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In Shorts

Gyanesh Kumar took over as Chief Election Commissioner



New Delhi: Newly appointed Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar took over as the 26th Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) on Wednesday morning. Earlier, he was appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner on Monday. Former Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar retired on 18 February.

After taking over this morning, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said that the first step to national service is voting. Every citizen of India, who has completed 18 years of age, must vote.

Politics on Maha Kumbh is not right: Yogi



Lucknow/Prayagraj: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday answered questions being raised about the preparations and organization of Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj. Attacking the opposition, CM Yogi said in the assembly, politics on Kumbh is not right. Maha Kumbh is not a party program.

He said that it is a crime to organize Sanatan with grandeur, if it is, then our government is doing it and will do it in future too. Kumbh is mentioned in the Puranas even 5 thousand years ago. He said that SP leaders knew about Akbar's fort, but were unaware of the importance of Akshayvat and Saraswati Koop. This is their general knowledge about Maha Kumbh and Prayagraj.

Rekha Gupta will be Delhi's CM, Pravesh Verma will be Deputy CM

Swearing-in ceremony of the new cabinet today...

The swearing-in ceremony of the new Chief Minister of Delhi and the new cabinet will be held today on 20 February at Ramliya Maidan. The ceremony will begin at 11 am. Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena will administer the oath to the nominated Chief Minister and the cabinet at 12.35 pm.

Delhi: Delhi has got a new Chief Minister. Rekha Gupta's name has been approved in the BJP Legislature Party meeting. Pravesh Verma, who is leading in the race for CM in the new government, will be the Deputy CM. At the same time, Vijender Gupta, MLA from Rohini, will be the Speaker of the Delhi Assembly.

Rekha Gupta and Verma will take oath in a grand ceremony at Ramliya Maidan at 12:30 pm on Wednesday. The cabinet will also be sworn in with them.

The BJP high command had appointed senior leaders OP Dhankhar and Ravi Shankar Prasad as observers for the Legislature Party meeting.

BJP has won a big victory in Delhi after 26 years. In the results that came on



February 8, BJP got 48 seats out of 70. The name of the CM has been announced 11 days after the results. The opposition Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) was constantly raising questions about the delay.

Since the election results, there was discussion of many names for CM in BJP. The most talked about person was Pravesh Verma. Verma defeated Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal from New Delhi seat. He is the son of former CM Sahib Singh Verma.

Big change in Delhi politics

This is a big change in Delhi politics. The AAP led by Arvind Kejriwal had formed the government three times in a row, but this time the BJP has returned to power. Rekha Gupta will now have to set a new direction for the capital and live up to the expectations of the public. She will face many challenges, but the party and her supporters are confident that she will take Delhi's development to new heights during her tenure.

Delhi Stampede: Why sell extra tickets? Court reprimanded everyone

- ▶ Hearing in Delhi stampede case in High Court.
- ▶ Orders to investigate the sale of platform tickets.
- ▶ Now this matter will be heard on March 27.

New Delhi: In a PIL regarding the recent stampede at New Delhi Railway Station, the Delhi High Court asked the Railways to fix the maximum number of passengers and investigate the sale of platform tickets. **The bench ordered an investigation**

A bench of Chief Justice DK Upadhyay and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela ordered that the issues raised in the petition be investigated at the highest level



in the Railway Board and after that an affidavit should be filed by the respondent, giving details of the decisions that can be taken by the Railway Board. **Now the next hearing will be on March 26**

The court said that the PIL is not limited to the recent stampede incident, as it demands

implementation of existing legal provisions regarding the maximum number of passengers in a coach and sale of platform tickets. If the legal provisions were implemented adequately, such stampede incidents could have been avoided. The matter will be heard on March 26. **The issues will be considered at the highest level**

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said that the matter was not taken in an adversarial manner and the Railways is bound to follow the law. He said that this was an unprecedented situation and assured the court that the issues raised in the PIL would be considered at the highest level.

Horror road accident in Giridih, 6 people died in a tragic collision between Scorpio and bike

Giridih: A horrific accident has taken place on Dumri-Giridih road. There has been a tremendous collision between a bike and a Scorpio here. Six people have died in the incident. Four of the dead were riding on the Scorpio and the rest were riding on the bike. This incident is of Lattakatto of Madhuban police station area.

It is said that on Tuesday midnight, the Scorpio and the bike were coming from the opposite direction. During this time, the Scorpio driver lost his balance due to the light and first hit the bike rider and then collided with a tree.



Dumri SDPO Sumit Kumar got information about the incident. On receiving the information, the police of Madhuban police station was sent to the spot.

The police, who reached the spot on receiving the information, took out the body from the vehicle with

great difficulty. SDPO Sumit Kumar has confirmed the incident. SDPO Sumit Kumar has said that six people have lost their lives. Four of the dead were riding on the Scorpio and two on the bike. Only one body could not be identified in this incident.

Garhwa of Jharkhand again tops the performance index of NITI Aayog

Garhwa: Garhwa district has again topped the performance index of NITI Aayog. Garhwa district has received an award of Rs 3 crore from NITI Aayog for excellent performance in agriculture and water resources sector. This award has been given for better performance in agriculture and water resources sector under the Aspirational District Program of NITI Aayog. **Award for outstanding performance in 2024**

Under the Aspirational District Program, NITI Aayog monitors



the progress of districts in five major areas like education, health and nutrition, infrastructure, agriculture and water resources, financial inclusion and skill development. Additional resources (prize money) are provided as incentives to the districts performing excel-

lently in these areas, so that development works can be conducted more effectively. This award has been given to Garhwa district for the excellent performance done in March 2024. According to the standards of NITI Aayog, in the Aspiring District Program, Garhwa district has performed better in all five subjects - health and nutrition, education, agriculture and water resources, financial inclusion and skill development and infrastructure in March 2024 as compared to February 2024.

The progress of the district has been remarkable especially in the agriculture and water resources sector. In February 2024, Garhwa was ranked 26th in this area, while improving it, it reached the second position in March 2024.

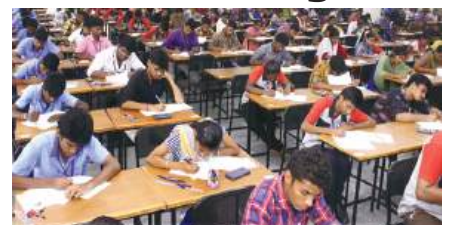
The DC said that in the year 2023-24 also, Garhwa district had received three crore rupees as a reward. It is being used in the construction of changing rooms, toilets and goal posts in the playgrounds constructed by MNREGA in various blocks of the district.

CBSE: Now the 10th board exam will be held twice a year

New Delhi: CBSE i.e. Central Board of Secondary Education is preparing to make major changes in its examination system. In such a situation, CBSE has decided that the children will have to give the 10th board examination to be held in the year 2026 twice a year. In such a situation, if a student is unable to take the exam for some reason or he falls ill, then he can take the exam for the second time. The draft of this decision will be released soon. Suggestions will be sought from the people on this draft.

Recently, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan held a meeting with the Training Council (NCERT), Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS), National Educational Research, CBSE officials and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS). In this meeting, the proposed changes were thoroughly reviewed. In such a situation, according to the information received, it will be made public on the coming Monday i.e. 24 February.

Quoting an official, the report said that CBSE is trying to create an education environment through giving opportunities for several efforts, which puts more emphasis on increasing the ability of children to think and understand rather than memorize. Apart from this, according to the Times of India report, for its 260 foreign schools, CBSE will also introduce a global curriculum from the 2026-27 aca-



demical year. CBSE is also investing in teacher training in this new assessment model to bring about a smooth transition.

Highlighting the importance of these reforms, Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had said that this is a necessary step to create a stress-free education environment. He further said that examination reform and change is an important step in this direction. This reform will help in reducing exam related stress. Along with this, it will ensure a balanced assessment system. **CBSE issued guidelines for schools**

CBSE has issued strict guidelines for schools giving feedback on class 10 and 12 board examinations. In this, schools will have to upload feedback on the OECMS portal on the day of examination. In such a situation, late responses given by the schools will not be considered. For additional questions from schools, CBSE has asked them to email qobservation@cbseishiksha.in. Let us tell you that this year more than 42 lakh students in India and abroad are going to appear in CBSE board examinations at 7,842 centers.

BJP protests in Kolkata over West Bengal CM's Mrityukumbh statement, Akhilesh comes in support of Mamata

Kolkata: There is a ruckus over West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee's Mrityukumbh statement. SP chief Akhilesh Yadav has come out in support of Mamata's statement. BJP has retaliated and called it an insult to Hindus. On the other hand, BJP workers in Kolkata protested against CM Mamata Banerjee over her Mrityukumbh statement. West Bengal BJP President Dr Sukanta Majumdar said that there should be protests across the country against the way Mamata Banerjee has insulted Hindus and Hinduism. We have written a letter to the Governor to take action in this matter.

What West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee said was right: Akhilesh Yadav

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said that what West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee said was right.



People of her state have also died. He said that a large number of people from other states including Bengal have lost their lives. He alleged that even FIRs are not being registered. Devotees have been coming for centuries, Kumbh has been going on since ancient times.

Whose responsibility was it to make the arrangements? When CM Yogi said that arrangements have been made for 100 crore people, people's confidence increased. **BJP is taking advantage of public sentiments**

Akhilesh Yadav said that when he (Yogi) invited celebrities and other famous people, people believed that the arrangements would be good. But this did not happen. He alleged that BJP is taking advantage of public sentiments. This Kumbh saw the highest number of missing cases, the highest number of deaths, the highest number of people fell ill. Samajwadi Party MP Awadhesh Prasad said that these are Mamata Banerjee's views but there have been many deaths in Maha Kumbh... the whole country is demanding an account of this.

News In Brief

Uncontrolled bus overturned in Dhubadiha of Chakradharpur, 8 passengers injured

Chakradharpur: A bus named Rahul Gaurav lost control and overturned near Dhubadiha village between Beguna-Lota Pahad and Punipada Sarjamahatu-Devanvir. Eight passengers were injured when the bus overturned. The incident took place at 10 am. The driver was going to Chakradharpur with a bus full of passengers. During this, the bus went out of control and overturned in Dhubadiha village. After the incident, the injured were given first aid in a private hospital. On receiving information about this, Sonua police station reached the spot and took the damaged bus into their possession and started further action. The injured are undergoing treatment.

Deputy Development Commissioner Gumla inspects various schemes in Badri Panchayat

Gumla: DDC, Gumla Shri Dileshwar Mahatto inspected various schemes run by the Central and State Government in Badri Panchayat of Ghaghra block. During the inspection, the progress of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Abua Awas Yojana), MNREGA, Birsa Irrigation Well Enhancement Scheme and Mango Horticulture Scheme was reviewed. During the inspection, the DDC interacted with the beneficiaries and inquired about the status of implementation of the schemes and gave necessary guidelines to the concerned officials. He directed the officials to maintain transparency and quality in the implementation of the schemes, so that the beneficiaries can get maximum benefit of the schemes. The concerned Block Development Officer, Panchayat representatives and officials of the concerned departments were present during the inspection. The DDC said that it is the priority of the administration to ensure that the benefits of the schemes run by the government in the area reach the last person.

District level water and sanitation committee meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner

DN ■ Ramgarh

A meeting of the District Level Water and Sanitation Committee was organized in his office room on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Ramgarh Deputy Commissioner Chandan Kumar. During the meeting, first of all, Executive Engineer Drinking Water and Sanitation Division Shri Pradeep Kumar Singh informed the Deputy Commissioner and other officers present in the meeting about the work done in the light of the instructions given in the earlier meeting of the District Level Water and Sanitation Committee. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner said that with the aim of ensuring water supply to the residents of the district in the summer season this year, the district administration has decided to work in campaign



mode. Under the campaign, at least three water supply schemes are to be identified and repaired in each panchayat of the district. In this regard,

the Deputy Commissioner gave necessary instructions to the Executive Engineer Drinking Water and Sanitation Division regarding tagging

assistant engineers, junior engineers and others panchayat wise on the basis of the report received through the Block Development Officers. During the meeting, the Executive Engineer, Drinking Water and Sanitation Division raised the issue of shortage of personnel in the office before the Deputy Commissioner, on which the Deputy Commissioner gave necessary instructions regarding the appointment of block coordinators through outsourcing. While reviewing ODF Plus activities, the Deputy Commissioner took immediate cognizance of 74 villages which have not been ranked at any level under ODF Plus and directed to ensure the construction of soak pits in all villages as soon as possible. Along with this, the Deputy Commissioner directed to complete the verification work

of villages which have been declared as models within the next 15 days. While reviewing the toilets to be built under Swachh Bharat Mission Rural Phase 2, the Deputy Commissioner motivated the beneficiaries and directed to complete the toilet construction work as per the target as soon as possible. During the meeting, the Executive Engineer, Drinking Water and Sanitation Division informed the Deputy Commissioner that currently 66 e-rickshaws have been purchased for garbage management in the village, out of which 8 vehicles are being operated. On this, the Deputy Commissioner gave necessary instructions to the Executive Engineer to work in coordination with the District Panchayati Raj Officer to start the operation of all 66 vehicles.

90-day door to door awareness campaign of Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority

DN ■ Chaibasa

As per the instructions of Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority, Ranchi, a special program was organized under the 90-day door to door awareness campaign organized by District Legal Services Authority West Singhbhum, Chaibasa. This awareness campaign took place today among the students at Mangi Lal Rungta High School Chaibasa, in which information was given about cyber crime, opium cultivation and legal rights. In this program, Sadar Police Station Incharge Tarun Kumar and PLV of cyber related matters Mr. Suraj Kumar Thakur gave detailed information to the students about the benefits of Legal Services Authority (DLSA), legal provisions against opium cultivation, and cyber fraud. Students from rural and urban areas showed great enthusiasm and participation in the program. The objective of the program was to make the students aware of their legal rights, protection from cyber crime and various legal issues. P L V Suraj Kumar Thakur provided information to the students on issues such as free legal aid, child marriage, POCSO Act, domestic violence, witch-hunting, child labour, rights in road accident cases, and Lok Adalat.

Trishanu Rai appeals to the Municipal Council to repair the damaged roads of the city

DN ■ Chaibasa

Trishanu Rai, member of the West Singhbhum District Twenty Point Program Implementation Committee, on Tuesday demanded from the Municipal Council, Chaibasa to repair the Sambhu Mandir Tungri road and other nearby damaged roads of Chaibasa city immediately. He said that there are big potholes on this important route of Chaibasa city, which are not only obstructing the traffic but are also causing road accidents. Trishanu Rai warned that accidents are happening daily due to these potholes and if it is not repaired soon, serious accidents



may have to be faced in the future. Also, he also told that after a few days, Holika Dahan program is going to be organized in Shubb Mandir, Chaibasa, located on this route, in which a large number of devotees will gather and traffic will increase a lot.

In such a situation, it becomes very important to repair this road, so that devotees and other citizens do not face any problem. Trishanu Rai appealed to the City Council for immediate action and expressed the need to pay attention to this important issue.

Investigation begins into illegal withdrawal of Rs 1.56 crore from Tata College Chaibasa, FIR to be filed

DN ■ Chaibasa

An investigation committee has been formed on the instructions of the Kolhan Commissioner Vice Chancellor in the case of illegal withdrawal of Rs 1.56 crore from Tata College Chaibasa of Kolhan University. An FIR will also be lodged in this case. It has come to light that the amount has been withdrawn in an incorrect manner and this is not in the knowledge of Principal Dr SC Das and Finance Officer Dr BK Singh. This amount was paid from the current account of the college to two different companies, in which the name of an agency of Cuttack in Odisha and Ranchi has come to the fore. The current account of Tata College Chaibasa is in Punjab National Bank, withdrawal of Rs 1.56 crore has been made from the account of the same bank. Such a huge amount has been withdrawn only on 2 February 2025, but neither the Principal nor the Finance Officer of the University came to know about this. This matter is completely suspicious. The matter is also related to clone of the cheque, fake signature.



Intellectual development happens through competition: Director Hemant Kumar

DN ■ Gumla

On the fifth day of the annual sports competition in Santa Public School, there was a completely sports atmosphere in the school playground. On the occasion, while introducing the players, the school director Hemant Kumar, school treasurer Jayamanti Ekka, along with school parents Sneh Lata Ekka, Sagar Gop, Sushma Devi, Neema Kumari, Janaki Devi, Soni Devi, Rajni Karkeratta, Baluti Devi, Dev Sahu, Jitni Kumari, introduced themselves to the players and started the game. On the occasion, the school director Hemant Kumar said that intellectual development happens through competition, sports is a medium through which both intellectual and physical development happens, take sports as a career, therefore, the annual sports competition is organized every year in the school. Special attention is given to all areas for the development of children in the school. Study diligently and play sports diligently. Admission is free



in the school, and no re-admission is taken. Parents Sneh Lata Ekka, Neelam Devi said that in Santa Public School, children are given a lot of hard work. Special attention is given to all round development, which is worthy of praise. Free admission here is worthy of praise. In today's race, it is quite difficult to teach in an English medium school, but after coming to this school, it was revealed that children of every section are given attention in the school. Parents participated enthusiastically in today's competitions. Neelam Devi was first in music chair game, Soni Devi was second.

Ramgarh student Sufia Naz became the only winner of Veergatha 4.0 from the entire state, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh honored her

DN ■ Ramgarh

Sufia Naz, a class 11 commerce student of Shri Guru Nanak Public School, was selected as the winner. This information was given by Principal Harjaap Singh on Wednesday at 1 pm. She was the only student from Jharkhand, who was honored by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh with a gold medal and a check of 10000 for her writing on the contribution of freedom fighter Mangal Pandey in starting the freedom struggle for the motherland. She was selected by the Government of India due to her unique way of writing and presenting her thoughts in a beautiful manner. 100 stu-



dents were selected across the country. After which all of them were honored in Delhi. Her mother Rumi Parveen has played an important role in shaping her daughter and developing moral values in her. Her journey from

Jharkhand to New Delhi to receive the award is an incredible memory for her. The school and her teachers have always supported her in her studies. Principal Harjaap Singh and the School Management Committee were very proud of Sufia's achievement and praised Headmistress Madhu Sri, teachers Sanjay Kumar Dubey, Sulekha Sinha, Rajesh Singh and Indrapal Singh for their contribution to this competition and encouraging the children.

Prepare by setting a goal, you will definitely succeed: Vijayant Kumar

Vaibhav Raj, a 12th class student of A La Anglaise School, got success in JEE Mains

DN ■ Ramgarh

Vaibhav Raj, a brilliant student of A' La Anglaise Senior Secondary School Birsa Chowk Bhurkunda, has brought laurels to his parents, school and the region by succeeding in the JEE Mains exam. Vaibhav Raj has scored 98.99 percentile in the JEE Mains exam. There is an atmosphere of joy in the entire school family due to this achievement of the student. Expressing happiness on the success of the student, Principal Vijayant Kumar said that Vaibhav has achieved this success on the strength of hard work and self-confidence. If children set a goal and perform under the guidance of teachers, they will definitely succeed. He said that this success of Vaibhav Raj is also inspiring for other students. Principal Mr. Kumar said that facing difficulties in life and



overcoming them is the true victory. Teachers and parents also appreciated his hard work and dedication. Expressing happiness over Vaibhav's success, the school family and the people of the area have wished him a bright future.

After the death of Yashmati Devi, an account holder of SBI Customer Service Center, the nominee husband got a cheque of Rs 02 lakh from the bank

DN ■ Chakradharpur

On Tuesday, at SBI branch Manoharpur, Yashmati Devi, an account holder of State Bank of India Customer Service Center Manoharpur, was given a check of two (02) lakh rupees by the bank to her husband (nominee) Falinder Singh after her death. This amount was given to the nominee husband of account holder Yashmati Devi, Falinder Singh, who is a resident of Gram Panchayat Rungkhikocha Harta Sirisang under Anandpur police station area. Who was given benefits under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana. At the same time, Shobhnath Nag, Manager of SBI branch Manoharpur, said that Yashmati Devi, an account holder of SBI Customer Service Center Manoharpur, died on



08.02.2023 during treatment at Medical College Burla Hospital, Odisha. He had deposited the insurance amount under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana. In lieu of this, a cheque of Rs 2 lakh has been given to her nominee husband after her death. He said that under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana,

the account holders have to pay a premium amount of Rs 436 once a year. Apart from this, under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, an annual premium amount of Rs 20 has to be deposited once a year. And to avail the benefits of both insurances, the account holders whose insurance amount is deposited

under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana. At the same time, those account insurance holders, under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Scheme, get the benefit of Rs 4 (four) lakh after death under both Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana. And if the beneficiary under this scheme suffers loss of any one part of the body in an accident, he is given an insurance cover of Rs 1 lakh. On this occasion, while giving the benefit of Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, SBI Manoharpur branch manager Shobhnath Nag, SBI customer service center Manoharpur director Vijay Tanti and beneficiary Falindra Singh were present.

Yellow alert for lightning for Ranchi, Khunti, Ramgarh and Bokaro

DN ■ Ranchi

The weather of Jharkhand is going to change due to the effect of western disturbance formed at sea level. The Ranchi-based weather center of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued orange and yellow alerts for today. Orange alert has been issued for 3 districts of Kolhan division (East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum and Saraikela-Kharsawan). At the same time, yellow alert has been issued for 4 districts (Khunti, Ranchi, Bokaro and Ramgarh) including the capital Ranchi. It has been said that winds will blow at a speed of 40 to 50 kilometers per hour in East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum and Saraikela-Kharsawan districts on Wednesday. At the same

time, winds will blow at a speed of 30 to 40 kilometers in Ranchi, Khunti, Bokaro and Ramgarh districts.

2-2 Western disturbances became active

At present 2-2 Western Disturbances are active. Its effect is also visible on Jharkhand. The trough going from Jharkhand to Odisha is now moving from Bengal to Telangana. One cyclone is formed in Jammu and its adjoining areas. At the same time, the second Western Disturbance is formed at sea level.

Weather of Jharkhand changed due to Western Disturbance

Abhishek Anand said that due to Western Disturbance, changes are also being seen in the weather of Jharkhand. The

weather will remain the same for the coming days. An alert has been issued for lightning and hailstorm along with strong storm in different parts of Jharkhand till February 22.

The meteorologist said that a yellow alert has been issued by the department for the capital Ranchi, Khunti, Bokaro and Ramgarh districts. It has been said that winds can blow at a speed of 30 to 40 kilometers in these districts. There is also a possibility of thunderstorms at some places. Therefore, people need to be careful. Do not go out of your homes in bad weather. Do not use electronic devices during thunderstorms. Especially mobile phones. If you are outside the house, take shelter in a safe place.

Recovery will be made from women who have taken money fraudulently in Maiiya Yojana

DN ■ Ranchi

The problems of women who have taken benefits fraudulently in Maiiya Samman Yojana in Jharkhand are going to increase. Money will be recovered from women who have taken money fraudulently.

In fact, the names of 3764 women beneficiaries who took advantage of the Chief Minister Mainiya Samman Yojana in Palamu district have been found to be fake. Out of these, the names of 2288 fake beneficiaries have been deleted from the portal of Chief Minister Mainiya Samman Yojana. Now preparations are being made to take action against these women.

Order of physical verification

The process of removing the names of the remaining 1,476 fake beneficiaries from the portal is still going on. In fact, after the instructions of the state government, the



district administration is getting the beneficiaries of Chief Minister Maiiya Samman Yojana physically verified. In which, till February 17, out of a total of 3,72,937 beneficiaries of the district, physical verification of 2,32,939 has been done. In which

3764 female beneficiaries were found to be fake.

In this, 1010 female beneficiaries were also taking advantage of other social pension schemes of the government, while 2754 beneficiaries were taking advantage of the said scheme by giving false affidavits. Most of these included wives of para teachers, Anganwadi Sevika-Sahayika, Health Sahia, Jal Sahia, wives of police personnel.

Money will be recovered from fake female beneficiaries

After the verification work of CM Maiyaa Samman Yojana is completed, the district administration will take action to recover the amount given under the scheme from all the fake female beneficiaries. Certificate case will also be filed against those who do not return the amount. Let us tell you that the verification work is still going on, after its completion, the number of fake beneficiaries

is likely to increase further.

Physical verification of Mukhyamantri Maniyaan Samman Yojana is being done by the district administration. A large number of fake beneficiaries have been found in this. They appeal to the fake beneficiaries to return the amount received under the scheme otherwise the administration will take recovery action. In which a certificate case will be filed against those who do not pay the amount.

Mukhyamantri Mainiya Samman Yojana is a social welfare scheme launched by the Jharkhand government. The scheme aims to empower the women of the state economically and socially. Under this scheme, financial assistance of Rs 2500 per month is provided to the women of Jharkhand. This assistance helps women to improve their standard of living and improve the economic condition of their family.

Babul Marandi took a holy dip in the Sangam

► An example of the unity of the country, the Maha Kumbh of Prayag
► Wished for everyone's welfare from Mother Ganga

DN ■ Ranchi

BJP state president Babul Marandi took a holy dip at the Triveni Sangam bank in the Maha Kumbh on Wednesday. During this, he also prayed to Mother Ganga for everyone's welfare. Babul shared his picture on Instagram and wrote that today he got the privilege of taking a holy bath at the Triveni Sangam bank in the holy Maha Kumbh of Prayagraj.

Babul further wrote that



after taking a dip in the confluence of Mother Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati, he experienced immense spiritual peace and energy. This divine atmosphere of the Maha Kumbh, the darshan of saints and the faith of the devotees is really amazing and supernatural. I pray to Mother Ganga for everyone's welfare.

After the Maha Kumbh bath, Babul Marandi said that I cannot express in words the joy I got after coming here. If there is any example of the unity of the country, then it is this Maha Kumbh of Prayag. Here everyone is a Sanatani irrespective of caste, class, language and region. People are taking a dip in the river with joy.

Spiritual awakening meeting on March 1 and 2, Christian community from across the state will gather

DN ■ Ranchi

A two-day (March 1 and 2) spiritual awakening meeting will be organized on the topic of Good Shepherd at St. Paul's High School Ground, Church Road. The meeting organized under the aegis of St. Paul's Cathedral Pastorate Committee will start at 5 pm and will continue till 9.30 pm. International evangelist Dr. Acharya Vikas Masih from Jaipur and worship singer Pastor William Masih will be present as the main speakers. Priest David of CNI Church gave this information.

Objective of the meeting - Christians should know and follow the words of God

Priest David said that the purpose of the spiritual awakening meeting



is to help Christians to advance the spiritual life of Jesus Christ. People should know the words of God, follow them and obey the commandments of Jesus, this is also the purpose of this meeting. Education and spiritual knowledge given to Christian believers

David said that through this gathering, members of the Christian com-

munity will be inspired to behave with love and compassion. This gathering will teach them to make the right decisions, to behave with faith and honesty. This will help in increasing education and spiritual knowledge.

Qualities of a good shepherd will be shared

The priest said that a good shepherd will inspire community members through prayer and preaching, which will also help in bringing Christians on one platform. This will also promote spiritual growth among Christian believers. In this program, the qualities of a good shepherd will be shared according to the Bible, so that the followers can get love, compassion and guidance.

Small vendors at Bahu Bazar are charged 50-80 rupees every day

DN ■ Ranchi

The Municipal Corporation has fixed a rate of 7 to 15 rupees per shop from the shopkeepers who set up the market. But in Bahu Bazar, 50 to 100 rupees are being collected in a day from the sellers of dry vegetables, Datuvan and Mudhi. This is affecting their livelihood. In the name of getting justice for the vegetable vendors, the local administration and social workers have maintained silence.

The government has built a vegetable market for the vegetable vendors so that they can sell their produce in the market. The vendors



say that they come to Bahu Bazar from Rania, Khunti and Tamar to sell Datuvan, dry vegetables and pulses.

But after coming here, they often have to face unnecessary collection. The morale of the vendors is broken because they are charged more than the goods they sell. Sometimes 50 rupees and sometimes

up to 80 rupees are collected.

If they do not pay the extortion money, their goods are scattered and they are threatened to close their shop. The victim vendors have not informed the police and social workers about this due to fear, because they fear that their trouble will increase fur-

ther the next day. The extortionists threaten and also abuse, due to which the vendors are forced to pay the extortion money.

The vendors told that they pay the extortion money due to fear and if they do not pay, they get threats and their goods are destroyed. They are also afraid to complain to the police, because they feel that they will be harassed more if they complain.

The vendors are facing a lot of trouble due to the hooliganism and threats of the extortionists. They are forced to run their business and remain silent due to fear of the extortionists.

Action on sale of tobacco products within 100 meters of educational institutions

DN ■ Ranchi



Action is being taken against tobacco products by running a special campaign under the leadership of Food Safety Officer and District Administration in Doranda area of Ranchi. Major action is being taken against tobacco paan masala and other tobacco products. Action is being taken against those selling tobacco products within 100 meters of educational institutions, public places.

After gutka was banned in Jharkhand, an investigation campaign has also started in

the entire capital Ranchi. Food Safety Officer and Health Department are jointly raiding the shops of Ranchi. Action is being taken against the shops where gutka containing nicotine is found. While investigating, Food Safety Officer Subir Ranjan said that yesterday an order has been issued by the Health Department that dry pan masala and gutka containing nicotine have been banned. Today investigation is being done in the same light. We are running an investigation campaign in the entire city and action will be taken wherever zarda or nicotine is found.

Team of 'Pahla Kadam' Divyang School met Governor Santosh Gangwar

DN ■ Ranchi

Students of 'Pahla Kadam' Divyang School located in Dhanbad and members of the school family met Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar at Raj Bhavan on Wednesday. On this occasion, the Governor praised the efforts of the school and said that he has already visited this institute and is impressed by its work.

He said that the central government is constantly working for the empowerment and overall development of the disabled. He was addressed as Divyang by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which reveals his commitment



towards the disabled. The Governor called upon the youth to play an active role in the upliftment of the disabled and cooperate in the efforts to make them self-reliant.

The school management said that this institute was started with only two children and today it is working to make the disabled children self-reliant through various training

programs. The students of the school have demonstrated their talent by participating in various competitions at the national and state level. On this occasion, the children also performed a dance on the folk song of Jharkhand, which was appreciated by everyone. The Governor appreciated the efforts of the school and wished all the children a bright future.

Brother-in-law Anil sentenced to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment for raping minor sister-in-law

DN ■ Ranchi

Ranchi Civil Court has sentenced brother-in-law Anil Ekka to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment for raping minor sister-in-law. Along with this, the court has also imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on Anil. This sentence has been pronounced by the special POCSO court located in Ranchi Civil Court. According to the FIR, Anil had taken his minor sister-in-law to school for enrollment. After which he took the minor to his house.

At that time there was no one in the house and the accused brother-in-law was drunk. Therefore, the



minor was afraid and started insisting to go to her house. After which the accused started taking the minor home on the bike. Halfway, saying that the bike had broken down, he started taking the minor home on foot through the field. During that time, seeing a deserted place on the way, he committed the crime of rape.

NRHM Scam: Coal trader Pramod Singh arrested in NRHM fund scam, ED will question him on remand

DN ■ Ranchi

Coal trader Pramod Kumar Singh, accused of embezzling Rs 9.39 crore of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) funds by misusing his position, has been arrested by ED. ED presented him in the PMLA special court in Ranchi on Wednesday.

ED sought permission to question Pramod Kumar Singh on remand for seven days, but the court has approved interrogation for only three days. He was arrested for not appearing before ED despite 12 summons. Earlier last year, ED had seized his immovable property worth Rs 1.63 crore. Coal trader Pramod



Kumar Singh was formerly the then block account manager on contract basis in Primary Health Center (PHC) Jharia cum Jodapokhar. He was accused of embezzling funds allocated for various programs of NRHM.

After preliminary investigation, Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) Dhanbad had filed an FIR against Pramod Kumar Singh and others on June 8, 2016. On the basis of this FIR, ED

had filed a case under Money Laundering Act. ED found in its investigation that Pramod Kumar Singh and late Shashi Bhushan Prasad misused their position and withdrew Rs 9.39 crore from NRHM funds. This amount was allocated by the District Health Society for Primary Health Center Jharia cum Jodapokhar.

Pramod Kumar Singh had illegally transferred the said amount from two bank accounts of PHC Jharia cum Jodapokhar Dhanbad and one bank account of PHC Management Society Jodapokhar to his own accounts, accounts of his family and associates.

News In Brief

Kavi Sammelan on Holi in Ranchi

Ranchi: The committee which organizes a humorous kavi sammelan on the occasion of Holi every year in the capital Ranchi is organizing a special event for poetry lovers this year as well. On March 12, at 9 pm, poems of humor, satire, romance and heroism will be organized at Marwari Bhawan on Harmu Road.

Big change in the area of JBVNL

Ranchi: A big change has been made in the area of Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (JBVNL). The area has been made smaller in view of the increasing population and the number of electricity consumers. Ranchi Vidut Area Board has been divided into two parts. Gumla has been separated from Ranchi and made a separate power supply area. At the same time, Ranchi will also have two superintending engineers. It has also been divided into two circles. The power supply zone has been divided into Ranchi-1 and Ranchi-2. At the same time, 64 new posts have also been created. There will be separate officers for every work. So that maximum monitoring can be done.



News In Brief

JMM will run membership campaign from house to house: Farid Malik

Jharia: A meeting was held under the leadership of Farid Malik to express happiness over Jharkhand Mukti Morcha adding 50 lakh new members in Jharkhand state. Important points were discussed in the discussion regarding membership. Former city president Farid Malik said that a membership campaign will be run by going door to door in every ward of Jharia city including Dhanbad district. He said that JMM party is a party of the soil of Jharkhand, only JMM's Hemant government will be able to develop the state. During this, Dhanbad Metropolitan Coordinator Mandal member cum former city president Farid Malik, former metropolitan vice president Bunty Singh, former chairman of Jharia city ward 41 Safiq Khan, Kaushar Jahan, Kuldeep Mahato, Shubham Verma were present.

Reorganization of Janata Mazdoor Sangh South Third Branch completed

Tisra: Executive meeting of Janata Mazdoor Sangh South Third Branch was held in MOCP Community Hall in the presence of regional office bearers. In which South Third Branch was reorganized. In the reorganization, Rajiv Jha was nominated as President, Awadhesh Yadav as Vice President, Umesh Singh as Secretary, Ved Prakash Dev as Joint Secretary, Vinay Sinha as Treasurer, Babul Prasad as Organization Secretary, Pramod Singh as Joint Secretary, Ramsevak Das as Executive Member. All the newly appointed office bearers emphasized on strengthening the organization further. It was said to fight the battle of the workers. On the occasion, Sudarshan Prasad Regional President, Anil Singh, Ritesh Nishad, Santosh Mishra, Calvin Turkey, Manohar Singh and a large number of organization workers were present.

Three-day capacity building workshop going on in DAV Model School concluded

DN ■ Jorapokhar

The three-day capacity building workshop going on in DAV Model School CFRI since 17th February concluded today. This workshop was completed under the aegis of DAV CMC Delhi and under the guidance and leadership of Training Coordinator and Cluster Head Mrs. Pragya Singh cum Principal DAV Bistupur, Jamsheedpur for the educational excellence and enhancement of various subject wise teachers of DAV Public Schools Zone-E in Secondary and Higher Secondary Hindi, Sanskrit and Commerce



Faculty. The success of the workshop was achieved under the supervision of Navnavnomesh Shalini and Principal Mrs. Mahua Singh of the host school. On the second day of the workshop, Mrs. Pragya Singh ARO cum Principal DAV Bistupur encouraged all the trainees and

Principal Ms. Rekha Kumari DAV Chaibasa guided them. A total of 8 schools DAV CFRI, DAV Vishtupur, DAV Chaibasa, DAV Jamadoba, DAV Noamundi, DAV Mahuda, DAV Barora, DAV Sijua participated in it. School Principal Mahua Singh said that teachers would

have benefited from the three-day workshop and the main objective of the workshop is to make the classroom a pleasant and study-friendly environment, as well as to keep the children stress-free and increase their confidence, which are especially important elements in the new education policy. Along with this, she also expressed hope that the problems faced by teachers in the classroom would have been resolved. On the occasion of closing, Principal Chandrani Banerjee DAV Public School Sijua.

Khichdi distribution organized under the leadership of 99 Foundation

DN ■ Dhanbad

Khichdi distribution program was organized by 99 Foundation in "Anna Daan Mahadaan". 99 Foundation, which is engaged in helping the needy, has been distributing food to the needy for the last several years. Today, food was distributed to hundreds of needy people in the office premises of 99 Group of Companies located at Memco Mor. The effort of this campaign is that no one should sleep hungry. Every Saturday, dignitaries of the city come together to do this service work. In which today on 15 February, Jitendra Kumar and his wife Shashi Prabha were invited by 99 Foundation. Expressing their happiness and satisfaction for distributing khichdi, they praised 99 Foundation and said that 99 Foundation is fulfilling its moral and social responsibility very well. Hundreds of people including laborers, rickshaw pullers, auto drivers and passersby took advantage of this service



in the program. This time, along with khichdi, special dishes were also arranged. A person who came to eat said that "We get good food here every Saturday. We thank 99 Foundation for this effort. Let us tell you that this service work of 99 Foundation is being appreciated everywhere. This organization is not only working to eradicate hunger, but is also promoting the spirit of service in the society and such noble works inspire us to bring positive change in the society."

Review meeting held regarding preparation of Prime Minister's program



DN ■ Bhagalpur

A review meeting regarding preparation of Prime Minister's program proposed in Bhagalpur on 24 February 2025 was held in the airport lodge under the chairmanship of District Magistrate Dr. Naval Kishore Chaudhary. In the meeting, stage construction, helipad construction, installation of hangar, progress of barricading, parking space, safe house, VVIP pass, media pass, signage boards to be installed at various places, drinking water, toilet, condition of road to various safe houses, arrangement of drinking water and toilet at parking place were reviewed with all the officials one by one. All the concerned officials including Municipal Commissioner Ms. Preeti, Deputy Development Commissioner Pradeep Kumar Singh, all Additional District Magistrates, Sub-Divisional Officer were respectfully present in the meeting.

Special services started at India Therapy Center for the first time in Dhanbad

DN ■ Dhanbad

Keeping in mind the development of our children and their special needs, a new initiative has been taken at India Therapy Center, Jagjivan Nagar (Doctors Colony, Opposite Brahmakumari), Dhanbad. Now, Dr. Shipra Kamal (Developmental Pediatrician, Ranchi) will provide her services in Dhanbad on the third Wednesday of every month from 9 am to 5 pm. This initiative has been taken especially for those children who need developmental medical consultation. Now we do not need to go out! Specialist doctors are



available in our own city Dhanbad, who will take care of all the needs of the children. On today's special occasion, Dr. Shipra Kamal (Developmental Pediatrician) and Dr. Deepak Kumar (Neonatologist and Pediatrician) were also present. Directors of India Therapy Center Prateek Agarwal and Kaushal

Sri Sri 108 Harihar and Maa Durga Prana Pratishtha Mahayagna organized

DN ■ Maithan

Sri Sri 108 Harihar and Maa Durga Prana Pratishtha Mahayagna will be organized from 21st February to 27th February with various events. Prana Pratishtha of Shiv Parivar, Maa Durga, Sri Radha Krishna, Sri Panchmukhi Hanuman, Sri Ram Darbar will be completed. On the second day of the program, on 22nd February, a grand Kalash Yatra will be taken out with pomp and show. In which about 1500 women will go from Taldanga Housing Colony to Barakar River Ghat with Kalash. Where water will be filled in the Kalash with the chanting of Vedic mantras. And from there everyone will return to the temple premises. This Mahayagna will be conducted by a team of sixteen Acharyas under the guidance of Vedic Saint Raghav Prapanna Ji Maharaj. Apart from this, Ram Katha will be organized every day from 6 pm by Pujya Divya Devi who has come from Vrindavan Dham.



Organizing cultural program Aarohi Rang Mahotsav

DN ■ Jharia

Aarohi Natya Manch (Putki) organized a theatrical presentation cum felicitation ceremony and cultural program Aarohi Rang Mahotsav in the auditorium of PK Roy College under the aegis of Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Art Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Government of Jharkhand. The program was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by the chief guest District Sports Officer Umesh Lohara, SMPO Vinita Kumari and APRO Alok Mishra, director of the organization cum film actor Sanjay Bhardwaj and secretary cum team leader of the organization Urmila Prasad. The main presentation of the program was Ustad Prabhat Kumar Mahato, Nataraj Kala Kendra, Chauga, Saraikele's Manbhumi Chhau dance kept the audience engaged for 20 minutes. Also, the drama Andher Nagari was presented by the children who participated in the 15-day drama workshop. Also, the play "Vidroh Ki Pratidhwani" based on the life of Sidhu and Kanhu was staged by the theatre



workers of the organization. The chief guest Mr. Lohara said that organizing such programs brings out the hidden talent in children. Director Sanjay Bhardwaj said that there is a need to further develop the field of art. Urmila Prasad, Sanjay Bhardwaj, Akshat Bhardwaj, Naresh, Nitesh Ravi, Bunty, Dilip, Kajal, Jyoti, Ganga, Gyanendra, Janaki, Kanchan etc. were present on the occasion.

Ashok Singh met Jharkhand Congress in-charge in Delhi, invited him

DN ■ Dhanbad

Senior leader of Dhanbad District Congress and President of Jharkhand Petroleum Dealers Association Ashok Kumar Singh met the newly appointed Congress in-charge of Jharkhand K Raju in Delhi. This meeting took place at the AICC office. Ashok Singh honoured him by giving him a shawl and a bouquet of flowers. Mr. Singh also invited him to come to Jharkhand. The newly appointed in-charge took information from Ashok Singh about the activities of Congress in Jharkhand. Along with this, what are the activities of Congress in Dhanbad, what improvements are needed in them. He also took suggestions on this. He also asked where Congress is strong in Dhanbad and where is the party's weakness. What will be done to strengthen Congress in Dhanbad. What kind of plan will need to be prepared on the ground, Ashok Singh also gave him infor-



mation about this. Let us tell you that the newly appointed state in-charge of Congress has started working in Jharkhand in a new way. According to the information, profiles of all the big and small leaders of Jharkhand have been called. Work has also started towards fulfilling the promises made before the elections, how to further accelerate the activities of the Congress in Jharkhand. The Congress state pres-

ident of Jharkhand has also been called to Delhi. K Raju has been an administrative officer. In the 2024 assembly elections, Congress was able to win 16 seats, the same as in 2019. There are currently four ministers from the Congress quota in Jharkhand. It is also true that by changing the Jharkhand in-charge, the Congress high command has tried to give a big message. The work of reviewing the work of the ministers of the Congress quota in the Jharkhand government is also going on. Meanwhile, Ashok Singh has said that the newly appointed in-charge of the Congress has been an administrative officer. He is also the President of the All India Scheduled Caste Department. Congress will benefit from his experience in Jharkhand. The organization will be strengthened not only at the district level but also at the panchayat level.

JJA organised a free eye check-up camp in Gobindpur police station premises courtesy of ASG Eye Hospital

DN ■ Dhanbad

Many policemen of Gobindpur police station got themselves examined. With the continuous efforts of Jharkhand Journalist Association, free eye check-up camps are being organised in different police station premises of the district. Once again, under this programme, free eye check-up was organised in Gobindpur police station premises courtesy of ASG Eye Hospital, in which more than 70 policemen and other people got their eyes examined. The station in-charge thanked and appreciated Jharkhand Journalist Association for organising such pro-



grammes. District President of the organisation Manish Kumar Jha said that policemen are our family members. They also face problems. Therefore, our effort is to cooperate as much as possible. We also have a responsibility towards the society, so understanding our responsibility, we are organising

such programmes. Jharkhand Journalist Association Block President Sumit Burman was present on the occasion. State Secretary Rustam Mian, Shaukat Khan, Lalan Malakar, Kartik Goswami, Mubarak Ansari, Sonu Kumar and all the members of Gobindpur unit were present.

Security forces got a big success in Giridih, explosives of Maoists recovered



DN ■ Giridih

Security forces conducted a large-scale search operation on the information of the presence of Maoists in the forests of Gardi and Marmi of the district. However, the Maoists managed to escape as they got a hint of the operation, but the security forces have recovered a huge amount of explosive material. This success was achieved in a joint operation of 154 Battalion CRPF and Giridih Police. The operation was led by Second Command Officer Daljin Singh Bhati and Operation Superintendent of Police Surjeet on the instructions of Commandant-154 Battalion and Superintendent of Police, Giridih. Along with them, Assistant Commandant Vijay Singh Meena, Inspector GD Omprakash Verma and a team of security forces and civil police were present.

28th Prana Pratishtha Mahotsav of Shakti Mandir concluded today

DN ■ Dhanbad

On the fifth day of Shakti Mandir Prana Pratishtha Mahotsav, a grand Prabhat Ferry was taken out from the temple premises. In this, devotees participated in the Prabhat Ferry with 1001 flags and with the chanting of Maa's hymns and Jaikaras, they reached Shakti Mandir again via Joda Phatak, Dhansar, Bank Mor, Purana Bazar Pani Tanki, Chota Gurudwara from Shakti Mandir. Prabhat Ferry was welcomed by the committee of Dhansar Pani Tanki and Chota Gurudwara. Today, in the worship, Mata Rani was invoked and 1001 Arhul flowers



were offered, after which in the evening, the five-day long worship was completed by performing Havan. Tomorrow, on Thursday, a huge feast of Maa will be organized. Today, Dhanbad MLA Raj Sinha participated enthusiastically in Prabhat Ferry. Twenty-eight years ago, on this very day, the doors of Shakti Mandir were opened for the devotees,

which has become the center of faith of the devotees today. Devotees say that Maa fulfilled the wishes of whichever devotee came here and asked from Maa. That is why today, there are many devotees who offer Bhog to Maa. The number is increasing day by day and people from all over the country are booking the offerings. To make today's program successful, we received invaluable support from the devotees of Dhanbad. The entire temple committee, management committee, sevadar committee and all the employees of the temple made valuable contribution in the service work.

Anti-rabies vaccination was done for 97 pet dogs and cats

DN ■ Chas

Under the aegis of the Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperation, Animal Husbandry Division, the State Animal Welfare Board organized a free anti-rabies vaccination camp near Pandey Bridge in Chira Chas today under the Animal Welfare Fortnight. In this camp, a total of 97 pet dogs and cats were vaccinated against rabies.

In this camp, Dr. Ashok Kumar, in-charge of Pet Clinic Chas, Dr. Anil Kumar, doctor of Pet Clinic Chas, Dr. Alok Kumar, veterinary officer of Chandrapura Telo, made pet parents aware of scientific information on animal vaccination, prevention of diseases, importance of timely vaccination, etc. In this camp, vaccinator Rohit Kumar, representative of Scientific Remedies Rajesh Kar, livestock assistant Vinod Kumar, paravet worker Pankaj Kumar, Amarendra



Giri of D Dog House and Aqua, Manoj Kumar Singh of K K Singh Colony, Dharmendra Singh and dozens of pet lovers were present. Dr. Ashok Kumar and Dr. Anil Kumar provided information on the maintenance of pet animals, prevention of diseases, importance of using deworming medicines etc. The representative of the drug company who came to the camp distributed free medicines and animal food.

Seminar on AI organized at Guru Govind Singh Educational Societies Technical Campus

DN ■ Chas

German company Jane Layer visited Guru Gobind Singh Educational Societies Technical Campus, Engineering and Management College. The company organized a seminar on Blockchain and AI for the students of the college, in which company officials from Chennai, Ms. Jiniya Nayak and Rakesh Kumar were the speakers, who threw light on the tools and agents of Artificial Intelligence and the nuances of the latest technologies; the company's state coordinator Rajat Nath was present, who told that Jane Layer, after surveying 13 colleges of this area, found Guru Gobind



Singh Educational Societies Technical Campus to be the best and selected it for this seminar. The chief guest of the seminar was the institute secretary Surendra Pal Singh. The seminar started with the lighting of the lamp and the guests were presented with bouquets, shawls and souvenirs. College director Dr. Priyadarshi Jaruhar

gave the welcome speech. Refreshments were arranged for the students and caps were allotted as gifts, courtesy Jane Layer. The program was coordinated by Computer Department Head Prof. Hussain and the stage was conducted by Prof. Rashmi Thakur did it. The institute's president Tarsem Singh congratulated.

A grand Kalash Shobha Yatra was organised for the consecration of Shri Shri Narmadaeshwar Shivalinga

DN ■ Bokaro

A grand Kalash Shobha Yatra was taken out on the first day of the program for the Pran Pratishtha of Shri Shri Narmadaeshwar Shivling in the colony located at Janvrit 9B Street 14 and 15. 251 women and unmarried girls of the locality participated in this Kalash Shobha Yatra. Before this, women and girls wearing yellow clothes, carrying Kalash with mango leaves, reached Navnath temple via Sector 9B Colony B Road, chanting Har Har Mahadev, Jai Shiv Shambhu with music. Where Acharya Sunil Kumar Pandey and five priests duly invoked the deities and completed the



Sankalp Paath, worship and Ganga Aarti. After that, unmarried girls and women filled the Kalash with water from the Navnath temple and toured the city. Along with this, the ritual of Pran Pratishtha of Shivling started with the installation of Kalash in the Shiv temple. During this, the entire area was filled with devotion due to the chants of Baba Bholenath. On this occasion, members

of the Puja Committee including Ravi Shankar, President of Shri Bajrang Seva Parishad and hosts Ashish Kumar and Suman Devi, Yogendra Kumar, NK Singh, BP Singh, SN Singh, HK Singh, DP Choudhary, Gaurang, Vicky Singh, Ram Kumar, Sanjay, Mithlesh, Sunil Mahato, Satyam, Kuldeep Kumar Mahato, Ram Naresh Prasad and others were present.

The movement against stopping the gate pass will be started from Coke Oven on 22nd: Chaudhary

DN ■ Bokaro

The general secretary of Jai Jharkhand Mazdoor Samaj, BK Choudhary, has said that the workers who have set records in production with their hard work in coke ovens and other departments are stopping the money from their wages, and the contractor-engineer-incharge nexus of stopping their gate passes is increasing day by day. And regarding other problems, an executive meeting was held today in the Jai Jharkhand Mazdoor Samaj office, Sector 9, under the chairmanship of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha central member and Jai Jharkhand Mazdoor Samaj



general secretary Mr. Choudhary. All the leaders and workers present in the meeting held NJCS leaders responsible for exploitation and said that NJCS union enters into anti-labour agreements in Delhi and sheds crocodile tears in Bokaro. General Secretary BK Choudhary said in his address that the way SAIL Chairman Amarendu

Prakash and Bokaro Director Incharya used to understand the pain and suffering of contract workers and take cognizance of the matter, there has been a lot of decline in that. The General Secretary said that if initiative is not taken on the 22 point demands including 39 months arrears, union elections, improvement in incentive reward scheme, removal of

ceiling from gratuity, executive without any compulsion from S-6, reduction in age limit and employment to the dependents of displaced and deceased employees who have completed apprenticeship, then a do or die agitation will be launched.

Before that, a warning demonstration will be held in front of Coke Oven Barty No. 3 on February 22. Joint General Secretary Shankar Kumar, SK Singh, CKS Manda, RB Choudhary, Roshan Kumar, Rama Ravani, RR Soren expressed their views in the meeting. This information was given by office minister RB Choudhary.

ESG Quiz Program organized by Human Resources' Knowledge Acquisition and Development Department

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DN ■ Bokaro

In the Knowledge Acquisition and Development Department of Human Resources, with the aim of increasing awareness on PSG, Environment, Social and Governance principles, a quiz program was organized in the traditional way with lamp lighting. As the chief guest, Executive Director Human Resources Ms Rajshree Banerjee along with senior officers and employees were present. 42 teams from various departments of Bokaro Steel Plant participated in the program. In her address, Chief Guest Ms Rajshree Banerjee moti-



vated all the participants to join such knowledge acquisition programs with the spirit of winning. The aim of the quiz programme is to encourage sustainable and responsible business practices which reflect Bokaro Steel Plant's commitment towards environmental protection and social responsibility. In the programme organised today, General Manager Ms Neeta Ba along with Amit

Anand as Assistant General Manager and Quiz Master made significant contribution in which the participants participated enthusiastically

As winners, the team of Ms Shalini Prasad and Ms Bhawani Hasda from the Project Division got the first prize, the team of Suresh Surendra and K Pandit of ICL Department got the second prize, and the team of B Soren and Ms Priyanka Sharma of Electronic & Telecom Department got the third prize. The role of Rishikesh Ranjan, Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Abhay Jha, Sidha Charan Murmu was important in the event.

Youth can look for career in sports: Amar

DN ■ Talgadia

A grand Umesh Kumar Mahato sports competition was organized in Singhdi under Bijulia Panchayat of Chas block. Inaugurating the program, former minister Amar Kumar Bauri offered flowers on the picture of social worker and youth motivation speaker Umesh Kumar Mahato and said that the contribution of Umesh Kumar Mahato cannot be forgotten. He gained fame even at a young age for his simple nature and activeness. He said that sports lead to physical and mental development. Youths can also find a career in sports. Players from all over the state participated in the state level athletics meet. In the men's 1600 meter race, Jeevan



Kumar came first, Pradeep Kumar second and Arjun Tudu third. Similarly, in the women's category, Hirasanga came first, Pushpa Kumari second and Dolly Kumari third. Similarly, in the women's 400 meter race, Asha Kumari, Purnima and Dolly Kumari came first, second and third respectively. Apart from this, many types of sports com-

petitions including high jump and long jump were organized. All the successful participants were awarded prizes. Social worker Jagannath Rajwar, Badal Pal, Bahadur Mahato, Shankar Mahato, Dr. Kanhai Mahato, Arun Kumar Mahato, Srishtidhar Mahato, Nimai Mahato, Ajay Kumar and others were present on the occasion.

The team of Ayush Ministry inspected Ayushman Arogya Mandir Ayush

DN ■ Bokaro

A ten-member joint team of Ministry of Ayush, Government of India and Directorate of Ayush, Government of Jharkhand reached Bokaro for inspection. The team members inspected various Ayushman Arogya Mandir Ayush in the district. During this, the team members thoroughly examined the OPD, register, stock register, camp register, yoga register, infrastructure and cleanliness of Ayushman Arogya Mandir Ayush Petarwar, Bokaro Steel City, Korea, Chandankiyari. At the same time, the ten-bed Maharshi Charak Ayush Hospital, Bokaro, under construction near Farlane NH-23, Phase-5 Amut Park, was also inspected. During this, necessary guidelines were also given.

After the inspection, everyone expressed satisfaction. The joint inspection team included Director Jaswinder Singh from Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, Research Officer Dr. Ahmed, Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Dr. Gajendra Baghel, Vinay Kumar Singh, Shashank Kumar Jha, Dr. Krishna Kumar, Dr. Ashok Paswan, Dr. Anuj Kumar Mandal, Mayank Ashok from AYUSH Directorate, Jharkhand Government, besides District AYUSH Medical Officer Dr. Shivshankar Pandey, District Nodal Officer Dr. AK Prasar, Vimal Mishra etc.

Flow of ash pond water into cooling pond is violation of NGT rules, will be an issue in budget session: Saryu Rai

Will take to National Green Tribunal MLA Rai inspected the cooling pond and ash pond

DN ■ Bokaro

Jamshedpur West MLA, Chairman of the Electoral Committee of Jharkhand Legislative Assembly and patron of Damodar Bachao Andolan, Saryu Rai, on Wednesday took seriously the matter of draining the ash pond water into the cooling pond by Bokaro Power Supply Company Limited, established in joint venture by Bokaro Steel and Damodar Valley Corporation, and inspected the cooling pond and ash pond and calling it unfortunate, said that Bokaro Steel Management and BPCL are playing with nature and the lives of the common people. The remains and shade of the plant are being drained into the cooling pond. The people living nearby use the pond water for bathing and domestic purposes due to which they are suffering from various diseases but the management is adopting a policy of evasion instead of solv-



ing the problem. He said that the information given to him by the BPCL officials is wrong. The officials are trying to hide the matter. The officials said that the pond water is being pumped out since July due to the displaced movement whereas the truth is that this work is being done for a long time because the ash pond is com-

pletely filled and no arrangement has been made for its cleaning whereas the committee formed by the Government of India has issued guidelines for this from time to time which are not being followed.

Talking to journalists, he said that he will raise this matter in the upcoming budget session and if the matter is not resolved, he will also take it to NGT because the Bokaro Steel Management is violating the guidelines of the Government of India and NGT. He said that the Government and the administration are also silent on this issue. BPCL officials have informed that a letter has been given to the SDO and Bokaro DC regarding this issue but no action has been taken. Shri Rai said that he tried to talk to both the officials over the phone to obtain information on this but to no avail. In response to a question, Mr. Rai said that the Jharkhand Pollution

Control Board is completely defunct and District Environment Committee has also not been constituted, which is sad. When asked about the encroachment of government and forest department land as well as rivers and streams in Bokaro, he said that it is easy to encroach upon land in Jharkhand. Along with government land, land of private organisations is also being encroached because there is no one to take action on this.

Before the press conference, he talked to the officials of BPCL. The BPCL officials who came to give him information said that the pond has not been cleaned since July, due to which the water is being drained into the boiling pond. The people living nearby are not allowing cleaning and are demanding planning. The local administration and Bokaro Steel management have also been informed about this.



News In Brief

Distribution of sewing machines among 51 women under PM Adarsh Gram Yojana

Chatra: Sewing machines were distributed by Chandradev Prasad, Block Development Officer, among the beneficiaries of the selected villages of Nawada, Jarhi and Humali under the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana of Simaria block. The BDO distributed sewing machines free of cost among 16 beneficiaries of village Humali, 20 beneficiaries of village Jarhi and 15 beneficiaries of village Nawada. Employees of the Labor Superintendent Office, Mukhiya, Panchayat Secretary and Employment Officer etc. were present on the occasion.

Seven women were sterilized

Chatra: On Tuesday, seven women were sterilized free of cost under the joint aegis of Green Youth Foundation NGO and COT at the Primary Health Center located at Gidhaur Block Headquarters. The said work is being done by Dr. Sushil Singh and his team. Along with this, medicines will also be given free of cost to the women who undergo sterilization. Sahiya etc. are involved in this work along with the staff of the Community Health Center.

908 students appeared for matriculation and intermediate exams in two examination centres, four absent

Chatra: Two examination centres of Gidhaur block headquarters conducted peaceful and malpractice-free exams on Tuesday. Matriculation exam was conducted in the first shift and intermediate exam in the second shift. 518 out of 520 matriculation students appeared for the exam in Plus Two Ganga Smarak Uchch Vidyalaya and 378 out of 380 students appeared for the exam in PM Shri Madhya Vidyalaya. While eight intermediate students appeared for the exam in PM Shri Vidyalaya. Magistrate Ramkumar Singh, Sachin Dat Sharma along with centre superintendent Brajesh Kumar Singh in Plus Two Ganga Smarak Uchch Vidyalaya and centre superintendent Ramkumar Yadav of PM Shri Madhya Vidyalaya and other teachers were on exam duty.

Big campaign launched against opium cultivators, four accused arrested

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A big campaign has been launched against opium cultivators in Palamu district. Under the campaign, four people have been arrested by Palamu police. All four of them are accused of cultivating opium. Palamu police is continuously destroying opium cultivation. Along with this, a campaign is also going on against the cultivators. In this sequence, four cultivating accused have been arrested and sent to jail. Palamu police has launched a big campaign to arrest those who are accused of culti-

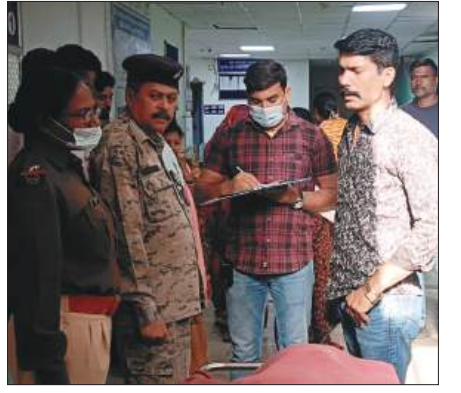


ivating opium. The police of Naudaha Bazar police station has arrested an accused named Lovelesh Yadav, a resident of Dhobidih of Chhatrapur police station area. The police of Pakhi police station has arrested an accused named Mukesh Yadav. Mukesh Yadav is a resident of Kekargarh of Panki police station area. The police of Manatu police station has taken action and arrested Govind Yadav and Inder Yadav. Inder Yadav is a resident of Tal of Tarhasi police station area while Govind Yadav is a resident of Badki Nagad of Manatu police station area. Palamu SP Rishma Rameshan said that a campaign is being run against opium cultivation. Four accused have been arrested in the course of this campaign. Police is taking strict action against those who cultivate opium. Along with this, the police is constantly appealing to the people to grow other crops instead of opium cultivation.

Kasturba Gandhi Vidyalaya's accountant commits suicide by hanging herself, police investigating

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Kasturba Gandhi Vidyalaya's accountant Priyanka Kumari committed suicide by hanging herself in the school campus on Wednesday due to mental stress. The deceased has been identified as Priyanka Kumari, wife of Panoram Kumar, resident of Jayanagara village of Garhwa police station area. Regarding this incident, warden Sushma Kumari said that Priyanka Kumari was not seen in the school from Wednesday morning till afternoon. After this, all the school staff started searching for her. The door of her room was locked from inside. After a lot of effort, when the door was opened, Priyanka Kumari had committed suicide by hanging herself with the help of a fan. After this, the warden informed the police of Patan police station about the incident. Upon receiving information about the incident, the police reached the spot, took the body in their custody and sent it to



Medinirai Medical College Hospital for post mortem. On receiving the same information, ASI Neeraj Kumar Singh, Sushma TU of the police station and police constable Mahendra Kumar reached the hospital, inquired and sent the body for post mortem. After this incident, the police has started investigating the matter related to the incident. After this incident, the family members are in a bad condition and are crying.

With the initiative of the Deputy Commissioner, camp office will be established at the subdivision level

- ▶ Common people will benefit from the camp office: Deputy Commissioner
- ▶ Various departmental works will be executed
- ▶ The camp office will be in Chhatrapur on the second Thursday of every month and in Hussainabad subdivision office premises on fourth Thursday

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With the initiative and positive thinking of Palamu Deputy Commissioner Shashi Ranjan, common people will get the benefit of all the welfare schemes of the government in their nearest subdivision. People will not need to come to the district even for small works, rather administrative officers will reach near them. With this, various departmental works will be executed by

establishing camp office at the subdivision level. Deputy Commissioner Shashi Ranjan has issued a directive for this. Extensive preparations have also started for this. The camp office will be established in Chhatrapur on the second Thursday of every month and in Hussainabad subdivision office premises on fourth Thursday. In this, all the district level, concerned sub-division level and all



the block level, civil and technical officers of the concerned sub-division will ensure to be present in the camp office on the scheduled day and execute the works related to their respective departments. The Deputy Commissioner has directed the concerned sub-division officers to ensure all the arrangements related to the establishment of camp office for the scheduled day in their respective sub-divisions.

BDO reviewed the schemes sequentially, gave many necessary directions

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On Tuesday, a review meeting of the schemes was held in Pathalgarh block office under the chairmanship of Block Development Officer Kalinder Sahu. In which the BDO took information about Abua Awas, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, 15th Finance Commission, Pension, Welfare, Chief Minister Mainiya Samman Yojana, Horticulture, MNREGA Scheme Birsa Irrigation Well Construction and other welfare schemes from the employees one by one and reviewed them. During this, the BDO directed to prepare the list of eligible beneficiaries soon along with geo tagging other schemes under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Employment servants were instructed not to trouble the beneficiaries of Abua Awas in the account of labor demand. At the same time, instructions were given to complete the schemes till the financial year 2023-24 under Baba Saheb Ambedkar Awas Yojana. In the review meeting, the BDO directed to close the records along with completing the schemes like Birsa irrigation well construction, mango gardening, TCB construction, Didi Badi etc. running till the financial year 2020-23 under the old scheme in MNREGA. BPO Rajeshwar Kumar, Panchayat Secretary Mon Aslam, Lakhan Yadav, Jai Manoj Kumar and etc were present.

Cyber criminals cheated lakhs in the name of helping the madrasa, case registered

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Cyber criminals cheated lakhs of rupees in the name of helping the madrasa. An FIR has been registered against the cyber criminals in the entire case. The police is investigating against the cyber criminals. Actually, a madrasa is operated in Nainabar of Kandi police station area of Garhwa. The teacher of the madrasa, Abdul Rehman Ansari, is a resident of Pandu police station area of Palamu. A few days ago, Abdul Rehman Ansari received calls from three different numbers continuously. The caller had talked about helping the madrasa. The helper told teacher Abdul Rehman Ansari that no one will face any problem by helping. Later, the caller took the bank account details from Abdul Rehman Ansari and gradually cheated him of more than three lakh rupees. The criminals switched off the mobile after cheating the teacher of the money. In the entire case, teacher Abdul Rehman Ansari had given an appli-



cation in Palamu Cyber Police Station. On the basis of the application of teacher Abdul Rehman Ansari, an FIR has been registered in Palamu Cyber Police Station under several serious sections including IT Act. Cyber??Police Station in-charge Vishram Oraon said that an FIR has been registered in the case of cheating of a madrasa teacher. Police is investigating the whole matter. He said that the cheating has happened in the name of helping the madrasa. The Cyber Police Station in-charge appealed to the people not to fall into the trap of cyber criminals and to be cautious.

Thousands of devotees reached the railway station for Maha Kumbh

- ▶ Special train started from Daltonganj, senior police officers deployed

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Thousands of devotees reached Daltonganj railway station on Tuesday night to go to Palamu Prayagraj Maha Kumbh. Most of the trains to go to Prayagraj pass through Palamu area at night. Thousands of devotees are reaching Daltonganj railway station of divisional headquarters Medininagar to go to Prayagraj. In view of the crowd of devotees, the railways has also started a special train from Daltonganj railway station. On Monday, the first special train to go to Maha Kumbh was opened from Daltonganj. On Tuesday also, a special train will open for Prayagraj at around 11:00 pm. Thousands of devotees have reached the railway station to go to Prayagraj by special train and other trains. In view of the crowd of devo-



tees, senior police officers have been deployed at Daltonganj railway station on the instructions of Palamu SP Rishma Rameshan. A large number of policemen are deployed on the spot under the leadership of DSP Rajesh Yadav, RPF Inspector Banarasi Yadav. Police and RPF personnel are helping the devotees to board the train. Announcements are being made continuously for crowd control. Magistrates have also been deployed. Daltonganj Railway Station Station Master Umesh Kumar said that in view of the crowd, a special train has been opened, one train had also left on Monday and the other is going to leave on Tuesday. On the occasion, SI Swati Gupta of City Police Station, TOP 2 in-charge Anil Singh, Tiger Mobile personnel Amit Kumar, Rajesh Chandravanshi, Mithilesh Kumar, Pramod Kumar, Mukesh Singh, Suryanath Singh were also mainly present at Daltonganj Railway Station to serve the devotees.

More than half a dozen mountains here have been destroyed by the stone mafia: Now the action being taken has raised hopes of saving the mountains

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Stone mafia has destroyed many mountains of Chhatrapur area, identified as a big hub of Palamu crusher and stone mines, by illegal mining. For illegal mining, first the trees on the mountains are cut and in this way both the forest and the mountain are destroyed. But on last Tuesday, Chhatrapur Circle Officer Upendra Kumar and Chhatrapur's Eastern Forest Area Officer Navneet Kumar have inspected a total of 12 crushers operating in various mauzas under Chhatrapur. During this time, on the information of stones being obtained from the forest area, stone samples were taken from Jai Maa Stone Chips Crusher and Jai Maa Vindhya Vasini Crusher of Bardiha. During the inspection of Bachkoma hill, illegal mining on the hill was investigated. Sufficient evidence of illegal mining on the hill was found, after which the process of identifying people involved in illegal mining was started. This action of the government machinery has raised hopes



among the people suffering from illegal mining and illegal deforestation that perhaps this time the destroyed hills will be saved...! When many people of the area were asked that such half-hearted actions have been taken many times, but why so much expectation from the administration this time, the peo-

ple clearly said that so far they have seen the clean image of Chhatrapur SDM (IAS) Ashish Gangwar, IFS officer Navneet Kumar and Chhatrapur CO Upendra Kumar who are honest. This is why they have expectations from them. The set standards are not being followed by most of the crusher operators. The officials checked the CTO, boundary wall, dispatch register etc. of all the crushers. During this it was found that most of the crushers do not have the arrangement of water sprinklers and boundary wall as per set standards was also not found near the crushers. Further action will be taken by preparing a report on all these points. Jai Maa Stone Chips, Jai Mata Stone Crusher, Mahadev Stone Chips, Jai Maa Sanchandi Stone Crusher, Jai Maa Vindhya Vasini Stone Chips, Jai Maa Sherawali Stone Chips, MS Ashok Kumar Singh, MS Stone of Mauja Charain, MS Vaishno Mata Stone, Jai Maa Lilori Stone Chips Crusher, Sahara Stone Chips of Mauja Murumdag and MS Ravindra Kumar

Singh Stone Crusher operating under Mauja Bardiha of Chhatrapur were investigated. Last year, it was discussed that some corrupt officials and police personnel of Chhatrapur Eastern Forest Area had together made a deal of some hills of Chhatrapur area with the stone mafia? Meaning, pay so much money every month and destroy the hills of the forest without any fear...? After this news, many media houses had published news. It was told that the stone mafia involved in illegal mining has completely destroyed many hills adjacent to Bachkoma, Murumdag, Bardiha, Charai, Khodhi, Karma, Telari, Masihani, Dali, Sildag and Okraha villages of Chhatrapur block. But even after this news, illegal mining continued unabated from the hills of the forest department. In between, some actions were taken for show. It is important to mention a funny but shameful and worrying incident of this context here. In the month of November last year 2024, there

was a dispute between the forest police and the stone mafia. (Sources say that this dispute was about the transaction but we do not confirm this news.) After the dispute, two forest police were taken hostage and beaten. Police personnel got the case registered. After this, the accused has also filed a case against the forest police in the court. Actually, the black stones from which the black stones of granite type have been illegally excavated, are usually found in the hills of the forest department, the gravel (chharri) made by breaking them is sold at the highest price in the markets and there is a huge demand for it. Illegal stone mining is going on continuously in many hills adjacent to Bachkoma, Murumdag, Bardiha, Charain, Khodhi, Karma, Telari, Masihani, Dali, Sildag and Okraha villages of Chhatrapur block. Mountains are being broken illegally through heavy blasting. A well-organized system of mafias works in this illegal business, whose wires are spread to other states.



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.



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 of 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.

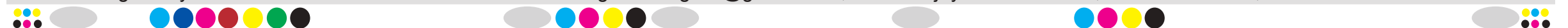
8. Although Bonsai trees can be grown from seeds, more developed material is already available. Seedlings, cuttings or young trees with smaller leaves are usually preferred.

Beginners guide to Bonsai

Bonsai



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



In the absence of SAARC

ONLY weeks ago, Delhi and many other parts of northern India emerged from a season of choking smog. Likewise in Lahore, where the provincial government had to declare a health emergency, shut down schools and colleges, and order residents to stay at home. In the two Punjabs, Indian and Pakistani, an arid winter is making farmers nervous about the rabi crop. Jammu & Kashmir hasn't had enough snowfall this year, which is bad news for its rivers. The Chenab has bottomed out already. Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) is undergoing a similarly dry winter. The impact is felt all the way across in the Himalayas in Nepal, dependent for snow and rain on the same western disturbances that bring winter precipitation to northern India and Pakistan.

Across the entire region, climate change has affected livelihoods and is endangering lives. Typically, it is the poor that bear the brunt of extreme weather events. When global warming raises sea levels, threatening to engulf Mumbai, Karachi, Kolkata and Dhaka in frequent flooding, extreme rainfall, cyclones and salinisation, it is the poorest in these large cities who will be the worst affected. The warming is also depleting marine resources, causing conflicts among fishers across borders, for example, between those from Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka's Jaffna.

In the face of these challenges, civil society groups and media representatives from South Asia gathered earlier this month to discuss the possibilities of regional cooperation for climate action. It is possible to imagine that as the biggest economy in the region, a rising world power and an aspiring leader of the Global South, India would have hosted the conference, in line with its Neighbourhood First policy. But that boat has sailed. The conference, which brought together about a hundred people, was held in Islamabad at the Jinnah Convention Centre, all spruced up after a recent facelift for the SCO Heads of Government meeting that Pakistan hosted last October.

It was not the embattled government of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif that organised this ambitious conference. The event was put together and helmed by the leading Pakistani media group Dawn. Seamlessly choreographed, the two-day conference, 'Breathe Pakistan — International Climate Change Conference', packed in 14 sessions, had the backing of several sponsors led by the provincial government of Punjab, the United Nations and the World Bank. Call it Track 2.5 or 3.5 or even 4. The visas, especially for invitees from India, would not have been possible without the official green light. I attended the event as a speaker in a session on the media's role in climate action. Sonam Wangchuk, the famous Ladakh-based activist, and Harjeet Singh, the head of a climate resilience NGO, were among the others from India. Sunita Narain of the Centre for Science and Environment participated via Zoom.

The conference was being held against the rise of climate change-denying leaders in the US, and in other parts of the world — copycat 'Trumpism', as Harjeet described the new American age during a session on 'Decarbonisation of South Asia'. The other elephant in the room was the absence of official engagement between the two biggest nations in the region, India and Pakistan. But that seemed to be the point: the climate emergency is too real, too here and now, to wait for conflict resolution, or for Trumpism to fade. In an ideal world, climate change should have been right up the street of SAARC — a one-time dream of regional cooperation that struggled with bilateral hostilities from the start and is now comatose and brain-dead. If India has been striving to set up regional cooperation without Pakistan (also known in Delhi circles as 'SAARC-minus one'), think of the conference as a sort of riposte, albeit a civil society-driven one, that action against climate change cannot be envisioned in 'minus one' terms. Pakistan has been ravaged in recent years by floods of epic proportions, glacial melt, the degradation of the Indus basin ecosystem, winds from the west carrying dust, and smog of the same kind — and from similar sources — that paralyses life in north India for three months every year.

Rebuilding Punjab from the new low of deportation flights

The next generation yearns for a path forward and needs a clear thought and vision for the future.

Punjab's slide has reached its nadir. The exodus of its youth through clandestine routes and the eventual cruel deportation of some of them from the US to the holy city of Amritsar lately are the new lows. Once the number one state of the country across indices, even up to 2003, it has fallen drastically over the past two decades. One may sound like a prophet of doom, but the reality truly bites. Mindboggling as it may seem, even during the era of militancy, the state's agrarian economy sustained itself remarkably. Historically, the people of the state have been happy, progressive and extremely hardworking. The youth took to the armed forces, administrative services, entrepreneurship and innovative farming like fish to water. And yet, this industrious state and its enterprising people are now at a loss and looking for avenues of escape. Punjab's industrial prowess and its avenues of trade and business, took multiple hits during the Partition of 1947, and further in the Indo-Pak wars, and still more during the over a decade of militancy. The state's debt exceeds Rs 3,50,000 crore and it ranks at the bottom of the 18-state Fiscal Health Index 2025. But the slide is not just economic. There is also a severe political trust deficit, across party lines. The Akali Dal is decimated and its leadership lately shamed by the Sikh clergy itself. The Akali Dal under Prakash Singh Badal has had the longest reign of nearly 19 years, including the period of slide from 2007-2017, even though it was in partnership with the powerful national ally, the BJP,

for much of this period. The present-day ruling party of the state, the AAP, has done precious little to improve the lot of its people or its economy although it is halfway through its term of office. Since Independence, the Punjabis have been pivoting between the Congress and the Akalis and finally mandated the AAP for political control after lacklustre terms of the other two favoured parties. However, in the last two decades, every promise of prosperity by each party has been but a chimera for the people of Punjab. Terming the problems of Punjab today as existential may not be an overstatement. For too long, the youth have watched their leaders head for the national capital and return thumping their chests, parroting perceived victories, easily befogged and befooled by the powers-that-be, only to find their Punjab further diminished. Also, its bargaining chips, political or otherwise, are few, and most have been pawned away for the personal greed of politicians. In the numbers game of

politics, our once numero uno state is today befuddled, landlocked, politically unimportant and hopelessly in debt. The next generation, thus, yearns for a path forward and needs a clear thought and vision for the future. Look around you, they tell their elders: name one leader who can guide you through the morass and pull Punjab out of the quicksand! They look at their remarkable legacy, the Khalsa sarkaar of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, when Punjab's boundaries extended across the entire Indus Valley up to Tibet and Ladakh, all the way to Khyber, and down to Delhi. And yet, they find that the state has not had a single stalwart who could match the vision and

on, so it seemed, across the globe.

Historically, the Sikhs were never backseat drivers and, thus, led from the front in the wars waged against the British (the Anglo-Sikh wars) and for the British later. Post the fall of the Khalsa Raj, evidence of Sikhs battling it out in Malta, China, Tibet, Japan, Somalia, Iraq, Mesopotamia, Sudan and elsewhere during the two World Wars is extensive. And, they dug roots in these territories. In the contemporary times, they have expanded their universe manifold into the global village. It is this fact that makes the latest deportations of youth even more unpalatable. The frustration of the young



Punjabi flows from the downright illogic of Punjab's reality. It grows the staples, wheat and rice, in mindboggling tonnage, yet processes minuscule amounts into foodstuff. It has the iconic Golden Temple that attracts the highest number of visitors — 40 million per annum — but no MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) tourism and no plans for synergetic journeys across the state. It has a border that opens out the subcontinent to the entire Asian plate and beyond, and no trade. It has nurtured entrepreneurship, but its businessmen have funnelled their major investments elsewhere. It has been the food basket for the nation, yet its farmers are in penury. Only a holistic overhaul can excite the youth again — perhaps, a short-term strategy to counter the fall, a mid-term policy to steady the boat and a long-term approach striding new technologies.

dynamism of Partap Singh Kairon, who, in his term (1957-1964), ushered in not only the Green Revolution but also invited industry leaders. He even had Le Corbusier build the new capital city of the state, Chandigarh.

It was after his assassination in 1965 that the Punjab state was reorganised on a linguistic basis, a possibility that Kairon had resisted tooth and nail. With this new development, this proud state, which had lost over 2,00,000 square km of its territory to Pakistan due to the line drawn by Radcliffe partitioning the subcontinent, lost another 58.8 per cent of itself to a three-state solution brought about by the Akali Punjabi Suba movement.

The Great Land of Punjab which comprised a massive 3,60,000 sq km pre-Independence, has been squeezed to just 50,362 sq km. Indeed, a Punjab diminished by stature and by size! This remarkable downside of the land of the Khalsa has a contrarian upside as well. The faith moved

Diversifying the economy, enabling a surge in exports, reforming education, straddling environmental degradation; doubling down on such low-hanging fruits as tourism, entrepreneurship, and services; bringing young women centre stage; creating a calendar of events for tourism and business; rethinking the agrarian basket and adding value — all this requires a master plan and a systemic change in its execution methodology. Perhaps the bugle, rather the 'nagada', of renaissance has already been sounded by Diljit Dosanjh in his clarion call: 'Oh, Punjabi aa gaye oye' (the Punjabis have arrived). As an icon of the youth, he may just have lit a beacon of hope in them. It is about time the Punjabis stepped out of hibernation and took a pride of place in the nation and elsewhere, one that is rightfully theirs, on a high in life and not hanging low in nadir.

Beyond deportation

Will Vaishnav take blame for stampede

The horrific New Delhi station stampede, which claimed 18 lives, was not an accident — it was a failure of planning, foresight and accountability. As thousands of pilgrims flocked to board trains for the Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj, the authorities failed to anticipate and manage the massive rush, leading to tragic consequences. Former Railway Minister Pawan Kumar Bansal was blunt in his assessment: the ultimate responsibility lies with the Railway Minister. The government's inability to put proper crowd control measures in place despite knowing the surge in travellers is a glaring oversight. The Maha Kumbh is not a surprise event; its scale and impact on railway traffic are well-documented. Why, then, was a tragedy of this magnitude allowed to unfold?

In the wake of the disaster, the government swiftly announced Rs 10 lakh compensation for each victim's



family and Rs 2.5 lakh for the seriously injured, as per Indian Railways' guidelines. However, reports of wads of cash being handed over at the station raise ethical

concerns. The sheer optics of authorities distributing notes in violation of 2023 compensation guidelines that allow cash distribution of up to Rs 50,000 only add insult to injury. Instead of fixing systemic issues, is the government attempting damage control with cash payouts?

Not surprisingly, the demand for Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav's resignation has gained traction, with his history of deflecting blame for railway mishaps underlined. The government's initial dismissal of the stampede as a 'rumour' further exposes its reluctance to acknowledge failures. Historically, ministers like Lal Bahadur Shastri and Nitish Kumar stepped down, taking moral responsibility for railway disasters. Will Vaishnav do the same? Beyond resignations, systemic reforms are necessary. The Railways must overhaul its crowd management protocols, particularly during religious and festival rushes.

Banks bend for rich corporates, break farmers

Why should banking laws be different for different categories of bank customers? Do banks ever treat those who take housing, car, tractor or motorbike loans with the same kind of kid gloves

The inequality is grotesque. Responding to an RTI plea, the Reserve Bank of India has informed that since April 1, 2014, the banks have written off a staggering Rs 16.61 lakh crore of bad loans of corporate India. On the other hand, speaking in Parliament the other day, Hanuman Beniwal, an MP from Rajasthan, said the outstanding farm loans in the country now exceed Rs 32 lakh crore.

More than 18.74 crore farmers are saddled with outstanding loans. In fact, the total outstanding farm loans are 20 times higher than the outlay for the annual agricultural budget, Beniwal said, and asked the Finance Minister why no mention was made of any farm loan waiver scheme for farmers. On the contrary, of the total write-off of Rs 16.61-lakh crore toxic loans of India Inc in the past 11 years (with only 16 per cent recovery), Indian banks appear not to have any second thought before writing-off Rs 10.6 lakh crore of the unpaid loans of India Inc in the past five years. Reports say that 50 per cent of the bad loans being struck belonged to large companies.

But when it comes to farmers, a bank in Shimoga, Karnataka, had showed the utmost urgency by summoning a small farmer who had to walk 15 km in the absence of a regular bus service to clear an outstanding balance of just Rs 3.46. In the financial year 2023-24 alone, banks have written off Rs 1.7-lakh crore. A year earlier, in 2022-23, banks wrote off Rs 2.08-lakh crore. But when it comes to waiving farm loans, the Centre has done it only twice: in 1990 and 2008. Some state governments have done it separately, but it is not a burden on the banks as the states make the payments to the bank for the amount waived. While the unpaid bank loans are written off with sagacity, as if the write-off adds to nation-building, it is so painful to see a video clip of a woman self-help group (SHG) member being dragged to a waiting police van for her inability to pay back Rs 35,000. It appears as if it's only poor farmers and



rural workforce that are responsible for upsetting the national balance sheet with their petty defaults, while the rich defaulters get an easy walkover. The rich defaulters include over 16,000 willful defaulters with an unpaid amount of Rs 3.45-lakh crore in bank loans, and who even the RBI acknowledges had the money but did not want to pay back. Certainly, these are the wealth creators, and the nation must applaud them.

Now take a look at this farmer from Pilibanga in Rajasthan. He took a loan of Rs 2.70 lakh from a finance

company and had paid back Rs 2.57-lakh (including Rs 57,000 support received from the state during the pandemic). But unable to pay back the remaining amount, he comes home one day to find his house locked. Later, the lock was broken by outraged villagers. This unsavoury event must be viewed in the context of a 92 per cent 'haircut' that banks and lenders undertook when Adhunik Metaliks, a leading manufacturer of alloy and steel in the eastern region, settled for Rs 410 crore against their outstanding dues of Rs 5,370 cr after its

resolution plan was approved by the Kolkata branch of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), in July 2018. Obviously, with such a huge 'haircut', the promoters of the company said they are willing to complete all activities and start working towards reviving the flagship company. No wonder, once hailed as a transformative resolution mechanism — the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) — has come under the flap and the banks are no longer enthused to use it for recoveries. Reports say recoveries for banks and other lenders are coming down.

The bigger question, however, remains. If the house of a Rajasthan farmer can be locked for a non-recovery of a pending amount of Rs 20,000, why couldn't the NCLT lock the premises (and put the owners, like farmers, behind bars) of firms like Adhunik Metaliks instead of giving it cakewalk by simply waiving 92 per cent of the pending dues? And, if such a massive 'haircut' is required for a big company, why shouldn't farmers get the benefit of a similar approach and, that too, in a relatively smaller way? After all, their individual outstanding loans are hardly a fraction of the corporate bad debts.

Moreover, why should banking laws be different for different categories of bank customers? Do banks ever treat those who take housing, car, tractor or motorbike loans with the same kind of kid gloves? How long can the banks go on justifying the need for owning the bad debts of the companies and, that too, in the name of economic growth?

When I see agonising videos on social media of farmers — those running tractors to re-plough their standing cauliflower and cabbage crops in Punjab and Haryana; and, more recently, the crash in tomato prices for farmers in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh — I am reminded of the Operation Greens scheme launched in the 2018-19 Budget with an outlay of Rs 500 crore to stabilise the prices of tomato, onion and potato.

Swati Maliwai asks Arvind Kejriwal to appoint Dalit Leader of Opposition in Delhi

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➤ **Swati Maliwai writes letter to AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal**
 ➤ **She recalls unfulfilled promise of Dalit Deputy Chief Minister in Punjab**
 ➤ **Letter comes ahead of BJP's announcement of next Delhi Chief Minister**

New Delhi. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwai on Wednesday asked party chief Arvind Kejriwal to appoint a Dalit Leader of the Opposition in the Delhi Assembly to "pay true tribute" to BR Ambedkar.

Taking to X, Maliwai posted a letter she wrote to Kejriwal today and said, "Three years ago, Kejriwal ji had promised in Punjab that he would make a Dalit Deputy Chief Minister, but that promise has not been fulfilled till date."

"I hope this time he will pay true tribute to respected Babasaheb Ambedkar ji by making a Dalit MLA from Delhi the LOP," she



added. In conclusion, the AAP MP said that choosing a Dalit MLA as the Leader of Opposition would be a "key step towards adhering to our core principles" and just a political move.

Maliwai's letter comes as the BJP is expected to announce the new Delhi Chief Minister today, more than a week after it stormed to power in the capital city after a hiatus of 27 years.

The oath taking ceremony will take place at noon on Thursday in the city's Ramlila Maidan. The invitation has also been extended to Kejriwal and former Chief Minister Atishi. The name of the next Chief Minister will be announced following a meeting of the BJP's Parliamentary Board, the party's highest decision-making body.

In the high-stakes February 5 Delhi Assembly polls, the AAP faced a crushing defeat by winning only 22 out of the 70 seats, thus ending the party's 10-year regime in the national capital. The BJP won 48 seats.

Centre asks social media platforms to remove app enabling caller ID fraud

CLI, also known as caller ID spoofing, is a fraudulent technique in which a caller alters their phone number to appear as someone else. Many apps are used by scammers to carry out this deception, often to trick people into sharing personal or financial information.

New Delhi. In a bid to curb cyber fraud, the Centre has sent an advisory to social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram and X among others, directing them to remove applications that enable users to manipulate their caller IDs.

Essentially, a move against Calling Line Identification (CLI), the Ministry of Communications, in its advisory, said that such offences where a person obtains "subscriber identity modules or other telecommunication identification through fraud" is in violation of the Telecommunications Act as it is punishable by up to three years in prison or a fine extending up to Rs 50 lakh or both.

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The government further pointed out a recent instance where a social media influencer had told people about how to change their CLI so that it appeared as a different number to the receiver, necessitating the need to issue the advisory.

"Any application that allows to tamper telecom identifier (like CLI, IP address, IMEI etc) is abetting users in committing an offence by contravening provisions of Telecommunications Act, 2023 and therefore Social media platforms and Application hosting platforms are required to remove such content/applications that allows or promotes tamper of telecom identifier in contravention to the provisions of the Telecommunications Act, 2023," the ministry said in an official statement.

Issuing the advisory, the government has asked all social media platforms and application hosting platforms to comply and send a compliance report to the Department of Telecommunications by February 28.

Real Estate Firm Raymond Ltd Reports Cyber Security Incident



New Delhi. Real estate firm Raymond Ltd on Wednesday reported a cyber security incident at the company that impacted some of its IT assets.

In a regulatory filing, Raymond Ltd informed that "a cyber security incident has occurred at the company and it has impacted some of the IT assets which have been isolated." The incident has not impacted our core systems and operations, it added. "None of our customer operations and store operations have been affected and the same are up and running normally," the company said.

Raymond assured that the technical team of the company along with a specialized team of cybersecurity experts and the management responded promptly and initiated necessary precautions and protocols to mitigate the impact of this incident.

"The company is investigating the matter and appropriate containment and remediation actions are being taken in a controlled manner to address the incident," the filing said.

With the inception in 1925, Raymond Group has been a pioneer and leader in fabric manufacturing and then forayed in other sectors such as engineering business and real estate. After demerging its lifestyle business into a separate listed entity in the year 2024, Raymond Ltd now has two core businesses of real estate and engineering.

PM Modi Pays Homage To Chhatrapati Shivaji On His Birth Anniversary

PM Modi Pays Homage To Chhatrapati Shivaji On His Birth Anniversary Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti: PM Modi said Chhatrapati Shivaji inspires in building a strong, self-reliant and prosperous India.

New Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid homage to Maratha empire founder Chhatrapati Shivaji on his birth anniversary on Wednesday.

PM Modi said on X, "His valour and visionary leadership laid the foundation for Swarajya, inspiring generations to uphold the values of courage and justice. He inspires us in building a strong, self-reliant and prosperous India." Born in 1630 in Maharashtra, Shivaji combined military genius and political dexterity to challenge the Muslim sultans in the south and Mughals in the north to expand his kingdom, which went on to become India's most powerful empire before the British defeated it.



Ensure Full Implementation Of New Criminal Laws In J&K By April: Amit Shah

New Delhi. Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a review meeting on the implementation of three new criminal laws in Jammu and Kashmir, in the presence of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, in New Delhi on Tuesday. The meeting reviewed the implementation and present status of various new provisions related to police, prisons, courts, prosecution, and forensics in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by the Union Home Secretary, Chief Secretary and Director General of Police of Jammu and Kashmir, the Director General of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD), the Director General of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), and other senior officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the UT administration. During the discussion in the meeting, Home Minister Shah asked the UT administration to ensure full implementation of the three new

criminal laws, made under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in Jammu and Kashmir by April 2025. He said that optimum use of technology should be made to ensure speedy justice under the three new criminal laws.



The Home Minister said that for the full implementation of the new laws, it is imperative to change the attitude of the police personnel and the administration and create awareness about the new laws among the citizens. He stated that with a decline in terror activities and improvement in security scenarios in Jammu and Kashmir, the

police should now prioritise safeguarding the rights of its citizens. HM Shah added that there is an urgent need to use the provision of Trial in Absentia in the union territory.

The Home Minister stressed the need to fix the responsibility of police officers to expedite the process of filing chargesheets. He said that every police station in Jammu and Kashmir should put the maximum use of the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) into practice.

He said that 100 per cent training of investigating officers regarding the provisions of the new laws should be ensured, at the earliest. HM Shah said that decisions on provisions related to terrorism and organised crime should be taken only after thorough scrutiny at the level of the Superintendent of Police. He added that strict monitoring is required to ensure that these provisions under the new laws are not misused.

Army man donates son's organs after he dies in accident, saves 6 patients



New Delhi. Havildar Naresh Kumar, a serving Non-Commissioned Officer of the 10th Battalion the MAHAR Regiment, donated his son's organs after the 18-year-old died in a road accident. Kumar's act of courage helped save the lives of six critically ill patients.

On February 16, just a week after Arshdeep Singh died on February 8, Kumar consented to donate his son's liver, kidney, pancreas and cornea. The liver and kidney were transported via a green corridor to the Army Hospital Research and Referral in New Delhi and the pancreas was donated to a patient battling life-threatening type 1 diabetes with chronic kidney disease. Meanwhile, the corneas were preserved to restore sight to those in need.

This life-saving effort was made possible through the expertise of Command Hospital, Chandimandir, renowned for organ retrieval.

Central armed forces to take over Bhakra-Nangal Dam security from April



New Delhi. In a major security upgrade, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) will replace the police forces of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh at Bhakra and Nangal dams. Sources confirmed that at least 300 CISF personnel will be deployed to guard both dams, which are 35 kilometres apart. While Bhakra Dam is currently under Punjab Police protection, Nangal Dam is secured by Himachal Pradesh Police. This will be the fourth project in the state taken over by the CISF.

The Bhakra-Nangal Dam, a concrete gravity dam on the Satluj River, is a key hydroelectric and irrigation project forming the Gobind Sagar reservoir.

The decision to deploy the CISF comes after security assessments by central agencies, which recommended that a single specialised force would be better suited to protect such critical infrastructure.

Sources said that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has given the green signal, with CISF deployment expected from April onwards. The move follows concerns over various threat perceptions and security protocols, leading the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) to hand over security to the CISF. Last year, the force also took over the protection of the Beas-Sutlej Link from Himachal Pradesh Police.

Intelligence agencies have flagged security threats to the Bhakra Dam over the years, particularly regarding the risk of sabotage. While experts believe the dam structure itself is highly resilient, any attack on peripheral infrastructure, powerhouses, or transmission systems could have serious consequences.

Former Punjab DGP Shashikant welcomed the decision, stressing the strategic importance of the dams. "Local police were guarding both vital installations. If there was a security threat and something untoward happened, the water flow could be affected, spreading across regions and even toward Pakistan. This move is a step in the right direction," he said.

BJP yet to announce Delhi Chief Minister, today's oath invite already out

Eleven days after the BJP secured a stunning win in Delhi after 27 years by defeating AAP, the party is set to end the suspense over the new Chief Minister today when it announces the name of the person in the legislative party meet.

New Delhi. The BJP, which defeated AAP and won in Delhi after 27 years, will end days of suspense as it will announce the new Delhi Chief Minister today even as the party has sent out oath invites for Thursday's swearing-in ceremony at the iconic Ramlila Maidan.

Eleven days after the BJP's victory, the saffron party will hold a legislative party meeting at the party's Delhi unit office to decide the new Chief Minister. Once the newly-elected MLAs from Delhi announce the Chief Minister, he or she will meet Lt Governor VK Saxena at his residence and stake claim to power.

The BJP's Parliamentary Board, the party's highest decision-making body, will meet at noon to decide the observers for the legislative party meeting of the newly-elected MLAs.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visits to France and the US had led to the delay in the announcement of the new



Delhi Chief Minister. He is expected to attend the key meeting at the party's headquarters.

Among the names doing the rounds are Parvesh Verma, who defeated three-time MLA and AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal from New Delhi, former Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta, Rekha Gupta, Ashish Sood, Satish Upadhyay

and Jitender Mahajan.

In the February 5 Assembly polls, the BJP ended the 10-year-rule of AAP in Delhi by winning 48 of the 70 seats.

Earlier, the BJP held a meeting at the party's Delhi unit office to discuss the oath taking ceremony preparations. Senior leaders like Tarun Chugh, Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva, Delhi BJP

secretaries, all seven BJP MPs from the national capital were present at the meeting.

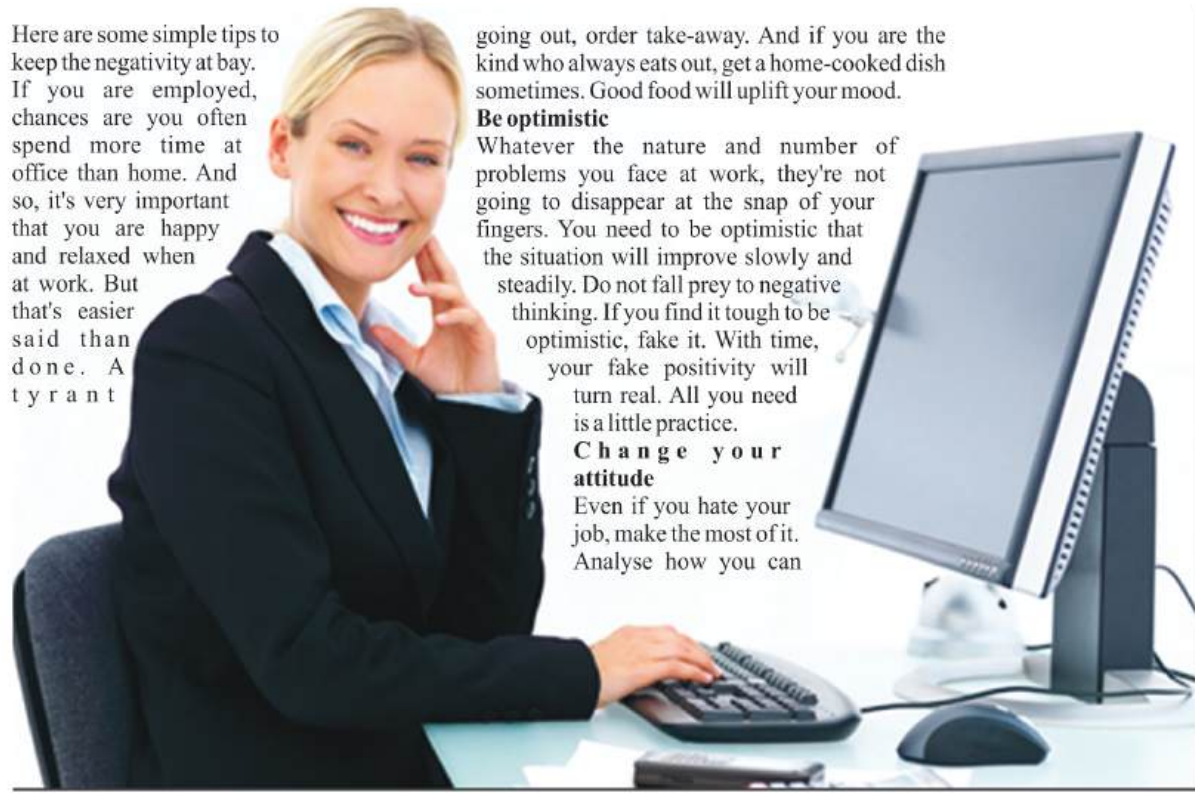
PREPARATIONS FOR OATH TAKING CEREMONY NEARLY DONE

Preparations for the swearing-in ceremony in Delhi are almost complete at the Ramlila Maidan. Three big stages have been built and PM Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Lt Governor VK Saxena will sit on the main stage.

Religious leaders will have a place to sit on the second stage. The current MPs and elected MLAs of Delhi will sit on the third stage. Film stars have been given space below the stage.

The swearing-in ceremony will begin at 11:15 am and will end at 12:25 pm. The Chief Minister will take the oath at 12:05 pm. As per protocol, invitations have been sent to AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal and caretaker Chief Minister Atishi to attend the event.

Here are some simple tips to keep the negativity at bay. If you are employed, chances are you often spend more time at office than home. And so, it's very important that you are happy and relaxed when at work. But that's easier said than done. A tyrant



going out, order take-away. And if you are the kind who always eats out, get a home-cooked dish sometimes. Good food will uplift your mood.

Be optimistic

Whatever the nature and number of problems you face at work, they're not going to disappear at the snap of your fingers. You need to be optimistic that the situation will improve slowly and steadily. Do not fall prey to negative thinking. If you find it tough to be optimistic, fake it. With time, your fake positivity will turn real. All you need is a little practice.

Change your attitude

Even if you hate your job, make the most of it. Analyse how you can

8 Ways to stay happy at Work

Be friendly with colleagues

A friendly atmosphere makes a huge difference. If you're aloof, chances are you will feel left out at some point of time. We're not asking you to go shopping with them and share details of your personal life, but be



boss, backstabbing colleagues, poor pay packages, office politics, unequal distribution of work, favouritism — there are countless reasons to put one off work. Job stress can take a huge toll on your mental and physical health. Changing jobs constantly is not a solution, especially in today's economic scenario.

So, here's how to make the most of what you have.

Eat out Forget home-cooked food and that boring canteen fare. It's a great idea to step out for lunch with your colleagues. It will help you bond with them. If you hate



improve yourself — make fewer mistakes and increase your efficiency.

Whenever you leave a job, you should know that it has enhanced your skills, even if it is in a minor way.

cordial.

Take a chill pill

Slogging for 12 to 16 hours a day will leave anyone grumpy, stressed out and unable to concentrate. So, small 15-minute breaks are a must in between. Take a nap, read jokes or play games online, listen to music or chat with a friend. If napping and playing games online are prohibited, listen to some good music to pep up your mood.

Be grateful Typing furiously on the keyboard, slamming the phone, and pushing the drawers of the cabinet forcefully may help you vent anger, but think about how lucky you are. In the current market scenario, there are many unemployed people who would love to be in your shoes.

Be assertive

Nobody likes to be bullied and harassed at work. If your detractors are under the impression that you can't speak up for yourself, it encourages them to trouble you even more. So, stand up for yourself.

Ask for feedback

It's important to ask for a feedback from your boss. Good communication will give you a clear idea of what's expected of you.

Teach kids budgeting

One of the biggest task for any parent is to teach their kids to use money right. This requires the parents to teach this idea right from an early age. Both spending and saving habits can be taught right from an early age.

The first step is by showing them how you prepare the home budget and taking them to banks. You can also ask your child to help you find and read the unit price numbers at the grocery store in order to find the best bargains. This way, they are active participants in the home budget.

You can also give them a budget and ask them to come up with a grocery shopping list. While shopping, hand them a calculator to see how close you are to your budget as you add more items to the shopping cart.

Buy a piggy bank for younger children so they have somewhere to keep their money temporarily. Make them use this to come up with a budget to suit their needs.



Bad bosses damage health, quality of life

A good boss is like having a good neighbour. If you are not lucky enough to have such a boss, then it can be incredibly damaging to your health and quality of life.



According to health experts, abusive bosses who humiliate, insult employees and isolate them from co-workers not only harm company's growth but also affect performance and overall life of co-workers.

Psychiatrist, Dr Manish Jain, says, "There are three types of personality groups which generally a boss falls into. In the first category are those, who

personality trait are harmful for company as well as the employees. Workplace stress increases the risk of heart disease and stroke, increases risk of insomnia, depression and anxiety, weakens immune defence and can cause chronic muscle pains and migraines. Another doctor Manoj Jain said, "Problems in professional life affect brain activity. It causes stress and affects quality of life. Professional issues looms all the

time and managing family and spending time with them gets difficult. Irritation, high blood pressure and diabetes occurs in such cases."

Recently, a survey conducted by Assocham also revealed that 69% of corporate employees who quit their jobs complained about the indifferent attitude of their bosses or immediate supervisor while remaining move to a new position in the same company. Survey also found that around 42% of employees have been a victim of workplace bullying and almost 56% are bullied by their boss. About 82% of respondents said that a good work environment was often much more important than their current pay level. Workers are quitting their jobs and even switching to another career because they're fed-up with their current boss, adds the survey.

Meanwhile, human resource professionals believe that they are careful in selecting employees and managers but predicting personality trait is a difficult task. Prateek Balbhadra, a human resource professional said, "Employees selection is a critical decision of HR professional as they have huge impact on the retention and turnover of the organisation. But, understanding personality of employees sometimes gets difficult and once the mistake is done it cannot be undone."



Try this quiz to know if you are one among those who is hesitant to express yourself in front of your partner

Intimacy, both physical and emotional, is to be considered when in a relationship. It is crucial to prioritise sharing feelings and thoughts with one's partner, in order to increase trust and a feeling of security. A relationship, which is devoid of emotional intimacy, is prone to break easily. Here's a set of questions which will help you know if you are emotionally intimate with your partner.

You had a rough day. The boss gave you grief, colleagues were tough to deal with, and everything fell out of place.

When you get back home:
A. You don't cringe to tell your partner about it.
B. You shut up intentionally, and refrain from venting your frustration in front of your partner.

When you are extremely angry with your partner, you ensure:
A. You give them an explanation why you are upset.

Are you emotionally intimate enough?

B. Your partner receives the silent treatment from you. You think he/she won't understand what you feel.

Your partner's sibling, on several occasions, has been articulate about how much they dislike you being romantically associated with his/her sister/brother.

A. You tell your partner about it and seek advice on how to handle the situation.
B. Your way of tackling this is to not tell your partner a thing and ignore it.

When your partner is not right about something...

A. I walk up to him/her and make it clear that I disapprove of it.
B. I refrain from giving an opinion fearing how he/she'd react.

Do you think you can communicate easily with your partner?

A. Yes, I tell my partner what is on my mind.
B. No. I wish I could express myself better.

If most of your answers are:
A's: You are emotionally intimate with your partner and you know it's the key to preserving your relationship. Confiding in your partner and letting them know what's on your mind is important.

B's: You need to be vocal about what you think. Tell him/her what you feel. Don't shut up because you fear his/her reaction. If you want the relationship to last, be frank with your partner. Start by giving them your day-to-day accounts, and then, move on to the more important things in life.

10 Things women want from men

Here's what women want from men

1. When we talk 'listen', it shows us that you care about our feelings.
2. Men should be smart enough and understand that not all our bad moods are connected to PMS-ing.
3. Guys, developing an EQ (Emotional quotient) would help. That however, does not mean that they need to cry at the drop of a hat, it just means you need to be more sensitive towards us.



4. With women communication is the key, so try and talk to us often.
5. Here are some traits we wish men would display - chivalry, making an extra effort with our friends and family, because we do the same!
6. Cook for us once in a while - this one

may sound like a cliché, but we love surprises so an occasional effort wouldn't hurt, would it?

7. Your machoism is not directly proportional to the speed at which you drive your car. Rash driving is so uncool.

8. Be protective, not possessive, hear that?

9. We need our man to proclaim love all the time and we leave it to you as to how you wish to show it.

10. Remember the quickest way to lose a woman is to lie to her, so be honest.



mistrust co-workers, the second one has those who wants assigned work to be done anyhow and the third ones are those who are insecure and anxious about how they and their co-workers work." He added saying that such

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Arshdeep Singh over Harshit Rana to replace Jasprit Bumrah: Ricky Ponting

New Delhi Former Australia captain Ricky Ponting believes that India seamer Arshdeep Singh is the best choice to replace the injured Jasprit Bumrah in the playing XI for the upcoming Champions Trophy. While India named Harshit Rana as Bumrah's replacement in the squad, Ponting feels Arshdeep is better suited to lead the attack in Bumrah's absence. Bumrah's injury left a significant gap in India's bowling unit, raising concerns about who will step up to anchor the attack in a tournament where India will be aiming to end their long wait for an ODI silverware. Despite initially being named in India's 15-man squad, Bumrah was ruled out of the tournament due to a back injury sustained during the Sydney Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. India handed Harshit Rana his ODI debut in the recent series against England, but he struggled with the new ball. Although he improved in his second spells, Ponting, speaking on The ICC Review, expressed concerns over Harshit's lack of control in the early overs and backed



Arshdeep as a better fit for the role. "I would go with the left-armed and I'd go with Arshdeep (to replace Bumrah)... We know how good he's been in T20 cricket and if you think about the skill set, he probably provides a similar skill set to what Bumrah does with new ball and death overs and that's what India will miss," Ponting said. "That's taking nothing away from Harshit Rana because I think he has got a lot of talent and we know what he can do with the new ball, but I don't think his death skills are as good as what Arshdeep Singh's are... And just that left-arm variation, someone that can bowl left-arm with a new ball and move the new ball. We know how important they are and crucial they can be, especially in big tournaments when you've got a lot of right-handers at the top. I would personally lean that way if I was India," he added. Harshit has shown promise across all formats, becoming one of the few bowlers to claim three-wicket hauls on his Test, ODI, and T20I debuts. He picked up 3/48 on his Test debut against Australia in Perth, followed by 3/33 against England in his first T20I in Pune, and 3/53 in his maiden ODI against England in Nagpur.

Pakistani net bowler, viral after toe-crushers to Rohit Sharma, lives his dream

New Delhi. Fast bowler Awas Ahmad fulfilled his dream when he bowled to Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli during India's nets session in Dubai ahead of the Champions Trophy. Hailing from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, Ahmad impressed both Rohit and Virat, swinging the ball both ways. A video recently went viral in which Rohit praised the pacer for his skill.

Champions Trophy Full Coverage

Rohit also mentioned that Ahmad specifically targeted his boots with yorkers. Ahmad revealed that he learned the art of bowling yorkers from Pakistani fast bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi, who has troubled Rohit with this delivery in high-stakes matches. Ahmad was also part of the Lahore Qalandars in the 2021



Pakistan Super League (PSL), though he didn't get the opportunity to play. When I was bowling, Virat was on strike, and later, he had a brief chat with Rohit. Rohit asked Virat which way I was swinging the ball. I heard Virat Bhai say that I was swinging the ball both ways. After that, he batted perfectly and didn't make any mistakes in his stroke play." Ahmad said in an interview with Sports Today. "After the net session, Rohit appreciated me. I tried to deceive Rohit Bhai with yorkers, similar to how Shaheen Shah Afridi bowls to him. Later, Rohit said that I aimed for his foot, and that gave me confidence." "Both happy and nervous"

On February 23, India will be up against Pakistan in the marquee clash at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. Ahmed said that he was privileged to have got the chance of bowling players of the calibre of Rohit and Virat. "He was definitely practising with the thought that India would face Pakistan later. People dream of meeting Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, and I'm lucky that I got to bowl to them." "I didn't feel nervous while bowling today, but when I received the message from Mohit (Raghav) bhai yesterday that I would be bowling to the Indian team, I was both happy and nervous at the same time," Ahmed added. Mohit Raghav was the one who arranged the net bowlers.

New Zealand still has squad depth for Champions Trophy despite injuries: Shane Bond

← **Shane Bond backed New Zealand's depth despite injury concerns**
 ← **Black Caps rely on all-rounders for balance in Champions Trophy**
 ← **Confidence high after Tri-Series win against Pakistan in Karachi**

New Delhi Former New Zealand cricketer Shane Bond believes that despite a series of injury setbacks, the Black Caps still possess strong squad depth heading into the Champions Trophy. Bond emphasized that the number of all-rounders in the squad provides balance and flexibility, making New Zealand a competitive force in the tournament. New Zealand has suffered multiple injury blows, including the losses of Ben Sears and experienced pacer Lockie

Ferguson, both of whom have been ruled out of the tournament. Their replacements, Jacob Duffy and Kyle Jamieson, have been drafted in to bolster the squad. However, Bond, while speaking to ESPN Cricinfo, explained that despite these disruptions, New Zealand remains a well-rounded team capable of fielding a strong playing XI. He particularly highlighted how the presence of several all-rounders enhances the squad's depth, allowing for a more balanced batting lineup. "It's transitioning, but really there's still a lot of depth and experience within that New Zealand team. If you look at who they've lost, they've lost probably (Trent) Boult and (Tim) Southee, and obviously a few others. (Lockie) Ferguson now through injury. But it's a very experienced lineup. It's a lineup that has got experience in subcontinent conditions, they've been successful over the last period of time. It's a very good one day side and New Zealand will take a lot of confidence into this tournament given the recent success in the Tri-series," Bond said.

"I think having four spin-bowling all-rounders, and three of them being genuine batsmen means Mitch Santner will come at eight. You could even potentially have a Nathan Smith at nine or a Matt Henry at nine. So New Zealand's depth of batting, there's lif

and right handers throughout the order and there's power hitting. So after the wickets turn, New Zealand have got their depth with (Rachin) Ravindra, who they'll come back in a spin bowler and experience through that batting lineup. Someone like Will Young's



likely to miss out, Mark Chapman, who's been very successful in Pakistan. I think New Zealand will take a great deal of confidence in the squad that they've got and the recent Tri-Series will really help their confidence, which is sort of very different to the T20 World Cup. This time they come very well-prepared and with the confidence of some wins behind them," he added. The Black Caps are set to play the high-stakes

Champions Trophy opener against co-hosts Pakistan on February 19 in Karachi. Their recent Tri-Series victory over Pakistan at the same venue gives them a psychological edge heading into the tournament. However, concerns remain over injuries, with star all-rounder Rachin Ravindra also in doubt for the opener. Ravindra suffered a serious facial injury during the Tri-Series and is still undergoing recovery. New Zealand head coach Gary Stead recently stated that the 25-year-old is making gradual progress, but his absence would be a significant setback for the team. Despite these challenges, Bond remains optimistic about New Zealand's chances in the Champions Trophy. He believes that their recent successes, combined with the squad's versatility, will help them remain competitive. The team will also be motivated to improve their ICC tournament record, having suffered heartbreak in the 2019 ODI World Cup final and an early exit in the 2023 edition at the hands of India. With a mix of experience, confidence, and a solid core of all-rounders, New Zealand will look to overcome their injury woes and make a strong statement in the Champions Trophy.

Fully fit Novak Djokovic handed shock Qatar Open exit by Matteo Berrettini

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New Delhi. Serbian tennis star Novak Djokovic's struggles in 2025 continued as he suffered a shocking defeat to Matteo Berrettini in the Round of 32 at the Qatar Open on February 18. Despite a hard-fought first set that ended in a tiebreaker, Berrettini dominated the second set to secure a 7-6 (4), 6-2 victory over the World No. 7. Djokovic had been expected to make a strong comeback in Qatar after his

hamstring injury forced him to retire hurt in the Australian Open semi-final against Alexander Zverev. Given that he had never lost to Berrettini in their previous four career meetings, the Serbian was heavily



favoured to win. However, the Italian displayed an aggressive game plan, outplaying Djokovic in key moments. After the match, Djokovic admitted that he was physically fine and played without pain from his recent injury. However, he expressed disappointment in his performance, acknowledging that he had not been able to execute his game plan

effectively. "I haven't had any pain or discomfort during the match, none of that. Today, I was simply outplayed by a better player, that's all," Djokovic said. "I know I wasn't at the desired level, maybe I'm still not moving the way I want to, but what I want to make clear is that I played without any pain, so there's no excuse. Matteo was a better player than me; I think he played a masterful match, to be honest. Tactically, he was great, and he served very well throughout the match. I believe it was a well-deserved victory on his part," he added. For Berrettini, the victory was particularly sweet, as it avenged his defeat to Djokovic in the 2021 Wimbledon final. The win marked the Italian's 10th career victory against a top-10 opponent and reinforced his ability to compete at the highest level.

Berrettini will now face Tallon Griekspoor in the second round as he looks to build on this momentum. Meanwhile, Djokovic's early exit raises further questions about his form and fitness as he looks to bounce back from a challenging start to the season.

Benfica hold off Monaco to reach Champions League last 16

LISBON. Benfica snatched a nailbiting 3-3 draw against Monaco on Tuesday to reach the Champions League last 16 with a 4-3 aggregate victory in the play-off round.

Monaco twice led on the night and came close to forcing extra-time but Orkun Kokcu's 84th minute equaliser helped Benfica scrape through in Lisbon, with Barcelona or Liverpool awaiting in the next round. Kerem Akturkoglu put the hosts ahead against the run of play, with Takumi Minamoto levelling for Monaco after 32 minutes. Eliesse Ben Seghir fired the visitors ahead but Vangelis Pavlidis struck from the spot to keep the score tied on the night. French youngster George Ilenikhena netted in the 81st minute for Monaco but Kokcu prodded home to send Benfica through. "It was a tough night, we knew Monaco would put pressure on us from the start and we felt it, we didn't play



our best game," Kokcu told SportTV. "Still, we're happy to have progressed to the last 16, I'm happy to have contributed to the result." Monaco hammered Nantes 7-1 on Saturday in the French top flight, sharpening their pencils ahead of their crucial exam at the Estadio da Luz. Both sides were without

key players through injury and suspension, with Benfica missing Angel Di Maria among others, while Monaco started with just one recognised midfielder. Wingers Maghnes Aklouch and Ben Seghir played more centrally than usual and both shone in Lisbon, despite ending up on the losing side.

Benfica goalkeeper Anatoliy Trubin made a good save to deny Monaco's Krepin Diatta early on, as the Ligue 1 side looked to get back on level terms in the tie and had the better of the first half. However it was the hosts who took the lead after superb work by Benfica striker Pavlidis. The Greek attacker, who netted a hat-trick against Barcelona in the group stage, turned provider on this occasion and, after darting into the area, crossed to the back post for Akturkoglu to turn home.

Champions Trophy 2025 FAQs: Your complete guide to the returning mini World Cup

← **Champions Trophy 2025 FAQs: In these 13 FAQs, we have covered everything you need to know about the ICC Champions Trophy 2025, from the schedule and venues to team line-ups and live streaming details. This comprehensive guide ensures you stay informed about all key aspects of the tournament.**

New Delhi. The ICC Champions Trophy is making its long-awaited return to the cricket calendar after eight years. At a time when the future of one-day international (ODI) cricket appears uncertain, the marquee tournament fondly known as the mini World Cup, is back in the spotlight. Pakistan, the defending champions, will host the eight-

team competition from 19 February to 9 March, while India's matches will take place in Dubai after the former champions declined to travel across the border, citing security concerns. The ninth edition of the Champions Trophy forms part of the ICC's efforts to reinvigorate ODI cricket at a time when the format faces growing challenges from the proliferation of T20 leagues and players' increasing preference for the shorter format. A battle among the top eight teams in a tournament widely regarded as more competitive than the men's ODI World Cup could provide the much-needed boost to prove to broadcasters that fifty-over cricket remains a commercially viable and exciting spectacle. | Champions Trophy: Full Coverage | For Pakistan, the return of the Champions Trophy is a moment of immense significance in cricketing history. It marks the first time since 1996 that a major ICC event will be held in the country, as well as the first ICC tournament on Pakistani soil in



nearly a decade. For years, Pakistan was exiled from hosting top-tier international cricket following the 2009 attack on the Sri Lankan team bus. However, in recent years, the country has made great strides in assuring visiting teams of its security arrangements, successfully hosting several high-profile bilateral series. The 21-day tournament is expected to further solidify Pakistan's reputation as a safe and capable host, potentially paving the way for more major events and marquee bilateral series in the

future. From a cricketing perspective, there is no shortage of excitement. While some big names will be absent due to availability and injury concerns, the wealth of talent on display is set to make this one of the most thrilling editions of the Champions Trophy yet. Much will depend on how well teams are supported in Pakistan, which is set to host at least 10 of the 15 matches.

Here's a complete guide to Champions Trophy 2025 as we answer some of your questions about the tournament. 1. When and where is the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 taking place? The tournament is scheduled from February 19 to March 9, 2025, with matches held in Pakistan and Dubai. 2. How many editions of the ICC Champions Trophy have been played? This is the eighth edition of the tournament. It was introduced in 1998 as ICC Knockout as part of former ICC chief Jagmohan Dalmiya's efforts to bring in more money to the board coffers. Read more about the tournament's history here.





Shraddha Kapoor

Rajkumar Rao 'Not The Biggest Stars', Says Karan Johar As He Praises Stree 2 Success

Stree 2 became one of the biggest blockbusters of all time when it hit theatres in August 2024. Starring Rajkumar Rao, Shraddha Kapoor, Abhishek Banerjee, Aparshakti Khurrana and Pankaj Tripathi in the lead, the film earned over Rs 800 crore and became the seventh-highest-grossing Bollywood film of all time. Recently, Karan Johar also praised Stree 2. He mentioned that the Amar Kaushik directorial is inspiring because it performed well at the box office despite not having the "biggest stars" in it. "I am happy when I see Stree 2 performing so well at the box office. I am so empowered, so inspired that a film that does not boast of a huge star cast with 6 superstars in it. Not like the biggest star of the country is in it. But it is all about the conviction of the producer and the director. More power to Dinesh Vijan and Amar Kaushik. Everyone is fantastic- Rajkumar Rao, Abhishek Banerjee, Aparshakti Khurrana. Shraddha Kapoor, outstanding. Lekin the real bravado is those two!" Karan told Komal Nahta recently, as quoted by Hindustan Times.



Always say this is not the age just of the director or the star, it is the age of the producer. The way a project gets made, positioned, platformed and released. Even the strategies used while you are releasing it at a particular time. These are all important aspects for the success of a film. It is the age of the studio and that of the producer," the filmmaker added.

This is not the first time that KJo has praised the success of Stree 2. In August last year too, the filmmaker took to his Instagram handle and penned down a long note congratulating the team.

"The JUGGERNAUT MEGA BLOCKBUSTER SUCCESS of STREE2 is not just a celebration for @maddockfilms but must be viewed as a celebration of Hindi cinema and Indian mainstream cinema... in the past few years Hindi cinema has been under scrutiny for combatting box office challenges... the post pandemic audience has been evolving and many times difficult to assess... But the mega success of STREE 2 has not only validated the strength of a solid storytelling and rooted content but also affirmed that humongous conviction, bravado and focus on concept, story and a deep rooted connect with an audience will pay rich dividends at the ticket window!" he wrote. The original Stree film was released in 2018. It was also widely loved by the audience.

Rozlyn Khan Spotted Outside Andheri Court With Lawyer After Filing Defamation Case Against Ankita Lokhande



Actress Rozlyn Khan has taken legal action against Ankita Lokhande, filing a defamation lawsuit following a public dispute between the two. Rozlyn had earlier made the news official by sharing court documents related to the case. The drama between the two actors has now taken a legal turn, with both sides set to face off in court. Khan's legal action comes after Ankita's recent remarks, where she called her allegations "cheap". In an Instagram post, Rozlyn had clapped back at the Pavitra Rishta actress after the latter criticised her for accusing Hina Khan of using cancer for publicity. Today, Rozlyn was spotted at the Andheri Court with her lawyer where she gave an update to the paparazzi about the ongoing legal dispute.

Rozlyn had earlier written about Ankita Lokhande, "A woman who could use the death of his ex for a big boss is preaching to me about cheapness!! Not a big surprise... aa gai sasti publicity lene!!" Khan added, "Guys, I posted a video a few days ago mentioning how these TV actresses are using their fan pages to reshare my videos, harassing and trolling me, and @lokhandeankita has come forward publicly, assaulting my character. Hina's cancer is cancer... my cancer just for time pass?? I was exposing one woman, and another one came in for free, but let's ignore her... simply ignore. Now, she's going to give me lectures on cancer when she herself needs advice to sustain her own marriage."

Rozlyn has often bashed Hina Khan over her statements on her breast cancer journey. The actress is recovering from Stage 3 breast cancer and was undergoing treatment at the Kokilaben hospital. However, Hina received support from Ankita Lokhande who bashed Rozlyn.

Arjun Kapoor, Bhumi Pednekar Had A Guest With Them For Mere Husband Ki Biwi Promotions. Any Guesses?



Arjun Kapoor and Bhumi Pednekar were out and about in the city for the promotions of their upcoming film Mere Husband Ki Biwi on Instagram. Rakul Preet Singh, who also plays a lead role in the film, skipped the endeavour. Packed due to a busy schedule, she is currently in Chandigarh shooting for her upcoming film De De Pyaar De 2. Now, a video emerged online showcasing both Arjun and Bhumi posing for the paparazzi during a promotional day out. Joined by the director of their upcoming film, Mudassar Aziz, the talented stars also had a cut out of their co-star, Rakul Preet Singh in the clip. In an adorable gesture, they all posed with the cutout. Following the posing session, Arjun is seen handing over the cutout to the team as he also made a hilarious remark saying, "Rakul madam ab jayengi wapis chandigarh, unki shooting hai (Rakul Madam will go back to Chandigarh now. She is shooting there)."

For their promotional day out, Arjun Kapoor and Bhumi Pednekar embraced fashion-forward choices. While Bhumi draped herself in a multicoloured plaid saree paired with a green contemporary blouse, Arjun looked handsome in an all-black outfit, wearing a black shirt that he kept unbuttoned to showcase the matching vest that he wore inside and pants.

While Arjun Kapoor and Bhumi Pednekar were deep in promotions for the film, Rakul Preet Singh shared a heartfelt video for the talented duo on her Instagram stories. In the clip, she is heard saying, "Hi Arjun, hi Bhumi! I'm missing you guys so much, and I can see all the fun you're having during promotions. I'm so FOMO that I want to be there! Keep missing me—I'll see you soon!" Her text attached to the clip read, "Arjun Kapoor, Bhumi Pednekar there in spirit with you. Mere Husband Ki Biwi, 21st Feb."

Mere Husband Ki Biwi is a romantic comedy film depicting a modern love story filled with unexpected twists. The plot follows Ankur (played by Arjun), who finds himself in a chaotic dilemma due to his connection with his wife and girlfriend. The film is directed by Mudassar Aziz and produced by Jacky Bhagnani and Vasu Bhagnani under the banner of Pooja Entertainment. The film will be released in theatres on February 21.

Urfi Javed's

Rs 6.5-Lakh Lehenga Costs More Than Our Entire Wardrobe (And Rent)

Urfi Javed is a fashionista we all wish we had on speed dial! The social media influencer and actress is known for her unique fashion sense and quirky outfits. However, this time, she did a photoshoot in a bridal wear looking like a million bucks (or at least Rs 6.5 lakh), and here we are, trying to convince ourselves that our five-year-old jeans are still 'good as new.' Seriously, if we ever owned a lehenga this expensive, we'd be wearing it everywhere – weddings, birthdays, metro rides, and even while making Maggi at 2 am! Designed by Rimple & Harpreet, this pomegranate pink masterpiece is so regal that even our entire extended family's wedding outfits combined wouldn't match up. It features motifs inspired by archival brocade fragments and Mughal inlay work, paired with a crystal-encrusted blouse. Needless to say, Urfi pulls it off effortlessly, while we still struggle to fold a saree properly without looking like a burrito, right?



In the official website of the designer, this outfit is listed at Rs 6,45,000! This lehenga has more zeros in its price tag than our bank balance. Urfi Javed wears the jewellery from Rah Jewels complete with maangtika, nose ring, earrings and a heavy necklace. Meanwhile, social media is having a meltdown over her "sanskaari" transformation. Some are calling it heavenly, while others are just shook. As for us? Well, we'll just go back to window-shopping designer lehengas online, adding them to our cart, and closing the tab right before checkout. Classic!

