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## The biggest nuclear deal of the 21st century was signed between PM Modi and Trump

- ▶ The US will install several reactors one after the other in India
- ▶ Many issues were discussed between PM Modi and US President Trump.
- ▶ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has completed his two-day US visit.
- ▶ The US has also shown interest in building advanced small modular reactors in India.

**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has completed his two-day US visit on 14 February. This was the first time PM Modi visited the US after Donald Trump became the President of America for the second time.

On the last day of his visit, PM Modi met US President Donald Trump. Many issues were discussed between the two leaders. Many agreements were also reached between the two countries on many other issues including trade, energy sector, nuclear reactors. A joint PC was also held after the meeting of the two leaders.

**Talks between India & America on nuclear energy**  
Keeping energy security in mind during the US visit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump have reaffirmed their belief in nuclear energy. In fact, after the talks between the two leaders at the White House on Thursday, they reiterated their commitment to work together on US-designed nuclear reactors in India through large-scale localization and possible technology transfer.

During the joint briefing, PM Modi and Trump



welcomed the announcements of Budget 2025 to amend the Atomic Energy Act and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act (CLNDA) for nuclear reactors.

According to this statement, it was also decided to establish a bilateral arrangement in accordance with the CLNDA, which will address the issue of civil liability and facilitate cooperation between Indian and US industry in the production and deployment of nuclear reactors

**US NSA also spoke to PM Modi**  
PM Modi also met with US Security Advisor Michael Waltz on Thursday. During the meeting, the two leaders discussed industrial cooperation and civil nuclear energy, with an emphasis on small modular reactors.

### What did the Indian Foreign Secretary say?

After the end of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's US visit, Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said that an agreement has been reached between the two countries to realize the possibilities in civilian nuclear energy, build US-designed nuclear reactors in India and take this process forward through large-scale localization as well as technology transfer.

The Foreign Secretary said that the two countries have been discussing cooperation in small modular reactors for some time and it was discussed again today. The obstacles in realizing this cooperation due to some legal provisions existing in India in the past years have already

### America preparing to install reactors in India

Let us tell you that the Government of India and Westinghouse are also discussing the project to build six 1,000 MW nuclear reactors in Kovvada, Andhra Pradesh.

At the same time, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump have also talked about giving the reactor designed by the US to India and building reactors in India by transferring technology.

### Civil nuclear agreement will gain momentum

Let us inform you that historic civil nuclear agreements were signed between India and the US in 2008. There has been no progress in the talks since then. No new US nuclear reactor has reached Indian soil in the 21st century. Now to end the deadlock between the two countries, both the leaders have now shown interest not only in building large reactors but also in building advanced small modular reactors in India.

started to be removed.

### Announcement of Nuclear Energy Mission in the Budget

It is worth noting that on February 1, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the 'Nuclear Energy Mission for Developed India'. Just after this announcement, there has been a talk between India and America about the field of nuclear energy. During her speech, Nirmala Sitharaman said that the development of at least 100 gigawatts of nuclear power by 2047 is "essential to our energy transition efforts."

### In Shorts

#### Meeting on 17th to choose new Chief Election Commissioner

**New Delhi:** A meeting is going to be held on February 17 to elect the new Chief Election Commissioner. CEC Rajiv Kumar is going to retire on February 18. It is reported that officer Gyanesh Kumar is leading the race for this top post. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Law Minister Arjun Meghwal and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi will be present in the meeting. The panel is likely to send a list of five shortlisted candidates for the top post. According to sources, the search panel has selected five names from more than 480 candidates.



#### Illegal immigrants from America will land in Amritsar on 15,16th February

**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Modi has left for India after completing his US tour. Meanwhile, the crackdown on illegal immigrants in America is ongoing. It has been reported that a flight carrying illegal immigrants from America will land in Amritsar on 15th February and another on 16th February. According to sources, there will be 119 Indians in the flight arriving on 15th February, including 67 from Punjab and 33 from Haryana. The new batch of illegal immigrants from America is arriving at a time when the opposition in India is raising this issue.

#### Coal dues of Rs 1.36 lakh crore on Central Government

**Ranchi:** Jharkhand government will form a high power committee of officials to recover the state's dues of Rs 1.36 lakh crore in the coal royalty head from the Central Government and the remaining amount of special assistance grant.



After mutual consultation with the government and taking the consent of Chief Minister Hemant Soren, the committee will proceed for talks towards recovery of dues. The state government has also made preparations that as per the need, law can also be resorted to in this matter.

For this, the services of experts will also be taken. State Finance Minister Radhakrishna Kishore recently met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Coal Minister G Krishna Reddy in Delhi and raised a demand to this effect.

He was assured that the central government would take necessary initiatives in this direction. Accordingly, the officials of the Coal Ministry were directed to work in mutual coordination with the officials of the state government.

The state government was also asked to cooperate in this direction. A team of senior officials will take necessary steps to resolve this complex issue. Finance Minister Radhakrishna Kishore said that action will be taken towards taking the rights of the state.

Further action will be taken in this regard after taking the consent of Chief Minister Hemant Soren. He has discussed with the officials in this regard. In Delhi, the Union Ministers have assured him that the payment will be made after actual assessment of the dues. This initiative is expected to resolve the matter.

The state government has mentioned to the Center that a total of Rs 1,36,042 crore is due.

#### CM Hemant and many others paid tribute to the brave soldiers martyred in the Pulwama attack

**Ranchi:** Chief Minister Hemant Soren paid tribute to the brave soldiers martyred in the Pulwama attack on 14 February 2019. He wrote on social media that I salute the martyrdom of the immortal brave soldiers who were martyred in the cowardly terrorist attack in Pulwama in 2019.



Former Jharkhand CM and Saraikela MLA Champai Soren wrote that I salute the brave sons of Mother India who were martyred in the terrorist

Pulwama on 14 February 2019. His martyrdom can never be forgotten. His sacrifice for the protection of the country will always inspire us. Jai Hind! Dr. Irfan Ansari has also shared a photo, in which it is written that 14 February 2019 is the same day when a cowardly attack took place on our brave soldiers. In which more than 40 CRPF soldiers were martyred. Pakistan-backed terrorist organization Jaish-e-Mohammed was responsible for this.

#### NIA team to visit US for extradition of Mumbai terror attack conspirator Tahawwur Rana

**New Delhi:** US approval has been received to extradite 26/11 Mumbai terror attack mastermind Tahawwur Hussain Rana. After this, a team of National Investigation Agency (NIA) will soon visit the US to bring him back. The investigating agency has prepared a five-member team led by an Inspector General level officer for the repatriation process.



In this regard, an official said, "The NIA team has got approval from the Ministry of Home Affairs as well as the Ministry of External Affairs in this direction and the team will leave soon." Rana's extradition to India was approved by the new US administration of Donald Trump. Former Special Director of Intelligence

Bureau (IB) Yashovardhan Jha Azad said that the announcement of Tahawwur Rana's extradition is very important for India. Azad said, "He was one of the main accused in the terror attack. For the first time, an accused of the Mumbai terror attack will be extradited. This is very important." Azad said, "India has been trying to extradite Rana from the US for a long

time. In such a situation, this is a big success for India." Earlier, Rana's extradition was announced in a joint statement issued after the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump in Washington DC. The joint statement said, "Given the shared desire to bring those who harm our citizens to justice, the US has announced that it has approved the extradition of Tahawwur Rana to India."

Let us tell you that on January 21, the US Supreme Court rejected the review petition against the extradition of 63-year-old Rana. Pakistani-origin Canadian businessman Rana is accused of playing a key role in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks.

#### Delhi may get BJP government by 20th February

**Delhi:** BJP is in full swing regarding the formation of a new government in the national capital Delhi. If party sources are to be believed, the date of the swearing-in ceremony will be finalized as soon as the CM face is announced. Senior party sources said that a meeting of the legislative party can be called from 16 to 18 February. Not only this, after getting the final approval of PM Modi on the CM face, the swearing-in ceremony can be organized on 19 or 20 February. There are discussions about many places regarding the venue of the swearing-in ceremony. However,



there is a high possibility of this ceremony being organized at Ramlila Maidan.

According to information received from party sources, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is returning to New Delhi after ending his

two-day visit to America.

After this, observers will be appointed to select the name of the Chief Minister. Sources said that a meeting of the party's legislative party can be held during 16 to 18 February. In this, the name of the Chief Minister will be proposed and after approval, the senior leaders of the party will announce the new Chief Minister of Delhi.

Party sources said that the swearing-in ceremony of the new government in Delhi can be held on 19 or 20 February. The place where the swearing-in ceremony will be held has

not been decided yet. However, party sources have indicated that the Chief Minister of Delhi will be elected from among the MLAs.

#### Agenda set for 100 days

Rajouri Garden MLA Manjinder Singh Sirsa said that I think after the swearing-in ceremony, the new government will be formed by February 20. The new government will start working around February 19 or 20. Sirsa further said that providing clean drinking water, ensuring cleanliness in the city and starting work to deal with air and Yamuna pollution will be the priorities of the new government within 100 days.

#### Bihar number 1 in pressing NOTA button

**New Delhi:** According to the data of the Election Commission, voting on NOTA in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections has decreased as compared to the last two general elections. At the same time, the maximum NOTA button has been pressed in Bihar. The 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option in the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) got the lowest vote percentage in the last Lok Sabha elections since its introduction in 2013.

This information has come to light from the data of the Election Commission. The NOTA option was first implemented in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. According to the Commission's book 'Atlas-2024', there has been a gradual decline in NOTA votes in the last three Lok Sabha elections, from 1.08 percent in 2014 to 0.99 percent in 2024. This vote percentage may seem small, but the votes received by 'NOTA' can be important in those seats where the margin of victory is less.

The highest share (percentage) of NOTA votes was recorded in Bihar at 2.07 percent, followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu at 2.06 percent and Gujarat at 1.58 percent. In contrast, Nagaland recorded the lowest share of NOTA votes at just 0.21 percent. Such varying trends across states may be influenced by factors such as political competition, prominence of regional parties, voter education and the overall electoral scenario within each region.

## News In Brief

### Ramgarh District Congress Sevadal meeting was held in the auditorium of Hotel Panchvati

**Ramgarh:** An important meeting of Ramgarh District Congress Sevadal was held in the auditorium of Hotel Panchvati located on Ranchi Road. This meeting was chaired by Ramgarh Sevadal District President Rupendra Mahto alias Tiger. State Sevadal Executive President Naveen Kumar Singh, State Officer Bholanath Singh, Premnath Vishwakarma were mainly present as chief guests in the meeting. In this meeting, there was a discussion about strengthening the organization. It was decided in the meeting that the committee should be expanded as soon as possible and more and more people should be connected to the organization. In this meeting, Mahila Sevadal District President Pinky Rai, Sevadal City President Jaikumar Agarwal, State Officer Premnath Vishwakarma, Suresh Karmali and many others were present.

### Take a pledge to unite the society like late Sukhdev Pandit: Nagendra Mahato

**Bishnugarh:** A tribute meeting was organized in the memory of 12 pious souls including social worker Sukhdev Pandit, Ramprasad Barnwal, Sanjay Barnwal at Shaheed Chowk Sonaturpi. The program was presided over by JMM Hazaribagh District President Shambhul Yadav and the stage was conducted by former Panchayat Samiti member Sudhir Singh. First of all, the wife of martyr late Sukhdev Pandit, Bagodar MLA Nagendra Mahato, former MLA Binod Kumar Singh and eminent people garlanded the statue of Sukhdev Pandit. Former Bagodar MLA Nagendra Mahato, who reached the tribute meeting, said that like every year, the presence of a large number of people this year also shows that all the people of the society are with the victim's family. From the accident till today, I have made every possible effort to help the victim's family.

### Successful installation of Phaco machine in Sadar Hospital Chaibasa, cataract patients will get benefit

**DN ■ Chaibasa**

Phaco machine was installed on Thursday in the eye hospital located in Sadar Hospital Chaibasa. This installation was done under the direction of Civil Surgeon Dr. Sushanto Kumar Manjhi. Dr. Manjhi said that through this machine, cataract patients of West Singhbhum district as well as other districts and nearby states will also get benefit.

## Awareness program by Mayuri Trust to remove superstitions like witch hunting, dowry elimination

**DN ■ Gumla**

Mayuri Trust Gumla Jharkhand Chaitali College Gumla Jharkhand organized an awareness program to prevent witch hunting, superstition, dowry elimination in Navadih Tukutangar of Koleng Panchayat of Palkot block area. In the program, Secretary of Mayuri Trust Chaitali Sen Gupta said that due to superstition people discuss the witch hunting practice but this is absolutely wrong, people should not believe in witch hunting, appealed to all women and men to come forward and work in the



interest of society to prevent dowry. He said that dowry is a curse which is necessary to be eliminated so that people do not have to face financial problems in matters like marriage etc. Basant Kumar Gupta, Director of Mayuri Trust and Chaitali College,

Gumla, Jharkhand said that Chaitali College is run by Mayuri Trust for higher education, in which admissions are being taken for Inter, BA, MA B.Ed, D.El.Ed Law, Nursing ANM GNM D.Pharm B.Pharm studies, he appealed to all the people

to work unitedly and organized to remove and end the witch-hunting superstition and dowry system. Those present at the program reiterated their pledge to end superstition, witch-hunting and the dowry system. On this occasion, Mayuri Trust Gumla Jharkhand Secretary Chaitali Sengupta Director Basant Kumar Gupta, Hira Singh, Vinod Singh Chhotel Sahu, Kiran Devi, Jhalo Devi, Lulu Devi, Sushma Kumari, Shanti Devi, Sarita Devi, Rusain Devi, Sunita Devi, Munni Devi and etc were present.

### Ghaghra police recovered the body of Vishram Lohar and sent it to Gumla for postmortem

**DN ■ Gumla**

Ghaghra police recovered the body of Bishram Lohara, a resident of Kurumgarh, Chainpur, from a field near Karasili village of Ghaghra police station. Ghaghra police received information about the body at 5 pm on Thursday. Police took the body in custody and brought it to the police station after preparing the Panchnama. There are marks of injury on Bishram's face and neck. Looking at the body, it appears that Bishram was killed by strangulation and hitting on the face. Ghaghra police said that on Thursday evening, villagers informed that a person's body was lying in a field located at a distance of about 700 meters from the main road of the village. After this, the police took the body in custody late in the evening and brought it to Ghaghra police station. The body could be identified after Friday afternoon and Ghaghra police station in-charge Tarun Kumar has left for Kurumgarh to investigate the incident. It is being said that Bishram had gone to Dirgaon with his friend. However, the place where Bishram's body was found is said to be about two kilometers away from Dirgaon.



### Karate is a better medium of self-defense: Vijayant Kumar

► Karate training camp concluded at A La Anglaise School, Neeti chosen as the best karatekaar

**DN ■ Bhurkunda (Ramgarh)**

A one-day karate training camp was organized on Friday at A La Anglaise Senior Secondary School, Birs Chowk, Bhurkunda under the supervision of Martial Art Shitorio Karate coach Sensei Kanchan Das. About 45 students participated in it. In the camp, small children were given training in piti, warm-up, basic, kata and fight.

In which Neeti Kumari, 7-year-old daughter of Preeti Kumari and Nirmal Sahu, resident of Laxmi Talkies Jhanda Maidan and student of class one of A La Anglaise School, was chosen as the best karatekaar. On the occasion, the school's principal Vijayant Kumar said that karate leads to physical and mental development. In our school, along with studies, children are also given training in yoga and karate. He said that the aim of the school is the all-round development of



children. The school management will take every meaningful step to make the children top in every field. In the camp, students like Neeti Kumari, Aayushi, Gautami, Devasi, Misty, Antara, Anvi Kujur, Natma, Jiya, Anushka, Trishna, Kanak, Srishti, Ishika, Devasi, Mahak, Suryansh Das, Sankalp, Anmol, Ayush, Shivansh, Mohit, Rajveer, Sunny, Anshu, Tanmay, Arpit etc were given training in martial arts for self-defense. Sarita Kumari, Shabnam Khatoun, Priya Singh and Kajal Banerjee contributed in making the camp successful.

### The meeting of the Marxist Communist Party Ramgarh District Committee was held at the Bhurkunda Party Office

**DN ■ Ramgarh**

The meeting of the Marxist Communist Party Ramgarh District Committee was held at the Bhurkunda Party Office on Friday. It was chaired by District Committee member Dhaneshwar Mahato. In the meeting, District Secretary Rajendra Prasad Chandel presented a report on the review of the last meeting and future programs. On which the members of the District Committee also agreed. It was decided unanimously in the meeting that on the call of the Left parties regarding alternative proposals for the budget, the CPI(M) will run a week-



long comprehensive public campaign till February 20. Sanjay Paswan, State Secretariat member of the party in charge of Ramgarh district from the CPM State Committee, said that the Union Budget 2025-26 is a betrayal of the immediate and basic needs of the people. Instead of solving the problem of demand in the economy due to lack of

purchasing power in the hands of the people, large-scale unemployment and falling wages, the Modi government has tried to destroy the economy by giving concessions to the rich despite cutting expenses. Instead of raising resources by taxing the rich and big corporate houses and expanding public investment.

### Aragati Sanstha organized a workshop on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in U.U.V. Pali

**DN ■ Ramgarh**

A workshop was organized on Friday in Upkrमित Uchh Vidyalaya Pali under the aegis of Aragati Sanstha. It was started by the chief guests by lighting the lamp. The workshop emphasizes on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, to empower the girl child, strengthen the education ecosystem, monitor and prevent child marriage, child labor and child trafficking, and create a comprehensive strategy to connect vulnerable and out-of-school children with skill development opportunities. On this occasion, Aragati was informed about the child protection issues being done by Aragati Sanstha and all the indicators of NITI Aayog. The project in-charge of the organization, Kiran Shankar Dutt, said that no stone will be left unturned in the efforts to free Ramgarh district from all kinds of crimes against cases like child labor, child marriage, child trafficking and child sexual abuse. He said that Aragati will have to work together to end this evil. So that our society, village and block can be safe, educated and empowered.



### In Chiriya SAIL DAV Public School, tribute was paid to Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati

**DN ■ Chakradharpur**

Swami Dayanand Saraswati was remembered on Thursday in DAV Public School located in Manoharpur Iron Ore Mines Chiriya (SAIL). On this occasion, a Havan was performed with Vedic chanting and wishes were made for the welfare of the people and upliftment of the society. Along with this, all the teachers paid homage to Maharishi Dayanand by lighting a lamp in front of the picture of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati and offered flowers one by one. Principal Dr. Shivanarayan Singh said that Swami Dayanand Saraswati was not only the founder of Arya Samaj. But apart from



being a patriot, he was also a great thinker and social reformer. He did many big works for the progress of the society. He showed a new direction to the society by removing evils like child marriage, Sati Pratha. He gave evidence of the Vedas to remove these evils. He said that today's youth are aware. Therefore, they should read the precious thoughts of Swami Dayanand Saraswati. On this occasion, teachers Sandeep

Singh, Rakesh Kumar Mishra, Mausami Das Gupta, Sameer Pradhan, Santosh Kumar, Sujit Kumar, Momita Majumdar, Sumit Senapati, Sanju Kumari, Varsha Vishwakarma, Jitendra Trivedi, Kishore Jha, Tanmoy Chatterjee, Abhay Sinha, Sandeep Chakraborty, Ashish Jha, Devashish Behera, Nityanand Bhakat, Sukhen Prasad, other non-teaching staff and students of the school were present.

### Gumla Literature Festival will start from today in Gumla Agro Park

Deputy Commissioner Karna Satyarthi arrived to take stock of this three-day event

**DN ■ Gumla**

Preparations for the second Gumla Literature Festival to be held in Gumla district have reached the final stage. This much-awaited literary festival will start on 15 February 2025 at 4:00 pm and will run on 16 and 17 February from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. On this occasion, renowned writers, poets, litterateurs, storytellers and creators from all over the country will mark their presence. With the aim of taking stock of the preparations for the said three-day program, Deputy Commissioner Karna Satyarthi reached Birs Chowk Agro Park today, where he reviewed the entire arrangements by



holding a meeting with the concerned officials. He closely inspected the vehicle arrangements for the arrival of guests, responsibility of liaisoning officers, stage and sound management, live streaming, security, traffic management, registration desk, food counter and other important arrangements. The Deputy Commissioner said that this program will be a historic occasion for

the literature lovers of the district, in which a book exhibition of thousands of different publishers and authors will be organized. Apart from this, various cultural activities, exhibition of important products related to Gumla Haat and the district and live shows will also be organized for the entertainment of the citizens. The entire venue is being decorated grandly, due to which special

enthusiasm is being seen among the visitors. All preparations are being made on a war footing by the district administration to make this event a success. This free program will be open to all citizens, in which many literary activities including talk show, open mic will be organized. On this occasion, Deputy Development Commissioner Gumla, Project Director ITDA, SDO Sadar, SDO Chainpur, DCLR Gumla, District Nazarat Deputy Collector, District Education Officer, District Education Superintendent, DPM JSLPS, CDPO Gumla and many senior officers and personnel were present.

### MLA Jagat Majhi became aware of the problems of the villagers; Villagers reached the Janta Darbar with other problems including drinking water

**DN ■ Chakradharpur**

MLA Jagat Majhi organized a Janta Darbar in his chamber located in the block office. During this, dozens of villagers of the area met the MLA and informed him about their problems. Problems related to drinking water came up more in the Janta Darbar. Dozens of women of Ghuniya Toli Vikas Colony of Sonapos Panchayat submitted a signed application and put the problem of serious drinking water crisis before the MLA and demanded relief from the crisis through deep boring in the colony. On this, the MLA said that deep boring will be done in the month of April-May. Apart from this, demand was made for construction of PCC road from Chandni Chowk to Station Road. At the same time, some villagers informed about other problems including toilets and boundary walls in the village school. A villager submitted an application regarding the dispute related to land in the canal project. On which the MLA called the Zonal Officer Anuj Tete and placed the matter in front of the complainant and directed for solution.



### District President Unorganized Workers Congress and 20-point member Mukhtar Alam helped Basant Sahu at his residence

**DN ■ Gumla**

Mukhtar said that today Basant Kumar Sahu came to our house from Gumla District Block Ghagra village Chadiya and informed me about his big problems. He told that the girls of my family want to study and want to bring glory to their family, village, district and state by studying. But a lot of problems are arising in studying, there is a lot of problem of money, due to which the girls are not able to study. The girls have studied till class 5 in their village school, now the girls want to study further by getting enrolled in Kasturba Gandhi Residential School Ghagra in class 6. Mukhtar Alam



said that children of big industrialists, politicians and actors study in good schools and our children from poor families are not able to study due to financial constraints, but we are struggling with poverty and will help every boy and girl to study so that no

child from a poor family is deprived of education. I will talk to Gumla District Administrative Officer and Warden of Kasturba Gandhi Residential School Ghagra to get these girls enrolled and will get these children enrolled as soon as possible.

## Prem Prakash will not have to appear before ED, SC amended bail order

DN ■ Ranchi

Prem Prakash, who is facing trial on charges of money laundering, has got a big relief from the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has amended his bail conditions and abolished the order to appear before the ED twice a week. After this amendment, Prem Prakash will no longer have to appear before the ED.

### Prem Prakash will regularly appear in the trial court: Supreme Court

The apex court has also made it clear in its order that Prem Prakash will not try to disrupt the trial in any way and will regularly appear in the trial court. The bench of Supreme



Court judges Justice BR Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran has given this order. High Court advocate Indrajit Sinha and advocate Sneh Singh argued on behalf of Prem Prakash. The apex court had granted conditional bail to Prem Prakash on August 28

Let us tell you that on August 28, the apex court had granted bail to Prem Prakash. The court had

said in its order that while on bail, he will submit his passport to the trial court and will not leave the country without the court's permission. Along with this, Prem Prakash was also directed to appear at the ED office two days a week. Prem Prakash is an accused in money laundering cases related to illegal mining and land scam and is currently on bail in both the cases.

# President Draupadi Murmu reached Ranchi

Today she will attend the platinum jubilee of BIT Mesra as the chief guest

DN ■ Ranchi

President Draupadi Murmu has reached Ranchi on Friday evening on her two-day Jharkhand tour. Ranchi police had made tight security arrangements on the entire route line from the airport to the Raj Bhavan. On February 15, the President will attend the platinum jubilee celebrations of BIT Mesra as the chief guest. Tight security arrangements have been made for the President's arrival in



Ranchi. Apart from ten IPS, 1000 policemen have been deployed for her security.

### Barricading has been done at various places in the city

Barricading has been done

on both sides of the road from the airport to the Raj Bhavan and from the Raj Bhavan to BIT Mesra for the arrival of the President.

Also, drop gates have been made at many places. Traffic DSP, inspector and policemen have been deployed on every road to manage the traffic. As the President's convoy moved forward, the traffic was opened accordingly. Barricading has also been done at many places to stop traffic.

## News In Brief

### Farewell ceremony concluded at Star Coaching Centre



Ranchi: At Star Coaching Centre Kokkoro Islampur, a farewell ceremony was organised for the students of class 10. Janab Mokaram Ansari said that education is the weapon through which one can achieve heights and success in the world. 1400 years ago, Prophet Muhammad S.A. eradicated all evils through knowledge and established peace and justice. You children should also try to live your life according to his teachings and also appreciated the discipline of the children.

### Minor missing after leaving home

Ranchi: A 14-year-old minor from Chutia police station area is missing after leaving home. On her mother's complaint, the police on Thursday registered a kidnapping case against an unknown mobile number holder.

At the same time, all the police have been alerted on the basis of the minor's appearance for clues. According to the minor's mother, the daughter had left home on Wednesday morning. When she called on her mobile, a young woman picked up the phone and said that this mobile was lying near Kadru. Come and take it.

## Bus crashes on Ranchi's ring road, several passengers injured



DN ■ Ranchi

A passenger bus crashed on Ranchi's ring road. Several passengers were injured in this accident. This incident took place on Friday afternoon in Rudiya on the ring road of Mesra OP area of the district. Where a fierce collision took place between a passenger bus and another vehicle. In this accident, the front part of the passenger bus was completely damaged. The passengers in the bus also suffered minor injuries. After getting information about the incident, the police reached the spot and admitted the injured passengers to the hospital. The police is engaged in further action.

## What Bharat Tex 2025 brings to the Indian Textiles Industry's table

New Delhi: The Indian textiles industry has always been the cornerstone of the country's economy, tradition, culture and heritage. It stands tall as one of the topmost employment-generating sectors, next only to agriculture, and a significant contributor to India's GDP and export basket. But somehow it did not perform to its potential over the years, particularly in the global market, on account of a variety of factors.

Indian apparel industry particularly, which is the most important element of the textile value chain, found itself losing the race of cost competitiveness to some of the least developed and under-developed countries enjoying tariff advantage in important markets, and thereby not realizing its true potential.

There was thus a pressing need for a total rejig and an urgent capacity augmentation to realign product offering with the global import pattern. This was largely addressed by PLI and PMMITRA initiatives of the government. The emerging

confident India was inclined to go for it whole hog and unleash the animal spirit. That's what gave birth to the idea of Bharat Tex in 2024.

In a very short time, Bharat Tex emerged as a transformative platform driving innovation, collaboration and global outreach. Bharat Tex 2025, the second edition of this flagship event, is set to continue this legacy and elevate India's textiles sector to greater heights. Riding on the resounding success of the inaugural Bharat Tex held in February 2024, the upcoming edition promises to be bigger, better and even more impactful. Let us delve into what Bharat Tex 2025 will bring to the table for India's textiles industry.

Bharat Tex 2025 is poised to bring cutting-edge technologies, business opportunities and strategic partnerships to the forefront. It will serve as a convergence point for stakeholders from across the globe.

## Decision to open Anganwadi centers in tribal villages is welcome: Babulal

DN ■ Ranchi

BJP state president Babulal Marandi has described the decision to open new Anganwadi centers in tribal villages of Jharkhand as welcome. He wrote on social media that the decision of the central government to open 1220 new Anganwadi centers in tribal villages of Jharkhand under PM Janman and Dharti Aba Janjati Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan is welcome. This will greatly improve the development and nutrition of the tribal society.

### New employment opportunities will be available for rural women

The BJP state president praised it and said that this step will improve health



services and provide new employment opportunities for rural women. Appointment of Anganwadi workers and assistants will also empower women. This decision of the central government is an important step towards the goal of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', which will prove to be a milestone in the upliftment of the tribal community of Jharkhand.

## The whole night was spent in prayer on Shab-e-Barat

DN ■ Ranchi

On the occasion of Shab-e-Barat, people started praying as soon as the sun set on Thursday. They prayed and recited the Quran Sharif all night. Many people prayed in their homes and many in mosques. After offering Fajr prayers, people prayed for the peace of the souls of their deceased loved ones in the graveyard. People's eyes welled up with tears. Here, the decorations done in the Muslim-dominated areas on Shab-e-Barat were worth seeing. From graveyards to mosques, everything was decorated with colorful bulbs. Shops of flowers, incense, syrup, perfume, rose water were decorated outside the graveyards.

The 15th of the month of Shaban was on Friday. People kept fast on this day. In the evening, after the Maghrib Azan, they broke their fast. Namaz was offered. This Roza is also considered a rehearsal for the Roza that will start 15 days later in the



month of Ramzan.

The graveyard committee decorated the Ratu Road graveyard. Graveyard in-charge Naushad Khan said that facilities like drinking water etc. were made available for all the people. The committee made all the arrangements at Kantatoli graveyard on Hazaribagh Road. Chairman Enamul Haque said that arrange-

ments were made for water and tea etc. Along with this, arrangements were also made for Sehri for the needy and those coming from far off places. Many voluntary organizations set up service camps on Shab-e-Barat. Arrangements were made for tea, water, biscuits etc. Members of the graveyard committee also made arrangements for Sehri.

## Ismail, Junaid, Imran and Kashid, who eloped with the girls of Hindpiri, got bail

DN ■ Ranchi

Ranchi Civil Court has granted bail to Ismail, Junaid, Kashid and Imran, arrested from Karnataka on the charge of eloping with two girls from Hindpidhi. The court of the Chief Justice Commissioner of the Civil Court has granted bail to all the above accused on a personal bond of 20 thousand rupees. During the hearing on the bail of the accused, the court dismissed the arguments of the prosecution and granted bail to Ismail.

### The accused had made many revelations in front of the police

Earlier, Ranchi Police had recovered the girls missing from Hindpidhi from Karnataka and sent those four boys to jail, with whose help the girls had left their home and fled. The people arrested by the police in this case had revealed many secrets in their confession. According to the reve-



lations made by the accused in front of the police, after taking the girls, Rahnuma changed his father's name to Mohammad Ismail and Amreena changed her father's name to Junaid Alam by tampering with the Aadhar card through AI to get a house on rent.

### Both the girls called their father and told him a false story of kidnapping

According to the statement given to the police, after leaving the house, both the girls reached Kantatoli,

where Mazhar was waiting for them. Mazhar took both the girls to Ramgarh, after which Junaid and Ismail took the girls by train and left for Karnataka. On the way, both the girls called their father and told him a false story of kidnapping and broke their mobile in Sikidari valley, so that their location could not be traced.

### Amreena-Rahnuma became friends with Junaid-Ismail on Facebook

Let us tell you that Junaid and Ismail were introduced to Amreena and Rahnuma on Facebook. This acquaintance turned into love and both of them used to visit Ranchi often. This series of meetings was going on for about five years. Both the youths had also proposed marriage to the girl's family. But the girl's family did not agree. Then they decided to elope.

## Massive fire in Hindpiri area, three-storey building burnt to ashes



DN ■ Ranchi

A massive fire broke out in a junk shop near Chhota Talab in Kotwali police station area of the capital Ranchi. Due to the fire, the entire shop was burnt to ashes. As soon as the information was received, several fire brigade vehicles

reached the spot and are trying to control the fire. Kotwali and Hindpiri police are also present at the spot. The fire broke out in Nizam junk shop.

A massive fire broke out late Thursday night in a junk shop located near Chhota Talab in

Kotwali police station area of Ranchi. Due to the fire, junk worth lakhs was burnt to ashes. At the same time, a three-storey building was also destroyed. The fire brigade vehicles that reached the spot controlled the fire after a lot of hard work.

Nizam junk shop located near Chhota Talab in Ranchi was burnt to ashes in a massive fire that broke out on Wednesday. Local people said that suddenly smoke was seen coming out of the junk shop. Before people could understand anything, the flames of fire intensified and engulfed the three-storey building. As the fire became fierce, there was a stampede in the

surrounding area.

The shopkeepers around the junk shop started trying to extinguish the fire by bringing water from nearby to save their shops. Meanwhile, on the information of the police, several fire brigade vehicles reached the spot and after about 2 hours of hard work, the fire was partially controlled. Due to the fire, black smoke filled everywhere in the surrounding area.

According to the owner of the junk shop, Nizam, there is no information about how the fire started. But due to the fire, there has been a loss of lakhs. All the junk items that were kept there have been burnt to ashes.

## People falling prey to digital arrest in Jharkhand

DN ■ Ranchi

Common people in Jharkhand are also falling prey to digital house arrest. Digital house arrest is a new method of cyber crime, in which cyber criminals confine the victim to his home by threatening him on video call. They also harass him so much that he is forced to pay money.

In the last one month, many incidents of digital house arrest have come to light in different districts of the state. In which cyber criminals have carried out fraud of crores of rupees by digitally arresting



people.

If you get such a call from cyber criminals, then do not panic and get scared. Even if the cyber criminal does not let you disconnect the call, disconnect the phone. Immediately after this, contact the helpline number of the Cyber

Crime Branch or the nearest cyber police station. Get the warrant sent by the cyber criminals verified. Tell your friends and family members the whole thing. If necessary, contact the number of officers issued by the Cyber Crime Branch directly.

## News In Brief

**For the first time in Deoghar, Shiv Baraat will be taken out with drone-laser show and band music**

**Gididi:** This year Mahashivratri festival will be celebrated in an unprecedented manner in Deoghar, Jharkhand. For the first time, devotees will get the privilege of seeing 12 Jyotirlingas together in the Shiv Baraat being organized by the Jharkhand Tourism Department. The Tourism Department has issued a tender for Shiv Baraat, which will be finalized on February 20. On February 26, the procession will leave from KKN Stadium and go to Baba Baidyanath Dham Temple. It is believed that a crowd of 3-4 lakh devotees can gather here to see the Shiv Baraat.

**Blanket distribution courtesy of MLA**

**Putki:** Blankets were distributed among dozens of needy people in Lalpur Futaha of Munidih under the leadership of BJP leader Nirmal Kumar Das, courtesy of MLA Raj Sinha. On the occasion, Mr. Das said that in view of the problems of people due to the sudden increase in cold, blankets were distributed courtesy of the MLA. Former Deputy Chief Biren Gop, Dinesh Ojha, Lal Bahadur Sahay, Mithlesh Kumar, Lakhpati Gop, Haradhan Bauri, Kajal Devi, Indra Devi, Laxman Prasad, Arjun Das, Ajay Kumar Sinha, Gopi Gop, Ravindra Kumar etc. were present on the occasion.

**Shab-e-Barat was celebrated with devotion in Koyalanchal**

**Giddi:** The festival of Shab-e-Barat, the night of worship and forgiveness from sins, was celebrated with full devotion and respect in Koyalanchal on Thursday night. During this time, while reading of Fatiha continued in graveyards till morning, recitation of Quran and worship continued in mosques and homes. The night of 15th Shaban is counted among the important nights of Islam. Ulama-e-Karam say that the worship of this night is of great importance. The series of worships also begins with Shab-e-Barat, which is celebrated exactly.

## Due to jam in Digwadih vegetable market, students have trouble reaching school on time

Accidents happen every day due to jam

DN ■ Jorapokhar

Encroachment has become a big problem not only in Dhanbad Koyalanchal but in the whole country. All the main roads of Dhanbad Koyalanchal have been encroached and the road has been narrowed. If we talk about Digwadih on Jharia Sindri main road NH 218, then a vegetable market is set up right next to the road. Due to this market, the width of the road is getting smaller. Due to which the problem of jam is becoming serious day by day. Customers park their vehicles on the road from morning to evening for the vegetable market. Due to which the problem of jam becomes more severe. Accidents are happening every day due to this jam. But the administration is not concerned about it. Due to the problem of jam, people are stuck in it for hours every day. This problem is not from today but has been



there for years. Encroachers took advantage of road widening. Ever since Jharia Sindri road was converted into NH 218, road widening was done at the cost of crores. But the encroachers have taken full advantage of it. As a result, the road became wide, but the wider the road, the more people started setting up their shops. Due to which there is always a possibility of accident. A few days ago, a bike rider and a cyclist fell on the road and got injured due to encroachment. School buses and ambulances also get stuck due to traffic jams due to encroachment. But no attention is being paid to this either.

There are many reputed schools of Dhanbad district on this side. Matriculation and Intermediate examinees are facing problems. The most reputed schools and colleges of Dhanbad district are on this side. In which education from school to higher education is given. Apart from this, there are dozens of small schools where thousands of students come to study from every corner of the district. Due to traffic jams, students going to school and college have to struggle a lot to reach their schools. Currently, the examination season is going on in Jharkhand. Intermediate and Matric examinations are being held. The most trouble is caused during the examination time due to the vegetable market. During the examination, this road remains jammed for hours. Due to which, there is a delay in reaching the examination centre to the students. Many times, students become victims of accidents in an attempt to reach the examination centre early.

## Cafe closed for arbitrary collection of money in the name of making Aadhar card

DN ■ Giridih

A case of arbitrary collection of money in the name of making Aadhar card has come to light in Giridih. Where Suraj Online Cafe operating in the Tisri main road has been investigated and closed. According to the information, Tisri BDO said that a complaint was made about this in the said cafe. After which he reached the cafe and investigated and in this regard, documents related to making Aadhar card were sought from the operator, but he did not show the documents. Therefore, orders have been given to keep the cafe closed till it is fully investigated. On this, all the machines kept in the said cafe were seized. After which the cafe operator Mantu Kumar was taken to the police station for questioning. It was told that there was a complaint against the said cafe that Aadhar cards were being made illegally there. For which arbitrary money was being collected from the villagers and thousands of rupees were taken for making Aadhar card.



## Workers working in BCCL are lucky: Surendra Singh

DN ■ Tisra

Workers working in BCCL are lucky. Because their family also gets the benefit. The above words were said by Central General Secretary of CIMEWA Surendra Singh and Adityanath Jha in the felicitation cum welcome ceremony organized by the organization after the retirement of the Zonal General Secretary of the organization Adityanath Jha in the premises of Kuiyan Number Seven Power House. Currently, due to the situation of MDO mode, not only the workers but also the officers are facing the threat of survival. There is a need to raise voice against this. On the demands of promotion from the management as per the main power budget, he said that workers have been working on the same post for years, but promotion is not happening. The program was chaired by the General Manager of the area Anil Kumar Sinha and was conducted by senior leader Buddhu Yadav. Anil Kumar Sinha, Project Officer Devendra Kumar Singh and people of the organization honored



the Zonal General Secretary of BCCL Adityanath Jha by giving him clothes, garlands etc. People praised him a lot for his active role in the organization along with his work. On this occasion, APM Abhishek Rai, Project Officer Devendra Kumar Singh, Manager Chandrashekhar Singh, Deputy General Manager T Paswan, besides the organization's Bhagwan Prasad Nonia, Karu Das, Alok Singh, Kailash Singh, Ranjit Singh, Paramhans Saxena, Dilip Bauri, Manoj Nishad, Gokul Sah, Vinay Singh, Dinanath Beldar, Balram Satnarayan Sahu, Pradeep Kumar Paswan, etc. were present.

## Fire broke out in the house where the wick was kept, property worth Rs 2 lakh burnt to ashes

DN ■ Giridih

An incident of arson has taken place in Panchamba, where property worth lakhs was burnt to ashes. This incident is of a house in Pindatand of Panchamba police station area. Where fire broke out on Thursday, 13 February morning. Then after a lot of effort, the fire was brought under control. According to the information, the owner of the house Prabhu Mahato told about this incident that he had brought a wick in the house. When he came out of the room in the morning, he saw that flames were coming out from where the wick was kept. Slowly the fire spread throughout the house, on hearing the commotion, people together tried to extinguish the fire. This information was given to the fire station. After this, the team of fire brigade also reached the spot and the fire was brought under control.



## Establishment of Cath Lab in Patliputra Hospital will provide better treatment to heart patients: Dr Drolia

DN ■ Dhanbad

In the hospital's auditorium, Dr Nirmal Drolia, Director of Patliputra Hospital, said that this hospital is constantly striving for better treatment of patients. Cath Lab has been started from February 16 so that heart patients can get better treatment. Dr Drolia said that this Cath Lab machine will also have the facility of brain angiography and various types of brain-related treatment. This Cath Lab is scheduled to be inaugurated on February 16 by Dhanbad MP Dullu Mahato and special guest Dhanbad MLA Raj Sinha. Dr Nikhil Drolia said that with the facility of Phillips'



advanced Cath Lab, treatment of almost all departments will be given in Patliputra Hospital. With the presence of Cath Lab, treatment of heart diseases like angiography, angioplasty, pacemaker etc. is being done. And the patient is now getting treatment in the oldest hospital of the city. And now the

## Five-day ritual ceremony cum Yagna organized with Kalash Yatra

DN ■ Putki

A grand Kalash Yatra was taken out on Friday for the five-day ritual of Shri Shri Shiv and Hanuman Prana Pratishtha ceremony cum Yagna in the premises of Shri Shri Kumareshwar Mahadev temple located in Putki Bazaar. Hundreds of girls, women and male devotees participated in the grand Kalash Yatra. 151 girls and women took Kalash Yatra from Putki temple premises carrying Kalash on their heads and reached Ojha Talab via Putki No. 2, Putki Bazaar, Putki Bank of India. Water was filled with Vedic mantras in the presence of the temple priest cum Acharya Pandit Kapil Dev Pandey. Devotees filled with devotion were chant-



ing Jai Shri Ram, Jai Hanuman, Har Har Mahadev to the tune of DJ. After the Kalash Yatra, altar construction, Panchang Pujan, Mandap Pravesh and Sandhya Aarti were done. This ceremony cum Yaksh will be organized from February 14 to February 18. In the Kalash Yatra, hun-

Pandey said that the Kalash Yatra was taken out on the first day of the ceremony. After the Panchang Puja in the afternoon, Agni Dev appeared in the child form by rubbing wood against wood and churning the fire and the Yagna began. This ceremony cum Yagna will continue for five days. In which Shiva and Hanuman Pran Pratishtha will be done. The Yagna Parikrama will start from Saturday morning. To make the program successful, along with the temple committee, city residents Heera Sharma, Hukumchand Agarwal, Anand Verma, Niranjana Sharma, Mahendra Varnwal, Sadanand Varnwal and others were present.

## Free cataract camp inaugurated

DN ■ Jharia

Tata Steel Foundation in collaboration with Shankar Netralaya organized a free cataract camp at Malkera Community Center. This first camp of the financial year 2025 has been organized in two phases. The first phase (screening) was held from February 10 to 13, while the second phase surgery is being organized between February 14 and 18. A free cataract camp was inaugurated at Malkera Community Center today. Shatrughan Mahato Baghmara MLA was the chief guest on the occasion. 770 people were examined in the screening phase of the camp, out of which 250 patients were found to require surgery.



These surgeries will be conducted by Dr. Sujoy Sarkar and Dr. Ahana Sen Shankar Netralaya between February 14 and 18. On this occasion, many guests including Shatrughan Mahato MLA Bagmara, Sanjay Rajoria General Manager, Narendra Kumar Gupta Chief Jamadoba Group, Vikash Kumar Chief, Sijua Group, Dr. Alok

## Councillor candidate reached to see Mayor candidate Ankesh Raj injured



DN ■ Dhanbad

Jitendra Kumar social worker reached Raj Clinic Dhanbar. Let us tell you that Ward No. 27 councillor brother Ankesh Raj's motorcycle had met with an accident near Maharajganj on Govindpur Giridih Road a few days ago. In which he and his son were injured. His son suffered minor injuries but Ankesh Raj's leg got fractured and an elderly woman was also injured. Showing humanity, Ankesh Raj is getting the elderly woman treated by admitting her in a nursing home. Just like Ankesh Raj helps the people of his ward, in the same way, setting an example of humanity, he is also getting the elderly woman treated. Mr. Kumar enquired about Ankesh Raj's well-being and wished him a safe life. Former OBC Morcha Jharkhand State Social Media Convenor Rahul Kumar Soni was also present with Jitendra Kumar.

## Retired officers should also get spectacles reimbursement for eye treatment: Hare Ram Pandit



DN ■ Dhanbad

Coal India Limited has decided to reimburse the cost of spectacles used in eye treatment for working officers and employees and working officers and employees are also getting this facility under MAT Rules. Coal India management deserves praise for providing the facility.

An amendment was passed in Board Meeting No. 461 dated 31 January 2024 and spectacles reimbursement was incorporated in MAT Rules. According to this, non-executives will be reimbursed the cost of spectacles up to a maximum of Rs 10,000/- once in two years. In the executive category, E-1 to E-3 will get twenty thousand rupees, E-4, E-5 will get thirty thousand rupees, E6-E7 will get thirty five thousand rupees, E8-E9 will get forty thousand rupees and board level officers will get maximum fifty thousand rupees as spectacles reimbursement once in two years. Senior citizen and social worker Hare Ram Pandit believes that retired coal officers and employees need more treatment for their eyes and the spectacles used in it. Pandit says that Coal India management should provide the facility of spectacles reimbursement (payment of the cost of spectacles) to retired coal officers and employees under CPR MSE and CPR M SNE once in two years as is being given to working officers and employees under MAT Rules. Pension-receiving coal employees and officers are facing financial difficulties.

## There is no decrease in the number of devotees going to Maha Kumbh

DN ■ Bokaro

There is no decrease in the number of devotees visiting Prayagraj to take a dip in the Sangam. Thousands of devotees are leaving for Prayagraj from Bokaro every day. However, according to the devotees returning from Maha Kumbh, the Uttar Pradesh government has made much better arrangements, but problems persist in Chitrakoot.

These people say that there is a lot of trouble due to traffic jams and due to getting stuck in traffic jams on the National Highway, there is also a shortage of food items, due to which especially the elderly and children have to face a lot of problems.

Although devotees going by train are going, but for many days now the tickets of devotees are getting waiting, due to which the number of people going by road has increased significantly. Devotees say that earlier there used to be a huge decrease in the crowd after the return of the Akhara and saints, but this time exactly the opposite is happening. Despite the return of the Akhara and saints, there is no decrease in the crowd of devotees. According to eyewitnesses, more than 50 lakh devotees are still taking a dip in the Kumbh every day in Maha Kumbh. Again, the number of devotees is expected to be in crores at the time of Shivratri.

## Police arrested four criminals of an inter-state gang who used to snatch money after withdrawing money from the bank

DN ■ Chas

In the sensational incident of snatching after withdrawing money from the bank in the district, the police took immediate action and arrested four criminals of the inter-state gang. Three mobile phones, a tool for breaking the trunk, three motorcycles and other items have been recovered from these criminals.

In this regard, the Deputy Superintendent of Police Chas Praveen Kumar Singh informed the press that on November 26 last year, Jagdish Manjhi, father-Late Mohan Manjhi, resident of village-Kurma, Post-Kashi Jharia, Police Station-Pindrajora, was returning home on a motorcycle with his nephew after withdrawing a total of Rs 28,000 from



Bank of India Baghmara. During this time, two unknown Pulsar motorcycle riders snatched money and bank related documents from him near Reliance Petrol Pump located at NH-32 Talgadia turn under Chira Chas Police Station and fled. In this regard, FIR number-92/2024 was registered in Chira Chas Police

Station. During the investigation, on the basis of secret information, raids were conducted and the non-bailable accused involved in the case were arrested.

On their information, documents related to the looted bank, other important papers, the motorcycle used in the incident and Rs 4,000 were recovered.

The arrested accused are named as Prakash Das, father-Lakhbider Das, Village-Muskhatal Madasi Pada, No. 4 Bhanga Cabin, Purushottampur Deepak Rao, father-Mahaveer Rao, Village-Sheikhpura, Post and Police Station-Panduwa, District-Hooghly, West Bengal Arjun Rao alias Kushal Rao alias Kush, father-Jagannath Rao, present address-Village Sheikhpukur, Post and Police Station-Panduwa, District-Hooghly, West Bengal Permanent address-Village Purvokot, Police Station-Korai, District-Jajpur, Odisha Vikram Rao, father-Vishwanath Rao, Village-Sheikhpukur, Post and Police Station-Panduwa, District-Hooghly, West Bengal. The police recovered 3 Android

T-shanked tool used for breaking the trunk of motorcycles and an iron hammer from them. The SDPO said that several criminal cases are registered against the arrested accused in various districts in the past, which include robbery, burglary and other serious crimes. A list of various police station cases related to the names of the accused has been enclosed. The policemen involved in the raiding team include Chandan Kumar Dubey, Police Station Incharge Chira Chas, Raj Kapoor Seth, Chira Chas Police Station, Sandeep Kumar Balidih Police Station, Nitish Kumar, Chas Mu. Police Station, Armed forces including Dhiren Kumar were involved.

## United Forum of Bank Unions organized a massive demonstration for various demands

If the government does not accept our demands then there will be a strike in banks on 24 and 25 March

DN ■ Bokaro

In the light of the agitation programs declared in support of their demands and to make the two-day bank strike declared on the upcoming 24th and 25th March a success, today all the bank employees and officers of Chas Bokaro, under the banner of United Forum of Bank Unions (which is the united forum of all the unions working in the bank), hundreds of them attended a huge demonstration in front of the local State Bank of India, Sector 4 City Center. This demonstration was mainly about the main demands including proper restoration in all cadres for improvement in customer service, five-day banking, prompt settlement of pending issues with the joint official body of the top management of all the banks of the Indian Bank Association, continuous violation of bilateral agreements by bank managements, etc. Addressing this demonstration, UFBU's Bokaro District Deputy Coordinator Raghav Kumar Singh said that in the talks held with



UFBU by the Indian Bank Association, it was said that many pending issues would be resolved. In which, along with five-day banking, proper restoration in all cadres was talked about. Despite verbal agreement, no positive initiative has been taken by the Indian Banks Association on the pending issue. Also, the Government of India is constantly interfering in banks unnecessarily through its Department of Financial Services, due to which on one hand customer service is deteriorating day by day, while on the other hand the employees and officers working in the bank are being forced to suffer from unbearable workload and

stress. If the government and IBA do not take a positive stand on our above demands as soon as possible, then we will have to intensify the movement and make the two-day strike organized on 24 and 25 March a complete success. We apologize to our customers that they may face some difficulty due to this strike, but improvement in customer service is also the main issue of our movement. Addressing the demonstration, other speakers said that while the bank is increasing its profits every year with our hard work, it is unfortunate that we have to lose our great devotion and hard work after struggling in this way.

Mainly Raghav Kumar Singh, Rajesh Kumar Ojha, Mithilesh Kumar, Vibhas Jha, Rajesh Srivastava, Pradeep Jha, Awadhesh Prasad, P K Srivastava, Rajkumar Prasad, Ratan Raj Murmu, Pankaj Singh, Dilip Kumar, Vivek Thakur, Arun Kumar etc. along with hundreds of bank employees were present in today's demonstration.

## Congressmen paid tribute to the martyrs of Pulwama

DN ■ Bokaro

District Congress President Umesh Prasad Gupta welcomed Sevadal State Working President Naveen Singh on his arrival in Bokaro at the District Congress Office, Dundibag.

On this occasion, a minute's silence was observed to pay humble tribute to the brave soldiers of Mother India who were martyred in the terrorist attack in Pulwama, Jammu & Kashmir on 14 February 2019. On the occasion, Mr. Gupta paid his tributes to the brave sons of Mother India who were martyred in the terrorist attack in Pulwama, Jammu & Kashmir and said that the nation will always be indebted to their

indomitable courage, valor and bravery. He said that some questions whose answers have not been found till date include, where did the 300 kg RDX used in the Pulwama terror attack come from, why did the Modi government refuse to give aircraft to CRPF, why were the roads not sanitized before the battalion left, due to whose failure did this attack take place, why did Narendra Modi threaten the governor to 'keep quiet' after the Pulwama terror attack, Modi should answer these questions. Dinesh Singh, Rajiv Singh, Virendra Sah, Naresh Prasad Singh, Anil Singh, Devendra Tiwari, Vidya Bhushan Prasad and others were present.

## News In Brief

### Meeting of Jharkhand Officer Teachers Employee Federation



**Jarangdih:** Under the aegis of Jharkhand Officer Teachers Employee Federation, a signature campaign is being started in all the districts of the state on Thursday in Rajendra Uchha Vidyalaya Jarangdih campus under the leadership of State President Vikrant Singh and State Committee for the burning demands of the government employees of the state. The objective of the signature campaign is to submit a collective memorandum to make the government aware of the burning and just demands of the employees.

### CCL CMD inspected the Dhori area



**Phusro:** CCL CMD Nilendu Kumar Singh visited CCL's Dhori area. During the tour, he inspected the area's KSDOCM and AADOCM projects. On this occasion, CMD Singh took information related to coal production and dispatch from Dhori GM Ranjay Singha. He also inspected the map of the project and directed to speed up production. On the occasion, CMD Singh said that coal has an important role in the country's energy.

## INMOSA will fight a do-or-die battle against CCL management: Vijay

DN ■ Phusro

Indian Nation Mine Official and Supervisory Staff Association (INMOSA) Central Committee meeting was held on Friday at CCL Dhori Officers Club under the chairmanship of Pawan Kumar Singh. In the meeting, anger was expressed over CCL management ignoring INMOSA's demands and not resolving the problems of INMOSA members. It was decided to stage a phased agitation against the attitude of the management. Under this, it was decided to stage a huge demonstration in front of the project office on February 24 in the first phase of the agitation, a



demonstration in all area offices on March 3 in the second phase and in the third phase a demonstration in CCL headquarters Ranchi on March 10 and in the fourth phase a three-day collective leave from March 24 to 26. In the meeting, acting national president Vijay Kumar Singh said that earlier talks had taken place between CCL management and INMOSA on the 9-point demands. But no initiative

was taken by the management on the demands. Due to this, anger is increasing among INMOSA members. INMOSA will fight a do-or-die battle against CCL management. Many people including Vijay Kumar Singh, National President (Central) cum Deputy General Secretary (CCL), and regional presidents and secretaries of all three regions, branch presidents and secretaries were present on the occasion.

## NSC Sukoon Old Age Entertainment Center celebrated Respect Day by giving gifts of love to the elderly

DN ■ Chas

On Friday, NSC Sukoon Old Age Entertainment Center located in Ramnagar Colony celebrated Old Age Respect Day and made the elderly feel happy about its role. It is noteworthy that today when the whole world is celebrating Valentine's Day, this organization is presenting a unique example for the society by celebrating Respect Day to make parents and elderly understand the importance of its presence by giving them the gift of love.

Anant Kumar Sinha, who runs the organization, and his wife Nutan Shrivastava, while starting the program, showed their emotional attachment by washing the feet of the elderly and applying tilak to them along with the children of the organization. All the elderly present were feeling very happy by participating in this program. Flowers were showered on



the elderly and their favorite songs and poems were presented.

On this occasion, the director of the institution, P.N. Lal, appreciated such efforts and as active members of the institution, Shyam Jain,

N Sharma, Kailash Jaiswal, Bhagwan Ji, Manju Pathak, Bindu Devi, Sanju Sinha, Vibha Singh gave a wonderful performance. On this occasion, as chief guests, Dr. SP Verma, Anjani Sinha, Bhaiya Pritam, Raj Srivastava, O P Baranwal, Amar Chaurasia, Sanjay, Sushma were present.

The students of the institution entertained the elderly by singing bhajans and songs. Speaking on this occasion, Anant Kumar Sinha Sir of the institution said that it is our effort to give some time to the elderly and rescue them from a life full of monotony and despair. Nutan Srivastava said that it is our effort to give respect to the elderly through small programs and also present an ideal for the society that today's children also need this experienced generation and we should get their guidance in the upbringing of the children as well as they should get full respect at home.

## Preparations for the grand conference are complete, the workers' grand meeting will be historic, 5 thousand delegates will participate: Rajendra

DN ■ Bokaro

The 13th one-day Maha Sammelen of the Revolutionary Steel Workers Union affiliated Hind Mazdoor Sabha will be held on 16th February Sunday at Janvrit 2 Kala Kendra in Bokaro Steel City. There is an atmosphere of enthusiasm among the workers about the Maha Sammelen. There are posters inside the plant and the main roads of the city are filled with union flags and banners.

A press conference was organized at the head office of the union Janvrit 9 regarding the preparations for the Maha Sammelen, in which the General Secretary cum member of the union NJCS Rajendra Singh said that the Maha Sammelen of the union is held every two years. He said that the



enthusiasm of the members and workers is telling that the Maha Sammelen of the workers will be historic. In the Maha Sammelen, Union President and former MLA of Jharia Purnima Neeraj Singh will address the workers and representatives. While the National General Secretary cum Member NJCS of Steel, Metal and Engineering Workers Federation of India SMEFI HMS Sanjay

Badhavkar will encourage the workers as the chief guest.

Regular and contract workers of Bokaro Steel Plant along with representatives of Kiriburu Iron Ore Mines, Gua Ore Mines, Meghahataburu Iron Ore Mines, Manoharpur Ore Mines Chiria and Bulani Ore Mines, Keonjhar Odisha will take part in the conference. About five thousand delegates will review the activities of

the union in the last two years and the work of the previous committee as well as discuss the problems and challenges of the workers in the current scenario and brainstorm on the future strategy throughout the day.

It was told that in the open session of the union, a new committee of the union will be formed as per the democratic process for the next two years. R.K. Singh, Ramesh Rai, Shashi Bhushan, S.C. Kumbhakar, Vipin Kumar Singh, Shambhu Prasad, Durgesh Kumar, Vinod Kumar Shaw, Manoj Thakur, Rajesh Mahato, Ambedkar, Pradeep Mahato, Vijay, Suman Paswan, Manoj Kumar Singh, Santosh Gupta, Ravindra Nath Dubey etc. were present in the press conference.

## Martyr Mahesh Gorai's martyrdom day celebrated in rehabilitation area

DN ■ Bokaro

Martyr Mahesh Gorai's Martyrdom Day was celebrated in Ritudih rehabilitation area. Addressing the people present, Secretary of Memorial Committee Raj Kumar Gorai said that Martyr Mahesh Gorai was martyred on this day in 1998 by the terrorists. In those days, he was working shoulder to shoulder with Comrade AK Rai in the Lok Sabha elections. He was the leader of the movement of the displaced people from Bokaro Steel Plant. He always remained in the field of struggle as the voice of the rights of the poor and the oppressed.



His personal life used to be quite simple and easily available. He was a strong voice against the occupation of water, forest and land by the mafias, which the mafias did not like. But by silencing his voice, the fight for water, forest and land has not weakened but the movement has become more intense. Even today we remember his struggles and a struggle without com-

promise will be the true tribute to him. The condolence meeting was also addressed by Shanti Bharat, Moti Lal Mahato, Mani Lal Singh, Madan Mohan Mahato, Kalyani Singh, Arvind Kumar, Vijay Ghatwar, Mo Abbas, Kashi Nath Gorai, Sams Tabrez Ansari, Dinesh Besra, Vidyadhar Goswami, Abdul Rauf Ansari, Nageshwar Rajwar etc.

News In Brief

247 students appeared in Intermediate

Chatra: Intermediate examination was conducted peacefully and without any misconduct on Thursday at the middle school examination center located at Gidhaur block headquarters. All the 247 students appeared in the examination. On this occasion, Center Superintendent Rajkumar Yadav of PM Shri Madhya Vidyalaya Gidhaur along with the school's Headmaster Siddheshwar Pandey and other teachers were present.

CO inspected the examination center

Chatra: On Thursday, Circle Officer Udal Ram reached the Upgraded Plus Two High School Nawadih examination center under Pathalgarha block and inspected it. The CO took stock of the arrangements at the examination center and also took stock of the examination program and gave many necessary instructions to the center superintendent. CO Shri Ram said that the matriculation and intermediate examinations going on in the block are going on peacefully, here a total of 140 students were to appear in the intermediate examination, out of which only 139 appeared in the examination and one student was found absent.

Sakshi became Jharkhand topper by scoring 99.937 marks in JEE Advanced Mains exam

Chatra: Sakshi Sagun, granddaughter of Sitaram Singh, a resident of Kumhari village of Mayurhand block area and former dealer association president, became Jharkhand topper by scoring 99.937 percent marks in JEE Advanced Mains exam. Sakshi Sagun's father Kaushal Kumar Singh is a successful businessman and she has received her primary education till 12th from Hazaribagh DAV School. After that, she started preparing for JEE Mains at Alliant Academy located in Hazaribagh Matwari and waved the flag of success in the first attempt itself. Sakshi told about studying further and becoming an engineer to serve the country. The entire block along with the family members is proud of Sakshi's success.

Palamu Police suspends 3 jawans, action taken in prisoner escape case

DN Palamu

SP Rishma Rameshan has suspended three police personnel posted in the prisoner ward of Medinirai Medical College, Palamu. All three jawans are accused of negligence during duty. New jawans have been deployed in the security of the prisoner ward in place of the three suspended jawans. In fact, on February 7, Rishikesh Dubey, accused of murder, escaped from the prisoner ward of Medinirai Medical College and Hospital. An investigation team was formed



under the leadership of Sadar SDPO Manibhushan Prasad in the case of prisoner escape. The negligence of all three jawans was caught in the investigation report. Superintendent of Police Rishma Rameshan also

inspected the prisoner ward on Thursday. In the entire case, an investigation is also being conducted against the father-in-law of the accused who escaped from the hospital. Because the accused's father-in-law is also post-

ed on jail security duty. The murder accused was lodged in Palamu Central Jail since December 2023. Nine days before the incident, the accused Rishikesh Dubey was shifted to the prisoner ward of Medinirai Medical College and Hospital after complaining of illness. The accused came out of the prisoner ward on the pretext of washing his hands and face and then escaped. The entire incident has been captured on CCTV. The role of the accused's close friends and relatives has also come to light in this entire case.

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Information about crop protection scheme given to farmers

DN Chatra

A crop protection program was organized on Thursday at Kabra Panchayat Bhawan of Tandwa block. The camp was inaugurated by the Mukhiya and Panchayat Samiti member Nitesh Rana by jointly lighting the lamp. It was chaired by the Mukhiya and conducted by Block Agriculture Officer Jitendra Kumar Singh. During this, Sudhir Kumar of Krishi Vigyan Kendra gave information about the Crop Protection Program Scheme 2024-25 along with the major diseases occurring in Rabi crops and their diagnosis under crop protection. In this sequence, he told that farmers should use nano



urea instead of granular urea and use more potash in vegetables growing inside the ground i.e. onion, potato, garlic etc. So that disease resistance can be developed. Along with this, emphasis was laid on the use of Churna to increase the crop cycle and fertilizer capacity in the fields. Dozens of farmers including Jan Sevak Gautam Kumar Keshari, Deputy Mukhiya Geeta Devi were present on the occasion.

Mother had gone to take bath in Kumbh! Blood-soaked son kept screaming, died, police engaged in investigation

DN Palamu

Mother had gone for Kumbh bath, blood-soaked son kept pleading for help outside the house but no one helped. In fact, the body of a young man has been recovered outside his house in suspicious condition in Abadganj of Medininagar Town Police Station area. The young man has been identified as Rajesh Kumar.

Rajesh Kumar's mother has gone to Prayagraj for Kumbh bath. While one of Rajesh's brothers is in jail. There are deep wounds in many places on Rajesh's body, after which the police suspect that he has been murdered. Police has taken action in the entire case and registered an FIR under murder sections and has taken the body into custody and sent it for post-mortem. The railway track is about 100 meters away from the place where Rajesh's house is and the body was recovered. Police has recovered CCTV footage related to the incident. Medininagar Town Police Station in-charge Devvrat Poddar



said that after seeing the crime scene and the dead body, it seems that the youth has been murdered. On the basis of the statement of the local ward councilor, an FIR has been registered under sections of murder and the entire case is being investigated. He said that the police have received many information from the CCTV footage. The railway track is at a short distance from the youth's house, even in an injured state, the youth screamed and shouted for help for a long time. Later the youth died.

The poppy crop in the forest was destroyed by running a campaign

DN Chatra

On Thursday, the forest department and police conducted a joint raid campaign in the remote areas of Humbi and Handu of Tandwa police station area and destroyed the flourishing illegal poppy crop. Ranger Mukti Prakash Panna said that the poppy crop grown in about 24 decimals of land was destroyed by beating with sticks. Let us tell you, these days, intensive raids are being conducted in the entire area to eradicate poppy cultivation. Due to which the back of the drug dealers has been broken by destroying the crop on a large scale. However, the criminals involved in this illegal business are still out

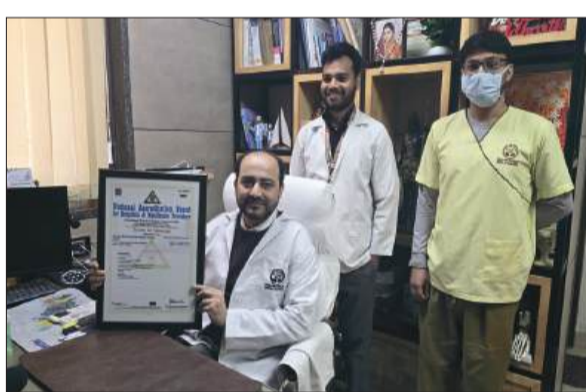


of reach. Let us tell you that within the last one month, a large scale of crops grown in the forests of Hesatu, Sidpa, Marangloiya have been destroyed. Mr. Panna has appealed to the general public to immediately give secret information if there is an illegal opium crop. Forester-in-charge Laltu Kumar, forest guard Murari Prajapati, Sunil Oraon, Neeraj Kumar, Ankit Kumar along with police personnel were involved in the campaign.

Nirmala Multispecialty Hospital gets NABH accreditation

DN Medininagar

Nirmala Multispecialty Hospital and Trauma Center located in Medininagar has received the National Accreditation Board for Hospital and Healthcare Providers (NABH) accreditation by the Quality Council of India. This is the first hospital in Palamu division to receive this honor. Hospital director and renowned orthopedic specialist Dr. Praveen Siddharth described this achievement as a big gift for the patients. He said that NABH accreditation increases the credibility of the hospital as well as guarantees high quality treatment. To achieve this, the hospital has to meet hundreds of



standards. Nirmala Hospital has achieved this feat within two years of its establishment. Facilities like orthopedics, spine and brain injuries, skin diseases, dentistry and general surgery are available here. Recently it has been upgraded as a 50-bed hospital by the Health Department. Dr. Siddharth said that so

far hundreds of patients have been successfully transplanted for complex joints like knee, hip, elbow and shoulder in the hospital. Recently, both knees of an 80-year-old man were successfully transplanted. He said that after getting NABH accreditation, the hospital will make more efforts for complete and effective treatment of patients.

Only that king succeeds who cares for the happiness and sorrows of his subjects: Aradhana Devi

DN Medininagar

Ram Rajyabhishek took place on Thursday in the 49th session of Shri Ramcharitmanas Path Mahayagya being held at Janakpuri temple premises in Baralota. The Mahayagya will be completed on Friday. After the Manas Path in the day, a Bhajan Sandhya program was presented by the team of famous cultural singer Rajmuni Vyas in the evening. A large number of male and female devotees had arrived to listen to the Bhajan Sandhya and discourse. During the evening discourse, Pujya Aradhana Devi, who had come from Kashi, narrated the glory of Lord Shri



Ram. She said that if there is true love for God, then there is no doubt in meeting him. While discussing Ram Rajyabhishek, she said that the highest consciousness of one's life and the complete development of inner energy is Ram Rajya Abhishek. Only that king succeeds who cares for the happiness and sorrows of his subjects. Ram

Rajya can never come with restlessness and haste. Lord Ram defeated Ravana in the war and made his younger brother Vibhishan the king of Lanka. Ram, Sita, Laxman and some monkeys reached Ayodhya in Pushpak Viman. After meeting everyone there, Ram and Sita were crowned in Ayodhya. Earlier, during Ram's coro-

nation, a program was organized with Jai Ghosh amidst the chanting of Vedic mantras by Brahmins. After the coronation, the scholars did the coronation of Shri Ram and after this the devotees present performed the Aarti. The program was presided over by the President of Mahayagya Committee and social worker Girja Shankar Tiwari, who said that the crowd of devotees kept pouring in since Thursday morning. After circumambulating the Yagya Mandap, the devotees worshiped the idols of various gods and goddesses installed in the Yagya premises.

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Chunhat Waterfall will be developed as a tourist destination, tourist facilities will be developed

DN Palamu

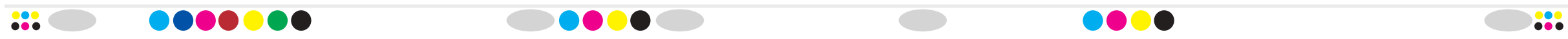
Palamu Deputy Commissioner Shashi Ranjan along with the district, subdivision, block and zone officials reached Kokadu (Chunhat) village of Bansdih Khurd Panchayat today. There, by organizing a public court, the public problems of the common people were heard and their solution was done. Many cases were disposed of immediately. At the same time, the cases which were not immediately solvable were assured to be resolved in the coming few days.

This positive effort of Deputy Commissioner Shashi Ranjan to reach among the villagers and hold a public court remained a topic of discussion among the local people. People were seen appreciating this effort of the district administration. They openly put forth their problems in front of the Deputy Commissioner



and other officials. The Deputy Commissioner also directly communicated with the public and understood their problems and solved them. Local public representatives and common people put forth things related to solving the problems of electricity in the village. The Deputy Commissioner talked to the electricity department engineer and assured the villagers that by April, the villagers will get uninterrupted electricity supply. He directed the electricity department engineer to supply electricity to the village on priority. The villagers informed the Deputy Commissioner about the road prob-

lem. The Deputy Commissioner assured to solve the road problem by establishing coordination with the forest department. The villagers raised the issue of building Anganwadi Center, Ulman 2 in the border area of the village. The villagers said that the Anganwadi building is being built in the border area of the village, if this construction is done in the middle of the village, then the children will be more benefited. The Deputy Commissioner assured for this and said that Anganwadi centers will be built in the middle of their village. On the demand of the villagers, the Deputy Commissioner and other senior officials appealed to the villagers to give up addiction. They said that addiction causes problems to them and their families. The villagers are being harmed by addiction. Everyone was given information about de-addiction. Under the Janta Darbar, a complaint of a child getting burnt was received. The Deputy Commissioner directed the Civil Surgeon to provide immediate health facility to the child.





# Make your Kitchen a sleek and stylish Space

**Your kitchen should be a sleek and stylish space. Here are some simple tips you need to keep in mind when you are choosing a modular kitchen.**

Yet stylish - that is what modular kitchens are all about. These kitchens not only make cooking convenient and efficient, they also make your kitchen look like a happier and fun place to be in. Modern modular kitchen furniture include various units of cabinets, each designed for a unique purpose, so it increases your efficiency. Pick one that has the most appropriate design to suit your particular needs. Here are some simple tips you need to keep in mind when you are choosing a modular kitchen...

**Know your Budget**

With the variety available these days, you could easily tend to overspend. So, it is best to decide on a budget before you go out shopping for your modular kitchen. There are small-budget kitchens also available that do not compromise on functionality. And of course, there are very high-budget kitchens that are glamorous.

**You need to plan well**

Measure the exact area and also keep in mind the layout and kind of space you have in your kitchen before you go out looking for a modular kitchen set-up. An important thing that you need to bear in mind is what your specific needs are — do you need a built-in hob, or would just a simple oven work? Do you need a microwave oven or grill? What kind of chimney do you want and how much space are you allocating for it? Would you opt for an L-shaped kitchen counter or would you need a kitchen island?

**Wood you?**



What would you choose — there is a variety of designs and materials available right from the more contemporary steel and glass, to the classic wood and stone. It would be wise to choose something that not just looks nice but is also sturdy and long-lasting. Another thing you need to keep in mind is that it should be easy to clean.

**Size it up**

Keep comfort in mind when you are selecting your modular kitchen. The cabinets that you get installed in your kitchen should be within your reach. You should be able to use them without straining yourself unnecessarily.

**Flashy or functional**

When you are selecting decorations and fixtures for your kitchen, you should ideally look for designs that are functional. The decorations should not obstruct your free movement in the kitchen.

**Does it Cater to your needs?**

Your modular kitchen should have cabinets and drawers that cater to your daily and specific cooking needs in the kitchen. Ideally, separate racks and storage units for your cutlery should be built. You should have your ovens and other electrical appliances fitted in according to your needs.

**Light right**

When you are getting your kitchen installed, make sure you know where you want the lights. If you have a large window in the kitchen, you should install your kitchen in a way that it does not get blocked — a dark kitchen area can hinder energies. It is a good idea to use accent lights, wherever needed. Under-cabinet lighting is also essential for your work area.

Beginners guide to Bonsai

# Bonsai

1. Anyone with the interest and little space for growing plants, even on a window-sill or balcony can build and enjoy Bonsai collection.

2. The 3 main techniques to grow your own Bonsai plants are growing, pruning and shaping.

**Growing-** select a tree from a nursery which has a thick trunk. take a small ceramic container to plant the bonsai - usually the depth of the pot should be equal to the thickness of the trunk of the plant. Place a plastic net at the base of the container, so that water can drain out. Now add the specially prepared bonsai soil made of garden soil, cow manure, broken brick pieces, sand and organic manure (available in the market). Trim 1/2 to 1/3rd of the existing roots of the plant. leaving most if the thin white roots (known as feeder roots) and some old thick roots. Plant the tree into the pot.

**NOTE-** materials matter, so if the soil good, the bonsai will take few months or even a year to grow, and two years for fruits to flower

**Pruning:** Generally, you have to prune the roots and the foliage. Pruning bonsais is one of the more enjoyable aspects of growing bonsais.

**Pruning roots:** Due to small containers, bonsai roots are stunted in growth. By pruning roots, you will ensure that there is space for the new roots to grow, which is critical for the health and growth of the bonsai. Prune roots twice a year and change the soil when it's done.

**Pruning Foliage:** This is vital for aesthetic purposes. Workout a specific design in the mind for your tree and shape it into the form you desire. Removing dead leaves help keep it healthy and beautiful.

**Shaping:** To create a desired shape, you can use a wire (copper wires are the best) to assist the branches to grow as per your design. Make sure that the wire is of the right thickness and does not break the branches. Hold the branch you are wiring in both hands and carefully wind the wire around it.

3. Select the plants which can be easily trimmed and shaped, and ones with a rough bark.

4. For the flower and fruit bonsais, four to five hours of direct sunlight is essential.

5. Avoid too much of watering. Alternate days are good enough.

6. Ready-made bonsais are available. Plant them into containers with the given steps

7. Bonsais are kept indoors, but a suitable place is on the window sill, balcony, terrace or a garden shelf. Avoid keeping them in an A/C room for long.

8. Although Bonsai trees can be grown from seeds ,



**You can make your bonsai into master pieces provided you follow the right techniques. We list down the basics of bonsai.**

more developed material is already available. Seedlings, cuttings or young trees with smaller leaves are usually preferred.



The many ways America first hurts global trade

When he visits Washington tomorrow, Narendra Modi would need to bank on the excellent personal relationship he enjoys with Donald Trump to stave off possibilities of higher tariffs on more exports from India.

The announcements signal a major escalation of Trump's strategy to dismantle the existing trade order and reshape relationships in keeping with his 'America First' policy. It supports the unilateral use of trade policy instruments to protect the 'American economy, the American worker, and national security interests'.

Trump's threat puts at serious risk the agreements on tariff liberalisation that the US entered into with WTO members while acceding to the multilateral trading system.

Thus, India imposes higher tariffs on major agriculture commodities, especially foodgrains, to ensure adequate availability at home, protect the livelihoods of small farmers and promote self-sufficiency.

India may also be targeted as the US president has directed his administration to investigate the causes of US's 'large and persistent annual trade deficits in goods, as well as the economic and national security implications and risks resulting from such deficits, and recommend appropriate measures, such as a global supplemental tariff or other policies, to remedy such deficits'.

The urgent need for a national skill census

India's demographic dividend is a fleeting opportunity that must be used in time. A few states have attempted a skill census, but the scale and complexity of a national one demand a concerted effort

India's demographic transition will see it emerge as the most populous nation in the working age group by 2030. However, while the overall unemployment rate is only 4.1 percent, youth unemployment remains a serious issue at above 12 percent.

In May 2021, the Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement was signed by India and the UK to facilitate legal movement of students and professionals. By 2024, cooperation was focused on scaffolding skills.

India and the UAE launched a pilot project to align India's skill development programmes with UAE's job requirements. The NSDC partnered with the UAE's Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation to standardise qualifications.

What hampered the pilot run of the app was data collection. To gather the information, the enumerators were supposed to make candidates login with authentication through OTP, but many candidates refused to cooperate and provide their OTPs to the enumerators, thereby slowing down the process.

Looking at these cases, we have been able to identify some



- main issues we face: 1. Existing skill mapping systems often rely on outdated or static data, limiting their ability to adapt to rapidly changing market demands. 2. Limited involvement of industries in designing skill training programmes results in a mismatch between training outcomes and market requirements.

The scale and complexity of a national skill census demand a concerted effort involving key stakeholders. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), NITI Aayog and state skill development missions must spearhead this initiative, supported by industry associations.

To ensure its success, the census must be executed over three years at an estimated cost of 3,000-5,000 crore.

A Skill India Commission must be established under the MSDE to oversee the census, which should be conducted biennially. A robust survey structure incorporating demographic data, skill categories, and employment trends is crucial.

Wilful violation: On the Tamil Nadu Governor's conduct

Cutting down on imports a big challenge

The Supreme Court of India's probing questions to the Tamil Nadu Governor, R.N. Ravi, have exposed a pattern of wilful violation of constitutional duty on his part. The questions related to the lawfulness of Mr. Ravi's act in referring to the President of India a set of Bills for which he had earlier 'withheld assent'.

President due to an apparent conflict with UGC Regulations, as these Bills seek to change the manner in which university vice-chancellors are appointed.



The A-G also maintained that when the Governor had earlier withheld assent, the Bills ceased to exist and the Assembly had presumed that these had been 'returned' by the Governor and adopted them a second time.

requirement to return a Bill does not hold good if the issue of repugnancy is noted. These arguments may appear fascinating in determining the right course of action to be followed by Governors in dealing with Bills, and the Bench, which has reserved its judgment, may come up with answers.

When the prime minister goes to Washington

Trump is yet to fill some key posts that have a bearing on India-US relations. For now, the two sides are talking at higher levels to reset the course

What do Indian prime ministers and US presidents talk about when they have summit meetings, which have become regular only in the last 25 of the 77 years since independence? Quite often, they lean on each other's shoulders to share experiences because it is quite lonely at the top for those holding high offices.

Barack Obama and Narendra Modi easily broke ice at their first meeting in the residential East Wing of the White House in September 2014, contrary to expectations among aides on both sides. They did this by effortlessly finding common ground as leaders of their respective countries who had stepped into high offices as rank outsiders in their capitals.

A quarter century later, the roles had been completely reversed. When Manmohan Singh went to Washington on a farewell visit for George W Bush, the president was a deeply troubled man. The global economic meltdown in 2008 had blemished Bush's legacy.

disastrous attempt to recreate this cradle of civilisation in America's image. As was typical of him, Singh gave Bush a lesson in economics without being patronising. After the prime minister left the White House, their spokesperson said at an informal gaggle that Bush had told Singh he felt comforted and at peace after their conversation.

It would be a mistake to be judgemental about Modi's ongoing meetings with Donald Trump solely based on the popular caricatures of the new White House occupant. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, who was the ambassador in Washington during Trump's visit to India in 2020, is on record that the incumbent president absorbs his talking points and retains the essence of briefings by his aides.

assistant secretary of state, career diplomat Eric Meyer is the 'senior bureau official' for South Asia. This is his second job at the moment—the first being as chargé d'affaires ad interim at the US embassy in Norway, which is his priority.



Rubio on January 20, probably because Rubio saw in Meyer's bio-data a stint many years ago as a senior adviser in the state department's South Asia bureau. Ahead of Modi's arrival in Washington, Meyer would have lacked institutional support within the state department.

In the commerce department, which provides significant inputs on trade tariffs, not a single senior employee has been confirmed by the Senate. Operationally, the most

important commerce post for India's interests would be the combined one of assistant secretary for global markets and director general of the US and Foreign Commercial Service; two successive appointees to the job in the recent past have been Indian Americans.

Trump has not even found a nominee for assistant secretary for Indo-Pacific security in the department of defence. It is pertinent to ask if these mid-level officials have any relevance when External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has been dealing with National Security Adviser Michael Waltz since December and has met Rubio twice.

This is not to rule out better India-US relations; but the meat in the relationship will take time to cook. If only because, right now, Trump has bigger priorities than India, which cannot make America great or rich, as his favourite slogan demands from the rest of the world.



# BJP has no intention of fulfilling promises made to Delhiites: Atishi

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**NEW DELHI.** Outgoing Chief Minister Atishi on Friday alleged that the BJP has no intention of fulfilling the promises made to the people of Delhi during the

assembly elections. She accused the BJP of only wanting to loot by making the excuse of financial crisis. She said that the AAP government has handed over a strong economy to the BJP in Delhi. "As the outgoing CM, today I want to present to the people of Delhi the economic growth that has taken place over the last 10 years so that during the BJP's tenure, they can't come up with excuses and must fulfill the promises made to the people," Atishi said. "The AAP government was formed in 2015. At that time, Delhi's total budget was Rs 31,000 crore—whereas in 2009, the budget was Rs 25,000 crore, which in five years increased by Rs 6,000 crore to reach Rs 31,000 crore. After the AAP government came to power, the budget further rose from Rs 31,000 crore in 2014-15 to Rs 77,000 crore in 2024-25," Atishi added. In such a situation, it is now the



responsibility of the BJP government to fulfill its promises and especially to fulfill the promise of giving Rs 2500 rupees per month to women in the first cabinet meeting. So that by March 8, the first installment of Rs 2500 reaches the accounts of women as per their promise, the caretaker CM said. Atishi said that the CAG had also admitted that Delhi is a Revenue Surplus State under the Kejriwal government. Notably, the outgoing Chief Minister had on Thursday claimed that

within 3 days of AAP being ousted from power in Delhi, more than 40 outages were reported from different areas of the city and people have now started buying inverters.

Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva, however, said that there is no power outage anywhere in Delhi and the only issue is that the acting CM and the power discoms have colluded in a way that unnecessary delays are being caused in fixing breakdowns here and there. Atishi, in a press conference, had slammed the BJP for its mismanagement, stating that Delhi, which once had a stable power supply, is now witnessing a situation akin to Uttar Pradesh, where frequent and prolonged power outages are common. She warned that if such blackouts are happening in February, the peak summer months could bring an even more severe electricity crisis.

## Part of Telangana secretariat falls on car, ministers demand probe into collapse

A portion of the newly constructed Telangana Secretariat building collapsed, damaging a parked vehicle and raising concerns over the structural integrity of the Rs 1,000 crore complex. The incident occurred late on Wednesday night when a section of the railing from the fifth floor of the South Block fell onto the new car of Ramagundam Agriculture Market Committee Chairman. Fortunately, there were no injuries as no people were present near the spot.

The Telangana government has taken a serious view of the cracks that have developed in different parts of the Dr BR Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat, which was inaugurated by the then chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao on April 30, 2023. Reports suggest that staff members have previously complained about leaking roofs and cracks forming on multiple floors of the building. The Secretariat, initially estimated to cost Rs 212 crore, saw its budget escalate beyond Rs 1,000 crore under the previous Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) regime. The then Roads and Buildings (R&B) department justified the increased expenditure, citing state-of-the-art facilities and a model administrative setup. However, recent lapses in construction quality have prompted strong reactions from government officials.

R&B Principal Secretary Vikas Raj expressed dissatisfaction over the lack of prompt reporting on the issue, instructing officials to submit a comprehensive report detailing construction deficiencies. Roads and Buildings Minister Komatreddy Venkat Reddy also criticised the developments and held the contracting agency, Shapoorji Pallonji, accountable for the situation. In response, Shapoorji Pallonji and Company Pvt Ltd clarified that the collapse was not due to construction defects but resulted from drilling for cables and lighting, which damaged the Glass Reinforced Concrete (GRC) frame.

## Impact of US immigration raids on Indians: What visa applicants need to know

**NEW DELHI.** The United States government, under the Donald Trump administration, launched a massive crackdown on illegal immigrants, deporting thousands of undocumented immigrants back to their countries. A flight with 109 Indians without documents landed in Amritsar and two other flights are expected to land in the next two days. The deportation of immigrants has raised concerns among people, leaving thousands anxious.

Even as India has agreed to take back all verified, there are concerns among those who are in the US or are pursuing avenues for immigration. The US immigration system continues to be one of the most sought-after globally, and while there are challenges, opportunities for lawful immigration still exist. Varun Singh, Managing Director of XIPHIAS Immigration, one of India's leading global immigration consultancies, recognised that the current climate can be unsettling for many applicants, both inside and outside the US. However, he noted that "it's crucial to understand that they do not target those pursuing legitimate legal avenues for immigration."

"For applicants in the US, it is essential to ensure that your visa status and documentation are in full compliance with US immigration law. This includes making sure that your visa has not expired and that you are adhering to the specific terms of your stay. Non-compliance can lead to severe consequences, including deportation.

If you are uncertain about your status or your next steps, it is strongly recommended to consult with an immigration expert immediately to evaluate your situation," Varun Singh said while speaking. People who are pursuing lawful immigration options have nothing to worry about as the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and other agencies are still processing legitimate applications. For such people, there are established legal pathways for those wishing to come to the US to work, study, or invest.

Given the change in administration in the US and the sweeping announcements that Trump administration continues to make, people are advised to stay updated any changes to immigration law or policy to avoid any complications.

## Two more US flights with illegal migrants to land in Punjab on February 15-16



**NEW DELHI.** Two more special flights from the United States carrying illegal Indian immigrants will land in Punjab's Amritsar over the weekend, according to a written communication sent by the Ministry of External Affairs to the Bureau of Civil Aviation. The development comes on a day Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised the issue with US President Donald Trump and underscored that India was fully prepared to take back "verified" citizens living in America illegally.

## Jamia students detained amid protest over action on PhD scholars for anti-CAA stir anniversary event

**NEW DELHI.** Several students from Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) were detained by Delhi Police on Thursday during a sit-in demonstration against the university's disciplinary action against two PhD scholars.

The protests, which began on Monday, was in response to the administration's action against two scholars accused of organising a demonstration last year to mark the anniversary of the 2019 anti-CAA protests. Students alleged that the disciplinary actions were unjust, prompting them to occupy the academic block in defiance.

In an official statement, JMI confirmed that the protesting students were removed from the campus with police assistance. The university accused them of disrupting academic activities, damaging property, and obstructing access to the Central Library and classrooms, especially with mid-semester exams approaching.

"A handful of students called for an unlawfully gathering in the academic block since the evening of February 10, 2025. They have not only disturbed peaceful conduct of classes in the academic block of the university but also prevented students from accessing the Central Library and attending classes at a time when mid-semester exams are about to begin," JMI stated.

The administration further alleged that the demonstrators vandalised campus property, including the central canteen, and forcibly broke the gate of the security advisor's office. It claimed that students violated university regulations and were found carrying "objectionable contraband items." Meanwhile, protesting students claimed their families were being contacted by the police after the university filed a complaint.

## Son, accomplice househelp held for father's murder over property dispute

**NEW DELHI.** A long-standing family dispute over property led to the murder of a 67-year-old man, allegedly planned by his son with the help of the family's servant, an official said on Thursday, adding that, the body was found in a gunny bag and in a decomposed state, officials said.

According to cops, Bharadwaj's son, Love Bharadwaj, was reportedly distressed over the possibility of being evicted from the family home due to his love marriage after his father sought legal intervention.

Fearful of losing his residence, Love conspired to kill his father. "Bharadwaj had left for Narela on his scooter on January 28 but never returned. During the investigation, it was found that he was last seen with his long-time servant, Jitender. A team interrogated multiple people and discovered that Bharadwaj had been visiting a rented flat where Jitender lived. Jitender and his son Vishal were found missing, and Vishal's phone was switched off," DCP (Outer North) Nidhin Valsan said.

Police traced a number linked to Vishal, which was active on social media. Using technical surveillance, Vishal was nabbed, and during questioning, he confessed to the crime. He revealed he, along with his father Jitender, had murdered Bharadwaj on January 28.

## Will leave Bangladesh to PM Modi: Trump junks 'deep state' meddling rumours

**Modi-Trump meet: The unrest in Bangladesh and the subsequent attacks on minority Hindus were among the topics discussed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his bilateral with Donald Trump.**

**NEW DELHI.** US President Donald Trump on Friday put an end to rumours of the US "deep state" interfering in the affairs of Bangladesh while putting the ball in the court of India to deal with its neighbour amid souring ties. The unrest in Bangladesh and the subsequent attacks on minority Hindus were among the topics discussed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his bilateral with Trump.

Responding to questions from reporters on the crisis in Bangladesh, Trump said, "There was no role for our (US) deep state. This is something that the Prime Minister has been working on for a long time and has been working on for



hundreds of years. I will leave Bangladesh to the Prime Minister." Trump's remark signals that the US won't intervene in the political landscape in Bangladesh, which has undergone several changes following violent student-led protests, leading to the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government. The daily affairs are now being overseen by an interim government led by

Muhammad Yunus, whose tenure has been marked by attacks on Hindus, imprisonment of monks, and vandalism of hundreds of temples. Trump had also raised the issue after winning the presidential polls last November, calling the violence against Hindus and Christians "barbaric".

Hasina had last year accused the US of orchestrating her ouster for refusing to allow a US airbase on St Martin's Island, a strategic location in the Bay of Bengal. At a press briefing later, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri delved into the subject, saying India hoped to "pursue relations in a constructive and stable way".

## Trump nod to extradite 26/11 attack accused Tahawwur Rana. What comes next?

**Government sources said all legal documents and warrants have been issued and shared with US authorities. Now that the US has given the green light, officials are finalising the date and time of Tahawwur Rana's transfer.**

**NEW DELHI.** President Donald Trump said he'd given the go-ahead to extradite Tahawwur Rana, accused in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, to India while hosting Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the White House on Thursday. Trump's decision follows a US Supreme Court ruling last month dismissing Rana's review petition, clearing the way for his extradition.

Addressing a joint press briefing with PM Modi, Trump said his administration had approved the extradition of one of the "very evil people" of the world.

"He is going to be going back to India to face justice," Trump said. "We're giving him back to India immediately," he added, noting that more such extraditions could follow as the US has "quite a few requests" from New Delhi.

Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri confirmed that the government is working on the logistics of Rana's surrender and extradition from the US. "This is an issue on which the US



authorities have taken very clear decisions," Misri said. "We are working on the logistics of his surrender and extradition to India. There are a few final steps to be completed. The two sides are in touch on this particular issue."

Government sources said all legal documents and warrants have been issued and shared with US authorities. Now that the US has given the green light, officials are finalising the date

and time of Rana's transfer. According to sources, the Ministry of External Affairs is coordinating with American counterparts, and a team from the National Investigation Agency (NIA) is expected to travel to the US once clearance is granted.

Indian officials are hopeful Rana will be brought back within weeks. Upon arrival, he will be produced before a special NIA court, where authorities plan to seek his custody for further questioning, sources said.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Modi praised Trump's decision to extradite Rana, likening the Mumbai attacks to "genocide" and pledging that "appropriate action" would be taken against him in Indian courts.

The joint India-US statement issued following PM Modi's meeting with Trump also reaffirmed both nations' commitment to combating terrorism and eliminating terrorist safe havens worldwide. "India and the US will stand strongly together in the fight against terrorism," PM Modi said.

# BJP's 10 major challenges in Delhi after historic win

**After a historic win in Delhi, BJP faces the challenge of fulfilling promises like cleaning the Yamuna, offering freebies, and improving infrastructure while balancing a tight budget.**

**NEW DELHI.** After securing a historic victory in Delhi, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) now faces its biggest challenge - fulfilling its ambitious electoral promises while balancing the state's financial health.

The party campaigned on issues like cleaning the Yamuna, tackling garbage piles, improving roads, water supply, and sanitation, while highlighting the unfulfilled promises of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). In its manifesto, the BJP promised to fulfil Arvind Kejriwal's incomplete pledges and offered several freebies. Now, with Delhi's voters ending the BJP's 27-year-long wait, the party faces the daunting task of delivering on these promises.

BJP's key promises include providing Rs 2,500 a month to poor women, Rs 21,000 one-time aid to pregnant women, LPG cylinders for the poor at Rs 500, and Rs

2,500 pension for senior citizens (Rs 3,000 for those over 70), and free education from kindergarten to postgraduate levels for children from poor families.

However, fulfilling these promises will be challenging given the limited budget and Delhi's financial situation, although BJP holding power at the Centre may ease the burden for BJP government in Delhi.

### DELHI'S FINANCIAL SITUATION

According to Delhi government data, the projected tax revenue for the state in 2024-25 is Rs 58,750 crore, while the total budget is Rs 76,000 crore. The education budget is Rs 16,396 crore, accounting for 22% of the total. Other significant expenditures include housing, urban development, healthcare,



transportation, and welfare programs. However, two-thirds of the budget is already allocated for salaries, pensions, and administrative costs, raising concerns about a potential deficit. By the end of this financial year, the expected revenue from taxes and other sources is estimated to drop from Rs 64,142 crore to Rs 62,415 crore. Looking at the BJP's electoral

promises, the scheme to provide Rs 2,500 financial aid per month to women is expected to cost around Rs 11,000 crore annually. Delhi has an estimated 24.4 lakh senior citizens, so, offering Rs 2,500 monthly (Rs 3,000 for those over 70) would require an additional Rs 4,100 crore per year.

### YAMUNA: A COSTLY CHALLENGE

The cost of cleaning the Yamuna alone has exceeded Rs 8,000 crore in recent years, but the river remains in a deplorable state in Delhi. Upgrading Delhi's government hospitals would require an estimated Rs 10,200 crore. Additionally, completing the third phase of the Delhi Metro expansion and developing the fourth phase will cost Rs 2,700 crore.



# Say hello to bouncy hair with these tips



Want big bouncy hair? Follow these tips for volume that stays...  
**A layered haircut gives a more voluminous look**  
 When your hair is cut in layers, it does not take a lot of weight on the strands on top and that is the reason they do not look flat and weighed down. And this kind of a haircut also helps to retain the shape given to thick hair at

the time of cutting, for a much longer time.  
**Stay clean and clear**  
 Product residue can weigh down your hair and make it look limp. Make sure that you are thorough with your cleansing.  
**Mix and match hair products**  
 After a wash, use a leave-in conditioner, then apply a serum. If you are blow-drying, then spritzing on a heat-protect serum makes

# Face cream

## ingredient may help slow down ageing

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

than 20 percent. Calorie restriction -- a reduction in calorie intake without malnutrition, has been found to slow down the ageing process in several animal models from worms to mammals, and developing drugs that can reproduce this effect, without the side effects, could have widespread human applications. "Calorie restriction has been shown to have health benefits in humans and, while more work is necessary, our findings could potentially result in human therapies for age-related diseases," said study lead author Joao Pedro de Magalhaes from University of Liverpool in Britain. To identify potential calorie restriction mimetic compounds, the team made use of existing molecular signatures from human cells and

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

treated with a variety of small-molecule drugs. The researchers found that worms treated with allantoin, rapamycin, trichostatin A and LY-294002 not only lived longer, but also stayed healthier. Molecular analysis of allantoin suggests it acts by a different mechanism from rapamycin, a well-known longevity drug. "Testing anti-ageing interventions in humans is not practical, so developing computational methods to predict longevity drugs is of great use," Shaun Calvert from University of Liverpool noted.

## Go from drab to fab in just a few minutes

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

Since you are getting dolled up within the office itself, the look should be one that uses only enough products that can fit into your tiny makeup pouch. One of the tips to keep in mind is not to experiment with makeup when you are in a hurry, rather stick to the tried and tested techniques. This step-by-step guide can help you transform in a matter of minutes.  
**Wash off the day's grime with a scrub**  
 Begin on a clean canvas. After working the whole day, your face needs a good wash, so use a gentle face scrub to clean it up and remove all remnants of makeup.  
 Use a light-reflecting moisturiser and

under your eye with the base of your triangle, parallel to your lower eyelid. Then blend it gently with a brush or fingers.  
**Define your eyes**  
 Use a black kohl or an eyeliner in some cool colour to line your upper lashes. Or try your favourite tried-and-tested (avoid experimenting with eyeliner if you are in a hurry) cat-eye look with a black gel liner. Then use an eyelash curler and once curled, apply a few coats of mascara to open up your eyes. Let dry between coats to avoid clumpy lashes.  
**Sculpt your face**



primer  
 A generous application of a light-reflecting moisturiser will soften your skin. Priming your face is the next important step before you apply a foundation.  
**Choose a good base**  
 Apply a light foundation with your brush if your skin is blemish-free. If not, then choose one that gives good coverage. Brushes are quick and give an even finish much faster than when you apply by hand.  
 Cover up with concealer  
 Use a mineral concealer with light reflecting properties to disguise under-eye dark circles. Apply this in a triangular patch



Use a bronzer and blush in tandem to cut and shape your face. This also helps to slim down your face and gives the cheeks some definition.  
**Embrace bold lips**  
 Dark red lips spell party like nothing else can. Outline with a lip pencil first and then fill in colour with a lip brush. This is extremely important if you are applying dark colours. If not properly lined, it could ruin your look.  
**Opt for a quick blow-dried look**  
 Brush and spritz some spray to plump up your hair. Use a paddle brush to lift your hair and backcomb a few sections to get extra volume.

## Home remedies for hair fall in winter season

Using curd and lemon, or getting a hot oil massage during winter months, can prevent hair fall and dandruff, says an expert. Rahul Agarwal, CEO, Organic Harvest, has shared home remedies:  
 - **Curd and lemon:** This combination helps you to reduce hair fall and acts as a natural conditioner during the winter season. It cures dryness of the scalp and reduces dandruff. Squeeze a few drops of lemon in curd and apply on your hair as a mask. Let it dry and then rinse.  
 - **Hot oil massage:** To regain strength and shine of your hair, massage your scalp with hot oil. It nourishes the hair skin and helps your scalp against winter winds.



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

content and strengthens your hair. It opens the follicles of hair so that they can absorb more nutrients. Above all, steam helps in healthy hair growth, reduces hair fall and makes them shine.  
 - **Neem and coconut oil:** It acts as anti-fungal oil against the fungus that affects scalp, which makes it red and extremely itchy. Neem and coconut oil together becomes an antiseptic against dandruff and scalp irritation.  
 - **Neem paste and curd:** A mix of neem leaf paste with curd, when applied on the scalp reduces hair fall, prevents the greying and boosts up hair growth.



## NEWS BOX

## Kylian Mbappe returns to France squad for Nations League quarter-final: Deschamps

**New Delhi.** France head coach Didier Deschamps has confirmed that Real Madrid star forward Kylian Mbappe will return to the national team squad for their upcoming UEFA Nations League quarter-final clash against Croatia in March. The French captain was left out of France's Nations League group-stage matches in November, but his recent resurgence in form at Real Madrid has earned him a recall. Mbappe's highly anticipated move to Real Madrid initially got off to a slow start, leading Deschamps to give him time to adjust before ultimately omitting him from France's matches against Italy and Israel. However, speaking at a recent press conference, Deschamps stated that the forward's return was fully justified given his improving performances. "Of course, he (Mbappe) will be there. Why wouldn't he be?" Deschamps said. Yes, for very specific



reasons (leaving him out in November) But he will be there, if nothing happens to him between now and then. He is very attached to the French team, even if he has had a complicated personal period. He has found all his means and, inevitably, it shows in his game, and in his head too," he added.

With 48 goals in 86 international appearances, Mbappe remains France's most potent attacking option. Despite his initial struggles in Madrid, the 26-year-old has gradually regained form, scoring 23 goals in 35 matches across all competitions this season. His impact was further highlighted in Real Madrid's recent UEFA Champions League Round of 16 first-leg victory over Manchester City, where he netted a crucial goal. Mbappe's return to the France squad comes at a crucial time as Les Bleus aim to secure a place in the Nations League semifinals.

## Calvin Kattar aiming to finish 'unfinished business' in UFC featherweight division

**New Delhi.** For Calvin Kattar, the last few years have been tough. Once a top contender in the UFC's featherweight division and having an incredibly close fight with Max Holloway, the Boston Finisher looked to continue his dream run in the weightclass. However, losses to Josh Emmett and Arnold Allen derailed his momentum. The Allen fight saw Kattar suffer an ACL injury, which put him out of action for 8 months.

Upon his return, the Boston Finisher faced Aljamain Sterling but faced defeat once again. Despite the various setbacks, Kattar remains confident that he can still make a comeback and be a contender once again for the title. But standing in front of him is the up



and coming Youssef Zalal, who is on a 3-fight winning streak in the division. Speaking to Indiatoday.in ahead of his fight at UFC Fight Night 251, Kattar opened up on his unfinished business in the featherweight division, overcoming adversities and what he is hoping to do in the Zalal fight.

Excerpts from interview with Calvin Kattar: India Today: Last year has been pretty tough for you with the ACL injury and your loss in the barn burner with Max Holloway. How were you able to keep yourself focused? Kattar: Setbacks only motivate me more, so it's just how I respond to things. The last few years have been a push, but I'm ready to go and get my hand raised come Saturday. India Today: Your opponent, Youssef, recently said he's not taking you lightly despite what's happened recently, because he knows how much you've done in this division. What's your take on that?

Kattar: That's smart because I'm not taking him lightly either. I don't take anyone lightly that steps across from me in the octagon. They've done enough to get to that point, and they deserve my respect. So I'm definitely not taking him lightly. It's going to make for a hell of a co-main event, and I'm excited to go out there and do what I need to do to get my hand raised.

## IPL teams' involvement will not affect Pakistan players in Hundred: ECB chief executive

← **Indian Premier League's involvement in the Hundred would not affect the participation of Pakistani players in the tournament, said ECB chief executive Richard Gould. 4 IPL teams recently bought stakes in the competition.**

**New Delhi.** England and Wales Cricket Board chief executive Richard Gould said that there will be no impact on the participation of Pakistan players in the upcoming seasons of the Hundred now that Indian Premier League team owners have bought franchises in the tournament. Four IPL franchises won bids to buy stakes in 4 Hundred teams. Mumbai Indians, Lucknow



SuperGiants, SunRisers Hyderabad, and Delhi Capitals placed the winning bids and bought Oval Invincibles, London Spirit, Northern Superchargers, and Southern Brave, respectively. With IPL teams buying four franchises in the tournament, it continued the trend of IPL expanding its reach across the world. IPL teams have stakes in the CPL, SA20, and even the MLC.

According to an ESPNcricinfo report, the exposure of Pakistan players to IPL-owned teams has been limited over the last few years. Asked about this ahead of the 5th edition of the tournament, ECB chief executive Gould stressed that, in the Hundred, the involvement of top Pakistan players will not decrease in the next few years. "We're aware of that in other regions,"

Gould told ESPNcricinfo about Pakistan players' limited exposure in IPL-owned teams in other tournaments; "but that won't be happening here," he added. The ECB chief executive also said that while the league would like to have Indian players in the competition, they understood the BCCI's firm stand on not allowing contracted cricketers to play outside the country. Recently, players like Dinesh Karthik and Unmukt Chand have played in franchise leagues outside of India, but that came after they quit Indian cricket. "In terms of availability of Indian players, that is not factored into our plans. The BCCI's position has been very clear. At some point, we'd love to see Indian players come and play in England. We currently see them, obviously, in bilaterals and actually quite a lot in county cricket. But that's not something that we have predetermined through this process," Gould said.

The Hundred's 5th season is set to start on August 5, with the final scheduled to be played on 31st of the same month. The tournament will start on the very next day after the conclusion of India's 5-match Test tour of England.

## PAK vs NZ, final: Pakistan eye tri-series title in Champions Trophy opener rehearsal

**New Delhi.** Pakistan will look to assess their strength at home before the Champions Trophy, and they have a great opportunity to do so when they take on New Zealand in the ODI tri-series final at the National Stadium on Friday, February 14. The hosts appeared down and out after being hammered by the Black Caps in the series opener in Lahore. However, they secured a place in the final with a record-breaking chase of 353 against South Africa on Wednesday in Karachi. For both Pakistan and New Zealand, this final serves as the perfect dress rehearsal ahead of their high-stakes Champions Trophy opener. The two teams will meet at the same venue for their Group A clash on 19 February.

Pakistan must have breathed a sigh of relief after their emphatic victory over South Africa, as failing to reach the ODI tri-series final at home would have intensified scrutiny on the team. That win reinforced their status as serious contenders for the Champions Trophy. If they can overcome a well-drilled New Zealand side on Friday, they will head



into the eight-team tournament as one of the favourites. Pakistan appeared overly reliant on Fakhar Zaman at the top of the order after Saim Ayub was ruled out due to injury. Fakhar's 69-ball 84 was the lone bright spot in their unsuccessful chase of 331 against New Zealand, with the team limping to 250 after his dismissal. However, in their record chase against South Africa, Mohammad Rizwan and Salman Ali Agha stole the show. Both batters struck centuries, sharing a remarkable 260-run partnership that signalled the middle order's readiness for the challenges ahead.

CAN BABAR DELIVER A BIG KNOCK?

Pakistan will be hoping for a substantial contribution from former captain Babar Azam. While he has been consistently chipping in, the lack of a big score has been a point of concern.

Confirming that Babar will continue to open in Saim's absence, captain Rizwan backed his teammate to regain peak form soon. Pakistan will be hoping that the star batter rises to the occasion in the final.

"What's the issue with Babar Azam? He has achieved so much that people expect him to score a hundred in every match. He has built a big reputation. But if you look at him objectively, he is still making valuable contributions," Rizwan told the press in Karachi on Thursday, 13 February. Facing New Zealand's well-balanced bowling attack is the ideal test for Pakistan before the Champions Trophy. At the same time, Pakistan will want their bowlers, especially the pace spearheads -- Shaheen Afridi and Naseem Shah -- to strike form before the big tournament.

## Diego Schwartzman fights tears as home crowd bids emotional farewell

**New Delhi.** Argentine tennis star Diego Schwartzman could not hold back his tears as he received an emotional farewell from his home crowd in Buenos Aires. The stadium erupted with chants of his name ahead of the final point of his career before he was knocked out in the second round of the Argentina Open. Schwartzman, a former Top 10 player, bowed out with a straight-sets defeat to Spain's Pedro Martinez, 2-6, 2-6, but the moment was about much more than the match itself -- it was a heartfelt goodbye to a beloved national icon. The 32-year-old had announced in May last year that he would retire from professional tennis in Buenos Aires, making his final appearance at the Argentina Open all the more special. The home crowd showered him with immense support, creating an unforgettable atmosphere in the stands. Argentine tennis greats Gabriela Sabatini and Guillermo Coria were present to witness Schwartzman's farewell match, further



highlighting his impact on the country's tennis history. "Something a lot of people spoke about was my height, 170 centimetres. I didn't like that during my career, because many times when I was playing good tournaments, everyone was asking me how I did it and how I was going to win the next match," Schwartzman said. "I had to work so hard off the court so that my opponents did not feel I had less power or my movements

were shorter or anything. For sure, I know that height is a very important thing when playing tennis. But more than 50 per cent of the way you win matches comes from what you do away from the court," he added. Spanish legend Rafael Nadal also sent a heartfelt message to Schwartzman, congratulating him on a remarkable career and acknowledging his contributions to the sport. Throughout his time on the ATP Tour, Schwartzman gained admiration not just for his skill but also for his determination and resilience. "Congratulations Diego Schwartzman on your great race! You have been a great example of struggle and overcoming and I am glad that we have shared so many moments on the circuit. Enjoy your next stage!" Nadal said. Standing at just 5'7", Schwartzman defied the odds in a sport often dominated by taller players. His peak came in 2020 when he reached a career-high world ranking of No. 8, proving himself as one of the most consistent and



Australia in the Champions Trophy 2025, also made two changes in the bowling line-up. Left-arm pacer Ben Dwarshuis and young leg-spinner Tanveer Sangha were named for their second and third ODI appearances, respectively. The bowling pair replaced fast bowlers Spencer Johnson and Nathan Ellis in the second game, with the visitors expecting spin to take over in the final match of the series. It meant that Hardie, Sean Abbott, and swing-bowler Dwarshuis were the only pace options in the side, while Australia brought in a host of full-time and part-time spinners in Adam Zampa, Tanveer Sangha, Matthew Short, Travis Head, and Glenn Maxwell. Australia is grouped with England, Afghanistan, and South Africa in the Champions Trophy. Barring England, who only have Adil Rashid as a full-time spinner in their line-up, Australia will face well-recognized spinners in the rest of their matches.

## Rachin Ravindra few more steps away from being fit: New Zealand coach Gary Stead

← **New Zealand head coach Gary Stead confirmed that Rachin Ravindra is still recovering from his facial injury, raising concerns over his availability for the Champions Trophy opener against Pakistan on February 19.**

**New Delhi.** New Zealand head coach Gary Stead has revealed that star batter Rachin Ravindra is yet to regain full fitness after sustaining an injury during the first match against Pakistan in the ongoing Tri-Nation Series. While Ravindra recently took part in a brief net session, Stead emphasised that his recovery remains a slow and cautious process. Speaking to the BlackCaps' social media page ahead of their Tri-Series final

against Pakistan on February 14, Stead provided a fresh update on Ravindra's condition. He mentioned that the young all-rounder is still dealing with headaches but is gradually improving. The team management is closely monitoring his progress, especially with the Champions Trophy approaching, where New Zealand will face co-hosts Pakistan in the tournament opener on February 19.

"Rachin obviously got that nasty blow in Lahore to the forehead. The pleasing thing is he's progressing well. So, we are following HIA protocols at the moment. He's had a headache for a few days, but that's subsiding, which is really good news. He hit a few balls tonight for the first time, which is good. But there's still a few more steps for him to go through before he will be considered fit for play," Stead said.



during the 38th over of Pakistan's innings. Positioned at deep square leg, he misjudged a high sweep shot from Khushdil Shah and was struck directly on the face. The impact caused profuse bleeding near his eye, and he was immediately taken off the field, with the

team's physio covering his face with a towel to stop the heavy bleeding.

Apart from Ravindra, Stead also provided an update on experienced pacer Lockie Ferguson, who injured his hamstring during the ILT20. Unlike Ravindra, Ferguson is making steady progress and has been actively participating in net sessions, increasing his chances of featuring in the Champions Trophy. "And Lockie has been out there. He has had a couple of bowls since he has been here, so the intensity was up a little bit more tonight. Pleased with how he's tracking and certainly will look to have him playing in one of the next two games," Stead added. Before beginning their Champions Trophy campaign, New Zealand will play a warm-up match against Afghanistan on February 16 at the National Stadium in Karachi. The team will be hoping for positive updates on Ravindra's fitness as they prepare for the marquee tournament.

# Yami Gautam

Yami Gautam discusses her powerful monologue on women's struggles in Netflix's Dhoom Dhaam.

## REACTS To Her Viral Monologue From Dhoom Dhaam: 'As A Woman, You'll Resonate With It'

Yami Gautam, in an exclusive conversation with News18 Showsha, opened up about the powerful, viral monologue on women's empowerment featured in her upcoming Netflix film Dhoom Dhaam. In a stirring address, Yami's character Koyel talks about the daily struggles women face — ranging from relentless harassment and catcalling to the pressure of marriage and the expectation to bear children. She touched upon the harsh reality that if a girl child is born, women are often pressured even further to have more children. The monologue also highlights how societal norms force women to face discomfort by dressing in heavy, concealing clothing despite soaring temperatures. Her character does not even shy away from discussing even more disturbing issues, such as the unsolicited explicit images sent by some men.

Speaking of the scene that Yami delivered in one take, she explained, "In my head, it's never choreographed like there are going to be any multiple takes or multiple shots. It has to be delivered right in the first go and preferably, in first take, I think your first is always your best. Some actors warm up and eventually they get the right emotion. But, that's absolutely to each his own. I feel my best comes in the first two takes, preferably the first take,



especially when something is really coming from your heart, something which you're really feeling it. So you, and you can't fake it. Being a woman, somewhere, some of us resonate with it — may not be the entire monologue, but two lines from it. You will resonate with it. You connect with it. It's an amalgamation of trying to keep all those emotions balanced and to hear as many perspectives as you can and roll into one."

Yami also spoke about how Pratik Gandhi's natural reaction to the monologue led to a small improvisation. She added, "The way he's reacted, there's a very small improvisation. And that happened because of his reaction. That line was not there. 'Idhar udhar kya dekh rahe ho'?" Dhoom Dhaam will drop on Netflix on February 14.

# Mrunal Thakur

## Makes An Impression In A Bold Printed Midi Dress

Bollywood actress Mrunal Thakur never fails to impress with her impeccable fashion sense, and her latest Instagram post is proof of that. The actress shared a series of mesmerizing pictures from Mumbai, showcasing her effortlessly chic style in a stunning printed dress by designer Saaksha & Kinni. The outfit, a white midi dress adorned with bold, artistic prints in blue, yellow, and red hues, exudes a perfect blend of contemporary aesthetics and artistic expression. With a structured bodice and a flared silhouette, the dress highlights Mrunal's graceful figure while adding a playful touch to her overall look. She completed her ensemble with elegant accessories from Lusso Jewels and was styled by Sheefa Gilani.

Mrunal kept her makeup minimal, letting her natural glow shine through. Her hair was styled in a sleek updo, adding an air of sophistication to her outfit. The post, captioned "glowy ✨," truly encapsulated her radiant aura. Fans quickly flooded the comment section with praise, admiring her effortless elegance and timeless beauty. One of them wrote, "How can a person be so cute and attractive?? You should pay TAX for this attractiveness." Another one commented, "Looking so elegant." Someone else said, "Gorgeous!" A fan also stated, "Fabulous!"



Talking about her professional commitments, Mrunal will next be seen in Pooja Meri Jaan, directed by Navjot Gulati. The film is backed by Dinesh Vijan and Amar Kaushik under the Maddock Films banner. Initially

planned for a November 2024 release, the film was later pushed to early 2025. Pooja Meri Jaan also stars Huma Qureshi in a key role.

Apart from this, Mrunal will explore comedy in Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai. The film pairs her with Varun Dhawan and is directed by David Dhawan. This marks the fourth collaboration between Varun and his father.

Another much-anticipated film in Mrunal's lineup is Dacoit where she will make her debut in the action genre. She will star opposite Adivi Sesh. Directed by Shaneil Sesh, the action drama follows the journey of an angry convict, who meticulously plots revenge against his former girlfriend after being betrayed by her. The film is being produced by Supriya Yarlagadda and co-produced by Suniel Narang.

## Samay Raina CANCELS Gujarat Shows Amid Ranveer Allahbadia's 'Parents Sex' Comment Controversy



Amid the controversy regarding Ranveer Allahbadia's recent comments on India's Got Latent, the maker of the show, comedian Samay Raina, has reportedly cancelled his Gujarat shows. The Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Wednesday claimed that the stand-up comedian is no longer scheduled to perform in the state and his show tickets have been taken down from the platform BookMyShow.

VHP spokesperson Hitendrasinh Rajput claimed that Raina had planned four shows in the state. Reportedly, he was supposed to perform in Surat on April 17, in Vadodra on April 18 and in Ahmedabad on April 19 and 20.

"It appears all these four shows have been cancelled due to public outrage against him in Gujarat. Though tickets for these shows were available till morning (of Wednesday) on BookMyShow, it seems they have been now taken down from the portal," Rajput claimed, as quoted by Hindustan Times.

In another statement, VHP regional secretary Ashvin Patel also claimed that the organisers decided to cancel Raina's shows due to the recent



controversy. "In view of the anger among people, it appears organisers have cancelled Samay Raina's upcoming shows in Gujarat. We are thankful to the people of Gujarat for showing such alertness. I also ask organisers to refrain from organising events of such people in Gujarat," he said.

This comes at a time when Samay Raina has been facing backlash for Ranveer Allahbadia's recent comments on India's Got Latent. Allahbadia, also known as BeerBiceps, during a recent episode of the show, allegedly asked a contestant an inappropriate question involving body parts and proposed an indecent act in exchange for Rs 2 crore.

## Simone Ashley Seeks Wedding Date In Prime Video's 'Picture This' Trailer



Amazon MGM Studios has unveiled the trailer for Picture This, starring Simone Ashley and Hero Fiennes Tiffin. The romantic comedy, directed by Parthana Mohan, premieres on Prime Video on March 6.

The film follows Pia (Ashley), a struggling photographer who is told she'll find love within her next five dates. Her family enthusiastically takes on the role of matchmaker—just as her ex, Charlie (Fiennes Tiffin), unexpectedly reappears in her life.

The trailer teases emotional moments between the leads. "I thought being independent meant being alone," Ashley's character says. "But taking photos made me realize the kind of life that I wanted to have." In another scene, Fiennes Tiffin's Charlie confesses, "I still think about you, Pia." When she doesn't respond, he presses, "You just drew that out of me. You're not going to respond to it?" Watch the trailer, here.

The cast also includes Sindhu Vee, Luke Fetherston, Nikesh Patel, Adil Ray, Anoushka Chadha, and Phil Dunster. Picture This is based on the 2024 Australian rom-com Five Blind Dates, with a script by Nikita Lalwani. Ben Pugh and Erica Steinberg serve as producers.

Ashley, known for her roles in Bridgerton and Sex Education, will also appear in the upcoming racing film F1, starring Brad Pitt and Damson Idris. The film's teaser debuted during the Super Bowl pre-game show.

Fiennes Tiffin, recognised for the After film series, has also starred in Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince and Guy Ritchie's The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare (2024).