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PULWAMA ATTACK

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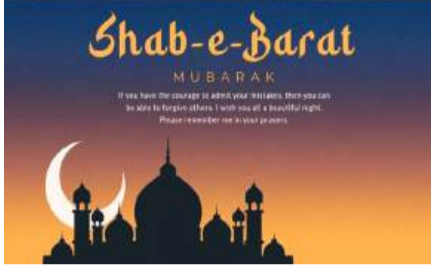
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In Shorts

Shab-e-Barat holiday on 14 February



Ranchi: The Jharkhand government has declared a holiday on Shab-e-Barat on 14 February. The Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms and Official Language has issued an order related to this on Thursday.

The order issued states that under the notification issued on 14 October 2024, holiday has been declared for all the offices under the Jharkhand State Government on various festivals and occasions in the year 2025. Making partial amendment in this notification, holiday is declared on 14 February 2025 (Friday) on the occasion of Shab-e-Barat under the executive order.

Maiiya Samman Yojana: Deadline for Aadhaar link extended

Ranchi: Under the Chief Minister Maiiya Samman Yojana, the Jharkhand government has extended the deadline for Aadhaar link to March 31, 2025. This will provide relief to the beneficiary women of the scheme and they will be able to receive the amount in their accounts.

CM Yogi alert regarding Magh Purnima bath in Prayagraj



Lucknow: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath held a meeting in the war room at his official residence 5 Kalidas Marg from 4 am to monitor the arrangements in Prayagraj on the occasion of the holy bathing festival of Magh Purnima. In the war room, he kept taking updates on TV continuously with the DGP, Principal Secretary Home and officials of the Chief Minister's Secretariat and also kept giving necessary instructions. Earlier, on the occasion of Basant Panchami Amrit Snan, CM Yogi had also held a meeting with the officials in the war room from 3:30 am and was monitoring.

PM Modi reached White House, met Donald Trump



America: PM Modi has reached America on a two-day US tour. PM Modi was given a grand welcome on his arrival there. PM Modi gave information on social media platform X. PM wrote, met USA's National Intelligence Director Tulsi Gabbard in Washington DC. Congratulated her on her appointment. Discussed various aspects of India-USA friendship, of which she has always been a strong supporter.

PM Modi met US President Donald Trump at the White House on the night of 13 February. PM Modi completed his three-day visit to France on 10-12 February. He co-chaired the AI??Action Summit with French President Emmanuel Macron.

Is it just a coincidence or a diplomatic experiment by America's new President Donald Trump that the head of the world's most powerful country has talked to the head of the second most powerful country on the phone for one and a half hours. This conversation has taken place at a time when Trump is going to meet the Prime Minister of India, a rapidly

growing country in the world and moving towards becoming an economic superpower. There is a discussion all over the world about PM Narendra Modi's visit to America and it is being said that the relations between the two countries have improved further.

Trump hosted Prime Minister Modi on Thursday. This was the first bilateral dialogue between the two leaders after Trump became President for the second time last month. In this meeting, Modi and Trump will have a comprehensive discussion on increasing cooperation between the two countries in areas like bilateral trade, investment, energy, defense, technology and immigration, but this

global development has disturbed the sleep of China, the second most powerful country in the world.

In fact, Donald Trump wants to open a front against China by taking Russia and India along and not only wants to isolate it across the world but also wants to curb its regional dominance and trade bullying. Trump had given indications of this during the election campaign itself and announced it when he took power last month. By imposing a 10% tariff on China, Trump has given it a clear message that its supremacy is about to end. China has also instigated a trade war by imposing a retaliatory tax of 15% on coal and gas imported from America.

Preparations for the budget session begins

New directions for the development of Jharkhand will be decided



Ranchi: Jharkhand Assembly Secretariat has started preparations for the budget session. On February 21, an all-party meeting will be held under the chairmanship of Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahato, in which Chief Minister Hemant Soren and leaders of other parties will be present.

All sections will be taken care of in the budget

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Radhakrishna Kishore said that the preparations for the budget are in the final stage. All sections will be taken care of in it and it is being made

Brainstorming on other topics including Abua budget: Radhakrishna Kishore

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Radhakrishna Kishore said that in a conversation with Speaker Rabindranath Mahato, discussions were held on Abua budget and other important topics.

Radhakrishna Kishore said that preparations for the upcoming budget are in the final stage. Several rounds of meetings have been held before the budget.

For this, suggestions were taken from experts as well as common people so that they could be incorporated in the budget.

The budget is being prepared focusing on the all-round development of the state. All sections will be taken care of in this.

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Jharkhand Assembly Secretariat has started preparations for the budget session. In this connection, a meeting of the Legislature Party of all parties will be held on February 21. Leaders of other parties including Chief

Minister Hemant Soren will be present in it.

During this time, there will be discussions on other topics including smooth conduct of the session. The budget session of the assembly will begin in Jharkhand from February 24.

BJP has not selected the leader of the legislative party

BJP has not yet selected the leader of the legislative party. In such a situation, it will also be interesting to see whom the party authorizes to participate in the all-party meeting.

Apart from this, an important meeting will be held on the same day with senior officials of the state government regarding security and other matters.

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New Income Tax Bill introduced in Lok Sabha, sent to Parliamentary Standing Committee

New Delhi: The new Income Tax Bill 2025 was introduced in the Lok Sabha today on Thursday. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the bill. While introducing this bill, she said that more than 4000 amendments were made in this Income Tax Bill. The Finance Minister also answered the questions raised by MPs Manish Tewari, Professor Saugata Roy regarding the new Income Tax Bill. Later it was sent to the Parliamentary Standing Committee. The 622-page bill will replace the 6-decade-old Income Tax Act 1961. The proposed law will be called the Income Tax Act 2025.



The new Income Tax Bill 2025 will come into effect from April 1, 2026

The new Income Tax Bill 2025 will come into effect from April 1, 2026 next year. After Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced it in Parliament, the bill was sent to the Parliamentary Standing Committee for further deliberation and review. The language in the new Income Tax Bill has been simplified so that taxpay-

ers can easily understand it.

While presenting the Union Budget in Parliament on February 1, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the Income Tax Bill. Apart from this, she had made a big change in the tax slab and announced a big tax exemption.

According to the announcement, from this financial year, people whose salary is Rs 12 lakh per annum do not have to pay any kind of tax. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also changed the tax slab for the new system, in which the 25 percent bracket for people with less than Rs 20 lakh salary was added to the category of Rs 24 lakh.

Today's Matric and Inter examinations will be postponed

Ranchi: Matric and Inter examinations being conducted by Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) across the state will be postponed on Friday. The state government has postponed these examinations due to the holiday on the Muslim community's festival Shab-e-Barat. Therefore, due to the holiday, the examination of the papers to be

taken in both the above examinations will be held on the next date.

It is worth mentioning that these examinations are starting from February 11 and will continue till March 3. Due to the holiday, all government offices and banks will remain closed on Friday. The Personnel Department has issued a notification on Thursday regarding the holiday.

Heat started to haunt in February like April

Ranchi: This time in Jharkhand, heat has started to show heat like April in the month of February. Temperatures are constantly rising in all the districts of the state and in the past few days, the maximum temperature of most districts has reached above 30° Celsius. This situation has also become a matter of concern for health because the scorching sun and rising temperatures are creating problems not only for humans but also for animals.

Major accident before the meeting of Zelensky-US Vice President JD Vance

Car rider crushes 28 people; 1 dead



Munich: In Munich, Germany, a man rammed his car into a crowd, injuring at least 28 people. The incident took place near the city's central railway station. After the incident, there is a high alert in the area. Police and security forces have taken action and detained the accused. The incident has happened at a time when the Munich Security Conference is going to start from next Friday. US Vice President JD Vance and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky will be present at this conference.

A police spokesperson said that the officers are trying to find out how this incident happened. However, he refused to give more information. Zelensky and JD Vance are scheduled to reach Munich today on 13 February for the Munich Security Conference. Police informed on social media platform X that the suspected driver has been taken into custody and is no longer a threat.

The accident happened 1.6 kilometers away from the meeting place

An important meeting of high-level diplomats and security experts is going to start in Munich from Friday, in which leaders from all over the world will participate. This meeting is to be held about 1.6 kilometers away from the site of the accident. After this incident, security agencies are taking extra caution and are investigating whether it was a planned attack or just an accident.

3 vehicles of Minister Shilpi Neha's convoy collided with each other

5 injured including BDO

Gumla: A major accident took place in Jharkhand on Thursday. 3 vehicles in the minister's convoy collided with each other. 5 people including the BDO have been injured in the accident.



The accident took place in Basia block of Gumla. Jharkhand government's Agriculture, Cooperation and Animal Husbandry Minister Shilpi Neha Tirkey was going on a tour to Basia.

While going to Jolo, 3 vehicles in the minister's convoy collided with each other. A total of 5 people including Basia's BDO Supriya Bhagat were injured in this accident. The BDO and other workers have suffered minor injuries. The BDO of Basia was travelling in a Tata Sumo car. A Swift Dzire car was running ahead of her car. The Swift Dzire car has been damaged.

Opposition uproar in Parliament, Shah took charge in Lok Sabha

New Delhi: The report of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) considering the Waqf (Amendment) Bill was tabled in the Lok Sabha on Thursday.



However, the uproar of opposition members continued. Committee Chairman Jagdambika Pal tabled the

report in the House. Also, he also placed a record of the evidence presented before the committee in the House. Opposition members allege that their disagreement has not been attached with the report. Amit Shah also gave a statement regarding this.

Amit Shah urged Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla that he can add the objections of the opposition and the

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has no objection to this.

He said that some opposition members have raised concerns that their views have not been fully included (in the Waqf JPC report). I want to say on behalf of my party that anything can be added in view of the concerns of the opposition, my party has no objection.

Speed up schemes running with the support of NABARD: Chief Secretary

Ranchi: Chief Secretary Alka Tiwari, while reviewing the progress of various schemes running in the state with the support of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), directed to speed up the scheme implementation. She said that the benefit of NABARD loan will be available only if the schemes are completed on time. She emphasized on bringing progress in the work of very slow schemes and focusing on those schemes which can

be completed on time. The Chief Secretary was reviewing the schemes related to Rural Infrastructure Development Fund and others in the meeting of the High Power Committee on Thursday. During this, there was also a deep brainstorming on the money left (gap) after the withdrawal of the approved loan against the schemes. Along with this, the possible schemes for the financial year 2025-26 were discussed.

During the review, it was told that loans of Rs 1839.39 crore have been approved or are in process for the

implementation of 500 schemes of various departments worth Rs 2921.79 crore in the financial year 2024-25. Out of that, a loan of Rs 976.96 crore has been approved for 18 schemes worth Rs 1137.53 crore related to drinking water of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation. A loan of Rs 308 crore has been approved for the Palamu Lift Irrigation Project of Rs 365.30 crore of the Water Resources Department and Rs 461.53 crore for the Pirtand Megalift Irrigation Project of Rs 511.36 crore.

News In Brief

Tractor stolen from Sharma Hotel in Subansai village, police investigating

Bandgaon: Tractor of Surendra Mahato, a resident of Subansai village of Karaikela police station, was stolen from Sharma Hotel near NH 75 road. The case has been registered by Surendra Mahato in Karaikela police station. According to Surendra Mahato, he had kept his tractor near the basic school Karaikela located in Sharma Hotel on Monday night. On Monday morning when he reached to take the tractor, only the tractor's body was there, the engine was missing. He searched everywhere. But as he could not find the tractor, he registered a case in the police station. As soon as the case was registered in the police station, Karaikela police station in-charge Ankit Kumar reached the spot on Wednesday with the force and also questioned the people. Police is investigating all the angles of the theft thoroughly. According to the police, the tractor will be found soon.

Liver Fibro Scanning Camp was organized by Pharma Health Care Ranchi at DVC Konar Dam

Bishnugarh: Liver Fibro Scanning Camp was organized by DVC Konar Dam Dispensary in collaboration with Zeds Pharma Health Care, Ranchi. Sushant Singh and lab technician conducted the test on behalf of Zeds Pharma Health Care. The camp was inaugurated by Konar Project Head Rana Ranjit Singh by lighting the lamp. Dr. BN Mandal, Civil Manager Gopal Mahato, Pawan Kumar, Chandrashekhar Prasad, CSR's Sunil Kumar, BK Mahato, Rajeshwar Rajak etc. also participated in the program. 119 people were examined for liver fibrosis and fatty liver. After the test, Dr. BN Mandal also suggested medicine to the patients. Apart from the employees, a large number of villagers were also present in this awareness program.

BL Neotia T20 Cricket Competition 2024-25, Chaibasa Cricket Club defeated Devendra Manjhi Cricket Club in Super Over

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Two matches were played today under the 9th BL Neotia T20 Cricket Competition being held under the aegis of West Singhbhum District Cricket Association. The first match played between Chaibasa Cricket Club and Devendra Manjhi Cricket Club Chakradharpur at 10 am was tied due to both the teams scoring equal runs. As per the rules of the competition, super over matches were conducted between the two teams, which Chaibasa Cricket Club won by six runs and entered the quarter-finals.



Winning the toss and batting first, the entire team of Devendra Manjhi Cricket Club was all out after scoring 151 runs in 18.4 overs. Pitambar scored 45 runs with the help of nine fours and a six and Ayush Srivastava scored 32 runs with the help of three fours and two

sixes. From Chaibasa Cricket Club, Upendra Chaurasia took three wickets for 27 runs and Amit Raj Singhdev, Saket Kumar Singh and Amartya Chaudhary took two wickets each. Devendra Manjhi Cricket Club, chasing the target set for victory, scored 151 runs at the loss of seven wickets in full twenty overs and the match was tied. To decide the match, the organizers had to resort to a super over and matches of one over each were conducted between the two teams. Batting first in the super over, Chaibasa Cricket Club scored 17 runs at the loss of one wicket in one over, which included 12 runs with the help of three fours by Amartya Chaudhary. In reply, Devendra Manjhi Cricket Club's team could score only 11 runs in one over and lost the match by a margin of six runs.

G/26th Battalion organized civic action program in Naxal-affected area Ratamati

DN ■ Chaibasa

As per the instructions of 26th Battalion's RPF Commandant Rajiv Ranjan, G/26th Battalion's Assistant Commandant Maheshwar Kumar Chaurasia organized a civic action program in the highly Naxal-affected area of ??village Ratamati, police station- Chotanagra, district- West Singhbhum (Jharkhand). The objective of this program was to provide essential items to the local and needy people. In the program, water storage tanks, blankets, solar lanterns were distributed to the villagers of Ratamati and surrounding areas,



besides sports goods like volleyball, volleyball net, football and football net were distributed to the youth. The villagers provided full cooperation while organizing this program. Police constable Govardhan Oraon of Chotanagra police station, Munda of Ratamati village, villagers and G/26th battalion jawans were present in the program. The villagers praised the Corps for the civic action program and said that this event is not only a great help for them, but they also thanked the G/26 Corps for taking such a step in the Naxal-affected area. The villagers believe that such programs will create an environment of peace.

Maharishi Dayanand's birth anniversary celebrated in local Surajmal Jain DAV School



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The 201st birth anniversary of Arya Samaj founder Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati was celebrated with great fervour in the local Surajmal Jain DAV Public School. On this occasion, Principal Rekha Kumari said that Swami Dayanand was one of the great social reformers of the 19th century. His thoughts were reformist and progressive. Teacher Jayant Kumar Panda said that children should take inspiration to follow Swami Ji's thoughts and ideals. Teacher Rajni Sharma said that Swami Ji propagated the Vedas and awakened a new spirit of education in the society. Student Mehul Pradhan elaborately threw light on Swami Ji's personality. Under the guidance of teacher Omir Chandra Das, a song titled 'Badhta Gaya Abhay Maharishi Dayanand Ki Jai' based on Swami Ji was presented. On this occasion, a havan yagya was performed. The stage was conducted by student Ananya Goswami.

Farewell ceremony of retired government teachers of Bandgaon block organized

DN ■ Chakradharpur

Farewell cum picnic program of retired government teachers of Bandgaon block of West Singhbhum district was organized at Panchaghagh tourist spot. Former district president of Jharkhand State Primary Association Indra Kumar Das, former block secretary Madan Singh Munda, president Mukut Joseph Hapatgada, secretary Srikant Singh were present in the program. Retired teachers Ashutosh Mahato, Pankaj Mahato, Dushasan Mahato, Sheelmani Hemrom, Parsikala Hans, Kunul Dahanga, Pritam Topno, Kali Mundu were honored with bouquet, garland and shawl. Along with this, the union selected the block level excellent teacher through lottery. In which Indra Kumar Das, Jyotsna Barjo, Poonam Topno, Abhinandan Singh, Kram Chandra Puraan were honored. On this occasion, Indra Kumar Das said that man keeps learning something or the other throughout his life. He said that the work of a



teacher is to inspire the society to walk on the right path. Retired teacher Ashutosh Mahato said that teachers are never useless. They always work for the welfare of the society. He said that we have received a lot of respect in this area. I have fulfilled my duty by giving knowledge to the children here. It is our wish that the children here should study and make this area famous. Other guests who came to the program also expressed their views. The program was hosted by Rashmi Mundu, welcome speech was given by Anita Kiran Kujur and vote of thanks was given by Jorjila Bhangra.

Remembering the film Sholay, when the mother refused to let him wear torn jeans, the angry young man climbed on the water tank, became adamant

DN ■ Chaibasa

A strange incident came to light in Chaibasa of West Singhbhum district. Here in Gandhi Tola, when the mother refused her son to wear torn jeans, he got angry and climbed on the water tank located at some distance from the house and started creating a ruckus. He became adamant that he will not come down until he gets torn jeans. When the local people saw the young man on top of the water tank, they asked him to come down. But he remained adamant. When he did not agree even after a lot of persuasion, people informed the police about it. On receiving the information, the police reached the spot with a fire engine and tried to get the young man down. Even then he was not ready to agree. When the young man's mother reached below the tank with torn jeans and asked him to come down, he put a condition that he would come down only if the police is removed from here. Till the time of writing the news at 12:30 pm, the youth had not come down from the water tank. On getting the news of the youth climbing the water tank, a large number of people reached to see. Local people say that the youth often consumes denrite with some of his friends. He is always drunk.

MLA Sukhram Oraon laid the foundation stone for the construction of a 6-room building and toilets in Urdu Town School

DN ■ Chakradharpur

MLA Sukhram Oraon laid the foundation stone for the construction of a 6-room building and toilets in Chakradharpur Urdu Town School premises. The building and toilet construction work will be done by the Building Construction Department Chaibasa. This project will cost Rs 61 lakh and will be constructed by the Building Construction Department Chaibasa. On the occasion, MLA Sukhram Oraon said that the construction of the building and toilets should be of high quality. Because it is a question of the future of the students. The construction of this school will provide a lot



of convenience to the students here. The old school had become very dilapidated due to which the students here faced a lot of problems. But after the construction of the school, the students here will not face any problem in studies. On this occasion, JMM leaders Ramlal Munda, Dinesh Jena,

JMM city MLA representative Samaresh Singh, Mohammed Asraf, Sheshnarayan Lal, Bairam Khan, Mohammed Faiz, Mohammed Anjum, Tauqueer Hussain, Mohammed Ikram, Mohammed Rameez, Rajesh Gupta, Nirakar Karai and others were present.

Saint Ravidas's birth anniversary was celebrated in Kumbha Toli, many programs were held throughout the day

Saint Ravidas ji removed discrimination and evil practices with his Amritvaani: Dr. Vijay Singh Gagarai

DN ■ Chakradharpur

Saint Ravidas's birth anniversary was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Kumbha Toli located in ward number eight on Wednesday. On this occasion, programs continued throughout the day in Kumbha Toli. On Wednesday morning, the statue and picture of Saint Ravidas were placed in the temple premises and prayers were offered. Where mainly social worker Dr. Vijay Singh Gagarai was present. Addressing on the occasion, social worker Dr. Vijay Singh Gagarai said that Sant Ravidas Ji, by propagating love, devotion and power



through his Amritvaani, removed the prevailing evil practices of discrimination among people. We should also come together and give the message of mutual brotherhood. He said that today, on the birth anniversary of Sant Ravidas Ji, he is being remembered all over the

country. Society needs to move forward by following the footsteps of Sant Shiromani Ravidas. Pujya Ravidas Ji had given the message of showing the path of equality in society by considering karma as supreme. On this occasion, Baba Nirmal Ram Mahant Ji of the society and

Mahant Manoj Ram Ravi of Chaibasa, while mentioning the biography of Sant Ravidas, also shed light on spiritual knowledge about Meerabai. On this occasion, a sports competition was organized for children and adults. Participants took part in it with great enthusiasm. During this, the organizing committee encouraged the winning participants by giving them prizes. After the worship, prasad was distributed among the people. On this occasion, committee president Ashish Ram, vice president Sonu Kumar Ravi, general secretary Vijay Ram and etc were present.

MLA Dashrath Gagrai attended the closing ceremony of the four-day Oriya Pala

Every promise made to the public is being fulfilled – Dashrath Gagrai

DN ■ Chaibasa

The four-day Oriya Pala was organized by Jai Jagannath Puja Committee Bada Kudma under Talaideh Panchayat of Kharsawan block on Tuesday. Kharsawan MLA Dashrath Gagrai attended the closing ceremony as the chief guest and MLA representative Arjun Gop attended the special guest. The MLA, while addressing the villagers, said that every promise made to the public is being fulfilled. The road which was in a dilapidated condition for about 15 years will be completed very soon. He said that the road which



could not be built even after the country got independence will also be completed soon. Before this, the guests were welcomed by the Puja Committee with garlands and music. On this occasion, District

Organization Secretary Kalia Jamuda, Village Head Lavkumar Pradhan, Panchayat Incharge Sukra Mahato, Rangbaaz Behera, Dashrath Mahato, Kedar Pradhan, Sudhir Pradhan, Pavitra Pradhan, Bhimsen Pradhan etc. were present.

Meeting regarding preparation of National Lok Adalat to be held on 22nd February

DN ■ REPORTER

Regarding the upcoming Special Lok Adalat to be held on 22nd February 2025 and National Lok Adalat to be held on 8th March, Hon'ble District and Sessions Judge cum Chairman District Legal Services Authority Gumla Shri Dhruv Chandra Mishra is continuously meeting with advocates, judicial officers and other stakeholders and giving directions to the officers so that a large number of cases can be disposed of in the upcoming Special Lok Adalat and National Lok Adalat and more people can get its benefit. In this sequence, today the Hon'ble Chief District Judge held a meeting with judicial officers, advocates, mediators and other stakeholders and he specially disposed of the special Lok Adalat to be held on 22nd February, in which marriage cases and cheque bounce cases will be specially disposed of, for which this special Lok Adalat has been organized. The district judge also discussed with the officials about the National Lok Adalat to be held on 8th March and gave proper guidelines to everyone in the meeting so that maximum number of cases can be disposed of. He said that the purpose of these Lok Adalats is to dispose of the cases of maximum number of people so that they can get quick benefits and both their time and money can be saved.

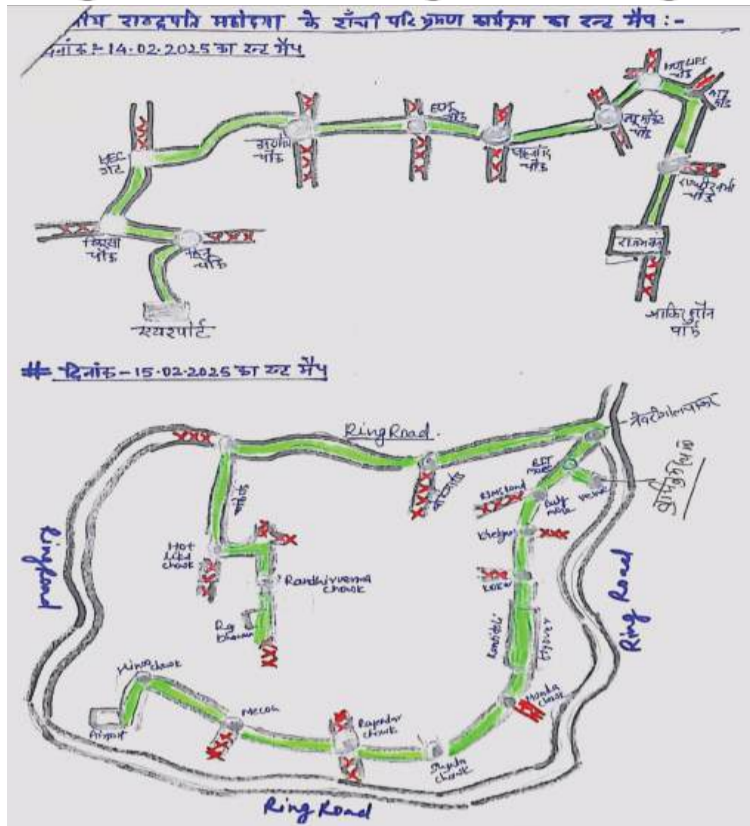
A great festival of the tribal society was organized in Dorgasai of Surbuda Panchayat

DN ■ Chakradharpur

Social worker Dr. Vijay Singh Gagarai arrived as the chief guest at the Mage festival organized in Dorgasai village of Surbuda Panchayat of Chakradharpur block. Where the villagers welcomed him by playing the Mandar and doing group dance. The program was inaugurated by Diuri by performing Puja in the presence of the villagers as per the social tradition. On the occasion, Dr. Vijay Singh Gagarai said that in Mage Porob, nature i.e. water, forest, land is worshipped. The capital (food) is offered to the earth. The Ho community is basically farmers. At this time, the new crop comes home. People clean and whitewash their houses. Wear new clothes. The village deity is worshipped with pomp and show while dancing and singing with music. He said that the whole village rejoices with happiness. Mage fairs are held at various places.

Relatives come home from far and wide. Various dishes are prepared from the new crop and served. Hollong pithas are specially prepared. He said that in Kolhan region it is celebrated for 7 days and in Porahat region it is celebrated for 3 days. On the first day the house is whitewashed. On the second day the Diuri (chief priest) keeps a fast and along with his assistants performs the Mage Puja in the Jaira or Jaher Sthan (place of worship). On the third day a big puja is performed, which is called Jatra Bonga. After the puja the deity is brought to the village. Then there is dancing and singing at night. He said that we need to preserve our culture. On this occasion mainly Mukun Banra, Rasay Samadd, Kunwar Singh Bodra, CU Samadd, Santosh Bodra, Laxman Samadd, Santosh Singhdev, Ramrai Samadd along with a large number of villagers were present.

Tight security arrangements on arrival of President Draupadi Murmu today



DN ■ Ranchi

President of India Draupadi Murmu is coming to Jharkhand today on her two-day visit. In view of the President's visit, extensive changes have been made in the traffic system of the capital Ranchi.

Ban on entry of heavy vehicles Changes have been made in the traffic system of Ranchi regarding the arrival of President Draupadi Murmu in Ranchi.

issued by the Traffic SP of Ranchi, entry of big vehicles in the city will be prohibited from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm on February 14.

Which routes will remain closed? On February 14, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, vehicles going towards Kanke, Ratu, Daladli, Kathitand and Kathitand will be able to reach their destination via the main roads of the city, Lalpur Road and Kantatoli.

On February 14, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Ranchi residents have been advised to use the roads as little as possible up to Airport Road, Hinoo Chowk, Birsa Chowk, Argora Chowk, Sahajanand Chowk, Bypass Road, New Market Chowk, Hot Lips Chowk and Raj Bhavan Mor.

On February 14, all vehicles coming towards the city from Kanke Road,

Ratu Road, Kathitand will be able to enter the city via Kanke Ring Road, Lalpur Chowk and Kantatoli Road. Ban on big vehicles in the city on February 15

On February 15, from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm, entry of all types of big vehicles in the city will be banned. Along with this, on February 15, large vehicles coming from Palamu, Garhwa, Latehar and Gumla will be able to reach their destination via Ring Road.

Apart from this, all the large vehicles coming from Jamshedpur, which have to go towards Palamu, will be able to go to their destination by turning left from Rampur Ring Road. On February 15, large vehicles coming from Hazaribagh, which have to go towards Palamu Gumla, will be able to go to their destination by turning left from Nevri Ring Road Chowk and going via Rampur Chowk.

Special instructions for the airport

The traffic police has issued special instructions for all the passengers catching flights from Ranchi Airport. According to the instructions, those who have to reach the airport to catch the flight on February 14 and whose time is between 4 to 5:30 pm, should try to reach the airport by 3:30 pm.

Those who have to travel by air on 15 February and whose timing is between 11:00 am to 1:30 pm, have been instructed to reach the airport by 11:30 am.

Instructions issued for matriculation examination as well

Matriculation and intermediate examinations are currently going on in Jharkhand, so the time to reach the examination center for the first shift of matriculation and intermediate candidates on the 15th has been fixed till 9:30 am. Whereas, for the second shift, the candidates have been instructed to reach the examination center by 12:00 pm.

Imtiaz Ahmed not relieved in Army's 4.55 acre land Fazirwada case

DN ■ Ranchi

Imtiaz Ahmed, accused in the Army's 4.55 acre land Fazirwada case, has not got any relief yet. The special court of PMLA (Enforcement Directorate Act) has rejected his bail plea.



Bhanu Pratap Prasad were arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). Imtiaz Ahmed was also among those accused. He has been in jail since his arrest.

It is alleged that Imtiaz Ahmed had bought and sold land on the basis of fake documents. Charges have been framed against the accused in this case, and now legal action is going on against them.

There will be a social audit of the work of ministers of Congress quota, changes will be made on the basis of performance

DN ■ Ranchi

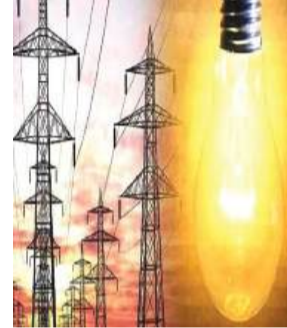
The work of ministers of Congress quota in the Jharkhand government will be internally evaluated. The party will analyze the status of schemes related to the departments handled by those ministers at the district, block and panchayat level.

Congress has as much participation in the government as the other constituent parties. The government had issued a joint manifesto with seven guarantees before the elections. This is the guarantee and determination of the entire coalition government.

The performance of the JMM and Congress alliance was very good in the Jharkhand assembly elections. Although the position of the Congress is good in Jharkhand, the party is losing its hold across the country.

Electricity Distribution Corporation claims: There will be no power shortage in summer

DN ■ Ranchi



Jharkhand State Electricity Distribution Corporation has claimed that there will be no power shortage in the capital Ranchi. Grid maintenance work will be completed by March 15.

Let us tell you that Jharkhand State Electricity Distribution Corporation will spend Rs 9285.68

crore on power purchase in the financial year 2025-26. In this, it will buy electricity worth Rs 8221.69 crore from 10 power generation companies including solar and wind energy.

The Electricity Distribution Corporation will buy electricity worth Rs 3441.89 crore from NTPC in the financial year 2025-26. It will purchase electricity worth Rs 2302.56 crore from DVC, Rs 1050.46 crore from TVNL and Rs 631.97 crore from Adhunik Power.

News In Brief

School Education Department made partial amendment in the holiday list

Ranchi: The School Education and Literacy Department has released the holiday list for the year 2025. A total of 62 holidays have been fixed in this list, which will be applicable to all schools.

Partial amendment has been made in the holiday table released earlier. According to this, summer vacation will now be from 22 May to 4 June, which was earlier scheduled from 22 May to 2 June.

This holiday table is applicable to all schools, be it primary school or middle school or plus two school. It is mandatory for schools to follow these orders.

Laborer dies after falling from under-construction building



Ranchi: A laborer died on Thursday after falling from an under-construction building in Lajpat Nagar Road No. 4 of Pundag OP area.

According to the information, the laborer was working on top of the under-construction building. During this time, he lost control and fell down. Due to this, he died on the spot. After getting information about the incident, the police reached the spot and sent the body for post-mortem. Police said that the entire matter is being investigated.

Chargesheet filed against accused in Inspector Anupam Kachhap murder case

DN ■ Ranchi

Ranchi's Kanke police has filed a chargesheet in CJM Chandan's court against the accused of the murder of Special Branch Inspector Anupam Kachhap. Police has filed a chargesheet against jailed Bhola Singh, Gautam Yadav, Sanjay Singh, Sugrim Singh, Rajesh Mahato and Rajendra Mahato on the basis of solid evidence and investigation, stating that the incident is true.



and bullets recovered by the police from the spot and from the accused are the same. This shows that the said accused killed Sub Inspector Anupam Kachhap under a well-planned conspiracy.

The gun from which Anupam Kachhap was shot was matched with the ballistic expert and it also matched. Also, the blood on it

matched with his blood sample. Thus, strong and concrete evidence has been presented in the charge sheet. The IO says that the accused should be punished on the basis of the said concrete evidence.

The inspector was killed on 2 August 2024

On 2 August 2024, Inspector Anupam Kachhap of Special Branch was shot dead in Kanke police station area. This incident was carried out by a gang of diesel thieves. On the night of the incident, the inspector was returning home on his bike after celebrating his birthday party. At the same time, thieves were stealing diesel from a tanker. While performing his duty, the inspector stopped them, then the diesel thief gang got into a fight with him and killed him.

Welfare Minister Chamra Linda paid tribute to Veer Budhu Bhagat at Argora Chowk

DN ■ Ranchi

Led by Pradeep Tirkey, President of Veer Budhu Bhagat Huhi (Kranti) Morcha, tribal organizations on Thursday paid tribute to Veer Budhu Bhagat at Argora Chowk. Shibu Pahan performed puja at the site built in his name. Hundreds of tribal women and men gathered in traditional attire at the event. His descendants brought soil and water from Veer Budhu Bhagat's birthplace, including Ramdhani Bhagat, Shivpujan Bhagat and Bihari Bhagat. They were grandly welcomed at Argora Chowk. Welfare Minister Chamra Linda attended as the chief guest



and said that Veer Budhu Bhagat was an inspirational personality for the tribal society. Even today the young generation remembers his struggle and sacrifice. A grand program is organized at his birthplace Silagai on his birthday. He also said that a statue of Veer Budhu Bhagat should be installed at Argora Chowk soon. On this occasion Shibu

Pahan, Sukhari Oraon, President of Sarna Prayer Assembly Sanjay Kujur, President of Veer Budhu Huhi Revolution Pradeep Tirkey, Karni President Anil Tigga, Ravi Tigga, Vidya Sagar Kerketta, Prof. Ram Kishore Bhagat, Sukhram Lakra, Gulab Chandra Bada, Sanjay Kujur, Jhari Linda, Raju Tigga, Sulen Gaadi, Sudhir Oraon and others were present.

Fire in the house, couple burnt to death

DN ■ Ranchi

A couple died after being burnt alive in a house in Dibadih village under Sonahatu police station area of Ranchi. According to the information, the incident happened late on Wednesday night. Ranjit Sahu (46), who worked as a bike mechanic in Dibadih village, and his wife Meena Devi (42) died in the fire. Only the husband and wife were present in the house at the time of the incident. Villagers said that the son of the deceased Ranjit Sahu runs a puncture shop and he was in the same shop at night, so his life was saved. Sonahatu police station in-charge Chandan Kumar said on Thursday that Ranjit Sahu, who worked as a bike mechanic, and his wife Meena Devi died after being caught in a fire in the house. On receiving the information, both the bodies have been sent for post-mortem. It is being told that the deceased bike mechanic Ranjit Sahu also used to sell petrol and diesel in retail. At night, when the house caught fire due to a short circuit, the fire took a horrific form due to the petrol and diesel stored there. Meanwhile, Ranjit and his wife did not get a chance to escape and both of them were burnt to death.

Finance Minister met the Governor, apprised him of the irregularities in the construction of Nilambar-Pitambar University building

DN ■ Ranchi

Finance Minister Radhakrishna Kishore met Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar at Raj Bhavan on Thursday. During this, he apprised the Governor of the irregularities in the construction of Nilambar-Pitambar University building. On this, the Governor took cognizance of the matter and said that a three-member committee will investigate the matter. The committee will inspect the entire building and submit a report to the Governor.

The building has been constructed at a cost of 125 crores

In the memorandum submitted by the Finance Minister to the Governor, it has been said that the building of Nilambar-Pitambar University has been constructed at a cost of about Rs 125 crores. Many student organizations had complained about the irregularities in the construc-



tion. On their complaint, I went to see the constructed building of the university on February 11.

I found that the quality of the windows and doors installed in the administrative and academic building of the university is probably not up to the prescribed standards. The windows of the academic building do not have grills. As a result, security threats cannot be ruled out.

No provision of drinking water During my inspection of the university,

Registrar Shailesh Kumar Mishra was also present. He told me that there is no provision of drinking water in the constructed buildings. The Registrar told that the administrative and academic buildings have been taken over by the university administration. Due to the lack of drinking water facilities in the academic building, studies of all classes are not being conducted.

At the same time, some people associated with the student organization also told me that there are slight cracks in the walls of the constructed building. The thing that raises doubts is that why the building was handed over by Registrar Mr. Mishra without providing drinking water facilities, without verifying the use of substandard material in the doors and windows of the building and the work mentioned in the estimate? The con-

struction of the buildings is going to cost more than Rs 350 crore.

It has been learnt that the construction of the buildings of Lilambar Pitambar University is going to cost more than Rs. 350 crores. What was the justification for the construction of such a huge building without ensuring the availability of drinking water before the construction of buildings and residences etc.? It will be known only after investigation whether the university has been constructed as per the standards or not?

But the way the building was handed over in a hurry by the Registrar of the University, Mr. Shaileema Kumar Mishra. His role seems suspicious due to this act of his. From my point of view, it is necessary to investigate the quality of the buildings constructed by Nilambar-Pitambar University.

News In Brief

EDCL delegation met the newly appointed HOP and congratulated him

Dhanbad: A delegation of DVC EDCL Maithon unit met the newly appointed project head of DVC Maithon Suman Prasad Singh in his office located in the administrative building and congratulated him on becoming the project head and presented him a bouquet. During this, suggestions related to EDCL were considered. DVC EDCL Secretary Raj Kumar Paswan, Mithilesh Kumar, Wankhede Apurva Saha, SC Tudu etc. were present on the occasion.

Dr. R. Dwivedi conducted eye checkup of 94 patients in the camp

Maithan: In the eye checkup camp organized in collaboration with Dr. Robin James at Maithon Ayush Medical Kulti, a total of 94 patients were examined. During this, eye specialist Dr. Ramji Dwivedi conducted eye checkup of 64 men and 30 women. Cataract was detected in 30 patients. They were given necessary guidelines. On this occasion, Dr. R. Dwivedi said that every person should get their eyes checked from time to time so that serious eye diseases can be prevented in time.

Two-day annual Puja Mahotsav concluded at Shri Shri Maa Deshwali Mata Mandir

Putki: Like every year, this year also a two-day annual Puja Mahotsav was organized with great pomp and show at Shri Shri Maa Deshwali Mandir located at Kachhi Bahihari, the famous centre of faith of Koyalanchal. On the second day of the day, Thursday, after the Puja was performed with rituals, the Puja concluded with sacrifice. Thousands of devotees gathered to worship and visit the fair. A fair was organized around the temple for the two-day ritual. Apart from the local people, a large number of devotees from Dhanbad, Giridih, Bokaro, Purulia, Chandankyari and other far-flung areas gathered in this Puja. On the fulfillment of the wish, hundreds of goats, sheep, thousands of chickens.

Deputy Commissioner gave instructions to expedite the renovation work of Loco Tank

DN ■ Dhanbad

Deputy Commissioner cum District Magistrate Ms. Madhavi Mishra on Thursday inspected the renovation and beautification work of Loco Tank being done under Amrit 2.0. During the inspection, she reviewed the construction work being done around the Loco Tank, the boundary wall under construction, ticket house, toilets, steps etc. Also instructed to expedite the work. During the inspection, contractor Manmohan Grover said that a morning walk track will be built on all three sides of the Loco Tank except the area along the railway line. Lighting arrangements will also be made. Also, parks, gazebos, open gyms, street lights and parking space will be available for the general



public. During the inspection, Deputy Commissioner Ms. Madhavi Mishra, Sub-Divisional Officer Rajesh Kumar, Zonal Officer Dhanbad Shashikant Sinker, Additional Municipal Commissioner

Kamleshwar Narayan, Assistant Municipal Commissioner Prasun Kaushik, Prakash Kumar, District Public Relations Officer Sunil Kumar Singh, Executive Engineer of Municipal Corporation and other officers were present.

Giridih's migrant worker's body arrived from Saudi Arabia after two months



DN ■ Giridih

The body of a migrant worker from Khetko of Bagodar block reached his village on Wednesday, 12 February, after two months from Saudi Arabia. As soon as the body reached the village on Wednesday evening, a crowd of villagers gathered. As soon as the body arrived, the atmosphere became gloomy due to the cries of the family members. The wife and children were inconsolable. On receiving the information, MLA Nagendra Mahato also reached the spot. He also had the last glimpse of the body and encouraged the family members in this hour of grief. According to the information, Khetko's migrant worker Hiranman Mahato used to work in a company in Saudi Arabia. He died there two months ago on 8 December. The family was upset and worried due to the non-arrival of the body.

ECL employee's body found hanging from a tree, police investigating whether it was murder or suicide

DN ■ Nirsa

ECL employee 56-year-old Nandu Rai's body was found hanging from a tree near the closed 10th mine of Chapapur colliery of ECL Mugma area, which created a sensation in the area. Looking at the body, it seems that someone has murdered him and hung him from the tree. The deceased used to work as a security guard in ECL. The deceased's family has expressed suspicion of murder. Nirsa police, who reached the spot after getting information about the incident, has taken the body in their custody and sent it to Dhanbad for post-mortem and has started investigation. Police says



whether the deceased has committed suicide or has been murdered. It will be known only after the postmortem report arrives. According to the deceased's family, Nandu Rai had attempted suicide twice in the past but survived. There was a quarrel going on in the house for two days due to which he went out of the house. We

Tisra surprise inspection of regional hospital

DN ■ Tisra

Tisra surprise inspection of regional hospital was done. In the third regional hospital of Bastakola area, workers as well as villagers from nearby areas are treated under BCCL and CSR. We are working to make treatment and health service better. The above things were said by the General Manager of the area Anil Sinha while inspecting the hospital. He also discussed other health related issues with CMO Dr. Shaswati Pandit, Dr. Saurabh Anand, Dr. Tudu. If there is any kind of difficulty, tell us, we will fulfill it, but there should be no shortage in the direction of health. To make the hospital better, help of all



the related people is needed. If everyone works together, then the villagers will get a lot of benefit from this hospital. Regional Environment Officer Rohit Saini also directed to plant trees for the protection of the environment. During this, the head representative of

Alkadiha Panchayat Sanjay Kumar Das was present. People should have access to high quality health facilities. Hospital pharmacists Anjani Kumar, Rakesh Sinha, Toofan Singh, Jagdish Sahu and hospital staff were present on the occasion.

Schools, colleges and offices will remain closed on the day of Shab-e-Barat

DN ■ Giridih

A holiday has been announced tomorrow, i.e. on 14 February, on the occasion of Shab-e-Barat. Let us tell you that tomorrow is Shab-e-Barat, a special festival of Muslims. This festival is celebrated with great pomp in the Muslim community, on this occasion their homes, shops and houses are cleaned and decorated with lights, the hustle and bustle of the festival starts as soon as the evening falls, then people stay awake all night in mosques and homes and pray and seek forgiveness from Allah for their sins and repent. On this occasion, the Personnel Department has issued an order in this regard. It has been mentioned in the order that under the notification issued on 14 October 2024, holiday has been declared for all the offices under the Jharkhand State Government on various festivals and occasions in the year 2025. Making partial amendment in the said notification, 14th February 2025 (Friday) is declared a holiday on the occasion of Shab-e-Barat under Executive Order.



Launch of dress for 23rd National Para Athletics Team

99 Group will always stand with the players: Shyam Pandey

DN ■ Dhanbad

Under the aegis of 99 Group and Paralympic Committee of Jharkhand, a dress launch was organized as a sponsor for the entire Jharkhand Para team of 16 members going to participate in the 23rd National Para Athletics Competition being held in Chennai in the banquet hall of 99 Foundation. On this occasion, a press conference was held in 99 Foundation Banquet Hall. In which the team coordinator of Paralympic Committee of Jharkhand, Kumar Gaurav, who is present, said that it is very difficult for the disabled players in our Jharkhand to get support from the government level. No sup-



port is available but today 99 Foundation has lit a different flame for all the disabled players of our Jharkhand and for this the Olympic Committee of Jharkhand thanks them wholeheartedly. Our players will go to Chennai and win medals and bring glory to our Jharkhand. The jersey was jointly released by 99 Group CMD Shyam Pandey, Kumar Gaurav,

national player Kajal Kumari, Pawan Kumar. 99 Foundation CMD Shyam Pandey encouraged player Kajal Kumari runner. The foundation will stand with all the players. Such a promise was made by the CMD of 99. Amit Ranjan, Akshay Kumar, Shri Ram Dubey and others of 99 Foundation were present on the above occasion.

Councillor candidate Jitendra Kumar reached Chitahi Dham Mahayagna

DN ■ Dhanbad

Social worker cum councillor candidate Jitendra Kumar reached Chitahi Dham Mahayagna. First of all, he reached Lord Ram temple and bowed down and then prayed for the development of the region and prosperity of the general public. Let us tell you that today is the last day of the Mahayagna which was going on from 4 February to 12 February. The Mahayagna which went on for 9 days in Koyalanchal made Jharkhand along with the entire region devotional. The entire atmosphere echoed with the slogans of Lord Ram. People from every corner of Jharkhand were present. Every facility was restored for the devotees so that



there is no problem of any kind. A huge fair in which all kinds of entertainment facilities were present. Emergency facilities were restored so that every facility is available in emergency. Along with one better than the other preach-

ers, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Swati Mishra, Pawan Singh, Ram Leela, Raas Leela etc. won the hearts of the devotees. On the last day, Ganga Aarti and grand fireworks were done on the lines of Banaras. The entire atmosphere

resounded with fireworks. Chief host Dhanbad MP Dhulu Mahato, Bagma MLA Shatrughan Mahato, Savitri Devi's entire family and workers participated in the Mahayagna for the entire 9 days continuously and made the 9-day Mahayagna a success. A large number of devotees, social workers and leaders were present along with the devotees. Mr. Kumar says that such events help in making the area devotional. Thanks to the parents, elder brothers, younger brothers, mothers and sisters for making the event a success. All of you made this event a success. Today is the last day and like every day, today also Bhuli resident Ajay Kumar Sinha provided full support.

Admission process for third phase started in DAV Model School



DN ■ Jorapokhar

Children from LKG to Class IX participated in the admission process for the third phase in DAV Model School CFRI. A total of 100 applications were received for admission in

this phase. The Principal said that every child has the right to study in the best school. Our school is one of the prestigious schools of the city. There is a provision of smart teachers, smart classrooms, dance

and music school, amusement park etc. Our priority is quality education and discipline. The result of the admission process can be seen on the notice board of the school on 15 February at 10 am.

Swami Dayanand Saraswati's 201st birth anniversary celebrated in DAV Banyahir



DN ■ Jorapokhar

The 201st birth anniversary of Arya Samaj founder, great thinker and Karma Yogi Swami Dayanand Saraswati was celebrated in DAV Banyahir. Principal Ajaz Ahmed offered flowers on Swami's picture and expressed his respect for the great propagator of Vedas. After this, senior teachers of the school Devendra Kumar Panini, Shubhankar Sarkar, Vinay Kumar Sinha and other teachers also paid their respects and remembered his ideals for the DAV institution.

Tata Steel Jharia Division organised Road Safety Rally and Awareness Session

DN ■ Jorapokhar

Tata Steel Jharia Division organised a Road Safety Awareness Rally and Session today to mark the 36th National Road Safety Month i.e. 15th January to 14th February. The rally was flagged off by Sanjay Rajoria, General Manager, Jharia Division, Tata Steel. The rally started from the General Manager Office and ended at the Tata Steel Foundation Office. It was attended by officials from Tata Steel Safety Department and Tata Steel employees and students of Mother Teresa School. A Road Safety Awareness Session was organised at



Royal High School on the day. Around 60 students learnt about important road safety rules and guidelines, including use of helmets and seat belts, following traffic rules, safe walking practices, dangers of speeding, boarding school buses and vans safely and understanding road signs. Alok Kumar Sinha, Senior Manager Logistics, Tanmay Khanra, Manager Safety, and Abhijeet

Kumar, Assistant Manager Mining interacted with the students on the occasion. The event was organised in collaboration with the Safety and Security departments of Tata Steel Jharia Division. National Road Safety Month serves as an annual event to remind all road users, drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and motorists of their responsibility to promote road safety.

Ramraj Puja is being performed in Mirdha village since 300 years

DN ■ Pindrajora

The seven-day Ram Raja Puja festival started on Wednesday in Mirdha village under Chas block. Mirdha village is the only village in Pindrajora area where the seven-day Ram Raja festival is organized. In the Ramraj fair, a large number of devotees from the area come here to worship for 7 days. People from nearby areas come to buy agricultural equipment and other things in the fair.

The fair starts in the village from the second day of the puja. A lot of enthusiasm is being seen in the village regarding Ram Raja Puja. People are reaching the temple premises for worship since Wednesday morning.

According to the villagers and committees, Ramraj Puja has been taking place here since about 300 years ago. It is said that the fair was inaugurated in the year 1943 by taking soil from Mirdha village and installing the idol in the Chas Hari Mandir premises. It is said that the ancestors of the Ghoshal family took soil from Mirdha village and installed the idol and



performed puja and inaugurated the fair. According to the villagers, the oldest Ramraj fair is considered to be that of Mirdha. The seven-day Ramraj Puja and fair will begin on Tuesday after the settlement and worship with rituals on Wednesday.

Apart from Shri Ram, idols of many deities including Mata Sita, Laxman, Bharat, Shatrughan, Hanuman ji, Jamwant, Sugriv have been installed in the temple complex located in Mirdha village. Every day all the deities will be worshipped by the Pandit.

For industrial development, new officers and advisory committee should be formed on technical posts: Kundan

DN ■ Bokaro

State President of MSME, Skundan Kumar Upadhyay gave a memorandum to the Industry Minister of the state, Sanjay Prasad Yadav, demanding initiatives towards the establishment of MSME industry. Mr. Upadhyay asked the Industry Minister to provide permanent post of General Manager in Bokaro, Ramgarh, Jamshedpur Industrial Town and other districts, to post new officers in technical posts in each District Industry Center for industrial development, to constitute Industrial Development Advisory Committee at district level to promote industrial development and to hold a meeting every four months and include MPs, MLAs and other officers in



it, similarly, to open Entrepreneurship Cell under DIC, to make it mandatory for all Government, Semi Government PSUs and all Government of India

offices, banks and other departments located in the state to purchase the goods produced by the unit financed under Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Srijan Karyakram Yojana and to issue

departmental orders in this regard.

Apart from this, new and old micro units are facing unemployment and unit closure due to not getting purchase orders from state-based PSUs, Government Departments, to take a decision on this by holding a high-level meeting, to provide relief to SC ST women entrepreneurs in the district's PSUs and other government departments located in the state. Demand was made to take appropriate action towards providing work order from PSU. Apart from this, demand was also made to take initiative by Directorate of Industries to discuss industrial issues with all the industrial associations and Chamber of Commerce of the state every 6 months.

BSL organized the Best Employee of the Month Award Program of Bokaro Steel Plant

DN ■ Bokaro

The Best Employee of the Month Award program of Bokaro Steel Plant for the month of August 2024 was organized in the Knowledge Acquisition and Development Department of Human Resources, in which 31 employees were awarded for their outstanding contribution in their work. Executive Director CR Mahapatra, Executive Director Human Resources Ms. Rajshree Banerjee along with other officers including the department heads of the concerned departments and the



award winning personnel and their family members were present. Executive Director Mr. Mahapatra said that along with the employees, their families have also contributed a lot in this success.

He said that there is an expansion plan to increase the production

capacity of Bokaro Steel Plant to 8 million tonnes. He said that everyone's cooperation is necessary in this. In her address, Executive Director Ms. Banerjee congratulated the families of the employees and said that apart from daily work, new challenges should be accepted every day and their solution should be found and the pace of development should be maintained. She said that the world steel market is going through a difficult situation and with the contribution of everyone, this challenge will be overcome.

Students of Sardar Patel Public School achieved success in JEE Mains

Bokaro: A large number of students of Sardar Patel Public School were successful in the G Mains examination this year. Among the students who got good ranks, Shahid Sarwar Ali scored 96.114%, Ravi Shankar Pandit 96.010 and Ayush Kumar achieved success by scoring 91.6% marks. On this

success of the students, the school's Principal Sumit Kumar Patel, General Secretary of Seva Sangh Praveen Kumar, School Management Committee's President Shailendra Kumar and Secretary Subhash Singh congratulated the students and gave the credit of this to the teachers of the school.

If safety belt had been provided the worker would not have died: Choudhary

DN ■ Bokaro

Late Manoj Kumar, working in the pusher car of the Coke Oven & Coke Chemical Department, a mechanical contractor of M/s KK Engineering Enterprises, fell from a height of about 30 ft and became unconscious. As a result, the management admitted him to Bokaro General Hospital where he died. General Secretary of Jai Jharkhand Mazdoor Samaj, BK Choudhary, accusing the management said that while the management spends crores of rupees in the name of safety, the labourers are forced to work in unsafe conditions.

If late Manoj Kumar had been provided with a safety belt, such a painful death would not have happened. The safety department should visit every department to see whether the worker is using safety equipment or not. After the death, the general secretary of Jai Jharkhand Mazdoor Samaj, Mr. Choudhary, along with joint general secretary SK Singh,



department leader and union joint general secretary Anil Kumar, CKS Munda, Tulsi Sah, Roshan Kumar, Binod Kumar, Manoj Baba, along with other workers were present at Bokaro General Hospital where, in the night, department head PS Kumar, general manager KN Jha, general manager Arun Kumar, general manager Manish Kumar, Abhishek Mahato of personnel department gave the offer letter to Manoj Kumar's widow.

This information was given by RB Choudhary, office minister of Jai Jharkhand Mazdoor Samaj.

Hundreds of people are joining JMM everyday, influenced by the popularity and schemes of the government. Yadav

DN ■ Chas

Ward number 20 was formed on Thursday at Dharamshala Chowk in Chas city. On this occasion, Bokaro Mahanagar Convenor Chief Mantu Yadav said that as per the instructions of Jharkhand Government and JMM supremo Shibu Soren, and party's working president Hemant Soren, a new committee has been formed in Bokaro Mahanagar Chas city and the party's membership campaign is being



run on a war footing. Mantu Yadav said that influenced by the popularity and public welfare schemes of the Hemant government, hundreds of men and women are joining JMM in Bokaro every

day. Chas Convenor Chief Sanjay Kejriwal said that the support base of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha is continuously increasing in Bokaro urban area and the party will dominate in the Chas Nagar Municipal

elections. Today, Magaram De, Vice President Rohit Kejriwal, Baidyanath Pal, Secretary Tara Kumari Das, Treasurer Sapan Bawari, Deputy Treasurer Bablu Pal, Organization Secretary Sanjay Agarwal were made in the Ward No. 20 committee. Mainly convenor member Metropolitan Pramod Taparia, Bhagirath Sharma, Rakesh Sinha, Bam Pandey, Pradeep Kumar Sharma, along with dozens of members were present in the program.

Saint Ravidas's birth anniversary was celebrated in Saraswati Vidya Mandir

Bokaro: Saint Ravidas birth anniversary was celebrated in the auditorium of Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Sector 3. The program started with lighting of lamps by the guests. After lighting of lamps by the guests, Saint Ravidas ji was remembered through song, speech and theatrical program by Bhaiya Bano. The chief speaker of the program, Manoj Pathak said that Saint Ravidas was a shining leader and famous person in the saint tradition of the Nirgun Bhakti stream.

DPS Bokaro students exhibit talent, culture and gratitude in the Special Assembly



DN ■ Bokaro

A special assembly was organized to mark the culmination of the academic session before the commencement of the Annual Examination. The entire atmosphere resonated with the spirit of the

Mahakumbh as students mesmerized the audience with a captivating dance performance symbolizing the sacred confluence of the Triveni—Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati. The soul-stirring group song 'O Brijran Dulare' painted the arena with the

vibrant hues of Holi, while Faiza Athar of Class XI evoked nostalgia through a heartfelt poetry rendition on 'gratitude', reflecting the cherished moments of school life.

The eloquent speech by Prishu Anand (XI) provided insightful perspectives on stress management, leaving the audience deeply inspired. The most anticipated moment of the event was the announcement of the Best Class and Best House (Cultural) for the session 2024-25 adding an air of excitement and accomplishment.

The Principal Dr. A. S. Gangwar applauded the participants for their impeccable performances. He advised students to remain calm and composed during the examinations, emphasizing the power of self-belief as the key to success.

CBSE matriculation and intermediate examinations will be held from 15th, 16548 students will appear in 20 examination centers: Sharma

DN ■ Bokaro

A total of 16548 students will appear in the 10th and 12th board exams conducted by CBSE. Out of these, 9412 students of 10th board and 7136 students of intermediate will appear in the exam. A total of 20 exam centers have been set up for the successful conduct of the exam. These include Saraswati Vidya Mandir Sector 3, DAV Sector 4, Chinmaya Vidyalaya Bokaro, Delhi Public School Sector 4, Holy Cross Balidih, Pitts Modern School Gomia, DAV Dhori, Guru Govind Singh Public School Sector 5,



Guru Govind Singh Public School Chas, M.G.M.H.S Sector 4, DAV Swang BRL DAV BhandariDah, Sri Ayyappa Public School Sector 5 Pentecostal Assembly

School Sector 12 Crescent Public School Sector 6 DAV Tenughat, DPS Chas Central School Chandrapura. The exam will be held in Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1

Sector 4, Kendriya Vidyalaya Bokaro Thermal. City Coordinator cum Chinmaya Vidyalaya Principal Suraj Sharma while giving information said that all the guidelines issued by CBSE New Delhi have been issued to all the schools. Children must bring admit card, pen pencil and exam related material along with school ID card with them to the examination center at the scheduled time. And give the exam without stress, you will definitely get success. He also urged the parents to maintain a happy atmosphere at home. Talk positively to the children.

News In Brief

INMOSA meeting concluded



Phusro: INMOSA meeting was held on Wednesday at Khasmahal peat office of B&K area. In the meeting, anger was expressed over CCL management ignoring INMOSA demands and not resolving the problems of INMOSA members. It was decided to protest against the attitude of the management. Talks had taken place between CCL management and INMOSA earlier. But no initiative was taken by the management on the demands. Due to this, anger is increasing among INMOSA members. **Hemant becomes joint secretary of INMOSA CCL**



Bermo: Hemant Kumar, working as an overman in CCL Kathara Colliery, has been appointed joint secretary of Indian Nation Mine Official and Supervisory Staff Association (INMOSA) CCL. Hemant Kumar said that whatever responsibility the organization has given us, I will try my best to live up to it. There is a wave of happiness in Bermo Coalfield on Chauhan being appointed joint secretary of CCL.

News In Brief

Police arrested the accused of kidnapping a minor girl, sent him to jail

Chatra: Police arrested the 21-year-old named accused Ranjay Paswan alias Om Prakash, a resident of Gidda village of Pratappur police station area, accused of kidnapping a minor girl and sent him to jail. In this regard, Pratappur police station in-charge Qasim Ansari said that Ranjay Paswan had abducted the minor girl on February 2 by luring her with the intention of marriage. Regarding the said case, the guardian of the victim girl had appealed for justice and appropriate action by applying against Ranjay Paswan in the police station. In light of which, the police station registered case number 15/2025 and tried to arrest the accused, but every time he used to escape by dodging. This time, on the basis of secret information, a raid team was formed and he was arrested from Gaya station along with the girl. After that, the girl was given a medical examination and her statement was recorded in the court. At the same time, the arrested accused was sent to jail after being presented in the court. The raiding team included the station in-charge along with Sub Inspector Prem Kumar Songa, Juel Gudiya and other police personnel.

Saint Raidas's birth anniversary celebrated in various villages

Chatra: Saint Raidas's birth anniversary was celebrated with great pomp in various villages of Gidhaur block on Wednesday. Saint Raidas's statue was installed in Ambedkar Nagar located at the block headquarters. Where people offered flowers and lit lamps. After this, a discourse program was organized. In which Yugal Kishore Pandey and Sandhya Rani presented the discourse. On the occasion, appealing to spread the thoughts of Saint Raidas to the people, the speakers said that a saint has no caste or religion. Saint Raidas was a philosopher, poet, social reformer and follower of God. He was a shining leader and famous person in the Nirgun sect i.e. saint tradition. Apart from the block headquarters, Saint Raidas Jayanti.

Patients get relief due to opening of police post in hospital

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With the opening of police post in Medinirai Medical College Hospital, brokers have been removed. Patients and their families were so troubled due to brokers that they had to pay illegal money to brokers for taking medicines, getting ultrasound done and getting physical examination done. If you come to Medinirai Medical College Hospital for your treatment now, you will not see even a single broker. The main reason for this is that the police officer of the hospital post, ASI Neeraj Kumar Singh, Sushila Kumar and police personnel Vikas Kumar, Mahendra Kumar along with Home Guard personnel remain deployed 24 hours a day to take care of the patients coming to the hospital. So that no patient is lured by the broker and gets treatment from outside. Let us tell you that earlier when the police post was not opened in the hospital, brokers had a strong hold in Medinirai Medical College Hospital. Male and female brokers used to reach the hospi-



tal at 10:00 am as per office duty and sit at the slip counter. And as soon as a person used to get his slip cut for treatment and come out. These brokers used to follow them. From consulting the doctor to getting medicines from outside, getting tests done, it was the job of these brokers. But now their market is over. The police is fully engaged in reforming these brokers. The police is also roaming around the hospital in civil dress. So that the brokers do not know that the police is also keeping an eye on them. The people of Palamu have thanked Palamu Police for opening a police post in the hospital.

SDO Gaurang Mahato did a surprise inspection of Mohammadganj Zone and Block Office

► Strict instructions given after action against suspended Mukesh Kumar

DN ■ Palamu

Hussainabad SDO Gaurang Mahato did a surprise inspection of Mohammadganj Zone and Block Office. During this, he gave strict instructions to Revenue Inspector Premchand Kumar that he should not stay in the office but go to the field and verify all the land related documents properly. Also, he also said that there should not be any kind of fake mutation process and all the processes should be done with transparency. Suspended Revenue Inspector Mukesh Kumar was also mentioned in this inspection, who was recently suspended after the



video of bribery went viral. During the investigation, it was revealed that Mukesh Kumar had cheated crores of rupees in the name of getting a job in Bihar and had served a sentence of two months in Beur Jail of Bihar. Despite this, he misused medical leave and started working again in Jharkhand. Considering the seriousness of the matter, the SDO said that an inquiry is going on against the suspended Revenue Inspector Mukesh Kumar, strict action will be taken soon. The SDO also directed

that signatures should be taken from the Chauhadidaar and nearby villagers of the concerned land to maintain transparency in the mutation process. Apart from this, verification of all documents and site inspection should be done so that there is no irregularity. During the inspection, the SDO also reviewed the schemes going on in the block office and interacted with the women's groups of JSLPS, in which he focused on the status of the schemes and the services being provided to the beneficiaries. The SDO warned the officials that the priority of the administration is to provide transparent and corruption-free services to the public, and any kind of negligence or irregularity will not be tolerated in this.

Four Bhupendra Super Market branches will be inaugurated on 24th February

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Bhupendra Chaudhary, director of Bhupendra Super Market branch, told journalists at Hotel Crown Plaza located at Bairiya Chowk in the city that four new branches will be inaugurated at Shivaji Maidan in Medininagar on 24th February. Famous Bhojpuri actor Arvind Akela alias Kallu will participate in the said program. He said that Bhupendra Super Market has created a distinct identity in Garhwa and Palamu. He said that branches are being started in Nagar Untari of Garhwa, Daltonganj, Panki and Chhatrapur of Palamu. After that, the people of that area will get its benefit. He said that all the goods related to the livelihood of the people will be available at cheap prices in Bhupendra Super Market. Bhupendra Chaudhary, while inviting all the people of Palamu, told that the company provides food grains to lakhs of houses and Bhupendra Super Market is the solution to problems like hunger where unemployed people are also given employment.



4 children who performed brilliantly in IIT JEE Mains were felicitated in DAV Barkakana

DN ■ Ramgarh

The children of DAV Barkakana brought laurels to the school and their families in IIT JEE Mains. For this, an honour ceremony was organised in the school. Roshan Kumar secured the first position in the district with 99.70 percentile. Mayank Ojha, Shubham Kesari, 93.70 and Ankit Kushwaha, 90.33 percentiles, hoisted the flag of the school. These four children were felicitated by the grandparents who had come to the Amulyaam programme in the school to felicitate their grandparents and wished them a bright future. Wishing the children a bright future on this



occasion, senior mathematics teacher Mahesh Prasad said that the children who practice regularly and live in harmony with the present and the future, are the ones who achieve the highest peak. On this occasion, senior teacher of Chemistry, Ranjit Kumar Singh said that one should have dreams in the eyes but feet should be firmly rooted in the ground; respect this unique teaching of the

E-rickshaw provided to Old Age Home Ramgarh by State Bank of India

DN ■ Ramgarh

Women Child Development and Social Security Department, Jharkhand, Ranchi is running Old Age Home, Chhatramandu, Ramgarh in Ramgarh district. In which currently two senior citizens are taking shelter. Whose proper care and protection is done by Ganga Coastal Development Institute, an agency selected by the government.

On Thursday, with the courtesy of State Bank of India, Ramgarh, the key of an e-rickshaw (Toto) for the convenience of the elderly was handed over to Indu Prabha Khalkho, District Social Welfare Officer, Ramgarh by General Manager of State Bank of India, Prabhsh Bose, for the convenience of the elderly, along with this the General Manager also said that more essential items will be made available. In this program, Regional Manager, State Bank of India, Pushpa Kumari, Dukhaharan Mahato (Protection Officer),



District Child Protection Unit, Ramgarh and other Branch Managers of State Bank of India, Vijay Kumar, Prasun Kumar, Ashwini Kumar, Dheeraj Kumar, Krishna Nandan Sen, Abhishek Kumar, Randhir Kumar Singh, Secretary, Ganga Coastal Development Institute, Kanchan Kumar, Caretaker, Old Age Home, and other staff and inmates were present.

Mukhiya distributed dhoti-saree and lungi

DN ■ Hariharganj

Under the Sona-Sobran Dhoti-Sari scheme, sarees, dhotis and lungis provided by the Jharkhand government were distributed on Thursday by Mukhiya Kajal Kumari at the shops of Public Distribution System shopkeepers Arvind Mistry, Chinta Devi and Awadhesh Ram located in Vishwakarma Nagar, Kharagpur and Ravidas Mohalla of Kharagpur Panchayat. It was told that all the beneficiaries whose names are in the Antyodaya and BPL list will get its benefit. On this occasion, Mukhiya Kajal Kumari said that the state government's ambitious scheme Sona Sobran Saree-Dhoti Yojana is very commendable. Poor people are getting its benefits. She said that no person in the Panchayat will be deprived of government benefits. I will definitely try to give benefits to those who are eligible beneficiaries. On the occasion, social worker Satyendra Mehta, Panchayat Samiti member Manita Devi, Public Distribution System shopkeepers Awadhesh Ram, Arvind Sharma, Chinta Devi and a large number of beneficiaries were present.



Half a dozen people injured in a fight in the wedding procession

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Eight people from the boy's side were seriously injured in a dispute over bursting crackers between the boy's and girl's side during a wedding procession in Bhulaidih village of Naudiha Bazar police station area on Wednesday night. The injured include Santosh Prasad 40, Sarju Prasad 45, Ranjit 26, Girja Prasad, 45 Shivam Prasad 30, Sintu Prasad 25, and others. All the injured are being treated at Medinirai Medical College Hospital. Regarding this incident, the injured Santosh Prasad said that on Wednesday, the wedding procession of Chaturbhuj Sao's son from Chili Barwadih village of Padwa police station area of Palamu district had gone to Chhotu Sao's house in Bhulaidih village of Naudiha Bazar police station area. There, during the door puja, the people of the baraati side were bursting bombs and crackers. Meanwhile, a fight broke out between the boy's side and the girl's side over some issue. The



fight escalated so much that sticks started flying from both sides. In which more than half a dozen people were seriously injured. After this, the local villagers informed the police of Naudiha Bazar police station about this incident. On getting information about the incident, the police of Naudiha Bazar police station reached the spot and sent all the injured to Chhatrapur subdivisional hospital for treatment. Where even after treatment, seeing the serious condition of Santosh Prasad and etc were present.

District administration busy in preparing for the three-day Itkhori festival, DC and SP inspected the venue

DN ■ Chatra

The district administration has started preparations for the grand organization of the three-day State Itkhori Festival to be held at the historic Mata Bhadrakali Temple Pariar in Itkhori of the district. On Wednesday, Deputy Commissioner Ramesh Gholap and SP Vikas Kumar Pandey reached the festival site along with the officials and inspected the preparations. During this, while taking information about the preparations being done at Manas campus, seminar site, the officials gave necessary directions to the concerned. The Deputy Commissioner said that the festival will be organized grandly. At the same time, the SP inspected the security at the festival site. It is known that since 2015, the State Itkhori Festival has been organized every year on 19, 20 and 21 February. The Deputy Commissioner said that



the artists have been selected for the festival. Deputy Development Commissioner Amrendra Kumar Sinha, SDO Sunny Raj, SDO Chatra etc. were present during the inspection.

7-year-old girl dies after drowning in a well, police investigating



DN ■ Medininagar

Sangeeta Kerakta, 7-year-old daughter of Dinesh Kerakta, a resident of Dinabar village of Ramgarh police station area, died after drowning in a well. Regarding this incident, the family members told that on Wednesday evening at around 4:00 pm, Sangeeta was filling water from a well near her house. Meanwhile, she slipped and fell into the well. After falling into the well, Sangeeta was taken out of the well by the local villagers. After this, the local villagers informed the police of Ramgarh police station about this incident. On receiving information about the incident, the police of Ramgarh police station reached the spot, inquested the body and sent it to Medinirai Medical College Hospital for post-mortem. After this incident, the police has started investigating the matter related to the incident.

Police destroyed illegal poppy cultivation by running a campaign

DN ■ Chatra

On Wednesday, police destroyed illegal poppy crop by running a joint raid campaign in Tandwa police station area. The said action was taken in the forests of Marangloiya bordering Tandwa-Balumath police station under the remote police station area, where the illegal poppy crop was destroyed by beating with sticks. The police team took the above action under the joint leadership of CO Vijay Das and police station in-charge Umesh Ram. It is known that last year also poppy cultivation was



destroyed from the same areas. At the same time, a few days ago, poppy crop grown on about two acres of land in the forest of Hesatu-Sidpa was destroyed. It is said that even after the destruction of the crop, illegal drug dealers have been avoiding getting caught in the clutches of the administration. People are demanding a comprehensive campaign from the district administration.

Upgrade Your Technical Skills



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Expert Opinion

People who keep their technical skills develop, the time

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By Personality

In the world of fashion and glamor good why someone would want to stay behind? Who the hell is this craze. Cosmetoljst thinking something similar these days because of the demand is growing rapidly. This field was considered only for women, but the last few years, this sector also come to match candidates are giving a new direction to his career. Option jobs after securing training required in the field of cosmetic goods companies, beauty salons, spas, resorts and hotels, major travel companies, corporate groups, film and entertainment industry, etc. The options are open jobs. Fashion, advertising, films, television and theater are also in great demand



in the industry is. In addition, you have the opportunity to introduce their work is always there. You may want to start it with little capital investment. Personality of Cosmetology Beauty Therapy from Hone lot of things are coming to health care. Facial, Hair, Lips, etc. to refine them through Eye Treatment to overcome the shortcomings of the work is done under similar. This task is also used by many modern devices. Experts in this field, our customers' skin care, manicure, pedicure, hairstyling also work. Kwolifikeshn to start working as a medical Cosmetoljst, you have to take MBBS degree after post graduation in dermatology. Yes, non - medical Cosmetoljst to work as it does not require any special professional degree. None of beautician Riledet entry in this field can do the advanced course. Good practical knowledge is essential for the success. Without it, it can be difficult to start working in this sector. Polytechnics and private institutions offered courses related to it. Like many modern Sectors personal

property for the field itself should have some special quality. Their creativity if you can show others the ability to have beautiful and attractive, this area is for you. Of new tools and products in the beauty sector, the more knowledge you have, you can only go so far in this field will be increasing. Nature Friendly, good communication skills, etc. Kwolitij Teksevi nature and will help you further. Salary best in the early days after the courses related to the company by working in a big beauty parlor or simply can earn 10 to 15 thousand rupees. However, it will depends on where the jobs are you, how is the company level? Wedding and festive season, earning it increases by several times. If you have a name in this field, so you can easily make 25 to 30 thousand rupees. Once you've created your own business or company can increase earnings multiples. Major Institutions - International Polytechnic for Women, Chandigarh - Government Women's Polytechnic College, Gwalior - Ramgdia Girls College, Ludhiana (News Feature)

Each round man himself and have tried to differentiate their home. The Human Nature after some time due to the new concept of interior designing - New Challenges keep coming. See also the time where people are in their homes Proyritii to pop stylist tiles. Recognizing the demand for new tiles Manufacturer Companies - bringing to market new designer tiles. Given the market situation of people's thinking and can easily say, tile designing today is a popular career, the scope will remain constant.

Idea of the game

The idea is based on the concept of designing. Something like designing with tiles. Most people's choice - are separated from each other. Keeping this in mind, a designer has to completing your design. The tiles then the situation is even more typical, because it matters plainly Choice connected with us and is a status symbol. A good tile designer has to keep this fact in mind. New patterns should be Atraktiv her designs, as well as the needs of Sobrnes always has to be maintained.

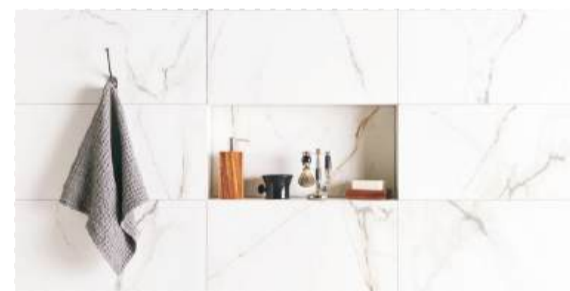
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After tile designing course work with a trainee by a Reputed firm could earn 15 to 20 thousand rupees every month. Experience in this field - with growing leaves you with a salary.

Skills

Creativity is the most important for this field. Students who want to get into this sector, the colors, designs, patterns, Photoshop, Corel Draw should have knowledge of. Better quality tile designer to understand the customer's feedback is extremely important. Use of social networking sites also

Spark Your Imagination Tile Designing



should come to him. **Challenging jobs** Tile design is challenging jobs. You have to constantly work on new Concepts.

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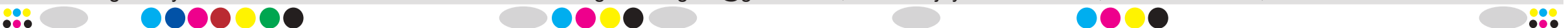
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Entry in Field

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- Orts College, Delhi
- National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad
- Mr. JJ Ort School, Mumbai
- National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi



Pulwama marked a shift in war against terror

On a winding stretch of the Jammu-Srinagar highway, a convoy of 78 vehicles carrying 2,500 CRPF personnel was making its way to Srinagar on February 14, 2019. Among them were 40 bravehearts of the 76th CRPF Battalion. Unnoticed by the troops, a Mahindra Scorpio packed with 200 kg of explosives, driven by 22-year-old Adil Ahmad Dar — a suicide bomber from the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) — rammed into one of the buses. The explosion killed 40 soldiers, marking one of the deadliest attacks on Indian security forces in decades. This was not the first time that India faced such brutality. The 2016 Pathankot airbase attack, the 2018 Uri terror strike and the horrific 26/11 Mumbai attacks were all grim reminders of Pakistan's proxy war against India.

However, Pulwama became the inflection point that tested India's strategic patience. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement after the attack reflected the nation's resolve: "Security forces have been given full freedom to choose the time and place for the future course of action. Terrorists have made a big mistake and will pay a heavy price." The Pulwama attack forced India to rethink its counterterrorism strategy. For decades, Pakistan had waged a proxy war, bleeding India with "a thousand cuts." While diplomatic efforts to isolate Pakistan globally were initiated, the national leadership, including the military, believed a stronger response was necessary. The challenge was to act decisively despite the nuclear dynamics between the two nations. India had to move beyond reactive approaches, overcoming bureaucratic inertia, intelligence gaps and predictable military response. Addressing the root causes of radicalisation in Jammu and Kashmir and transforming governance in the region became critical. The abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A in August 2019 was a watershed moment. It revoked J&K's special status, extended the jurisdiction of Central agencies, and allowed them to target terror funding, money-laundering and other activities that fuelled terrorism. The state was also bifurcated into two union territories — Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh — further integrating the region with the rest of the country. India's desire for a proactive counterterrorism strategy has often been hindered by several barriers. First, geopolitical constraints, including Pakistan's alleged support for militant groups and the nuclear deterrence dynamics, have historically limited India's options. Second, intelligence gaps — due to inadequate human intelligence, poor coordination and technological limitations — have made preempting attacks difficult. Third, legal and institutional hurdles, such as delays in implementing counterterrorism laws and reforms, have slowed progress. For instance, the proposal for a National Counter-Terrorism Centre (NCTC) after the 26/11 attacks remains stuck in bureaucratic red-tape. Finally, anti-India propaganda fuelled by Pakistan and supported by internal actors, like the Hurriyat Conference, and overground workers has complicated efforts to balance public demand for swift retaliation with long-term strategic goals. Post 2014, India began to adopt a more assertive approach. Surgical strikes across the Line of Control (LoC) in 2016 and 2019 demonstrated India's willingness to use military force. Diplomatic efforts to isolate Pakistan and designate terrorists gained momentum. However, Pulwama demanded an even stronger response. On February 26, 2019, the Indian Air Force conducted airstrikes on a JeM training camp in Balakot, Pakistan. This marked the first use of air power against Pakistan since 1971 and signalled a significant shift in India's strategy. The strikes, which killed hundreds of terrorists, effectively called Pakistan's nuclear bluff and raised the threshold for India's response to terrorism. Pakistan retaliated with airstrikes on Indian military targets, leading to a dogfight in which India lost a MiG-21 Bison and its pilot. Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman was captured, but not before he had shot down a much superior aircraft in terms of capability, the F-16 of the Pakistani Air Force.

Balancing conservation and livelihoods in HP's forests

The HP govt must demonstrate the political will to implement the Forest Rights Act effectively to safeguard livelihoods and justice for those facing eviction.

The longstanding issue of forest land occupation for agriculture and habitation in Himachal Pradesh remains unresolved. In its order on July 17, 2024, the Shimla High Court stated that encroachments on forest land cannot be regularised by the state government without approval from the Central government under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. Following this, a series of eviction orders were issued.

In Himachal Pradesh, where two-thirds of the geographical area is classified as forest land and 90 per cent of the population resides in rural areas surrounded by forests, the dependence of communities on forest resources for survival and livelihoods is undeniable.

With agricultural land comprising only about 10 per cent of the total area and the average landholding size being less than one hectare, access to land remains a critical issue.

Under the Land Regularisation Policy of 2002, approximately 1.67 lakh families applied to legalise their occupation of forest land. Additionally, land settlement records indicate a significant number of unauthorised occupations. For example, during the 1989 land settlement in Spiti, over 1,200 cases of najayaz kabza (unauthorised occupation) were recorded, representing nearly 50 per cent of the total households. To address the situation, the state government decided to intervene in the Godavaraman case pending before the Supreme Court of India — a move that is only partially welcome.

While some aspects of this intervention align with the interests of the affected communities, concerns remain regarding the true intent and effectiveness of the government's approach in protecting the people who are facing eviction. The government's decision to approach the Supreme Court to exclude the allottable pool and certain other land categories from the definition of forests is a crucial step. If the state secures relief, it could facilitate the allocation of land to landless families and those displaced by natural disasters. When implemented effectively, this move could help address land scarcity and support the vulnerable communities in need of rehabilitation. However, the proposal to de-reserve certain land categories should not rely solely on revenue records. It must also include an assessment of the actual physical and ecological status of the land.

It will be necessary to present a well-founded argument, demonstrating that this will not cause any harm to the existing forest areas and that it will prevent new conflicts and ecological impacts. This requires a cautious approach as the Supreme Court, in its order from February last year, ruled that the definition of "forest" would continue to have a broad and all-encompassing meaning, including 1.97 lakh square km of undeclared forest land.

The government's other decision to get the permission of the Supreme Court to conduct a forest settlement under



the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (IFA), appears unnecessary. The Central government has already enacted the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006, the very purpose of which was to address the anomalies of the settlement processes under the IFA. It explicitly acknowledges the failure, terming it as a "historical injustice" to forest-dependent communities. We don't need to reinvent the wheel to settle the rights under the IFA. Instead of seeking the suspension of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, to conduct the forest settlement process under the IFA, 1927, the focus should be on the proper implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006, which was specifically designed to recognise and safeguard the rights of forest dwellers.

Forests in India are governed by the Indian Forest Act and the Wildlife Protection Act (WPA). Seeking forest settlement solely under the IFA will not fully serve the purpose. In Himachal Pradesh, many national parks and wildlife sanctuaries were declared without properly settling the rights of the forest-dependent communities. The case of settling 53 habitation rights in the Kalatop Wildlife Sanctuary, Dalhousie (Chamba), under the FRA highlights this issue. To address such historical oversight,

the state government must advocate for the recognition of the rights provided under the Forest Rights Act, which applies to all types of forest land. The government must demonstrate the political will to implement the FRA effectively to safeguard livelihoods and justice for those facing eviction. It should first intervene in the high court, where it is already a party, and request time for the FRA implementation to protect the eligible right-holders from eviction. Delaying action under the pretext of the Supreme Court intervention, while neglecting the available legal recourse, merely shifts responsibility and leaves the vulnerable communities without protection or justice. The rights of people and forest conservation must go hand in hand. A well-balanced approach — one that safeguards livelihoods while ensuring communities take responsibility for conserving the natural resources they depend on — can be achieved through the legal framework provided by the Forest Rights Act.

This will help uphold both the rights of the forest dwellers and the integrity of the forests.

The government must act now to not only protect the rights of those who rely on forests for their survival but also uphold justice and sustainability in forest governance.

Defence conundrum

Cutting down on imports a big challenge

It's intriguing that India continues to be the world's biggest arms importer despite the Modi government's consistent emphasis on self-reliance (Atmanirbharta) and indigenous production in the defence sector. In his address at the ongoing Aero India 2025 in Bengaluru, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the evolving global security scenario demanded innovative approaches and stronger partnerships. But is greater strategic collaboration helping India become a global powerhouse of defence research, development and innovation? Or is it making the country more dependent on foreign manufacturers? These questions need to be addressed with an open mind by the Centre as well as the top brass of the defence forces.

The government's resolve to cut down on arms imports and boost exports is being put to the test by US President Donald Trump. He is insistent that India should buy more US-made security equipment. Trump,



who is set to host Prime Minister Modi, wants a 'fair' trading relationship with New Delhi. And he has made no bones about his zeal to introduce new tariffs on steel and aluminium imports into the US, a move

that could hit many Indian companies. India, which is keen on co-production of Stryker combat vehicles and fighter jet engines, needs to ensure that such deals are not skewed in favour of the US. Russia's preoccupation with the Ukraine war has prompted India to rely less on its traditional defence partner and focus more on acquisitions from Western nations in a bid to diversify supplies. Transfer of technology is a prerequisite for bolstering domestic production in the long run, but some Western firms have shown reluctance on this count. The Defence Minister has asserted that India does not believe in transactional relationships or imposing solutions. However, the same cannot be said with confidence about the country's top partners. New Delhi must judiciously prioritise its strategic interests, striking a balance between indigenous capacity-building and its 'Make for the world' aspirations.

ISRO's indigenous thrust gets a fillip

Equipped with re-ignition capability, cryogenic engine set to power spacecraft on ambitious missions

On February 7, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully tested the re-ignition of the made-in-India CE20 cryogenic engine in space-like vacuum conditions at the ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu. This is another remarkable milestone in ISRO's saga of indigenous cryogenic technology. Most of us turn off the motor while driving down a slope and let gravity accelerate us downward. We restart the engine and continue driving as we approach the foothill. Similarly, to place satellites in various orbits or for intricate interplanetary missions, we must turn on the cryogenic engine mid-flight, after a period of days or months. For example, a lander mission to Mars will require the engine to be turned on after roughly 10 months. Currently, ISRO has only one engine, the Liquid Apogee Motor, which can be re-ignited and powered by liquid fuel.

In the trial, the upgraded CE20-U engine worked as planned under fuel tank pressure conditions expected to prevail while restarting mid-flight. ISRO will make additional alterations and perform step-by-step trials before rolling out the CE20-U engine for the next-generation launch vehicle. When released, pressurised air exits a balloon, thus propelling it in the opposite direction. This illustrates the basic rocket principle, known as Newton's third law. Likewise, if hot gas can be generated and released from a nozzle, the rocket can be made to propel forward in the opposite direction. Combustion requires fuel and oxygen, which are referred to as propellants. Rocket propellants are of three types: solid, liquid and gaseous. Instead of a solid propellant, one might utilise kerosene and a suitable oxidiser as fuel. This is a liquid propellant rocket. Solids and liquids are less voluminous than gases. In normal temperature and pressure, the amount of water in its vapour stage will take up 16 times the space it would

take in its liquid state. As a result, gaseous fuels must be cooled to liquefy them before they can be used as rocket fuel. That is cryogenic fuel. The term 'cryo' means ice-cold or chilled. Cryogenics is the science and technology of substances at temperatures below -153°C, the boiling point of methane. The most common cryogenic propellants are hydrogen liquefied at -253°C as fuel and oxygen liquefied at -183°C as oxidiser. When liquefied hydrogen and liquefied oxygen combine, they are highly reactive and produce steam. The lighter the gas, the lesser the energy required to accelerate it. As hydrogen is the lightest of the atoms, we can use it as fuel and liquid oxygen as an oxidiser to achieve more thrust per kilogramme of fuel, making it ideal for space travel. Cryogenic rockets are critical for deep space missions such as lunar landings and interplanetary probes and for putting larger payloads into geostationary orbit 36,000 km above earth's surface. The US, Russia, Japan, India, France and China are the only countries operating cryogenic rocket engines. These engines are used only in the upper stage of the vehicle and operate beyond the earth's atmosphere after the vehicle has entered space. According to international consensus, anything more than 100 km beyond the earth's surface is considered space. If cryogenics are more efficient, why not use them immediately at liftoff? The high efficiency of cryogenic engines is not suitable for the initial launch stages, where more raw power is required to overcome gravity.

Once the red light turns green, you try to go as fast as possible. You need fuel with good pickup. However, while driving long distances on a motorway, a fuel-efficient engine benefits your wallet and the environment. Petrol vehicles have a higher initial pickup than diesel cars, but the latter have more pulling power

and mileage. Similarly, the launch vehicle must overcome inertia, climb into the sky, race against gravity's gripping hands and then overcome atmospheric drag. Solid or liquid fuel with a powerful thrust is the best option. However, once there is no atmospheric resistance in space, the vehicle is already propelling, and a fuel-efficient engine provides superior mileage. The Soviets and the Americans fought to create more efficient launch vehicles capable of putting



heavier spacecraft into orbit, reaching the moon, and undertaking interplanetary travel. The RL10, which debuted in 1963, was the first cryogenic rocket engine built in the US. It was utilised in the Saturn 1 rocket during the early stages of the Apollo moon landing mission and still powers US launch vehicles.

The Soviets designed the RD-56, also known as the 11D56, at about the same time in 1964. They shifted their focus from fully cryogenic to semi-cryogenic, developing the powerful RD-180, which used liquid

kerosene and liquefied oxygen as launch propellants. In parallel, the Soviets developed a better-designed cryogenic engine, the KVD-1, that was sold to India.

By the 1990s, ISRO was looking for cryogenic technology and had initially approached Japan and the US. The engines were far too pricey. Meanwhile, the Soviets were eager not only to sell their KVD-1 engines but also to transfer knowledge, allowing ISRO to manufacture and produce its own cryogenic engines at a significantly lower cost than that quoted by US corporations.

In the following months, the Soviet Union collapsed and the US exerted pressure on Russia not to export the technology, claiming that India might use it as a nuclear missile. The argument was flimsy because missiles must be ready for launch in seconds, while cryogenic engines require at least 24 hours of fuelling. It was a hypocritical irony because the US came forward only months ago to sell engines at significantly higher prices. The Russians honoured their word and delivered six engines, but they could not impart technology due to the American embargo. Slapped with the ban, ISRO learnt from the six engines and created its own cryogenic engine, CE20. The Indian design is not a replica, as the Russian engines are staged combustion engines, but the made-in-India CE20 are gas-generator cycle engines. After years of hard labour, the CE20-powered LVM3 launch vehicle delivered the GSAT-19 into geostationary transfer orbit on June 5, 2017. The engine was fitted in the Chandrayaan 2 and 3 launch vehicles. The human-rated engine will assist Indian astronauts in reaching orbit during the Gaganyaan expedition. With re-ignition capability, the CE20 engine will power Indian spacecraft on ambitious interplanetary missions.

AAP's Amanatullah Khan seeks pre-arrest bail, denies aiding murder accused's escape

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New Delhi. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Amanatullah Khan moved the Delhi Rouse Avenue Court seeking anticipatory bail in a newly registered FIR on Wednesday. The court is set to hear his plea today. Khan had requested protection before joining the investigation, claiming that the allegations against him were unfounded.



The bail plea pertains to a fresh FIR registered against Khan for allegedly obstructing a police operation to arrest an accused in a murder case. Police said the incident, which happened in Jamia Nagar, helped the accused escape police custody.

The AAP leader, who won the Okhla seat for a third time in the February 5 Assembly polls, has claimed that the allegations against him are false.

According to reports, AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan was allegedly protecting accused Chavez Khan, who has been declared a proclaimed offender (PO) or a fugitive by the court.

In a letter sent to Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora via email, Amanatullah Khan claimed that he was in

his constituency and not on the run and alleged that the Delhi Police was framing him in a false case.

Khan said that the crime branch team had caught Chavez Khan during a raid, but he was out on bail and had presented bail documents. However, court records indicate that Chavez Khan had been officially declared a fugitive.

Amanatullah Khan is accused of allegedly attacking a police team with his supporters when the team reached Jamia to nab Chavez Khan. He allegedly freed the accused from the police custody and helped him escape.

However, the AAP MLA denied being on the run and alleged that the Delhi Police was framing him in a false case.

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whom the Delhi Police had come to arrest is (out) on bail. The police are implicating me in a false case to hide its mistake," Amanatullah Khan said in the letter dated February 12.

He added that he went to "save" Chavez when he was asked to help the man who was being "threatened" by the police.

"I was asked to save that person who, I was told, was a resident of the area. I do not have any close relations with that person. When I asked the locals, I got to know that those people (in plainclothes) were threatening him," Amanatullah Khan said in the letter in Hindi. It was later revealed that the person had got "anticipatory bail" from the Saket court in 2018. Despite this, the people in plainclothes, who claimed to be from the police, were trying to arrest him and threatening the others, he added in the letter.

Dokra artwork, silver table mirror: PM Modi's gifts for Macron, French First Lady

New Delhi. During his visit to France this week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented President Emmanuel Macron and First Lady Brigitte Macron with gifts, symbolising India's rich cultural heritage and traditional craftsmanship. PM Modi presented the President Dokra artwork, depicting musicians with studded stonework, and silver hand-graved table mirror with floral and peacock motifs to the First Lady. Dokra art is a popular traditional metal-casting technique from Chhattisgarh. It uses bell metal -- an alloy of brass, nickel and zinc oxide -- and showcases intricate craftsmanship.

Rooted in the region's rich tribal heritage, this artwork, using the ancient lost-wax technique, depicts traditional musicians in poses, highlighting the cultural significance of music. Meanwhile, the gift to the First Lady has roots in Rajasthan's rich tradition of metalwork. The mirror's intricate silver frame features floral and peacock motifs, symbolising beauty, nature and grace.

Besides his presents to the French First Couple, Prime Minister Modi also brought eco-friendly gifts for US Vice President JD Vance's children.

Vance was also in Paris to attend the AI Action Summit. PM Modi gave a wooden railway toy set to Vivek Vance, the Vice President's eldest son, and a jigsaw puzzle featuring Indian folk paintings to second child Ewan Blaine Vance. To JD Vance's youngest child, daughter Mirabel, the Prime Minister gifted a wooden alphabet set.

On Monday, the Prime Minister arrived in France on a two-day visit, during which he co-chaired the AI Action Summit in Paris with President Macron and also inaugurated the first-ever Indian Consulate in the city of Marseille, amongst a host of other things.

Days after BJP came to power, Delhi witnessing prolonged power cuts: Atishi

NEW DELHI. Days after the Delhi election results, caretaker CM Atishi on Thursday hit out at the BJP, saying the city has been facing prolonged power cuts. Speaking to media persons, the caretaker CM said, "As soon as the BJP government came to power, long power cuts started happening in Delhi. The BJP workers also made several complaints about power cuts on social media."

Atishi further alleged that as soon as the BJP government came to power in Delhi, the power system has been ruined. People troubled by power cuts have started buying inverters. Now they are admitting that they made a mistake this time in the elections and brought the BJP government to power. The AAP on Wednesday alleged that infighting within the BJP over the selection of



Delhi's Chief Minister is causing hardships for the people.

AAP Chief Spokesperson Priyanka Kakkar said that several days have passed since the election results, yet the BJP has failed to appoint a Chief Minister for Delhi, leading to prolonged power cuts across the city.

Speaking to the media, she highlighted that the BJP's delay in finalising a Chief Minister is a clear sign of factionalism within the party. "Their factions are meeting in groups of ten because they cannot agree on who should lead Delhi. Their internal conflict is ongoing, but why should the people of here bear the brunt of it? On Tuesday, reports of prolonged power cuts emerged from several parts of the city. The BJP must put aside its differences, appoint a CM without delay, and focus on governance." She further said that while the AAP is working on strengthening the party, the people of Delhi should not have to suffer.

AAP's Amanatullah Khan gets pre-arrest bail for 'helping' accused flee cops

New Delhi. AAP leader Amanatullah Khan was granted pre-arrest bail by the Delhi Rouse Avenue Court on Thursday after Delhi Police accused him of helping a murder case accused flee cops. The court directed him to join the probe whenever summoned by the Investigating Officer (IO). The police have been instructed to ensure that his questioning takes place under CCTV surveillance. The next hearing in the case is scheduled for February 24. The AAP MLA moved the Delhi Rouse Avenue Court seeking anticipatory bail in a newly registered FIR on Wednesday. Khan had requested protection before joining the investigation, claiming that the allegations against him were unfounded.

According to the police, AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan was allegedly protecting accused Chavez Khan, who has been declared a proclaimed offender (PO) or a fugitive by the court. In a letter sent to Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora via email, Amanatullah Khan alleged that the Delhi Police was framing him in a false case. Khan said that the crime branch team had caught Chavez Khan during a raid, but he was out on bail and had presented bail documents. However, court records indicated that Chavez Khan had been officially declared a fugitive.

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Permanent alimony, maintenance can be granted even if marriage void: Supreme Court

New Delhi. The Supreme Court has ruled that permanent alimony and interim maintenance can be granted under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, even if a union is declared void. The top court also said that whether such a relief can be granted or not depends on the facts of each case.

The ruling on Wednesday by a bench comprising Justices Abhay S Oka, Ahsanuddin Amanullah and



Augustine George Masih in response to a reference made by a two-judge bench headed by Justice Vikram Nath last year.

The reference was taken due to conflicting decisions of the Supreme Court on the question of providing permanent alimony or maintenance to either spouse even after the marriage is declared void under Section 11 of the Hindu Marriage Act.

"A spouse whose marriage has been declared void under Section 11 of the 1955 Act is entitled to seek permanent alimony or maintenance from the other spouse by invoking Section 25 of the 1955 Act," the Supreme Court said. Section 25 provides discretionary powers to the family court to grant permanent alimony upon passing of "any decree" under the Hindu Marriage Act.

"Whether such a relief of permanent alimony can be granted or not always depends on the facts of each case and the conduct of the parties," it added.

Security tightened at Jamia; 10 students detained for protesting action against two PhD scholars

NEW DELHI. Over 10 Jamia Millia Islamia University students were detained by Delhi Police for protesting against the university's disciplinary action against two PhD scholars, who were served show-cause notices for allegedly organising a demonstration last year, an official said on Thursday.

The protest began on Monday, with students condemning what they termed as the administration's "crackdown on student activism." The university claimed the protesting students vandalised university property, including the central canteen, and broke the gate of the security advisor's office, forcing the administration to take action. According to police sources, the university requested police intervention to remove the students from the protest site to maintain law and

order. "We removed over 10 students at around 4 am after receiving a request from the university administration. Further, we have deployed heavy police security outside the campus to maintain law and order," a police source said.

Sharing a statement from the university, another police officer said that over 10 students had been detained and further investigation was underway. In a statement, the university said a handful of students called for a protest, unlawfully gathering in the academic block since the evening of February 10.

"Since then, they have not only disturbed the peaceful conduct of classes but also prevented other students from accessing the Central Library and attending classes at a time when mid-semester exams are about to begin," the

statement read. It said protesting students vandalised university property, including the central canteen, and broke the gate of the security advisor's office, forcing the administration to take action.

"They have violated university rules and were found carrying objectionable contraband items. The university administration, taking a strong view of the damage to university property, defacement of walls, and obstruction of classes, has taken preventive measures to ensure academic activities continue as normal," it added.

Despite the university administration offering to discuss their demands through a committee, the students allegedly refused to engage with the administration, including the Supervisor, Head, and Dean, it said.

Aaditya Thackeray's 'traitor' jab at Eknath Shinde after Sharad Pawar's praise

Aaditya Thackeray's remarks came a day after NCP (SP) founder Sharad Pawar praised Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde for his work when he was the Chief Minister.

New Delhi. Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray on Thursday launched a sharp attack on Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, saying that the party would never honour someone who breaks a party or a family. "I will not comment on Sharad Pawar's age, seniority, or principles, but as per our principle, we will never honour a person who works against Maharashtra. A traitor to Maharashtra is a traitor to the nation. He (Shinde) has not only split our party and family but has also weakened Maharashtra's industrialisation. Farmers' suicides, crimes against women, and unemployment have increased in the last 2-3 years under their rule. We will never honour a person responsible for such wrongdoings," Aaditya Thackeray said when asked about his stance on Sharad Pawar felicitating Eknath Shinde.

Thackeray's remarks came a day after



NCP (SP) founder Sharad Pawar praised Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde for his work when he was the Chief Minister.

On Tuesday, Pawar, who heads the NCP (SP) faction, felicitated Shinde with the award 'Mahadji Shinde Rashtra Gaurav Puraskar', on the occasion of the 98th All India Marathi Literary Conference, which the NCP founder chairs. However, Pawar's move did not go down well with Shiv Sena (UBT)

leaders including party chief Uddhav Thackeray. Sena (UBT) spokesperson Sanjay Raut also criticised the move, saying felicitating Eknath Shinde was like honouring Home Minister Amit Shah, as Shinde split the Shiv Sena with his help. However, Pawar's party said it was a programme about literature and not politics.

This is not the first time that Sharad Pawar has praised his opponents beyond the political sphere. Last month, Pawar, in a surprise praise, credited the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) for the BJP's landslide victory in the 2024 Maharashtra Assembly polls. The BJP-led Mahayuti secured a landslide victory in Maharashtra, winning 230 of the total 288 seats. The Shiv Sena and NCP headed by Ajit Pawar won 57 and 41, respectively. The MVA managed 46 seats, with the Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) getting 20 seats, the Congress 16 and NCP (SP) 10.

Indian courts under pressure from Modi government? DY Chandrachud counters BBC

New Delhi. DY Chandrachud, former Chief Justice of India (CJI), faced tough questions on diverse issues ranging from alleged political interference in the Indian judiciary and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's controversial visit to his home to key judgments as he appeared on BBC's HARDtalk. During the interview with Stephen Sackur, he addressed contentious cases such as the Ram Temple judgment, the Article 370 abrogation, and the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and provided a robust account of the delicate balance between legal independence and political realities. The former CJI underscored that despite the challenges, the judiciary remains committed to upholding the rule of law and ensuring that every citizen's rights are protected, reinforcing its status as a pillar of democratic governance.

He reiterated that the higher courts in India, especially the Supreme Court, have sent a clear message that they are here to safeguard personal liberties and that's why the judiciary has the faith of the people.

DYNASTY IN INDIAN JUDICIARY To a question about whether there is a dynasty problem in the Indian judiciary and whether it is dominated by elite, male, Hindu upper caste men like him, Justice (retired) Chandrachud disagreed. "If you look at the lowest levels of recruitment to the Indian judiciary, the district judiciary, which is the base of the pyramid, over 50 per cent of the new recruits coming into our states are women. There are states where the recruitment of women goes up to 60 or 70 per cent."

He said the higher judiciary now reflects the status of the legal profession 10 years ago.

"What's happening now, as the reach of education, particularly legal education, has reached women, that gender balance you find in law schools is now reflected in the lowest levels of Indian judiciary. In so far as gender balance in concerned, you find an increasing number of women coming into the district judiciary and these women will be climbing up," he said. In response to the question about

being the son of a Chief Justice, he said that his father, former Chief Justice of India YV Chandrachud, had told him not to enter a court of law so long as he was Chief Justice of India.

"That's why I spent three years at Harvard



Law School doing my studies. I entered a court for the first time after he retired. If you look at the overall profile of the Indian judiciary, most lawyers and judges are first-time entrants into the legal profession. So quite contrary to what you said, it is not that our judiciary is either upper caste or... in the higher echelons of the judiciary, the movement of women to more responsible positions is just about

taking place," he said.

PRESSURE FROM MODI GOVERNMENT

The former Chief Justice was asked if he had to deal with political pressure during his term. Sackur quoted an editorial in The New York Times which said that, according to political opponents, the ruling BJP had leaned on the courts to protect its own.

DY Chandrachud said the 2024 general election results debunked the myth that India is combining towards a one-party state. "If you look at the states in India, the states are where the regional aspirations and identities have come to the fore, and so many of our states in India you have regional political parties which have done exceptionally well, and they are ruling those states," he said. Sackur then cited Gujarat High Court upholding the conviction of Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi which was later paused by the Supreme Court to highlight that "there is a problem with courts in India with the courts being used for political purposes."

Your fertility could be directly proportionate to how Stressed You are



An estimated one in seven couples in India have fertility issues and sadly, more often than not, there is no known medical explanation, say doctors.

Case study: Radha, 34 (name changed), an ambitious career-oriented woman, has been trying to conceive, unsuccessfully, for the last three years. She now worries that she might never have a child. Her gynaecologist has told her that she needs to change her lifestyle and be more at ease mentally. However, her highly stressful job doesn't allow her the luxury of relaxing or stay calm.

Physiological effects of stress cannot be ignored

"It has been found that around 10 per cent of the general population suffers from some form of infertility. Researchers say that women who are undergoing high levels of stress are 29 per cent less likely to get pregnant each month, than those women with lower stress levels," says fertility specialist Dr Shobha Gupta. Experts reiterate that the physiological effects of stress cannot be ignored and might play a relatively big role in conception.

Stress is one of the most overused words among the urban population world over. And it's not just the case with women. Gynaecologist and IVF specialist Dr Shweta Goswami, says, "Men who work in night shifts are more affected when it comes to fertility issues as compared to men working in regular shifts since their biological clock is badly disturbed. They sleep during the day and to keep themselves awake during the night, they often smoke, which damages the system further. Stress at the work place and sitting for long hours at work stations is also found to reduce sperm count."

Gynaecologist and IVF specialist Dr Anubha Singh, says, "Stress puts the body in 'fight or flight' mode from an evolutionary perspective and activates the sympathetic nervous system." This leads to the production of fat promoting hormones cortisol and insulin that cause weight gain. It also disrupts the body's hunger regulating hormones causing one to eat more."

Women are affected more

Women are often found to be more stressed than men. "Repeated failure to conceive puts more pressure on already stressed women. But thanks to technology, today, we have treatment for infertility through IVF or IUI. But it is advisable that women as well as men also try stress management

techniques to overcome this problem because natural conception is always the preferred method," adds Dr Anubha.

The psychology behind it

Young working women experience prolonged periods of frustration due to unsuccessful attempts at conception. Clinical psychologist Seema Hingorany says, "Often, this leads to marital stress further translating into personal sense of loss or failure. Infertility is often accompanied by psychological and emotional distress, frustration, sense of incompetency, jealousy, trauma and even depression."

Most women with infertility report symptoms of heightened anxiety, depression, fear that they will never have children. Infertility is associated with negative feeling



Signs your texting habits are unhealthy

Many among us are more confident expressing ourselves over a text than a face-to-face conversation or through a call. Typing whatever is there on your mind and pressing the send button seems to have become the shortcut to an easier communication. Why are millennials shying away from talking over the phone? Why has the calling technology become almost obsolete or intrusive? What's wrong with this epistemological shift? Why are people texting more than talking?

"Texting allows for communication which is less spontaneous but more 'to the point', avoiding circumstantiality and allowing the person to convey what he/she wants without the fear of being criticized immediately, therefore, reducing the fear of social interaction," says Dr. Jyoti Kapoor Madan, Senior Consultant, Psychiatry, Paras Hospitals, Gurugram. She adds, "There is slurring, stuttering or trembling in the speech of an anxious person. Writing allows one to rethink while reading what one has written. Socially conscious kids feel they will be able to convey the right thing if they texted rather than just spoke. It is also possible that talking face to face allows the other person to respond and react which may make the person trying to say something more anxious."

Here are a few scenarios in which it may be happening:
- If one does not want to seem vulnerable. In such cases, texting acts as a good cover.
- In order to have a control over the conversation, one may opt for texting. Whether a person feels



intimidated in the presence of another person or if he wants to intimidate the other person, preferring to text over talk can mean either of these.

- To avoid other person's heightened emotional state, such as his crying or anger, a person may not want to talk over the phone.
- Or simply, one may prefer texting to expend lesser energy.

What's wrong with texting more?

The rise in texting has many critics. You must have lost the count of number of times when you wanted to convey a sarcastic remark in good humour but it came across as rude. The instances of misunderstandings over messaging are too frequent and too many and they are much beyond the 'autocorrect fails'.

Here's a whopping fact: Only 7 per cent of human communication happens through the content of

the message. The rest are body language (58 per cent) and vocal tone, pitch and emphasis (35 per cent). This was established by UCLA professor Albert Mehrabian. So, when we are texting each other, we are using only 7 per cent of our total communication potential. This is the reason you may find, for instance, apologizing over a message easier than through talking or through a face-to-face conversation.

Typing 'sorry' and hitting send is way more convenient as it doesn't require you to convey an apologetic expression, body language, tone or pitch. The person at the receiving end is less likely to be convinced if the apology comes through a text for the same reason. He wants to see if you feel the apology, if your body language conveys it and if your expressions say it.

There's a common saying these days: 'Face it, Not Facebook'. This is only because texting causes many problems for those dependent on it a little too much.

The pros of texting
However, there are many who believe that it shouldn't be cut down altogether. Many a times, it also offers benefits, such as:

- Saves your time
 - Helps you stay in touch with people more who you would otherwise not talk to
 - It is better for casual conversations, everyday banter, planning outings on chat groups, saying quick hellos and good byes.
- Signs it is becoming unhealthy
Look out for these signs to know if you are getting too much dependent on texting.
- If there are critical issues than need talking out but you are avoiding to call
 - If you feel that you prefer to text over talk due to any underlying confidence issues
 - If you are getting too dependent on it for every kind of conversation
 - If you get panicky when the concerned person calls you



of helplessness leading to chronic stress. These symptoms and negative beliefs actually hamper fertility in women.

Constant stress Vs sudden stress

Experts say that there is a difference between constant stress and sudden stress, and it affects fertility in very different ways. Ovulation might still occur despite constant high stress because bodies are likely to acclimatise. However, sudden stress, like a death in the family, might interfere with the ovulation cycle. Doctors add that this may vary from one individual to another — for some women a simple weekend trip can hamper ovulation while a traumatic incident might not affect it at all. Also, negative stress is not the sole bad guy here. In fact, bridal jitters can also interfere with ovulation.

Points to ponder

Fertility experts have stated that there is no scientific proof that relaxation techniques will increase the chances of conception, but then, they can't harm you either.

Couples, who worry about stressing too much, tend to become even more stressed. Elimination of the factors that lead to stress before attempting to conceive, might help. Even something as simple as taking a walk for half an

hour can be de-stressing.

Factors that lead to infertility include

- Marital disturbance
- High pressure jobs or business stress
- Advanced age
- Inability to have physical intimacy
- Depression
- Personal injury or illness

- Death of a close family member
- Late marriages
- Sitting for long hours at work stations
- Exposure to environmental pollutants

Tips to cope with stress

- Balance your career and home — spend adequate time with your family.
- If you can't, take sabbatical if possible to review and introspect your priorities in life.
- Don't shy away from taking professional help to deal with stress and anxiety if you can't deal with it yourself.
- Moderate levels of stress in your life is okay, so do not panic.



Ease your mind by practising yoga and meditation.

Make sure that you are eating meals on time and having the right kinds of healthy, nutritious foods.

Delegate responsibility at work and don't take it all on yourself.

Take small breaks with your spouse/partner to nurture your relationship.

Articulate your feelings and emotions and communicate with others.

DID YOU KNOW?

Of every 100 couples reporting to fertility clinics, 40 per cent are cases of male infertility, 50 per cent are of women, and the remaining 10 per cent of both partners being infertile. India has a population of over 1.2 billion; the number of Indians suffering from infertility is huge.

Why dengue is now an all-season threat

The city has been witnessing an unusual presence of the Aedes mosquitoes and the diseases transmitted by them even though the vectors are usually associated with rainy season. March and April are considered dry months.

Scientists said this crisis is man-made and caused primarily due to large-scale construction activity and poor upkeep of overhead tanks. "There is a need for introducing heavy fines for mosquito breeding in and around construction sites and overhead tanks," said Dr Neena Valecha, director of National Institute of Malaria Research (NIMR).

A pilot project carried out by NIMR in collaboration with south corporation in 277 localities in west zone from July 2012 to May 2014 found overhead and curing tanks were the key habitats of Aedes mosquitoes during the dry months (December to May).

The incidence of mosquito-borne diseases can be reduced significantly with community participation. This involves putting proper lids on overhead tanks, regular emptying and cleaning of water containers, treatment of coolers and curing tanks with temephos and proper and safe disposal of solid waste, said NIMR scientists.



"Only one dengue case was reported in the study area in which fortnightly surveillance and interventions were carried out between 2012 and 2013. In the control area, which followed conventional intervention, 38 dengue cases were reported in the corresponding period," the NIMR study reveals. The results of the study have been published in a recent issue of PLOS One, a reputed medical journal.

Both dengue and chikungunya viruses are spread by Aedes aegypti mosquito that breeds in fresh water collected at construction sites or in the overhead tanks during dry season. In rainy season, stagnation of water can be seen in all empty containers and even potholes.

The average lifespan of an Aedes mosquito is two weeks. Each mosquito can lay eggs about thrice in its lifetime. About 100 eggs are produced each time. Entomologists say eggs produced by an Aedes mosquito can lie dormant in dry conditions for up to nine months after which they can hatch if exposed to favourable conditions, which is water and food. "If the key habitats -overhead and curing tanks -are cleared of these eggs during dry season, the chances of outbreaks during wet months can be reduced significantly. But for this we need active support of the public. The authorities alone cannot tackle the crisis," said Dr D K Seth, director, hospital administration of north corporation. Solid waste management is another area of concern. Due to lack of proper disposal system of solid waste in Delhi, it is indiscriminately dumped everywhere. This is a major threat for the increase in the population density of Aedes mosquitoes in urban and industrial towns. Responsibility of solid waste management remains primarily with the municipal bodies, so reduction in solid waste and its disposal is of utmost importance for reducing breeding of Aedes mosquitoes, said scientists.

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Kevin Pietersen slams England for not training after Nagpur loss

AHMEDABAD. A "gobsmacked" Kevin Pietersen has lashed out at the England team for their lack of practice during their tour of India, stating that the players should have been facing net bowlers and working on their ability to play spin. England endured a disastrous tour, suffering a 4-1 defeat in the T20I series before being whitewashed 3-0 in the ODIs. While England held a couple of training sessions before the tour began in Kolkata with the first T20I, they held one session each in Chennai and Rajkot before the second and third T20Is. But no sessions were held ahead of the fourth and fifth T20Is in Pune and Mumbai respectively.

They also did not hold training sessions before the second and third ODIs at Cuttack and Ahmedabad. "I'm sorry, but I am absolutely gobsmacked that England did not have ONE team practice session since losing the 1st ODI and losing the T20 series," a frustrated Pietersen wrote on his X account.

"How can this be? Seriously, how? I believe Joe Root was the only player to have a net this series, post Nagpur," he added.

England's inability to handle spin has been a glaring issue throughout the series, raising serious concerns ahead of next week's Champions Trophy in Pakistan and the UAE.



"There isn't a single sportsman on this planet who can honestly say, that they'd improve without practicing whilst they're getting beaten. There also cannot be one player in that England side that can sit on the plane leaving India and saying to themselves, they did everything they can to try help England win." "And for that, I'm am actually incredibly sad this evening. Losing is fine if you're giving your best to improve everyday and if England didn't train during this series then they didn't try. Heartbreaking for any England fan!" According to reports, England stopped net sessions due to mounting injuries and a packed schedule. "Injuries are part of sport and this schedule is like every bilateral series almost ever played. Injuries are NOT stopping batters from batting against net bowlers and learning the art of playing spin. And that's where they should have been to IMPROVE!" "Trust me on this one as it saved my career against spin!" he added.

IPL 2025: Virat Kohli, Rajat Patidar frontrunners for RCB captaincy role

New Delhi. IPL franchise Royal Challengers Bengaluru is set to announce its captain for the upcoming season on Thursday with star batter Virat Kohli and Rajat Patidar being the frontrunners for the position. Kohli was the RCB captain between 2013 and 2021 before stepping down as Faf du Plessis took over.

But RCB released Du Plessis, who was their skipper from 2022 to 2024, ahead of last year's mega auction. The 40-year-old Du Plessis will play for Delhi Capitals this season. Kohli has a fine record as RCB captain, though he could not land them the title. The 36-year-old has led RCB in 143 matches, the second-longest stint as captain after the legendary Mahendra Singh Dhoni for Chennai Super Kings. Kohli has 68 wins and 70 losses and four no-results to show as RCB leader. In 2016, Kohli led the franchise to the IPL final, and made 973 runs, to date the highest for a batter in a single IPL season.



In IPL 2024, Kohli was the top run-getter with 741 runs at a strike-rate of 154.

On the other hand, Patidar was among RCB's retained players ahead of the auction and has the experience of leading Madhya Pradesh in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and Vijay Hazare Trophy. The 31-year-old Patidar had guided Madhya Pradesh to the SMAT final where they lost to Mumbai by five wickets. He was also the second highest run-getter, behind Ajinkya Rahane, with 428 from 10 matches at an average of 61 and at a strike-rate of 186.08.

Champions Trophy: Dangerous Afghanistan set for bigger heights on debut

The deadline day for finalising squad for the Champions Trophy is here. With the ICC set to lock-in squads on February 11, Tuesday, will India make changes to its preliminary side

New Delhi. Afghanistan are making their Champions Trophy debut and are the underdogs. But the seven other participating teams in the tournament cannot undermine them by any stretch of the imagination. Under Hashmatullah Shahidi's captaincy, the Afghans have taken giant strides. In the ODI World Cup on Indian soil, they got the better of heavyweights like Pakistan and England, and nearly took down Australia. In the Men's T20 World Cup, they knocked the Aussies out to qualify for the semi-final. Already possessing a strong spin-attack, the Afghans have always strengthened their batting unit, which could pose a massive

threat to the big teams in the Champions Trophy. One shouldn't raise eyebrows if Afghanistan go on to lift the title, the probability of which isn't nil. In the upcoming tournament, Shahidi's men will start their campaign on Friday, February 21, against South Africa at the National Stadium in Karachi. Let's now have a look at how the Afghans can go deep into the Champions Trophy.

The Gurbaz factor: Rahmanullah Gurbaz smacked three hundreds from 11 ODIs in 2024, which fetched him a spot in the ICC ODI Team of the Year.

The youngster was in decent form last year after scoring 531 runs at an average of 48.27 with a top score of 121 against Ireland at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium. Having notched eight hundreds and six fifties in only 46 ODIs, Gurbaz has turned out to be a brute force.

Gurbaz takes on the opposition bowlers early on, not letting them settle down. If he takes off in the powerplay, Afghanistan would be on the front foot. Although he struggled a wee bit in the SA20 and ILT20, one would expect him to strike gold for the Afghans. More responsibility on Omarzai

After kicking off his career in the ODI World Cup 2023, Azmatullah Omarzai hasn't looked back. Last year, he won the award for the ICC ODI Cricketer of the Year. In 2024, Omarzai scored 417 runs from 14 ODIs at an average of 52.12 and took 17 wickets with



two four-wicket hauls against Bangladesh and Zimbabwe.

In February 2024, Afghanistan lost to Sri Lanka by 42 runs in Pallekele, but Omarzai stole the limelight with an unbeaten 149-run knock off 115 balls, laced with 13 fours and six sixes. Omarzai needs to be on top of his game for the Afghans to perform well on debut. **The spin terror**

Afghanistan have always boasted of a strong spin-attack. Rashid Khan, AM Ghazanfar, Mohammad Nabi and Noor Ahmad have been sensational for them in white-ball cricket. At the age of Ghazanfar, who has an IPL deal with the Mumbai Indians, has two five-wicket hauls in ODIs.

But Ghazanfar won't be a part of Afghanistan's campaign after he was ruled out due to a fracture in his L4 vertebra. In his place, the Afghans have roped in the 20-year-old Nangeyalia Kharote, who has taken 11 wickets and scored 41 runs from seven ODIs. Rashid Khan would be flying high after becoming the all-time leading wicket-taker in T20Is. Nabi might not be as lethal as Ghazanfar and Rashid, but he adds value to their lineup with the truckload of experience he brings. Noor Ahmad hasn't played a lot, but is definitely a wicket-taking option.

Afghanistan Recent form

After the ODI World Cup, Afghanistan have played four bilateral series and won three of them. After being blanked 0-3 by Sri Lanka, the Afghans went on to beat Ireland 2-0, South Africa 2-1 and Bangladesh 2-1. In their last 14 completed ODIs, they won eight

Liverpool's Arne Slot, Jones shown red in chaotic Merseyside Derby vs Everton

Liverpool's Merseyside Derby against Everton ended in chaos with three red cards, a fiery brawl, and Arne Slot's ejection after a dramatic 2-2 draw, leaving tensions high despite Liverpool maintaining their Premier League lead.

New Delhi. Liverpool's Merseyside Derby against Everton ended in dramatic chaos as three red cards, an intense on-field brawl, and a furious exchange between Liverpool manager Arne Slot and referee Michael Oliver overshadowed a thrilling 2-2 draw at Goodison Park on February 13.

Everton stunned the Premier League leaders early, with Beto breaking the deadlock in the 11th minute, sending the home crowd into raptures. However,

Liverpool responded swiftly, as Alexis Mac Allister fired in a 16th-minute equaliser to restore parity. The Reds gradually took control, and it was once again their talisman Mohamed Salah who delivered, putting Liverpool ahead in the 73rd minute. With time running out, it seemed like Arne Slot's men were on course for another crucial three



points. However, Everton had other plans. Deep into stoppage time, James Tarkowski struck a dramatic equalizer in the eighth minute of added time, sending

Goodison Park into wild celebrations and dealing a frustrating blow to Liverpool. But the real drama unfolded after the full-time whistle. Everton's Abdoulaye Doucoure sparked chaos by taunting Liverpool fans, leading to a heated confrontation with Curtis Jones. The altercation quickly escalated, resulting in both players being shown red

cards. Tensions continued to boil over as Liverpool manager Arne Slot stormed onto the pitch, confronting referee Michael Oliver in frustration. Slot's aggressive handshake with Oliver saw him receive a straight red card, capping off an extraordinary night. While Liverpool remain atop the Premier League table, the emotional fallout from the heated derby could have repercussions heading into their upcoming fixtures. Slot's potential touchline ban and the suspension of Curtis Jones might prove costly as the title race intensifies.

Jos Buttler backs England teammates after India loss, rejects 'unserious' claims

Jos Buttler defended his England teammates after their 3-0 ODI series defeat to India, dismissing criticism from the likes of Kevin Pietersen and Ravi Shastri, who questioned England's training approach and preparation ahead of the Champions Trophy.

New Delhi. England captain Jos Buttler has defended his teammates following their 3-0 ODI series defeat to India, dismissing claims that the squad lacked seriousness in their preparation. Former England captain Kevin Pietersen and ex-India coach Ravi Shastri were amongst those who criticised the team's approach, pointing out that players



prioritised golf over intense training sessions. After India clinched a dominant series win with a convincing victory in the Ahmedabad ODI, questions were raised about England's commitment and readiness. Many felt that the Brendon McCullum-coached side failed to prepare adequately, leading to their lackluster performances in both the T20I and ODI series. However, Buttler refuted these claims during the post-match press conference, insisting that the

team's training sessions were well-structured and taken seriously. "I'm not sure that's quite true, to be honest. We had a reasonably long tour, a few long travel days. There's been a couple of times we've not trained, but we've certainly done plenty of training throughout the tour," Buttler said.

"We obviously try and create a really good environment, but don't mistake that for a lazy environment or a lack of effort. The guys are desperate to perform and do well and improve," he added. England's famed Bazball approach struggled to make an impact in the white-ball series, raising concerns ahead of the Champions Trophy. The batting unit failed to deliver consistently, with key players unable to step up against a dominant Indian bowling attack. The bowling department, too, lacked penetration, with veteran leg-spinner Adil Rashid standing out as one of the few positives.

Champions Trophy: Spencer Johnson hoping to replicate Mitchell Starc in Pakistan

Australia's Spencer Johnson is hoping that he can replicate senior left-arm pacer Mitchell Starc's heroics during the upcoming Champions Trophy in Pakistan. Johnson has been picked as a replacement for Starc in the squad for the tournament.

New Delhi. Australia pacer Spencer Johnson is hoping that he can replicate Mitchell Starc during the upcoming Champions Trophy in Pakistan. Starc decided to skip the upcoming tournament for personal reasons as Australia will also be without the services of Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood for the tournament, starting on February 19.

Johnson was added to the squad as a like-for-like replacement for Starc and was impressive during the first ODI loss against



Sri Lanka on Wednesday, February 12. Johnson, much like Starc, picked up a wicket in his very first over of the match and ended with figures of 2 for 44 in Colombo. Speaking after the match, as quoted by Yahoo! Australia, the 29-year-old said that

he has pictured himself playing a role similar to Starc. Johnson was also confident he would get better in the longer run and will be able to do some of the things that Starc has done in ODI cricket. "While the ball is swinging, it's (the approach) pitch the ball up

and try and hit the stumps," he said. "Guys like Trent Boult (New Zealand) and Starc, left-armers who are aggressive, hopefully it's what I can bring to Pakistan."

"It's something I have pictured in my mind, come in and play a similar role to him (Starc). There was a bit of nerves there."

"I think I am better for the run, it's only my third ODI, hopefully a few more and I'll be able to replicate some of the stuff he's done."

"It's in my hands. Johnson also feels that selection into the playing XI is in his hands and said he wants to force the hand of the selectors and pick him and Starc in the same lineup in the future. "I think it is in my hands, really, if I perform then I'll be around," he said. "It's up to performances, I feel like I am ready to play for Australia and had a little bit of a taste in T20 cricket and now some ODIs." "Heading to Pakistan is exciting and I am ready to go." Australia will face Sri Lanka in the second ODI on February 14, before facing England in their Champions Trophy opener on February 22.



Australia has also decided to skip warm-ups, trusting their squad's conditioning and recent performances. In contrast, Pakistan has chosen a rigorous preparation plan, deploying three different "Shaheen" squads for warm-up games against Afghanistan, South Africa, and Bangladesh. Shadab Khan is set to captain a Pakistan Shaheen squad against Afghanistan in Lahore on February 14. On February 17, two Shaheen teams will play simultaneously—Mohammad Hurraira's side will battle South Africa in Karachi, while Mohammad Haris' squad faces Bangladesh in Dubai. Afghanistan, apart from their match against Pakistan's Shaheens, will also play a warm-up fixture against New Zealand on February 16 in Karachi. India's ODI series against England showcased key positives, with batters like Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill, and Shreyas Iyer finding form.

Nora Fatehi

Thanks Fans For Spreading 'Positivity And Kindness' On Her Birthday

Nora Fatehi, who celebrated her 33rd birthday on February 6, expressed her gratitude for the overwhelming love she continues to receive from her fans. The global star shared a heartfelt post to thank her supporters, especially those who made charitable donations in her honour. Every year on her birthday, Nora's fan clubs collect funds to provide meals for underprivileged children in India. This generous and meaningful act deeply moved Nora, prompting her to give a special shout-out to her fans. Many children joined in to wish Nora Fatehi, making her special day even more memorable. Taking to Instagram, the actress shared a heartfelt video along with an emotional caption to express her gratitude. "That's such a beautiful, generous and selfless gesture! (emotional emoji) Shoutout to my Fans!" Nora captioned the video.



Moving on, she also appreciated the fan clubs for their "generous donations". "I am incredibly grateful for the love and kindness you've shown me every year on my birthday. Your generous donations of funds and food to those in need have not only made my special day brighter but have also made a lasting impact on the lives of the underprivileged." "Your compassion and support mean the world to me, and I feel so lucky to be surrounded by such incredible and kind people," she added. To conclude her post, the actress wrote, "Thank you for making my birthday not just a celebration, but a chance to give back and help others. Let's continue spreading positivity together!" Meanwhile, Nora Fatehi is basking in the success of her latest music video, Snake, co-produced by Jason Derulo and Tommy Brown. The track has achieved several milestones, including becoming the most-viewed video within 24 hours and securing the #2 spot on

the global charts. With over 90 million views, Nora's collaboration with international artists has turned into a global sensation. The actress was last seen in Kunal Kemmu's directorial movie, Madgaon Express, featuring Pratik Gandhi, Divyendu, Avinash Tiwary, and Chhaya Kadam. Nora is now gearing up for her upcoming debut in the south film industry with Hari Hara Veera Mallu: Part I, starring Pawan Kalyan in the lead role.



Riteish Deshmukh And Genelia Get Cozy In Romantic Photo Ahead Of Valentine's Day



Actress Genelia Deshmukh shared a romantic picture with her actor-husband Riteish Deshmukh and said that they don't need Valentine's Day to celebrate their love of 23 years. Genelia took to her Instagram stories, where she shared a picture of the couple. In the image, the actor is all curled next to her and seems to be asleep as he hugs her. Genelia is all smiles as she takes the selfie. "Who needs Valentine's Day, when we have 12th Feb @riteishd 23years and counting N still sneaking in pictures for keeps," she wrote as the caption.

For the unversed, the couple first met on the sets of their debut film, "Tujhe Meri Kasam." Their bond grew stronger, and their on-screen chemistry in the film was widely praised. What started as a friendship quickly blossomed into love, and after nine years of dating, they tied the knot on February 3, 2012. The couple welcomed their first child, a son named Riaan, on 25 November 2014. Their second son, Rahyl, was born on 1 June 2016. Genelia in the latest season of the World Pickleball League, has spoken up on her foray into the world of OTT. The actress recently spoke with IANS about her journey in films and the growing love for sports in India. The actress had a rich background in theatricals and has done films across languages long before the pan-India film movement saw a meteoric rise. When asked if the audience will get to see her in an OTT series any time soon, she told IANS, "I would love to. For me, whether it is the short format or the long format, what matters is what I'm able to get to my audience. I've always been someone who is open to doing any kind of work. Work is work. I started doing South Films way before anybody really did it. And I'm very proud of doing South Films".

She continued, "I have done Bollywood, I have done films from the South. So I'm someone who loves films as a medium, whether it is the long-format or the short-format. But long-format content is something I'm definitely looking forward to".

Gadar Director REACTS To Ameesha Patel's Demand About Sakina Going To Pakistan: 'Is It A Tourist Centre?'



Ameesha Patel has once again stirred the pot with her grievances against Gadar 2 director Anil Sharma, accusing him of changing the film's climax without her knowledge. While she had earlier claimed to feel 'cheated,' Anil has now clapped back, firmly denying her claims and setting the record straight. In a chat with Vickey Lalwani, Anil didn't hold back. He brushed off the controversy, saying, "Everyone is free to share their opinion. I don't throw stones in dirt. For me, she is still part of the family." Reminiscing about their early days, he recalled how Ameesha, when she was new, would train with him for hours to perfect her role as Sakina. But then came a subtle dig — "Woh bade ghar ki beti hai, bade ghar ke bacche moody hote haina, woh bhi moody hai."

Anil also pointed out Ameesha's privileged background, sharing how she used to arrive at



rehearsals in a luxury car, adorned with solitaire diamonds. "She wasn't a very good performer but she learned it... she had that attitude that mostly kids who come from rich families have, and that fitted my character," he remarked.

Dismissing Ameesha's claims about the climax, Anil said, "If she has that much understanding than she is free to make the film. It's an open market. Who is stopping her?" As for her claim that Sakina was originally meant to accompany Tara Singh to Pakistan, Anil wasn't having any of it. "Is Pakistan a tourist centre that Sunny Deol will take everyone there? Tara Singh pagal hai kya jo biwi ko bhi leke jaega?"

And when probed about whether Ameesha pressured him to tweak the climax and involved the production studio, Anil simply brushed it aside, "That all kept happening — I don't want to get into that."

Shilpa Shetty

Is The Life Of The Party In A Sleek Black Dress

Shilpa Shetty and Raj Kundra were recently spotted in Mumbai, turning heads with their stunning red Ferrari Portofino, worth Rs 4.03 crore. The couple exuded style as they arrived in the luxury car, making a statement with their fashion and choice of ride. Known for her impeccable fashion sense, Shilpa looked effortlessly elegant in a black midi dress. She kept her accessories minimal, allowing her outfit to take centre stage. The actress, who never fails to impress with her style, once again proved why she is considered a true fashionista.

Raj Kundra, on the other hand, kept his look simple yet classy. While his full outfit wasn't entirely visible in the viral clip, he was seen wearing a white sweatshirt paired with stylish sunglasses.

Shilpa's Ferrari Portofino, known for its sleek design and powerful performance, grabbed instant attention. The luxurious sports car complemented her glamorous look, adding to the couple's dazzling presence. Reports suggest that the actress



has a growing collection of high-end cars. In May 2024, she added a brand-new Land Rover Range Rover Sport to her garage. Depending on the model, this luxury SUV costs between Rs 2 crore and Rs 3.3 crore in Mumbai.

Shilpa's Commitment to Fitness

Apart from making style statements, Shilpa is also known for her dedication to health and fitness. Recently, she shared an inspiring workout video on Instagram, demonstrating a Bosu Ball exercise for core strength and

balance. She captioned the post, "Mondays are for BALANCE! A Bosu Ball workout targets your core and stabilises muscles, improving balance, strength, and coordination. It challenges your body on an unstable surface, activating multiple muscle groups, enhancing functional fitness, and reducing injury risks while building overall stability and strength." On the work front, Shilpa Shetty was last seen in Rohit Shetty's web series Indian Police Force. She is now gearing up for her next Kannada film, KD - The Devil, where she will share the screen with Dhruva Sarja, Sanjay Dutt, and Reeshma Nanaiah. From making bold fashion choices to maintaining a disciplined fitness routine, Shilpa continues to inspire fans with her lifestyle and work.

