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J'khand CM launches health insurance scheme for state govt employees



Hemant Soren (File Photo)

Ranchi: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Friday launched a health insurance scheme for state government employees, aiming to extend the coverage to active and retired ones.

Soren also handed over tablets to 28,945 government primary school teachers in separate programmes in Ranchi.

"Now, government employees of any category need not worry about their medical expenses. The government will bear the entire cost of their treatment," the CM said launching the health insurance scheme at the state assembly auditorium.

Soren said that as the

government provided financial support to its employees even after retirement by restoring the old pension scheme, it has taken a big step to bear the entire cost of treatment of its employees through the State Employees Health Insurance Scheme.

Under this scheme, beneficiaries will be able to avail cashless treatment up to Rs 5 lakh in any hospital in the country.

In case of serious diseases, medical expenses up to Rs 10 lakh will be provided, according to an official release.

The scheme will come into effect from March 1.

At the tablet distribution programme, the CM said that

many concrete steps are being taken towards providing digital services to the government schools of the state.

"A new chapter was started today with the provision of tablets to primary schools. With this, all reporting work such as attendance in schools will be done through a digital medium. At the same time, the use of tablets will make it easier to monitor the work related to children's studies, teacher training, supervision, and recording biometric attendance. The initiative will help a lot in improving the education system," the CM said. (PTI)

Uttarakhand avalanche: One labourer dies, 49 rescued; search continues for remaining 5

Dehradun: A labourer died and 49 were pulled out alive from the snow that engulfed a BRO camp in the high-altitude Mana village in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district as rescuers raced against time to find survivors on Saturday. Five workers remain trapped.

Thirty-three labourers were rescued by Friday night.

The avalanche hit the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) camp between Mana and Badrinath between 5:30 am and 6 am on Friday, burying 55 workers inside eight containers and a shed, according to the Army.

Rain and snowfall hampered the rescue efforts on Friday and the operation was suspended as the night fell.

As the weather cleared up on Saturday, choppers joined the operation.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami conducted an aerial survey of the affected area and directed officials to speed up the rescue operation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Dhami and assured him of full support.

District Disaster Management Officer N K Joshi said Army and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) personnel based in Mana resumed the rescue operation in the morning.

A labourer died at the avalanche site, sources said.

Officials said 49 labourers have been rescued alive and a search is underway for the remaining five.



Rescue operations underway in Uttarakhand after avalanche

Eleven of the rescued labourers have been brought to the Army hospital in Jyotirmath. Of them, one is critical, some have fractures and others have minor injuries. Vitals of all of them except one are stable and necessary investigations are being done by specialist doctors at the hospital, Chamoli District Magistrate Sandeep Tiwari said.

The weather is turning bad again and could slow down the rescue operation. However, Army helicopters are making sorties and if the weather remains favourable, we will soon be able to find the remaining eight labourers, he said.

Dhami conducted an aerial survey of the avalanche-hit area. He also interacted with an injured labourer who was being airlifted to Jyotirmath for treatment.

"Took stock of the situation by conducting an aerial survey of the avalanche area near Mana in Chamoli district," Dhami said in a post on X.

He said he instructed officials

to ensure that the relief and rescue work is conducted quickly and effectively.

"Our government is working promptly for the safety of the affected workers," he added.

In another post, the chief minister said that PM Modi spoke to him on the phone about the situation in Chamoli.

"Respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodiji spoke on the phone and took information about the rescue operation being carried out to safely evacuate the workers trapped in Mana in Chamoli district.

"He also sought detailed information on the situation of rain and snowfall in the state. During the conversation, the prime minister assured that the central government will provide all possible assistance (to the state) to deal with any emergency," Dhami said.

Located three kilometres from Badrinath, Mana is the last village on the India-Tibet border at a height of 3,200 metres. (PTI)

Article 136 intervention was supposed to be narrow-slit; hurting arbitral process now: Dhankhar

New Delhi: Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday said the provision of special leave petition was supposed to be a "narrow slit" but is now hurting the arbitral process due to its wide use.

He also stressed on the need to have domain experts in arbitration cases, saying experts in varied areas can be utilised in handling complex matters involving commercial disputes.

Addressing a conference on arbitration here, Dhankhar drew the attention towards the use of Article 136 and its impact on the arbitral process.

"... Article 136

intervention was supposed to be a narrow-slit. The wall has been demolished with anything and everything under the sun, including what a magistrate has to do, what a session judge has to do, what a district judge has to do, what a high court judge has to do," he said.

Article 136 of the Constitution allows the Supreme Court to grant "special leave" to appeal from any judgment or order. It is called as a special leave petition (SLP).

Dhankhar said the "wall demolition" is also hurting arbitral process.

"All I am suggesting in all

humility and as the concerned citizen of this country that the issue which you are debating is of critical importance to micro, small industries. They want facile, easy arbitral process," he said.

Emphasising on the need for participation of domain experts in arbitration, the vice president referred to the observation of former Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud that arbitral process has become an "old boys club".

Without naming Justice (ret'd) Chandrachud, he said the former CJI was referring to retired judges participation in the arbitral

process.

"I should not be misunderstood even for a moment. Retired judges of this country are asset to arbitral process ... But there are areas where the arbitral tribunal needs to be supplemented by experts in the field of oceanography, in aviation, in infrastructure".

Dhankhar also lamented that India is nowhere near in becoming a centre of international arbitration.

"We are not in the mind of people who are having commercial relationship with us if it is international commercial arbitration," he said. (PTI)

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Death toll in Pakistan seminary blast rises to eight

Peshawar: The death toll in the suicide bombing during Friday prayers at a seminary in northwest Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province has risen to eight, including a top cleric, police said.

The blast, which claimed the life of Hamidul Haq Haqqani, chief of his faction of the Jamiat Ulema Islam (JUI) and caretaker of the Madrassa-e-Haqqania, located in Akora Khattak town of Nowshera district, left 17 others injured ahead of the fasting month of Ramadan, Chief Secretary Shahab Ali Shah confirmed.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa IGP Zulfiqar Hameed said Hamid ul Haq Haqqani was the sole target of the bombing.

The attack occurred as Hamid ul Haq was heading home with his companions when the suicide bomber struck a gate of the mosque through which he would enter his residence, the official said.

The blast comes after the cleric had received threats at



a conference of the Islamic Scholars Association, wherein he said preventing girls' education was against Islamic teachings, security sources said.

Sources also said the masterminds of the attack were identified and an action was being taken against them.

However, they have no connection with any religious institution, the security sources said.

Born in 1968, Hamidul Haq became chief of his JUI (Sami Group) after the death of his father Maulana Sami ul Haq.

The Darul Uloom Haqqania madrassa propagates the Hanafi Deobandi school of Sunni Islam. Maulana Abdul Haq founded the madrassa along the lines of the Darul Uloom Deoband seminary in India, where he had taught. It has been dubbed the "University of Jihad" due to its methods and content of instruction, along with the future occupations of its alumni.

Several leading members of the Taliban, including former chief Akhtar Mansour, studied here. (PTI)

Suspected car ramming attack in Israel wounds at least eight



Tel Aviv: Israeli police are investigating an episode in which a driver rammed his car into people at a highway bus stop, wounding at least eight Thursday in what authorities believed was a militant attack.

Police said they had "neutralised" the suspect, who they described as a 53-year-old Palestinian from the northern West Bank who lived in Israel and was married to an Israeli citizen.

Medical workers said the ramming injured at least eight

people, two in serious condition, who they evacuated to the hospital.

Paramedic Avi Cohen described a chaotic aftermath at the scene in Pardes Hanna-Karkur, a town south of the coastal city of Haifa.

"When we arrived, they were lying on the ground. We immediately began providing medical treatment to all the injured, including stopping bleeding and bandaging wounds," he said in a statement from Magen David Adom, Israel's emergency

rescue service.

Since the start of the war in Gaza, violence by militant attackers against Israelis has risen, as deadly Israeli military operations have ramped up and attacks by Jewish settlers on Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank have climbed.

Hamas congratulated the attack as "a message of defiance" but did not claim responsibility. (PTI)

BUSINESS

Sitharaman asks civil accounts officers to make Govt's annual accounts more user-friendly

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday asked civil accounts services officials to work towards making the government's annual accounts more approachable and user-friendly.

Addressing the 49th Civil Accounts Day event here, Sitharaman lauded the Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) officers, led by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) for the "silent technological revolution" in which states are finding a lot more ease of operation and ease of getting their government business done by adopting the public financial management system (PFMS).

"I would also like you to examine, in consultation with the CAG, whether it would be possible to make the annual accounts more approachable and user-friendly and allow citizens to analyse easily and generate customisable and simpler reports," Sitharaman said.

She said that since a lot of digital integration has already taken place with the states, more research can be carried

out based on the data set available with the CGA. "If you're able to make the report a lot more user-friendly, that itself can generate a lot of interest in the work that you do," the Minister said.

Sitharaman also asked both the Expenditure Department and the CGA to ensure that the SNA Sparsh is smoothly rolled out for all schemes in the upcoming financial year.

"CGA should handhold states in seamless onboarding and transition from whichever (platform) they have to the SNA Sparsh and convince them about the benefits of this reform and quick adaptation," she said.

PFMS, which is developed and implemented by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) under the Department of Expenditure, provides an IT platform and ensures end-to-end digital payments, collection of receipts, accounting. It ensures effective cash management in the Central Government system through 'Just in time' transfer of funds and complete tracking of realisation of funds

from its release to its credit into the bank account of intended beneficiaries.

The SNA module ensures better monitoring of availability and utilisation of funds released to states under centrally sponsored schemes (CSS). SNA SPARSH is a system which ensures quick release of funds to states for CSS.

The SNA module currently includes 141 CSS, 4,972 state-linked schemes, and more than 15 lakh agencies. Over Rs 13.60 lakh crore has been released by the Centre through the SNA module.

Sitharaman also nudged the Civil Accounts Officers to create more public awareness so that people appreciate that the taxpayers' money is being utilised efficiently. "Every rupee is taken seriously and therefore some public engagements to make people understand that this is the most critical job for the finances of the country, not just for the government of India," the minister said. (PTI)

Govt allows Aadhaar-enabled face authentication in private entities' mobile apps

New Delhi: The government on Thursday said it has allowed the integration of Aadhaar-enabled face authentication in mobile applications of private entities, a move aimed at easing access to services for customers through apps.

The process will be facilitated as part of the standard operating procedure (SOP) for Aadhaar authentication laid down through a Aadhaar Good Governance portal launched by the Ministry of Electronics and IT (Meity), an official statement said.

"The portal shall work as a resource-rich guide, and offer detailed SOP for authentication seeking entities on how to apply and how to onboard for Aadhaar authentication. Face authentication may also be integrated in the customer facing apps of private entities, which will enable anytime anywhere authentication," the statement said.

The ministry has launched Aadhaar Good Governance portal to streamline approval process for Aadhaar authentication requests following an amendment that restores access of the unique ID verification mechanism for private entities.

Expansion of the scope of Aadhaar authentication, as envisaged in the amendment notified in late January 2025, is expected to further improve ease of living and facilitate hassle-free access to newer services of

their choice, according to an official statement.

"The online platform (swik.meity.gov.in) comes into effect, after Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Amendment Rules, 2025 under the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 was notified in late January 2025. This amendment has been done to help improve transparency and inclusivity in the decision-making process," the statement said.

The government on January 31 notified an amendment in the Aadhaar Act to allow private entities to use Aadhaar authentication for delivering their services.

"The amendment enables both government and non-government entities to avail Aadhaar authentication service for providing various services in the public interest for related specific purposes like enablement of innovation, spread of knowledge, promoting ease of living of residents and enabling better access to services for them," the statement.

The Supreme Court had in September 2018 termed Section 57 of the Aadhaar Act "susceptible to misuse". The Section 57 empowered private entities to seek and use Aadhaar authentication for business purposes.

Meity said that it has proposed rules to enable Aadhaar authentication by entities other than government ministries and departments as part of its commitment to make Aadhaar people-friendly and enable ease of living and better access to services for citizens.

The fresh amendment enables Aadhaar number holders to avail hassle-free services from several sectors including hospitality, healthcare, credit rating bureau, e-commerce players, educational institutions and aggregator service providers, the statement said.

"Service providers too will find it helpful for a range of things including staff attendance, customer onboarding, e-KYC verification, exam registrations etc," the statement said.

The Aadhaar Good Governance portal was launched by Meity Secretary S Krishnan in the presence of UIDAI CEO Bhuvnesh Kumar, NIC Director General Inder Pal Singh Sethi, UIDAI DDG Manish Bhardwaj and other senior officials from Meity, UIDAI and NIC.

Krishnan said that with the launch of this platform and continuous improvement of other processes and systems around it, we hope to expedite the process of adding more use cases in the domain of good governance and ease of living. (PTI)

CSIR-CIMFR Observes National Science Day with an Engaging Session on Foldscope & Frugal Science

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : CSIR-Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CSIR-CIMFR) marked National Science Day 2025 with a special interactive session focused on Foldscope and Frugal Science, conducted under the CSIR-Jigyasa Program. The event provided an opportunity for 45 students from three branches of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya to explore microscopy and cost-effective scientific tools through hands-on learning.

The celebration commenced with an inaugural address by CSIR-CIMFR Director, Prof. A.K. Mishra, who underscored the importance of National Science Day, commemorating Sir C.V. Raman's discovery of the Raman Effect. Dr. J.K. Pandey, Chief Scientist, emphasized the need to foster scientific curiosity



among students and discussed the role of frugal innovations in making science more accessible.

Dr. Pallabi Das, Nodal Scientist, CSIR-Jigyasa, elaborated on the Jigyasa initiative, which aims to bridge the gap between CSIR laboratories and students across the country.

A highlight of the event

was a special session by Prof. Manu Prakash from Stanford University, a world-renowned scientist and inventor of the Foldscope—a low-cost, paper-based microscope that has transformed science education. Prof. Prakash spoke on the impact of frugal science, demonstrating how affordable tools can make scientific exploration accessible to all. His

interaction with students inspired them to think creatively and engage in hands-on scientific inquiry.

The session was followed by a practical Foldscope assembly and observation activity, where students examined microorganisms, plant cells, and other microscopic structures. They were guided by student volunteers Rupa, Sunita, Manish, and Pawan, who assisted in effectively using the Foldscope.

The event was successfully coordinated by Dilip Kumbhakar, Head, HRD, CSIR-CIMFR, who encouraged students to develop a scientific temperament. CSIR-CIMFR continues its commitment to promoting scientific curiosity and innovation, ensuring that young learners have access to engaging and meaningful scientific experiences.

NSUI Delegation Stages Protest Against Examination Controller Over Semester-2 Result Errors



Priyanka

Dhanbad : On Thursday, the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) staged a protest against the Examination Controller, raising concerns over errors in the recently published Semester-2 results by the university. Several students had been facing difficulties due to these discrepancies for the past few days. The NSUI delegation confronted the Examination Controller and presented the grievances of the students.

In MDC-2 (English), several students were awarded zero marks, despite their claims of having performed well in their exams. This raised serious concerns about major errors in the evaluation process. Similarly, in AEC-2 (English/Hindi), students were

also given zero marks, further exposing the shortcomings of the examination department.

Raj Ranjan Singh, present at the protest, stated that if the department does not rectify these issues promptly, NSUI will escalate the matter into a larger movement. He emphasized that such errors amount to playing with students' futures, which NSUI will not tolerate.

The Examination Controller took cognizance of the matter and assured that the errors would be rectified at the earliest, ensuring that students do not face any further inconvenience.

Among those present at the protest were Sunny Singh, Raj Ranjan Singh, Ankush Kumar, Abhishek Kumar, and several other NSUI members.

Unknown Criminals Open Fire, Three Workers Injured in Mahuda

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : Panic gripped the Mahuda railway siding area on Tuesday night when unknown criminals opened fire indiscriminately, injuring three workers. The incident took place around 9 PM while the workers were having their meal. Suddenly, two attackers arrived on a motorcycle and started firing without any warning, creating chaos at the site.

Among the injured, Lola Sahani sustained two bullet



Injured workers (Lola Sahani and Jhulan Chaudhary)

wound in the stomach and another in the leg while Jhulan Chaudhary, a resident of Begusarai, was shot in the leg. The third worker's

identity remains unknown. All three victims were rushed to Shaheed Nirmal Mahato Medical College Hospital (SNMMCH) for treatment.

Eyewitnesses reported that the criminals fired around 10 rounds before fleeing the scene. The incident has raised suspicions of extortion as a possible motive behind the attack.

As soon as the police were informed, they reached the spot and started an investigation. CCTV footage

from nearby areas is being examined to identify the attackers. Authorities are exploring various angles, including extortion threats, personal enmity, and links to organized crime syndicates.

The attack has left local workers and residents in fear. Many have demanded increased security measures and the immediate arrest of the criminals. The police have assured swift action and promised stringent measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

Legal Club Established at DAV Public School



Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : A School Legal Club was established at DAV Public School, BCCL Township, Koynanagar, under the Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (JHALSA) initiative. The club was inaugurated by J.M.F.C Dhanbad Vivek Raj and Chief L.A.D.C.S Dhanbad Kumar Bimalendu to promote legal awareness and literacy among students.

The Legal Literacy Club, inaugurated virtually by Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad and Justice Pradeep Kumar Srivastava from Nyay Sadan, Doranda, aims to educate students about legal rights and social issues. The club will focus on spreading awareness against social evils such as Child labour, Child marriage, Human trafficking, Child sexual abuse, Female

foeticide.

The following students were inducted into the legal club are Anuj Pandey, Vikash Kumar, Chandan Rawani, Prachi Mahato, Kritika, Kumari Megha, Pranav, Siddhi Sinha, Ankit Kumar, Pranav Kumar.

Senior teachers Arvind Patra, Namita Panda, and RR Das welcomed the dignitaries with bouquets. Principal cum Assistant Regional Officer of Jharkhand Region, C.N.N Srivastava, emphasized the importance of legal literacy in ensuring justice. He stated that students in the club will play a key role in educating others about their legal rights.

The program was conducted by Pawan Pandey and Bratin Kahle, while teacher cum media in-charge Dr. DK Sinha provided information about the event.

Robbery in Nawadih, Properties worth lakhs stolen

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : In a daring burglary in the Nawadih area near the Dhanbad police station, a thief broke into the residence of Vikramaditya Ojha while he was away in Lucknow. Upon his return on Tuesday morning, Ojha discovered that his house had been ransacked, with

property valued between five to seven lakh rupees reported missing.

According to Ojha's complaint lodged at the Dhanbad police station, the intruder gained entry by cutting through the lock of the main gate and further infiltrated the inner rooms using a sharp object. With the tenants of the first floor

absent at the time, the thief exploited the empty premises, breaking open a cupboard locker to steal an assortment of items including jewelry, clothes, a motor, an inverter, and a battery.

Authorities have launched an investigation into the incident and are urging local residents to

come forward with any information that could lead to the arrest of the suspect. The police are actively pursuing all leads to ensure that justice is served and that the stolen property is recovered. Further updates will be provided as the investigation progresses.

Women Must Become Financially Self-Reliant: DC

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : Deputy Commissioner cum District Magistrate Madhavi Mishra emphasized the need for financial self-reliance among women, stating that equal opportunities for men and women are essential for honing their talents and building a better society.

She was addressing B.Ed. students as the chief guest at an orientation workshop on PC and PNDT under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao at Shree Shree Lakshmi Narayan Trust (SSLNT) Women's College on Tuesday. She urged the students to spread awareness



among young girls about gender equality and financial independence.

Highlighting the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal

Diagnostic Techniques (PC & PNDT) Act, she warned that fetal testing and sex determination are punishable offenses. She encouraged

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Hosts Inaugural IEEE International Conference on Smart & Sustainable Electrical Engineering

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : The Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad, brought together researchers, engineers, and industry professionals from India and abroad for the IEEE 1st International Conference on Smart and Sustainable Developments in Electrical Engineering (SSDEE). Organised by the Department of Electrical Engineering, the three-day event featured insightful discussions on power systems, smart grids, power electronics, and their applications.

This first-of-its-kind conference under the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)—the world's largest professional body dedicated to technological advancement—aimed to foster collaboration between academia, industry, and government agencies. It focused on innovative solutions in power generation, transmission, and distribution to create a more sustainable future.

The discussions covered renewable energy integration,



power electronics, automation, transportation electrification, smart grid technologies, resilient monitoring, and intelligent systems. Delegates exchanged ideas and explored cutting-edge research, laying the foundation for future collaborations.

The conference was officially inaugurated at the Golden Jubilee Lecture Theatre (GJLT), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, with Shri Rakesh Ranjan, Additional Secretary, Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), serving as the Chief Guest. He encouraged researchers to venture into new study areas, sharing how India's advancements in

software technology and UPI payments have gained international recognition.

Prof. S.C. Srivastava, Director of the IIT Kanpur-La Trobe University Research Academy, underscored the urgency of adopting smart and sustainable energy solutions, especially in light of climate change. He urged researchers to collaborate on sustainability goals and push for the real-world application of R&D projects.

The Guest of Honour, Prof. Biplab Sikdar from the National University of Singapore, highlighted the importance of international knowledge exchange, stating

that this conference would serve as a crucial platform for interdisciplinary discussions.

Prof. Akshay Rathore, Program Leader (Electrical Power Engineering) at the Singapore Institute of Technology, emphasized humanity's responsibility toward nature, advocating for renewable energy adoption and the practical implementation of research in sustainable development.

Welcoming the participants, IIT (ISM) Director, Prof. Sukumar Mishra, encouraged active engagement in discussions, reaffirming the institution's commitment to advancing smart and sustainable electrical engineering.

Prof. Sukanta Das, Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering, provided insights into the department's journey, while Prof. Gauri Shankar concluded the inaugural session with a vote of thanks.

The IEEE SSDEE Conference has set the stage for transformative research, innovation, and collaboration, driving sustainability and technological advancements in electrical engineering.

Government Must Fulfill Salary Commitments made to Para Teachers : Jairam Mahato

Priyanka

Govindpur : A delegation from the Topchanchi Sahayak Adhyapak Sangharsh Morcha met Dumri MLA Jairam Mahato to discuss the pending salary issues of para teachers in Jharkhand. The delegation was led by Dhanbad District Women's President Dimple Choubey, Arati Kumari, and Saddam, and included state members Niranjan Dey and Sushil Kumar Pandey, district member Kalyan Chakraborty, and block member Santosh Kumar Mahato.

During the meeting, the delegation reminded the MLA that Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) had promised in its election manifesto to grant salary scales to 62,000 para teachers upon forming the government. However, no concrete action has been taken so far.

Taking the issue seriously, MLA Jairam



Mahato assured the delegation that he would raise the demand for para teachers' salary scales in the Assembly. He emphasized that para teachers have dedicated their entire youth to the development of the state, and now, the government must focus on their welfare.

He further added that para teachers have been working on minimal honorariums for the past 20 years, and the Jharkhand Loktantrik Krantikari Morcha stands firmly in their support.

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JMM Leader Accuses Shri Rampur Panchayat Head of Withholding Payments

Priyanka

Dhanbad : Vivek Dubey, President of the Beneficiary Committee and a youth leader of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), has accused the Mukhiya of Shri Rampur Panchayat of failing to release payments for completed development projects.

According to Vivek Dubey, several works were carried out in Diganagar village



of Shri Rampur Panchayat, including:

- Construction of a ghat at Dubey Bandh
- Construction of a ghat at Naya Bandh
- Installation of a water tower in front of Pooran Mahto's house
- Installation of a water tower in front of Dheeran Pandey's house in Hariharpur
- Water tower installation at Manpur Primary School

Despite the completion of these projects, the Beneficiary Committee has not received the payments owed to them. Vivek Dubey stated that complaints have already been submitted to the Deputy Commissioner and the Block Development Officer (BDO) of Topchanchi.

He warned that if the payments are not made soon, he will file a formal police complaint against the Panchayat administration.

DRM Inspects Dhanbad Station, Urges Passengers to Travel with Proper Tickets



DRM inspecting Dhanbad Railway Station

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Kamal Kishore Sinha conducted an inspection of Dhanbad railway station and reviewed passenger facilities, cleanliness, and railway services.

During his visit, he interacted with passengers and urged them to travel only after purchasing proper tickets to ensure that reserved passengers do not face inconvenience. He emphasized that unauthorized travel causes unnecessary crowding in trains and disrupts the

experience of those who have reserved their seats in advance.

Railway authorities are taking strict measures to curb ticketless travel, and passengers were advised to follow railway rules for a hassle-free journey. DRM also reviewed ongoing infrastructure developments and directed officials to enhance passenger amenities.

The railway administration has appealed to all travelers to support their efforts in maintaining smooth and disciplined railway operations.

SSP Hrudeep P Janardhanan Conducts Crime Review Meeting at Dhanbad Police Headquarters

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Hrudeep P Janardhanan conducted a crime review meeting on Tuesday at the Police Headquarters Auditorium, District Collectorate. The meeting focused on reviewing serious crimes in the district, including a comparative analysis of cognizable crimes from last year. Key discussions covered murder, robbery, loot, housebreaking, theft, and rape, with directives issued for strict action.

SSP Janardhanan examined sensitive crimes committed in Dhanbad in recent years. Discussions included Actions



SSP in crime review meeting at Police Headquarters Auditorium

Instructions for Crime Prevention

- ➔ Timely execution of pending cases
- ➔ Strengthening law and order across the district
- ➔ Strict monitoring and control of petty crimes
- ➔ Implementation of intensive vehicle checking at strategic locations

taken against recent sensitive cases, Pending cases across police stations, Operations against organised criminal gangs, Tracking of criminals involved in murder, dacoity, extortion, and robbery.

SSP emphasized proactive policing and urged officers to adapt to changing crime patterns, ensuring public safety and effective law enforcement.

Officials Present in the meeting were City SP Ajit Kumar, Rural SP Kapil Chaudhary, Deputy Superintendents of Police, Police Station Incharges and Investigators of various cases.

J'khand assembly passes Rs 5,508 crore supplementary budget

Ranchi: The Jharkhand Assembly on Friday passed the third supplementary budget of Rs 5,508 crore for the 2024-25 fiscal, after a debate on it.

Finance Minister Radha Krishna Kishore tabled the third supplementary budget on Thursday, allocating a maximum outlay of Rs 971.80 crore to the energy department, followed by Rs 873.29 crore to rural works and Rs 502.61 crore to home, jail and disaster management.

Taking part in the debate, BJP's Raj Sinha said the requirement of the third supplementary budget of Rs 5,508 crore, just two days ahead of the main budget for 2025-26, is beyond his understanding.

Sinha alleged that the



government could spend only 60-65 per cent of the total budget allocation for 2024-25.

"In the agriculture sector, the government could spend only 20-22 per cent," he claimed.

The BJP's Dhanbad legislator also claimed that around 2.07 lakh government jobs declined in

the past two years and now only 1.59 lakh jobs are left with the government.

"The government failed on all its promises. Migration is high in Jharkhand as youths are not getting jobs," he alleged.

The finance minister said Jharkhand saw two consecutive elections —parliamentary and

assembly, due to which around five months of the fiscal went under the model code of conduct.

"This has impacted the revenue expenditure and generation. Many departments said that they would not be able to spend the allocated budget for 2024-25. So, we have asked such departments to surrender their funds so that these could be given to other departments," he said replying to the question pertaining to the requirement of the third supplementary budget.

After the debate, the supplementary budget was passed by voice vote.

The Speaker, then, adjourned the House till 11 am on Monday. (PTI)

Fourth All India Little Magazine Fair Inaugurated at Lindsay Club, Dhanbad

Sneha Chourasia

Dumka : The Fourth All India Little Magazine Fair cum Conference commenced with great enthusiasm at Lindsay Club, Hirapur, Dhanbad, under the banner of Ajit Rai Smriti Manch. Organized by the quarterly Bengali magazine "Shilpey Anonyya Patrika," the three-day literary event has brought together renowned writers, poets, and literary enthusiasts from across the country.

The fair was inaugurated under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Deepak Kumar Sen, editor of Shilpey Anonyya Patrika, and was conducted by Barnali Gupta. The event witnessed the presence of esteemed literateurs, writers, and intellectuals from nine states, including:

Dr. Braj Gopal Majumdar (Tripura) Gurubaksh Singh Moga (Punjab) Palash Vishwash (Uttarakhand) Shyamal Chakraborty (Sahitya Akademi Awardee, West Bengal) IV Chatterjee (West Bengal) Arup Chandra (West Bengal) Pran Ji Basak (New Delhi) Chaitali Sanyal (Bihar) Prof. Tanmay Veer (West Bengal) Samarendra Vishwash (Chhattisgarh) Durga Das Bhandari (Jharkhand) Mani Mohan Bandopadhyay (Dhanbad) Dr. Kashi Nath Chatterjee (National Vice President, Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti)

The event commenced with the traditional lamp lighting ceremony and Saraswati Vandana, performed by students of Shampa Mukherjee Dance Class from Hirapur Durga Mandir. The distinguished guests were honored with bouquets, clothes, and mementos as a mark of respect for their contribution to literature.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Dr. Deepak Kumar Sen highlighted the fair's role in promoting literature, stating that over 30 stalls of small magazines from across the country have been set up, attracting local and national literary enthusiasts.

Dr. Kashi Nath Chatterjee,

Secretary of the Organizing Committee, emphasized the importance of literature in shaping society. "This event is a platform for exchanging creative ideas and fostering literary discussions that can bring about social transformation," he said.

On the second day of the fair, a Prabhat Ferry was organised, where writers, poets, and literary enthusiasts from nine states participated in a morning procession to promote the significance of books and literature.

The procession started from Lindsay Club, passing through the main post office and Randhir Verma Chowk, before returning to the club. Participants carried banners and slogans emphasizing the importance of books with messages like "No friend is as loyal as a book," "Reading books cultivates independent thinking and true happiness."

Prof. Deepak Kumar Sen, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, reiterated his lifelong mission to keep people connected with books. He stated that the Small Magazine Fair is an opportunity for individuals to reignite their love for reading and literature.

Dr. Kashi Nath Chatterjee stressed the importance of moral and cultural values through books. "This event aims to reconnect people with books and instill ethical values in society," he said.

The success of the event was attributed to the efforts of the organizing committee members, including Ravi Singh, Vikas Kumar Thakur, Bholanath Ram, Madheshwar Bhagat, Sapan Swapan Manji, Sharmishtha Sengupta, Rani Mishra, and Mantri Gupta.

The three-day fair continues to attract literature lovers, scholars, and the general public, providing them with a unique opportunity to explore and engage with diverse independent literary works. The event stands as a testament to the power of small magazines in shaping India's literary landscape and fostering intellectual growth.

Poet and Lyricist Vinay Kumar Tiwari Honoured for Contribution to Khortha Literature

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Topchanchi : Renowned poet, writer, lyricist, and artist Vinay Kumar Tiwari was honoured for his remarkable contribution to Khortha literature, a popular regional language of Jharkhand. The felicitation took place under the banner of Topchanchi All India Cultural Development Federation, Khunti, Jharkhand. Tiwari, a resident of Dangi Panchayat, Roam village, Topchanchi block, Dhanbad district, was presented with a certificate, shawl, and bouquet in recognition of his efforts in preserving and promoting Khortha literature.

AJSU Party's District Organization Secretary and



Vinay Kumar Tiwari getting honour for his contribution to Khortha Literature

Social Worker, Sadanand Mahato, congratulated Vinay Kumar Tiwari, acknowledging his significant

role in promoting regional language and literature across Jharkhand. He emphasized the importance of regional

languages in preserving cultural heritage and praised Tiwari for his dedication to Khortha literature.

Several dignitaries and well-wishers, including Ramesh Bhagat, Saryu Prasad Mahato, Narayan Rajwar, Durga Prasad Gope, Amar Bharti, Gopal Bharti, Ramchandra Thakur, Shankar Rawani, Om Prakash Mahato, Farkeshwar Mahato, Vivek Mahato, Sanjay Singha, and Prakash Thakur, extended their congratulations to Tiwari on this achievement.

The event served as a testament to the growing recognition of regional languages and the efforts of individuals like Vinay Kumar Tiwari in keeping them alive.

Jharia's Maha Shivratri Procession Echoes Calls for Action Against Air Pollution

Priyanka

Jharia : Jharia is grappling with severe air pollution, and people are expressing their concerns in various ways. On the occasion of Maha Shivratri, devotees took to the streets with Lord Shiva's wedding procession (Bhole Ki Baraat), incorporating a protest against air pollution into the celebrations.

Participants in the procession carried placards with slogans such as "Meri Saansein Mera Haq," "Bhole Ka Nandi Kare Pukaar, Pradushan Se Jharia Hua Beemar," and "Jharia Mein Rakshak Hi Bhakshak." They highlighted the critical issue of rising pollution,



which is affecting the lives of Jharia's residents.

The Baraat commenced from Fulwaribag Budhababa Shiv Temple and passed through 4 Number More, Sabzi Patti, and Dharamshala Road, before

returning to the temple. Chanting slogans, the participants urged Lord Shiva for relief from pollution, calling for measures to curb the hazardous air quality in Jharia.

Many in the procession voiced their grievances, blaming BCCL for the worsening air pollution and praying for its officials to take corrective actions to protect Jharia's environment.

Several individuals participated in the event, including Dr. Manoj Singh, Akhlaque Ahmed, Ravi Singh (President, Jharia Vidhan Sabha Youth Congress), Sonu Sahu, Amit Sharma, Pratap Pandit, Ayush Yadav, Ganesh Sahu, Deepak Kesari, Prince Vishwakarma, Vishal Kumar, Ashish Kumar, Prince Verma, Adarsh Sharma, and hundreds of other devotees.

Children honoured for Patriotism and Environmental Conservation in Sindri

Priyanka

Dhanbad : A felicitation ceremony was organised today at Sindri Block Cut Railway Station to honour talented children who made remarkable contributions on Republic Day, January 26. These young achievers actively participated in environmental conservation efforts by planting trees and promoting awareness.

The event was graced by chief guest Akhlaque Ahmad, an environmentalist, who awarded the children with certificates, prizes, and monetary rewards as recognition for their dedication. Young participants, including Srishti Singh, Nandini Kumari, Shreshth, and Samridhi, were encouraged for their efforts in preserving the environment.



Speaking on the occasion, Station Manager Adnan Mustafa emphasized that motivating children is one of the best ways to promote environmental conservation. He also highlighted the role of the railway in fulfilling its social responsibility by working towards cleanliness and sustainability.

Key attendees at the event included Adnan Mustafa Quddusi, Ajit Mahato, Kishun Mahato, R.D. Singh, R.P. Singh, and R.K. Lal.

Mahakumbh 2025: A Spiritual Odyssey Amidst Logistical Challenges

As the curtain falls on the Mahakumbh 2025, the world's largest spiritual gathering, it is time to reflect not only on the profound spiritual significance of the event but also on the remarkable feat of public safety and organisational efficiency that made this year's gathering a success. Held in Prayagraj (Allahabad) in February 2025, the Mahakumbh has once again proven to be a testament to the strength of collective devotion and the diligence required to manage such an immense gathering of humanity.

The Mahakumbh, one of the largest spiritual gatherings in the world, is not only a symbol of India's rich cultural heritage and religious devotion but also an event that commands immense logistical and security efforts. As millions of devotees gathered along the banks of sacred rivers, particularly in Prayagraj (Allahabad) in 2025, ensuring public safety, infrastructure, and welfare becomes a massive undertaking. While the Mahakumbh stands as a symbol of deep faith, its scale presents significant logistical challenges.

The Mahakumbh is a unique confluence of faith, culture, and tradition, drawing millions of devotees to take part in the sacred ritual of the "Shahi Snan" (royal bath). This year, the event attracted a staggering number of pilgrims—estimates suggest over 100 million people from all corners of the world. However, the true achievement of Mahakumbh 2025 lies not only in its spiritual power but in how effectively

public safety, infrastructure, and emergency management were handled.

One of the most remarkable aspects of the 2025 Mahakumbh was the effective crowd management system that ensured the safety of millions. The event, notorious for its immense scale and the challenges of crowd control, witnessed fewer incidents of overcrowding or stampedes compared to previous editions. Authorities successfully employed advanced surveillance technologies, including drones and AI-based crowd analysis systems, allowing real-time monitoring and rapid responses to any signs of distress. The implementation of wide pathways, segregated bathing areas, and efficient entry and exit routes minimized congestion, enabling smooth flows of pilgrims.

Infrastructure development in Prayagraj, which hosts the Mahakumbh, reached new heights this year. The government's focus on building modern amenities, including clean drinking water stations, sufficient sanitation facilities, and well-lit roads, ensured that pilgrims' basic needs were met. Accessible infrastructure for the elderly and specially-abled pilgrims also stood out, ensuring that no one was left behind in their spiritual journey. Temporary shelters, made with attention to comfort, gave pilgrims a place to rest before continuing their rituals.

The transportation systems were also streamlined, with an increase in buses, trains, and local conveyance services that

catered to the millions who arrived for the festival. The use of AI-based traffic management systems ensured that congestion was minimized on the roads leading to and from the event, making the pilgrimage a safer and smoother experience.

The security measures during the Mahakumbh 2025 were robust yet non-intrusive. A visible presence of law enforcement, supported by facial recognition technology and CCTV surveillance, provided an effective deterrent against potential threats while maintaining the sanctity and peaceful atmosphere of the event. The detailed background checks at entry points ensured that only legitimate pilgrims entered the area, and there was a strong emphasis on preventing any security breaches.

However, the scale of the Mahakumbh also presents challenges that cannot be ignored. With millions of people gathering in one place, the risk of accidents is ever-present. The sheer size of the crowd can overwhelm the infrastructure, leading to stampedes, health hazards, and logistical nightmares. The unprecedented number of attendees has strained infrastructure and resources. On January 29, 2025, a tragic stampede resulted in at least 30 fatalities and numerous injuries. This incident highlights the critical need for effective crowd control measures to ensure the safety of participants.

The massive influx of pilgrims has led

to increased pollution in the Ganga and Yamuna rivers. Reports indicate that the water quality has deteriorated, with faecal coliform levels exceeding safe limits, raising concerns about the health of these sacred rivers.

Mahakumbh is neither a total success nor a complete disaster. It is a complex event that intertwines religious significance with modern-day challenges. Its sheer scale and significance make it both a triumph of faith and a potential disaster waiting to happen. The Mahakumbh's true success will depend on how India adapts to the growing demands of such an event while maintaining its spiritual and cultural sanctity. The Mahakumbh can remain a beacon of unity and devotion, but it must also evolve to address the challenges of safety, environmental sustainability, and crowd management. It is only then that it can be truly hailed as a success for both the spiritual and practical realms.

Mahakumbh 2025 will undoubtedly go down in history not only as a spiritual milestone but also as a model for managing large-scale public events. The emphasis on public safety, infrastructure, and inclusive planning has set new benchmarks for future editions of the Mahakumbh and similar mass gatherings worldwide. As the pilgrims return home, with their souls enriched and their bodies cleansed, they can rest assured that the authorities have done everything in their power to ensure their safety while preserving the sanctity of this sacred occasion.

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You're first in line wherever you go today. It's easy as pie for you to get ahead. Your amazing energy should help you to make some serious advancements and really make a difference.



Aries

Mar 21 - Apr 19

Your fun-loving nature is back in a big way, and you may decide that it's time for a major party, even if you're on the bus or stuck at work! It's easy to get people motivated on a day like today.



Leo

Jul 23 - Aug 22

Indulge your creative side, not that that's too hard for you! It's a really good time to play with art and new ideas and maybe to get your friends or family to exercise their own playful urges.



Sagittarius

Nov 22 - Dec 21

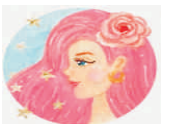
Try not to take it personally when your people move on without you. It's only temporary. Your patient nature is a little out of sync with today's madness, but you're something of a prophet.



Taurus

Apr 20 - May 20

Sharing may be caring, but you need to stop both for the time being. That doesn't mean you need to cut your heart out, just that you've got to watch out for number one until the sun goes down.



Virgo

Aug 23 - Sep 22

You need to postpone a meeting or appointment or your day gets too crowded with business that keeps you away from the stuff that means the most to you. Be as ruthless as possible!



Capricorn

Dec 22 - Jan 19

Your leadership is vital for your work, volunteer, family, or whatever group to get anything done now. That means you have to put an end to the chatter, much as you love it, and get to work.



Gemini

May 21 - Jun 20

Your love life is important to you, but even you know it's not everything! Today brings some social opportunities that have nothing to do with your domestic or dating life, so go have fun!



Libra

Sep 23 - Oct 22

You are still pushing the envelope today, and may find that your need to shock people overrides your need to be taken seriously. Unexpectedly, one of your wilder ideas should really take off!



Aquarius

Jan 20 - Feb 18

You've been speaking too quickly for the past day or two, and only now are you realizing that that may be getting you in trouble. Hold off as much as you can, and find new ways to move forward.



Cancer

Jun 21 - Jul 22

You're not out for personal gain today, and everyone can see it. You may be trying to change a zoning law or change the world as a whole, but you can achieve almost anything.



Scorpio

Oct 23 - Nov 21

Hiding out feels like a good idea today, but your best bet is to camouflage yourself in plain sight. Hang out with the throngs and try not to get noticed. It's much easier than you think!



Pisces

Feb 19 - Mar 20

Tamil Nadu's Resistance to Three-Language Formula Sparks Fresh Controversy

Chennai: The debate over the implementation of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the three-language formula has once again escalated in Tamil Nadu. Following statements from Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, actor Kamal Haasan has also voiced concerns, alleging that Tamil Nadu is being forced to accept Hindi. While he supports multilingualism, he firmly opposes making Hindi mandatory in the state.

The resistance from Tamil Nadu's political and cultural figures has made the implementation of the three-language formula increasingly challenging. The Kasturirangan Committee had earlier recommended that all non-Hindi-speaking states, including Tamil Nadu, should include Hindi as a subject alongside a regional language and English in secondary

schools. However, Tamil Nadu has consistently opposed this aspect of the policy.

Under NEP 2020, the three-language formula is designed to ensure that students acquire proficiency in three languages. The first language is typically the student's mother tongue or regional language—Tamil in Tamil Nadu or Marathi in Maharashtra. The second language can be any other language, though the central government encourages Hindi in non-Hindi-speaking states to promote national unity. However, states have the flexibility to choose their second language. The third language is usually English or another foreign language such as French or German, though it can also be Hindi in non-Hindi-speaking states or a regional language in Hindi-speaking states. This policy primarily targets students from Grades 1 to 8, aiming to strengthen their

linguistic abilities.

Tamil Nadu's Dravidian political identity, rooted in Tamil pride and resistance to central authority, has kept the state firm on its two-language policy—Tamil and English—while strongly opposing the inclusion of Hindi. Chief Minister Stalin has warned that the central government is provoking another "language war" and has vowed to resist any attempts to impose Hindi.

Stalin criticized the central government, questioning Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on the issue. He argued that while the government promotes cultural initiatives like the Kashi Tamil Sangamam and Kumbh Mela, it fails to provide equal representation for Tamil and other regional languages in signboards and public

communication.

The Chief Minister clarified that Tamil Nadu is not against any language or individuals willing to learn Hindi but strongly opposes any move that undermines Tamil. He reaffirmed that the state would continue following its two-language policy and resist any attempt to impose Hindi.

Tamil Nadu has a long history of opposing Hindi imposition, and regional parties have consistently resisted the three-language formula. Despite the NEP's aim to modernize education, these parties remain firm on their stance. Meanwhile, the central government has warned that Tamil Nadu may face financial consequences, as ₹2,952 crore from the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan fund could be withheld if the state refuses to implement the new education policy in full. (PTI)

Pune bus rape: Police announce Rs 1 lakh reward for tip about accused; drones deployed for manhunt

Mumbai/Pune: Police on Thursday announced a reward of Rs 1 lakh for information about the history-sheeter who allegedly raped a 26-year-old woman inside a bus at Pune's Swargate bus station and deployed drones as part of their manhunt, officials said.

Amid the frantic police efforts to make a breakthrough, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut drew parallels between the crime and the 2012 Delhi gang rape and targeted Pune guardian minister Ajit Pawar over law and order.

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said the government would try to ensure capital punishment for the culprit, even as Shiv Sena MLA Nilesh Rane pitched for restarting the "encounter squad".

The accused Dattatray Ramdas Gade (37), is named in half a dozen cases of theft, robbery and chain-snatching in Pune and Ahilyanagar district. He has been out on bail since 2019 in one of the offences.

As Gade, a resident of Gunat village in Pune, remained at large for over two days, officials said 13 police teams have been formed to nab him.

"A reward of Rs 1 lakh will be given to the person providing information about his whereabouts," Pune police commissioner Amitesh Kumar told PTI.

Another police official said the information could be shared at 020-24442769 or 9881670659, assuring that the informer's identity would be kept secret.

Pune City and Pune Rural Police also launched a search

operation in Gunat village, including in sugarcane fields, with drones and dog squads, officials said. More than 100 cops reached the village, they said.

Swargate in Pune is one of the largest bus depots of the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC).

According to the survivor, she was waiting for a bus for Phaltan in Satara district at one of the platforms around 5.45 am on Tuesday, when Gade engaged her in conversation, calling her 'didi' (sister), and said the bus for Satara had arrived at another platform.

He took her to an empty 'Shiv Shahi' AC bus parked elsewhere on the premises. As the lights inside the bus were not on, she hesitated to get in but the man convinced her that it was the right vehicle. Gade then followed her and raped her, the woman, who works in the medical field, told police.

Following the incident, Maharashtra Transport Minister Pratap Sarnaik announced to dispose of all the scrapped buses and other vehicles parked in MSRTC depots before April 15, 2025.

Addressing media at Mantralaya, Sarnaik said that around 15,000 buses, including hired ones, will be fitted with GPS, panic buttons, and CCTV cameras. He demanded that the vacant post of security and vigilance officer in MSRTC be filled with an IPS officer.

Sarnaik said MSRTC has around 2,700 security guards and they are exploring if the number can be upped with a 15-20 per cent increase in female guards.

It has also emerged that the depot manager of Swargate bus station had complained to police against anti-social elements on the premises, just three days before the crime.

In a letter to the Swargate police station on February 22, the depot manager said private agents and some transgender persons were looting and harassing passengers.

Maharashtra Minister of State for Home Yogesh Kadam blamed the private security guards at the bus station and said the depot manager should have been more alert. He hastened to add that he was not claiming the police had no role in preventing such incidents.

"A team under the senior inspector of Swargate police station had carried out patrolling in the area at 1:30 am and 3:30am (on the day of the incident). They have not kept tight security so it is the responsibility of the depot manager," claimed Kadam.

Asked about the depot manager writing to cops, Kadam said one cannot "run away (from responsibility)" by submitting a letter.

He said, "A pervert sweet-talks and brainwashes a woman. There is no argument or use of force. Whatever happened, happened silently. So people around could not be alerted. So instead of indulging in a blame game, let the accused be arrested so the picture gets clear."

"The incident took place at 6am and the victim complained to police at 9am. As soon as the complaint was received, the accused was identified and tracked through CCTV. We know he took a bus to flee,"

Kadam added.

The opposition slammed the Maharashtra government over women's safety.

Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut said crimes against women had increased drastically in Maharashtra. He likened the case to the 2012 Delhi gang rape. "By giving Rs 1,500 a month, have you purchased women's self-respect," he Raut, referring to the 'Ladki Bahin' scheme.

Deputy CM Shinde said he had asked the Pune police chief to arrest Gade at the earliest. "We offer 50 per cent concession to women on MSRTC buses to ease their travel. But if such monsters commit crimes, they won't be spared," he said.

Shiv Sena MLA Nilesh Rane said he would request for restarting the "encounter squad". "It is better that they go (die). There will be criticism, but there is no other option," he said.

In Mumbai, former Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud recalled the 2012 Nirbhaya incident and said crimes against women cannot be prevented only by framing laws. Proper implementation of laws is required to prevent incidents of sexual harassment, he said, adding a lot of changes were made in laws following the Delhi incident.

He emphasised the need for "proper investigation, strong action, quick trial and punishment" and said the "legal system and the police have a big responsibility". (PTI)

Affidavit

I, SRI DEEPAK CHOUDHURY
Son of Late Dilip Choudhury, by faith Hindu, by occupation Business, resident of Luby Circular Road, Hirapur, P.O., P.S. and District Dhanbad, (Jharkhand). do hereby solemnly affirm on oath and declare as follows:-

That my daughter's name is **ADITRI CHOUDHURY**, but in her Aadhar Card, her name has been mistakenly recorded as **ADITI CHOUDHURY**

That in every where my daughter's name has been recorded as **ADITRI CHOUDHURY**, which is her correct spelling

I, therefore swearing this affidavit to produce before the concerned authority to correct my daughter's name as **ADITRI CHOUDHURY**

Date : 12/02/2025

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Uproar in Legislative Assemblies from Delhi and Rajasthan to Uttar Pradesh

Ajay Kumar

Lucknow : It is unfortunate that, like the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, the legislative assemblies of many states are becoming battlegrounds for power and opposition struggles, which causes decisions on several public interest issues to be delayed. The situation is such that in Rajasthan, Congress is protesting against the BJP government because a BJP minister referred to former PM Indira Gandhi as 'Dadi' (grandmother). Similarly, in Delhi, leaders of the Aam Aadmi Party are attacking the BJP for not fulfilling their promise of providing ₹2,500 to women, despite the fact that the promise was made

four days ago. Meanwhile, in Uttar Pradesh, leaders of the Samajwadi Party are disrupting the legislative assembly because Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak made a remark during a discussion in the assembly, stating that Samajwadi Party leaders had once said that when boys make mistakes, they shouldn't be hanged. Although Pathak did not mention any leader by name, the comment was seen as a reference to a statement made by former SP leader Mulayam Singh Yadav during a public gathering when he was addressing the rising incidents of rape. This is why the Samajwadi Party members were enraged and created a ruckus in the

legislative assembly, demanding that "Netaji's" insult would not be tolerated. The Speaker, Satish Mahana, repeatedly asked the Samajwadi leaders to explain what insult was caused. If the statement was indeed inappropriate, he said, the minister would be asked to apologize, but the Samajwadi members seemed more interested in creating a commotion than resolving the issue.

It is noteworthy that the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly's budget session for 2025 is currently ongoing. On February 24, during the budget session, a commotion erupted in the assembly regarding the name of Mulayam Singh. As soon as

the session began, in the question hour, Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak sarcastically referred to a statement made by Mulayam Singh, asking the Samajwadi Party members how many of them agreed with the idea that "boys make mistakes." Following this, chaos ensued in the assembly. Samajwadi members stormed the well of the house and staged a protest. They began chanting slogans and demanded the dismissal of the Health Minister. Speaker Satish Mahana repeatedly warned the Samajwadi members, but their protests continued.

Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak had questioned the Samajwadi Party members about whether they would

endorse the statements made by their former leader Mulayam Singh. The Samajwadi members responded by making indecent remarks about the deputy CM. Speaker Satish Mahana warned that strict action would be taken against those Samajwadi members who made inappropriate comments about Brajesh Pathak. The Samajwadi MLAs continued their protest by sitting in the well of the house.

Earlier, on Friday, February 21, during the question hour, Samajwadi members Dr. Ragini and Mata Prasad had raised questions, which led Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to strongly criticize the

Samajwadi Party. Responding to the questions, CM Yogi remarked that their statement was similar to what their leader had once said that India cannot become a developed country. He further said that this was made out of malice. He added that it seemed evident that the Samajwadi Party members were eating from the same plate they were criticizing. He also stated that the state would achieve its target of becoming a \$1 trillion economy by 2029, and for that, the government had divided all departments into ten sectors, each with specific responsibilities. Every 15 days, the review of these sectors is conducted by the Additional Chief Secretary or Principal Secretary.

Asia's First Global Hyperloop Competition 2025 Concludes with a Focus on Continuous Innovation

Correspondent

New Delhi: Asia's first Global Hyperloop Competition 2025, organised by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, has successfully concluded with a series of award ceremonies and high-profile speeches emphasizing innovation in the transport sector. The closing ceremony, attended virtually by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, celebrated the ingenuity and world-class capabilities of India's young scientists and engineers.

In his address, Railway

Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw highlighted the Government's commitment to pushing the boundaries of technology and innovation. Citing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a forward-looking India, he praised the collaborative efforts between Indian Railways and educational institutions like IIT Madras. The Minister also mentioned his involvement with the honored team Avishkaar and underscored the significance of continuous innovation in shaping the future of transportation.

During the competition,

teams competed for awards such as the Best Demonstration Team Award, Demonstration of Braking and Traction System, and Best in Sub-System (Mechanical). These accolades not only recognized the hard work and innovative spirit of the participants but also underscored India's potential to lead in global transportation technologies.

The event also marked a significant collaboration between Indian Railways and IIT Madras, with both institutions planning to work together on a Vertical Take-Off Landing Vehicle project, which

will be funded by Indian Railways. This project is seen as a crucial step toward modern, eco-friendly, and efficient travel solutions. Additionally, IIT Madras showcased its advanced Hyperloop test track, a 422-meter-long facility in Chennai, further demonstrating India's leadership in cutting-edge rail and travel technology.

The competition, a milestone in the journey towards transforming transportation in Asia, reflects India's drive towards a future marked by rapid innovation and sustainable development.

Man held for killing UP woman in Vasai, disposing of body

Palghar: A man was arrested by Palghar police for allegedly murdering a 25-year-old woman hailing from Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh, an official said on Thursday.

Amit Singh (27) was held on Wednesday for killing Priya Singh and then dumping her body in a drain in Kaman, a senior inspector Shahuraj Ranavre of Crime Unit III said.

"The two were in a relationship. Amit has told us he strangled Priya after the latter started insisting on

marriage. He asked her to meet him at a hotel on December 25. He then killed her and disposed of the body in Kaman. Her parents had filed a missing person complaint on December 29," the official said.

To mislead police, Amit had thrown her mobile phone in a train heading to Delhi, he said.

The skeletal remains of Priya have been found, Naigaon police station senior inspector Vijay Kadam said.(PTI)

Odisha oppn slams BJP govt over mishaps during rituals in iconic temples

Bhubaneswar: Opposition BJD and Congress of Odisha on Thursday accused the BJP government of mismanaging major festivals in Lord Jagannath Temple in Puri and Shri Lingaraj Temple in Bhubaneswar.

A servitor fell from a height of 20 feet while carrying the Mahadeep (burning lamp) to the top of the 11th-century Lingaraj temple as part of the Maha Shivratri rituals on Wednesday. Three persons were injured in the accident.

In July last year, at least nine servitors of the Puri Jagannath temple were injured when the idol of Lord Balabhadra fell on them while it was being taken out from the chariot to a temple as part of the Rath Yatra festival.

"The mishap at Lingaraj Temple during the lifting of the Mahadeep is condemnable.

The State Government has failed yet again, having already faltered during the Rath Yatra in Puri. There is still no report on how Shri Balabhadra fell during the procession," BJD spokesperson Lenin Mohanty told reporters here.

He charged the state administration with remaining busy with VIPs only, rather than ensuring that festivals are conducted without mishaps.

Mohanty said that the state government is yet to make its inquiry report public on how the idol of Lord Balabhadra fell.

Bhubaneswar Mayor and BJD leader Sulochana Das said that the servitor's hand slipped while climbing due to oil on the stone wall of the Lingaraj Temple.

Earlier, sand used to be sprinkled on the stone to protect servitors from slipping

due to oil, she said.

Newly appointed state Congress president Bhakta Charan Das alleged the BJP government has twice hurt the religious sentiments of the people.

He asked the state government to issue a white paper on both the mishaps that hurt the sentiment of lakhs of devotees in the state and outside.

Das, who visited the injured servitor at a hospital, claimed that the people were not satisfied with the government's management of the affairs in this regard.

The injured servitor identified as Jogendra Samartha was admitted to Capital Hospital and Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi visited him there on Wednesday night.

Responding to the allegations, senior BJP MLA

Babu Singh said the opposition leaders should refrain from indulging in politicising the matter.

He said the Bhubaneswar mayor who belongs to the BJD is also part of the administration and she was present in the temple all day during the Shivratri festival, but did not rectify had there been any error.

The injured servitor's son Ashwini Samartha said there was no sand on the stone in the climbing area of the temple for which his father slipped and fell.

The ghee drops falling from the burning torch (Mahadeep) made the stone slippery, he said to reporters.

He said his father has been taking the Mahadeep to the temple top for the last 25 years and he is an expert in climbing the temple.(PTI)

CPI(ML) MP flags delay in getting allotted house

New Delhi: CPI(ML) Liberation's Lok Sabha floor leader Raja Ram Singh has complained that he is yet to get possession of his official residence even seven months after it was allotted to him.

In a letter to Lok Sabha House Committee Chairman Mahesh Sharma on Friday, Singh said, "I was allotted 21, Meena Bagh, Maulana Azad Road as my official accommodation on August 14, 2024. However, to date, I have not been given possession of the house. Despite multiple follow-ups with the concerned Central Public Works Department officials, the possession of my allotted accommodation continues to be delayed without any definitive timeline."

Singh said he was initially allotted a house on South

Avenue.

"But the occupant, who was the guest of a BJP MP, informed us of his inability to vacate immediately. As a result, the House Committee allotted me the 21, Meena Bagh house, which itself led to a significant loss of time," he said.

"Now close to seven months have passed. There is still no clarity regarding the handover of my accommodation," he added.

Singh, a first-time MP and the floor leader of the party, said the lack of a proper accommodation is hampering his work.

CPI(ML) has two MPs in the Lok Sabha -- Singh from Karakat and Sudama Prasad from Arrah. (PTI)

Jharia MLA Ragini Singh Raises Concerns Over Water Supply Issues in Jharkhand Assembly

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : During the Question Hour in the Jharkhand Assembly, Jharia MLA Ragini Singh highlighted the growing crisis in water supply management due to the lack of leadership in Mineral Area Development Authority (MADA). She emphasized that crucial decisions related to water supply projects are pending due to the absence of a Managing Director (MD) in MADA, leading to unnecessary delays in project approvals and implementation.

Major Concerns Raised by MLA Ragini Singh:

1. **Lack of Leadership & Coordination:** Due to the absence of a permanent MD in MADA, key water projects are delayed, and lack of coordination among departments is hampering progress.

2. **Corruption & Irregularities:** She alleged irregularities and corruption in water supply schemes, including non-



transparent project allocations and arbitrary contracts. Issues such as improper pipeline installations, water purification lapses, and faulty distribution were highlighted.

3. **Water Crisis in Several Areas:** Due to slow project execution, many areas are facing a severe drinking water crisis. Damaged pipelines are not being repaired on time, and there is negligence in ensuring the supply of clean drinking water.

4. **Water Conservation Projects Affected:** Rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge projects are stalled due to delayed

planning and execution. She also pointed out the lack of a long-term vision in MADA's water supply policies.

Proposed Solutions & Suggestions:

1. Immediate appointment of a capable and permanent MD in MADA to ensure smooth execution of projects.
 2. Formation of a special monitoring committee to oversee water supply projects.
 3. Review of all pending water projects with set deadlines for completion.
 4. Independent audit to investigate corruption and irregularities in water supply schemes.
 5. Prioritization of water conservation efforts, including alternative water sources and better management strategies.
- MLA Ragini Singh urged the state government to take urgent action to resolve these critical issues and ensure a sustainable water supply system for the residents.

Tampering with Bhagwan Birsa Munda's Statue Unfortunate, action should be taken against Culprits: Dilip Singh

Priyanka

Dhanbad : Founder President of Yuva Sangharsh Morcha, Dilip Singh, condemned the tampering of Bhagwan Birsa Munda's statue, calling it unfortunate. He urged the district administration to take strict action against the miscreants responsible for such acts.

Singh emphasized that Bhagwan Birsa Munda is revered as a deity, and any damage to his statue will not be tolerated by Yuva Sangharsh Morcha. He also pointed out that repeated incidents of vandalism at the site need



serious attention. Singh urged the administration to ensure robust security arrangements for the statue to prevent such incidents in the future.

As a mark of respect, Dilip Singh adorned the statue with a garland and an honorary cloth.

Several individuals, including Omprakash Gupta, Brijan Ram, Pintu Modi, Mana Ram, Vivek Kumar, Raja Ram, Ranjit Kalindi, and Kundan Kumar, were present on the occasion.

Terminal Payment Ceremony Organised for Retiring Railway Employees in Dhanbad

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : A terminal payment ceremony was organised at the Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Dhanbad, to honour employees retiring in February 2025. The event marked the completion of service for 43 railway employees, all of whom received their terminal payments as part of the division's commitment to ensuring a smooth transition into retirement.

The Dhanbad Railway Division has prioritized the

timely disbursement of terminal payments, ensuring that retiring employees receive their dues without delay. The divisional administration has taken significant steps to simplify and expedite the payment process, demonstrating its dedication to the welfare of its employees.

During the ceremony, Divisional Railway Manager Kamal Kishore Sinha personally honored the retiring employees, expressing gratitude for their years of service. He

acknowledged their contributions to the Indian Railways and extended his best wishes for their future endeavors. Officers and employees of the division were also present to celebrate the dedication and hard work of their colleagues.

The event reinforced the Dhanbad Division's commitment to safeguarding the interests of its employees, both active and retired, ensuring a smooth and dignified retirement process.

Baghmara MLA Shatrughan Mahato Demands Swift Release of Funds for Health Schemes

Sneha Chourasia

Baghmara : During the second day of the budget session in the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly, popular MLA Shatrughan Mahato of the Baghmara Assembly constituency raised urgent issues concerning the health sector. Speaking before the House, Mahato emphasized the need for the prompt release of funds for government schemes to ensure better health facilities for the public.

MLA Mahato highlighted that pending files at the Civil Surgeon Office have been delaying critical health services. He pointed out that many patients, particularly those requiring assistance under the Chief Minister's Gambhir Bimari Sahayata Yojana (CGS Rate), are suffering due to the non-release of funds. "It is very important to release the funds of government schemes soon for better availability of health facilities," he stated, urging that immediate financial support is crucial for



Shatrughan Mahato speaking at Jharkhand Legislative Assembly

patients in dire need.

Addressing the issue, Mahato said, "It is my duty to raise the problems of the people of Baghmara Assembly constituency in the House. Files related to health facilities are pending for months, causing problems to the general public. Especially in the Civil Surgeon Office, patients are facing serious difficulties due to non-release of funds. Many patients are waiting for funds for treatment under the Chief Minister's Gambhir Bimari Sahayata Yojana, but their lives are in danger due to the negligence of the government."

The Speaker of the Assembly

assured Mahato that his concerns would be addressed promptly. The Speaker confirmed that he would direct the concerned departments to expedite the release of the pending funds, aiming to alleviate the hardships faced by the patients.

With a focus on public welfare, MLA Mahato's intervention underscores the urgent need for concrete action by the government to ensure timely delivery of health services and safeguard the rights of the people in his constituency.

Sangharshil Parivartan Samiti Celebrates 15th Foundation Day

Priyanka

Dhanbad : Sangharshil Parivartan Samiti marked its 15th Foundation Day with a series of impactful events, focusing on child welfare and rehabilitation. The celebration, held at Bal Sudhar Griha (Child Rehabilitation Center), Barmasia, Dhanbad, included a thought-provoking seminar on child welfare, followed by a distribution drive for the children.



During the event, essential items like sports equipment, books, and drawing materials were distributed among the children, aiming to support their

education and overall development. The seminar highlighted key issues related to child rights, education, and rehabilitation, encouraging discussions on creating a better future for underprivileged children.

The event saw the participation of dignitaries, social workers, and members of the organisation, who reiterated their commitment to uplifting and empowering children in need.

Rashtriya Janata Kamgar Sangh Takes a Bold Stand for Workers' Rights at BCCL

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : On Monday, a momentous event unfolded at Jubilee Hall, BCCL, as the Rashtriya Janata Kamgar Sangh (RJKS) held a membership drive in a bid to challenge the long-standing exploitation of workers. The event was graced by former Mayor of Dhanbad and President of RJKS, Indu Singh, along with General Secretary Ashni Singh, and several central office bearers.

Key leaders, including B.K. Jha and Arun Prakash Pandey who had previously held pivotal roles in the Koyla Bhawan Sangh made a decisive move by resigning from their former union. Dissatisfied with the anti-labour policies of the Janata Mazdoor Sangh, they joined RJKS, vowing that no further exploitation would be tolerated. Their strong message to management was clear: workers' basic rights must be respected, and any form of exploitation from the collieries to the



headquarters would be met with an uncompromising fight.

In a symbolic gesture of respect and commitment, Arun Prakash Pandey and B.K. Jha honoured the President and General Secretary by presenting 51 kg of garlands and swords. The drive also witnessed SACROO workers leaving their previous union to join RJKS, reinforcing the message of unity and determination among the workforce. During the program, President Indu Singh and General Secretary Ashni Singh met with the Director

(Personnel) of BCCL and submitted a memorandum outlining the pressing issues faced by the workers. The Director assured prompt action to address these concerns.

The gathering saw active participation from various leaders and including President Kaushik Chatterjee, Secretary Daroga Mahato, Vice President Pawan Kumar Choudhary, and many others from across all areas. The event has set a definitive tone for the future of labour rights in the region, marking a new chapter in the fight against worker exploitation.

Dial 112: A Lifeline for Emergency Services, Awareness Seminar Organised at SSLNT Women's College

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : Dial 112 is now a one-stop emergency helpline, offering immediate assistance not only for police help but also for medical emergencies, road accidents, fire incidents, natural disasters, and even security issues in running trains.

Addressing the girl students at a seminar under Police Ki Pathshaala at SSLNT Women's College, Senior Deputy Superintendent of Police Sumit Kumar emphasized the importance of Dial 112 and its multi-service capabilities. He highlighted that the helpline has been strengthened to provide fire services, ambulance support, and SDRF assistance in times of crisis.

DSP Kumar further informed that for women and senior citizens, Dial 112 has been made even more effective, with QR stickers being installed at various locations in



Senior Deputy Superintendent of Police addressing students at a seminar

Dhanbad, including marketplaces, railway stations, bus stands, and passenger vehicles. These QR codes enable quick access to emergency help.

Following the directives of SSP Hrudeep P. Janardhanan, a dedicated police team operates the Dial 112 control room round the clock, ensuring prompt response in any

emergency. Awareness campaigns are actively being conducted across different police station areas to encourage public use of Dial 112 for safety and security.

Such initiatives play a crucial role in enhancing public safety and making emergency services more accessible to all.

National Science Day: Celebrating Innovation and Scientific Excellence

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : National Science Day is celebrated in India on February 28th every year to honor the discovery of the Raman Effect by Sir C.V. Raman in 1928. This day serves as a reminder of the importance of scientific research, innovation, and technological advancements in shaping society. The event is marked by various activities such as science exhibitions, seminars, discussions, and competitions aimed at inspiring young minds and fostering a culture of scientific curiosity.

The Government of India designated February 28th as National Science Day in 1986 to recognize the groundbreaking contribution of Sir C.V. Raman, who later received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930 for his discovery. The Raman Effect explains the scattering of light and has had significant applications in spectroscopy and material science.

This day also highlights India's achievements in science and technology, encouraging students and researchers to contribute to the nation's progress through innovation and scientific exploration.

Every year, National Science Day is celebrated with a specific theme that focuses on contemporary



scientific issues and innovations. 5 is "Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science and Innovation for Viksit Bharat", highlighting the contribution of young minds towards advancing India's science and global leadership.

India has made remarkable progress in science and technology, with significant achievements in space exploration (ISRO's Chandrayaan and Gaganyaan missions), biotechnology, healthcare, information technology, and clean energy. Initiatives such as "Make in India" and "Digital India" have strengthened the nation's scientific and technological capabilities.

National Science Day

aims to inspire students and young researchers to pursue careers in science and contribute to the country's development. The government promotes scientific research through initiatives like the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), INSPIRE (Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research), and CSIR-Jigyasa programs.

National Science Day is a tribute to Indian scientists and a celebration of the power of science in transforming society. As India moves towards becoming a global leader in technology and innovation, this day serves as a reminder of the critical role that science plays in shaping a sustainable and progressive future.

Mahashivratri Celebrated with Grandeur at Pahela Kadam School for Specially-Abled Children

Priyanka

Dhanbad : Pahela Kadam School, run by Narayani Charitable Trust, celebrated Mahashivratri with great enthusiasm, bringing together specially-abled children in a joyous and spiritual atmosphere. The children worshipped Lord Shiva with devotion, participated in the bhajan-kirtan, and performed graceful dances as part of the celebrations.

Their soulful bhajans and artistic performances captivated the audience, earning them immense appreciation. The event showcased the creativity, devotion, and talent of these children, leaving everyone deeply moved.



Speaking on the occasion, Secretary Anita Agarwal emphasized that Pahela Kadam School always strives to connect these special children with society and culture, ensuring they learn about India's rich religious traditions for their

mental and spiritual growth. Anita Agarwal, along with all the school members, extended heartfelt Mahashivratri wishes and prayed for everyone's well-being.

Oxygen Pipe Leak at SNMMCH, Dhanbad Causes Brief Panic

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : On Monday, a sudden commotion broke out at SNMMCH in Dhanbad when a leakage in the oxygen gas pipe near the General Male-Female Ward created a loud, alarming noise. Relatives of patients immediately alerted the hospital staff upon noticing the disturbance. Promptly, the hospital management took decisive action by shutting off the oxygen supply in the affected ward.

Technical staff swiftly arrived at the scene and managed to stop the leakage. While the oxygen supply remains suspended in the impacted ward pending repair by Pushpa Cell Company, all other wards continue to receive normal



oxygen services.

Relatives and patients expressed relief following the prompt intervention. Parvati Devi, a patient's relative, recounted that the loud noise had initially instilled fear among both patients and their families, but the quick action by the hospital staff helped ease their anxiety. Similarly, patient Tilak Chand mentioned that he felt nervous due to the sudden leak,

but the situation was controlled effectively.

The incident underscores the importance of vigilant monitoring and rapid response in healthcare facilities to ensure patient safety and maintain trust. Hospital authorities continue to work closely with technical teams and repair contractors to restore full functionality in the affected area as quickly as possible.

Little Angels Kindergarten organised Fancy Dress Competition to celebrate Mahashivratri

Sneha Chourasia

Hajipur : A Fancy Dress Competition was organised at Little Angels Kindergarten and Play School Konhara Ghat on the occasion of Mahashivratri under the guidance of Sunita Singh, President of East Central Railway Mahila Kalyan Sangathan, Hajipur. The event aimed to educate young children about the significance of Mahashivratri in a fun and engaging manner.

Children participated enthusiastically, dressing up in creative costumes related to Lord Shiva and other



Little Angels Kindergarten Children dressed as Shiv and Parvati on Mahashivratri

mythological characters. The competition saw Arpita Kumari securing the first position, Daivik taking second place, and Dhanak Raj finishing third. All participating children were

awarded gifts and enjoyed delicious snacks after the event.

The event was attended by Meenakshi Kumar (Secretary of the organization), Archana Chaudhary (Treasurer), Sujata Pandey (School In-charge), and Anjana Chaudhary. Their presence and encouragement added to the excitement of the event, making it a memorable day for the children.

Such initiatives play a crucial role in nurturing creativity and cultural awareness among young minds while promoting learning through play.

It's been very hard on Pant not playing: India assistant coach Doeschate

Dubai: India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate has acknowledged that it's been really hard for ace wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant to be watching the ongoing Champions Trophy matches from the sidelines but "that's the nature of sport at this level".



Pant has not been a part of the playing XI in the last two group games, with India handing over the wicket-keeping duties to KL Rahul, who has performed remarkably well behind the stumps and provided solidity to the middle order.

"It's been very hard on Rishabh not playing. But that's the nature of sport at this level, Doeschate told reporters on Friday, when asked if having two quality keepers has been a good dilemma.

"KL has been good. He didn't get many chances... we've got to keep Rishabh up and running. We never know when we're going to need him. But certainly to have two wicket-keepers of that calibre is a nice thing to have."

Doeschate admitted that Sunday's match against New Zealand could be a contest of spin between the two sides.

"...they (New Zealand) have four spinners as well, so it

could be a contest of spin. Coming into the competition, we weren't expecting such an over-reliance on spin.

"But the guys have bowled nicely and the pitch has helped a little bit, so I'm sure it's going to be the same for the next game here tomorrow."

The South Africa-born former Dutch cricketer hinted that the team might ring in some changes in the bowling attack for its last group match against New Zealand.

At the same time, Doeschate said the side would not compromise on the balance as it also wants to top the group with an all-win preliminary campaign.

New Zealand have also already qualified for the semifinals after two wins and Sunday's match will decide the Group A topper.

"We've had two pretty tough training sessions, so that's been the preparation. In terms of the bench strength, I think the priority is making sure that we have our best guys available and fully fit for the second game (semifinal on March 4)," Doeschate said.

"But we also don't want to rest them for another two days. So to get that balance right, we might just try to share the bowling out a little bit. But we obviously want to win against New Zealand as well.

"It's important that we keep that momentum going. And obviously to top the group as well. So the balance of those two things I just mentioned for the selection to be thought about," he added.

Asked about captain Rohit Sharma's fitness after an injury scare in the game against Pakistan, he said, "He's all right. You can see he's batting a little bit further than earlier. It's an injury he's had before, so he knows how to manage it really well."

On whether scoring has been difficult on the pitch here, he said, "I won't say difficult. I think we've become used to a standard where you score 320 without thinking too much about it. So getting to 320 has been

difficult.

"The pitch has played slightly differently, in my opinion, in those two games. But there are probably like 280-290 pitches if you batter really well. So in the bigger picture, yeah, it's not like playing in Pakistan, where you expect to get 320-330.

"But you've got to adapt yourself and get a score that's good on these wickets. And we think it's right about 280-290, judging on the first two pitches."

The India assistant coach also said that he is happy with the amount of rest his players have got since their last game against Pakistan on February 23.

"They've had a lot of rest now. But it's how you back the two games up. So if all the seamers are going to bowl 10 overs, and then say we bowl second in the first game, we're bowling 36 hours later, we're bowling first, that's quite a workload.

"So that's what I was alluding to. One of the options is to make sure the guys don't bowl their full quota of overs, if that opportunity allows itself. But we're ready to manage that in the field and try and keep the guys as fresh as possible for the first and the final," he said. (PTI)

Dhanbad's Athletes Honoured for Excellence in Modern Pentathlon



Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : Deputy Commissioner (DC) cum District Magistrate Madhavi Mishra felicitated Anu Kumar, Tanu Kumari, and Prem Kumar Mahato for their outstanding performance in the Modern Pentathlon at the 38th National Games held in Uttarakhand. Their achievements brought pride to the district, and they were honoured for their dedication and hard work.

DC Madhavi Mishra assured that the district administration would provide all possible assistance to support the players in their journey. She emphasized that ensuring necessary resources and facilities for talented athletes remains a top

priority so that they can compete successfully at national and international levels.

Before the official felicitation, District Sports Officer Umesh Lohara honoured the athletes by presenting them shawls in his office.

Additionally, ADM Law and Order Piyush Sinha met with the players, appreciated their achievements, and encouraged them to continue their hard work and strive for even greater success in the future.

Dignitaries Present were District Sports Officer Umesh Lohara, Trainers: Jairam Bhagat, Tarun Mukhiya, Shiva Kumar Mahato, Coach Namita Tudu, Parents of the players, DSC Rinku Gupta.

Ranji Final: Karun Nair's century puts Vidarbha in strong position against Kerala



Nagpur: Nair continued with his red-hot form of the season by smashing his fourth century of the ongoing Ranji Trophy as Vidarbha tightened their grip over Kerala in the final here on Saturday.

Chasing their third Ranji title, Vidarbha reached 189/3 at tea on the penultimate day, extending their overall lead to 226.

Nair remained unbeaten on 100 (187 balls), forging a crucial 182-run third-wicket stand with Danish Malewar, who displayed grit with a 73 off 161 balls (5x4).

The duo rescued Vidarbha after they were reduced to 7/2 in the third over of the morning.

Earlier in the day, Vidarbha's second innings began on a shaky note, losing both openers inside 2.2 overs.

First-time finalists Kerala were bowled out for 342 on day three, conceding a 37-run first-innings lead.

Brief scores: Vidarbha: 379 and 189/3 in 61 overs (Karun Nair 100 batting, Danish Malewar 73; MD Nidheesh 1/37, Jalaj Saxena 1/63, Akshay Chandran 1/7). (PTI)

Final Showdown at Buds Garden School Sees Thrilling Conclusion to Khelo India Women's Football Competition

Sneha Chourasia

Dhanbad : In an electrifying finale at the expansive football ground of Buds Garden School, the Asmita Football League concluded on Thursday under the prestigious Khelo India banner, organised by the Sports Ministry of the Government of India. The competition, held from 18 to 27 February 2025, featured 18 women's football teams from 6 institutions competing in the age groups of 13, 15, and 17 years.

The final matches were graced by esteemed dignitaries including Ghulam Rabbani, Secretary of the Jharkhand Football Association; Dhanbad Sports Officer Umesh Lohara; Assistant Coach of SAI Ranchi Habib Ali; Santosh Kumar of SAI Ranchi, Tourism Department; President of Dhanbad Football Association Mohd. Salauddin; Joint Secretary Shubhankar; State Coordinator Ashish Boss; renowned referee Uday



Mishra; and HOR of Jharkhand Football Association Farid Khan all welcomed with a bouquet of flowers.

Sports teachers Deepak Kumar, Pradeep Kumar, and Pintu Kumar of Buds Garden School were seen energetically supporting the match, while the students entertained the crowd with an impressive cultural program.

In the finals:

1. In the 13-year age group, Buds Garden School Academy clinched victory by defeating MPL, Nirsra 2-0, with Gunjan Kumari earning the

Man of the Match award.

2. In the 15-year age group, MPL, Nirsra emerged triumphant against the team of Tata Steel Foundation with a 2-0 win, where Bhartiya Marandi was declared the Man of the Match.

3. In the 17-year age group, Jindal Academy Patratu secured a win over Tata Steel Foundation 1-0, with Anamika Kumari of Jindal Academy receiving the Man of the Match award.

Highlighting individual brilliance, Ananya Kumari of Buds Garden School Academy

was honored with the Player of the Tournament award. All winning teams received a first prize of ₹50,000 and a second prize of ₹30,000, with an additional ₹10,000 awarded annually to the best player.

Judges for the match included Uday Mishra, Sanjay Hembram, Lalita Kumari, Basanti Kumari, Puja Kumari, Rekha Kumari, Xavier Tudu, and Ravi Lal Hembram. The event was coordinated seamlessly by Program Secretary Pramod Chourasia along with his colleagues Sanjay Tiwari, Jitendra Rawani, Ravindra Mahato, and stage manager Ajay Rawat.

The final match witnessed a remarkable display of talent and sportsmanship, drawing enthusiastic support from numerous football lovers in the Darshan gallery. Organizers expressed their commitment to nurturing regional talent and paving the way for future champions.

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My career has been built on criticism, I enjoy it: John Abraham

Mumbai: Actor-producer John Abraham says he has often been written off in the industry in his over two-decade-long career but his audience has kept him going, something that he respects and wants to repay by telling good stories.

Abraham has hits in varied genres whether it is high-octane actioners like "Dhoom", "Race 2", "Satyameva Jayate", "Dishoom", and "Pathaan"; comedies such as "Garam Masala", "Dostana", "Housefull 2" or dramas like "Water", "No Smoking", "New York", "Madras Café", "Parmanu", and "Vedaa".

The actor, whose next release "The Diplomat" is inspired by true incidents, said the film will, hopefully, resonate with viewers in the brightest way possible.

"People have, in the past, said that 'Parmanu' marked my 1.0 version because I'd disappeared for four years. These are obituaries that are written every day about me, and it's fine, I don't have a problem with it. My career has been built on criticism, I enjoy it," Abraham told PTI in an interview.

"The only thing that's kept me going in this is my audience. People in the trade, producers, critics they all judge you by numbers and I get all that, and I respect that. That's business. But the only people that have kept me going and have made me survive is my audience. And I made 'The Diplomat' for that audience," he added.

The film industry had a terrible year in terms of box office and Abraham believes it is now important to focus on the basics that make any story click with the audience and that's writing.

"My vision as a producer and as an actor is just to create good stories and reach out to a wider audience. Do I want the numbers? I want the Rs 100 crore, 200s, 300s and the 400 crores. We all want that, but we want that with good stories.



That's the difference.

"We as an audience and trade are putting too much stress into the bifurcation of how the money is being spent. We've to cut all this noise, go back to writing, go back to where we started from and why we wanted to make films."

Admitting that he also has been "guilty" of prioritising box office, Abraham said he now recognises the significance of well-crafted stories.

Citing the example of "The Diplomat", the actor said it's important that the movie, directed by Shivam Nair of "Naam Shabana" and "Special Ops", attains commercial success as that will empower him and his team to continue making such films.

Inspired by true events, the film features Abraham in the role of diplomat JP Singh, who steps in to rescue an Indian woman named Uzma (Sadia Khateeb of 'Raksha Bandhan' fame) from Pakistan.

The actor said he was captivated by the script of "The Diplomat" from the first reading.

"I love geopolitics, so I thought this looks interesting, and I fell in love with what I read, credit to Ritesh Shah (writer). For me, it's about the story; it's immaterial whether you see a woman or a man in front. If the painting is beautiful, all the

characters look beautiful," the actor said.

One of the film's standout themes is the challenges faced by women in society, and Abraham said more awareness is needed to bring a change.

"Women, children and animals are not safe in India. I've said this before, and I'll keep repeating it, till someone hears it. Children and animals are not safe because there aren't too many laws. With regards to women, you need to have strict laws. I'm not a law expert, so I'm not going to get into it.

"You go to the Middle East, Dubai, women are safe. There must be some reason why they are safe there and are not here. It stems out of education and awareness, there is a multi-pronged approach. We are a developing society; we will get there, but it will take us some time. But along the way, there is going to be a lot of collateral damage, and you see it every day."

Preparing for the role of JP Singh required Abraham to immerse himself in the character, for which he said he undertook training from actor and acting coach Saurabh Sachdeva, known for his role in "Animal".

"Shivam put me through a drill. We went through reading with the entire cast of this film. Then, I took a break and met Saurabh Sachdeva, who coached me on this character. For three weeks, I was with Saurabh every day," he said, adding that he and Sachdeva met JP Singh to portray his body language and mannerism correctly.

"The Diplomat" is produced by Abraham's JA Entertainment along with T-Series, Vipul D Shah, Ashwin Varde, Rajesh Bahl of Wakaoo Films, Sameer Dixit and Jatish Varma of Fortune Pictures and Rakesh Dang of Seeta Films.

The film is scheduled to be released in theatres on March 14.(PTI)

Ayushmann Khurrana, Bhumi Pednekar celebrate a decade of 'Dum Laga Ke Haisha'

New Delhi: Actor Bhumi Pednekar on Thursday celebrated 10 years of her debut film "Dum Laga Ke Haisha", saying her heart is filled with gratitude, while her co-star Ayushmann Khurrana hailed the movie as one that revitalised his career.

"Dum Laga Ke Haisha", directed by Sharat Katariya and produced by Yash Raj Films, broke Bollywood's conventional romantic tropes by telling a heartfelt love story between an overweight woman (Pednekar) and her reluctant husband (Khurrana).

The movie was overwhelmingly praised by the critics for its story, performances of the cast, which also included Sanjay Mishra and Seema Pahwa, and the nostalgic '90s setting.

In a post on Instagram, Pednekar thanked her well-wishers as well as fans for their support in the last 10 years.

"A decade of dreams, hard work, and the most incredible journey as an actor! As I celebrate 10 years in cinema, my heart is filled with gratitude for every person who has been a part of this journey-my family, friends, mentors, filmmakers, co-actors, and the incredible teams that have worked tirelessly behind-the-scenes," she said.

The past decade has taught the actor the value of



"resilience, passion, and the power of believing in oneself", Pednekar said.

Khurrana recalled how his acting career took an upswing post "Dum Laga Ke Haisha".

"The film gave me a fresh lease of life in the industry, and thankfully I have never looked back, using all the learnings from 'Dum Laga Ke Haisha' to create a genre of quirky, feel-good, disruptive, content-forward films that delivered a beautiful message to the family audience," Khurrana said in a statement.

Reflecting on his career choices before "Dum Laga Ke Haisha", Khurrana said he made many "mistakes" and it made him realise that every film is a test.

"I remember being sleepless for many, many days ahead of 'Dum Laga Ke Haisha' release. My career saw a meteoric rise with

'Vicky Donor', overnight, people were calling me a star who was born. I couldn't process this. I was not from the industry. I had no playbook to follow on how to deal with the attention," said Khurrana, who faced career setbacks after three of his films "Nautanki Saala", "Bewakoofiyaan", and "Hawaizaada" underperformed.

The actor admitted that he had no strategy to follow up on the success of his debut film.

"The industry is a brutal place. We are born every Friday and our obituaries are written every Friday. I wanted to own my Friday so badly. So, you can imagine the headspace I was in before 'Dum Laga Ke Haisha's' release. The film released, and the rest is history," he said.(PTI)

Anurag Kashyap to portray fearless cop in Adivi Sesh-Mrunal Thakur's 'Dacoit'

New Delhi: Filmmaker-actor Anurag Kashyap will essay the role of a fearless cop in the upcoming action drama "Dacoit", the makers announced on Friday.

The movie, which is being shot simultaneously in Hindi and Telugu, will feature Adivi Sesh and Mrunal Thakur in the lead roles.

Kashyap, who has recently been part of various projects down south such as "Maharaja", "Rifle Club", "Leo" and "Viduthalai Part 2", is portraying Swamy, a fearless inspector who is a staunch Ayyappa devotee with no tolerance for corruption.

"The conundrums of duty versus dharma, and to go about doing his job with a dry sense of humor is fantastic. I am truly looking forward to playing this character in two languages,



shooting in Hindi, as well as in Telugu.

"To get the same impact in both the languages is the challenging part, something I am thoroughly enjoying," Kashyap said in a statement.

"Dacoit" will be directed by first-time filmmaker Shancil Deo, who has co-written the screenplay with Sesh.

According to the makers, the film is the story of an angry convict seeking vengeance on

his ex-girlfriend who betrayed him.

"He devises a dangerous plan to trap her, setting the stage for an intense action drama driven by elemental forces – love, betrayal, and revenge," read the plotline.

"Dacoit" is produced by Supriya Yarlagadda, co-produced by Suniel Narang, and presented by Annapurna Studios.(PTI)



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