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Politics heats up over Jharkhand's dues on central coal companies CM has taken charge of this matter and said- 'Will not let a lump of coal go out'



New Delhi/Ranchi: After taking over the reins of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren is in full action. Hemant Soren is constantly attacking the central government over the state's dues. At present, the situation is that Jharkhand's Hemant Soren government and the central Modi government are face to face. Hemant Soren wrote on X that a detailed breakup of every rupee of this dues in favor of Jharkhandis has been given to the central

government several times - yet the BJP government's constant denial of it is a frustrated attempt on our rights. On December 16, after the Finance Department's reply to the question of dues of Pappu Yadav, independent MP from Purnia, Bihar, a storm has arisen in Jharkhand politics. If the dues are not paid, JMM has warned of stopping coal transportation from Rajmahal to Rajhara. On the other hand,

CM's advice to the state BJP

Despite this, there is a lot of politics going on in Jharkhand. CM Hemant has also posted a post on X on December 18 on this issue. He has given advice to Jharkhand BJP. He has written that if the BJP does not raise its voice with the people of Jharkhand, then it will be considered that it has equal participation in this usurpation. He has also said that a detailed breakup of every rupee has been given to the central government several times.

Chief Minister Hemant Soren wants Jharkhand BJP to raise its voice. On this issue, the state BJP has started a new debate by asking a direct question to the CM.

Center's denial

Note that the Jharkhand government is claiming Rs 1 lakh 36 thousand crore of coal royalty from the central government. The central government has rejected it. In the Lok Sabha, independent MP from Bihar Pappu Yadav raised the issue of outstanding money and asked why the central government is delaying in giving Jharkhand's

Hemant government's details of Rs 1.36 lakh crore

Discussion on the dues of the central coal companies started in March 2022

- CM Hemant Soren wrote a letter to the then Coal Minister Prahlad Joshi
- 2,900 crores in washed coal royalty
- 32,000 crores in excavation outside the mining area
- 41,142 crores in land compensation
- Interest of about 60 thousand crores on this amount
- The state owes Rs 1.36 lakh crore to coal companies

Now the Jharkhand government has taken the first step towards fighting a legal battle for recovery of the outstanding amount. The Special Secretary of the Land Revenue Department has been made the nodal officer. Now it remains to be seen what response comes from Coal India when the legal process begins. Because till now only the Hemant government has presented the claim. On top of this, Rs 60 thousand crore has been added in the interest head to the outstanding amount of Rs 1.36 lakh crore.

money. In response to that, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary has said that the coal revenue money of the Jharkhand government is not pending with the central government.

JMM's warning

After such a reply from the Minister of State for Finance in Parliament, the JMM government is completely attacking the

Center. The JMM spokesperson has also said that now they will also take royalty on the freight carried by the railways from Jharkhand's land. A warning has been issued to private companies by JMM. It has been said that the state government should deposit the outstanding money. At present, this matter is now gaining momentum. Especially after Hemant Soren wrote on X.

In Shorts Nothing wrong in Amit Shah's statement: Jagdeep Dhankhar

New Delhi: In the winter session of Parliament on Wednesday, the opposition created a huge ruckus in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, accusing the government of insulting Ambedkar. Opposition MPs were raising slogans of Jai Bhim and Mafi Mango in the House. Other opposition MPs including Congress alleged that Home Minister Amit Shah has insulted Baba Saheb. Know that a day before on Tuesday, Home Minister Amit Shah, while attacking the opposition during the discussion on the Constitution in Rajya Sabha, had said that it has become a fashion now. Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar...if you take so many names of God, you would get heaven for 7 births.

JPC will be formed on One Nation One Election Bill

New Delhi: One Nation One Election Bill has been sent to the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC). It is reported that Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will form the JPC. According to sources, Congress has approved four names for the JPC. These names will be sent to the Lok Sabha Speaker. Let us tell you that the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) is formed by combining the members of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha. The work of the committee is to review any issue or bill and prepare a report. The prepared report is sent to the government.

The names of Manish Tiwari, Priyanka Gandhi, Sukhdev Bhagat and Randeep Surjewala have been finalized from the Congress side. Congress will send these four names from its quota to the JPC.

CGL exam leak case: High Court gives jolt to exam conducting agency, petition rejected

Ranchi: Jharkhand High Court has given its verdict on the civil review of Satvat Infosol Private Limited challenging the single bench order in the case related to blacklisting of the exam conducting agency by JSSC in the paper leak case of the Combined Graduate Level Exam (CGL) conducted by JSSC on January 28. Satvat Infosol Private Limited was not given any relief and its petition was rejected.

In fact, the show cause notice issued by JSSC to blacklist Satvat Infosol Private Limited was challenged in the High Court earlier. Satvat Infosol

Private Limited had filed a civil review petition in the High Court, terming the decision of the division bench of the High Court as wrong. On this, the High Court, while giving its verdict, rejected its petition.

In fact, in the previous hearings, JSSC had told the division bench that prima facie the involvement of the company in the question paper leak case is evident. For this reason, JSSC had directed them to file a show cause notice and reply regarding blacklisting them. Whereas Satvat Infosol Private Limited had requested the court to stop

the show cause notice of JSSC. On which the division bench of the High Court had given its verdict after the completion of the hearing. Satvat Infosol Private Limited had filed a civil review calling this order of the division bench of the High Court wrong.

Let us tell you here that JSSC had filed a show cause notice for the said company and asked why they should not be blacklisted in the question paper leak case. Because neither in the examination center nor in the tragedy, a complaint has been received about the question paper being opened.

Supreme Court's order - Illegal construction cannot be regularized

New Delhi: The Supreme Court, while hearing a case on Wednesday, said in its order that illegal building construction cannot be regularized. No matter how old the building is. The apex court has said that construction done outside the map approved by the local body and without map approval cannot be encouraged by regularizing such constructions. It is necessary to follow the rules for construction. If such cases come to the court, then leniency towards illegal construction would be wrong.

The apex court gave this order while hearing the case challenging the Allahabad High Court's



decision to demolish illegal constructions. Justice Mahadevan has ordered that illegal constructions done in an illegal manner cannot be regularized.

It is worth mentioning that there are lakhs of houses in Ranchi city, which have been constructed without getting the map approved. About eight years ago, the government had taken steps to regularize such houses in the Raghuvir government.

Congress's nationwide protest against Gautam Adani case and Manipur violence



New Delhi/Ranchi: On the call of the All India Congress Committee, Congress leaders and workers across the country today are marching and demonstrating against the corruption committed by Gautam Adani and his associates and the ongoing violence in Manipur, the corruption and anarchy spread across the country under the rule of the Modi government at the Center. In Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand, the State Congress Committee has left for the Raj Bhavan march under the leadership of State President Keshav Mahato Kamlesh.

The Congress Raj Bhavan march includes Congress Legislature Party leader Pradeep Yadav, former Union Minister Subodhkant Sahay, leaders of Mahila Congress, OBC Congress, NSUI and other departments. Congress leaders who set out for the Raj Bhavan march under the protection of a large number of policemen were seen demanding Prime Minister Narendra Modi to break his silence on the Manipur issue and take

'I cannot insult Ambedkar even in my dreams'-Amit Shah



New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on the Ambedkar issue in a press conference that he cannot insult Baba Saheb even in his dreams. At the same time, he took a dig at the opposition and said that Congress is an anti-Constitution and anti-Ambedkar party.

Shah said, Congress had prevented Baba Saheb Ambedkar from being given Bharat Ratna. In a press conference at the BJP headquarters, Shah said that when the truth came out, Congress spread confusion. Let us

tell you that the opposition is attacking the BJP regarding Ambedkar.

Shah said, my statement was distorted in the Rajya Sabha. Earlier, he had edited PM Modi's statements and made them public. Shah said that when the elections were going on, his statement was edited using AI and today they (Congress) are distorting his statement.

Shah said, 'I belong to the party which can never insult Ambedkar. First Jansangh and then Bharatiya Janata Party have always tried to follow Ambedkar's principles. Whenever Bharatiya Janata Party was in power, we have propagated Ambedkar's principles. BJP has worked to strengthen reservation.'

Cyclone 'Chido' wreaks havoc in France, hundreds of people died

Paris: Cyclone 'Chido' has caused massive devastation on the French island of Mayotte. Hundreds of people have lost their lives and the infrastructure has been severely damaged due to this devastating storm. It is being told that this cyclone is the most severe storm to hit Mayotte in the last 90 years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep condolences on this tragedy and assured all possible help to France. He wrote on the social media platform X, "I am deeply saddened by the devastation caused by Cyclone Chido in



Mayotte. My condolences and prayers are with the victims and their families." The Prime Minister further said, "France will overcome this crisis strongly under the leadership of President Emmanuel Macron. India stands in solidarity with France

in this difficult time and is ready to provide all possible assistance." According to media reports, the death toll in this cyclone is in hundreds, which could be around one thousand or even more. Officials say it is very difficult to accurately assess the damage in the affected areas.

The cyclone has caused extensive damage to the airport and public infrastructure in Mayotte. Power supply has completely stopped. The French government has deployed 140 civil defense and fire personnel for relief and rescue operations.

News In Brief

Project Head flagged off 20,000th rack from Banadag siding

Barkagaon : Pakri Barwadih coal mining project has touched an important milestone in its journey. Today, Project Head Mr. Faiz Tayyab flagged off the 20,000th rack from the Banadag railway siding of the project along with senior officials of Railway Department, MDO, SAL. Pakri Barwadih is the first coal mining project of NTPC to create this unique record. It is worth mentioning that since its establishment on 16 May 2016, Pakri Barwadih has touched many records year after year, but today the dispatch of 20,000th coal rack is the best among all those records.

Illegal sand lifting is not stopping in Ghaghra police station area

Gumla : In Ghaghra police station area, sand mafias rule the sand business. Illegal sand business is going on in full swing whether it is dark of night or daylight. Sand mafias lift illegal sand fearlessly. Sand is smuggled daily in front of the gate of Ghaghra police station and in front of the gate of the block office. Dozens of tractors loaded with illegal sand pass from morning to night. According to the information, tractors loaded with illegal sand easily pass by the gate carrying illegal sand from Parsatoli Gutuwa Koel river of Ghaghra police station area via Tangar Shikwar on Ghaghra main road and in front of the police station gate, due to which the government loses revenue worth lakhs daily.

One youth died and one was partially injured in a road accident near Parodi on Jaraikela main road

Chakradharpur: A youth died on the spot in a road accident near Parodi Bajrangbali temple on Manoharpur Jaraikela main road late on Tuesday night. One youth was partially injured in this accident. The deceased youth 37-year-old Baidyanath Samad and the partially injured 35-year-old youth Jaipal Soy are residents of Sadpotka village of Kolpotka Panchayat under Manoharpur police station area. According to the information received about

Public Grievance Resolution Program was organized in Gumla Nagar Bhawan

DN ■ Gumla

On the instructions of the Honorable Chief Minister, Jharkhand Government, under the guidance of DGP Sir Jharkhand, for quick and effective redressal of citizens' grievances, for the second time at the district level in Gumla district, "Public Grievance Resolution Program" has been organized in Nagar Bhawan, Gumla. Superintendent of Police, Gumla was personally present for monitoring the said program, along with Sub-Divisional Officer, Gumla, Deputy Superintendent of Police



(Chief), Gumla, Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Gumla, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Probationary), Gumla and other police officers and personnel were present. Apart from Nagar Bhawan, Gumla, "Public Grievance Resolution Program" was

organized in Police Station Premises, Ghaghra under Gumla Sub-Division, Police Station Premises, Basia under Basia Sub-Division and Police Station Premises, Raidih under Chainpur Sub-Division, Police Station Premises, Dumri and

Major accident near Kalunga station of Chakradharpur Railway Division three dead two critical



DN ■ Chakradharpur

A horrific rail accident took place near Kalunga station of Chakradharpur Railway Division on Friday, in which three bike riders died on the spot and two people were seriously injured. It is being told that three bikes were hit by a freight train while trying to cross the closed railway gate. The collision was so severe that the bike and the riders were blown to pieces. Three people died on the spot, while two injured were taken to the hospital in critical condition. After this accident, the railway and the administration have appealed to the people not to try to cross the closed railway gates. This incident is once again raising questions about the lack of railway safety and vigilance.

Gumla is a city of sports lovers which has given national level recognition in the field of sports Manoj Kumar

DN ■ Gumla

A meeting was organized with the intellectuals of Gumla district under the leadership of social worker Santosh Jha for the establishment of Sports Training University in Gumla, in which former player Syed Junu Rain and sports trainer Manoj Sahu expressed their views and said that Gumla, which has contributed in many fields of sports at the national level, where two-three decades ago the National Sports Authority (Sports Authority of India) was present, with time many national level players were produced on this land, but unfortunately, with the aim of blunting its edge, the



government gradually abolished the Sports Authority of India from here. The famous businessman of the city, Mr. Narsaria said that the players are being nipped in the bud, yet the players here are making their mark at the national level in the field of cricket, football, volleyball, hockey, archery, athletics etc. At the age when children of other states play with toys, at that age the children of

165 units of blood collected in Jharkhand Gramin Chikitsak Sangh's blood donation camp

DN ■ Chakradharpur

Jharkhand Gramin Chikitsak Sangh organized the 14th blood donation camp on its foundation day. On Tuesday, Jharkhand Gramin Chikitsak Sangh organized a blood donation camp in memory of the martyrs of Jharkhand movement. This camp was organized at Sumitra Devi Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir Silfiori located on Chakradharpur Sonua main road. During this, on the lines of blood donation mahadaan, the youth of rural areas participated enthusiastically and donated blood. 165 units of blood were collected in the



camp. The blood donation camp was inaugurated by Chakradharpur MLA Sukhram Oraon while paying tribute to the martyrs of Jharkhand movement. The MLA also encouraged the blood donors by meeting them in the camp. This camp was organized with the cooperation of Chaibasa Blood Bank. Giving information, the secretary of the association, Dr JJ Sarangi said that this blood donation camp is being organized since the year 2011. This is the

first camp which is being organized in the village and we are doing the work of making people aware about blood donation for the last 13 years. The purpose of the association is to make people aware about diseases and their prevention at the rural level and at the same time the spirit of service is also being awakened in people. On this occasion, all the blood donors were honored by giving them certificates. A large number of people including Jharkhand Muk

Death of a girl from Goikera Parli Pos suffering from brain malaria



DN ■ Chakradharpur

On Tuesday, a girl was admitted to Manoharpur Community Health Center in critical condition. Where the doctors declared the girl dead after examination. The deceased girl, 4-year-old Chhoti Mohanti, is a resident of Parli Pos village under Goikera police station area. The girl was suffering from brain malaria. According to the information received from the family, the girl was suffering from cold and fever for the last one week. She was being treated by a rural doctor of the village itself. He had examined the girl for malaria and symptoms of malaria were also found in the examination. However, after that she was also given anti-malarial medicine and injection. But there was no improvement in the health of that girl. Later, when her condition worsened, the girl's family brought her to Manoharpur Community.

MLA inaugurated paddy procurement center

DN ■ Barkagaon

Under the aegis of Atmanirbhar Barkagaon Farmers Services Producer Company Limited, the paddy procurement center in Horm village of Chandaul Panchayat was inaugurated by the chief guest MLA Roshan Lal Chaudhary by cutting the ribbon. The farmers enthusiastically welcomed the MLA by wearing a flower garland. Addressing the farmers on this occasion, MLA Roshan Lal Chaudhary said that the farmer is the food provider of the country and solving all their problems will be our first priority. For the irrigation facility of the farmers, we have met the



opposition leader Babul Marandi and raised the issue in the House. And very soon, wherever the farmers have problems, we will sit together and solve them. After conducting a survey in all the panchayats, irrigation facilities will be made available in a listed manner. Electricity will be arranged in every well and transformers will be arranged at various places. So that farmers do not face any kind of problem in

farming. On this occasion, progressive farmer Praveen Kumar said that our organization provides seeds to farmers at 50% subsidized rate, but we are demanding from the government that just as seeds are provided to tribals at 100% subsidized rate, in the same way, quality seeds should be provided to every farmer at 90% subsidy. So that farmers do not face any problem in farming etc.

Unknown criminals set fire to 5 bikes parked in Anganwadi Centre Ghaghra police engaged in investigation

DN ■ Gumla

Ghaghra Bikes of 5 painters of Lohardaga district who had come to do painting work in Anganwadi Centre located in Navatoli village of Belagada Panchayat under the police station area were set on fire by unknown criminals late last night. Due to which all the bikes were burnt to ashes completely. Victim Ajay Oraon, resident of Lohardaga Kisko, said that Chhotu Ram, Nandeshwar Badaik, Badal and Ramdular Chik Badaik, all five had reached the Anganwadi Centre located in Nava Toli on Tuesday evening on the instructions of contractor



Ramveer to do the work of photo, cartoon and alpha-bet painting. All the 5 bikes were parked in the veranda and were sleeping in the adjacent room. Late night when they came out after smelling burning, they found that all the five bikes were burning. An attempt was made to extinguish the fire with the help of villagers but by then all had been burnt to ashes. Due

to the fire in the bike, the people sleeping inside started suffocating. After which the rear wall was broken with the help of villagers and everyone was somehow taken out. On receiving the information of the incident, the police team reached the spot. Police said that after investigation, prima facie the case seems to be of mischievous elements,

although the police is investigating all the points. These vehicles were burnt by the criminals CT 100 Motorcycle JH 01J3266, CD Deluxe JH 08A 8209 Hero Honda Splendor JH 01E 3836, CB Sign JH 08G 2787 TVS Star JH 01N6370. Increasing incidents in Ghaghra police station area are challenging the police. Despite all the efforts of the police, crimes are not decreasing. Due to which there is an atmosphere of panic among the people. Criminals are challenging the police by committing criminal incidents without any fear. Before the police can solve one crime, the criminals commit another.

Angry crowd held the accused of rape and murder of a teenager for two hours police freed him incident of Jagannathpur

DN ■ Chaibasa

A case of rape and murder of a 14-year-old teenager has come to light in Maulanagar of Jagannathpur police station area. After the incident, an angry crowd of hundreds of people caught the accused. Police, who reached after getting the information, pacified the people and arrested the accused Mohammad Ajmal, a resident of Rahimabad. The accused has confessed his crime in front of the police and villagers. In this case, Kiriburu DSP, Jagannathpur DSP and in-charges of many police stations have reached



Jagannathpur with their forces. According to the information, on Tuesday evening at around seven o'clock, the teenager was lying unconscious near the Maulanagar Anganwadi Center behind the house. Seeing her disheveled state, the soul of the fam-

ily trembled. She was immediately brought to the Jagannathpur Community Health Center. Here the doctors referred her after seeing her critical condition. She was brought to Champua Sub-Divisional Hospital, where the doctor declared her dead.

Awareness program organized in the auditorium of Ghaghra Block Headquarters under Vidhan Se Samadhan

DN ■ Gumla

Under the aegis of District Legal Services Authority Gumla, a legal awareness program was organized in the auditorium of Ghaghra Block Headquarters on Wednesday under the Vidhan Se Samadhan program in view of legal and beneficial schemes for the benefit of women. The program was inaugurated by DALSA Secretary Ramkumar Lal Gupta, Block Development Officer Dinesh Kumar and Permanent Lok Adalat member Shambhu Singh by jointly lighting the lamp. Many information related to the law provisions and schemes made for the safety of women was provided. DALSA Secretary Ramkumar Lal Gupta, Block Development Officer Dinesh Kumar, Permanent Lok Adalat member Shambhu



Singh, LDSS Chief DN Ohdar, Panel Advocate Sharda Pandey, along with Judicial Volunteer Joshinta Kujur addressed the program. While addressing the program, the speakers said that there is a need to be alert towards crimes against women like acid attack, rape, kidnapping, human traf-

ficking, cruelty, dowry harassment or any other crime. Such incidents leave the victim shocked. It is the job of the court to punish the culprits, there is a need to raise voice in time. If women are aware of their rights, then only they can help the people around them. He said that according to the Equal

Remuneration Act, if it is a matter of wages, then no one can be discriminated against on the basis of gender. According to the Sexual Harassment at Workplace Act, you have the full right to file a complaint against sexual harassment. Immediate action will be taken on the complaint. Women who are victims of sexual harassment have the right to anonymity. To protect her privacy, a woman who is a victim of sexual harassment can record her statement alone in the presence of a woman police officer or in front of the District Magistrate. The speakers also said that if the accused in any case is a woman, then any medical examination process to be done on her should be done by a woman or in the presence of another woman.

Governor Santosh Gangwar praised the rich tradition and technical research of NIAMT

DN ■ Ranchi

Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar on Wednesday inaugurated the two-day international conference organized on the topic "Advances in Foundry and Forming Technology" at the National Institute of Advanced Manufacturing Technology (NIAMT), Ranchi. He congratulated the Department of Foundry and Forge (NIAMT) and The Institute of Engineers (India), Jharkhand State Centre for organizing this event. In his address, he said that foundry and forming technology is the backbone of industrial development, which plays a very important role in sectors like construction, automobile, aerospace and defense. He praised the rich tradition of NIAMT and its contribution to technical research.

The Governor said on the occasion that establishing harmony between industrial development and environmental balance is a big need today. Emphasizing that sustainable technologies, energy efficiency



and environment-sensitive innovations not only increase the efficiency of industries, but also provide new opportunities for sustainable development. The Governor said that such events will prove helpful in realizing the vision and goal of Prime Minister Narendra Modi of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Developed India @ 2047'. He also suggested that NIAMT should adopt Hatia and surrounding areas and work actively and play a leading role in the field of education, cleanliness and skill development, so that this institute can present an exemplary example of social service.

Public Grievance Solution Program: Problems of common people are being heard and resolved



DN ■ Ranchi

Jharkhand Police is organizing a public grievance solution program today (18 December) in all 23 districts of Jharkhand except Ranchi. In this program, the problems of common people are being heard and resolved. In the public grievance solution program started on the instructions of DGP Anurag Gupta, the problems of the

common people are being heard and they are being helped on 18 main issues.

IG, DIG and Commandant rank officers are monitoring the program

Jharkhand Police Headquarters has deputed 23 IG, DIG and Commandant rank officers in 23 districts to monitor the program. The deputed officers are monitor-

Main objectives of the Jan Shiksha Samadhan Program:

- To receive police-related complaints from citizens and register the said complaints.
- To send information about the action taken by the police on the complaints to the complainant.
- In case of no action being taken within the stipulated time limit, the matter should be sent to the notice of senior officials.
- To provide quick and effective redressal to actionable complaints.
- To provide information to the complainants about the complaints on which action is not possible.
- To demonstrate the best practices being developed by the police during these programs. - Understanding the problems of the citizens and making necessary policy reforms in the police system.

ing whether the guidelines related to the Jan Shiksha Samadhan Program are being followed properly or not, whether the complaints received from the general public are being redressed properly or not, whether action is being taken as per rules on the complaints

received regarding misbehavior against police officers and personnel, whether the behavior of the police towards the general public is respectful or not and whether the complaints received by the SP of the district are being disposed of properly or not.

Deepika Pandey Singh reached Bharuch in Gujarat to meet the rape victim of Jharkhand

Bharuch/Ranchi: A ten-year-old girl from Panki in Palamu district of Jharkhand was raped by a man named Vijay from Palamu in Gujarat. After getting information about the case, CM Hemant Soren took it seriously. Immediately Rural Development Minister Deepika Pandey Singh left for Gujarat. She met the ten-year-old rape victim in Bharuch. Addressing the media in Bharuch, Deepika said that the condition of the victim is serious. The Jharkhand government is very serious about the matter. The Jharkhand government will provide all possible help. If needed, the victim can also be airlifted for better treatment. Let us tell you that the 30-year-old accused Vijay is a resident of Lalkimati Tola of



Vishrampur police station area. He is the eldest of three brothers. His mother Jeetu Devi is a member of Ward No. 7. He has been working as a laborer in Bharuch for 14 years. His wife and two children live in Palamu. **What is the whole matter?** The accused lives next to the victim's house and works in the same

factory with her father. The police have arrested the accused Vijay Kumar. On Monday, the girl was playing near her house. At that time Vijay came there and kidnapped her and took her to the bushes. There he made her a victim of his lust and inserted a rod in the girl's private part. Due to this she has suffered serious internal injuries. She has been admitted to SSG Hospital in Vadodara. The doctor said - the girl has serious injuries on her stomach and mouth. The condition is critical. The victim girl is repeatedly saying that Vijay, who lives in the neighborhood, first hit her with a stone, stabbed her, and then did bad things to her. The victim's parents are also laborers. They also live in Panki of Palamu.

Said- If needed, we will airlift her for better treatment

26 personnel got promotion in Jharkhand Home Guard

DN ■ Ranchi

26 personnel have got promotion in Jharkhand Home Guard. Also, the process of promoting eight personnel has started. It is worth noting that before this, a proposal has been sent to the state government regarding the matter of promoting the officers working on the post of Home Guard Commandant.

Officers reinstated on the post of Home Guard Commandant do not get promotion

Let us tell you that the officers of the State Police Service reinstated by Jharkhand Public Service Commission get promotion and they have got promotion in the IPS cadre.



Whereas the Commandants of Jharkhand Home Defense Corps Service reinstated through JPSC in Home Guard remain on the old posts. Many officers before them in the State Police Service have got IPS cadre. They also get promotion up to IG. But the officers reinstated on the post of Commandant of Home Guard retire on this post if they do not get promotion.

News In Brief

Bandhu Tirkey met Congress General Secretary in Delhi



Ranchi: Former minister Bandhu Tirkey met Congress General Secretary and Lok Sabha MP KC Venugopal in Delhi. He honoured KC Venugopal with Sarna Angavastra. Along with this, they discussed the development and politics of the state.

Minister Yogendra held a review meeting of the Excise Department

Ranchi: Excise and Prohibition Minister Yogendra Mahato held a review meeting of the Excise Department on Wednesday. All the Excise Commissioners attended this meeting. After the meeting, sources told Constant News that the minister took information about the revenue target from the officials. Also said that work towards achieving the revenue target.

In the meeting, Minister Yogendra Mahato has told the officials to ensure that under no circumstances more money is recovered from the buyers. It is worth mentioning that in the past, such cases have come to light in which liquor sellers have charged more than the printed rate. Constant News has also published news related to this many times.

Congress took out a protest march against Amit Shah's statement and other issues

If we can consider Valmiki ji, the author of Ramayana, as God, then what is the harm in believing Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, the author of the Constitution: Rajesh Thakur

DN ■ Ranchi

A march was taken out on Wednesday under the aegis of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee against the statement made by Amit Shah in Parliament, the allegations leveled by the US Justice Department on industrialist Gautam Adani and PM Modi's silence on the violence in Manipur.

This march started from Shaheed Sthal at Shaheed Chowk and reached Raj Bhavan. Where the Congress leaders involved in the march expressed their protest. Continuously. According to them, former state Congress president Rajesh Thakur addressed the public meeting on the occasion. He said that this is a big conspiracy of the BJP. He said that when we can consider Valmiki ji, the



author of Ramayana, as God, then what is the harm in believing Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, the author of the Constitution, the Home Minister should tell this. Our fight for rights will continue. Congress has also registered its protest in other states including Jharkhand. On this occasion, other Congress leaders also expressed their views.

Drugs sampling lapse case: Jharkhand DGP and ATS SP appeared in HC

DN ■ Ranchi

Jharkhand High Court has taken seriously the fact that the police did not do the sampling of the confiscated drugs properly, due to which the accused involved in the illegal drug trade got bail and the conviction rate of the accused in the NDPS case decreased. On Wednesday, in the light of the previous order of the High Court, the state's DGP Anurag Gupta, ATS SP Rishabh Jha and the Zonal Director of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) appeared before the court. During the hearing, the court directed the DGP that the Narcotics Control Bureau and the state government



should make a standard operating procedure (SOP) so that the sampling of the drugs seized by the police is done properly. Along with this, the conviction rate in the case related to illegal drug trade increases and the drug dealers get strict punishment. **The accused got bail due to improper sampling of the confiscated drugs**

The DGP assured the court that the instructions given by the court will be

followed. After which the court has fixed January 20 for the next hearing of this case. Actually, a huge amount of ganja was recovered from a Scorpio in the year 2020 in the Bahragora police station area of East Singhbhum. But the accused got bail as the sampling of the seized drugs was not done properly. The High Court took it seriously and directed the DGP to appear before the court.

Now FIR will be registered on social sites in case of obscene photo and video

Blackmailers on the radar of CID

DN ■ Ranchi

Cases of tampering with someone's photo and video, making it obscene and making it viral on social media sites are constantly coming to light. In Jharkhand too, such incidents have happened with many VIPs including many innocent girls. Cases of many reached the police station in which arrests were also made, but now Jharkhand CID has been given a big task to completely curb such incidents.

Cases of fraud, making obscene photos, videos viral by creating fake IDs on social media sites have come to light in Jharkhand. From common people to VIPs, everyone has fallen prey to this. Many times, fraud has also been done by hacking social sites and making obscene videos viral. Police action was also taken in these cases, the accused were also caught, but such incidents are not stopping. This is why Jharkhand Police has



taken this step.

CID got the responsibility

The Jharkhand Police Headquarters is very serious about the incidents of posting obscene videos and photos on social sites. The state government has also given a big responsibility to the CID to stop such incidents. Jharkhand DGP Anurag Gupta said that it is often seen that videos or photos of someone's intimate moments are tampered with and made obscene and posted on internet media.

According to the DGP, the state government has given the responsibility to the CID to stop such cases. According to the DGP,

if any wrong thing is posted on social media and the CID feels that it is wrong, then a notice will be immediately issued to that social site by the CID. Even after issuing the notice, if that content is not removed from the social site, then an FIR will be registered against them.

Obscene videos and photos become a challenge

While social media has many advantages, it also has many very serious disadvantages. There are many such apps on the Internet, thanks to which any person can pick up your photo from Facebook or other social sites and make it obscene and then make it viral. Such cases are increasing continuously. If we talk about the data received from the Cyber ??Crime Branch of CID, on an average more than a dozen cases of making obscene photos viral come to light every month from various districts of Jharkhand. Most of these cases are of college going girls as well as domestic and working women.

Case will also be registered on social site

DGP Anurag Gupta said that there is a provision in the IT Act that no action will be taken against intermediate people. For example, if a person uploads obscene photos on Facebook, then Facebook will not be responsible for this matter, but the person uploading the photo will be responsible. This is what the law says. But there is also a provision in it that when the police will tell Facebook through a notice that the photo is obscene and it should be removed from the social site immediately, then it will have to be removed. Despite this, if a social site does not remove that photo, then there is a provision to register an FIR against it under Section 69 of the IT Act.

Email ID is being issued

Jharkhand DGP Anurag Gupta said that to stop obscene content, it is very important that its information reaches the police. For this, an official email ID is being issued by the CID, in which the victim himself will complain with all the evidence and the cyber team will take immediate action in the matter and remove the obscene content from the social site and whoever is accused in the case will also be arrested.

Opening an office is also necessary

While giving information, the DGP also

said that there is a provision in the new IT Act that it is very important for all social media sites operating from abroad to have an office in India. Till now, email has to be sent abroad to send messages from social sites to offices, but under the new IT law, when all social sites' offices will open in India, it will be easier to ban pornographic content.

Leave aside the common people in Jharkhand, here even pornographic content related to the former MLA was put on the social site.

News In Brief

Prize distribution at the conclusion of the Fit India program

Dhanbad: The Fit India program concluded at RSP College, Jharia (Belgadia). It is known that on the last day of the two-day program, competitions were held on skipping, push-ups and plank and meditation yoga was practiced. In the program, the winners of all the competitions of the fifth Athlete Meet of Binod Bihari Mahto Koyalanchal University, Dhanbad were awarded.

Mother's conference at Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir Barganda

Giridih: Mother's conference was organized at Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir Barganda on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar, which was inaugurated by the chief guest committee member Dr. Pushpa Sinha, Prof. Vinita Kumari, Dr. Aarti Verma and District Council President Munia Devi by jointly lighting a lamp and offering flowers. Throwing light on the objective of the conference, Sarita Kumari said that as per the Vidya Bharati scheme, every year the school management organizes a Mother's Conference and motivates the mother power to inculcate morality and values in children. Principal Anand Kamal said that Vidya Bharati's effort is to give a cultured society to the country through the students.

CPIM pays tribute to Binod Babu

Sindhri: On the 33rd remembrance day of Binod Bihari Mahto, the leading leader of the Jharkhand movement, he was remembered by paying tribute on behalf of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) at the Binod Dham Samadhi Sthal in Baliapur. CPIM Dhanbad district member and labor leader Sundarlal Mahto, farmer leader Santosh Mahto, Sindri-Baliapur local committee secretary Vikas Kumar Thakur, East Jharia local committee secretary Yogendra Mahto, district committee member Gautam Prasad, Janwadi Mahila Samiti Sindri city secretary Mittu Das, Ranju Devi, Savita Devi, Ramlayak Ram, Subal Chandra Das and etc were present.

Judges came out on the streets to spread awareness among people

Launch of 90-day outreach program

DN ■ Dhanbad

On the instructions of Jharkhand State Legal Authority, a 90-day comprehensive outreach program was inaugurated today by taking out a Prabhatheri with the aim of promoting legal literacy and awareness among people. Prabhatheri, led by Principal District and Sessions Judge cum Chairman DLSA Virendra Kumar Tiwari, started from Civil Court Dhanbad and went to Randhir Verma Chowk, City Center Chowk. The judge garlanded the statue of Mahatma Gandhi there.

The street play team staged a play to spread legal awareness among people. After this, Prabhatheri returned from there to the Civil Court. Talking to the media during this time, the judge said that for 90 days, the team formed under the leadership of the judicial officer will go to every area and spread legal awareness. He said that people will be informed about NALSA helpline number 15100, helpline number 181 regarding witch-hunting cases and



other helpline numbers. He said that you should definitely call these helpline numbers once and try to find out whether it works or not. Giving information about the program, Sub Judge cum Secretary DALSA Rakesh Roshan said that during the 90-day program, a team formed under the leadership of the judicial officer, which includes NGOs, panel advocates, PLVs. Will go door-to-door and give information related to law and various government schemes to the people. Also, debates, essays, painting, speeches, Prabhatheri etc. will be organized among students in various schools and colleges. People will be made aware about child marriage, cyber fraud, drugs, witch-hunting, child labor etc. Women, Divyangjan, ST-SC,

elderly people etc. will be helped. He said that all PLVs will complete the work with each other's cooperation. He said that efforts will be made to bring awareness among the people through street plays. On the occasion, Chief Justice of Family Court T Hasan, SN Mishra, District and Sessions Judge Rajnikant Pathak, Prabhakar Singh, Kumar Saket, Kuldeep, Chief Judicial Magistrate Aarti Mala, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Rajiv Tripathi, Junior Judge Nitasha Barla, Satyabhama, Shweta Kumari, Angelina John, Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate Abhijit Pandey, First Class Judicial Magistrate Rishi Kumar, Hemant Singh, along with all the judicial officers, LADCS Chief Kumar Vimalendu, Deputy Chief Ajay Kumar Bhatt, Assistant Council Neeraj Goyal, Shailendra Jha, Suman Pathak, Kanhaiyalal Thakur, DLSA Assistant Arun Kumar, Saurav Sarkar, Rajesh Singh, Para Legal Volunteer Hemraj Chauhan, Deputy Gupta, Shweta Kinnar and dozens of people were present.

Tribute paid to Binod Bihari Mahto on his death anniversary

DN ■ Dhanbad

On the 32nd death anniversary of Jharkhand pioneer Binod Bihari Mahto, social worker Uday Pratap Singh and founder of Yuva Sangharsh Morcha, Janwadi, Dilip Singh garlanded his life-size statue located at Dhanbad Railway Station Road Chowk on Wednesday and paid tribute. Uday Pratap Singh said that Binod Babu fought for the rights of the exploited, Dalits and tribals of Jharkhand, as a result of which a separate state was formed, but the Jharkhand of Vinod Babu's dreams has not been formed till date. To fulfill his dreams, we all have to struggle with dedication. He used to say study and fight. He gave the message to the people of the region that education will bring welfare to the society, so that the people here become aware and Jharkhand can become the leading state of India. He played an important role as a social reformer. Dilip Singh said that the state of Jharkhand is the result of Vinod Babu's vision. He has made an important contribution in taking Jharkhandi culture forward along with education. Uday Pratap Singh and etc were present.



Baba Hi-Tech Company accused of spreading pollution

DN ■ Maithan

Villagers of Medha village of Maithon OP area have written a collective letter to Jharkhand Pollution Control Board accusing Baba Hi-Tech, a steel bar manufacturing company, of spreading severe pollution. The letter states that severe pollution is being spread by Baba Hi-Tech Private Limited located in Medha village, which has posed a serious threat to the health and environment of the local people as well as to their daily lives. Therefore, the company should be investigated and appropriate action should be taken. The letter also mentions that the company emits raw smoke without taking appropriate measures, due to which the people of the area are likely to get serious diseases. There are reports of many people complaining of cough. A copy of the letter has also been sent to Maithon OP in-charge Aakrish Aman along with other concerned departmental officials. Social worker Upendra Rai of Medha village has said that as soon as evening falls, black smoke starts coming out of the com-



pany's factory, due to which it is becoming very difficult for the people of the surrounding area to live. Immediate action should be taken on this, so that people can get relief from pollution. Maithon OP in-charge Aakrish Aman said that a complaint has been received regarding Baba Hi-Tech case, which has been sent to the Pollution Control Department.

One arrested with seven sacks of stolen rice

DN ■ Nirsa

Last night, a thief named Chandan Bhuiyan was caught red handed by the night patrol police of Nirsa police station with seven sacks of rice while stealing rice from the FCI godown of Nirsa. He was sent to jail today. The above information was given by Nirsa SDPO Rajat Manik Bakhla in a press conference held at Nirsa police station. He said that last night the police of Nirsa police station had gone out on night patrol. During this, the in-charge of the patrol team Ranjit Oraon saw that a person was taking out rice from the FCI godown. On seeing the police, he started running, but was chased and caught. The thief Chandan Bhuiyan of Singhpur Basti of Nirsa police station area was arrested. He was carrying out the incident alone. The arrested Chandan Bhuiyan has confessed his crime. Nirsa police station in-charge cum Inspector Manjeet Kumar and other police officers were present in the press conference.



Rambhajan Yadav became the president of the school management committee



DN ■ Nirsa

The school management committee was reconstituted today by holding a meeting of parents in the premises of Senior Basic Middle School in Nirsa. The election was conducted in the presence of Anita Gupta of CRC as supervisor. Rambhajan Yadav was unanimously elected as the president and Janta Devi as the vice president. Ajay Kumar Rai, Narayan Kumar Thakur, Arvind Yadav, Binay Yadav, Asmita Devi, Kanti Devi, Jyotsna Devi, Ramduluri Devi, Bablu Yadav, Soni Devi were elected as members. School HM Prabhat Chaturvedi, Mukhiya Yoginder Yadav, Mauleshwari Yadav, school teachers and parents were present on the occasion.

Organizing a public complaint resolution program in Digwadih

DN ■ Jorapokhar

Until people understand how to be good citizens, the evils in society will keep increasing, people will get entangled in them and will be troubled and the burden of problems will keep increasing. To end the problems of people, first of all, one has to become a good citizen in his own home, then in the neighborhoods, only then will his and the society's problems end. The above things were said by City SP Ajit Kumar in the public problem resolution program organized by the district administration in Digwadih Community Hall of Jodapokhar police station area on the initiative of Director General of Police and Inspector General of Police Jharkhand. During this, the City SP honored the complainant Rajwa Devi who came from Kujama by giving her a bouquet. He told the people that they should register their complaints in the stall of their police station area without any fear. The problem of the complainant will be



resolved on priority basis without any discrimination. However, the number of complainants did not reach the public problem resolution program as expected. Issues like pollution, noise pollution, family disputes and security dominated the program. During this, the City SP said that a permanent solution to any problem is possible only through social work and not by the police administration. The program was chaired by Sindri SDPO Ashutosh Kumar Satyam and conducted by Jodapokhar police station in-charge Rajesh Prakash Sinha.

Hundreds of cases resolved in Jan Grievance Redressal Camp in Baghmara

The objective is to resolve the problem on the spot: City SP

DN ■ Dhanbad

As per the instructions of the Director General of Police and Inspector General of Police, Jharkhand, the problems of the villagers of all 17 police stations and OP of Baghmara subdivision were resolved on the spot in Rajasthani Samaj Dharamshala of Katras. It was inaugurated by Baghmara SDPO, doctor Dr. Umashankar Singh, Dr. Madhubala, Katras Thanedaar Asit Kumar Singh by jointly lighting the lamp. Addressing the Jan Grievance Redressal Camp, Dhanbad City SP Ajit Kumar said that the problems that came in the



camp were resolved on the spot. Some cases will be resolved immediately. The maximum number of cases in the camp were related to land, which will be resolved by contacting the concerned officials. In the camp, Baghmara SDPO Purushottam Singh, Dr. Umashankar Singh, Dr. Madhubala, Municipal Corporation officials, Katras Thanedaar Asit Kumar Singh, Tetulmaari Thana In-charge Satyendra Yadav, Ramkanali OP In-charge Mangal Prasad Kujur, Madhuban Thana In-charge Piku Prasad, Rajganj In-charge Alisha Kumari Agarwal, Bhatdih OP In-charge Anil Kumar, Mahuda Thana In-charge Dheeraj Kumar, Hariharpur Thana In-charge Girdhar Gopal, Angarpathra OP Vishal Das Vidhata, Baghmara Thana In-charge Charanjit Prasad, Dharmabandh OP In-charge Kamlesh Kumar, Sonardih OP In-charge, East Basuria OP In-charge Rupesh Kumar Dubey, Kapuria OP In-charge Pramod Lakra, Kharkhari OP In-charge, Hariharpur Thana, Katras, Baghmara Thana, Women Thana In-

Election of DVC Pensioners Society concluded in the general meeting

DN ■ Maithan

Central Executive Committee was elected in the second annual general meeting organized by DVC Pensioners Society in Maithon, in which Ashok Kumar Jain was elected President and Dwarika Prasad was elected General Secretary. In the open session of the annual general meeting, DVC Pensioners Society paid tribute to DS Nakara by garlanding his photo on the occasion of Pensioners Day. Souvenirs and calendars published by the society were released. In the organizational session, under the chairmanship of Girjeshwar Prasad, representatives from various projects of DVC discussed in detail the problems of retired employees. The problems faced in pension payment and cashless medical treatment were mainly discussed. Emphasis was laid on changing the method of pension payment through CPP. Emphasis was laid on the measures to make cashless medical fac-



ility accessible. DVC Pensioners Society President Ashok Kumar Jain and General Secretary Dwarika Prasad said that the organization is constantly in touch with the DVC management to change the CPP method of pension and make cashless medical treatment easier. He hopes that the problems of retired employees will be resolved. On this occasion, Rudrapratap Singh, RS Pandey, Sujit Rai, Indrajit Sinha, Manoj Acharya, MG Ganguly, Satyajit Basu, Jyotirmoy Sarkar, Kalyan Dutta, Moinuddin, Gopi Ranjan Ghosh, Ashok Singh, Kailashpati Mahato etc. addressed the public meeting.

DVC will give 13 lakhs to the dependents of the deceased casual worker



DN ■ Maithan

On behalf of the DVC management, the local management of DVC will pay 13 lakh 60 thousand 275 rupees to the relatives of the deceased casual worker Saheb Lal Murmu as compensation within 15 days. This decision was taken in a meeting with the Deputy General Manager of DVC Maithon, Anup Purkayastha with a delegation of DVC casual workers this afternoon. It was agreed in the meeting that the management will give the said amount to the relatives of the deceased Saheb Lal Murmu within 15 days. It is known that Saheb Lal Murmu died 10 months ago while working at the Kalyaneshwari sub-station of DVC.

Victims put their problems in front of DIG

DN ■ Giridih

Giridih Police organized a public complaint resolution program in Nagar Bhawan today. Hazaribagh Zone DIG Sunil Bhaskar was the main participant in the program. The program was started by DIG Sunil Bhaskar, SP Dr. Vimal Kumar, SDPO Jeetwahan Oraon, Circle Officer Aslam and other police officers and officials by jointly lighting the lamp. After this, the DIG gave detailed information to the people about the public complaint resolution program run by Jharkhand Police. After this, the victims who came with their problems from the city, Mufassil and other police



station areas put forward their views and appealed to take initiative to solve the problem. Most of the cases in the program were related to land, while many such cases also came in which the people's words are not heard by the police-administration officials in the police station. Taking all these points seriously, the DIG gave strict instructions to all the police officers. He said that whoever comes to the police station with their problems, listen to them seriously and take strict action against the culprits. Many cases were resolved during the program.

Organizing Mother and Father Worship Ceremony at Kasturba Shri Vidya Niketan, Dhori



DN ■ Bermo

Fusro Kasturba Shri Vidya Niketan, Dhori organized a Grandparents Honor Ceremony cum Mother and Father Worship program by Bokaro Bal Sanskar Mahila Samiti. In which mainly the officers and workers of Bokaro Bal Sanskar Mahila Samiti were present. The program was inaugurated by the guests by lighting the lamp and offering flowers. The guests mainly included Dhanbad Department Head

Vivek Nayan Pandey, Secretary of Kasturba Vidyalaya Dheeraj Kumar Pandey, Secretary of Anpati Amit Kumar Singh, Principal of Kasturba Shri Vidya Niketan Ran Suman Singh. The introduction was done by the Principal of the school Ran Suman Singh. Our society follows the slogan of Matri Devo Pitru Devo Bhavah in this Grandparents Honor Ceremony cum Mother and Father Worship. This program was concluded with Shanti Mantra.

The MLA wrote a letter to the DC for resolving the problems of the assembly constituency

DN ■ Bokaro

MLA Shweta Singh discussed all the issues pointwise, such as in view of the shortage of teachers in the primary school located in Gomdih village, more teachers should be deputed in the school so that the children of the village can receive education without any hindrance. The incomplete work of the boundary wall of the school located in Gram Panchayat Mango should be completed as soon as possible through DMFT fund so that the government property will be protected and this land will be safe from land mafias. In relation to investigating the appointment of applicant Hatim Ansari of village Kumhari to the post of Chowkidar, the departmental officers were directed to implement the work on the ground as soon as possible in all these cases. Mrs. Singh said that work will be done on war footing to complete every work for the prosperity of the people of the area. This information was given by Kunj Bihari Pathak.



Team of doctors demanded security from Dhori GM and informed about the misbehavior



DN ■ Bermo

A team of doctors led by CMO Dr. R.N. Jha of Fusro CCCL Dhori Central Hospital met Dhori GM Ranjay Singha in his office. The team of doctors included Dr. Nitish Kumar, Dr. Rohit Sharma, Dr. Puneet Gupta, Dr. Shadab Ahmed, Dr. Rahul Kumar, Dr. Rahul Ranjan, Suvendu Singh, Dr. Ankit Gaurav, Dr. B. Satish, Dr. A. Don, Dr. Devranjan Bhattacharya,

Dr. Sweta Sharan, Dr. Shalya, Dr. Yamini, Dr. Jyoti Reddy, Dr. Rukhsana. The doctors demanded security from the GM. They informed about the misbehavior with the doctor by a public representative. GM Ranjay Sinha assured the doctors that their safety will be taken care of and their dignity will be protected. After the assurance of the GM, all the doctors returned to their work.

Make the Good Governance Week, Administration towards Village campaign a success: DDC

► Good governance week will be celebrated in all blocks of the district from 19 to 24 December, camp will be organized

DN ■ Bokaro

Good Governance Week is to be organized from 19 to 24 December. DDC Girja Shankar Prasad held a meeting with the officials of the concerned departments in his office room located in the Collectorate for its successful organization in the district. During this, senior officials of various departments, all Block Development Officers and Zonal Officers remained connected through video dialogue. The DDC said that

as per the instructions of the government, Good Governance Week is to be organized from 19 to 24 December. Under the Good Governance Week, programs will be organized by the Administration Village. He said that the purpose of celebrating Good Governance Week is to ensure immediate solution of the problems of the common people, to give information about government schemes to the villagers, to ensure that the benefits of the schemes



reach the last beneficiary. Under the campaign, camps will be organized in all the blocks of the district and local urban bodies Municipal Corporation Chas Nagar Panchayat Phusron area. He directed the senior officials of the concerned departments to make all the preparations and extensive publicity for the successful organization

of Good Governance Week. He said that during this camp, information will also be given about various programmes being run by the central and state government and administration. In these camps, problems related to revenue, social welfare, agriculture, education, health and other departments will be resolved.

District Council President made Baidyanath the media in-charge

DN ■ Bokaro

Marawari Mandal BJP expressed happiness and expressed gratitude to the Zila Parishad President Sunita Devi on Baidhanth Prasad Lalu being appointed as the District Media Incharge and Chas Block cum Zonal Representative. Marawari Mandal BJP congratulated Baidhanth Prasad while expressing gratitude to the Zila Parishad President. Also expressed hope that he will play an important role in solving the problems of the people of Bokaro District including Chas Block and by becoming the voice of the Chairman of Bokaro Zila Parishad, he will work as a bridge between the district administration and the common people and solve the public problems. Marawari Mandal President Dhananjay Choubey, Birbhadra Prasad Singh, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Jaleshwar Sah, Manoj Kumar Murmu, Dwarikanath Singh, Jang Bahadur Chourasiya, Santosh Verma, Prem Prakash Vidyarthi, Anil Gorai, Uday Rawani, Radha Devi and others congratulated him on the nomination.



Jharkhand Aandolankari Sangharsh Morcha paid tribute to Vinod Bihari Mahato

DN ■ Bokaro

Under the aegis of Jharkhand Aandolankari Sangharsh Morcha, tribute was paid to the leading leader of Jharkhand separate state movement, Binod Bihari Mahto, on his 33rd death anniversary by garlanding and offering flowers to his life-size statue at Binod Bihari Mahto Stadium Sonabad and Binod Bihari Mahto Displaced Stadium at Ramdih Mor on Chandankyari Road. In the tribute meeting, all the agitators said in one voice that all of us agitators will get our rights only by following the path shown by Binod Babu. To get their rights, all the agitators will have to come together on one platform and fight. In the condolence meeting, district president of the Front Rajdev Mahatha, central joint secretary Habulal Gorai, senior agitator Parvati Charan Mahato, block president Santosh Kumar Singh, former block president Nandraj Mahato, media in-charge Khagendra Nath Verma, secretary Sanjay



Lal Mahato, senior agitator Khirodhar Mahato, secretary Rajkishore Mahato, Jyotilal Mahato, Rampad Mahato, Tej Narayan Mahato, Sudarshan Mahato, Becharam Mahato, Digambar Mahato, Niranjan Mahato, Sunil Mahato, Shatrughan Mahato, Umesh Chandra Mahato, Bimal Chandra Mahato, Devanand Trivedi, Khirulal Mahato along with hundreds of agitators from different states were present. This information was given by media in-charge Khagendra Nath Verma.

Bokaro artists mourn the death of famous tabla player Zakir Hussain

DN ■ Bokaro

The music world of Bokaro is also saddened by the demise of the famous tabla player Padma Vibhushan Ustad Zakir Hussain. Musicians of Bokaro have also expressed deep condolences, calling his demise an irreparable loss for the music world. President of Indian Music Art Academy and senior classical singer Pt. Rana Jha, Secretary and Tabla player Dr. Rakesh Ranjan, National Minister of Sanskar Bharati Dr. Sanjay Kumar Chaudhary, Bokaro District Unit President Amarji Sinha, General Secretary Swaroop Shekhar Pandey, senior tabla player Pt. Bachchanji Maharaj, Nimesh Rathore, Balram Majumdar, Bhaskar Ranjan Day, Arun Kumar,



Rupak Kumar Jha, musicians Shiven Chakraborty, Sanjeev Majumdar, Vicky Anand Pathak, Ranjit Kumar, Jai Prakash Sinha, Arun Pathak, singer Karishma Prasad, Ranju

Chakraborty, Archana Kumari, President of Bokaro Artist Association Jagdish Babla, Secretary Manbodh Mishra, Mrityunjay Bhattacharya, Ashok Babla, Vijay Jha, Deepak Jha, Ragini Sinha Ambastha, Raman Chaudhary, Alka Srivastava, Sunita Srivastava, Renu Sah, Sachchidanand Pathak, Shashi Kant Sharma, Pramod Kumar, Vishwanath Goswami, Umesh Jha, Harekath Goswami, Shyam Bihari, Purnendu Singh, Ram Sagar, Ghanshyam Prajapati, Rajesh Chaudhary etc. expressed their condolences and said that it is impossible to fill the void created in the music world by his death.

Workers are part of the company, it is the responsibility of the management to take care of their comforts : GM Ranjay

DN ■ Bermo

An agenda meeting of the National Colliery Mazdoor Union with the General Manager of Fusro CCL Dhori area, Ranjay Sinha, regarding 20 point demands was held in the auditorium of the General Manager's office. The President of CCL Zone of the National Colliery Mazdoor Union expressed his views without making any cuts and the General Manager assured the delegation that first of all the welfare of the workers, safe production and achievement of the target has to be ensured at all costs. Mr. Sinha said that the workers are part of the company, it is the responsibility of the management to take care of their comforts. For upliftment, PO Shailesh Prasad, Rajiv Kumar Singh and Ranjit Kumar, SOE&M G Mohanty, SOP Mala Kumari, Manoj Kumar, Personnel Manager Suresh Singh along with senior union leaders Mahendra



Kumar Vishwakarma, Harendra Prasad Singh, Brij Bihari Pandey, Shivanandan Chauhan, Ganesh Mallah, Rajeshwar Singh, Jairam Singh, Murari Prasad Singh, Ravi Shankar Thakur, Pradeep Singh, Mohammad Kalimuddin, Manoj Thakur, Mahfooz Alam, Sadhu Bauri, Shrikant Mishra, Narayan Mahato along with the branch president and secretary were present in the meeting.

Register as many farmers as possible for paddy purchase, support price fixed at Rs 2400 per quintal

DN ■ Bokaro

Additional Collector Mohammad Mumtaz Ansari held a review meeting on the progress of paddy procurement in the financial year 24-25 in the office room located in the Collectorate on Wednesday. District Supply Officer Shalini Khalkho, District Cooperative Officer Shweta Gudiya, all Block Cooperative Officers, Block Supply Officers, Presidents of the concerned PACS, owners of the concerned rice mills etc. were present on the occasion. The Additional Collector took information about the paddy procurement done so far in sequence. Said that the PACS identified for paddy procurement should be widely publicized. He asked to make farmers aware about selling paddy through Krishak Mitras and other means. Said that they should be informed about the support price of Rs 2400 per quintal fixed by the government. Also, the Additional Collector asked to register as many farmers of the district as possible, so that maximum number of farmers can benefit from it. The Additional Collector asked the District Supply Officer* present in the meeting to work in a planned manner to ensure that paddy procurement is done as per the target received from the department.

Fire broke out in barn due to short circuit in Kasmar, paddy burnt to ashes

DN ■ Bokaro

A fire broke out in Geeta Devi's barn due to short circuit in 11 thousand volt wire in Barkatand of Durgapur Panchayat of Kasmar block on Wednesday afternoon. In this incident, about 100 maunds of paddy kept in the barn were burnt to ashes. The farmer has suffered a loss of more than 50 thousand rupees in this incident. According to Constant.in, villager Binod Kumar Mahato has informed the incident to Drinking Water and Sanitation Minister Yogendra Prasad. Minister Yogendra has directed the Kasmar CO to give compensation to the affected

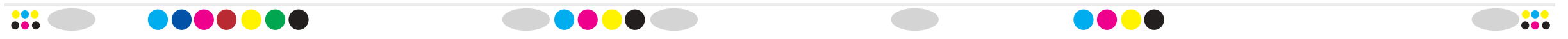


farmer. On receiving information about the incident, local Panchayat Samiti member representative Sanatan Mahato, Binod Mahato, Sandeep Kumar Mahato, Santosh Mahato,

News In Brief

Children of DAV School made an educational visit to Amrit Park Phase 5

Chas: An educational tour was conducted by the children of DAV Public School Sector 4V SCT in Amrit Park Phase 5 built under the Municipal Corporation. The main objective of this tour was to organize a bag less day cum school picnic under NEP in which the children were informed about the scientific structure located in the park, the greenery of the park and the installed equipment. After coming to the park premises, the children were very excited, they were very eager to know the material built in the park. The children gained knowledge along with entertainment. 530 children attended this park tour. Teachers were also present in the educational tour of the children under the leadership of Principal SS Kar, in which mainly Mrs. Rajeshwari, Mrs. K Sultana and BK Singh etc. were present. Park operator Mr. Amarendra Kumar told that the park is ready to establish modern and scientific facts and put them in accordance with knowledge. It is known that Amrit Park operated under the Municipal Corporation is operated in a systematic manner and fulfills the purpose of knowledge enhancement along with entertainment. Additional Municipal Commissioner cum Administrator Sanjeev Kumar gave clear instructions to all the operators to run the parks in a systematic manner. Mining department conducted intensive investigation campaign, 1 tractor confiscated. Bokaro: As per the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Vijaya Jadhav, an intensive checking campaign of mineral laden vehicles was conducted at various places in the district, in which Khetko river ghat area was inspected. During the investigation, 1 tractor was caught illegally transporting stone chips mineral near Joshi Colony, Police Center under Sector 12 Police Station, which was seized and handed over to Sector 12 Police Station. Also, on the basis of information received from Zonal Officer Chandrapura.



News In Brief

BDO inaugurated paddy procurement center

Hariharganj: BDO Biny Kumar inaugurated the paddy procurement center at Dhab Kala PACS under Babhandi Panchayat of Pipra block by cutting the ribbon. Addressing the inauguration ceremony, the BDO said that as per the rules, paddy will be purchased at the center from registered farmers only at the rate fixed by the government. Registered farmers can come to the center and sell their paddy. He said that with the opening of the paddy procurement center, farmers will get the benefit of the price fixed by the government. On the occasion, PACS President Manoj Kumar Singh, Purchase Officer Sarjun. Hussainabad MLA Sanjay Kumar Singh Yadav crowned by Ajpta teachers

Hussainabad: Teachers are nation builders, they are imparting quality education even with limited resources and the graph of education has increased due to their tireless hard work.

The newly elected MLA of Hussainabad Sanjay Kumar Singh Yadav said these things in a simple ceremony organized at his residence in front of dozens of teachers of Ajpta. Before this, they were garlanded with flowers, given bouquets and crowned. Hussainabad Block President Zubair Ansari drew attention by informing about the problems arising from education teachers, pending promotions in desirable grades in relation to vacancies and MACP which provides equal benefits to all categories of teachers. Hussainabad Block Secretary Nirmal Kumar said frankly that you are the pioneer of social justice, teachers have a lot of expectations from you.

Minority Day celebrated

Chatra: Minority Day was celebrated on Wednesday in Barwadhi village of Pathalgarh block under the chairmanship of Hafiz Mumtaz. On this occasion, BDO Kalindar Sahu said that the government is running many schemes for minorities. Minorities can take advantage of these. The BDO also gave information about the related schemes and programs.

DDC reviewed paddy procurement work in the district

DN ■ Palamu

Where paddy procurement work has not started, instructions have been given to procure paddy after inauguration by 19th December. Procurement of paddy from farmers has started from 15th December in 41 registered PACS of the district. Deputy Development Commissioner Shabbir Ahmed reviewed paddy procurement work in a meeting held in the auditorium of the Collectorate on Wednesday. During this, he told everyone that the news related to non-start of paddy procurement



work at many centers in various newspapers is worrying. He said that such news tarnishes the image of the district administration. Information was taken about paddy procurement work in all PACS one by one. In the meeting, he first

paddy could not be purchased from the farmers. On this, he ordered to inaugurate all such centers by 19th December. He said that paddy procurement work will be started after the inauguration. He said that if this is not done, action will be taken against the concerned persons. In the meeting, he instructed BDO-CO and Nodal Officer to regularly inspect paddy procurement works. He said that no laxity of any kind will be tolerated in this work. Action will be taken against the purchase officer who is negligent in his work.

Whole society will have to come forward in the fight against gender-based violence: Principal



DN ■ Palamu

On Wednesday, at Vimala Pandey Memorial Gyan Niketan, certificates of participation were distributed among the participating students of the inter-school painting competition organized by Nai Sanskriti Society as part of the ongoing campaign on burning issues like gender-based violence, harassment of women, child foeticide, safe and unsafe touch etc. On the said occasion, VPM Gyan Niketan Principal Manohar Pandey while addressing the school said that gender-based violence is a curse in the society, in such a situation, all people need to fight unitedly and first of all, along with curbing their mentality, they will have to fight strong.

Special camp organized to connect primitive tribal families with government schemes

DN ■ Chatra

As per the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Ramesh Gholap, a special camp was organized on Wednesday in Bilohar Tola Sheetalpur of Barwadhi Panchayat under Pathalgarh block to connect primitive tribal Birhor families with government schemes. In which Block Development Officer Kalinder Sahu, CO Udal Ram Pramukh Manisha Kumari, Barwadhi Mukhiya Sandeep Kumar Suman jointly distributed lungi/saree, MNREGA job card among Birhor families. At the same time, in the camp organized by the Health Department, Dr. Azhar examined the preg-



nant women and gave medicines. Also, four packets of nutrition were given to the pregnant women by the Anganwadi worker. Apart from this, health check-up of all the members was done. Dr. Azhar said that everyone's health is normal. BDO said that in the special camp, Aadhar card could not be made for children below 10 years of age due to lack

On the spot solution of people's problems in Jan Grievance Solution Program

DN ■ Medininagar

Jharkhand Police is organizing Jan Grievance Solution Program in 23 districts of the state except Ranchi. Under this, Palamu Police has also organized Jan Grievance Solution Program. In the special camp organized in Medininagar city police station area under the chairmanship of SP Rishma Rameshan, people's problems are being heard and solved. Continuously. According to the information received, Palamu SP Rishma Rameshan heard the complaints of people who came with problems from many police station



areas and solved their problems on the spot. At the same time, the SP also gave many instructions to the officials regarding the Jan Grievance Solution Program. IG Narendra Kumar Singh is monitoring the Jan Grievance Solution Program organized in Medininagar city police station area. Trainee IPS Divyanshu Shukla, Sadar CO Amardeep Balhotra, Sadar DSP Mani Bhushan Prasad and all the police station in-charges of the district are present on the spot. Let us tell you that on the instructions of Jharkhand DGP Anurag Gupta, Jan Grievance Solution Program has been started in all the districts of the state. In this programme the problems.

BJP leader inaugurated the cricket tournament



DN ■ Hariharganj

Radhe Krishna Cricket Tournament League match was inaugurated by BJP Yuva Morcha district vice president and social worker Rajiv Ranjan by cutting the ribbon on Wednesday at the ground of Motiraj Women's College in Hariharganj. Addressing the players and people, Rajiv Ranjan said that sports keep both the body and mind healthy. Players can also make their career in sports. During this, a match was played between Satgawan and Mansara team. In which the Satgawan team was victorious. On this occasion, tournament organizer Pawan Kumar Yadav, director Niranjan Kumar, Amarendra Kumar, Manjeet Kumar, Ranjeet Kumar, match referee Mahadev Yadav, Dinesh Mehta, Pankaj Paswan, Vijay Prajapati, Shambhu Yadav, Avinash Kumar and a large number of cricket lovers were present.

Chandravanshi community should be united and noble Shailu

DN ■ Medininagar

National Youth President of All India Chandravanshi Kshatriya Mahasabha Sudhir Kumar alias Bunty Chandravanshi reached Medininagar Parishad Bhavan on Wednesday as an observer. A meeting was held under his chairmanship in the Parishad Bhavan. In the meeting, Chandravanshi community's mayor candidate Sailendra Kumar Shailu was unanimously nominated. Sudhir Chandravanshi, present on the occasion, said that when Shailendra Kumar Shailu will contest the mayoral election next time, the people of Chandravanshi communi-



ty will support him in the election. In today's meeting, Kunal Kishore was made the youth president of Chandravanshi community. Expressing their views in the meeting, the people of the community said that the poor people of Chandravanshi community face difficulties in marrying their daughters due to lack of money. For that, the Chandravanshi community decided to sup-

Encroachment removal campaign in Medininagar: Relief to pedestrians anger among many shopkeepers

DN ■ Medininagar

Medininagar Municipal Corporation launched an encroachment removal campaign from Chhah Muhaan to Panch Muhaan to the main market, due to which the city roads are becoming wider and jam-free. During the campaign, the corporation workers warned the shopkeepers and hawkers through loudspeakers that if anyone encroaches by placing goods on the road, strict legal action will be taken against them and a fine will also be imposed. Strict warning to encroachers: The corporation made it clear that the shopkeepers who are encroaching by extending the part of their



establishment on government land, were instructed to remove them immediately. If this is not done, the corporation's JCB will remove their encroachment and also levy a heavy fine. During the campaign, the illegally constructed tin roofs of many shops, which were built on government land, were also demolished. Relief to pedestrians: After this

action, the market roads have started looking wider and cleaner than before. Pedestrians have got relief and the traffic system has also become smooth. Earlier, there used to be jams all the time due to carts and bikes parked on the roads, now that situation has improved to a great extent. Anger among shopkeepers: However, some shopkeepers are angry with this action. They believe that this decision can harm their business. But the administration clarified that this campaign is being run for the betterment of the city and the convenience of the public. Compliance of rules is mandatory: The administration had already designated places for vehicles and carts by white marking on the roadside, but the rules were being ignored. Now after this strict action, it is expected that discipline and order will be maintained in the market area. Step taken in public interest: This campaign was not only necessary to improve the traffic system, but is also etc.

Level meeting held in Devi Dham premises

DN ■ Medininagar

A divisional level meeting was organized in the Devi Dham premises of Haidernagar regarding the organization's Mahaparv cum Membership Mahabhiyan. It was chaired by Haidernagar Mandal President Pradeep Singh and conducted by Sanjay Singh. District Minister Somesh Singh, present as the chief in-charge, said that the primary membership campaign will run from December 22. While the active membership campaign will be run from January 2 to 15. To become an active member of the party, it is manda-



tory to make at least fifty people members. To become an online member, a link will come on giving a missed call on 88000-02024 and by clicking on the link, the form will have to be filled and submitted. He said that a meeting will be held on December 18 and 19 at the divisional level regarding the membership campaign. He said that BJP has become the largest political party in the

Environmental Dharma Guru Dr. Kaushal planted a tree on the Vijay Diwas of 1971 over Pakistan and said

DN ■ Latehar

Chief guest of the program organized at the country's famous residential school campus located in Netarhat of Latehar district, National President of World Wide Environment Protection Campaign cum Environmental Dharma Guru and founder of Vanrakki Movement, Tree Man Dr. Kaushal Kishore Jaiswal and President of National Mohanlal Khurja Parvati Devi Park and Biological Park Arun Kumar Jaiswal in Dali Bazaar of Chhatrapur inaugurated the program by planting camphor from Himachal and Rudraksha from Nepal with the prayer of environmental religion. Dr. Kaushal administered the oath of eight basic knowledge mantras of environmental religion to the principal and teachers there along with the school children who had come on tour from Orissa and Bengal. He gave special information to the school children about environmental religion. He said that on this day in 1971, the brave soldiers of India defeated the Pakistani army. Which we are cele-



brating today as Vijay Diwas. He also visited the famous Lodh Falls of Mahuadann subdivision and the highest Lodh Falls of Jharkhand and Bihar along with the school library and rose garden and tied Rakshabandhan on trees with the villagers for its protection. He said that the army protects the border and the earth and the universe are protected by plants. Dr. Kaushal, the founder of Vanrakki Movement, after worshipping the girl as per the rules of environmental religion, said that just as the soldiers of the army are engaged day and night in protecting the border with weapons, in the same way they are engaged day and night in protecting the earth and the universe by plant-

ing trees. He also said that if pollution and water crisis and climate change due to severe heat are not stopped in time, then the coming generation will become extinct like dinosaurs. Principal of Netarhat School Santosh Kumar and teacher Mrs. Mamta Kumari, agricultural trainer, President Arun Kumar Jaiswal said in their address that our ideal tree man Dr. Kaushal Kishore Jaiswal has been distributing saplings, planting them and tying Rakshabandhan on trees in the interest of the nation for a long time. He has made people aware of environmental religion in the country as well as abroad. Because of this, people of not only Jharkhand but the whole country are proud of him. Today's day will be memorable forever. The saplings that Mr. Jaiswal had planted in that campus earlier are now becoming trees and are being liked by the tourists. Prominent people in the program included teacher Dr. Shishir Saurav, Rajesh Chandra Gupta, Mrs. Ashram Subni Dung Dung, Ramesh Chandra Paswan, Dashrath.

D.B. On the 137th birth anniversary, a discussion was organized on the topic "New generation and Bhikhari Thakur" in the college

► The central government should give constitutional status to Bhojpuri, this will be a true tribute to Bhikhari Thakur ji
 ► Bhikhari Thakur had easily portrayed the feelings, separation and sufferings of women: Dr. Barkha Agarwal
 ► Bhikhari Thakur depicted the original form of the soul: Dr. Akhilesh

DN ■ Jaynagar

The 137th birth anniversary of folk artist and social reformer Bhikhari Thakur, known as the Shakespeare of Bhojpuri, was celebrated with great pomp in the auditorium of DB College located in Jaynagar subdivision. On this occasion, a seminar was organized on the topic "New generation and Bhikhari Thakur", in which prominent educationists, litterateurs and students discussed the importance of Bhikhari Thakur. The function began with the inaugural address of Dr. Shailesh Singh, National Spokesperson of Bhojpuri

Sahitya Vikas Manch and Head of Commerce Department. He praised the creative contribution of Bhikhari Thakur and said, "Bhikhari Thakur talked about equality and parity in the society through his plays and songs. He prominently raised social evils, inequalities and women's rights in his works, which are still relevant in our society. His approach is important in the direction of social reform even in today's time." Dr. Shailesh especially emphasized the need to accept Bhojpuri as an official language in the Constitution and called it a true tribute to Bhikhari Thakur.



He said, "The Bhojpuri language which Bhikhari Thakur kept alive through his plays and songs, the same language has today become a symbol of a rich culture. If the government gives constitutional status to Bhojpuri, it will be the best way to honor his contribution." In the ceremony, Dr. Barkha Agarwal, senior academician of the Psychology

Department, referring to the pain and suffering of women in Bhikhari Thakur's plays, said, "Through his creative works, Bhikhari Thakur presented the struggles and sensitivities of women in the society in a very simple and effective manner. His plays not only depict the inner feelings of women, but also highlight their struggles in front of the socie-

ty. His works have been helpful in changing the mindset of the society." While presiding over the ceremony, Dr. Akhilesh Srivastava of the Political Science Department presented Bhikhari Thakur as a folk thinker of Indian society. He said, "Bhikhari Thakur raised the voice of the people standing in the last row of the society and brought their pain in front of the society. He deeply understood the fundamental sentiments of Indian culture and raised his voice for the rights of every section of the society. Even today, his works are a source of inspiration for equality, brotherhood and social reform in the society." Other prominent educationists present at the function included Dr. Shinku Kumari, Dr. Sweety Kumari, Dr. Madhuranjan, Dr. Dharmendra

Kumar, Dr. Ananteshwar Yadav who also shared their views. While praising the works of Bhikhari Thakur, all of them stressed the need to implement his ideas in the present society. At the end of the function, Dr. Ananteshwar Yadav thanked everyone and pledged to take the teachings of Bhikhari Thakur to the new generation. He said, "The works of Bhikhari Thakur are not only a literary heritage but also an invaluable heritage for social reform. We should work towards spreading awareness in the society by promoting them." A large number of students, educationists and people from various sections of the society were present at the event, who remembered the legacy and ideas of Bhikhari Thakur and pledged to take them forward.

Ajit Singh's deadly bowling, MCC Chaibasa defeated Young Jharkhand

DN ■ Chaibasa

Thanks to Aditya Pushkar's (66 runs) brilliant batting and fast bowler Ajit Kumar Singh's excellent bowling, Middlesex Cricket Club Chaibasa defeated last year's champion team Young Jharkhand Cricket Club Chaibasa by 48 runs and got full four points. With today's victory, MCC has a total of six points in four matches and it is in second place in the points table. Tomorrow in the group league match, MCC Chaibasa's final match is scheduled with last year's runner-up team Sersa Chakradharpur. If Middlesex Cricket Club defeats Sersa Chakradharpur in tomorrow's match, then it will be confirmed to play in the final. On the other hand, this is the third consecutive defeat of last year's winning team Young Jharkhand Cricket Club and it is at the lowest position in the points table. If it fails to win in its remaining two matches, it will be relegated to B-division. In today's match played at Birs Munda Cricket Stadium ground in Chaibasa, the captain of Young Jharkhand Cricket Club won the toss and invited M.C. Chaibasa to bat first. His decision proved right when M.C.C lost seven wickets at a score of just 73 runs. But Aditya Pushkar and Ajit Kumar Singh saved the team from crisis by making a valuable partnership of 85 runs for the eighth wicket.

Inspection of Tourism and Sports Development Schemes by Secretary Manoj Kumar

DN ■ Gumla

Secretary of Tourism, Art-Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs Department of Jharkhand Government, Mr. Manoj Kumar visited Gumla district and inspected various tourist places and sports related schemes. During this, he took stock of the updated status of the work being done in the field of tourism and sports in the district and gave necessary instructions. During the inspection, District Deputy Commissioner Mr. Karna Satyarthi, Deputy Development Commissioner, Project Director PDIDA, Director DRDA, District Sports Officer DLTS, and other related officers were present.

Inspection in the field of sports:

Mr. Kumar first inspected the block level stadium under construction at Bharan and evaluated the schemes being run there. After this, he also inspected Lalit Oraon block level stadium and Albert Ekka Stadium Gumla. In Albert Ekka Stadium, he directed to send a proposal to the



department for construction of synthetic track for international level players. Along with this, Shri Kumar inspected the International Swami Vivekananda Astroturf Hockey Stadium, Chandali and stressed on the need to strengthen the infrastructure in the sports sector. He issued detailed guidelines for improving the basic facilities in all the sports grounds of the district, formation of Panchayat level sports committees, repair of renovation works, and maintenance of sports grounds.

Bihar's first film city to be built in Rajgir, Nitish government sought 200 crores from the Center

DN ■ Rajgir

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's home district Nalanda is going to get the gift of a film city soon. For this, the Bihar government has demanded Rs 200 crore from the Modi government at the Center. Deputy CM and Art and Culture Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha gave this information on Wednesday. He said that apart from the film city, Film Television Institute and National School of Drama will also be opened. This will create employment opportunities for the people of Bihar. The proposal for the film city was brought in 2017. The Bihar government had brought the proposal to build a film city in Rajgir in the year 2017 itself. About 20 acres of land was also acquired for this project. At that time, due to lack of money, this project remained confined to papers only.



But now the Bihar government has again started the initiative to complete this project. A big disclosure was made in December 2022. A big disclosure was made in December 2022 regarding this important project of the Bihar government. Actually, Nirala Kumar Chaudhary, an RTI activist from Buxar, had sought information in this regard from the Public Information Officer of the CM Secretariat. In response to which it was told that the agency which was entrusted with the construction of the film city neither got any money nor the projects were approved. Due to which this project remained where it was. However, now with the work starting on this project once again, people are hopeful that this project will be completed and the art of Bihar will also get a new identity.

Maruti Suzuki: Maruti Suzuki will build automated driving test tracks in five districts including Bhagalpur, Darbhanga



DN ■ Patna

Vehicle manufacturer Maruti Suzuki India has signed an agreement with the state government to automate the 'driving license test track' in Bhagalpur, Darbhanga, Gaya, Purnia and Saran districts of Bihar. The company said in a state-

ment on Wednesday that the aim of these automated driving test tracks is to make the license testing process more comprehensive, efficient and transparent in which there will be no human intervention. Maruti Suzuki said it will make the testing process transparent

► The first 'Institute of Driving and Traffic Research (IDTR)' was established in Aurangabad in 2018.
 ► Automated Driving Test Tracks (ADTT) were started in Aurangabad in 2020 and in Patna in 2021.

Maruti Suzuki said in its statement that the aim of these automated driving test tracks is to make the license testing process more comprehensive, efficient and transparent. This system will be free from human intervention. Which will ensure fairness. Maruti Suzuki active in Bihar since 2018. MSI Executive Officer (Corporate Affairs) Rahul Bharti said that the company has been working with the Bihar government since 2018. He said that now this initiative is being expanded to five new districts. Initiative to reduce road accidents. Bihar Transport Minister Sheela Kumari said that this collaboration will help in reducing road accidents in the state and promoting responsible driving. According to the Union Road Transport Ministry, 15.3 lakh people have lost their lives in road accidents in India between 2014 and 2023. This effort of Maruti Suzuki and the Bihar government is an important step towards improving road safety.

Bihar DGP: Criminals are scared as soon as Vinay Kumar becomes DGP, criminals surrendered in the last 24 hours

DN ■ Patna

As soon as senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Vinay Kumar took over as Director General of Police (DGP) in Bihar, the police started taking action against criminals. Criminals started trembling as soon as they saw the police. A large number of criminals are surrendering out of fear. In the last 24 hours, 218 attachment warrants have been executed in Bhagalpur, Banka, Nalgachhiya. The most action of Bihar Police was seen in East Champaran where action was taken in more than 200 cases in just one day. Out of this, the houses of 83 criminals were attached and confiscated. What did DGP Vinay Kumar say while taking charge. While taking charge, DGP Vinay Kumar had said that all the arrests that are desired under law and order will be arrested by running a campaign. We will bring the criminals to justice by conducting speedy trials. Only after this instruction, action has been started at the ground level in many districts of Bihar. 49 accused surrendered due to fear of attachment. Action has been taken against 210 absconding criminals in Motihari district during the last 24 hours. Motihari SP Swarn Prabhat said, 'After receiving the order from the court, action was taken against 210 absconding crim-



inals in the last 24 hours. In the sequence of attachment, 83 houses were attached while 49 accused surrendered due to fear of attachment. 12 absconding accused were arrested while 33 absconding accused were found dead against attachment. Apart from this, 26 accused submitted bail papers. SP had given ultimatum. SP Swarn Prabhat had issued a list of top-100 criminals on Saturday and gave them an ultimatum to surrender. He had clearly said that strict action will be taken against the criminals who do not surrender. After this, when the police started action with bulldozers on Tuesday, many criminals surrendered.

The DC reviewed the work being done by the District Social Welfare Office

► Wide publicity should be done for the general meeting to be held for the appointment of 46 Anganwadi assistants and 4 Sevikas

DN ■ Ramgarh

A review meeting was organized in the Collectorate hall on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Chandan Kumar regarding the work being done by the District Social Welfare Office. District Social Welfare Officer Indu Prabha Khalko gave information about the schemes and development works being run sequentially through a PPT presentation. During the review of the Poshan Tracker App, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Child Development Project Officer and Women Supervisors to enter the data of 100% pregnant and lactating mothers in the Poshan Tracker App by December 28 and to provide nutrition to everyone on time.



To ensure the availability of growth monitoring equipment such as infantometer, stadiometer, weight scale etc. in Anganwadi centers, the Deputy Commissioner directed to assess the growth monitoring equipment as per the current requirement at Anganwadi center wise and provide the relevant report. For the effective operation of Anganwadi centers, the Deputy Commissioner took information about the current vacancies of Anganwadi workers and assistants and directed to ensure strict compliance of the rules prescribed for

filling the vacancies on 46 Anganwadi assistants and 4 Anganwadi workers and to widely publicize the general meeting to be held for appointment. While reviewing the work being done towards the elimination of malnutrition, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Child Development Project Officer and Women Supervisors to identify severely malnourished children in their areas and admit them to the nearest MTC center for their treatment. Under the Savitribai Phule Kishori Samridhi Yojana, the District Social Welfare Officer informed in the meeting that the girls studying in private schools who are financially weak should also be given the benefit of the Chief Minister Savitribai Phule Yojana. He gave detailed information about the said process, on which the DC directed everyone to work in this direction, while the DC also directed to work seriously towards other schemes including Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana.

Deputy Commissioner inaugurated 'Sampoorna Shiksha Kavach' under DMFT

DN ■ Ramgarh

In order to strengthen and improve education in Ramgarh district, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Ramgarh Chandan Kumar, 'Sampoorna Shiksha Kavach' program under DMFT was launched on Wednesday at Gandhi Memorial Plus Two High School Ramgarh. This program is a revolutionary initiative for students of class 9th to 12th in government schools, in which they will be provided facilities like quality education, preparation for national competitive examinations, career counseling and technical assistance. Also, 24 x 7 teachers will be made available to the students under this program. On this occasion, District Education Officer, District Education Superintendent, Deputy District Program Officer, Principal, Teachers and



representatives of educational institution Philo were present. Addressing the headmasters and science teachers present, Deputy Commissioner Chandan Kumar said, "The aim of the district administration is to improve the life of every student of the district. The 'Sampoorna Shiksha Kavach' program is a strong initiative in this direction. Under this, students will get an opportunity to connect with live teachers 24x7 anytime.

Crossing the line on the judicial front

AN impeachment motion has been moved against Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav of the Allahabad High Court over his remarks at a recent event of the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP). There is no chance that the move will succeed because the ruling dispensation is against it. Indeed, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has strongly supported Justice Yadav. There are reports that Justice Yadav has been asked by the Supreme Court Collegium to meet it. The latter has no legal authority to do so. Hence, he will be within the law to skip the meeting. However, if he does meet the Collegium, it can draw his attention to the Restatement of Values of Judicial Life, adopted by the Supreme Court in May 1997. It can advise him to observe them, but if he chooses to ignore them, it can really do nothing except recommend his transfer from the Allahabad HC. It is possible, though, that the government may not act on the recommendation. Thus, as matters stand, Justice Yadav virtually enjoys immunity for his remarks at the VHP function. Yes, there is one step the HC Chief Justice can take. He can decide not to allot judicial work to the judge on the ground that the comments have made him unfit to adjudicate cases. But that will require a very courageous Chief Justice in our contentious times.

Paragraphs 8 and 9 of Restatement of Values of Judicial Life read: "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. A Judge is expected to let his judgments speak for themselves. He shall not give interview to the media." In the past, judges did not seek to attract attention either to themselves or their personal views on national affairs. They seldom gave lectures or participated in public functions. This was based on the sound principle that the public should have confidence that their decisions were based on the facts and the law and no other consideration. The cardinal and eternal essence of the dispensation of justice is that it must not only be done but also be manifestly done. Today, too, many judges of superior courts follow this principle and avoid the temptation of airing their views in public. However, if the feeling gains currency in the judiciary that there is nothing objectionable for judges to comment on issues such as the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) — a matter which may come up for adjudication — the present restraint exercised by most of the judges may get eroded to the detriment of the administration of justice in India. That will damage the national good. Justice Yadav not only spoke on the UCC but also did so in terms of rank communalism. All through his address, he spoke as a Hindu and addressed Muslims as a separate community. This violates the basic tenet of a judge: she/he will not distinguish between citizens on the grounds of religion either as individuals or as a group. It is particularly sad that Justice Yadav gave the go-by to the proud traditions of the Allahabad High Court, whose judges, even during the days of colonialism, strove to pursue the path of rectitude and reticence as well as fierce independence.

Justice Yadav may be suited for public life. He would have full freedom there to express his opinions, and if he is elected to a legislature, he can strive to ensure that these are converted into law. There is little doubt that political forces in the country that are supporting him may welcome him into their fold. They may find him an asset, for his VHP speech shows that he is a fluent public speaker who will be able to convey their beliefs succinctly to the public. I hope readers will forgive me for striking a personal note. My family members had a century-long association with the Allahabad HC as lawyers and judges. I moved away to the field of diplomacy, but have vivid recollections of the principles followed by my father, who retired as Chief Justice of this court. He told me that a judge should not only speak through his judgments but also confine those judgments to the law and facts of the case. He should not make obiter dicta, let alone use judgments to lecture society or point to national infirmities. That was the duty of other organs of the state.

Revival of India's North Korean mission reflects strategic shift

Developments in the Korean peninsula are of greater strategic importance to India today than they were four years ago.

THE term 'Bangladeshi' in India has infiltrated our lexicon as "illegal" human beings. They have also become the most acceptable alibis for the political class to extract political mileage and distract unfavourable attention. The recent case in point is Delhi's Lieutenant-Governor VK Saxena, who announced a two-month special drive to identify and act against illegal Bangladeshi immigrants residing in the national capital. The Delhi police has started raids in slums across Kalindi Kunj, Shaheen Bagh and Jamia Nagar, where Rohingya refugees were provided land to set up camps.

Many in India like to believe that Rohingyas are Bangladeshi despite sufficient knowledge that the ethnicity is among the most persecuted groups of Myanmar. It may not be a coincidence that this development came hours after the BJP demanded a CBI investigation into the alleged illegal settlement of Rohingyas in Jammu and Kashmir. Chief Minister of the state Omar Abdullah has said the refugees should be deported, if at all, but they could not be made to starve and he would not let them die in the cold. Yet, I will not be surprised if this campaign to identify Bangladeshi "infiltrators" picks steam across other states. Let us not forget that we are upon another season of elections and, this time, for the national capital. Many would have forgotten that in mid-1992, Delhi had launched Operation Pushback to deport Bangladeshis. That was under the Congress government, which was responding to a belligerent Sangh Parivar dramatically heightening its pitch around unauthorised immigration. Assam had already scripted the threat of a silent demographic invasion by these impoverished, desperate, pitiable neighbours who were being pushed into India to seize Hindu territory. The template of Bangladeshi-phobia was a well-established eastern propaganda that the Sangh appropriated in its entirety. It was, however, willing to exclude the Hindu Bangladeshis as refugees who were escaping persecution. The same lens wouldn't apply to Rohingyas at a later stage. Around the same time, the Sangh launched the slogan, 'Infiltrators Quit India', and forced the Congress to act against whom it considered infiltrators, setting the stage for an event that would change the political landscape of the country forever. By December, the crescendo had reached



Ayodhya, resulting in the demolition of the Babri Masjid. The presence of illegal migrants from the neighbouring countries is not an unfamiliar piece of data. It is also well known that during the Congress regime, politicians have reportedly used these settlers as "vote banks". But there is no evidence yet or corroboration of the claim that millions of infiltrators have arrived to take over parts of this country. Instigated by the Sangh's growing voice against the infiltrators, the then Prime Minister Narasimha Rao rolled out an action plan against the Bangladeshis to counter the jingoism. It only added fuel to the propaganda. In September 1992, a group of 132 persons was identified as infiltrators and removed from the Seemapuri area of east Delhi. It is well known that all efforts by the government to arrest infiltration through the porous borders have proven ineffective. However, the build-up of such a campaign has been highly beneficial politically. The 1992 campaign, finally, provided the Sangh political legitimacy and made xenophobia and anti-Muslim rhetoric acceptable in public life. The current campaign launched by the bureaucratic arm of the BJP in Delhi has raised the suspicion of the beginning of a nationwide 'identification' drive that could serve as a precursor of another round of the National Register of Citizens (NRC). Though Assam provides the case study that the NRC is a wasteful exercise in detection, it has proven to be a

worthwhile weapon to intimidate and harass Muslims. Manipulated by political parties, the acute fear of being rendered into a non-citizen has repeatedly triggered ethnonational projects across decades. In the politics of the Hindu right, the framing of migrants threatening the security of Hindu-India has become synonymous with Muslims in general.

The ongoing exercise is already on the lines of the NRC verification, something that Uttar Pradesh had initiated in 2019. The chorus then had gained momentum, with other states chiming in and Karnataka even constructing a detention centre.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, known for his anti-Muslim vocabulary, has floated the idea of a nationwide NRC in his recent election campaign in Jharkhand. Given India's poor neighbourhood policy that stood exposed after the fall of Dhaka this year, such rhetoric is bound to further deteriorate relations between the two countries, which are always on the edge with the NRC.

It will be interesting to see how this is going to play out with another Islamophobic campaign gaining ground: the claim of temples under mosques. The Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 mandates that the nature of all places of worship, except the one in Ayodhya that was then under litigation, shall be maintained as it was on August 15, 1947. While one hoped the Ayodhya judgement would have closed this matter, more such suits have been filed in Varanasi and, more recently in Sambhal, where trial courts hastily ordered surveys of the mosques, resulting in a clash that killed four people.

This could well be a convergence of two distinctive sets of xenophobic projects that will set off a chain of low-intensity anti-Muslim campaigns working simultaneously, while stepping up the ante wherever political machinations are due.

While the detection and detention mechanism fits the concept of "the process is the punishment", the mosque surveys claiming buried temples aim to set right "historical wrongs", thus perpetrating the narrative of revenge against invaders who have looted the glorious past.

Perilous fast track

Dallewal's extreme stand eclipsing big picture

THE life of farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, who is on a fast-unto-death, is precious — as rightly observed by the Supreme Court. So too are the lives of all protesters who are staying put at Shambhu and Khanauri borders in the bitter cold. And Dallewal himself has said that the lives of farmers pushed to the brink by flawed government policies are more valuable than his own. If every kisan's life really matters, why have things come to such a pass? And why has the time-tested path of dialogue been abandoned?

Unfortunately, it was only after the apex court's intervention that senior representatives of the Punjab and Central governments reached out to Dallewal. But it is unlikely that his extreme stand will force the Centre to accept farmers' key demands, including a legal guarantee of MSP for various crops. After all, over 700 of them had died during a year-long agitation before the Modi government finally



repealed the three farm laws. Ironically, Dallewal's hunger strike and the efforts to dissuade him are eclipsing the big picture — the widespread agrarian distress fuelled

by factors such as the debt burden, rising costs of farming and inadequate support for crop diversification.

The SC has urged farmers to adopt the Gandhian way of staging protests. The Mahatma considered fasting as a potent weapon in the Satyagraha armoury, but he made it clear that a Satyagrahi should do it only as the last resort — "when all other avenues of redress have been explored and have failed". Leaders of farm unions still have the option of pressing the Centre to return to the negotiating table. The marathon talks between Union ministers and farmers' representatives in February might not have produced a breakthrough, but that is no reason to snap lines of communication. A mutual climbdown is a must to save farmers' lives as well as livelihood.

What porn has to do with the post-Nirbhaya world

Pornography can foster unhealthy attitudes that can escalate into sexual frustration and violence. Addressing this requires urgent government action.

ON December 16, 2012, the brutal gang-rape of a young physiotherapy student on a moving bus in Delhi became the turning point for India. The girl died, and the tragedy sparked protests and demands for justice, pushing for better legal protection for women. Named 'Nirbhaya', her death shook the country's conscience. The tragedy forced policymakers to confront the inadequacies in laws addressing sexual violence. Long-debated reforms were, finally, prioritised as the case became the catalyst for overhauling legal frameworks to ensure better protection, justice and accountability for crimes against women. Following the Nirbhaya tragedy, the Indian government passed the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act of 2013, expanding the definition of sexual violence to include stalking, voyeurism and acid attacks. It also increased the penalty for rape, including life imprisonment and death penalty for repeat offenders. Fast-track courts were introduced and an amendment in the 2015 Juvenile Justice Act allowed minors aged 16-18 committing heinous crimes to be tried as adults. A Nirbhaya Fund was created for the implementation of initiatives aimed at enhancing the safety and security of women, such as installing CCTVs at public places.

The 2017 Unnao rape case and the 2018 Kathua rape and murder case demonstrated the potential of fast-track courts to lead to convictions. But the 2020 Hathras gang-rape revealed that challenges still persisted in achieving impartial justice. Today, 12 years after the Nirbhaya case, despite various legal reforms, women face persistent sexual violence. In August this year, a doctor was raped and killed at a hospital in Kolkata, while a seven-month-old girl was brutally raped earlier this month, again in Kolkata. This tragic reality signals a profound societal failure. It is not easy to pinpoint any particular reason behind the continued sexual crimes against women and even babies. A complex interplay of social, cultural, economic and systemic factors is behind it — from the deep-rooted patriarchy perpetuating harmful gender

norms to devaluing women as subordinates to men; from the lack of open conversations about healthy sexual relationships to the absence of comprehensive sex education; from delayed investigations, low conviction rates and insensitive handling of cases to under-reporting of such cases due to social stigma; from substance abuse to rapid urbanisation, migration and weakening of community ties; from social isolation and anonymity in urban settings to unemployment and economic inequalities. All these factors can create frustration and aggression, sometimes leading to acts of sexual violence. Another contributing factor is the rapid digitisation and low-cost or free accessibility of pornographic material. A study published in the 'Indian Journal of Public Health' points out that India, with 12 per cent of the websites devoted to pornography, ranks third in porn consumption globally. Excessive consumption of porn has become a pressing public health concern, with research pointing to its correlation with sexual crimes.

A study by the UK Government's Equality Office in 2020 found that though harmful attitudes toward women are influenced by multiple factors, a key reason was pornography. Many researchers consider it to be a significant contributor to harmful sexual beliefs and behaviours in high-risk individuals. Understanding this relationship requires the examination of pornography consumption. Viewing too much pornographic content leads to desensitisation. It makes the content mundane and commonplace, leading to increased exposure time and a quest for more hard-core content. It also leads to a detachment from reality and lack of differentiation between the real and the virtual.

Whether pornographic content affects sexual aggression has been debated for decades. Since complex multiple

factors contribute to deviant behaviour, blaming pornography alone oversimplifies the issue and diverts attention from the systemic causes. However, one certainly cannot ignore pornography as a key factor. Research on rape culture has focused on understanding the acquisition of attitudes, behaviours and norms associated with violence against women. While many of



these factors are more influential than pornography, it is often pornography's interaction with these factors and their exacerbation that heightens its impact. Certain types of pornography, particularly those depicting violence or non-consensual acts, may normalise aggression and perpetuate misogynistic views. Frequent consumption of such material can desensitise viewers to violence and blur the understanding of consent in a relationship. For individuals with a predisposition towards violent or harmful behaviour,

pornography can act as a trigger, reinforcing these tendencies. Exposure to pornography that objectifies women can increase the acceptance of rape myths and play a significant role in shaping attitudes linked to the perpetuation of 'rape culture'.

The myths associated with rape promote the idea that rape is usually avoidable if certain precautions are taken. The onus of "don't get raped" is thrust upon women (as opposed to "don't rape" upon men). And, this self-protective ideal lends itself comfortably to blaming the victim and absolving the perpetrator.

Urgent government action is needed to address this menace. The steps required to be taken include the regulation of free pornographic websites and issuance of trigger warnings as also seeking proof of age for access to such sites and holding awareness campaigns and supervised discussions on consent and respectful relationships. Introducing media and digital literacy in educational institutions, adult education classes, institutions of open and lifelong learning and community and vocational education can further equip students to evaluate harmful content critically. As we honour Nirbhaya's memory, her legacy demands more than symbolic gestures. Strong laws must be enforced and efforts to inculcate gender sensitivity amongst all stakeholders must continue. Justice-focused narratives should dominate the media, countering misinformation and fostering accountability. The government should commission research studies to find reasons behind the persistence of rape cases. The transformation journey requires a collective effort towards creating a society where every citizen feels safe and no girl has to pay with her life and be named 'Nirbhaya' again.

Supreme Court Sets Aside Death Penalty In Boy's Sexual Assault, Murder Case

New Delhi. The Supreme Court on Tuesday set aside the death sentence imposed on a convict in a sexual assault and murder case of a four-year-old minor boy in 2016, and substituted it with a 25-year jail term without remission. Holding the crime was diabolical, a bench comprising Justices B R Gavai, Aravind Kumar and K V Viswanathan, took note of the mitigating circumstances and observed it was not a case where the possibility of reformation was completely ruled out. The case does not fall in the rarest of rare category, the bench said.

Having regard to the nature of the offence, a sentence of imprisonment for a prescribed period without remission would alone be proportionate to the crime and also not jeopardise the public confidence in the efficacy of the legal system," it said, "a sentence of imprisonment for a period of 25 years without remission would be a just desert". The apex court delivered its judgement on an appeal filed by convict

Sambhubhai Raisangbhai Padhiyar challenging the Gujarat High Court's April 2019 verdict. The high court had confirmed the conviction and death sentence imposed on him by a trial court for the offences punishable under various sections of the IPC, including murder besides the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012. According to the prosecution, Padhiyar kidnapped the four-year-old boy, sexual assaulted and murdered him in April, 2016, in Gujarat's Bharuch district. "Without doubt, the crime committed by the appellant was diabolic in character. He enticed the innocent child by tempting him with ice-cream and brutally sodomised and murdered the four-year old. The appellant also mercilessly strangled the deceased," the top court said. The mitigation investigation report filed before the apex court showed the appellant was 24-years of age at the time of incident, no criminal antecedents and hailed from a low



socio-economic household. The bench said the report from the superintendent of Vadodra Jail indicated the appellant's behaviour in prison was completely normal and his conduct was good.

It further said the report from a mental health hospital indicated the appellant had no psychiatric problem at present. "Considering the overall facts and circumstances, we hold that the present is not a case where it can be said that the possibility of reformation is completely

ruled out. The option of life imprisonment is also not foreclosed," the bench said. It said though the case of the appellant fell short of the rarest of rare category, considering the nature of the crime, the court "strongly" felt a sentence of life imprisonment -- normally working out for 14 years -- would be grossly disproportionate and inadequate.

The top court's verdict noted the prosecution's case alleging the child was playing near his house when the accused took him on the pretext of getting him ice-cream, and later his mortal remains were found near bushes.

"The deceased, aged between three-and-a-half and four years, was a small child, just out of toddlerhood and at the preschool stage. This is very significant because when the appellant has from the neighbourhood of the house of the deceased taken the deceased one would expect that the small child would be brought back and dropped at the house," it said.

Goa Chief Minister's Wife Sues AAP MP For 100 Crore Over Job Scam Charge

New Delhi. Sulakshana Sawant, the wife of Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, has filed a ₹ 100 crore defamation suit against Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Sanjay Singh for allegedly naming her in a "Cash-for-Jobs Scam" in Goa during a press conference earlier this month. Sulakshana Sawant filed the defamation suit in the Civil Judge Senior Division Court in Bicholim, Goa, against Sanjay Singh. According to an official press note, the allegations claim that Sanjay Singh linked Sulakshana Sawant to a "Cash-for-Jobs Scam" in Goa, claiming she was involved in corrupt practices.

These statements were broadcast live on multiple national and regional news channels and shared widely on social media platforms like YouTube, where they have garnered significant views," said the allegations. The defamation suit asserts that these false accusations were made without any credible evidence, causing harm to Sulakshana Sawant's integrity and public image. The statements made by Mr Singh, according to the lawsuit, were not only damaging but were also broadcasted and shared extensively, amplifying the false allegations. "The defamation occurred during a press conference where Sanjay Singh made direct accusations against Sulakshana Sawant's integrity and her involvement in the scam, thereby damaging her reputation," said the press note.

As per an official press note, the legal action sought by Sulakshana Sawant includes seeking ₹ 100 crores as damages for defamation, a permanent injunction against Sanjay Singh and his associates, restraining them from making or publishing defamatory statements, videos, or articles about her on any platform, including social media. Ms Sawant has also demanded a public apology from Sanjay Singh, clarifying the falsehood of his statements and the defamatory video, article.

She has also sought an injunction to prevent further defamatory statements by Mr Singh or his associates during the course of the suit. Further, Ms Sawant has requested the court to grant the costs of the suit and any other appropriate reliefs. As per the press note, the baseless and defamatory statements made by Sanjay Singh are "...Over the past 10 years, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government has been involved in corruption and bribery under the guise of job creation. Even the wife of Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has been named in the scandal, along with several of his ministers." "This is not a small issue - it is a massive job scam involving corruption and bribery in Goa, with direct involvement from the Chief Minister and his ministers. The names of the Chief Minister's wife and various brokers have been revealed." This job bribery scam became even more serious when the then-Governor, Satyapal Malik, publicly stated that Chief Minister Pramod Sawant's wife was involved in the job scam, accepting bribes for jobs, committing corruption, and demanding money. "This clearly indicates that the Chief Minister of Goa and his entire family are involved in accepting bribes under the pretence of offering jobs."

High Court judge appears before Supreme Court over 'majority' remark: Sources

NEW DELHI. A controversy has erupted following remarks made by Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav of the Allahabad High Court at an event organised by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP). The judge, who reportedly made statements endorsing the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and allegedly commented on the Muslim community, appeared before the Supreme Court collegium on Tuesday to clarify his position, sources said. Justice Yadav's speech at the VHP Legal Cell's provincial convention in Allahabad, where he reportedly stated that laws should reflect the majority's will, triggered a political and judicial backlash.



Responding to the developments, the Supreme Court had, on December 10, sought details from the Allahabad High Court regarding the judge's

remarks. On Tuesday, Justice Yadav travelled to Delhi and met with the collegium led by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna. According to sources, the collegium expressed concern over his public statements, advising him to exercise caution in his speeches and maintain the dignity of his constitutional office. Justice Yadav was reportedly reminded that casual remarks in public forums could harm the judiciary's credibility and emphasised the need for restraint, particularly on sensitive matters. In September 2021 also, Justice Shekhar Yadav made some observations on cows while hearing a case on their slaughter.

"Cows should be declared the national animal, and cow protection should be kept as a fundamental right of Hindus because when the culture and faith of the country are hurt, the country becomes weak," he had said.

Pitiable some retired high court judges get meagre pension: SC

NEW DELHI. The Supreme Court on Wednesday said it was "pitiable" that some retired high court judges were getting a pension ranging between Rs 10,000 and Rs 15,000. "You cannot have a legal approach in every matter. Sometimes, you need to have a humane approach," observed a bench of Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan. "It is pitiable," the bench said, while noting that some retired high court judges were getting pension ranging between Rs 10,000 and Rs 15,000. The pleas raising issue concerning pension of retired high court judges was listed for hearing before the bench on Wednesday. Attorney General R Venkataramani mentioned the matter before the bench and requested that it be taken up for hearing in January. Venkataramani said the government would try to resolve the issue.

"It is better you persuade them that our intervention should be avoided," the bench observed. It said the matter would not be decided on individual cases and whatever the top court might lay down would be applicable to all the high court judges. The bench posted the matter for hearing on January 8. While hearing one of the pleas in the matter last month, the apex court had expressed "shock" that some retired high court judges were getting a meagre pension ranging between Rs 6,000 and Rs 15,000.

The bench was hearing a petition filed by a retired high court judge who said he was receiving a pension of Rs 15,000. The petitioner, who was elevated as a judge of the Allahabad High Court after serving as a judicial officer in the district court for 13 years, had claimed that the authorities had refused to consider his judicial service while computing the pension. "If there are retired high court judges before us who are getting Rs 6,000 and Rs 15,000 as pension, it is shocking. How can that be?" the bench had remarked while hearing the plea. While hearing a separate plea in March, the apex court had said there cannot be any discrimination in computing the pensionary benefits of retired judges of high courts based on whether they were elevated from the bar or the district judiciary.

"We Have Polls All The Time": BJP MP Hema Malini On 'One Nation, One Election'

New Delhi. BJP MP and renowned actress Hema Malini on Tuesday voiced her support for the 'One Nation, One Election' bill, citing the benefits of synchronised elections. She emphasises that frequent elections in India, unlike other countries, hinder her work as an MP due to the model code of conduct enforcement.

Ms Malini argues that simultaneous elections would conserve resources, which could then be allocated to vital sectors like education and health. This perspective resonates with concerns about the economic burden of frequent elections. "In every country, elections are held only once, not like India where we have elections all the time. Due to this, I face a lot of problems as an MP when work stops due to the enforcement of the model code of conduct. If elections are held only once, then the money saved can be used for different purposes like education and health..." she said.

Earlier today, the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth



Amendment) Bill, 2024' and 'The Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024' was formally introduced in Lok Sabha after members voted on it. The bill proposes a 'One Nation One Election' or simultaneous elections to both Lok Sabha and state assemblies. The bill will be sent to a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) for detailed discussions.

The Speaker of the Lok Sabha announced the result of the vote on the introduction of the bill in the House. The vote showed 269 members in favor (Ayes) and 196 against (Noes).

This followed Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal's formal introduction of the Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill, 2024, on 'One Nation, One Election' and his agreement to send the bill to a JPC in response to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement. Meanwhile, Congress MP Manish Tewari opposed the move, arguing, "Beyond the seventh schedule of the Constitution is the basic structure doctrine, which spells out that there are certain features of the Constitution beyond the amending power of the House. The essential features are federalism and the structure of our democracy. Therefore, the bills moved by the Minister of Law and Justice are an absolute assault on the basic structure of the Constitution and are beyond the legislative competence of the House."

DMK MP TR Baalu opposed the bill, stating, "I oppose the 129th Constitution Amendment Bill, 2024. As my leader M.K. Stalin has said, it is anti-federal."

"Lot Of Hatred": Congress Demands Amit Shah's Apology For Ambedkar Remark

New Delhi. The Congress on Tuesday alleged that Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks in the Rajya Sabha during a debate on the Constitution show that the BJP and the RSS leaders have a "lot of hatred" for B R Ambedkar and demanded an apology from him.

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi said those who believe in Manusmriti will definitely be at odds with Ambedkar. Congress general secretary-in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh shared a video snippet on X from Mr Shah's speech in the upper house. Abhi ek fashion ho gaya hai - Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar. Itna naam agar bhagwan ka lete to saat janmon tak swarg mil jata (It has become a fashion to say Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar). If they had taken God's name so many times, they would have

got a place in heaven," Mr Shah said, taking a swipe at the opposition. Mr Shah said the BJP is happy that the Congress is taking Ambedkar's name but the party should also speak about its real sentiments towards him. He pointed out how Ambedkar had to resign from the first Cabinet citing his disagreement with the then Congress-led government's policies including Article 370. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge lashed out at Amit Shah, saying the "insult" of Babasaheb by the home minister "has once again proven that the BJP-RSS were against the tricolour, their forefathers opposed the Ashok Chakra and the people of the Sangh Parivar wanted to implement Manusmriti instead of the Constitution of India from the very first day." "Babasaheb Dr Ambedkar Ji did not allow this to happen, that is why there is so much hatred towards him,"



Mr Kharge said, "The ministers of the Modi government should understand carefully that for crores of people like me, Babasaheb Ambedkar is no less than God... He is and will always be the messiah of Dalits, tribals, backward classes, minorities and the poor," Mr Kharge said in a post in Hindi on X. In a post on X, Mr Ramesh said, "Amit Shah has said something very disgusting. This shows that the BJP and RSS leaders have a lot of hatred for Baba Saheb Ambedkar." "The hatred is

such that they are annoyed even by his name. These are the same people whose ancestors used to burn the effigies of Baba Saheb, who themselves used to talk about changing the Constitution given by Baba Saheb," the Congress leader said.

As the people taught them a lesson, they are now annoyed with those who take Baba Saheb's name, he said. "Shameful! Amit Shah should apologise to the country for this," Mr Ramesh asserted.

Congress general secretary in-charge organisation K C Venugopal also hit out at Amit Shah over his remarks. "HM Amit Shah, in case you didn't know - Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar is equivalent to God and the Constitution he drafted is a Holy Book for crores of people across the world. How dare you speak about Dr. Ambedkar with such disdain?" he said.

Delhi air quality remains 'severe', thick blanket of smog reduces visibility

Delhi weather: Of Delhi's 37 monitoring stations, 32 of them had AQI readings beyond the 400-mark, with the worst affected areas being Anand Vihar, Burari and Lajpat Nagar with AQI above 480.

New Delhi. Delhi-NCR residents on Wednesday woke up to a thick layer of smog as the air quality index (AQI)

remained in the 'severe' category for the third consecutive day with an overall reading of 442. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the temperature in certain areas of Delhi was above 7.6 degrees Celsius. The minimum temperature in Palam was recorded at 7.4 degrees Celsius, while in Lodhi Road, the minimum temperature was recorded at 8.4 degrees Celsius. Humidity levels fluctuated between 100 and 66 per cent during the day.

Delhi's 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) was recorded at 442 (very poor) at 7 am on Wednesday. According to CPCB data, the Air Quality in 32 stations of Delhi were in the 'Severe' category, with Anand Vihar, Burari and Lajpat Nagar having an AQI above 480. In Jahangirpuri, the AQI was at 464, while in Vivek Vihar, the AQI was at 455, and in Rohini, the AQI was at 458. In Punjabi Bagh, the AQI was at 450.



Early morning visuals from the city showed a significant reduction in visibility. At the Delhi airport, low-visibility procedures were implemented after the visibility came down to 300 meters.

This is the third consecutive day when the air quality in Delhi remained in the 'Severe' category. On December 16, the authorities imposed GRAP-IV restrictions in a bid to curb worsening pollution levels.

The CPCB classifies AQI between 0 and 50 as "good", between 51 and 100 as "satisfactory", between 101 and 200 as

"moderate", between 201 and 300 as "poor", between 301 and 400 as "very poor", and above 400 as "severe". The primary pollutant on Wednesday was PM2.5, with levels recorded over 189.5 µg/m³ at 5 am. These fine particles pose significant health risks as they can penetrate deep into the lungs and enter the bloodstream. In the coming days, Delhi may witness a further increase in the cold wave with shallow fog in various parts due to calm winds and high humidity, as the IMD.

Meanwhile, the cold weather conditions persisted in many parts of north and east India on Wednesday, with minimum temperature in parts of Kashmir dropping several notches below freezing point. Earlier on Tuesday, Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of minus 5.3 degrees Celsius, down from minus 3.4 degrees Celsius the previous night, with water supply lines in many parts of the city and elsewhere in the Valley getting frozen due to the cold.



10 tips for

Beauty Sleep

One needs to have a definite sleep schedule. This involves timeliness and the recommended slot spans from 10 pm to 7 am. Seven hours minimum.

Oversleeping on weekends cannot compensate for lack of sleep on weekdays. It won't reverse the damage, nor will afternoon naps. A mid-day snooze must end by 4 pm so that nighttime sleep pattern isn't affected.

Keep your mind clutter-free. All of life's important decisions and analysis can wait till the next morning. Don't use your pre-slumber moments to stress about work. Jot down all important tasks for the next day in your diary or on a piece of paper, to keep your mind at ease. You should have a gadget cut-off time. Switch off the TV latest by ten. No matter how tempting, do not message, call or surf social networking sites after 10. Your mind needs time to switch off. Give it a break. Caffeine, alcohol and nicotine hamper a good night's rest. If you have to consume them, give a gap of at least an hour and a half between your last drink/smoke/coffee before bedtime. Opt for comforting rituals like a warm bath, a foot soak that soothe your senses. If all fails and you still have trouble sleeping, try

including a physical exercise into your daily schedule: jogging, yoga exercises or a music and dance class during the day. Always sleep on your back so that your face is not compressed by anything. For those who cannot conquer this for habitual reasons, opt for bedsheets and pillow covers in silk. Silk has the amazing ability to keep us cool when it's warm; and make us feel warm when it's cold outside. This leads to a more relaxing and rejuvenating sleep.

Avoid snacking before bedtime, particularly on grains and sugars. They raise blood sugar levels and interfere with your sleep. They also keep your digestive system active, preventing you from falling asleep with ease.

Avoid using loud alarm clocks to wake yourself up. If you need a clock to give you a wake-up call, opt for one with a light, soothing tune. It should be just loud enough to wake you up!

If you're used to reading before you go to bed, make sure it's pleasurable and slow-paced. Try not to read anything over-

stimulating, such as a mystery or suspense novel, as you may find yourself engrossed for hours, taking away a lot of your sleep time. It is good to sleep in complete darkness. But if

you're living in a lively city, it may be difficult to block out every stream of light using curtains, blinds or drapes. In such cases, opt for an eye mask to block out the remaining light.



5 beauty benefits of Sesame oil



Apart from its culinary use, sesame oil, extracted from sesame seeds, has several health benefits and is even popular in alternative medicine. Here are some of its beauty benefits.

Natural sunscreen: If you didn't get a chance to buy a new sunscreen before heading for a vacation, just carry a bottle of sesame oil. Applying it prevents sun tan.

Heals skin: Applying sesame oil on cuts and wounds helps heal them faster since the oil contains antibacterial properties. Due to its good anti-inflammatory properties, it also helps in curing several skin conditions like psoriasis and eczema.

Helps moisturise: The oil contains essential fatty acids like palmitic, oleic, linoleic, and stearic acid that makes it a good moisturizer. Apply it on a regular basis to keep your skin soft and smooth. You can also add it to your bathing water as it can help treat cracked heels and dry knees and elbows.

Delays ageing: Wanna look younger? Add sesame oil to your diet. Containing antioxidants, vitamin E and sesamol, which help prevent radical damage, sesame oil

helps hold back the ageing process of your skin. Improves circulation: Since it has high viscosity, the oil can seep deep into the skin and nourish it from within. If you want glowing skin, opt for regular sesame oil massage that will improve blood circulation and repair damaged skin cells.



Here's how to wear this trend

Choose the right shade

The perfect way to sport red lips is by choosing the right colour. If you have fair skin, you can opt for a candy-apple red that will suit your complexion.

However if you are wheatish or dark, you can always go for shades with maroon or purple tones in it.

Opt for the right formula

However only selecting the right shade won't be enough. You also need to choose the right formula so that it suits you. If you want your lipstick to last longer, choose a matte red lipstick. For a more modern look, try using a glossy red lipstick

instead. They add a sophisticated touch to your lips. Further if you do not wish to go for a matte or a glossy lipstick, use a tinted one that will protect your lips as well as also add colour.



Ways to apply it

The key to flaunting red lips is by ensuring that you wear it the right way.

Smooth it perfectly: Use a sugar scrub to remove dead skin cells from the area. Follow this up with a tinted moisturiser.

Outline your lips well:

To make your lips pop and also look brighter. With a small brush apply a little concealer on the outside of your lips. Gently blend the outer edge of the line for a natural look. This will help draw attention to your lips and will blend in

How to sport red

Lips

with the natural tone of your skin.

Add the lip liner: Once you are done highlighting your lip line, use a lip liner of the same shade or a shade lighter and outline your lips.

Fill in the colour: After you are done outlining your lips, pick the shade that you choose to wear and apply it evenly on your lips.

Experts suggest smoothening over straightening to re-texture your unruly locks. Find out why

Straightening hair is often our last resort or probably the first remedy to rectify frizzy and fuzzy hair. While a few do this to tame their hair, a majority get their hair straightened to sport a trendy look. But does straightening give your hair a fake texture? Is smoothening hair a better option than straightening?

"Smoothening is always a better option than straightening. Smoothening makes hair look natural soft, unlike the results from straightening that can give the



Hair Smoothening better than straightening?

hair pin-straight tips, which contributes a fake look," says Theertha Sasidharan, a beauty expert.

Hair stylists can sweep your wavy or curly hair into straight, soft and shiny strands, all with the iron rod and chemicals. "Most of my customers prefer to have a naturally straight hair, which is why we advise smoothening, though the process and duration of the result are the same," says beauty expert Beena.

However, Beena warns that the effects of smoothening are better when it is done on thin hair, than thick locks. Though most of them walk in to get their hair straightened, when informed about the end-results of smoothening, they would not hesitate to experiment and invest in smoothening.

For extremely curly hair, she suggests straightening therapy. "This of course is similar to straightening, but the product used is different," she adds.



NEWS BOX

Rohit Sharma avoids Mohammed Shami question after Gabba draw: NCA should answer

New Delhi India captain Rohit Sharma humorously sidestepped questions about pacer Mohammed Shami's availability for the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy, stating that only the National Cricket Academy (NCA) could provide clarity on his fitness. Following India's hard-fought draw in the third Test against Australia at the Gabba, speculation intensified regarding potential changes in India's bowling attack for the series' remainder. Shami's name has been a constant topic amongst Indian cricket fans, who are eager to see the experienced bowler join forces with Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj. However, lingering concerns over Shami's recovery from an ankle surgery in November 2023 have left the Indian management cautious. Addressing the media post-match, Rohit emphasised that the NCA would need to certify Shami's readiness before any decision could be made about his inclusion in the Test squad. "I think it's high time somebody from NCA talked about him. That's our national cricket academy where



he is rehabing. Those guys are the ones who need to come up and give us some kind of update. But look, I understand he's playing a lot of cricket back home, but there have been some complaints about his knee as well. The last thing you want is the player coming here and then pulling out in the middle of the game. You know what happens when that kind of thing happens," Rohit said.

"There's no way we want to take that chance unless we are like, not a hundred percent, 200 hundred percent sure. We're not going to take any risk. But yeah, like I said in the last press conference, the door is open. If those guys at the NCA feel that he's okay to go and recovered, and play, I will be happy to have him," he added. Shami, currently at the NCA in Bengaluru, has declared himself available for the upcoming Vijay Hazare Trophy. This development has complicated the possibility of his joining the Indian Test squad in Australia anytime soon.

Shami since his return from injury

The veteran pacer has been out of international action since the ODI World Cup Final. Following surgery and an extensive rehabilitation program, Shami marked his competitive return in the Ranji Trophy after India's dismal 3-0 Test series whitewash against New Zealand. He also impressed in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, further fuelling calls for his inclusion in the ongoing Australia series.

Vinicius Júnior and Aitana Bonmati win FIFA best player of the year awards

DOHA. Real Madrid star Vinicius Júnior finally got his hands on a big global player award on Tuesday. Vinicius was named the men's player of the year at the FIFA's "The Best" awards, where Barcelona playmaker Aitana Bonmati continued to clean up in the prizes for women's soccer. The 24-year-old Vinicius was so disappointed to lose out to Manchester City midfielder Rodri for the Ballon d'Or in October that he and his Madrid team snubbed the ceremony in Paris in protest. This time Rodri ended up second to Vinicius by five points. The Brazil forward was at the FIFA ceremony to collect his award having travelled to Doha on Monday with Madrid for the Intercontinental Cup final against Pachuca. "I don't even know where to begin," Vinicius said in Portuguese. "It was so far away that it seemed impossible to get here. I was a kid who only played



football barefoot on the streets of São Gonçalo, close to poverty and crime.

"Getting here is something very important to me. I'm doing it for many children who think that everything is impossible and who think they can't get here." Vinicius echoed those sentiments in an Instagram post, where he took a thinly-disguised dig at presumably the Ballon d'Or voters — journalists from the top 100 countries in the FIFA rankings. "Today I am writing to that boy who saw so many idols lift this trophy... your time has come," he wrote. "Or rather, my time has come. The time to say ... yes, I am the best player in the world and I fought hard for it." They tried and still try to invalidate me, to diminish me. But they are not prepared. No one is going to tell me who I should fight for, how I should behave. "Vinicius has been subjected to racist abuse in Spain and at one point earlier this year said he was "losing my desire to play" but added "I'll keep fighting." Bonmati won the award for best women's player of the year making it back-to-back prizes.

There was not going to be an opportunity for Rana to start in our 11: Gujarat coach Klinger**← Gujarat Giants coach shed light on some additions and some omissions ahead of the third season of Women's Premier League.**

CHENNAI. Gujarat Giants, after finishing last in the back-to-back Women's Premier League points table, went into the mini-auction looking to make a few important changes. In an exclusive interaction with TNIE, the Australian coach Michael Klinger explained the auction strategies, hopes for his players and future plans. Excerpt...

On acquiring West Indies' Deandra Dottin

She was definitely our target in that first set for a few reasons. She's a match winner. She brings power to our batting lineup and she can bowl four quality overs for us, especially through the middle and death and she's such a versatile player and a match winner and she's been part of championship teams recently and, and that's what we were after.

I watched her closely recently in the WBBL. She is someone who we're excited to have

with us.

On retaining Sayali Satghare in the squad

With Sayali, I suppose it's unusual for a team to bring in a replacement last year. She didn't get a game for us, but we retained her. Her performance in domestic cricket has been fantastic. She bowls during difficult period, she bowls in the power play, she bowls at the death. She bats in the top six in domestic cricket. So we know she can give us some useful runs if required. We know she can add a value in the batting area as well. So we had a camp recently with our local players and she was outstanding there as well. With the ball and her execution when we tried to put a bit of extra pressure on and set scenarios was fantastic. We are really looking forward to having her in the squad and no doubt she'll win some matches for us this year.

On breaking bank for Simran Shaikh

Leading into the auction, we probably didn't think she would go that high but she was a player of interest for us in particular because of her power and the strike rate that she batted at in the recent Challenger Trophy. Her strike rate was over 200. That's very rare in women's cricket. We feel that we have a local batting group who can play a very similar way to probably a lot of the other batters that were available. So we were looking at someone different and someone



who could bring power to our squad and she was that player. She's had a taste of WPL in season one with UP. We're really excited to have her here and feel that she can win some matches for us with a style about it.

On not picking former Giants captain Sneha Rana

When we were strategising around the players we were looking to retain, there was a clear strategy to pick players who we thought would have the chance of starting in our 11. With us having Ashleigh Gardner as our main offspinner and then two good left unorthodox in Mannat Kashyap, Tanuja Kanwar and of course with Priya Mishra, there was just not going to be an opportunity for her to start in our 11. And Sneha just didn't quite fit that, but it was a really tough decision because she is a high quality player, I think when we made that decision, it was

just after she got 10 wickets in a Test match. She's not in the Indian white-ball squads either. She's a very good white ball player, I was pretty confident she would get picked up elsewhere and get an opportunity maybe to play elsewhere. It hasn't turned out that way for her. It was great to have her around the group.

On England's Danielle Gibson

I think she's a high quality player. We were very lucky to get her at base price. Probably what helped us with that is she has been injured the last few weeks but she's back playing now.

hat probably helped not having other people bidding for her, but she adds a huge amount of versatility for us. She's a fantastic bowler combined in all phases and can bowl very well at the depth one of the best fielders in the women's game and a power hitter.

On Prakashika Naik getting a nod

Prakashika Naik is another leg spinner who's probably been the best performing leg spinner in domestic game, especially the Challenger Trophy. We have Priya Mishra who's going great with India at the moment, but maybe on occasion when we decide to play two leg spinners if conditions suit.

They're gold dust in men's or women's cricket if you get the right conditions and have two high-quality leg spinners in the team.

Virat Kohli reacts to R Ashwin retirement: When you told me, it made me emotional

Former captain Virat Kohli said R Ashwin made him emotional when he told him about his decision to retire. In a heartwarming post on social media, Kohli paid tribute to the most successful Indian off-spinner, wishing him the best for his post-retirement career.

Virat Kohli highlighted R Ashwin's match-winning contributions in Test cricket and said the off-spinner would be 'remembered as a legend of Indian cricket'. Ashwin retired from international cricket on Wednesday, minutes after the third Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy ended in a rain-affected draw. "I have played with you for 14 years and when you told me today you're retiring, it made me a bit emotional and the flashbacks of all those years playing together came to me. I've enjoyed every bit of the journey with you ash, your skill and match-winning contributions to Indian cricket are second to none and you will



always and always be remembered as a legend of Indian cricket," Virat Kohli said in his post. "Wish you nothing but the best in your life with your family and everything else that unfolds for you. With massive respect and lots of love to you and your close ones. Thanks for everything buddy," he added. Virat Kohli and R Ashwin shared a warm embrace during a rain interruption in the dressing room at Gabba, Brisbane on Wednesday, December 18. Ashwin and Kohli were engaged in an intense chat on Day 5 of the third Test, leading to retirement rumours. Ashwin ensured the rumours did not stay long as he announced his retirement from all formats of international cricket right after the end of the third Test. Ashwin attended the press conference along with India captain Rohit Sharma to confirm his decision. R Ashwin's rose to the pinnacle of Test cricket came under Virat Kohli's captaincy. He picked up 293 wickets in 55 Tests, including 21 five-wicket hauls.

Ashwin played an integral role in India's home series dominance during Virat Kohli's era as captain between 2014 and 2021.

Ashwin was named the ICC Cricketer of the Year and ICC Test Cricketer of the Year in 2016, becoming only the third Indian to win the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for his remarkable all-round performances that year.

R Ashwin retires: Nothing but respect for him, says Australia's Nathan Lyon

New Delhi. Australia off-spinner Nathan Lyon paid a rich tribute to R Ashwin after the Indian spin maestro announced his retirement from all forms of international cricket on Wednesday. Lyon said he had "nothing but respect" for Ashwin and hailed his skillset as "incredible." Speaking to reporters after the Brisbane Test, which ended in a draw, Ashwin revealed that Wednesday would be his last day representing India in all formats. Widely regarded as one of the greatest off-spinners in Indian cricket history, Ashwin served the national team with distinction. Across all formats, he played 106 Tests, 116 ODIs, and 65 T20Is, taking a remarkable 775 wickets. "Nothing but respect (for Ashwin). Just the way Ash has conducted himself on and off the field for a number of years now, and his skill set is incredible. We've got different opinions on different things, there's no right or wrong. But to have those conversations with a bowler like Ashwin is amazing," Lyon said while speaking to Fox Cricket. Earlier in the day, the Indian spinner spent considerable time talking with Lyon. Lyon said the duo spoke about "different variations, different tactics and

understanding what he's trying to do." "We are both very different. So our conversation this morning was brilliant and I hope we



have more through the series and in the future as well," Lyon said.

Ashwin, who played in the Adelaide Test, had to make way for Ravindra Jadeja in the third match of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. India used three different spinners in the first three Tests of the series, with the team management opting for Washington Sundar in the opening Test in Perth. Asked about this, Lyon told the Australian broadcaster: "It's an interesting question. You've got someone sitting [on the bench] with 530-odd Test wickets and I'm walking to the ground, scratching my head, saying 'What are you

doing?'. He's proven that he is one of the world's best spin bowlers to ever play the game." Ashwin's retirement comes in the middle of the India vs Australia Test series.

He played just one Test in the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy. He was named in the playing XI for the second Test in Adelaide, which Australia won by ten wickets. In the match, Ashwin took just one wicket and recorded scores of 22 and 7. Ashwin has long served Indian cricket and is arguably one of the greatest off-spinners the country has ever produced. He played 106 Tests, 116 ODIs, and 65 T20Is for India, taking 775 wickets across all formats. In Tests, Ashwin has claimed his wickets at an impressive average of 24 and a strike rate of 50.7, including 37 five-wicket hauls. His achievements extend far beyond these figures. Ashwin retires as the seventh-highest wicket-taker in Test history and holds the distinction of being the highest wicket-taking off-spinner in the format. However, Nathan Lyon is expected to surpass this record in the future. Lyon said he expected Ashwin to play in Melbourne and Sydney. However, Ashwin called time on his career later in the day. "[It] more than surprises me (that Ashwin didn't play).

Gabba Test: Convinced R Ashwin to stay for pink-ball Test, reveals Rohit Sharma

New Delhi. India captain Rohit Sharma has revealed that he asked R Ashwin to stay on for the pink-ball Test after the spinner announced his retirement from the game after the match in Gabba. Ashwin, who played the game in Adelaide, wasn't picked in the side for the matches in Perth and Brisbane. After a glorious career, Ashwin decided to announce during the post-match press conference that he has retired from international cricket completely. Speaking about the retiring spinner, Rohit revealed that he came to know about Ashwin's decision when he had arrived in Perth. The India captain revealed that Ashwin understood the team's plans and the combinations they would be going with and hence decided to make the call after the match in Brisbane. "I heard R Ashwin's



retirement when I came to Perth. I was not there for the first few days of the Test. This was in his mind since then. There are obviously a lot of things that went behind it. Ashwin, when he is in position, will be able to answer that. He understands the kind of combinations we are thinking. When we

came here as well, we were not sure which spinner was going to play. We just wanted to assess and see what kind of conditions we get in front of us. But yeah, when I arrived in Perth, we had a chat and somehow convinced him to stay for the pink-ball Test match. It happened so that he felt 'if I am not needed right now in the series, then I am better off saying goodbye to the game.

"Keeping Ashwin in mind, if this is what he thinks, we should allow him to think that way. We should all standby his call. That is what I am thinking right now and that's the same mindset of Gautam Gambhir as well. It's important a player like him who has had great moments with the team is allowed to make such a call," said Rohit during the press conference.

R Ashwin retires: Sunil Gavaskar criticises timing of spinner's unforeseen call

Sunil Gavaskar was critical of R Ashwin's decision to retire from all formats of the game midway through the Border-Gavaskar Trophy on Wednesday, December 18. Ashwin made the decision right after the Gabba Test ended in a draw.

New Delhi. Sunil Gavaskar has been critical of the timing of R Ashwin's retirement call, claiming that the spinner should have made the decision after the end of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Ashwin would make the shock call after the Gabba Test on Wednesday, December 18, after the match ended in a draw.

The rumours had started to come in on Wednesday morning when Ashwin was seen

sharing a warm embrace with Virat Kohli in the dressing room as the game was halted by rain. Ashwin would then appear alongside Rohit Sharma in the post-match press conference and announce his decision to the reporters. Speaking to the broadcasters, Gavaskar said that the shock call had now left the Indian legend feels that Ashwin could have had a chance to make it to the side during the Sydney, where the pitch could have offered support to spinners. He could have said, listen after the end of the series, I won't be available for selection for India. What it does is that, similarly when MS Dhoni retired at the end of the 3rd Test in 2014-15 series, it leaves



you one short. The selection committee has picked so many players for a tour with a purpose. If there are any injuries they can select from the reserve players to have in the team. So, Sydney is somewhere where there

is a lot of support on offer for spinners. So India could have played with 2 spinners. You never know. He could have been there for sure. I don't know how the pitch in Melbourne will be like. "Normally, you tend to look at the end of the series. That's it. In the middle, it is not usual," said Gavaskar. When asked if Washington Sundar was ahead of Ashwin in the pecking order, Gavaskar said that could be the case. The Indian legend ended by hailing Ashwin as a fine cricketer. "Maybe Washington Sundar is ahead of him. Rohit said he is flying out tomorrow. So that's the end of Ashwin as an international cricketer. He has been one heck of a cricketer," said Gavaskar.



Nothing Just

Shraddha Kapoor

Making Our Day With Her Infectious Smile



Shraddha Kapoor is undoubtedly one of the most adored actresses in Bollywood. Apart from her acting prowess, she is also known for her sense of fashion. The diva often treats her Insta fam with her glamorous pictures and videos. For her recent Instagram outing, the Aashiqui 2 actress opted for a black and white peplum t and matching pleated skirt. "Early 2000s ke kaunse gaane sabse best hai???", the post caption reads. The actress dropped a phot dump of her stunning outfit that she opted for a recent event.

The first picture is a selfie wherein Shraddha is seen sporting a minimal makeup look and flaunting her adorable smile.



The next snapshot features a close-up shot of the actress in which she is seen flaunting her silky tresses open. As soon as the pictures were shared online, fans and admirers were quick to share their reactions to it. An Instagram user wrote, "Is it allowed to be this much pretty huh??" Another person added, "Looking just like The Ek Villain actress recently attended the Red Sea Film Festival in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. On the red carpet, she was seen posing along with The Amazing Spider-Man fame actor Andrew Garfield. Several pictures and videos of Shraddha with Andrew also went viral. During a chat with Pinkvilla, the Hollywood star showered praises on the Baaghi actress and said, "We had a lovely and very brief meeting on the red carpet."

On the work front, Shraddha Kapoor was last seen in the horror comedy film Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank. Helmed by Amar Kaushik, the film also featured Rajkumar Rao, Abhishek Banerjee, Aparshakti Khurrana and Pankaj Tripathi in lead roles.

Deven Bhojani And Prachee Shah Paandya's Udan Chhoo Makes Its OTT Debut



Bringing the unconventional story of a Gujarati family, Deven Bhojani and Prachee Shah Paandya starrer Udan Chhoo has finally premiered on OTT, months after its theatrical release. Directed by Anish Shah, Udan Chhoo has exclusively premiered on ShemarooMe on December 12, 2024, setting just the right mood for a family viewing experience. Bring to the fore an uncommon love story, the film also has a perfect mix of humour and emotional depth, which makes it even more special. It tells the story of Hasmukh Mehta, a single father searching for a match for his daughter Krina. Things take an interesting turn when Hasmukh unexpectedly crosses paths with his college sweetheart, Pankor, who is now a successful entrepreneur. Ironically, Pankor is also the mother of the potential groom, whom Hasmukh is considering for his daughter. The unique narrative changes the traditional matchmaking process into a chaotic journey, marked by rekindled romance and Keeping it light-hearted, the film explores the themes of second chances at love and the challenges amid societal norms, bringing a fresh and unique addition to contemporary Gujarati cinema. Additionally, actors like Deven Bhojani and Prachee Shah Paandya take on the lead roles as Hasmukh Mehta and Pankor, followed by Aarohi Patel, Aarjav Trivedi, Alisha Prajapati, Naman Gor, Pratik Nanda, and Sohni Bhatt who also deliver notable performances. The exceptional casting, with fresh pairings, brings a heartwarming story to life, making it a must-watch for all generations.

Deven Bhojani, known for his work in shows like Sarabhai vs Sarabhai, Shrimaan Shrimati, Baa Bahu Aur Baby, and Dekh Bhai Dekh among others, expressed his excitement about the Udan Chhoo's digital release. Stating that his character of Hasmukh is a wonderfully layered person, he added, "Working with Anish Shah, who brings such a fresh and genuine vision, has been an absolute joy. The way the film balances nostalgia with modernity makes it relatable across generations," as per medianews4u.

Juhi Parmar Shares How Daughter Samaira's, Family Made Her Birthday Special



Juhi Parmar is a proud mother of a daughter – Samaira's Parmar. Previously married to Sachin Shroff, the actress shares the daughter with her former husband and they have been co-parenting their little bundle of joy despite the separation. Known for her iconic role in the TV show Kumkum – Ek Pyara Sa Bandhan and her recent role in the web series Yeh Meri Family, Parmar sat down for an interview, reflecting on how her family, particularly her daughter, makes it extra special for her on her birthday. Speaking with ETimes, Juhi Parmar shared, "My birthday celebrations are usually quite low-key. While I do host get-togethers at times, most of my birthdays are spent with my family and my close friends." Talking about the thoughtful surprises that her daughter treats her to, she added, "My daughter and my parents are the greatest blessings in my life. Their presence makes every day special, not just my birthday. Samaira's, my daughter, always goes out of her way to make my birthday memorable. She creates adorable handmade cards and leaves sweet messages. Juhi Parmar also recalled the heartwarming surprise she received on her birthday last year. She took a trip down memory lane and revealed, "I wasn't home at midnight, but when I returned, I found that she had decorated my entire room with balloons and a lovely birthday message. She even left a heartfelt card. Though she had gone to sleep by then, she had told my mom to wake her up when I got home. So she woke up, wished me, and then went back to bed. Juhi Parmar rose to stardom in 2002 after portraying the lead character in the popular television series, Kumkum – Ek Pyara Sa Bandhan. This character made her a household name, garnering her immense popularity and love. Recently, the actress also forayed into the OTT platforms, making her debut with the comedy family drama Yeh Meri Family 2. Created by Sameer Saxena, the OTT series also starred Hetal Gada, Anngad Raaj and Rajesh Kumar in lead roles. Juhi Parmar got married to actor Sachin Shroff. Years after the marital bliss, the couple got divorced in 2018. She is now happily leading a life as a single mother. Sleep."

Ranveer Singh

REACTS As Paparazzi Ask Him About Daughter Dua: 'Kab Mila Rahe Ho?'

Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone welcomed their first child daughter Dua in September this year. The couple has been enjoying their parenthood journey. Recently, Ranveer Singh was spotted at the airport and had a heartwarming moment with Paparazzi. They asked him about his daughter Dua. In the video,

daughter Dua were spotted at the Mumbai airport in afternoon. Although Dua was all covered up, the cameras spotted her little hands. Deepika and Dua were spotted just days after she was seen at Diljit Dosanjh's concert. Deepika was seen wearing a red outfit and styled her hair into a neat bun. She opted for a pair of chic sunglasses. She had Dua all covered up. However, her tiny hands were seen. Dua appeared to be asleep as they landed in the city.

Ranveer Singh, who was last seen in Singham Again, has sparked curiosity among fans as he shared photos with filmmaker Aditya Dhar. Both are seen visiting the Golden Temple in Amritsar. Looks like they are commencing the next schedule of their highly anticipated film in the city. Nothing As reported, the actor-director duo wanted to visit the Temple before starting the next schedule of the film. The team shot for an elaborate schedule in Bangkok earlier and this will be their second visit this year in July, Ranveer shared the big news on his Instagram handle. Sharing pictures with co-stars Sanjay Dutt, R. Madhavan, Akshay Khanna and Arjun Rampal, Ranveer said, "This one is for my fans, who have been so patient with me, and been clamouring for a turn like this. I love you all, and I promise you, this time, a cinematic experience like never before. With your blessings, we embark on this great, big motion picture adventure with spirited energy and pure intent. This time, it's personal."



shared by Varinder Chawla, we can see Ranveer walking outside the airport. Paps cheekily asked, "Dua se kab mila rahe ho?". However, Ranveer did not respond and just smiled. He showed thumbs up while sitting inside the car. Fans too reacted. Fans dropped heart emojis in the comment section. Recently, Deepika was also spotted with her

