



BRIEF NEWS

Many agencies are engaged in the search of missing people Jammu and Kashmir.

The search operation being carried out by several agencies to trace 33 missing people in Kishtwar district, affected by the natural disaster of cloudburst in Jammu and Kashmir, continued for the eighth day on Thursday. Officials gave this information. The death toll in the natural disaster that struck on August 14 in the last village on the way to Machail Mata temple has risen to 65, including three Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel and a Special Police Officer (SPO) of Jammu and Kashmir Police. More than 100 people have been injured in this incident. A senior official told the agency, "The search operation being carried out by various agencies to trace 33 missing people has been intensified. Different teams are conducting operations in the worst affected areas." The operation has been focused on three places - the worst affected site near the langar (community kitchen), the area where houses were washed away and Bhuat Nala in Gulabgarh-Paddar area. Officials said police, army, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Border Roads Organisation (BRO), civil administration and local volunteers are jointly engaged in relief and rescue operations at these places.

PM Modi, French President Macron discuss Ukraine peace efforts

Agency

New Delhi/Paris: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday received a phone call from French President Emmanuel Macron during which the two leaders discussed the ongoing efforts for peaceful resolution of the Ukraine conflict, as well as bilateral relations. PM Modi said in a post on X that he had a "very good conversation with my friend President Macron". "Exchanged views on efforts for peaceful resolution of conflicts in Ukraine and in West Asia. Reaffirmed our commitment to further strengthen the India-France strategic partnership."



ship."According to a readout of the phone call, "The leaders exchanged views on the ongoing efforts for peaceful resolution of conflicts in Ukraine and the West Asia region." President Macron shared his

assessment on the August 18 meeting hosted by US President Donald Trump with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and European leaders at the White House.

He also shared his perspectives on the situation in Gaza. "Prime Minister Modi reiterated India's consistent support for peaceful resolution of the conflicts and early restoration of peace and stability. The two leaders also reviewed progress in the bilateral cooperation agenda, including in the areas of trade, defence, civil nuclear cooperation, technology and energy. They reaffirmed joint commitment to strengthen the India-France Strategic Partnership and mark 2026 as 'Year of Innovation' in a befitting manner. President Macron also conveyed support for early conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement

between India and the EU. The leaders agreed to remain in touch on all issues. President Macron said in a post on X: "I have just spoken with Prime Minister @NarendraModi. "We coordinated our positions on the war in Ukraine in order to move towards a just and lasting peace, with strong guarantees for Ukraine and Europe's security. "On trade issues, we agreed to strengthen our economic exchanges and our strategic partnership in all areas - this is the key to our sovereignty and independence. "Following up on the AI Action Summit held in Paris

last February, we are working towards the success of the AI Impact Summit to be held in New Delhi in 2026."For more effective multilateralism, we agreed to work closely together in preparation for the French presidency of the G7 and the Indian presidency of the BRICS in 2026." Notably, the French President's phone call regarding Ukraine comes days after Russian President Vladimir Putin called up PM Modi and other BRICS leaders to brief them about the Ukraine developments. US President Donald Trump is trying to mediate peace efforts between Russia and Ukraine.

Marandi questions Jharkhand liquor scam probe, writes open letter to CM Soren

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Leader of Opposition and BJP state president Babulal Marandi has accused the Jharkhand government of deliberately weakening the probe into the alleged liquor scam. In a strongly worded open letter addressed to Chief Minister Hemant Soren, Marandi raised concerns over the pace of investigation, procedural lapses, and what he described as a deliberate attempt to protect influential individuals. In the letter, Marandi said that the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) initially acted with urgency by questioning and arresting a senior officer in the case. However, he alleged that the same promptness has since disappeared. According to him, the government's failure to file a chargesheet within three months has enabled the accused to secure bail one after another. He also questioned the handling of interrogation records, claiming that statements of senior officers and other influential accused were not fully documented, leaving scope for selective interpretation. Marandi further questioned whether the delay and alleged irregularities were taking



place with or without the knowledge of the Chief Minister. "I do not believe that any officer could dare to commit such a big fraud without your consent," he wrote, adding that if the actions were being carried out knowingly, it would raise serious concerns about the government's role. The BJP leader also reminded Soren that he had earlier cautioned him about flaws in the state's liquor policy and the possibility of a large-scale scam. He claimed that the lack of corrective action at that stage suggested that

the irregularities were part of a larger conspiracy. According to Marandi, the liquor syndicate in question extends beyond Jharkhand to Raipur and Delhi, involving powerful networks of operators and officials. He alleged that "big deals" were struck to deliberately delay filing the chargesheet, with the understanding that such a delay would guarantee bail for the accused. He stressed that such developments have shaken public confidence in the state's ability to ensure impartial investigations into corruption cases. The Opposition leader demanded that the Chief Minister order strict action against officials responsible for what he termed a "deliberate weakening" of the case. Since Soren himself holds the ACB portfolio, Marandi argued that responsibility for the lapses cannot be overlooked. Marandi urged the Chief Minister to hand over the matter to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), arguing that only an independent probe could identify the real culprits and restore public trust. "The investigation should not be allowed to become a sham exercise where arrests are made only to eventually secure bail through procedural lapses," he cautioned.

Monsoon session of Jharkhand assembly to begin today



DB Reporter

Ranchi: Monsoon session of Jharkhand Assembly will start from 22 August on Friday to 28 August. This time there will be a total of four working days during the session. Due to Saturday on 23 August and Sunday on 24 August, the session will not run on those two days. There will also be a holiday on 27 August. It is worth noting that the monsoon session was earlier scheduled from 1 August to 7 August and it was also inaugurated on 1 August.

However, due to the demise of Dishom Guru and former Jharkhand Chief Minister Shibu Soren on August 4, the session was adjourned indefinitely with immediate effect. After the adjournment of the session, the revised date has been issued by the Assembly Secretariat, according to which now the monsoon session will

resume from August 22. During this time, the government will try to complete many important legislative works. Let us tell you that on August 22, the first supplementary expenditure statement of the financial year 2025-26 will be presented. After that there will be mourning. In this, tribute will be paid to Dishom Guru Shibu Soren. There will be holidays on 23 and 24. There will be Question Hour on 25 and the first supplementary expenditure statement will be discussed. There will be Question Hour on August 26 and government bills will be introduced and passed. There will be a holiday on Ganesh Chaturthi on 27. There will be Question Hour on August 28 and government bills will be introduced, after which the members of the Legislative Assembly will present their respective non-government resolutions.

UIDAI Ropes In Starlink For Aadhaar-Based Customer Verification



Agency

New Delhi: The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has tied up with satellite-based internet provider Starlink Satellite Communication Pvt Ltd. Starlink will use Aadhaar authentication for customer verification.

This will make the whole process smooth, secure and very easy. According to the Ministry of Electronics and IT, Aadhaar, one of the most trusted digital identity systems, will ensure that customer onboarding (the process of onboarding a new employee into a company and introducing him/her

to the role, responsibilities, company culture and work environment) is quick, paperless and compliant with Know Your Customer (KYC) norms. Starlink's integration with Aadhaar authentication marks a powerful synergy, India's trusted digital identity joining hands with global satellite technology.

India-Russia ties steadiest since World War II, says Jaishankar in Moscow

Agency

Moscow: In a joint press briefing in Moscow, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said India and Russia have been "the steadiest of the major relationships in the world after the Second World War." Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov echoed that sentiment, describing the ties as a "special strategic partnership" shaped by the two countries' leaders. Jaishankar, who arrived in Moscow after a round of trade and economic talks with Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov, said his meeting with Lavrov was an opportunity to review both the political relationship and bilateral cooperation. "I look forward to an exchange of views on politics, on trade, on economic



ics, investment, defence, science and technology, and of course people-to-people exchanges," he said. Jaishankar spoke about recent high-level engagements, including the 22nd Annual Summit last year and subsequent leadership meetings in Kazan. "They have always given us guidance to take forward our Special and Privileged Strategic

Partnership," Jaishankar said, adding that preparations were now underway for the next summit at the end of this year. He also pointed to an active bilateral calendar, mentioning visits by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, and NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery. "All these showed how deep our relationship is,"

Jaishankar said.

Looking at the global context, Jaishankar underlined the need to adapt to "the evolving geopolitical situation, the shifting economic and trade landscape, and our shared goal to maximise our complementarity." Lavrov, welcoming Jaishankar, said he was glad to host him in Moscow after a busy schedule of meetings. He said, "We define our relations as a special strategic partnership, and this was defined by our leaders, and I hope that we fully justify these links." The Russian minister framed ties against the backdrop of a changing global order. "This is a multipolar system of international relations with an increasing role played by the SCO, BRICS and the G20.

JMM urges Assembly to pass proposal for Bharat Ratna to Shibu Soren

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) General Secretary Vinod Kumar Pandey has called on the ruling party to make the forthcoming supplementary monsoon session of the Jharkhand Assembly (22-28 August) historic by passing a resolution to recommend the Bharat Ratna for the late Dishom Gururji Shibu Soren and forwarding it to the central government. Pandey said the supplementary budget would be presented on August 22, with tributes to be paid to departed leaders. On August 26, during a special discussion on excessive rainfall and farmers' difficulties, he urged the ruling party to ensure that the Assembly speaks with one voice in honour of Shibu Soren, sending a united message to Delhi. Describing Soren's life as a symbol of sacrifice, struggle and service, Pandey noted his leadership in mass movements against social ills such as drug addiction



and exploitative moneylending, as well as his efforts to connect tribal society with education and social consciousness. He emphasised Soren's pivotal role in advancing the movement for a separate Jharkhand state to a decisive stage. "There is a need to work towards securing the Bharat Ratna as a tribute to Gururji, who transformed the demand for a separate Jharkhand into a mass movement from Ranchi to Delhi through his tireless struggle," Pandey said.



Successful Cleanliness Drive Organised by Dr.
S. Radhakrishnan Teacher Training College

ing powder in wells, disinfecting drains, and spraying mosquito repellents in and around households.

Villagers were also advised to boil or filter rainwater before consumption to prevent waterborne diseases. The trainees spread awareness through slogans like "Cleanliness is the cure for all diseases," "Cleanliness is service," and "Filth is fatal." They also performed street plays and raised chants to engage and educate the local community.

attempt to wipe out evidence.

Case Uncovered After Uncle's Complaint

The crime was exposed when, on 20 August, the victim's uncle Lalan Bhuiyan lodged a complaint at the police station. Acting swiftly, the police initiated an investigation, during which both accused confessed to their crime.

Burnt Remains Recovered, Accused Sent to Judicial Custody

The police recovered the charred remains of the victim from Bhuri forest. Under the leadership of Station In-charge Uttam Kumar Rai, the police team arrested both accused and produced them before the court, from where they were sent to judicial custody.

es and submit compliance reports. The Labour Superintendent was instructed to take immediate action where violations are detected. Regarding welfare schemes, the DC reviewed registration and benefits provided to organised and unorganised workers, including scholarships, maternity benefits, and death compensation. He stressed the need to expedite the inclusion of more workers under these schemes.

ing the rainy season due to contaminated water. He stressed the importance of keeping wells and water sources clean and urged residents to drink only boiled water and maintain hygiene in and around their homes. Those present at the event included Mahendra Ohdar, Utam Kumar, Rajkumar Mahato, Hemlal Mahato, Bablu Mahato, and Arvind Kumar, among others.

pond, a relative entered the water and suspected a vehicle inside.

The procession passed through the main areas of Katras before culminating at the Dadi Rani Sati Temple in Pachgadhi, where the formal rituals of the three-day religious celebration began, conducted by local priests. Ajay Pandey, Mahendra Pathak, and Ishwar Shastri.

Agriculture Minister Holds Public Hearing, Addresses Complaints of 74 Petitioners

DB Reporter
Ranchi : A public hearing (Janata Darbar) was held at the state Congress headquarters on Thursday, where Agriculture Minister Shilpi Neha Tirkey listened to grievances from 74 petitioners representing various districts. During the session, the minister directed the concerned officials to promptly resolve the issues raised. She emphasized the government's zero-tolerance policy towards negligence in addressing public problems and highlighted that all democratic provisions exist to ensure timely and accessible services to citizens. The grievances primarily included pension-related concerns, inflated electricity bills, pond



restoration, urea black marketing, water scarcity, the Maiya Samman scheme, caste and income certificates, and serious health issues. One notable case was that of Mohammad Shamim Jalil from Hindipiri, who received an exorbitant electricity bill of Rs 1.32 lakh. The minister spoke directly

with officials, ordering immediate rectification of his and other inflated bill complaints. Regarding urea black marketing, Tirkey noted that the government is closely monitoring the issue. In Palamu, four shops have already been suspended for malpractice. She warned that licenses would be canceled if negli-

gence persists and said discussions with the Union Agriculture Minister and wholesalers would be held soon to ensure better urea supply. The public hearing saw active participation from several petitioners, including Lal Jhadi Devi, Santosh Jaiswal, Joshna Ekka, Naveen Kumar Singh, and others.

Aarogyam Nursing College Celebrates Breastfeeding Week with Enthusiasm

DB Reporter
Hazaribagh: Aarogyam Nursing College organized a grand event to celebrate Breastfeeding Week, highlighting the importance of maternal and child health. The program was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Ranjan Sharan, with esteemed guests including Preeti Jain, Dr. B.N. Prasad, Dr. Heeralal, and college administrator Jaya Singh. Faculty members Jyoti Tirkey, Preeti Agrawal, and Suman Kumari Sahu spoke in detail about the significance of breastfeeding. They emphasized that a mother's milk is the best natural nutrition for infants, providing



both nourishment and immunity against diseases. Dr. Ranjan Sharan called breastfeeding "a life-saving nectar" for newborns, essential for their physical and mental development. He urged mothers to be aware and committed to breastfeeding. College Director Harsh Ajmera stated, "Our mission is not just to provide quality education, but to build awareness about

health. Events like Breastfeeding Week reflect our commitment to strengthening maternal and child health." Students from the GNM (2024-27), ANM (2024-26), and B.Sc. Nursing (2024-28) batches actively participated in the program. They took part in various awareness activities and shared their insights on the importance of breastfeeding.

Historic Gift to Jamtara: Health Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari Lays Foundation for New Road

DB Reporter
Jamtara: In a landmark event marking a new chapter in Jamtara's development, Jharkhand Health Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari inaugurated the construction of a 2-kilometer road from DVC Pada to Shaharbeda on Thursday. The long-awaited project, fulfilling a decades-old demand, was welcomed with great enthusiasm by thousands of locals who gathered chanting slogans praising the minister and his work. Addressing the crowd, Dr. Ansari expressed his heartfelt gratitude and highlighted the significance of the road as a lifeline for the region's progress and prosperity. He also criticized the previous



Raghubar government's plan to set up a waste plant near tribal villages, asserting his firm opposition and commitment to protecting tribal lands from becoming dumping grounds. The minister further announced the upcoming construction of Jharkhand's largest multi-speciality sports complex in the area, aimed at boosting sports and

tourism, and bringing pride to the region. Dr. Ansari credited the people's trust and blessings for his successive electoral victories and pledged to dedicate all his efforts toward Jamtara's development. The program saw a vibrant presence of tribal communities, with music and cheers marking the celebratory atmosphere.

Tree Plantation Drive Led by Superintendent of Police at Kodarma Police Complex

DB Reporter
Kodarma: On August 21, 2025, a tree plantation program was organized at the Police Centre, Chandwara premises under the leadership of Anudeep Singh, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Kodarma, in collaboration with the Kodarma District Marwari Association. Around 1,800 fruit-bearing saplings were distributed across various police stations and outposts throughout the district, while 200 saplings were planted within the police centre premises. The event was attended by Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters), Sub-Divisional Police Officer Kodarma, other police officials and personnel, as well as dignitaries from the Marwari Association including Honorary



President Ramratan Maharshi and Secretary Sandeep Kedia. During the program, the Superintendent of Police personally planted a sapling, emphasizing the importance of greenery and environmental protection. Addressing the attendees, he stressed that trees

are vital for life, providing clean air, shade, and maintaining ecological balance. He highlighted the urgent need for such initiatives amid rising pollution and climate change and encouraged everyone to plant and nurture at least one tree in their lifetime.

Palamu Drunk Driving Tragedy: Mukhiya's Son Kills Youth, Sister Critical

DB Reporter
Medininagar: A tragic drunk driving incident in Palamu district has claimed the life of a young man and left his sister critically injured. The accident occurred on Wednesday evening near Itko Mod under Nawabazar police station limits. According to reports, a speeding Punch car allegedly driven by Vinod Vishwakarma, son of the Mukhiya of Tukbera village-collided head-on with a scooter carrying 22-year-old Tripurari Mehta and his 18-year-old sister Janvi Kumari. The



siblings were returning from Gulabchand College in Chhatarpur when the car, reportedly being driven on the wrong side and under the influence of alcohol, struck them with great force. Tripurari died on the spot, while Janvi sustained severe injuries. She was first treated locally, then referred to Ranchi in critical condition. A breath-



alyzer test confirmed the driver's blood alcohol content was 99%, pointing to reckless drunken driving. The victims were residents of Jaynagara village in Garhwa district, currently living in Bairiya. The tragedy sparked public outrage, with locals demanding strict legal action against the accused.

35-Year-Old Woman Dies by Suicide After Consuming Poison; Family Clash Erupts at Hospital

DB Reporter
Medininagar : A heart-wrenching incident was reported from the Panki police station area of Palamu district on Thursday morning, where a 35-year-old woman allegedly took her own life by consuming poison under severe mental stress. The deceased has been identified as Mamta Devi (35), wife of Gopal Pathak, a resident of Uchara village. According to family members, Mamta Devi consumed poison early Thursday, following which her condition deteriorated rapidly. She was immediately rushed to Medinirai Medical College Hospital, but doctors



declared her dead on arrival. Soon after the tragic news, a heated clash broke out between Mamta Devi's relatives and her husband Gopal Pathak's family inside the hospital premises. The situation threatened to spi-

ral out of control until the hospital police outpost team, led by ASI Sushila Tiu and Neeraj Kumar Singh, along with constables Mahendra Kumar and Vikas Kumar, intervened and pacified both sides, bringing

the matter under control. The police have launched an investigation into the incident. Authorities are probing the circumstances that pushed Mamta Devi to take such an extreme step.

VBU Sets Three Milestones in Undergraduate Admissions

DB Reporter
Hazaribagh: Vinoba Bhave University (VBU) has set three significant records in the state of Jharkhand during the ongoing admission process for its newly launched four-year undergraduate programme. The university ensured a completely transparent, merit-based, and lobby-free admission process, establishing a new benchmark in higher edu-

cation governance. Under the strict directive of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chandra Bhushan Sharma, the admission process was executed without any irregularities or backdoor entries. Dr. Indrajit Kumar, Nodal Officer for the Chancellor Portal and Admissions Cell, confirmed that admissions were carried out solely based on merit and the government's reserva-

tion roster. A total of 40,992 students have been admitted to VBU, the highest in the state, followed by Ranchi University with 33,009 and Sidho Kanhu Murmu University (Dumka) with 29,861. VBU also topped the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) among all state universities. Despite receiving fewer applications (67,028) than Ranchi University (68,774),

VBU secured the highest conversion rate at 61%, outperforming SKMU (55%) and Ranchi University (47%). Dr. Kumar credited the secure and automated admission software and acknowledged the technical contribution of Dipu Kumar. The university's achievement highlights its commitment to transparency, academic merit, and systemic integrity.

Congress Holds Protest Rally Against NTPC and Ritwik Company in Barkagaon

DB Reporter
Barkagaon: Local Congress leaders and workers organized a protest rally on Thursday against NTPC and Ritwik Company over alleged issues related to the Chatty Bariatu coal project. The rally began from the Plus Two High School in Barkagaon and proceeded through Guru Chatty Thana Mod to the main market square, raising slogans such as "Company Go Back." The demonstration was led by senior Congress leader Bisheshwarnath Chaubey and Block Congress President Suresh Mahato. Protesters voiced their dissatisfaction with the operations of the Ritwik



Company and NTPC in the region, accusing them of ignoring local interests and causing disruption to the community. Prominent leaders who participated in the protest included former Block Congress President Bisheshwarnath Chaubey, Block President Suresh Mahato, Gautam Kushwaha, Atish Chakravarty, Jagat Nandan Prasad Gupta, Shamsher Alam, West Mandal President

Dharmnath Mahato, East Mandal President Ramesh Bhokta, Central Mandal President Shyam Bhargav, along with Suresh Chaudhary, Padum Saw (Congress Dadi Kala Panchayat President), Chhote Khan, Kameshwar Singh, Sanjay Sahu, Anand Kumar, and Santosh Rana. Several other supporters and local residents also joined the rally in solidarity with the Congress protest.

Halwai Community to Organize Prabhat Pheri and Blood Donation Camp in Ranchi on August 23

DB Reporter
Ranchi: The Ranchi Nagar Madhyadeshiya Vaishya Vikas Samiti (Halwai community) held a meeting at Baba Ganinath Temple premises, Sarhul Nagar, Bariatu, to finalize preparations for its upcoming

community program on August 23, 2025. As per the resolution passed unanimously during the meeting, the event will commence with a puja ceremony at 7:00 AM, followed by a "Prabhat Pheri" (early morning proces-

sion) starting at 9:00 AM from Kutchery Chowk. The procession will pass through Shaheed Chowk and the Municipal Corporation office, concluding at the Police Association Guest House. A blood donation camp will

also be organized at the event venue from 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The Minister of State for Defence, Sanjay Seth, will grace the event as the Chief Guest, while Rajya Sabha MP Aditya Sahu will attend as the Guest of Honour.

After the drubbing of the MNS-Sena (UBT) panel in the BEST credit society polls, Fadnavis on Wednesday accused the two parties of politicising the elections around the “Thackeray brand”. “I think there was no need to politicise this kind of election, as it was just a credit society poll.

Editorial

Why is there no consensus on the Vice President?

There was no consensus between the ruling BJP-NDA and the opposition 'India' alliance for the post of Vice President of India . It has been expected that posts like President, Vice President and Lok Sabha Speaker should be decided with consensus. There should be no elections for them, because they are considered to be the 'common faces' of the ruling party and the opposition. They are constitutional heads for their posts, from whom both the ruling party and the opposition expect justice, but the irony of Indian democracy is that there was no consensus even on a 'national personality' like Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, as a result of which elections had to be held for the post of President. There is hardly any unanimous constitutional face, we do not care. The basic reason for this is that the dividing lines between the government and the opposition are not constitutional and ideological, but of hatred, irritation and annoyance. Even now the main opposition party Congress has clearly said that there was no consensus on the Vice President because of BJP-RSS. BJP wants to run this country with 'lathitantra'. Congress will not let it happen. The person who has been chosen for the post of Vice President has been a volunteer of RSS. He has been a member and MP of Jan Sangh-BJP. He has also led the BJP in Tamil Nadu. He is a 'Sanghi' with full consciousness, so despite being in office, neutrality cannot be expected from him. The opposition 'India' has made Justice B. Sudarshan Reddy, a former Supreme Court judge and former Lokayukta of Goa, a constitutionalist and a non-political person, its Vice Presidential candidate. This is also the constitutional right of the opposition.

Of course, the opposition may claim to be 'apolitical', but Reddy has been chosen on this basis, so that a situation of 'dilemma' is created for parties like TDP, YSR Congress and Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS) in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and ultimately they are forced to support the opposition candidate! This political calculation of the Congress failed, because the parties of Chandrababu Naidu, Jaganmohan Reddy and Chandrashekhar Rao have declared their support to BJP-NDA candidate CP Radhakrishnan. Radhakrishnan comes from the 'Kongu Vellalar' community of Tamil Nadu. Although he won the parliamentary election from Coimbatore seat in 1998, 1999, but he lost continuously in the Lok Sabha elections of 2004, 2014, 2019. Now the BJP's eyes are on the voters of Western Tamil Nadu or 'Kongu Patti', but in Tamil Nadu, Radhakrishnan is considered a calm, simple, gentle and less talkative leader, but 'CP' (his popular name) is not considered a charismatic leader. He is very close to Prime Minister Modi and this friendship is about 40 years old, but 'CP' is not considered to be the choice of RSS. However, he has been chosen. Apart from BJP, MPs of allied parties have also approved his name. Now it is almost certain that CP Radhakrishnan will become the Vice President of the country. The majority of MPs is something like this. There are a total of 782 MPs in both the houses of Parliament, so there is a majority of 392, which is also the winning figure. In 2022, Dhankhar got 528 votes and Margaret Alva of the opposition was reduced to 183. This time there are a total of 423 MPs in favor of BJP-NDA and 355 MPs of 'India' are said to be there. '

The responsibility of the new Delhi government is to save and build Delhi

On this 17th August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while giving the gift of two big roads built at the cost of crores to Delhi-NCR (National Capital Region Project), said that in the coming days, Delhi will be made a development model. Even before this, to reduce the traffic pressure on Delhi, the Modi government built Eastern Peripheral Expressway, Western Peripheral Expressway, Delhi-Meerut Expressway and Delhi-Dehradun Expressway.

Manoj Kumar Mishra

Delhi Metro Rail has been built up to 295 kilometers in Delhi and NCR. In the fourth phase, 65 more kilometers will be added to it. The average number of people traveling by Delhi Metro every day is above 50 lakhs. This number also crosses 70 lakhs. After Delhi-Meerut Namo Bharat Rail Corridor, Delhi-Karnal and Delhi-Arwal corridors are going to be built. Along with making traffic smooth, these will also reduce pollution in this area.

In his speech, the Prime Minister mentioned efforts to clean the Yamuna and the poor getting permanent houses, etc. It is clear that since the BJP is ruling from the Centre to the Delhi Municipal Corporation, the Delhi government has ample opportunity to improve Delhi. Along with all this, there is a need to work afresh on the NCR project which collapsed soon after its construction in 1985. At the pace at which the population of Delhi and the capital of NCR is increasing, some tough decisions will have to be taken to save and build it.

The problem of Delhi is that Delhi does not have much of its own. Even the weather is dependent on the neighbouring states. Not only this, Delhi is also dependent on other states for the resources it needs. Delhi became the capital of the country in 1911, today its population is about 2.5 crore and the total population of NCR has become about 4.5 crore. The population of NCR is also basically the population of Delhi. Most of the people who live outside Delhi are still connected to Delhi. Most of them have their business or job in Delhi.

After becoming the capital, 65

villages across the Yamuna were merged with Delhi in 1915. Since then, the area of ??Delhi has remained 1483 km. There is no possibility of it increasing in the near future. The governance system of Delhi kept changing from less powerful Vidhan Sabha, Municipal Corporation, Mahanagar Parishad till the Vidhan Sabha was formed in 1993. Even now Delhi is a Union Territory and the land and police are under the Central Government.

The responsibility of developing Delhi was given to the Delhi Development Authority (DDA). Since 1959, DDA has been continuously making the master plan of Delhi and unauthorized colonies have been continuously coming up in Delhi. Today the situation has become such that due to these unauthorized constructions, Delhi has become less planned and more unplanned. In the politics of votes and money, the leaders of political parties have become allies of land mafia, police and corrupt government employees.

To reduce the population pressure on Delhi and to support the DDA, which is now considered useless, a plan to create NCR under the Central Urban Development Ministry like DDA was made in 1962 but it was formed only in 1985. The Union Urban Development Minister was made its chairman and the Deputy Governor of Delhi, besides the Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan were made its members. A senior IAS officer is its member secretary. Senior IAS officer Omesh Sehgal, who held positions ranging from SDM to Chief Secretary in Delhi, was also the member secretary of the board. While being the member secretary, he had

said in a meeting in 1996 that the NCR plan had failed. The implementation of the plan started late. When the board was formed in 1985, work started in 1988 with the target population of 2001, by then the population had increased more than the plan. A one kilometre corridor was to be left between the cities of NCR and Delhi for greenery. That is, NCR was to be settled away from Delhi, but it settled close to Delhi.

Not only this, in a way, everyone in Delhi was given the freedom to do illegal construction everywhere. The plans that were already made are full of flaws. Flats were built for government employees of every category in the world's most expensive area, Connaught Place. Even if it is accepted that the government provides free housing to poor people on vacant land, it is beyond comprehension that each and every illegal Sainik farm house worth several crores of rupees belonging to the rich is not demolished. Not only this, if protection is sought from the court for this, then how can Delhi be saved from illegal constructions.

It has been taken for granted that the DDA failed to do its work. Neither did it plan properly, nor could it protect thousands of acres of land in Delhi. Despite many efforts, DDA officials are not even able to tell how much of their land is encroached and how much they have been able to free from encroachment. The condition of the NCR Planning Board is even worse than DDA. Now it is considered to be only on paper. At the time of its formation in 1985, apart from 1483 areas of Delhi, 13,413 areas of six districts of Haryana, 10,885 areas of

four districts of Uttar Pradesh and 4,493 areas of Rajasthan, i.e. 30,240 square kilometers were included in NCR. The plan was to send 20 lakh population to these areas in 2001. For this, facilities like Delhi should be provided in all these places. These were divided into four areas. Detailed plans were made for each area. Increasing health, education, employment opportunities in these areas as well as making transportation easy were the main objectives. Many offices of the central government were also to be shifted from Delhi. Some success was achieved in this but due to unplanned work, there was not much benefit. Apart from this, many cities of these states were also to be developed as magnet centers.

The population of Delhi at the time of the start of the scheme was already as much as was estimated in 2001. It is not that the entire exercise of the board has gone in vain. If the Delhi government takes proper initiative from the central government on this, then the target will be achieved. Every state of NCR needs concrete work on this scheme but Delhi needs it the most. Therefore, Delhi will have to take the lead. When Delhi is the priority of the Prime Minister, then this work can start easily. Only this will make Delhi beautiful and its future will be secure. Not only this, the Prime Minister has decided to provide every facility to the villages to stop migration from villages. The work of improving most of the cities of the country is going on at a fast pace. In such a situation, if the Prime Minister wants to make Delhi a model of development, then the Delhi government should take advantage of it.

Agni-5: A historic leap in India's defence capability

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There is an atmosphere of war and tension all over the world. The Russia-Ukraine war is not stopping, the China-Taiwan dispute is deepening and there is continuous conflict in the Middle East. At such a time, India has taken a big step towards strengthening its defence capability. On 20 August 2025, India successfully tested the long-

range ballistic missile Agni-5 from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur, Odisha. This is not only a technical success, but also a clear indication of India's growing military and strategic power. The biggest feature of the Agni-5 missile is its long-range capability, with a strike range of more than five thousand kilometres.

This missile has a strike range of more than

5000 kilometres and is capable of carrying nuclear weapons. This missile, which flies on a three-stage solid fuel rocket motor, is equipped with a modern navigation system and uses Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology. That is, it can hit multiple targets simultaneously. DRDO chief Dr. Sameer V Kamat says that this test of Agni-5 takes India's strategic

power to a new level. It is not only a symbol of our scientific capability, but will also become a strong basis for India's security in the times to come. It is worth mentioning that India's missile program is not new. This journey started in the 1980s with the Integrated Guided Missile Development Program (IGMDP). With this, the foundation of the Agni series was laid under the leadership of former

President and India's great scientist Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Which started taking its concrete shape from 2002, when it started with Agni-1, which had a range of 700-900 kilometres. Subsequently, Agni-2, Agni-3 and Agni-4 were developed and each new version took India's capability a step ahead. Now Agni-5 is the most modern and long range weapon in that series.

The responsibility of the new Delhi government is to save and build Delhi

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On this 17th August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while giving the gift of two big roads built at the cost of crores to Delhi-NCR (National Capital Region Project), said that in the coming days, Delhi will be made a development model. Even before this, to reduce the traffic pressure on Delhi, the Modi government built Eastern Peripheral Expressway, Western Peripheral Expressway, Delhi-Meerut Expressway and Delhi-Dehradun Expressway. Delhi Metro Rail has been built up to 295 kilometers in Delhi and NCR. In the fourth phase, 65 more kilometers will be added to it. The average number of people traveling by Delhi Metro every day is above 50 lakhs. This number also crosses 70 lakhs. After Delhi-Meerut Namo Bharat Rail Corridor, Delhi-Karnal and Delhi-Arwal corridors are going to be built. Along with making traffic smooth, these will also reduce pollution in this area.

In his speech, the Prime Minister mentioned efforts to clean the Yamuna and the poor getting permanent houses, etc. It is clear that since the BJP is ruling from the Centre to the Delhi Municipal Corporation, the Delhi government has ample opportunity to improve Delhi. Along with all this, there is a

need to work afresh on the NCR project which collapsed soon after its construction in 1985. At the pace at which the population of Delhi and the capital of NCR is increasing, some tough decisions will have to be taken to save and build it.

The problem of Delhi is that Delhi does not have much of its own. Even the weather is dependent on the neighbouring states. Not only this, Delhi is also dependent on other states for the resources it needs. Delhi became the capital of the country in 1911, today its population is about 2.5 crore and the total population of NCR has become about 4.5 crore. The population of NCR is also basically the population of Delhi. Most of the people who live outside Delhi are still connected to Delhi. Most of them have their business or job in Delhi.

After becoming the capital, 65 villages across the Yamuna were merged with Delhi in 1915. Since then, the area of ??Delhi has remained 1483 km. There is no possibility of it increasing in the near future. The governance system of Delhi kept changing from less powerful Vidhan Sabha, Municipal Corporation, Mahanagar Parishad till the Vidhan Sabha was formed in 1993. Even now Delhi is a Union Territory and the land and police are under the Central Government.

The responsibility of developing Delhi was given to the Delhi Development Authority (DDA). Since 1959, DDA has been continuously making the master plan of Delhi and unauthorized colonies have been continuously coming up in Delhi. Today the situation has become such that due to these unauthorized constructions, Delhi has become less planned and more unplanned. In the politics of votes and money, the leaders of political parties have become allies of land mafia, police and corrupt government employees.

To reduce the population pressure on Delhi and to support the DDA, which is now considered useless, a plan to create NCR under the Central Urban Development Ministry like DDA was made in 1962 but it was formed only in 1985. The Union Urban Development Minister was made its chairman and the Deputy Governor of Delhi, besides the Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan were made its members. A senior IAS officer is its member secretary. Senior IAS officer Omesh Sehgal, who held positions ranging from SDM to Chief Secretary in Delhi, was also the member secretary of the board. While being the member secretary, he had said in a meeting in 1996 that the NCR plan had failed. The imple-

mentation of the plan started late. When the board was formed in 1985, work started in 1988 with the target population of 2001, by then the population had increased more than the plan. A one kilometre corridor was to be left between the cities of NCR and Delhi for greenery. That is, NCR was to be settled away from Delhi, but it settled close to Delhi.

Not only this, in a way, everyone in Delhi was given the freedom to do illegal construction everywhere. The plans that were already made are full of flaws. Flats were built for government employees of every category in the world's most expensive area, Connaught Place. Even if it is accepted that the government provides free housing to poor people on vacant land, it is beyond comprehension that each and every illegal Sainik farm house worth several crores of rupees belonging to the rich is not demolished. Not only this, if protection is sought from the court for this, then how can Delhi be saved from illegal constructions.

It has been taken for granted that the DDA failed to do its work. Neither did it plan properly, nor could it protect thousands of acres of land in Delhi. Despite many efforts, DDA officials are not even able to tell how much of their land is encroached and how much they have been able to free from

encroachment. The condition of the NCR Planning Board is even worse than DDA. Now it is considered to be only on paper. At the time of its formation in 1985, apart from 1483 areas of Delhi, 13,413 areas of six districts of Haryana, 10,885 areas of four districts of Uttar Pradesh and 4,493 areas of Rajasthan, i.e. 30,240 square kilometers were included in NCR. The plan was to send 20 lakh population to these areas in 2001. For this, facilities like Delhi should be provided in all these places. These were divided into four areas. Detailed plans were made for each area. Increasing health, education, employment opportunities in these areas as well as making transportation easy were the main objectives. Many offices of the central government were also to be shifted from Delhi. Some success was achieved in this but due to unplanned work, there was not much benefit. Apart from this, many cities of these states were also to be developed as magnet centers.

The population of Delhi at the time of the start of the scheme was already as much as was estimated in 2001. It is not that the entire exercise of the board has gone in vain. If the Delhi government takes proper initiative from the central government on this, then the target will be achieved.



Financial innovation—specifically stablecoins—is viewed as a promising tool for yuan internationalisation amid the growing influence of US dollar-linked cryptocurrencies in global finance, said the sources.

Diabetes and vision loss: What every senior must know this World Senior Citizens' Day

New Delhi:Diabetes is one of the most common causes of preventable blindness worldwide. On the occasion of World Senior Citizens' Day, let's draw attention to what every senior should know to protect their vision. Elderly people are especially vulnerable since the longer diabetes is present, the more likely serious eye problems are to develop.

High blood sugar levels can damage tiny blood vessels in the eyes, giving rise to conditions that gradually impair vision and may not show obvious preliminary symptoms.

To seniors, vision protection means more than good eyesight; it means independence, mobility, and quality of life. This is why it is so important to know how diabetes affects the eyes and what can be done to protect them.

Common eye problems caused by diabetes

Diabetic retinopathy – damage to the retina attributable to leaky or blocked blood vessels.

Diabetic macular oedema – swelling of the central area of the retina leading to blurry or distorted vision.

Cataracts – diabetes increases the development and progression of cataracts.

Glaucoma – increased



intraocular pressure that can damage the optic nerve.

These conditions may not be felt in the form of pain or perceived loss of sight, which is why regular eye tests are very important for diabetic seniors.

Expert advice: regular visits can really save your vision!

Dr. Samina Zamindar, MS, DO (Ophth), CPQIH (adv), CMD - Zamindar Microsurgical Eye Centre, Bangalore said: “Diabetes can make you blind; one out of three diabetic patients develops retinal damage. An annual eye check-up is a must to detect this damage early and

treat it. Also, this is a sign that similar damage has started in other organs of your body, hence strict control of your diabetes, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia conditions. If you wait till your central vision gets affected, you might be late in preventing damage to your retina

due to diabetes.” How seniors can protect their eyes from diabetes damage

Schedule annual eye exams: A dilated eye exam once a year can detect early changes before vision is affected.

Control blood sugar: Keep HbA1c within target range to prevent vessel damage.

Control blood pressure and cholesterol: High blood pressure and cholesterol harm the eyes and hasten the onset of complications.

Maintain a balanced diet: Eat plenty of greens, include foods high in omega-3 fatty acids, and limit sugar intake.

Stop smoking: The sooner one stops, the faster one can witness favourable results in eye disease.

Alert your doctor about any symptom: from blurred vision to floaters and even difficulties seeing at night, do not let any of the above go unattended.

Your sight can be saved from diabetes through early detection and care. By bringing their blood sugar under control and having annual eye checkups, seniors can greatly reduce their risk of becoming blind. If treated on time, most eye-related issues due to diabetes can be controlled, and vision can be preserved.



Can artificial nails cause psoriasis? Doctor explains the nail damage link

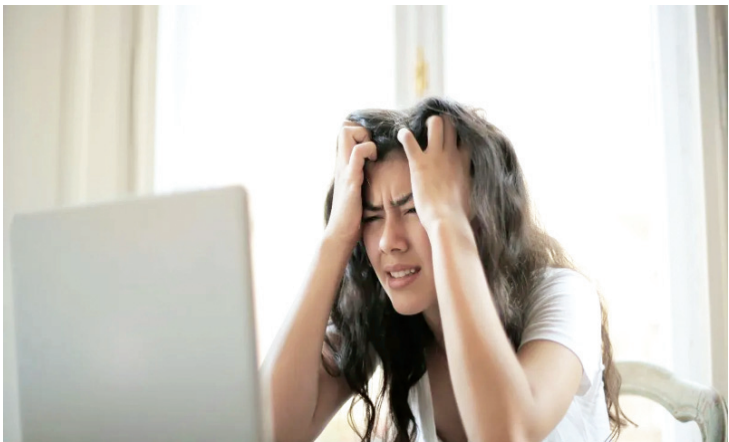
New Delhi:The relationship between damage from artificial nails and the development of psoriatic lesions is related to a well-known dermatological principle called the Koebner phenomenon.

Originally described in 1872, the Koebner phenomenon describes the formation of lesions due to micro-trauma to the skin. Whether the result of poor application, excessive filing of the nail bed, or even the removal of artificial nails/extensions with an aggressive technique, it leads to physical micro-trauma. This injury can kick-start the inflammatory process in a genetically susceptible individual that rekindles a dormant psoriatic pathway. The nail matrix is a very vascular and immunologically active area of the body and provides a favourable area for psoriatic inflammation to plan.

Cortisol hormone test: Meaning, types, price, normal range, timing and home test guide

New Delhi:Have you heard of the stress hormone? It is called cortisol. As an essential hormone, cortisol is made by the adrenal glands sitting atop the kidneys. It is called the stress hormone because cortisol levels rise in response to stress.

Apart from dealing with stress, cortisol is responsible for the regulation of critical activities in the body. It includes blood sugar concentration, blood pressure, energy balance, and metabolism. In case cortisol action is impaired, the body is unable to stabilise itself when stressed physically or emotionally. Cortisol is a steroid hormone. When cortisol levels are too high or too low, huge health



problems can arise. Excess cortisol may induce weight gain, high blood pressure, anxiety, and sleep disturbance, whereas low cortisol can cause fatigue, muscle weakness, and hypotension. Hence, cortisol levels must be kept in balance to ensure health, hormonal balance, and well-being.

What is a cortisol test? A cortisol test is the name given to a medical investigation in which the level of cortisol in a person is measured. Because the stimulus level is supposed to change throughout the day, the test, therefore, is used by physicians to judge whether the adrenal glands are functioning

well. The cortisol test may indicate if the body is producing an overabundance of hormone (which may point toward Cushing's syndrome) or too little hormone (which may point toward Addison's disease or adrenal insufficiency).

The test is often recommended by doctors when there is unexplained fatigue, weight increase or decrease, hypertension, or hormonal alteration. The obtained test can be that which is analysed in blood, a 24-hour collection of urine, or a saliva sample, depending on the disorder being analysed. Stress-related and endocrine disorders can be identified early by cortisol tests, as they are widely used in differential diagnosis.

Diabetes: Types, symptoms, causes, tests, treatment and prevention

New Delhi:Diabetes is a disease in which your body struggles to process blood sugar, or glucose. Normally, your body transports blood sugar into your cells, where it is converted into energy, using the hormone insulin. However, this process malfunctions in people with diabetes.

Sugar accumulates in the blood as a result, which over time can damage your heart, kidneys, eyes, and nerves.

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What is diabetes? Diabetes is a chronic health condition where the body either does not make enough insulin or cannot use it effectively. This causes high blood sugar, which can dam-

age organs over time. The main types are Type 1, Type 2, and Gestational Diabetes.

Types of diabetes
Type 1 diabetes: Children or young adults are usually the first to develop type 1 diabetes. It has nothing to do with lifestyle or diet. It is an autoimmune disease in which the body's defence mechanism unintentionally targets the pancreatic cells that produce insulin. Insulin must be taken daily for people with Type 1 diabetes to survive.

Type 2 diabetes: Although it typically affects adults, more children are developing type 2 diabetes as well. connected to lifestyle factors such as having a family history, being overweight, or not exercising. Healthy eating, exercise, and occasionally medicine or insulin can help manage it.

Gestational diabetes: The



mother's body may have trouble using insulin due to hormones from the placenta. usually disappears once the baby is born. However, there may be a greater chance of Type 2 diabetes in the future for both mother and child.

Diabetes prevalence in India

According to the ICMR?INDIAB study, about 11.4% of India's population now has diabetes—this translates to over 100 million people. Urban prevalence stands at 17.2%, while rural areas are catching up at 9.4%.

A comprehensive meta-analysis (covering 1972–

2019) showed that diabetes rates jumped from 3.3% to 19.0% in urban areas, and from 2.4% to 15.0% in rural areas.

National NCD survey data also reveal that urban diabetes prevalence is over 14.3%, compared to 6.9% in rural regions. A broader global context: India hosts around 212 million diabetics—more than any other country.

Urban vs Rural Divide
Historically, urban areas had around twice the diabetes rates of rural areas.

But over time, lifestyle changes and urban influences are making the rural-urban gap narrower. Rural diabetes went from 2–3% decades ago to nearly 15% now—cities are not that far ahead anymore.

Why diabetes is rising in young people

Type 2 Diabetes in Younger Adults

A study (STRIDE?I) in southern India reported a steep increase in Type 2 diabetes among younger people: from 4.5% to 7.8% over ten years. Older adults rose from 28.4% to 34% in the same period.

Even more striking, the rate of increase was much higher among the youth—120% rise in new cases, compared to 150% in older adults; relatively, that's a bigger jump in the younger group.

Risk factors? More families have a diabetic history, weight gain, less activity, and more sedentary routines—all pushing youth into early diabetes.

Type 1 Diabetes in Children

In Ranchi, cases of Type 1 diabetes among children under 14 have climbed from single digits to 12–15 cases annually now.

