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JAC Paper Leak: Two people arrested, question papers sold for Rs 350!

Two people including a school operator arrested, paper leak links to Maharashtra and Deoghar, BJP leader's son arrested



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- in a WhatsApp group for Rs 350
- There are reports of question papers being leaked in many other districts as well

Toderma: The investigation into the question paper leak case of the matriculation exam conducted by JAC has intensified. The role of a school cum coaching

School-coaching operator made the disclosure

Prashant runs a private school and coaching center in Jamu of Markacho block. He is being questioned. Prashant has told the police that a student named Prince Rana, a resident of Markacho, had provided him the question paper. Prince is a deaf and dumb person, who was himself going to appear in the exam this time. Prince has gone to Bengaluru for treatment with his father Indradev Vishwakarma and mother Aarti Devi.

The question papers were sold in a WhatsApp group for just Rs 350

The question papers were sold in a WhatsApp group for just Rs 350. Prince is the admin of this group. This WhatsApp group was recently created by Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) Board Examination. Links were sent to the students to join this group. More than a thousand people were associated with this group.

Information of question paper leak in many other districts too

Information of question paper leak was also received in Giridih, Garhwa and East Singhbhum districts. Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police in these three districts are also engaged in investigating the matter. Many people have been questioned in Garhwa. Jharkhand Academic Council has sought investigation report from the Deputy Commissioners of all these districts by Friday.

BJP leader Prakash Sao, father of Prashant Sao arrested in this case, says that his son is being framed in this case. Education department is involved in the question paper leak case.

operator in Koderma has also been revealed in this case. Koderma police have arrested two people including school operator Prashant Saw alias Prince. They are being questioned in the whole matter.

Markacho police has also registered a case in this matter. Let us tell you that money was being demanded through QR code by sending a question paper on WhatsApp group, through this code money was going to police is investigating the whole matter. At the same time, clarification has been sought from the Deputy Commissioner of Giridih and Koderma in the paper leak case.

On the instructions of Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC), Deputy Commissioner Megha Bhardwaj has constituted an investigation team under the chairmanship of Deputy Development Commissioner. The investigation team has arrested 2 people within 12 hours in the paper leak case. Also, the police is investigating to take action against the people involved in this matter.

Deputy Commissioner dismissed the matter of paper leak from the treasury

Regarding the matter, Deputy Commissioner Megha Bhardwaj said that the matter is being investigated and a case has been registered in Markacho police station in this matter. Two people have also been arrested in the said case. Here, the Deputy Commissioner directly dismissed the matter of paper leak from the treasury and said that all video recording is done from the arrival of the question paper in the treasury to the bank and

Prince's mother's account. At present, the from the bank to the examination center. No error of any kind has been found on examining the said recording by the constituted investigation team.

Wires connected to Maharashtra and Deoghar

The Deputy Commissioner said that the YouTube channel on which the paper was leaked is also being thoroughly investigated. He also said that many coaching operators are also being linked to this case. During the investigation, evidence of its links with Maharashtra and Deoghar is also being found. A team has been sent there. He also said that the committee formed by JAC has been informed about all the cases and the investigation report is being submitted.

According to the information, the role of many coaching operators has also been found suspicious in this case. Koderma police has arrested two people including school operator Prashant Saw alias Prince. They are being questioned in the entire case. During the investigation, evidence is being found that it is also connected to Maharashtra and Deoghar. A team has been sent there.

In Shorts Major terrorist attack in different areas of Israel



Israel: One and a half years ago, on 7 October, before the war, a similar terrorist attack had started a fierce war between Israel and Hamas. Today, the whole world is seeing another picture. Such a picture has emerged from Israel where there was a massive explosion in buses one after the other at the same time. Explosions have taken place in buses one after the other in Tel Aviv city of Israel. The Israeli administration took action against it before two more buses came under the grip of these explosions. The Israeli police also defused the explosions in two other buses. These explosions were exactly like the pager explosions in Lebanon. Explosions were happening one after the other in Lebanon too.

Video of women bathing in Mahakumbh sold

Prayagraj: Crores of people are reaching Pravagrai to take a holy dip and a large number of women are also included in it. But a big conspiracy was hatched in this biggest fair of Sanatan. In which videos of women bathing have been uploaded on social media and money has been spent for this. Police has taken big action in this case. Police has identified 113 people. 13 FIRs have been registered. According to the police, the accused will also be arrested soon. Soon this entire racket will be exposed. Police is identifying every person associated with this racket, so that it can be exposed.

BJP kept itself away from the all-party meeting

Ranchi: BJP kept itself away from the all-party meeting called by the Speaker regarding the budget session. Finance Minister Radha Krishna Kishore, MLA Pradeep Yadav, LJP MLA Janardan Paswan, RJD MLA Suresh Paswan and JDU MLA Saryu Rai attended the meeting. After the meeting, Speaker Ravindra Nath Mahato said that cooperation is expected from the opposition.

The Speaker said that the Leader of Opposition is necessary to run the House in

the Leader of Opposition causes trouble to the House. There is a problem in running the House. The Leader of Opposition is needed 100 percent. We have requested. He said that if one of the two wheels of the vehicle is missing, then there will be trouble. He said that a letter was sent to the BJP for the meeting.

Who will become the Leader of Opposition?

For the leader of the BJP

a better way. The absence of Legislature Party, the names of former Chief Minister cum State President Babulal Marandi and the most senior MLA CP Singh are being taken prominently. Apart from this, the name of Koderma MLA Neera Yadav is also included in the discussion.

The reason for BJP's dilemma is that the party has to focus more on its core voters OBC and general category leaders. Apart from this, important posts have to be given to the leader of the tribal community. Therefore, before selecting both the posts, the political situation and social equation will also be taken into consideration.

Leader of Opposition will be selected soon

According to BJP sources, the party will soon select the leader of the legislative party. Central observers may be appointed for this. The name of the leader of the opposition will be decided only after the selection of the leader of the legislative party.

The number of devotees taking bath in Sangam crossed 58 crore



Prayagraj: The influx of devotees in Prayagraj Mahakumbh is not stopping. On Friday, the 40th day of Mahakumbh, there was a continuous flow of devotees. It is reported that yesterday on the 39th day, more than 1.28 crore devotees took a dip in Triveni Sangam. By 10 pm on February 20, more than 58 crore people had taken a holy bath in Mahakumbh. Yesterday, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma, Bengal BJP leader Shubhendu Adhikari, Union Minister CR Patil took a dip in Sangam. Two days ago on Wednesday, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and BJP MP Tejasvi Surya attended the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj.

Government committed to empower tribal youth generation in every respect: Hemant Soren

Ranchi: Chief Executive Officer of international organization Worldbeing, Mr. Steve Leventhal (USA) met CMHemant Soren and MLA Smt. Kalpana Soren in the Chief Minister's chamber in Jharkhand Legislative Assembly on Friday and apprised them of the work being done by Worldbeing India Foundation towards empowering and strengthening tribal youth as well as their welfare through the Arohan program. He also shared with the CMr the positive changes in teachers and students in ashram residential schools through this program. The CM learned in detail the work being done by this international organization for the upliftment and development of the tribal society of this state and appreciated it. Additional Chief Secretary to the CM, Mr. Avinash Kumar was also present on this occasion. **Government committed to strengthen**

tribal youth in every respect The Chief Minister said that Jharkhand



is a tribal dominated state. Our government is constantly taking concrete steps towards advancing the tribal youth generation of this state in all areas including economic, social, educational. He said that the cooperation of various organizations can prove to be very effective in this. The government is committed to make this state strong and empowered with the positive cooperation of all.

Need to make the youth mentally strong While giving information about the work being done by this organization, Jharkhand in-charge of Worldbeing India Foundation, Mrs. Sunita Munda said that

there is no lack of strength in the tribal

vouth here. They have full ability to fight even against adverse circumstances. But, there is a need to make them a little stronger mentally. In such a situation, this organization is working towards making the tribal youth mentally strong through its Aarohan program. The Chief Minister also said that the government will move forward by deeply assessing the work done by you on how the tribal youth can be mentally strong.

Need to connect Arohan with the main

system of education Worldbeing India Foundation told the CM that this organization is working in collaboration with the education system of Bihar through Arohan. On this, the CM said that the government will seriously consider how to include Arohan in the main system of education in Jharkhand too. In this direction, a team of teachers and officials of Jharkhand will be sent to Bihar to see the work done by you

Destroy poppy crop completely: CS

Ranchi: Chief Secretary Mrs. Alka Tiwari has said that the campaign against poppy cultivation is showing positive results, but 100% destruction of poppy crop should



be ensured. She said that the officers associated with the campaign should make mutual coordination more strong and effective. Pointing

out that arrests are less than the number of cases registered, she said that focus should be on making maximum arrests and getting them punished. Emphasizing on making a real assessment of the resources required in the process of destruction, she said that the availability of necessary resources will be ensured. On receiving information that poppy crop is still grown at some places, she directed to continue the campaign against poppy cultivation till March 15. On Friday, she was reviewing the compliance of the instructions given in the meeting held under her chairmanship two months ago against poppy cultivation.

Poppy crop grown on more than 19 thousand acres of land was destroyed

During the review, it was told that during the campaign against poppy cultivation, a total of 19,086 acres of crop has been destroyed, which is four times more than the last few years. The maximum poppy crop grown in 10,520 acres in Khunti has been destroyed. Ranchi district is in second place, where poppy crop grown in 4624 acres has been destroyed. The least poppy plants grown in 396 acres have been destroyed in Palamu. It was told that at some places the poppy crop is still to be destroyed, where action is being taken by running special drives. It is worth noting that a total of eight districts of Jharkhand, Chatra, Khunti, Latehar, Ranchi, Palamu, Chaibasa, Saraikela, and Hazaribagh are affected by poppy cultivation.

JPSC-01 topper Shalini Vijay, her mother and brother commit suicide

Kerala/Ranchi: JPSC-01 topper Shalini Vijay, her mother Shakuntala and brother Manish Vijay have committed suicide. This incident is from Kerala. Manish Vijay was working as Additional Commissioner in the Customs Department in Kakkanad, Kerala. Shalini Vijay was the topper of JPSC-1 and was working in the rank of Deputy Collector in Jharkhand for a long time. Two years ago she went on leave, after which she did not return to duty. Shalini Vijay was a resident of Kerala.

According to media reports, Shalini Vijay, her brother Manish, who was Assistant Commissioner of Central Excise, and mother were found dead in the government residence in Kakkanad, Ernakulam, Kerala. The bodies of Shalini Vijay and her brother Manish were found hanging in the house. While the body of her



mother Shakuntala was found on the bed. According to the police, all three had committed suicide several days ago. Manish Vijay had taken leave

about a week ago. When he did not reach the office even after the leave was over, his co-workers went to his house. When his colleagues reached home, they found that a foul smell was coming from the house. Then the local police was informed about the incident.

After receiving the information, when the police broke the door and looked inside, they found that the bodies of Shalini Vijay and Manish were hanging from a noose, while the body of mother Shakuntala was lying on the bed. All three had committed suicide several days ago. Due to this, the bodies had started smelling foul.

Manish Vijay's colleagues have told the police that his mother used to live here earlier. About a year ago, his sister also came to live here. The police is investigating the reason why everyone committed suicide.

JHARKHAND

News In Brief

School uniforms were distributed in the upgraded middle and primary schools Bishnugarh: School uniforms were distributed on Friday in the upgraded middle school Dungo and upgraded primary school under Gaida Panchayat of Vishnugarh block. Gaida Mukhiya Asha Devi distributed uniforms among about 50 children. Mukhiya Asha Devi said that the government is providing all kinds of reading material to the children for free. Parents should send their children to school every day. When your child is educated, he will definitely reach the pinnacle of success. The most valuable thing you can give to your children is education. Former district president of JMM Hazaribagh Shambhulal Yadav, Panchayat Samiti member Mehtab Hussain,

Youth in the grip of drugs, increased incidents of theft in the block are a matter of concern

Principal Vikash Kumar,

Pawan Mishra, Sanjay

Singh, Babita Devi, mem-

bers of the school man-

agement committee and

parents were present on the

occasion.

Bishnugarh: The young generation of many villages of the block is rapidly falling prey to drugs. Youth between 12 to 30 years are rapidly falling prey to drugs. The youth are ruining their future by consuming ganja and other intoxicants. The mental condition of such youth is deteriorating. After getting addicted to drugs, incidents of theft increased in the area. At present, ganja is being sold openly in many areas of the block including the Saat Mill

A vegetable laden pick up van overturned near TP 5 on Hazaribagh Barkagaon Road, driver injured

Hazaribagh: A vegetable laden pick up van overturned at a sharp turn near TP 5 on Barkagaon Road. The pick up van collided with a sand laden tractor and a motorcyclist also got hit and the motorcyclist along with the motorcycle was thrown into the bushes due to which he also got injured and the tractor also got damaged. Such accidents can be avoided if the drivers drive carefully and at a controlled speed in this valley and sharp turn.

Five-day annual sports competition started at ISECT University

DN Hazaribagh

The annual sports competition at ISECT University, Hazaribagh was started on Friday by lighting the torch by the Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. PK Nayak and Registrar Dr. Munish Govind. Dean Admin Dr. SR Rath, Dean Academic Dr. MK Mishra and many professors were also present on the occasion. Let us tell you that this competition will be organized till 25 February. Meanwhile, cricket, football, chess, volleyball, 100 meter race, shot put, carrom, badminton, table tennis and other sports com-



petitions will be organized. Before the start of the game on Friday, two players of the Arts Department Sonu Kumar Verma and Tushar Kumar visited the playground with a torch, then the whole campus was filled with enthusiasm and excitement. The final match of the football competition held on the first day was played between the Engineering and Arts departments. In the very exciting match played, both the teams were on equal footing till the first half, but in the second half, the Arts department displayed aggressive play and with the help of amazing

defense and superb passing, Rahul scored two goals and Himanshu scored one goal, the Arts department defeated the Engineering department 3-1 and won the trophy. In the men's category of 100 meter race, Harbhajan Kumar, a student of BCA semester five, Amit Kumar of Engineering department and Raj Saurabh of BCA stood first, second and third respectively, while in the women's category, Dolly Kumari, a student of BA Geography department, won, while Riva, a student of BA English department.

Three-day craft exhibition organized under the awareness campaign of handicrafts and culture of Jharkhand

DN Dhanbad

Development Commissioner Handicraft Office Deoghar under Ministry of Textiles, Government of India is organizing a three-day craft exhibition and awareness program at Eklavya Secondary School, Saharaj, Govindpur. The first day's event was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by the chief guest Assistant Director Handicraft Bhuvan Bhaskar, Patron of Chetna Mahavidyalaya Shailendra and others. Inaugurating the program, Assistant Director Handicraft Bhuvan Bhaskar said that handicraft is the identity of culture and organizing such a program will definitely increase the inclination towards the civilization and culture of Jharkhand among the children. Even in the era of modernization, the increasing trend towards handicrafts and handloom products shows that culture is an integral part of our life. Under the new education policy, the discipline of hand-



icrafts is to be included so that children can get information about regional handicrafts and other culture activities. Certainly, this three-day awareness program will prove beneficial for the children and will be successful in its objective. Also, information about the schemes being implemented by the department in the field of handicrafts was shared. Shailendra, the patron of Chetna Mahavidyalaya, said that such programs should be organized in the school every year so that our children can have a proper understanding of art and culture.

Auspicious inauguration of fiber block path constructed from MP fund was done

DN Bishnugarh

Auspicious inauguration of fiber block path construct-

ed from MP fund was done by breaking coconut on Friday in village Ramuwa of Hariara Panchavat under Bishnugarh block.Let us tell you that the



fiber block path has been constructed from Chotan Sao's house to Komal Sao's land. Due to which this program was completed in the presence of all the respected workers of Vishnugarh block in the dignified presence of Ravindra Kumar Baranwal. Mainly Mandal President Kishore Kumar Mandal Prabhu Prasad Vishwakarma Shambhu Nath Pandey Anju Devi Gayatri Devi Sunil Akela Anoop Kasera Raju Srivastava Gautam Bharti Shashi Lahkar Anubhav Bharti Sukhdev Prasad Mandal Rajesh Soni Kanhaiya Yadav Jhallu Pandit Govardhan Mahato Dwarka Sao Santosh Sao Bhima Prasad Gupta Suresh Barman Ratanlal Sahu Santosh Kasera Arvind Lahkar Praveen Kumar Mahato Kundan Kumar Verma Sandeep Lahkar Munna Singh and dozens of workers were present in the program.

Doman Mahato Jai Maa Panchbahini Public School Gegda celebrated the 29th Foundation Day of the school with great pomp

DN Ramgarh

Doman Mahato Jai Maa Panchbahini Public School Gegda celebrated the 29th Foundation Day of the school with great pomp on Friday. The program was started by the school secretary Doman Mahato by cutting the cake. On this occasion, the teachers and students of the school expressed their views and highlighted the achievements of the school. On the occasion, Secretary Doman Mahato said that if everyone cooperates, then in the coming days the school will make a different identity in the field of education. He said that along with studies, the all-round development of children is the objective of the school.



meaningful step to make Prasad, teachers Prahlad the students top in every Bhattacharya, Awadhesh field. Secretary Mr. Munda, Deepak Munda, Mahato said that our Ravi Pahan, Geeta Yadav, school is giving good val-Divya Kumari, Lilavati ues along with better edu-Kumari, Aarti Kumari, cation to the children. On Kumari Shikha, Priya this occasion, cake and Kumari, Geeta Kumari, sweets were distributed Priya Pandit, Rosie among everyone. On this Parveen and dozens of stuoccasion, school principal dents were present.

Students of Primary School Gonmer visited District Science Center, Gumla



DN Gumla

Students of Primary School Gonmer located in Palkot block of the district made an educational visit to District Science Center, Gumla under the leadership of teacher Geeta Devi, School Management Committee member Munna Khadia, coordinator Pratima Tete and parent Abhishek.On this occasion, in coordination with BPO Dildar Singh, Science Center Coordinator Kumari Ankita Vinayak, Akanksha Sinha and Bipasha Prasad informed the students about various experiments and technical innovations in science. Students were given important information related to 3D printer, artificial intelligence, robotics and space science. During the visit, the students got interesting information about the solar system, space research and other fields of science. By presenting science in an entertaining way, the students were made aware of science education in higher classes.

Education is wealth which no one can snatch from you: Hemant

DN ■ Gumla

School children of Santa Public School, Shastri Nagar Gumla went to Ormanjhi Park for an educational tour. On this occasion, school director Hemant Kumar, former forest officer Anthony Lakra, school treasurer Javamanti Ekka sent off the school children. On this occasion, school director Hemant Kumar said that we should go for outings. When we go for outings, we learn a lot from the outside environment. Staying at one place makes the mind burdened. That is why we should go for outings. We also learn by going for outings. We learn every day. That is why Santa Public School takes its children on educational tours. Today, we met many animals in Manjhi Park and the children came face to face with the roar of lions and lush green trees. The children gained a lot of information. Former forest officer Anthony Lakra said that we keep learning as long as we are alive. Education is a wealth which no one can



snatch. He appreciated the efforts of the school. Where children from every corner are taken care of. Jaymanti Ekka said that educational tour leads to physical, mental and intellectual development. When we step out of the house, we start learning. We can learn from everything, be it an animal or a tree or a plant. She told the school children to study diligently. On the occasion, teacher Hima Kumari said that through educational tour, children are to be made aware about nature so that children can deepen the knowledge read in books.

DN Araria

Bilateral talks between CCL management and displaced affected struggle committee took place in the General Manager's office

DN Ramgarh

Bilateral talks were held

between CCL management and displaced affected struggle committee on Friday in the General Manager's office Barka-Sayal. Barka-Sayal General Manager Ajay Kumar Singh, Bhurkunda Project Officer Rakesh Kumar Satyarthi, Manager Avinash Chandra and Girdhari Gop, Ramdas Bedia, Kartik Munda, Santosh Yadav, Prem Kumar Sahu, Manoj Manjhi, Jaidev Singh, Rajdev Munda, Ganesh Bedia, Rajan Turi, Tarachand Karmali, Dhaneshwar Munda. Shivlal Bedia, Dinesh



Kaleshwar Bedia, Indradev Munda, Shivcharan Bedia were mainly present in the meeting. In the meeting, CCL management discussed in detail the 12point demands submitted by the committee. Also, the management assured the committee that positive steps will be taken to solve the problem. During this, the management also said

minutes to the committee within a week. On which the committee said to take the next step after studying and reviewing the written minutes. In the meeting, the General Manager especially instructed his subordinate officers and employees to give priority to alternative employment, road sale, CSR, drinking water, medical, solar energy

talks will be held again between the management and the committee members within 15 days. The management also said that CSR works will be implemented on war footing in dozens of nearby villages including Kurse, Deoria, Balkudara, Dunduwa affected by Bhurkunda Colliery. The 12 point demands of the Displaced Struggle Affected Committee include allocating 75% of the coal produced from the Balkudara mine Bhurkunda Colliery to road sale, starting road sale and providing alternative employment to the displaced-affected village

Bedia, Raghunath Singh, that it will provide written works. Also, he said that peasants. Successful conduct of joint patrol operation by **52nd Corps and APF Nepal on Indo-Nepal border**

To promote coordination and cooperation in border security, the soldiers

of both the countries together conducted an effective patrol operation

facility in sub-divisional hospital

MLA Sukhram Oraon inaugurated X-ray

DN Chakradharpur

X-ray facility has started in the sub-divisional hospital, which was inaugurated by MLA Sukhram Oraon on Friday. With this facility, now patients will not have to go anywhere else for X-ray and they will get better health services.

MLA Sukhram Oraon said in the inauguration ceremony that this facility is a big gift for the people of Chakradharpur. We were engaged in this work for a long time. With the availability of X-ray facility in the sub-divisional hospital, patients will not have to go anywhere else and they will get better health



services. This facility will be useful not only for the people of Chakradharpur but also for the people of the surrounding areas. The government is continuously making efforts to improve health services.

Medical Officer of Sub-

Hospital divisional Anshuman Sharma, Health Department officials, JMM leader Dinesh Jena, Ved Prakash, Kumar Vivek, Dikki Mandal and local public representatives were present in the inauguration ceremony.

On 20 February 2025, an important joint patrol operation was conducted on the Indo-Nepal international border under the leadership of Commandant Mahendra Pratap of 52nd Corps, Sashastra Seema Bal, Araria. In this campaign, the soldiers of the 52nd Corps along with APF Nepal patrolled from border pillar number 164/1 to 165, which was important to ensure security on the

Party Commander Inspector Madan Lal said that this patrol operation is regularly conducted with the aim of promoting mutual coordination and cooperation



between the two countries. He said that this campaign helps in effective control of illegal activities, smuggling and anti-social elements on the border through trails, roads and border routes. Besides, it promotes sharing of information and cooperation between the

troops of both the countries on important security points.

From SSB side, Head Constable Sanjay Murmu, Head Constable Shanil, KC Shobhnath, Head Constable Chavalalit Pangwank, Ravi Shankar Kumar and Raj Kumar Chhetri and other personnel participated actively in this patrol operation while from APF Nepal side, Inspector Narang Upriti, Sub Inspector Umesh Mandal, Head Constable Krishna Sahi, Head Constable Naveen Gari, Head Constable Harka Bhujal, Head Constable Sanjay Chaudhary and Head Constable Shiv Kumar Yadav and other personnel participated actively.

This successful joint patrol operation will further strengthen the border security between the two countries. It will also pave the way for taking the mutual trust, cooperation and coordination between the troops of both the countries to new heights.

Employment fair in Ranchi: 22 companies will give job opportunities on 22 February

DN Ranchi

Employment fair is being organized on 22 February in 2 districts of Jharkhand, Ranchi and Dhanbad. Many big companies are going to come in this employment fair. The fair is being organized by the Department of Labor, Planning, Training and Skill Development.

To participate in the employment fair, it is mandatory to take 2 copies of

biodata along with your educational certificate, Aadhar card, 2 passport size photos, employment office registration card and local certificate

Many big companies are going to come in the employment fair. The fair is being organized by the Department of Labor, Planning, Training and Skill Development. The list of documents required to participate in the employment fair has been released.

1.5 lakhs looted from a woman in Dhurwa, she had withdrawn money from the bank for her daughter's admission

DN Ranchi

Incidents of murder, theft, robbery and loot have increased in the capital these days. The latest case is coming from Dhurva in Ranchi. Here, a woman was looted of 1.5 lakhs in the Dhurwa police station area. The woman's name is said to be Bindu Devi.



According to the information, the woman had gone to SBI Bank in Dhurva

with her brother-in-law. She had to withdraw money to get her daughter admitted to nursing. After withdrawing 1.5 lakhs, she was going home, during this time, the criminals on a bike who were already waiting in ambush looted Bindu Devi's money and fled from the spot.

Casting work of cable stay bridge completed, team of engineers remained on duty till late night

Ranchi: Casting work has been completed for preparing cable stay bridge in Sirmatoli flyover. Casting work was started from friday itself, then it was completed till late night. During this time, along with the engineers of the road construction department, the technical team of L&T company also remained there. The work of cable stay bridge was almost complete. Casting work was left only in the part above the railway line. It has been completed.

Ramp will be built in 15

At the same time, the work of ramp construction towards Mekan Chowk



and Sirmatoli has been expedited. The target has been set to complete this work in about 15 days. Engineers said that all the work will be completed by March 15 at the maximum. Only some work of service road can remain. However, work on that has also been expedited.

The work of installing sound proof glass is also in the final stage

At the same time, the work of installing sound proof glass on both sides of the road is also in the final

This glass is being installed so that the sound of vehicles on the road does not enter people's homes. This too will be installed soon. The view of Sohrai and Madhubani paintings will be seen at pillars and other places below the flyover. It has been decided that the lower part of the flyover will be completely beautified.

Police recovered the kidnapped girl from Sadar Hospital



 $R^{\hbox{anchi Police has safely recovered the innocent girl child of}$ just 7 days who was kidnapped from Sadar Hospital of the capital Ranchi. Ranchi Police sources have confirmed the case and informed that a woman has also been arrested in this. Detailed information of the whole case will be given by Ranchi Police on Friday. After the girl disappeared on 17 February, a case of kidnapping was registered in Lower Bazar police station of Ranchi. Recovered from Bero area

The special team of Ranchi SSP Chandan Kumar Sinha has safely recovered the innocent girl child of 7 days who was missing from Sadar Hospital of Ranchi. With the help of CCTV footage and technical team, the police team has recovered the girl from Beddo area of Ranchi. A woman accused in the case has also been arrested who is a resident of Narkopi area of

The story of the disappearance of the innocent girl child of 7 days is also completely filmy. The woman who kidnapped the girl child did not have any children, but she had been telling her village for many months that she was pregnant.

The accused woman was waiting for an opportunity for 9 months

However, in reality the accused woman was not pregnant. In the month of February, the accused woman had to steal a child at any cost, which she would take to her village by claiming it to be her child. Meanwhile, she was constantly visiting government hospitals in Ranchi. On February 13, she reached Sadar Hospital in Ranchi and kept roaming around the labor room. On February 14, Sabita Devi, a resident of Pithoria in Ranchi, gave birth to a girl child in Sadar Hospital. Now the accused woman started trying to steal the same child.

The woman took away the girl by deceiving the girl's aunt

When Sabita Devi gave birth to the innocent child, she called her sister, i.e. the innocent child's aunt, to take care of her in the hospital. Meanwhile, Sabita Devi was not able to breastfeed the innocent child for some reason. The accused woman took advantage of this. The accused woman told the innocent girl's aunt that she would do such a thing using tantra-mantra that the child would be able to drink her mother's milk. After this, the aunt along with the accused woman reached the Pahari Mandir in Ranchi with the innocent child, where the accused woman got several types of prayers performed and then blindfolded the girl's aunt and asked her to sit for half an hour wearing a veil. Meanwhile, the accused woman fled with the child.

Big relief to IAS Pooja Singhal, ED's petition demanding not to give department rejected

Ranchi: Ranchi PMLA Special Court has rejected the petition filed by ED, in which ED had requested the court not to give any department to Pooja Singhal. Pooja Singhal has got a big relief from this order. After completing the arguments on behalf of ED and Pooja Singhal, the court has given its verdict on Friday.

ED filed a petition in the court saying that if the state government gives the responsibility of any department to Pooja Singhal, then she can influence the case by misusing her position, but the court has held that the state government has the right to give posting to Pooia Singhal and the court will not



interfere in it. The conditions imposed by the court are already enough and the court does not feel the need to add more conditions.

It is noteworthy that IAS officer Pooja Singhal, accused in the MNREGA scam, was arrested by the central investigating agency ED on May 11, 2022. Earlier on May 5, 2022, ED raided 25 locations of

Pooja Singhal. In this raid, ED got important information about unaccounted money and investments in other places. During the ED raid, Rs 19.31 crore in cash was recovered from the residence and office of Pooja Singhal's CA Suman Singh.

Pooja Singhal has been released from jail on 7th December under the BNS Act. Although she is still an accused in the money laundering case, as per the legal provisions, her suspension has been lifted while she is out of jail. At present, the government has appointed Pooja Singhal as the Secretary of the Department of Information Technology and e-Governance.

News In Brief Ranchi Civil Court advocates took to the



Ranchi: The lawyers of Ranchi Civil Court took to the streets to protest against the Advocate (Amendment) Bill 2025. On Friday, under the leadership of Ranchi District **Bar Association President** Shambhu Agarwal and General Secretary Sanjay Vidrohi, the lawyers took out a peaceful march from the new Bar Bhawan complex to Albert Ekka Chowk and registered their protest. During this, Bar General Secretary Saniay Vidrohi gave point-wise information about which points of the new bill the lawyers have objections to.

Adani gets CA land in Khunti

Ranchi: Adani Enterprises is rapidly expanding its operations in Jharkhand. After setting up a power plant in Godda, the company is now going to start work on the Gondalpura coal mining project in Barkagaon, Hazaribagh. A total of 1268.08 acres of land is to be acquired for this project, which includes 550 acres of agricultural land and 540 acres of forest. Coal mining in the project is to be done from 2025. The mining project will lead to the displacement of 781 families from

Secretary gave instructions to put road marking, signage and indicators on road construction routes

DN Ranchi

The Principal Secretary of the Road Construction Department has instructed the departmental engineers to make the surface level wherever necessary and repair the roads of the road divisions and national highways in the state to provide easy traffic.

Mr. Kumar gave this instruction during the review of the schemes of the Road Construction Department held in the auditorium of the Project Bhawan on Friday. He said that only advanced and smooth roads for traffic will increase the dignity of the state. A good impression will be created in the minds of the people. All possible measures should be taken for this. All necessary indicators and signage should

be installed on the road The Principal Secretary said that all necessary indicators and signage should be installed on the road for the convenience of traffic operation and drivers. So that there is no possibil-

ity of accident. Apart from this, zebra marks

and all other necessary markings should be



done on the roads. Work related to road stand (cat eyes) should be done as soon as possible. Also, wherever there is a need for painting on the divider, it must be done.

Mr. Kumar directed that if any road needs repair for a longer length, then a proposal should be sent to the department for that. The department will provide the funds.

The funds allocated for the schemes should be used in any case

Mr. Kumar clearly directed that the funds allocated for the schemes should be used in

any case. The funds should not lapse under any circumstances. He said that whatever schemes running in the department are incomplete or are close to completion, they should be completed soon.

Along with this, the work of land acquisition cases related to road construction should be started soon. Apart from this, the cases of desired forest land diversion for the construction of roads should also be settled.

The Principal Secretary also directed to pay special attention to the Ranchi roads. The roads of the capital should be strong in any case. Executive Engineers of all the road divisions and National Highways, Superintending Engineers of all zones were present in the meeting. Apart from this, Chief Engineer of Road Construction Department Mr. Sanjay Kuiur, Special Secretary Shashank Sinha, Chief Engineer National Highway Mr. Abhinendra Kumar and Chief Engineer Traffic Mr. Manohar Kumar and OSD of Principal Secretary Vijay Kumar were present.

Ministers' residences ready, bungalows allotted



DN Ranchi

Bungalows ready in Smart City located in Dhurwa have been allotted to 11 ministers of Jharkhand. These bungalows have been constructed at a cost of about Rs 70 crore. All modern facilities will be available for the ministers living in these bungalows built in the same campus of Smart City.

The area of each bungalow is 16,321 square feet, while the built-up area is about 8,000 square feet. These bungalows have been divided into two parts, the first part of which is the residential block and the second part is the annex block. The annex block has been constructed according to the working needs of the ministers.

New Jharkhand Congress in-charge K Raju given a warm welcome in Ranchi Emphasis will be on strengthening the organization in the five-day tour

DN ■ Ranchi

National General Secretary K. Raju, who has been appointed in-charge of Jharkhand Congress in place of Ghulam Ahmed Mir, reached Ranchi today by service plane. On reaching Ranchi for the first time as the state in-charge, he was given

a warm welcome at the airport. State President Keshav Mahato Kamlesh, former State President

Rajesh Thakur, Deputy Leader of Congress Legislature Party in Jharkhand Assembly Rajesh Kachhap, Rural Development Minister Deepika Pandey Singh, State Spokesperson Jagdish Sahu, former Minister Bandhu Tirkey



and many other leaders welcomed the new state in-charge. Tana Bhagat also reached Birsa Munda Airport to welcome the newly appointed state in-charge. Traditional drums and Chhau dance, Kalash dance were also performed.

Wreath was placed on the statue of Baba Saheb Bhim

Strengthening the Congress organization in every village is the first priority: K. Raju On reaching Ranchi, in his first informal meeting with media persons,

the newly appointed Congress in-charge K. Raju said that his aim is to strengthen the Congress organization in the village along with raising the morale of the party workers. Efforts will be intensified to connect more and more people from SC, ST, OBC and minority communities to the party. Along with this, efforts will be made to connect those leaders who believe in the policies and principles of Congress and are separated from the party due to any reason, with the party.

Rao Ambedkar

From Birsa Munda Airport, the newly appointed in-charge of Congress K. Raju went straight to Doranda and garlanded the statue of Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar. After this, garlands were placed on the statue of Karpoori Thakur at Hinoo Chowk,

Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa

Munda at Birsa Chowk. From the statue site of Birsa Munda, K. Raju garlanded the picture of Veer Budhu Bhagat at Argora Chowk. After garlanding the picture of Budhu Bhagat, K. Raju started his first five-day Jharkhand tour by garlanding the statue of Baba Kartik Oraon, Sido Kanho and Paramveer Albert Ekka at Harmu.

High Court rejects bail plea of Aman Srivastava

DN ■ Ranchi

Jharkhand High Court heard the bail plea of Aman Srivastava, accused in the Arms Act case registered in Giddi police station of Hazaribagh. During the hearing on Friday, Hazaribagh SP appeared in person as per the court's order. The court was told that the testimony of the investigator (Investigating Officer) in the case has been completed. During the testimony, an explanation was sought for his absence on several dates.

The petitioner requested to withdraw the bail plea, which the High Court accepted and rejected the petition. In this case, on the court's direction, Hazaribagh's Sub Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) had filed a reply, but the court rejected it and expressed displeasure. The court said that Hazaribagh SP had to file an affidavit in the case and tell what action has been taken against the investigator who was absent in the testimony.

It is worth noting that only the testimo-

ny of the investigator was left in the case. His testimony has not been recorded since November 2024, due to which the trial could not be completed. In the previous hearing, the High Court had sought an explanation from the Hazaribagh SP as to why the investigator is not appearing for testimony even after more than two months have passed. In such a situation, what action has been taken against the investigator. To this, the Hazaribagh SP replied that the investigator was unwell, due to which the investigator could not go to testify. However, he will go to testify on the next date.

five villages.

In this case, case number 9/2021 was registered in Giddi police station under Arms Act against eight accused including Aman Srivastava. In the case, other accused except Aman Srivastava have got bail. In the case, the police recovered an automatic pistol from a person named Sanjay. He had said that he kept this automatic pistol for the Aman Srivastava gang.

DHANBAD

News In Brief

Sab Singh Dwar will be inaugurated in Dhanbad Bar **Association today**

Dhanbad: On 22 February 2025, Sab Singh Dwar will be inaugurated Dhanbad Association at 11:00 am in which Justice Rogan

Mukhopadhyay Jharkhand High Court and late Justice SP Singh's wife Utpala Sinha will be present. Along with this, the Bar Association will also honor the advocates who have been practicing for 50 years and the social workers and advocate clerks who played an important role in the Covid

Bike riding miscreants snatched chain from scooty rider

Dhanbad: Incidents of chain snatching are increasing continuously in Sadar police station area. On Friday, two bike riding miscreants snatched chain from a scooty rider near Golf Ground on Lubi Circular Road. Victim Kamlesh Singh was going home on a scooty Meanwhile, two unknown miscreants came from behind and snatched the gold chain from his neck. The chain is worth about Rs 2 lakh. Kamlesh chased the miscreants, but they fled. As soon as the incident was reported, Sadar police station reached the spot. Police is searching for the miscreants by examining CCTV footage This is the second incident of chain snatching in a

Nirsa MLA Arup Chatterjee inaugurated the speed boat at **Maithon Dam**

Maithan: New speed boat has been arranged this year to make boating easier in Maithon Dam. Nirsa's popular MLA Comrade Arup Chatterjee and Maithon's Mukhiya Bablu Chaudhary. Nirsa's social worker Gurmeet Singh Dang, Kalimati Panchayat Mukhiya representative Moti Hembram inaugurated the new speed boat at Kali Ghat of Maithon Dam on Friday. Earlier, the operator of Kali Ghat welcomed the MLA by presenting a bouquet. After this, the MLA and other people boarded the speed boat and enjoyed boating in Maithon Dam. Mr. Chatterjee said that the operators of Kali Ghat have taken a positive initiative towards providing better facilities.

MDM Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee meeting concluded under the chairmanship of DC

DN Dhanbad

MDM Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee meeting was held in the office room located in the Collectorate under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner District Magistrate Ms Madhavi Mishra

During this, necessary guidelines were given by discussing the budget of the financial year 2025-26 under PM Poshan Yojana. Apart from this, PM. Payment of honorarium to the cook working under the Poshan Yojana, lifting of food grains to the school under School Step



Delivery, income-expenditure of cooking cost item amount available in the school in the financial year 2024-25, income-expenditure of fruit/egg item amount available in the district/school in the financial year 2024-25, incomeexpenditure of Ragi (Madua) item amount available

district/school in the financial year 2024-25 and PM. SMS being sent by the school under Poshan Yojana were reviewed. Deputy Commissioner Ms. Madhavi Mishra directed the District Education Superintendent to conduct a surprise inspection of MDM. She said that from

time to time, surprise check

the MDM being provided in the schools should be done to ensure that the children get MDM as per the prescribed standards. Also ensure that MDM ration reaches all the blocks on time and from there provide ration to all the schools on time. District Supply Officer Pradeep Shukla, District Social Welfare Officer Mrs. Anita Kujur, District Education Superintendent Mr. Ayush Kumar, District Child Protection Officer Mrs. Sadhana Kumari, Health Department officials and others were present in the

People of Chandmari area met Ragini Singh and submitted an application regarding the problem

DN Dhanbad

On Friday, the villagers of Chandmari under Jharia Assembly constituency met Jharia MLA Smt. Ragini Singh in her residential office and apprised her of the problems being faced due to heavy blasting in the Basta Cola project going on near Neelkanth temple behind the Chandmari colliery workshop. The villagers said that due to heavy blasting, stones are flying on the houses of the villagers living there and cracks are appearing in the houses, due to which there is an atmosphere of panic among the people and any untoward incident can happen anytime and there can be loss of life and property and the work in the project is being done forcibly within the 100 meter perimeter contrary to DGMS Regulation, which is against the rules, complaint of which has been made to the project officer many times, the management is trying to remove them from there under a



conspiracy by the General Manager without any proper arrangement by cutting off electricity and water untimely. The villagers drew the attention of MLA Smt. Ragini Singh in this regard and said that due to the transportation going on in the densely populated area from Basta Cola dump to BNR siding, women, children and elderly people living in the area are facing various types of problems. They have to face problems on which MLA Mrs. Singh agreed with them and assured them that all the issues will be resolved by seriously considering them with BCCL management and top officials.

International Mother Language Day celebrated in Saint Matthew's High School



DN ■ Rajganj

International Mother Language Day was celebrated in Saint Matthew's High School Rajganj on Friday. On this occasion, the students of the school displayed their culture by wearing traditional dresses of different states. Principal Rahul Kumar told the students about the importance of International Mother Language Day and inspired them to preserve and respect their mother tongue. He also said that the history of International Mother Language Day is linked to the Language Movement Day of Bangladesh. This day inspires us to understand the importance of our mother tongue and respect it. The students of the school had a huge contribution in making the program successful, which included Antara, Anjali, Tripti, Ritika, Raj, Trisha, Aniket, Ramdev, Daluram, Sandeep etc. The stage was conducted by Prachi Kumari, a student of class IX.

DAV Baniyaheer students took out awareness rally on International Mother Language Day

DN Jorapokhar

On the occasion of International Mother Language Day, an awareness rally was organized by the students of DAV Baniyaheer, courtesy of BCCL Lodna region number 10, showing loyalty and love towards mother tongue. Along with the students, the school's principal Ajaz Ahmed, Hindi teacher Ankita Tiwari, Meena Lala, teachers Rakesh Dhar, Sandeep Chatterjee and Arvind Kumar Upadhyay participated in this rally. This awareness rally went to BCCL regional office Lodna region number 10 located at Lodna turn. Lodna regional office man-



Saurav Kumar Singh nodal of thoughts. Teacher officer official language, Ankita Tiwari expressed Vishwanath Dhiwar senher views on the objective ior clerk, official language of organizing this rally and department translator said that unity in diversity Roshan Kumar Sharma is the specialty of our culand Laltu Rajwar were ture. Principal Ajaz Ahmed present in this rally. Hindi said that we should respect teacher Rakesh Dhar said our mother tongue and also that mother tongue is the make people aware for its simplest and most powermaximum use.

Seva Sankalp, the institute helped the poor in the Shraddha ceremony

DN ■ **Dhanbad**

There is an organization which has been engaged in

serving the people in need Dhanbad for the last 7 years and today the father of Naresh Thakur, a resident Nawadih - Sanjay Thakur passed away a few days



ago due to brain hemorrhage. Naresh Thakur was from a very poor family, so he was unable to perform the last rites. Then, after contacting Manjeet Mandal, an active member of Seva Sankalp, the members of Seva Sankalp Dhanbad organization provided 2 sacks of flour, 2 sacks of potatoes, 1 tin of oil, some packets of salt and some cash so that Sanjay Thakur's Shraddha ceremony could be performed properly. Along with Seva Sankalp's President Akash Kumar Mandal, Executive President Mukesh Mahato, Central Member Shubham Singh, Gaurav Mahato and Manjeet Mandal. All the members of Seva Sankalp have always supported in all the works and will continue to do so in the future.

Awareness campaign on child marriage free India was run at Bhuifod Shiv Mandir, Dhanbad

DN ■ **Dhanbad**

Jharkhand Gramin Vikas Trust and Just Right for Children, an organization supporting the creation of a child marriage free India, ran an intensive awareness campaign to stop child marriage at Bhuifod Shiv Mandir, Dhanbad. The priests of the temple were informed about the Child Marriage Prohibition Act. The trust put up banners and posters in the temple premises stating that child marriage does not take place in the temple premises. Field coordinators of Jharkhand Gramin Vikas Trust, Deepa Rawani and Chanda Kumari said that Jharkhand Gramin Vikas



Trust has been running an intensive awareness campaign in Dhanbad district for the last two years to create a child marriage free India, under which oath taking programs are also being conducted with Pandits, priests, maulvis at temples, mosques, churches and other religious places. The chief priest of the temple was told that Aadhaar card is not valid for age for marriage, only birth certificate or school

certificate should be considered valid for age. Along with this, the legal provisions in case of child marriage were also told. A large number of marriages take place in Bhuifod Shiv Mandir. Today all the priests of the temple were made aware about stopping child marriage. Pandit Himanshu Banerjee, Subodh Pandit, Akshay Kumar Acharya etc. were mainly present on the occasion.

Agyarkund block stopped widow pension by declaring tribal widow woman missing



DN Maithan

The widow who has been visiting Agyarkund block office with her address for 7 years has not got her pension started yet. They say that when the system does not do its work properly, it has a bad effect on the society and the most bad effect is on the poor people of rural areas, due to which

increases towards the sysdent of Kalimati village of Agyarkund block. Hopni is tired of visiting Agyarkund block office for the last 7 years and now she has many complaints with the system. She says that from 21 September 2017 to 24 September 2018, widow pension of? 600 per month was coming in my Bank of India Chirkunda branch account number 4725 10013800, which was suddenly stopped in October 2018. For which I went to the block office many times, there I was sent back

on various excuses, but my pension could not be starttem. A similar case has ed. Disappointed with the stony eyes. On this matter, happened with Hopni assurances of the block JMM block convenor Manjhi Ain Aina, a resi- officer and the reason for Ramnathan Soren said that not getting the pension, I again applied for widow pension on 24 February 2021, after which the block office said that you are already a pensioner, so your new application will not be accepted and was assured that her pension will go to the account on the old application itself, but not a single penny has come as widow pension since 2018. During this time, complaints were made from the block clerk to the Block Development Officer for pension, but no action was taken any-

where. Even today, the old tribal woman is trying with Hopni is a poor tribal woman and she was getting pension from 2017 to 18 but in 2018, due to the negligence of the block employees, the block secretary declared her missing without any investigation and removed her name from the widow pension. This shows how irresponsibly the block employees work. He said that there are many such cases in the block where old age and widow pension has been stopped due to the negligence of the block employees.

The situation of malnutrition in Jharkhand is terrible, honest efforts are necessary to improve it: Hare Ram Pandit

DN Dhanbad

Jharkhand is one of those states in the country where children are not able to develop fully mentally and physically due to malnutrition, and their risk of death is 11% higher than normal children. According to the National Family Health Survey 5, the highest number of severely malnourished children is 23% in Saraikela Kharsawan, Jharkhand. Whereas, 16.8% are in Khunti, Ranchi, East Singhbhum. 14.5% children in Giridih, 12.9% in West Singhbhum, 11.2% in Godda, 11% in Dumka and 10% in Lohardaga are severely malnourished. In the case of severely malnourished children, according to the report, 9.1% of the total children up to 5 years of age in Jharkhand are victims of severe malnutrition which is more than other states, and it is a matter of serious concern and a challenging task for the Jharkhand government to get rid of malnutrition. This is the belief of senior citizen and social worker Hare Ram Pandit.



Out of 36 lakh 64 thousand children below 5 years of age in the state, 42% i.e. more than 15 lakh children are malnourished and 9.1% of the total children i.e. about 3 lakh children are victims of severe malnutrition. According to the report, adolescent girls of 15 to 19 years of age are also victims of malnutrition in rural and tribal dominated areas. About 65.8% of adolescent girls are anaemic i.e. lack of iron in the body.

The condition of anaemic women in Jharkhand is serious and as a result, death during delivery, deterioration in physical and mental health is seen. Children born to malnourished mothers also suffer from malnutrition.

The situation is more serious in tribal dominated areas, especially in Kolhan and Santhal Pargana divisions.

Due to malnutrition, about 38% of women and 32% of men are either very thin or overweight according to Body Mass Index (BMI). Similarly, about 45% of malnourished children below 5 years of age are short/dwarfs in height and about 22% children are very thin. The state government had made a provision of Rs 6679.27 crore in the budget of 2022-23 for freedom from malnutrition and women and child welfare. A budget provision of Rs 7171.68 crore has been made in the financial year 2023-24 and a budget provision of Rs 8021 crore in the current financial year 2024-25, which is about 11.9% more than 23-24.

ECRKU celebrated All India Demand Day

DN Dhanbad

On the call of All India Railway Men's Federation and the direction of East Central Railway Employees Union, East Central Railway Union **Employees** Dhanbad Line Branch celebrated All India Demand Day today. Under this, a gate meeting was organized at the main gate of Dhanbad's carriage and wagon depot from 10:00 am. All the speakers made their statements in turn. The main demands of this demand day include immediate filling of vacant posts in the railways, ban on privatization, corporation and outsourcing in railways, construction of new housing in place of dilapidated



colonies in railways and arrangement of facilities in railway colonies, immediate improvement of UPS employees, all railway employees should not be made to work for more than 8 hours, etc. and at the end of the meeting, a demand letter was handed over to depot in-charge Abhay Mehta. Today on this All India Demand Day, Netaji Subhash,

Jitendra Kumar Saab, NK Prashant Khawas, Banerjee, Aviation Board, Surendra Chauhan, Dilip Kumar, Santosh Kumar Gond, NC Gulabchand Pandit, Vikas Gorai, Daud Ansari, Saurabh Kumar, CD Hajam, Ruchi Kumari, Bindu Devi, Babita Kumari, Preeti Devi, Lakshmi and other railway workers were present.

If the water problem is not resolved then there will be a lockout in the Municipal Corporation: Burman



Under the leadership of Shakti Sena chief Pradeep Barman, a protest was held in Chas Municipal Corporation office demanding to start phase 2 of water supply in Chas Municipal Corporation area as soon as possible, whereas the people of Kailash Nagar are dependent on every drop of water. The local people are managing their households by bringing water from far away places, whereas the Municipal Corporation officer is talking about taking legal action in the name of holding tax, this is absolute-

ly wrong. The people are not getting any kind of facility from the Municipal Corporation, yet extortion is being taken in the name of holding tax. Pradeep Barman said that if the water problem is not solved as soon as possible, then Chas Nagar Municipal Corporation will be locked down. The main participants in this program were Rajkishore Thakur, Azad Thakur, Shivnarayan Prasad, Baijnath Prasad, Manoj Kumar Singh, Sevak Ram Rekha Devi, Reena Devi, Dhan Devi, Pooja Kumari, Rita Devi, etc.

Employees are giving a befitting reply to those who spread rumours about inside and outside: Choudhary

DN Bokaro

Under the membership campaign program being run by Jharkhand Mukti Morcha at the national level from 19 January to 25, thousands of common citizens are becoming members of JMM with great enthusiasm in the program being run in Bokaro district, which is a matter of great happiness for the party. In the same series, under the leadership of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha Central Member cum Jai Jharkhand Mazdoor Samaj General Secretary B K Choudhary, the membership campaign being run in every department of steel workers and contract workers working in Bokaro Steel Plant since 21 January was run on the 17th day in Dilip Canteen of Cold Rolling Mill where workers from every section voluntarily took membership and kept signing the form by filling the complete data. The workers of the entire plant are working to deflate the rumours spread by the bilaterals

that Jharkhand Mukti Morcha party has an

external and internal filling because there is a competition among the employees coming from all the states of the country to take membership of JMM.

In his brief address, B K Choudhary said that Jharkhand It has been 24 years since the state was separated, in which BJP government was in power for 19 years and during their tenure, instead of development, they only looted the state through their industrialists, but in these 6 years, under the leadership of Hemant

Soren, development is visible everywhere in the state, whether it is employment generation or roads, bridges or about 86 schemes including the Maria Samman Yojana being run for the poor, helpless needy mothers and sisters, which have been dedicated to the public, providing support to lakhs of needy people, due to which, wherever the membership campaign is being held due to Hemant Soren's program, people are taking membership in large numbers. In today's program, the

joint general secretary of the union, NK Singh, I Ahmed, Rajendra Prasad, Manik Chandra Sah, Devendra Gorai, OP Chauhan, NK Singh, along with dozens of departmental union leaders played an important role in making members. This program will be run in some more remaining departments, which will be completed before the last date of membership campaign. It will continue till 28th February. This information was given by office minister RB

United Forum of Bank Unions held a massive demonstration Yuva Lions Force is ready to do anything in front of Bank of India in support of their demands

If the demands are not met, there will be a nationwide strike on 24 and 25 February

DN Bokaro

Under the banner of United Forum of Bank Unions, which includes all the unions working in banks, AIBA, AIBOC, NCBE, BE FI, AIBOA, INBEF, INBOC, all the bank employees and officers of Chas, Bokaro, attended in hundreds and held a huge demonstration in front of Bank of India, Bokaro branch, Sector 4, on Friday. This demonstration was done as a part of agitational program in the light of the twoday All India Bank strike declared on February 24 and 25. Through the demonstration, the bank employees demanded from the Government of India, through the Indian Bank Association, that to avoid the continuous decline in customer service in banks and the extreme problems being faced by the customers, restora-



tion should be done in all the cadres in all the banks immediately. And it was demanded from the Indian Bank Association that positive initiatives should be taken on all the pending issues, which were said to be resolved in the talks held with UFBU. Fiveday banking should also be implemented in banks. With reference to these demands, the bank employees raised their voice. The presence of women bank employees in the demonstration was also commendable. On this occasion, the District President of UFBU In his address, Deputy Convenor Raghav Kumar

Singh warned the government that if the above demands are not paid attention to as soon as possible and the DFS does not stop signing in banks and does not stop violating the bilateral agreement, then there will be a two-day strike on 24 and 25 March. Despite this, if the government does not wake up, then there will be a struggle to protect our bank and our existence. Other speakers also addressed and warned the Government of India in support of their demands and said that today all bank employees are facing two paths, on one hand they are getting stressed and depressed due to excessive workload, on the other hand, the dissatisfaction of customers is also increasing. Yes, the people present in the demonstration were addressed by Raghav Kumar Singh, etc.

for the rights of the youth- Dev Sharma

DN Bokaro

On Friday during the membership campaign of Yuva Lions Force, Central President of Force and State Vice President of Youth Congress Dev Sharma reached Chitahitad of Mundhaniya Panchayat situated on Electrosteel Vedanta Fourlane and while giving sports material to the youth there, said that there is no lack of talent in the children of our Chas Chandankiyari, the only thing that is lacking is polishing them, which is the work of all of us leaders, social workers and Vedanta management as well. Today, thousands of youth, due to lack of proper guidance, are forced to



leave their skills and either take up some small job or migrate to another state for the maintenance of their family. The Congress leader said that there is a village government of Congress and JMM in the state. We request all those youth to keep working hard in the field in which you can do well. He said that

whatever has to be done for the youth, we will not step back from doing it. Congress leader Dev also demanded the Vedanta management to focus on providing maximum employment to the youth of Talgadia Road and the surrounding villages. On the occasion, dozens of youth joined the Yuva Lions Force.

News In Brief Seminar organized at CITU office on Red Books Day

Bokaro: Addressing the workers present in the seminar organized at CITU office on Red Book Day, senior leader BD Prasad said that there are only two classes in the society, one is the exploiting class and the other is the exploited class.

Today the character of exploitation has changed. In the capitalist system, the dominance of corporate houses has been established. As a result, a large population of the exploited class is not able to get even a living wage. Therefore, today there is a need to establish farmerlabor unity and accelerate the pace of the movement. On this occasion, a collective reading of Marxist

literature was done. **OS of GM office fell from bike** after being hit by vehicle and met with an accident

Superintendent Mayank Banerjee working in Personnel Department of CCL Kathara General Manager's Office got seriously injured after falling from his own bike near Jarangdih on Kathara Fusro main road. After the incident. people present there took injured Banerjee by vehicle to Central Hospital at Dhori where after primary treatment he was sent to Dhanbad for better treatment. According to doctors, injured Banerjee's condition is critical. According to information, Mayank Banerjee was going from his home Kurpania to his workplace Kathara General Manager's Office when the incident occurred.

Theft in the house of retired **DVC** executive engineer

Thieves committed a theft on Tuesday night near Vaishno Mata temple located in GM colony of Bokaro Thermal DVC. Thieves stole jewellery worth about Rs. 6 lakh and Rs. 80 thousand cash from the house 19/A of Anand Prakash Mehta, a retired executive engineer from DVC. At the time of the incident, Anand Prakash Mehta had gone out with his entire family to attend a relative's wedding. During this time, thieves broke the locks of three rooms and entered the house and stole only cash and jewellery while other



Bokaro Thermal police sta-



tion in-charge cum police inspector Shailendra Kumar Singh. On receiving the information, the police station in-charge reached the spot and start-

Human Resources Ms. Rajshree Banerjee, Executive Director Material Management CR Mishra, **Executive Director Aneesh Sengupta** along with senior officials were present as the chief guest. A total of 30 participants from various units of SAIL including DSP ISP BSP RSP Corporate Office and BSL participated in the workshop. Faculty participants also participated in the workshop.

Former Executive Director Project One of ISP K Das Gupta shared his project execution experience with the participants as faculty in the workshop, while Chief General

DN ■ Bokaro

A two-day LEO workshop was inaugurated in the Knowledge

Acquisition and Development

Department of Human Resources to

learn and share best practices in proi-

ect execution. In which Executive

Director Finance and Accounts

Suresh Rangani, Executive Director



Manager Manish Jalota gave detailed information about the program outline. Thereafter, Executive Director Project Aneesh Sengupta said that large-scale modernization work is proposed in the entire SAIL. The entire organization will benefit from organizing the SMS workshop. Executive Director Mr. Mishra described the workshop as useful. Executive Director Ms. Raishree Banerjee congratulated the

Two day LEO workshop organized for learning and sharing

Knowledge Acquisition and Development Department for organizing a workshop on such a subject. and called upon everyone to take advantage of it. Executive Director Finance & Accounts Rangani in his address urged the participants to brainstorm on taxation matters, DPMS and other subjects. The statement regarding the program was given by Rajesh Kumar, Deputy General Manager.

CO stops construction work of Ayesha Complex



On Friday, Bermo Zonal Officer Sanjit Kumar Singh stopped the construction work in Ayesha Complex Market located at Kathara turn on Gomia Fusro main road. CO directed the complex owner to reach the Zonal Office with valid documents or else he threatened to seal the market. It is said that while touring the area, CO objected to the construction of stairs adjacent to the road to go to Ayesha Complex. After not getting a reply from the claimant Mohammad Ilyas, CO stopped the work and directed him to reach the Zonal Office with valid documents. Sources say that the local residents had complained about this to Bokaro Thermal Police and requested to stop the work by saying that the construction site was government land. In light of this, police station in-charge cum Inspector Shailendra Kumar Singh had demanded intervention from the CO in this matter.

After failing in JEE Mains, the young man committed suicide by hanging himself, a suicide note was found in his pocket

DN Pindrajora

An 18-year-old youth of Pindrajora village of Pindrajora police station area committed suicide late Thursday night by making a noose of a rope in a room on the roof of the two-storey building of his own house. According to the information received, 18-year-old Karan Kumar committed suicide by hanging himself from the hook of a fan in his house on Thursday by making a noose of a rope. The reason for suicide, the youth himself has stated in a suicide note, that his failure in JEE Mains and not getting good marks was the reason. Suicide notes have been recovered from the pocket of the deceased Karan Kumar Mahato. In the suicide note, it is written that mother, father, please forgive me, I did not do well in JEE Mains, that is why I got low marks. Please do not



cry, the elder brother of the deceased youth, 20-year-old Akash Kumar Mahato, son of Manoj Kumar Mahato, told the police that the deceased Karan Kumar Mahato, like every day, went to sleep in his room after having dinner tonight. When he did not wake up till 8 am in the morning, we went to his room and called out to him. When there was no response from him, we started banging the door, but still there was no response. We informed our father and mother about this. Hearing the noise many other people from the neighborhood gathered, finally the door was broken. After going inside, it was seen that Karan had hanged himself by putting a noose on the hook on which the fan was hung. Seeing the hanging body, mother Falali Devi, father Manoj Kumar Mahato and elder brother Akash Kumar Mahato were inconsolable.

Dr. Jaydev Kumar, a resident of Pindrajora who was doing career counseling, said that the step taken by Karan Kumar is wrong. Ending one's life is not the only solution. No one achieves success in one go, one has to struggle for it. Former Mukhiya Gora Chand Mahato, Panchayat Samiti member Kishore Kumar Mahato, Dr. Jaydev Kumar Mahato, Deputy Mukhiya Rajkumar Gop, Ward member Saroj Kumar Tiwari, Santosh Kumar Mahato etc. were present on the occasion.

PALAMU/CHATRA

News In Brief

People were made aware through outreach program

Hunterganj: As per the instructions of the Secretary of District Legal Services Authority Chatra. an awareness campaign was conducted under the 90-day outreach program in Chaukhra village under Karma Panchayat of Hunterganj block area on Thursday. In which the villagers present were given information about the government schemes like old age pension, widow pension, women empowerment, witch hunting, dowry system, domestic violence, child marriage. children's education fundamental rights and free legal services available to senior citizens and toll free number including the National Lok Adalat to be held in Civil Court Chatra on 08 March 2025. Animal fair was auctioned, this fair is held on Shivratri

Kunda: The auction of animal fair held on the occasion of Shivratri Puja in Kunda block was held on Thursday. In which Manoj Yadav won the auction by placing the highest bid. In this fair. various types of animals are bought and sold, which include cows, buffaloes. goats and other animals. Apart from this, various types of goods are also sold in the fair, such as food items, clothes and other household items. Manoj Yadav said that this fair is an important event for the people of the area. in which they can sell and buy their animals as well as other goods.

Puja

Mother Shabari was worshipped, the guest stressed on following the ideals of Mother Shabari

Kunda: All India Bhuiya Samaj Kalyan Samiti organized Shabari Puja in Yagya Maidan located at Kunda block headquarters on Thursday. In which the district president of the society Umesh Bharti was present as the chief guest. On this occasion, the guests were honored by giving Ang Vastra. At the same time, the chief guest Umesh Bharti, while throwing light on the biography of Mother Shabari, told the people of the society to follow her ideals. He said that Mother Shabari had presented an example of simplicity.

It is the responsibility of the whole society to save daughters and educate them by giving them the right direction: DSWO

▶ Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign is being run from 22 January to 08 March >> Students of Kasturba Gandhi Residential School

DN Palamu

Under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign, an awareness program was organized today Kasturba Gandhi Residential Girls School located in Pokhraha of Sadar Block. The program was formally started by lighting lamps and taking an oath about Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. Also, sanitary pads were distributed among all the girl students. In the program, District Social Welfare Officer Neeta Chauhan explained

of Sadar Block were inspired

ernment's public welfare schemes for daughters. She talked to the girl students on serious issues like Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Sakhi Stop Center, Palnagrih, Savitribai Phule Kishori Samridhi Yojana, child marriage, female foeticide, gender discrimination etc.

in detail about the gov-

Legal-cum- Provisionary Officer Divva Rashmi discussed the POCSO Act in detail with the students. She informed about seek-

ing help from the legal cell in case of any kind of sexual exploitation and violence. Also, a detailed discussion was held on filing a complaint confidentially on 1098 (toll free num-

Secretary of Nayi Sanskriti Society Ajit Kumar Pathak made the students and women aware about indomitable courage and personality development and fighting against the evils prevalent in the society.

Chanda Jha, LS Urban Pushpa Kumari, LS Rural Aarti Kumari, Warden of the school Archana Singh and all the teachers and staff of the school were present in the program.

Tebo police arrested three people including a minor while cutting opium fields

DN ■ Chakradharpur Tebo police station of West Singhbhum district has arrested three people including a minor while cutting opium fields in the forest near Songra. Police has recovered four pieces of opium (poppy) fruit cutting tool and opium weighing about two hundred grams from him. SP Ashutosh Shekhar has given this information. SP said that under the campaign being run against illegal opium cultivation in West Singhbhum district, Tebo police station on February 19 saw four people cutting illegal opium fields near Songra village, on seeing the



police, all four started running, during this time the police chased and caught two people. Sunil Odeya, father late Daru Odeya, resident of Gutighara village of Murhu police station area of Khunti district and a minor of about 16 years were included in it. In this case, the police sent the accused Sunil Odia to jail and the minor was sent

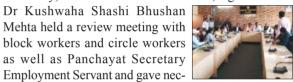
to a juvenile home. Taking action in the same case, the police arrested Sukhram Kaita alias Sanika Kaita alias Sanika Kaita (22), a resident of Songara village under Tebo police station area, on February 20 and sent him to jail on Friday. The SP said that the campaign against illegal opium cultivation is ongoing. In raid, Deputy Superintendent of Police Chaibasa Kumar Vinod,

Tebo Police Station incharge Bikrant Munda, Sub-Inspector of Police Subhash Kumar Mahato, Anil Kumar Singh along with Tebo Police Station Police and Armed Forces personnel were involved.

meeting with block workers and circle workers DN Medininagar

MLA Shashi Bhushan Mehta held a review

On Friday, in the Panki block auditorium, regional MLA Dr Kushwaha Shashi Bhushan Mehta held a review meeting with block workers and circle workers



essary guidelines. In the meeting, information was obtained from all the Panchayat servants one by one regarding adding names in PM Awas by the Central Government. In which a case of huge irregularities in PM Awas and Abuwa Awas came to light. Illegal extortion is being done by middlemen through the Panchayat Secretary. The MLA reprimanded him and asked to improve the working style. Along with this, he asked to solve the problem as soon as possible by obtaining information related to Kevala mutation and cutting receipts from the circle worker. Along with this, all the public welfare schemes being run by the Jharkhand government were reviewed. On this occasion, BDO Lalit Prasad Singh, Prof. Bachan Thakur, Saroj Chatterjee, MLA representative Rajendra Yadav, Minty Verma, Roshan Singh, Reema Sharma, Vijay Mehta, Dr. Ramcharitra Singh, Mukhiya Sunil Prajapati, along with block and zonal workers etc. were present.

Manatu double murder: Dinesh Yadav was a former Maoist, the second deceased is not identified

DN Medininagar

Police has intensified the investigation in the double murder case in Rajkheta of Manatu police station area of Palamu district. An FIR has been registered against unknown criminals in the entire case. On Thursday, the post-mortem of the deceased Dinesh Yadav and an unidentified body was conducted. The second deceased could not be identified. The deceased Dinesh Yadav was a member of the Maoist squad in 2017, later he left the squad. Deepak Kumar Yadav, brother of the deceased Dinesh Yadav, said that Dinesh had returned from Chennai on January 29. On Monday, he left the house with his uncle Vipin Yadav from the same village. Both had to go to their relative's house in Nabigarh of Imamganj in Gaya, Bihar. Both were last seen in Salaiya, Bihar on Tuesday. Deepak Yadav said that the case will be revealed after Vipin Yadav is caught. Vipin's activities have been suspicious, he was associated with the Naxal organization. Vipin Yadav is a resident of Navachunka of Manatu police station area. Manatu police station in-charge Nirmal Oraon said that the police has received important information in the murder case, the murder mystery will be solved soon. An FIR has been registered against unknown criminals. Efforts are being made to identify the second deceased.

Dead body of a youth found near a damaged motorcycle, police is investigating whether it is an accident or murder

DN Chatra

Villagers saw the dead body of a youth along with a damaged motorcycle on the side of Balwa Dohar road in Pratappur police station area on Thursday and informed Pratappur police. After which police reached the spot, made a Panchnama of the dead body and sent it to Sadar Hospital Chatra for postmortem. On seeing the damaged motorcycle and the dead body of the youth lying nearby, people present said that prima facie it seems to be a case of road accident. The dead body was identified as Neeraj Kumar Yadav son of Umesh Yadav by Jagdish Yadav, resident of

Balvador, the grandfather of the deceased. On the other hand, Neeraj's family members are suspecting murder in this death. In this context, the grandfather of the deceased, Jagdish Yadav, has filed an application in Pratappur police station and named 18 people as accused. He says that a day before he

was threatened that his

grandson will be killed and now that this incident has happened, it seems that these people have killed our grandson. However, the police took Neeraj's body in their custody and sent it to Chatra for postmortem. The police is investigating every angle as to whether Neeraj's death was an accident or murder.

Villagers protest against canal construction. demand for culvert construction

DN Garhwa Villagers protested against the canal con-

struction being done by Arnay Project Limited in Mahudarh Tola of Manjhigawa village under Hariharpur OP area of ??Kandi block. Villagers say that due to the canal construction work, their connectivity has completely ended, due to which there is a lot of trouble in movement. According to the villagers, canal construction work has been going on for the last two years. Initially, departmental officials had assured that culverts would be built at necessary places, but till now no concrete steps have been taken in this direction. Meanwhile, due to poor construction work and disturbances in soil filling, the possibility of accidents around the canal has increased. Villagers allege that private land is also being encroached and when they complain to the canal department, they get evasive answers. Villagers said that canal construction work is being done from Phulwar to Ratangarh,



in which there is a great need for a culvert in the part passing through Mahudarh Tola. Despite this, the department and the contractor are ignoring their demands. An application was given to Garhwa SDO in this matter earlier also, but no concrete action was taken. Villagers expressed apprehension that if a major accident happens, then who will take responsibility for it. In this case, contractor Manoj Singh, who is looking after the work of canal construction, said that the villagers had demanded culverts at three places, out of which the construction of all three has been completed

Palamu resounds with 'Mahimanand Amar Rahe', last salute given to the son of Palamu who was martyred in Chhattisgarh

DN Medininagar

The entire area resounded with 'Amar Rahe' slogans Mahimanand Shukla, the son of Palamu who was martyred in Chhattisgarh. Dantewada, Mahimanand Shukla was in CRPF and was deployed in anti-Naxal operation. On 11 February, he was caught in a landmine explosion in Dantewada, Chhattisgarh, Both his legs were blown off in this incident, he was admitted to Raipur in critical condition where Mahimanand Shukla was martyred. Mahimanand Shukla's body reached his native village Kamalkedia in Leslieganj, Palamu late on Thursday night. After the body reached the native village. there was an uproar in the entire village and the entire area resounded with 'Amar Rahe' slogans for Mahimanand Shukla. Mahimanand Shukla has a son and a daughter. He



was deployed in the anti-Naxal operation in Dantewada for the last few vears. Mahimanand Shukla, who was martyred in Chhattisgarh, was cremated on the banks of the Amanat river in Kamalkedia of Leslieganj in Palamu. Before the cremation, Chatra MP Kalicharan Singh, MLA Dr. Shashi Bhushan Mehta, CRPF Jharkhand Sector IG Saket Singh, Palamu DIG YS Ramesh, CRPF

officers of Palamu saluted. Also, CRPF IG and other officers also shouldered the coffin of the martyred soldier. Mahimanand Shukla's last rites were performed with full state honors. During this, the CRPF contingent saluted him. CRPF IG Saket Kumar Singh spoke to the family members and assured them of all possible help.

There is a need to read and understand the values of Ramcharitmanas book: Ruchir Tiwari

DN Medininagar

District Secretary of Communist Party of India and former MLA candidate of Daltenganj, Ruchir Kumar Tiwari, attended the 38th session of Shri Ramcharitmanas Yagna in village Jod of Sadar region and said that for the last 38 years, Shri Ramcharitmanas Navah Parayan Paath Maha Yagna is being held in this holy land of village Jod, in which I had the privilege of participating. Lord Shri Ram has been called Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram, which has been described in Shri Ramcharitmanas. There is a need for the young generation and youth to adopt it in their lives and read Shri Ramcharitmanas, only then will they be able to implement it in their lives. Lord Shri Ram has paved the way to love and live together not only with human beings but also with animals, birds, monkeys, bears and other living creatures, that is why he cremates birds like vulture king



Jatayu with wood, while the monkeys fight with Ravana with vultures. On the other hand, to fulfil the duties of a father and mother, he lives in exile for 14 years and rising above caste discrimination, eating the sour berries of Shabari, a Dalit woman who had been waiting for years, binds the world in one thread by Maryada Purshottam Shri Ram. We need to understand his values and adopt them in our lives. On the occasion, Kamlesh Tiwari, President Anuj Mishra, Vice President Dharmendra Singh, Mukesh Tiwari, Ramraj Tiwari, Chandrashekhar Tiwari and etc were present.

25-year-old youth dies in road accident

DN Medininagar

A youth died on the spot in a road accident last night

near Sordiha bridge in Vishrampur police station area. The deceased has been identified as Ranjit Chaudhary, age about 25 years, resident of Kudwa village of



Patan police station area. According to the information, the deceased Ranjit Chaudhary was going to his home Patan Kudwa village on Thursday night on a bike. Meanwhile, on the way, his bike went out of control and collided with a parked truck. In which he died on the spot. After this, the local people informed the police of Vishrampur police station about this incident. On getting information about the incident, the police of Vishrampur police station reached the spot, took the body in possession and sent it to Medinirai Medical College Hospital for post-mortem. The police has also informed the family members of the deceased about this incident by the police. On getting the information, the family members reached the hospital. The condition of the family members of the deceased is very bad in the hospital, crying.

On the first evening of the three-day Itkhori Festival, local, state-renowned and Bollywood artists spread their magic

DN Chatra

After the grand inauguration of the three-day State Itkhori Festival, in the cultural program on the first evening, local as well as state-renowned Bollywood artists spread their magic. Singer Chandan Tiwari decorated the melodious gathering through songs related to soil and devotion.

The singer mesmerized the audience by presenting songs like Sumirnawa Ho Jai Maiya Bhadrakali Ke, Chhod Gali Chhod Gali Ri Raat Sutli Sajniya Ke Chhod Gali Ri etc. at the Mata Bhadrakali Temple. Along with this, Nagpuri dance by New



Jharkhand Kala Sanskriti, Chhau dance by Natraj Kala Kendra Ichagarh and Neeraj Dance Academy Chatra also mesmerized the audience by giving excellent performances. Rajiv Nigam Comedy also made the audience laugh a lot. In the end, Bollywood singer Salman Ali made the audience dance a lot with his melodious style. Salman Ali made the audience dance by singing dozens of songs including Shri Ganesh Deva, Tere Naam Se Jee Loon Tere Naam Se Mar Loon, Mere Raske Kamar, Muskurane Ki Wajah Tum Ho Piya Ri. Whereas at the end of the program, all the artists including the singers were honored by the district administration by giving them mementos.



These warning signs of Simple things may put you at risk of many diseases, Health disease say experts. So, watch out for these warning signs. Insomnia:

If you suffer from a lack of sleep or have irregular sleep hours, you need to visit your doctor. According to studies, insomniacs are at twice the risk of suffering a stroke than people who don't have trouble falling asleep. As one's sleep deficit increases, so does their blood pressure. Over time, this can lead to inflammation of the vascular walls. Even a couple of nights like that can increase BP. Listen to calming sounds just before you go to bed. For example, the sound of water, the chirping of birds or the faint sound of a horse's hooves.

Stress can have a lasting impact on your brain. A new study says that those who experience more stressful situations (work, relationship and health problems) in their middle age are more likely to develop dementia later in life.

Aerated drinks:

While having aerated drinks on rare occasions is OK, people who drink more than 8.5 ounces a day are at an increased risk of developing pancreatic cancer. Fizzy drinks with high sugar content cause your pancreas to increase insulin production. This results in pancreatic cells getting exposed to a higher

concentration of insulin than other cells in the bod, which in turn creates an imbalance that may cause cancer growth.

Vitamin-D deficiency:

While staying outdoors for long periods of time without adequate sun protection is a big no-no, experts say that sun exposure for about 10 to 20 minutes a day is a must. Vitamin-D deficiency increases the risk of respiratory infections. This vitamin is also vital for a strong immune system.

Why women live longer than men: Study



The data spanned seven populations in which the life expectancy for one or both sexes was a dismal 20 years or less and found that newborn girls are hardier than newborn boys due

Women are biologically more stronger than men and hence tend to outlive their male counterparts, finds a study challenging the per-conceived notion that the

biological factors.

The findings showed that women do not just outlive

Women's increased life expectancy is because they tend to have a survival advantage in infancy rather than adulthood. In times of adversity, newborn girls are more

However, even when mortality was very high for both sexes, women still lived longer than men by six months to

This advantage in women may be largely due to biological factors such as genetics or hormones, especially estrogens, which enhances the body's immune

"Our results add another piece to the puzzle of gender differences in survival," said researchers led by Virginia Zarulli, Assistant Professor at the Duke University in

In the study, published in the journal Proceedings of the

newborn boys due biological factors.

The maternal intake of acetaminophen saw a reduction in the intelligence quotient level along with increasing language delay,



Women who consume acetaminophen also known as paracetamol and widely used to reduce a high fever or relieve pain during early pregnancy are six times more likely to see delay in their daughters' language skills, warns a new study.

Acetaminophen is the active ingredient in Tylenol and hundreds of over-the-counter and prescription medicines.

The maternal intake of acetaminophen saw a reduction in the intelligence quotient level along with increasing language delay, defined as the use of lesser than 50 words,

The communication delay affected boys at the same time, but was more prevelant among the girls, the study showed.

"Given the prevalence of prenatal acetaminophen use and the importance of

language development, our findings, if replicated, suggest that pregnant women should limit their use of this analgesic during pregnancy," said Shanna Swan, Professor at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York, US. "It's important for us to look at language

development because it has shown to be predictive of other neurodevelopmental problems in children," Swan added. The study, published in the journal

European Psychiatry, examined 754 women,

who were in eight-13 weeks of pregnancy. Researchers asked participants to report the number of acetaminophen tablets they had taken between conception and enrollment, and tested the acetaminophen concentration in

their urine at enrollment. Both the number of tablets and



concentration in urine were associated with a significant increase in language delay in girls, with a slight decrease in boys.

Previous studies have found that the over exposure to the pain relieving drug during pregnancy also damages the fertility of the daughters.

New graphene-based sensor device can save babies' health

Scientists have developed new wearable graphene-based sensor device which can detect heart and breathing abnormalities in babies as well improve life-threatening conditions such as sleep apnoea in

The sensor, developed by physicists at the University of Sussex, is shaped like a flexible rubber tube filled with a solution of water, oil and particles graphene and is the most sensitive liquid-based devices to have ever been developed.

The sensors — two-dimensional material made from carbon atoms that is strong, flexible and conductive.

"We have created a sensor that has the potential to drastically improve early detection of life-threatening symptoms such as sleep apnoea or cardiac arrhythmia, where constant monitoring with conventional equipment is challenging outside of the hospital environment," said Alan Dalton, Professor at the University of Sussex.

When a channel or tube holding the liquid is stretched, even by a small amount, the conductivity of the liquid

This means that the respiration rates and pulses of people wearing the device can be tracked easily.

The device can help parents keep track



of their new babies' heart and breathing rates with automatic updates to their smart phones, using 'fitness tracker'-style technology built into baby sleep suits.

It could also be transformative for anyone with life-threatening conditions such as sleep apnoea.

"Using the conducting liquid emulsions we have developed, we will produce cheap, wearable sensors based on graphene. The devices will be comfortable, non-invasive and can provide intuitive diagnostics of breathing and heart rate," Dalton added, in the paper published in the journal Nanoscale.

"Graphene is very affordable as it can be produced using naturally-occurring graphite, so this could be rolled out on a big scale. This is good news for health services because the new technology will not be expensive to make and buy. It also means it should be affordable to individuals,'

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EDITORIAL

UGC draft rules limit academic autonomy The Ministry of Education and its many

organisations are working overtime to reform education. These 'reforms' are the byproduct of the belief expounded in the NEP 2020 - that whatever exists is not appropriate and must be replaced (or at least re-named) with more centrally controllable procedures. Every day, a new document/draft of revamped guidelines or recommendations is issued. The latest UGC's draft for minimum qualification for recruitment and promotion of teachers and academic staff in colleges and universities is 'seeking' suggestions and feedback on the UGC portal. The regulations on minimum qualifications for the recruitment and promotion of university and college teachers is a recipe for the collapse of quality of teachinglearning in higher education institutions. It is an inept effort to nitpick the existing procedures and further control the teaching community. The guidelines are riddled with obscurities, inconsistencies and indifference for the intricacies of academic life.

By prioritising research publications and patents over teaching and service, the regulations propagate a toxic ethos of academic exclusiveness, where faculty members are required to roil out run-of-the-mill research to mollify the supremacies that be rather than emphasise on providing worthwhile education to their learners. The regulations' stress on "Indian knowledge systems" is an oblique endeavour to enforce a constricted, nationalist pogrom on the academic world, stifling critical thinking and intellectual multiplicity. Wide-ranging expressions like "recognised contributions" and "Indian knowledge systems" are imprecise; making it problematic to decide what constitutes an effective contribution.

The lack of clear delineations gives way for misadventure, leaving scope for misapprehension, and allures indiscriminate decision-making and crass cronyism.

The draft regulation seeks to shift the focus from objectivity in selection to discretion and subjectivity. While the extant regulation requires the selection committee to assess a candidate for their research and publication, domain knowledge and presentation along with articulation, the proposed version requires the committees to base their decision on nine notable contributions. They include "innovative teaching contributions; research or teaching lab development; consultancy/sponsored research funding; teaching contributions in Indian languages; teaching-learning and research in Indian knowledge system; student internship/ project supervision; digital content creation for MOOCs; community engagement and service; and startup."The regulations prioritise research, patents and publications over teaching and service, potentially leading to an imbalance in academic responsibilities. It overlooks other valuable academic contributions like curriculum development and mentoring. It has been also left to the selection committee's discretion to decide whether the research publications are in peerreviewed journals, whether the chapters are in books published by reputed publishers and whether a candidate's contributions in the nine areas are notable. The regulations do not provide adequate resources or support for faculty development, particularly for early-career researchers. The emphasis on research and publications assumes that faculty members already possess the necessary skills. This is a callous disregard for the well-being of academic who are already overworked and underpaidThe recruitment for the post of vicechancellor includes persons with 10 years of experience at a senior level in industry, public administration, public policy and/or public sector undertakings and who have a proven track record of significant academic or scholarly contributions. The search-cum-selection committee would now be constituted by the visitor/chancellor.

The science of happiness and Punjab's drug epidemic

One fundamental misconception fuels the cycle — that life would be easy if there is sustained happiness and that drugs provide a short-cut to attaining it.

The recent news report in The Tribune that many private drug de-addiction centres in the state have turned into "lucrative private enterprise or syndicate just to enrich themselves" shows the myriad ways in which the problem of drug and substance use can raise its hydra head. They are selling drugs, meant to

wean away addicts from narcotics, in the open market at highly inflated rates.Punjab has seen an unprecedented rise in narcotic abuse, especially among its youth and working class population, leading to socioeconomic devastation. A study undertaken by the Institute for Development and Communications, Chandigarh, revealed that an overwhelming number (75.8 per cent) of the sample of substance abusers from the border districts of Punjab belonged to the age group of 15-35 years.

Nearly every village in the state has been affected by drug abuse, with heroin and synthetic drugs being the most prevalent. Families are witnessing their loved ones wasting away. And, law enforcement agencies are struggling to contain the everexpanding drug networks. Rehabilitation

centres are overwhelmed and relapse rates remain high due to lack of effective psychological deterrence.

While various factors contribute to the problem, one fundamental misconception fuels the addiction cycle — that life would be easy if there is sustained happiness and that drugs provide a short-cut to attaining it. Awareness campaigns do exist, but they often fail to address the root cause of this erroneous perception. This absolute happiness myth must be countered with a scientific and evolutionary understanding of happiness to deter individuals from falling prey to substance abuse. The brain's primary function is survival, not relentless seeking of pleasure. The emotions of happiness and sadness are mechanisms to regulate behaviour in response to different situations. The brain has evolved reward pathways, primarily composed of dopamine and other neurotransmitters, to reinforce actions beneficial for survival, such as social bonding, learning and physical activity.

However, these pathways are self-regulating. When a person experiences happiness, the neurotransmitters do not sustain their effect indefinitely. Instead, they return to baseline levels, preventing the brain from being in a perpetual state of joy or sorrow. This biological mechanism ensures adaptation and survival.Drug-induced pleasure is neither natural nor sustainable. Besides, it is also not an adaptive response to the prevailing situation. Unlike organic emotional responses, which are balanced by the



body's feedback mechanisms and generate an adaptive response to prevailing situation, drugs misguide the reward system to generate positive feelings.Narcotic drugs interfere with the natural process by artificially stimulating reward pathways. Initially, they induce intense euphoria, but repeated use disrupts the brain's balance, leading to diminished natural dopamine production. As drugs artificially flood the brain with neurotransmitters, the body reduces its natural production, resulting in extreme withdrawal symptoms when the drug wears off, leading to depression, anxiety and intense cravings. This results in dependence.

Over time, addicts lose the ability to feel joy without substances. Neurons have threshold sensitivity, meaning they can only fire for a limited time before becoming unresponsive. This explains why initial drug highs diminish with repeated use, forcing addicts to increase their dosage.Drugs evoke pleasure without fulfilling any survival purpose. Unlike the natural highs from achievements, social bonding or exercise, drug-induced euphoria is disconnected from reality, making it unsustainable. onsumeristic forces contribute to reinforcing the pursuit of absolute happiness. The entertainment industry and advertisements glorify euphoria, creating unrealistic expectations. Alcohol, smoking and even drug use are often depicted as enhancers of life's experiences. This cultural injunction gives a false impression that individuals should constantly seek higher levels of pleasure, pushing some

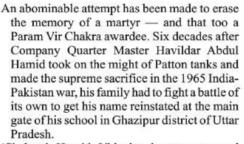
towards narcotics as a short-cut. Misleading narratives - sometimes backed by industries with vested interests - propagate the idea that alcohol or marijuana can enhance creativity, relaxation and social connectivity. This has further normalised substance use among vulnerable demographics, particularly in Punjab, where stress factors like unemployment and migration struggles are already high. Popular culture induced by neoliberal forces often simplifies these ideas into the misguided notion that happiness should be maximised at all costs. While law enforcement plays a crucial role in curbing drug supply chains, criminalising drug use alone has proven

ineffective. Instead, educational interventions rooted in evolutionary psychology can provide longterm solutions. By educating youth about the brain's reward system, the transient nature of emotions and the false promises of drug-induced pleasure, we can dismantle the myths that drive addiction. The pioneer of evolutionary psychiatry, Randolph Nesse, says bad feelings are also for good reasons in his book of the same title - to emphasise that good and bad feelings both have an adaptive role. Since they are generated naturally, we should be ready for these ups and downs.

Schools, rehabilitation centres and community outreach programmes must incorporate this knowledge to empower individuals with the tools to resist peer pressure and misleading societal narratives. Punjab's drug crisis is not just a legal or medical issue; it is a psychological and societal challenge deeply rooted in misconceptions about happiness, which need to be challenged. By adopting an evolutionary perspective on happiness and the true working of the brain's reward system, individuals can be empowered to make informed

Judicial overload

Row over martyr's school reeks of intolerance



'Shaheed Hamid Vidyalaya' was not good enough for the authorities; they not only renamed it 'PM Shri Composite School' but also promptly effected the change at the entrance to the institution. The outraged kin complained to the headmaster, who asked them to approach the local education officer. The glaring omission has finally been

rectified, but the whole controversy reeks of religious intolerance and insensitivity.



Havildar Hamid's award citation mentions in glowing terms that his bravery "in the face of constant enemy fire was in the highest traditions of the Army". Naam, namak, nishan

- these words sum up the code of honour of the Indian defence forces. The Indian Army, Air Force and Navy are secular organisations their officers and soldiers serve the nation with pride irrespective of their religion, caste, creed or gender. The entire country owes gratitude to bravehearts like Hamid, not just the community to which they belonged.

Degrading a war hero simply because he professed a certain religion shows how deep the communal rot runs. Exemplary action should be taken against overzealous officials who stooped so low.

They were apparently trying to please their political bosses and chose a soft target. Thankfully, the widespread uproar has exposed their nefarious designs. The incident

should serve as a warning to the political leadership and the bureaucracy to desist from chipping

away at the military's apolitical ethos.

Split wide open on AI regulation

Far from facilitating a consensus on the roadmap, the Paris summit exposed fissures

The world has entered a new phase of accelerated development and application of artificial intelligence (AI) with the unveiling of DeepSeek by a Chinese entity as a strong competitor to ChatGPT and other Large Language Models. Alongside, the debate on AI regulation has also gathered steam. The subject dominated the recent AI Summit in Paris meeting of political leaders, diplomats and CEOs of technology companies - co-chaired by India and France. Far from facilitating a consensus on the principles of AI regulation, the summit exposed the fissures on the subject, reflective of the changed political situation after the return of US President Donald Trump.

Noting that AI was different from past technological milestones in terms of its impact, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for "collective global efforts to establish governance and standards that uphold shared values, address risks and build trust".

As a first step towards such collective action, the summit adopted a diplomatic declaration on 'inclusive and sustainable AI'. However, two major leaders in AI development — the US and the UK refused to sign the declaration. US Vice-President JD Vance said the world needed an AI regulatory system that fostered innovation and not strangled it, while the UK felt that the statement did not address AI's likely impact on national security. As the summit ended, it was obvious that the world was divided over AI safety and regulation. Artificial intelligence has been around for many years now, but recent advances have made general-purpose AI a reality. Generalpurpose AI tools can perform a wide variety of tasks and are being deployed by technology companies for many consumer and business purposes. The International AI Safety Report prepared by independent experts, including from India, was

released ahead of the Paris summit. The report pointed out that sophisticated AI agents would be able to act autonomously and use computers to complete complicated projects. This means both additional benefits and new risks.

We already know the risks of AI systems — scams, non-consensual intimate imagery, child sexual abuse material, bias against groups of people or opinions, reliability, privacy violations, etc. The additional

risks that the AI safety report has listed include large-scale impacts on the labour market, AI-enabled hacking and biological attacks. While testing certain AI models, it was found they can reproduce known biological and chemical weapons and facilitate the design of novel toxic compounds. General-purpose AI makes it easier to generate persuasive content at scale, thus helping people or groups seeking to manipulate public opinion. Earlier, it was believed that such impacts of AI were some decades away, but new capabilities (like scientific reasoning and programming) mean such risks Regulation of AI would necessarily require an

assessment of risks and a pathway to mitigate as well as monitor them. This is going to be a Herculean task because the possible uses and applications of general-purpose AI systems are very broad - the same system can be used for anything from medical advice to writing software and generating images. AI developers and users do not fully know the possible applications of such systems, making any regulation of the technology challenging. The pace of advancement in generalpurpose AI, therefore, creates an 'evidence dilemma' for decision-makers and regulators, as the report has

pointed out. Moreover, technology companies are sharing only partial information with non-industry players. We cannot make any headway with regulation, given such an information gap in the understanding of the capabilities of AI systems.

Artificial intelligence has also reignited the old debate on regulation versus innovation. The US made it clear in Paris that it does not favour any regulation of the technology if it hinders innovation. This is in line



with the stand of technology giants leading the AI race in America. India somehow sided with this view with a little tweak, as reflected in the Prime Minister's statement that "governance was not just about managing risks but also about promoting innovation and deploying it for the global good". The US, which is rooting for fossil fuels under Trump, did not sign the sustainability statement. This is critical because AI development and operation is a powerguzzling affair and large-scale deployment of AI systems would impact efforts to wean the world away from fossil fuels. This links AI with another contentious global issue - climate change.

Regulation has always played 'catch up' with technology. This has happened with many technological developments in the past and continues to be so with new advances - stem cell research, cloning, xenotransplantation, the Internet and social media. AI, however, is different. It is not one technology but a bunch of technologies and

applications. The first task is to decide what is to be regulated. Countries or companies wishing to boost their 'leading' position in AI might hence apply a very broad interpretation of applications falling under the term. Another vital question is who is to be regulated - an entity that develops the technology, the one which develops applications or the one that deploys it. All these lines are blurred, given the nature of this technology and the information available from technology companies. It is somewhat like the content and carriage dilemma regulators are facing currently with the regulation of content on Internet-based offerings.

AI has made many revisit the three laws of robotics proposed by science fiction writer Isaac Asimov in 1942. The first said, "A robot

may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm." The second stated, "A robot must obey orders given it by human beings except where such orders would conflict with the First Law." The third specified that "a robot must protect its existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Laws". Based on these guiding principles, it would be prudent to evolve a broad set of principles for AI governance and regulation while constantly assessing emerging risks and benefits.are not so distant.





Delhi's 'lady don' arrested: Lavish parties, luxury brands and drug ring ties

Police had been trying to arrest Zoya for years, but she always managed to evade arrest. However, Special Cell ACP Sanjay Dutt and Inspector Sandeep Dabas finally managed to trap her in a drug case.

-Zoya Khan, wife of gangster Hashim Baba, arrested with 270g heroin.

-Managed husband's illegal operations, similar to Haseena Parkar.

Lived lavishly, attended parties, and flaunted luxury brands

New protocols on crowd

control in New Delhi Station

NEW DELHI. The Delhi Rail Division of the Northern

Railway has introduced a new safety protocol for

platforms handling eastbound trains at the New Delhi

Railway Station to prevent incidents such as the fatal

stampede on February 15.The new procedure

mandates that station officials must secure clearance

from Railway Protection Force (RPF) before allowing

any train to arrive on platforms 8-16 at the New Delhi

Railway Station. These platforms typically handle

trains travelling to and from eastern regions, including Prayagraj, Patna, Kanpur, Lucknow, and Howrah. The

department took the decision considering the large crowds expected for the ongoing Maha Kumbh, which has significantly increased passenger traffic on these

A February 19 circular outlining the protocol explains that seeking approval from the RPF before receiving

trains on the concerned platforms is necessary due to "the heavy rush at the stations and late arrival of trains

because of congestion" across the North Central Railway zone. This zone includes Prayagraj, Lucknow

roots", and the National Education Policy tries to

correct this, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan

Pradhan also referred to Prime Minister Narendra

Modi's "Tamil language is eternal" comment in

Chennai in May 2022, and wrote, "The Modi government is fully committed to promoting and popularising Tamil culture and language globally. I

between the southern state and the centre over the 'imposition of Hindi' - a new flashpoint over a longstanding and sensitive issue. It follows Mr Stalin's appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi 24 hours

earlier; the Tamil leader had complained about Dharmendra Pradhan warning the state to comply with

the NEP's three-language policy or forfeit release of education sector-related funds from the centre.

In his letter - which Mr Pradhan has declared "was not

written in good taste", was "full of political

motivation", and had "imaginary concerns" - Mr Stalin

urged the Prime Minister to release Rs 2,154 crore in

funds for 2024/25 in the spirit of "cooperative

Mr Stalin - who on Sunday said Mr Pradhan was trying

to "blackmail" the state into submitting to 'Hindi

imposition' by stopping transfer of funds - also insisted

his government would not abandon the two-language

formula followed by state-run schools since 1967 for

Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, the Chief

Minister's son, was equally emphatic in his remarks on

federalism" and for the "welfare" of students.

the NEP's three-language formula.

'Ready For Language War'

humbly appeal... do not politicise education... The letter is the latest in a 'language war' brewing

and Moradabad divisions.

NEW DELHI, Delhi's Special Cell on Thursday arrested the wife of gangster Hashim Baba in a drug-related case. Zoya Khan was arrested with 270 grams of heroin worth around Rs 1 crore. Despite knowing that she managed her gangster husband's illegal operations, agencies had been unable to gather proof against her-until now.Gangster Hashim Baba is in Tihar Jail with multiple cases of murder, extortion, and arms violations against him. Zoya, the third wife of Hashim Baba, married him in 2017 after divorcing her first husband.

Sources say Zoya played a part similar to Haseena Parkar, the sister of underworld don Dawood



Ibrahim, who managed his illegal business while staying out of police reach. Zoya was handling the gang's activities from outside the jail, helping with extortion and other crimes.

According to Special Cell sources, Zoya enjoyed a lavish lifestyle, often attending high-profile parties and flaunting expensive brands, as seen on her social media. She regularly visited Baba in jail, and their meetings were about running the gang's operations, illegal extortion, and target assignments.Police had been trying to arrest Zoya for years, but she always managed to evade arrest. However, Special Cell ACP Sanjay Dutt and Inspector Sandeep Dabas finally managed

to trap her in a drug case. Acting on a tip-off, the police arrested her from Northeast Delhi's Welcome area while she was supplying drugs. They recovered 270 grams of heroin worth around Rs 1 crore in the international market. Investigations revealed that Zoya had sourced the drugs from Muzaffarnagar for further distribution. The Special Cell also suspected her involvement in sheltering shooters in the Nadir Shah murder case and is gathering evidence against her.

Zoya's family background is also linked to crime. Her mother was jailed in a sex racket case in 2024 and is currently out on bail, while her father was involved in drug supply. Due to her influence in her area, Zoya was constantly surrounded by 4-5 armed henchmen from Baba's gang.Northeast Delhi has long been a battleground for gang wars, with groups like the Chenu Gang, Hashim Baba Gang, and Nasir Pehalwan Gang thriving on drug supply and extortion.

Delhi Police to submit report to child welfare panel in Kenyan diplomat's son assault case

NEW DELHI. The Delhi Police's investigating officer (IO) is set to file a report before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) on Friday regarding the alleged sexual assault of a five-year-old girl by a Class 12 student of the same city school, sources informed this newspaper.

The alleged accused is the son of a Kenvan diplomat posted in New Delhi, and the incident allegedly



took place in August last year.

With diplomatic immunity shielding the accused from immediate legal action, the MEA has formally requested the Kenyan Embassy to waive his immunity, paving the way for a proper investigation."The IO will submit the report before CWC by Friday," sources close to the probe said, adding the police ability to proceed hinges on the Kenyan government's approval.

If the waiver is granted, the police may question, and potentially arrest, the accused. An FIR has been registered under Section 75(2) (sexual harassment) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Section 10 (aggravated sexual assault) of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act in Greater Kailash police station on September 18 last year.

CCTV Links Two Murders 6 Km Apart, Delhi Cops Catch Juvenile Accused In 13 Hours

New Delhi. Two murders in Delhi that took 6 km apart and appeared completely unrelated, were unexpectedly solved today when the police examined the CCTV footage. Not only were they connected, the same group of five juveniles were involved in both, the police said. It led to a manhunt that was over within 13 hours as the police rounded up all of them. The first death was reported from New Ashok Nagar. The police got a call at 3 am that said a man has been



it became obvious that the man has been stabbed multiple times. The man, profusely bleeding, was taken to the hospital, where he was declared dead.

When teams reached near the treatment plant between Kondli Bridge and Dallupura turn, they noticed a large amount of blood on the main road," Abhishek Dhania, a senior police officer, was quoted as saying by news agency Press Trust of India.

A case was filed and the police started scanning CCTV footage from nearby areas to hunt for clues. Towards noon, the Ghazipur police received a distress call that said a man was found dead behind a liquor shop in the Paper Market area, the officer said. The police found the body at an empty plot behind the liquor shop. He had deep stab wounds on his thigh. The man was identified as 49-year-old Ramesh, a resident of Ghazipur's Kumhar Basti.

In Bihar, 1 Student Shot Dead, 2 Injured In Dispute Over Cheating In Exam

New Delhi. A Class X student was shot investigation. The situation is still tense; This was after villagers and family

dead, and two others were injured, in Bihar's Rohtas district after two groups of students clashed over allegations of cheating during a matriculation exam.

The argument began Wednesday as a physical confrontation and was picked up again the following day, which was when gunshots were fired. A total of three students were injured.

ccording to reports, one student has been injured in his leg and another in his back.Local police have taken custody of the body and launched an

New Delhi. A team of five archaeologists

India (ASI), including women

rich underwater cultural

heritage," it said in a



a large police force has been deployed and the Narayan Medical College and Hospital, where the injured are being treated, has been turned into a mini-

highway till justice was meted However, police officials told news agency PTI they had

managed to talk to the protesters and persuade them to stand A video from the protest site

members of the boy who was

killed launched a protest,

threatening to block a local

showed a large number of boys and young men sitting peacefully across the road. Another showed armed police

officers trying to clear bystanders as a small water tank, towed by a tractor, burns in the middle of the highway,

Archaeologists Dive Into Sea Off Dwarka To Uncover Submerged Heritage

This underwater exploration is part of the renewed Underwater Archaeology Wing (UAW) of the ASI, which has "recently been revived" to undertake offshore surveys and investigations in Dwarka and Bet Dwarka in Gujarat, the ministry said.

"No Question Of Imposing Language But...": Education

members, has commenced "groundbreaking underwater explorations" off the coast of Dwarka in Gujarat, the Ministry Minister In Hindi Row of Culture said on Tuesday."The current New Delhi. There is "no question of imposing any underwater investigations mark a significant step in ASI's language" but there is an "over-reliance on foreign mission to safeguard India's languages, limiting students' exposure to linguistic

statement. This underwater said Friday in a letter to Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin. The NEP "upholds the principle of exploration is part of the linguistic freedom and ensures the students continue to renewed Underwater Archaeology Wing (UAW) of the ASI, learn in the language of their choice", Mr Pradhan wrote, also criticising Tamil Nadu's ruling Dravida which has "recently been revived" to Munnetra Kazhagam for its "continued opposition to undertake offshore surveys and investigations in Dwarka and Bet NEP 2020 for political reasons" and for looking at the policy "with a myopic vison and spinning progressive Dwarka in Gujarat, the ministry said. reforms into threats to sustain political narratives".Mr

A team of five archaeologists from the ASI, led by Professor Alok Tripathi,

Additional Director-General (Archaeology) has "commenced



groundbreaking underwater explorations off the coast of Dwarka," it added. The team, which also includes Explorations); Aparajita Sharma, Assistant Superintending Archaeologist; Poonam Vind, and Rajkumari Barbina, has selected an

area near the Gomati Creek for initial investigations, the statement said.

For the first time in ASI, this team comprises a significant number of women archaeologists and the most number of archaeologists actively participating in underwater investigations," it said. The UAW has been at the forefront of underwater archaeological research since the 1980s. Since 2001, the wing has been conducting explorations at sites such as Bangaram Island (Lakshadweep), Mahabalipuram

(Tamil Nadu), Dwarka (Gujarat), Loktak Lake (Manipur), and Elephanta Island (Maharashtra), the ministry said.

HK Nayak, Director (Excavations and Archaeologists of UAW have also collaborated with the Indian Navy and other government organisations for the study and protection of underwater cultural heritage, it said.

Probe found Pak man 'linked' to Gaurav Gogoi's wife visited India 18 times: BJP

Himanta Biswa Sarma alleged that Pakistani national Ali Tauqeer Sheikh visited India 18 times, triggering a high-profile probe into his links with Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi's British wife, Elizabeth Colburn.

Pak national Ali Taugeer Sheikh linked to Congress MP's wife, alleges BJP

Himanta Sarma says preliminary findings are damaging for Congress **BJP** accuses Gaurav

Gogoi's wife of ISI links, refusing Indian citizenship

An initial investigation found that Pakistani national Ali Tauqeer Sheikh, who is said to be linked to Pakistan's spy agency ISI and allegedly has ties to Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi's British wife, Elizabeth Colburn, has visited India 18 times to date, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma claimed on Thursday. Speaking in the Assam Assembly during Motion of Thanks on the Governor's speech, Sarma also asserted that preliminary findings are "very fatal" for the Congress party and will have a "huge impact" on the politics of the state.

Earlier this week, Assam Police set up a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to examine Sheikh's social media activities and his alleged interference in India's internal

affairs. The Pakistani national, reportedly an advisor to the Pakistan Planning Commission and a former colleague of Colburn, has been charged under multiple sections of the Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Within three days, the Assam Police SIT on the case found that Ali Tauqeer Sheikh visited India 18 times.

Now, we will know who invited and hosted him during those visits," the Chief Minister claimed."As per the initial information, the facts are very fatal for the Congress party. As a responsible person standing inside the assembly, I am saying this. I promise to the Assam Assembly that we will break the network of



Ali Sheikh. Give us three months and we will inform you The BJP has also accused Colburn everything in the August session," he added.Sarma further claimed that Sheikh's online activities centred around Assam immigrants, which he termed an "attempt to interfere in India's internal affairs".

Sheikh apparently works in a climate action group. But his tweets and social media activities are on Assam immigrants. These

are an attempt to interfere in India's internal affairs," he said. POLITICAL SLUGFEST

Meanwhile, the political battle between the ruling BJP and the opposition Congress has intensified after the saffron party accused Gogoi's wife of having connections with Pakistan's spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI).

of refusing Indian citizenship for the past 12 years and of involvement in activities detrimental to India's security. They also claimed that after his marriage to Colburn, Gaurav Gogoi raised questions in Parliament on sensitive defence matters-an accusation that the Congress MP has dismissed as

Wednesday, declaring that Tamil Nadu stands ready for another 'language war'. He also reminded the BJP that "this is a Dravidian land... the land of Periyar" and said, "The last time you tried to take away the rights of the Tamil people, they started 'GoBackModi'. If you try again... this time the voice will be 'Get out, Modi'... agitation will be done to send you back.'

BEAUTY

A woman's vanity box is empty without a foundation which acts as a base for makeup. However, since there are many varieties of foundations which are available in the market, that come in different formulations cream, mousse or dry ones - you need to know the one that matches your skin tone and suits your skin texture the best.

Understand your skin

Normal skin

- Even complexion. - The surface of the skin is neither too oily nor
- Lotion-based foundations are best-suited
- Oily skin
- The face will have an all over shine. - Prone to pimple and can easily develop pigmentation near the cheeks.
- Water-based foundations are advised for those who have oily skin. They last longer and
- do not make the face look greasy.

Dry skin

- The face can feel dry and parched, at times. - Cream-based liquid foundations are advisable.
- Compact-based foundations are a no-no.

Select one based on your skin tone

Dusky - A sheer foundation and a good concealer are

- musts for creating the illusion for a perfect - While applying foundation, your aim should
- be for a lighter coverage. - Add a drop of water to the foundation to
- blend well. - Dab compact after the foundation is applied.
- This will give the skin sheen and will not make it look too heavy.
- Avoid applying too much of compact powder. And dust off all the excess.
- Liquid foundation is the best one for women with a dusky complexion. Also, it is very important to keep in mind that the shade of the foundation should be very close to that of the skin tone, to avoid looking pale white. Wheatish
- Choose a concealer and foundation which
- have yellow pigments. - Earthy shades go very well with those who
- have wheatish complexion. - Never use a foundation which has a pinkish tone, this will make your skin look grey
- Apply a compact after the foundation to lend a smooth surface to your skin.
- Determine whether your fairness is rosy
- pink or yellowish. Select warmer tones for an even complexion.
- Here are more tips on how to choose the right foundation

Types of foundation

Cream foundation

- Ideal for normal, combination and dry skin types. It is specially suited for women with uneven pigmentation, or those requiring a heavy coverage.
- Lends medium or full coverage.
- The best part about this foundation is that it lends a dewy finish.
- Covers and conceals discolourations and imperfections on the skin and provides a flawless finish.

Liquid foundation

- Is ideal for all skin types. It is well-suited for dry or mature skin.
- Lends a light to medium coverage.
- on the formulation.
- It soothes the skin and also lends an even coverage to your complexion.

Pressed powder foundation

- Is ideal for those who have oily skin.
- It lends a light to medium coverage. - Has a matte-finish look.
- Evens out the skin tone, hides the

toundation imperfections and absorbs the excess oil. - Should be applied with the help of a powder

Are you using the right

brush. The bristles should be dense.

Mineral foundation

- Ideal for all skin types, except oily. It is specially suited for those with sensitive skin or Rosacea.
- Lends a matte finish look.
- Has a light to medium coverage.
- Evens out the skin tone, moisturises, protects
- and absorbs the excess oil. - Use a brush to buff it on.
- Tinted moisturising foundation
- Ideal for normal and dry skin.
- It is well-suited for those who need extra hydration and just a touch of colour to pull it off.

- Lends a sheer to light coverage.

- Lightly evens out the skin tone, giving a nude or a natural look.

What you must keep in mind

Rains could be synonymous with

romance and reason to rejoice for some.

But for others, it could be the harbinger of

says dermatologist Dr Jamuna Pai. One

should try and keep the feet dry at all

times. Aesthetician Ritu Tanwar says, "The best

Minimal application of foundation is not only good for your skin but it also does not make you look cakey. However, while choosing a foundation, make sure that you sample it under natural light. While trying out the foundation in a

store always apply it on your jawline and not or your wrists or hands to check for the seamless

Give your musical instruments some TLC - Always return the instrument to its protective

case when not being played. - Don't leave your musical instrument where it

can be knocked or sat on by people or animals.

- Take care to store musical instruments in a



place of even temperature.

instructions.

corks if required.

- Clean your musical instrument with in

accordance with the manufacturer's

- Make sure your musical instrument has an

- If a wind instrument is supposed to be assembled before its usage, then ensure that all

joints are cleaned before they are assembled.

Apply grease in very small proportions on

- Have your instrument professionally valued

at least once every three years. Then make sure

you review your insurance policy to ensure

annual check-up with your retailer.

your sums insured are up to date.

Skin care regime for a beautiful skin

maladies, diseases, bad-hair days and dull skin. Try these skincare tips this monsoon for healthy and beautiful skin. Happy feet An important area to look after during monsoons is the feet, say specialists. "Especially in between the toes - it is susceptible to fungal as well as bacterial infection because of direct contact with contaminated rain water,"

> way to properly clean your feet is by immersing them in lukewarm water with a few drops of



antiseptic for 10 minutes. Then, scrub lightly with an antibacterial soap and thoroughly dry your feet and apply a moisturising cream."

Happy hands Tisha Khurana, a beauty consultant, says, "Like any other body part, hands should also be kept clean during monsoons. Soak your hands in warm water for 15 minutes. The water should contain few drops of a liquid hand- wash and some fresh

lemon juice. Complete this routine by applying a nail cream. Avoid pushing the cuticles, as nail fungal infections are very common in monsoons. Cuticle oil must be applied as cuticles become very dry."

Care for your hair Dr Sandeep Sattur, hair restorative surgeon, says, "Wash your scalp frequently with PH-balanced mild shampoos." The idea is to cleanse the scalp gently without causing damage.

Use sunscreen always Dermatologists say our faces can get fairly oily because of humidity and we should use cleansers effective for this condition. Dr Desai cautions, "Always use a sunscreen as UV rays penetrate even through clouds."

QUICKTIPS

-Wash your face two to three times a day with a mixture of green gram powder and channa powder (equal proportion) made into a paste with water. -Make a paste of papaya, honey and milk. Apply it on your face, leave for 15 minutes and then wash off. -A paste of neem leaves mixed with honey can be used as a face pack. Remove the pack before it dries up on your skin. -Use a mixture of honey and curd for body massage before shower.





NEWS BOX

"Coach Has To...": Anil Kumble's Blunt Message To Gautam Gambhir Over 'Legacy Players'

New Delhi . The ICC Champions Trophy 2025 began on a promising note for the Indian team, with a comprehensive victory against Bangladesh in the opener on Thursday. Skipper Rohit Sharma and opening batter Shubman Gill got the team off to a flying start at the top but No. 3 batter Virat Kohli didn't look his usual self. Kohli and Rohit's form has been a concern for the team management for a long time. While the skipper scored a 36-ball 41, Virat could only contribute 22 runs off 38 balls. Though India won the match, the team's former coach Anil Kumble sent a straightforward message to Gautam Gambhir, the current head coach,



about the transition from 'legacy players'. Kumble, who himself has been in Gambhir's position, feels it's the coach's responsibility to take 'tough calls' as the team transitions from veteran players to the new generation."You could say this is a very important tournament for a coach who has to make those tough calls in terms of transitioning from the legacy players to the others. But that's the job of the coach, to make those hard decisions," he said on ESPNCricinfo.

"This tournament could determine where those seniors would go, and where India would look at making those changes. Win or lose, you need these tough calls to be made at the earliest. You need to start looking ahead in white-ball cricket, especially at the 2027 World Cup," Kumble further said.

Though India have a long way to go for the 2027 ODI World Cup, the Champions Trophy will be the last big event the team will participate in as far as the 50-over format is concerned. Kumble feels the chatter over certain players' future needs to start after the Champions Trophy ends."In any World Cup, you're looking at building a squad that has played at least 20 or 25 matches together. That's when you understand the nuances of match situations, and who to rely on. Ideally, at the end of this tournament, you must start looking ahead to the next World Cup. Do the seniors make it there? Or do we give the opportunity to youngsters to take the team forward in the shorter formats and build a strong unit? These are questions Gambhir needs to

Yuzvendra Chahal, Dhanashree Verma Now Divorced. Report Reveals 'Reason' They Cited In Court

New Delhi . Indian cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal and his wife Dhanashree Verma are officially separated. The news of their divorce was doing rounds on social media for months. Both shared cryptic posts on the internet, hinting that they had gone their separate ways. But, none of them firmly spoke on the topic to highlight possible reasons behind the decision. However, it has now been reported that the couple's final hearing and all necessary formalities took place at the Bandra Family Court on Thursday, where both were physically

According to a report in ABP news, the judge advised the couple to seek counseling, which lasted for about 45 minutes. After the counselling session, the judge was informed



that both wanted to part ways with mutual consent. It was further revealed that Chahal and Dhanashree were living separately for the past 18 months. When asked about the possible reason behind seeking divorce, the couple said that had 'compatibility issues'.

At around 4:30 PM on Thursday, the judge officially granted them divorce.Chahal shared a post on social media right before the final hearing which read: "God has protected me more times than I can count. So I can only imagine the times I've been rescued that I don't even know about. Thank you, God, for always being there, even when I don't know it. Amen."

Dhanashree also shared a message about faith on her Instagram account. "From stressed to blessed. Isn't it amazing how God can turn our worries and trials into blessings? If you're stressing about something today, know that you have a choice. You can either keep worrying or you can surrender it all to God and choose to pray about everything. There is power in having faith that God can work all things together for your good."

8 hours a day at NCA: Mohammed Shami's relentless grind for Champions Trophy glory

→ Mohammed Shami stamped his authority with the ball in India's Champions Trophy opener against Bangladesh. Shami picked up 5 wickets and overtook Zaheer Khan as India's most successful bowler in the ICC white-ball tournaments.

New Delhi . November 2023 - February 2025: 15 months apart, Mohammed Shami once again worked his magic with the ball in an International Cricket Council (ICC) 50-over tournament for India. It seemed as if the senior fast bowler had never been away from competitive cricket. Steaming into the bowling crease and hurling rockets at 140 km/h, he was back to his vintage best for India.Shami tore through the Bangladesh batting order with both the new and old ball,

claiming five wickets in India's Champions Trophy opener. This performance saw him surpass Zaheer Khan as India's most successful bowler in ICC white-ball tournaments. Shami now boasts 74 wickets from just 33 matches at an astonishing average of 15.77. As it stands, he is India's most prolific bowler in ODI World Cups, Champions Trophies, and T20 World Cups-even ahead of Jasprit Bumrah.

However, the 15 months between those performances were incredibly challenging for the fast bowler. An ankle surgery immediately after the ODI World Cup 2023 final put his career on hold just when he was experiencing the best phase of his international career. At 34 years old, with a heavy build, the consequences of surgery were always going to be significant.

Shami endured a lengthy recovery process. SHAMI
While it was certain that he would miss the Despite these setbacks, Shami looked in T20 World Cup 2024, his absence from India's home Test season raised eyebrows.

"For the first two months, I often doubted whether I would be able to play again, as an injury like this followed by a 14-month break can really pull you down," Shami revealed in a conversation with the ICC ahead of the tournament. His rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) was



also surrounded by uncertainty. While Shami insisted that he was nearing peak fitness, India captain Rohit Sharma provided a contrasting assessment. It later emerged that Shami's knee was swelling up while bowling in the nets, delaying his return.

USED TO TRAIN 8 HOURS EVERYDAY:

outstanding form against Bangladesh. He bowled with good pace, hit the right areas, and made life difficult for the batters. Speaking at the post-match press conference, Shami acknowledged the challenges of regaining his rhythm."When you're injured and lose the form you had in the World Cup, you have to repeat everything you did to regain it. That takes a

domestic matches and assessed how my body reacted to different situations postsurgery. I played four international matches and eight or nine domestic games to prepare for this," he said.

The pacer admitted that his unwavering hunger to play international cricket for India was the driving force behind his comeback. He revealed that he had been training for eight hours daily at the NCA, battling persistent knee flare-ups in pursuit of his best form."It is God's blessing. What

I focus on is bringing loyalty to my game-loyalty in executing my skills. I spent 14 months away from international cricket, working at the NCA and playing domestic matches. During that period, what mattered most was my hunger. I wanted to return to my World Cup form and find my rhythm again. I used to train for eight hours a day at the NCA during my rehabilitation," Shami added.Shami's return to peak form is particularly crucial in the absence of Jasprit Bumrah. India's main concern heading into the Champions Trophy was that their fastbowling unit lacked the necessary firepower. However, with Shami back in full flow, India can be confident that opposition batting lineups will struggle against a fully fit, experienced fast bowler.

Champions Trophy: Pakistan handed big fine for slow-over rate against New Zealand

Pakistan were fined 5 percent of their match fee for maintaining a slow over-rate against New Zealand in their Champions Trophy opener, adding to their struggles as they prepare for a high-stakes clash against India on February 22.

New Delhi. Pakistan have been fined 5 percent of their match fee for maintaining a slow over-rate during their Champions Trophy opener against New Zealand on February 19 in Karachi. According to the International Cricket Council (ICC), Pakistan were found to be one over short of the target even after considering time allowances. The slow over-rate penalty only adds to Pakistan's troubles in the tournament. The Mohammed Rizwan-led side, who are also co-hosts of the Champions Trophy, suffered a 60-run



defeat to New Zealand. The loss has put them in a challenging position in the race upcoming match crucial for their survival in the tournament.

On-field umpires Richard Kettleborough and Sharfuddoula, third umpire Joel Wilson, and fourth umpire Alex Wharf were responsible for identifying the overrate violation. However, it was match referee Andy Pycroft who imposed the sanction on Pakistan. Rizwan pleaded guilty to the charge, resulting in no need for

a follow-up hearing.

ICC Rulebook on Slow Over-Rate As per Article 2.22 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player

Support Personnel, teams must adhere to the minimum over-rate requirements. The rule states that players are fined five percent of their match fee for every over their side falls short of bowling within the allocated time.

The slow over-rate issue is something teams must remain mindful of, as repeated offenses can result in harsher penalties, including

potential captaincy bans in future games. for the semi-final stage, making every Pakistan's Next Challenge - The India

> With this penalty behind them, Pakistan have already arrived in Dubai to prepare for their high-stakes clash against arch-rivals India on February 22.

With qualification on the line, Rizwan's side will need to ensure they maintain discipline both with the ball and in time management to avoid further setbacks in

Sourav Ganguly Accident: Former India Captain Involved In Car Accident, **No Injuries Reported**

New Delhi.Former India captain Sourav Ganguly met with a minor accident while traveling to Burdwan for an event but fortunately escaped unhurt. The incident occurred at Dantanpur on the Durgapur Expressway when a lorry suddenly overtook his convoy, forcing the driver of Ganguly's car to apply brakes abruptly. This led to a chain reaction, causing the cars behind him to collide, with one vehicle hitting Ganguly's car.Despite the accident, Ganguly remained composed and continued with his journey after a brief halt of about 10 minutes. Two vehicles in his convoy sustained minor damage, but no injuries were reported. The former BCCI president proceeded to Burdwan University, where he attended a scheduled event and interacted with students and dignitaries.

According to reports, Ganguly was on his way to Bardhaman when a lorry attempted to merge into his convoy unexpectedly. In response, his driver immediately applied the brakes, leading to a chain reaction where a vehicle following his Range Rover collided with it. Thankfully, Ganguly and his entourage remained unharmed.

Ganguly's Address At Burdwan Event

During the event, Ganguly expressed his joy at being in Burdwan and acknowledged the contributions of local sports associations. "I am overwhelmed. It feels great to be in Burdwan. I am even happier that you invited me. The Burdwan Sports Association has been asking me to come for a long time, and it's a pleasure to be here today. The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) has worked with the Burdwan sports organization for 50 years, and many players have emerged from this district. We must continue recruiting talented players from here in the future Ganguly said.

Ganguly's Enduring Influence in the **Endorsement World**

Meanwhile, despite stepping away from cricket

Pakistan Face Brutal Criticism, Asked To Leave Champions Trophy And Join Series With Zimbabwe

New Delhi. Pakistan got off to a forgettable start in their Champions Trophy 2025 campaign as they lost against New Zealand by 60 runs. Opting to bowl first, Pakistan gave away 320 runs after Will Young and Tom Latham smashed centuries. Later, the hosts got bundled out for 260 as their batters completely failed to put up a strong fight against the Kiwis. For New Zealand, skipper Mitchell Santner and William O'Rourke scalped three wickets each. After this loss, former Pakistan wicketkeeper Kamran Akmal slammed Mohammad Rizwan and co for their poor performance. In a conversation on ARY News, Kamran asked lashed out at Team Pakistan and called them undeserving for Champions

Zimbabwe aur Ireland ki series ho rahi hai, udhar jaayein. Wahan jaake khelein aur agar hum udhar jeette hain toh hum deserve karte hain (Champions Trophy). Humari iss tarah



ki cricket ho rahi hai. Itni neeche gir gayi hai humari cricket pichle 6-7 saal mein. (There's a series going on between Zimbabwe and Ireland. Go there and play with them. And if you win against them, then only you deserve to play the Champions Trophy. This is

condition of Pakistan cricket. Our cricket standards have fallen drastically in the last 6-7 years.)" said Kamran.

During the Champions Trophy opener, New Zealand were struggling at 73/3 but centuries from Will Young and Tom Latham helped them reach 320/5 in 50 overs. Kamran went on to praise New Zealand for their mature brand of cricket.

They (New Zealand) were three wickets down in the early stages of the match. Look at their maturity that they took time, rotated the strike and started firing only after getting the full control. This is what a mature team does. They always come with a backup plan.

Their batter Rachin Ravindra got injured and even his replacement (Will Young) scored a century," said Kamran. After the match, Pakistan skipper Mohammad Rizwan admitted that the team made mistakes

administration, Sourav Ganguly continues to be one of the most sought-after names in brand endorsements. The 52-year-old is associated with over 40 brands, spanning sectors like banking, real estate, automobiles, consumer goods, and fantasy sports. His popularity and credibility make him a valuable face for leading companies across various industries. Even after the incident, Ganguly's commitment to fulfilling his engagements demonstrates his resilience and dedication, a trait that has defined him throughout his cricketing and administrative

Virat Kohli more worried about middling the ball instead of scoring: Robin Uthappa

Former India batter Robin Uthappa commented on Virat Kohli's poor form after he got dismissed for 22 in India's first match of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 against Bangladesh.

New Delhi. Former India batter Robin Uthappa feels Virat Kohli is more worried about middling the ball instead of scoring runs at the moment. Kohli's search for a big knock continued as he once again got dismissed cheaply against Bangladesh for 22 (38) in the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 on Thursday, February 20 in Dubai.He walked in to bat on 69/1 after a solid start from captain Rohit Sharma (41 off 36). However, the star batter

failed to get going, playing nine dot deliveries on the trot against Tanzim Hasan Sakib and Mehidy Hasan Miraz. After getting off the mark on his tenth delivery, he was further troubled by Rishad Hossain. Throughout his innings, Kohli looked completely out of rhythm as the only boundary he got was through an uncontrolled pull shot. He was finally dismissed while trying to cut Hossain and was caught at backward point to leave India on 112/2. Following his rusty innings, Uthappa mentioned how Kohli was more worried about finding the middle of his bat throughout his innings instead of scoring runs. He suggested him to break free from his mental blocks to find his mojo back."Virat, the great batter that he is, will have to address himself because, I think in a sense he's in his head a little bit. It feels like that from the outside. It feels like he's looking to middle the ball versus when he actually is batting well, he's looking to get runs. He's not worried about middling the ball because the



intent itself is different. And I think he's trying to break free from that space of trying to middle the ball versus scoring runs and he's finding himself caught in between is what I'm feeling from the outside. I think it's a matter of time, the minute he frees his head up and just goes out there and expresses himself, the runs will flow," said Uthappa on Star Sports.

Furthermore, Uthappa also highlighted a technical flaw in Kohli's technique which isn't allowing him to meet the ball with the

full face of the bat."I do think there's a slight technical adjustment that he needs to make. Generally, his bat comes from the 2nd slip or 3rd slip. When he scored most of his runs, his bat generally comes from the 2nd or 3rd slip. Right now you see it's coming from right at the wicketkeeper or 1st slip. And from there, every time he looks to play the cover driver or on the offside, he's gonna not come with a full face of his bat.

He's gonna come with maybe 50-60% of his bat, and that also will make that cover driver his favourite shot, a very dangerous shot to

So, it's something that he will have to kind of figure out, and I hope someone speaks to him about it and helps him figure that piece out, because I think that one bit will make a huge difference. I think he's searching for his feel and form, and it's a very natural thing to happen when you're, when you are short of runs, and I think it's a matter of time," he



And while she's open to the idea of falling in love, she tells us that she'll be comfortable with the idea of not having a man in her life. Sharing her stance on her version of an ideal relationship, Bhumi remarks, "If I fall in love, then great. Even if it doesn't happen, I'm okay with it. When you're so happy in life, you feel complete on your own. But what I look for in a relationship is comfort. I want a relationship where I can just be myself with the person. Ease is

The one relationship, however, that holds a lot of meaning in her life is that of sisterhood. The actor, who didn't have qualms about sharing screen space with her female contemporaries, stresses on the importance of women supporting women. "As women, we all have shared experiences. We all, in a larger bracket, fall towards the same end. And those shared experiences automatically create a lot of empathy for each other. There's this unsaid sisterhood where we know that we've each other's back through thick and thin. We

may not be the best of friends but in certain situations, I'll always have their back," she

Bhumi's words, her role in Mere Husband Ki Biwi maybe best described as the 'Biwi No 1 of this generation'. At the trailer launch when she was asked if she's living her Karisma Kapoor – an actor she took references from for her role in Pati Patni Aur Woh era, she said, "It's a very big compliment. I grew up on films like Biwi No 1 and I was truly inspired by the female actors of that era. I got the chance to play such characters twice, thanks to Mudassar (Aziz; director) sir. Usually, women today don't get to play comic roles in films. I love being a part of comedy films. In this film, both me and Rakul got to do front-footed comedy, like we used to see in the 'No 1' film series."

Arjun Kapoor

Opens Up About 'Ideal Relationship' After Breakup: 'Love Doesn't Mean Staying...'

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rjun Kapoor and Malaika Arora, reportedly, began dating in 2018. The former lovebirds rarely shied away from sharing pictures together from their vacations. They were often captured by the shutterbugs as they got spotted in and around the city, hand in hand. Last year, however, they called it quits, the reason of which remains unclear. Following many weeks of speculation, Arjun finally revealed that he is single at Raj Thackeray's Diwali party, which also saw his Singham Again co-stars Ajay Devgn, Tiger Shroff and director Rohit Shetty in

Now, in an exclusive chat with News18 Showsha, Arjun opens up on what his idea of an ideal relationship is. "Jo de uska bhi bhala, jo na de uska bhi

bhala," he quips. Talking about his expectations from his future relationship and stressing on the importance being comfortable in each other's silences, he tells us, "What I want from love today is someone to share my silences with and that's very important. Even if you're in two different spaces, you can still be connected without having to speak all the time. The idea is to share things without even realising it."

According to the Ishaqzaade and Ek Villain Returns actor, love between two people doesn't need to be spelt out in so many words. "There has to be comfort and ease. You should've to look forward to going back and spending time with your person after finishing the day. Love doesn't mean staying together with the person all the time. You should be wanting to genuinely building your life with them. It's necessary for two people to understand each other's professions too," he says.

In fact, at the trailer launch of his upcoming film Mere Husband Ki Biwi, he spilled the beans on his marriage plans. "If there is anything, I will let you all know. Today is about discussing the film and celebrating it. And I have to talk about the film. I think I have allowed enough conversations and chatter about my personal life whenever I've been comfortable, and when the time was right. For me, right now, let me celebrate being my husband's wife. And when the time comes to talk about my wife, we will talk about it at the right moment," he shared.

As for Mere Husband Ki Biwi, the film will mark his return to the romantic-comedy space - which he refers to as his 'old friend' – after many years. Speaking about it, he had said, "I've always loved stories that bring warmth, laughter and love to the screen, and this film does exactly that. I've been fortunate that the audience has loved and accepted me in the romance genre in films like 2 States, Ki & Ka, and other films. It's good to be doing something in the light-hearted zone. I hope the audiences shower me with the same kind of love and acceptance for Mere Husband Ki

Harshvardhan Rane Plans To Stand Outside Sanam Teri Kasam Producer's Office For Sequel: 'No Awkwardness'



oon after the re-release of Harshvardhan Rane and Mawra Hocane starrer Sanam Teri Kasam on February 7, director duo Radhika Rao and Vinay Sapru announced its sequel. While it may have piqued the curiosity and excitement of several fans, it didn't particularly sit well with producer Deepak Mukut. Speaking to Bollywood Hungama, he said that the intellectual property rights of the film lie with him and that the directors don't have the authorisation to announce a second don't have the authorisation to announce a second part to Sanam Teri Kasam. Further, according to him, the director hasn't been finalised and he hasn't had a discussion with Vinay and Radhika

In September last year, Deepak and Harshvardhan announced the sequel but the news had no mention of Vinay and Radhika or any other director. And recently, in an exclusive chat with News18 Showsha, Harshvardhan revealed that a director is yet to be locked. "I'm just a channel here. I'm looking for an association to happen. It's said that with great power comes great responsibility. And with love comes even greater responsibility. It's like if a girl loves you, you need to make sure that you give her the best treatment and place her on a pedestal over your head," he told us.

Hoping for the sequel to happen soon, the Taish and Tara vs Bilal actor further added, "I think this is the same responsibility that the producer is also feeling towards the audience. We've to be extremely responsible and diligent when it comes to the sequel because there's so much more riding on us this time around. We're all working towards it. I hope everything falls into place.'

Harshvardhan, in fact, wouldn't even mind gathering his fans and hold up placards outside the producer's office to speed up the process. "Step one was me posting on social media for Sanam Teri Kasam to get re-released. Step two was, standing below Deepak sir's office. Step three was getting the film finally re-released. Step four was the desire to see a house full board outside cinema houses because that's something that I've never seen in my career. And the final step is the fifth one seen in my career. And the final step is the fifth one where you'll find me standing below his office once again, requesting him to make part two. I've no awkwardness about it. I'm ready to do it," he

Tara Sutaria's Ex Aadar Jain Says He Has Done 'Timepass' For 4 Years: 'I've Always Loved Alekha'





adar Jain and Alekha Advani recently celebrated their mehndi ceremony surrounded by close friends and family. The event, attended by Rima Jain, Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Soni Razdan, Karisma Kapoor, Kareena Kapoor, and others, was filled with emotional moments, including a heartfelt speech from Aadar.

In a video shared online, Aadar professed his deep love for Alekha, saying, "I have always loved her and I have always wanted to be with her. So she sent me on this long journey of 20 years through time-pass. It was worth the wait because I get to marry this beautiful, beautiful woman, who looks like a dream. I love you, and it was worth the wait. It's a secret, I have always loved her. I have done time pass for four years of my life. But now I'm with you, baby."

The couple's wedding celebrations have been the talk of the town, with glimpses of their ceremonies surfacing online. In early 2024, Aadar and Alekha tied the knot in a dreamy white wedding in Goa. The intimate affair was attended by their families and close friends, with the duo sharing multiple stunning pictures from the

Aadar and Alekha got engaged in September 2024, making their relationship official with a heartfelt social media post. Aadar had written, "My first crush, my best friend & now, my forever." Their love story has been closely followed by fans ever

Before finding love with Alekha, Aadar was in a relationship with Bollywood actress Tara Sutaria. The two frequently made public appearances together and attended Kapoor family gatherings, including Christmas celebrations and Armaan Jain's wedding. However, their relationship ended in 2023.

Interestingly, Alekha and Tara shared a friendly equation. The two reportedly had a close bond and even followed each other on social media. Alekha once posted a picture with Aadar and Tara, jokingly calling herself the "third wheel." Reports suggest that Alekha even joined the excouple on a trip to Paris in 2022. Aadar Jain, son of Rima Jain and grandson of Bollywood legends Raj Kapoor and Krishna Kapoor, made his Bollywood debut in 2017 with Qaidi Band and was last seen in Hello Charlie.