medal in Beijing in 2008. Javelin would not have been the buzzword had Neeraj Chopra not secured the ultimate prize in Tokyo 2021.

WI vs BAN: West Indies thump Bangladesh to clinch a memorable 3-0 ODI series win

New Delhi. West Indies capped off a dominant 3-0 ODI series victory over Bangladesh with a thrilling four-wicket win in the third ODI at Werner Park, St. Kitts, on December 12. Debutant Amir Jangoo's unbeaten 104 and Keacy Carty's remarkable 95 were the driving forces behind the hosts successfully chasing a challenging 322-run target, marking only the fourth time in West Indies history they've achieved a 300-plus ODI chase. Opting to bowl first, the West Indies' bowling unit, led by Alzarri Joseph and Roston Chase, restricted Bangladesh to 321. Joseph claimed two wickets, while Chase's consistent spin pegged back the visitors, who relied on a captain's knock from Mehidy Hasan Miraz in his 77,



alongside the likes of Mahmudullah's 84, and also a steady 73 from Soumya Sarkar. However, the total proved insufficient against a resurgent West Indies side. The chase began shakily for West Indies, with openers Brandon King and Alick Athanaze

falling cheaply. After being 86/4, Keacy Carty and Jangoo steadied the ship, forming a crucial 132-run partnership. Debutant Jangoo exhibited nerves of steel, anchoring the innings with precision and unleashing a flurry of boundaries to keep the required run rate in check. Carty, too, played a pivotal role, falling just five runs short of a second ODI century after a valiant 95. His dismissal at a critical juncture could have tilted the balance, but Jangoo's composed approach ensured the West Indies stayed on track. With lower-order contributions from skipper Shai Hope and Romario Shepherd, the hosts sealed the win in the penultimate over. Jangoo's century.

indicate thunderstorms on December 14. Australia captain Pat Cummins addressed this during his pre-match conference, downplaying concerns but acknowledging the possibility of interruptions.

AUS vs IND 3rd Test: Weather Forecast According to AccuWeather, the temperature on December 14 in Brisbane is expected to hover around 27 degrees Celsius, with high humidity. Rainfall probability exceeds 60%, with thunderstorms likely during the morning session. The match, scheduled to begin at 10:50 AM local time (5:30 AM IST), could see interruptions affecting Day 1. As India prepares to battle a strong Australian side and unpredictable weather, the stakes for the Gabba Test are sky-high, and the hosts have already received a major boost with their star pacer Josh Hazlewood returning to the mix after missing the Adelaide Test with injury.



Pat Cummins warns India of another bouncer barrage, reveals Gabba pitch prediction

New Delhi. Australia captain Pat Cummins has warned India of another barrage of short-pitched deliveries in the third Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Brisbane. After finding success with the strategy of targeting Indian batters with bouncers, the star fast bowler suggested Australia might continue the approach at the iconic Gabba. Cummins faced criticism for an underwhelming performance in the series opener in Perth, where India secured a commanding 295-run victory. However, he rediscovered his rhythm through the use of bouncers, claiming a five-wicket haul in the second innings of the pink-ball Test in Adelaide. Cummins bent his back and targeted the Indian batters' helmets, bowling them out for 175 in their second innings. After Mitchell Starc swung his way to six wickets in the first innings, Cummins rattled the Indian line-up with his pace and bounce.

advertisement "Yes, potentially," Cummins said when asked if India could expect more bouncers in the third Test. The Australian captain was addressing the media at the Gabba on Friday – the eve of the Brisbane battle. "It worked out in the Adelaide Test. It's always in the back of your mind as a bit of a Plan B, or if it's looking really uncomfortable and likely to take wickets, maybe it comes with Plan A for some of the batters." "It worked in Adelaide, so I'm sure we'll give it a shot at some point this Test," he added. India's lacklustre batting display in Adelaide helped Australia level the series at 1-1. While key players like Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma succumbed to seam and swing, several batters fell victim to short-pitched deliveries.

CUMMINS ON GABBA PITCH Cummins also commented on the nature of the



Gabba pitch, noting that it might not be as lively as its reputation suggests. The Australian captain explained that recent sunny weather in Brisbane will have its effect on the way the pitch would behave in the coming days.

Gabba Test: Complete Guide "I looked at it yesterday – it looked like a good wicket, like it has been the last few years,"

Cummins said. "A bit of sun baking it the last couple of days (means) I don't think it's as green and leafy as it was against South Africa," he added. Australia remained unbeaten at the Gabba for 33 years until India broke their streak in 2021. Earlier this year, Australia lost a pink-ball Test to the West Indies at the same venue. Interestingly, both defeats occurred in January, during the latter part of the Australian summer. Reflecting on the phenomenon of pre-Christmas Tests at the Gabba, Cummins said: "It's a bit more humid and hotter in January. Joshy Hazlewood always has some theories, saying Januarys are hotter and sweeter. Honestly, I can't remember much." Australia confirmed one change in their XI for the Gabba Test, bringing back fit-again Josh Hazlewood in place of Scott Boland.



Thand Bahut Hai

Shehnaaz Gill

Welcomes Winter With Her Desi Bonfire

Actress and singer Shehnaaz Gill is one of the celebrated figures in the entertainment industry. The talented star, known for her infectious energy and irresistible charm, has been winning hearts since her debut. Besides stupefying fans with her acting chops and impeccable style, the actress has been an ardent social media user who keeps sharing updates with her Insta family.

Having said that, the Bigg Boss fame recently posted a picture on her social media, showing how she is embracing the winter season in style. On Wednesday, Shehnaaz took to her Instagram stories, giving fans a glimpse of her cosy nights, spending quality time around a warm bonfire. In the snippet, Shehnaaz was cosying up near a bonfire while sitting near a group of people.

For the bonfire night, the actress picked up comfy casuals. She was dressed in a cosy puffer jacket paired with a floral palazzo pant. To beat the winter chills, Shehnaaz covered her ears and mouth with a purple scarf and mask. She captioned the picture, "Thand Bahut Hai."

Meanwhile, Shehnaaz Gill paid tribute to Sidharth Shukla on his birth anniversary today. On a completely black background, she penned a simple yet heartfelt post on her Instagram story, saying, "12:12."

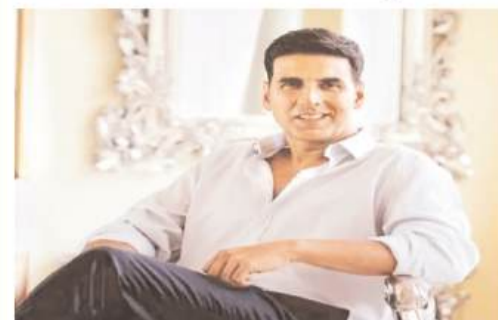
Sidharth Shukla and Shehnaaz Gill met on the controversial reality show Bigg Boss 13. Their friendship bloomed inside the confines of the house, and since then they remained one of the most talked-about aspects of the show. Their chemistry and playful banter won the hearts of fans worldwide. Even after the show ended, they were often spotted together at events and parties. The actor's sudden death in September 2021 left Shehnaaz and his fans devastated.

Speaking about Shehnaaz Gill's professional front, the actress was last seen in an item song, Sajna Ve Sajna, in the Rajkumar Rao starrer Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video. In the peppy track, she performed sizzling dance moves dressed in a drop-dead gorgeous, bold blue outfit. Before this, she starred in Thank You For Coming, alongside Bhumi Pednekar, Karan Kundrra, Anil Kapoor, Kusha Kapila, and Dolly Singh.

Now, she has announced her next project, tentatively titled Production No. 1, helmed by Amarjit Singh Saron. The actress also has Sab First Class in her lineup, opposite Varun Sharma.



Akshay Kumar Injures Eye While Performing Stunt On Housefull 5 Sets: Report



Akshay Kumar reportedly injured his eye while performing a stunt on the sets of Housefull 5. The film, which is in its final stages of shooting, has only a few scenes left to wrap up.

According to HT City, the incident occurred during a stunt when an object accidentally struck Akshay's eye. A source revealed, "An ophthalmologist was called on the set immediately, who bandaged the eye and asked him to take some rest, while the shoot resumed with the other actors. However, even with the injury, Akshay is determined to join the shoot back soon because the film is in final stages of shoot, and he doesn't want it to get delayed."

The upcoming comedy marks the reunion of Akshay Kumar and Ritesh Deshmukh, along with the return of Abhishek Bachchan, Shreyas Talpade, Chunky Panday, Jacqueline Fernandez, and Nargis Fakhri. The new additions to the ensemble include Fardeen Khan, Dino Morea, Johnny Lever, Sanjay Dutt, Nana Patekar, Sonam Bajwa, Chitrangda Singh, Soundarya Sharma, and veteran actor Jackie Shroff.

The film's production began earlier this year with an extensive 40-day schedule aboard a cruise ship. The ship sailed across picturesque locations, including Newcastle, Spain, Normandy, Honfleur, and Plymouth. Directed by Tarun Mansukhani, Housefull 5 is slated to release in theaters on June 6, 2025.

Apart from Housefull 5, Akshay has an exciting lineup of films in the pipeline. He will be seen reprising his iconic roles in Hera Pheri 3, Welcome To The Jungle, and Jolly LLB 3, promising a packed schedule of blockbuster releases in the coming years.

Besides this, there's a lot of excitement among fans about Akshay Kumar's upcoming horror-comedy film Bhooth Bangla, which reunites the actor with Priyadarshan after 14 years! The first captivating poster of the movie piqued fans' curiosity about the film. Now, taking the comedy and thrilling quotient a notch higher, the makers unveiled yet another intriguing poster of Bhooth Bangla earlier this week. Akshay Kumar announced that he has begun shooting for the film, while also revealing its release date- 2nd April, 2026!

Shraddha Kapoor's LOL Post Features "Thoda Drama" And A "Sad Song"



Shraddha Kapoor is at it again. Yes, you guessed it right - she has shared another hilarious post that is sure to make her fans smile. Her latest Instagram Stories features a street vendor preparing sweet potato chaat - a favourite for all desi food lovers. But here is the fun twist: in the background, the iconic track Mera Piya Ghar Aaya by Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, gives the video a dramatic, yet playful vibe.

Shraddha, being her usual witty self, added the caption: "Kuch nai vro...Sad songs sunne ka man kar raha tha, thoda drama kar diya." Too funny Shraddha, too funny.

Meanwhile, Shraddha Kapoor recently attended the Red Sea International Film Festival in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. On the red carpet of the prestigious event, she posed alongside Spider-Man actor Andrew Garfield. Pictures and videos featuring Shraddha and Andrew quickly went viral on the internet.

Later, the Hollywood actor spoke about his "lovely" meeting with Shraddha. "We had a lovely, very brief meeting at the red carpet. She seems very, very lovely and kind and gentle," Andrew said in a conversation with Pinkvilla.

Shraddha Kapoor's last film Stree 2 made all the right noises at the box office. In the movie, Varun Dhawan made a cameo appearance as Bhaskar, a role he played in Bhediya.

Interestingly, both the Bhediya and Stree series fall under Maddock Films' horror-comedy universe. Recently, in an interview with Pinkvilla, Shraddha was asked if she would be a part of Varun Dhawan's Bhediya 2. To this, Shraddha replied, "Only time will tell if any more cameos of mine come up in any of the other Maddock films. I don't know yet." Talking about her upcoming projects, Shraddha Kapoor added, "Very soon, I will share the films that I will be doing, which I will be shooting for next year."

Kriti Sanon

Spotted At Anand L Rai's Office, Fans Can't Wait For The Announcement

Tere Ishk Mein was announced in June last year with a fiery promotional video that featured Dhanush with long hair and a heavy beard look.

director's office. As she made her way out of the building, she exchanged a warm hug with the Zero director. She was also seen interacting with the team members. Joining the two was casting director Mukesh Chhabra.

Kriti kept it extremely casual as she opted for a blue sweatshirt paired with matching pants. She kept her mid-parted hair open in waves and let them cascade down to her shoulder. Previously, Pinkvilla reported that Kriti will be the female lead opposite Dhanush in Anand L Rai's Tere Ishk Mein. The film is going to be an AR Rahman musical. However, an official release date of the film is yet to be revealed. Tere Ishk Mein was announced in June last year with a fiery promotional video that featured Dhanush with long hair and a heavy beard look. Earlier actress Triptii Dimri's name also erupted to play the female lead in the film. Tere Ishk Mein marks Anand L Rai's third collaboration with Dhanush after the success of Raanjhanaa and Atrangi Re. Talking about Kriti, 2023 has been quite a blessing for the actress as she received audience appreciation for her performances in all her three films released this year including Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya in which she played a robot, followed by Crew which featured the actress playing a cabin crew and lastly, Do Patti in which she played a double role of twin sisters for the first time. Do Patti also marked Kriti's debut as a producer.

Kriti Sanon, who was last seen in the thriller film Do Patti, has still not announced her next project yet. But reports suggest that she will be next paired opposite south actor Dhanush in director Anand L Rai's upcoming romantic drama Tere Ishk Mein. As fans await an official confirmation from the maker, on Wednesday, the National Film Award-winning actress was snapped with Anand L Rai at his office. Several pictures and videos of the actor-director duo went viral. In one such video, shared by popular paparazzo Manav Manglani, the Mimi actress could be seen leaving the

