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## Prime Minister Rabuka's Visit To India Is Adding A New Chapter In The Relations Between The Two Countries: Prime Minister

#### Agency

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Fiji Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka at Hyderabad House on Monday. The two leaders discussed ways to further strengthen the long-standing ties between India and Fiji. PM Modi and Fiji PM Rabuka addressed a joint press conference after the bilateral talks. Several important MoUs were exchanged following the India-Fiji bilateral

Addressing the joint press conference, PM Modi said, "I welcome PM Rabuka and his delegation to India. In 2014, after 33 years, an Indian Prime Minister set foot on Fijian soil. I am very happy and



proud that I had this good fortune. At that time, we started FIPIC. That initiative has given new strength not only to India-Fiji relations, but also to our connection with the entire Pacific region and today with this visit of Rabuka ji, we are adding a new chapter to our

mutual relations."

He further said, "India and Fiji share a deep bond of affinity. In the 19th century, more than 60,000 indentured brothers and sisters from India have contributed to Fiji's prosperity with their hard work and sweat. They have added

new colours to Fiji's social and cultural diversity. They have continuously strengthened Fiji's unity and integrity and at the same time, they have also remained connected to their roots and preserved their culture. Fiji's tradition of Ramayana Mandali is a living proof of this. I welcome Prime Minister Rabuka's announcement of Girmit Day; it is a tribute to our shared history."

Prime Minister Modi said that we have decided to strengthen mutual cooperation in the field of defense and security. An action plan has been prepared for this. To strengthen Fiji's security, India will provide assistance in training and equipment. We are ready to share our experience in the areas of cyber

security and data protection. We are unanimous that terrorism is a big challenge for the entire humanity. We express our gratitude to Prime Minister Rabuka and the Fiji government for their cooperation and support in our fight against terrorism. We have decided that Indian teachers will be sent to teach Hindi and Sanskrit in Fiji University and Fiji's Pandits will come to India for training and will also participate in the Geeta Mahotsav.

PM Modi said that we have taken many important decisions in our talks today. We believe that only a healthy nation can be a prosperous nation, so we decided to build a 100-bed super specialty hospital in Suva. Jan Aushadhi Kendras will be opened, which will make cheap and high quality medicines available to every home.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) posted, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka of Fiji, our important South Global and FIPIC partner, at Hyderabad House.

Let us tell you, Fiji's Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka arrived in New Delhi on Sunday 24 August. This was his first visit to India in this position. Prime Minister Modi also organized a lunch in honor of Rabuka. The Prime Minister of Fiji visited Raj Ghat and paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

**African market** will be the solution to tariff Kanpur exporters have a turnover of about Rs 2500 crore in the US. After the imposition of tariff, the city's small exporters are expected to be affected the most. In view this crisis, exporters are turning towards African countries. According to export experts, there is a huge demand for leather products, garments, daily use items, equipment and safety products in countries like Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya and Nigeria. The specialty of these countries is that there is a huge scope for exporters with small capital investment here. Alok Srivastava, Assistant Director of Federation of Indian **Export Organizations** (FIO), said that many Indian traders are active in the African

market, who help

Indian exporters. This

increases the possibili-

ties for small exporters even more. It is estimat-

ed that orders may start coming from African countries in the next two

months. Asian markets

are also a target: Not just

the African market, the

city's exporters have

also started contacting

buyers from Asian coun-

tries like Thailand,

Singapore, Malaysia and

Vietnam. Already, about

Rs 500 crore worth of

business is linked with

these countries, but now

small exporters have

also started exploring

possibilities here.

# Jharkhand Finance Minister presents 4,296 crore supplementary budget

**DB** Reporter

Ranchi: Amid a walkout by the Finance Minister Radhakrishna Kishore presented the supplementary budget, asserting that the Hemant Soren government's financial management remains robust. He said the supplementary budget of 4,296.62 crore has been introduced to lay a foundation that brings relief and happiness to rural residents.

The House passed the supplementary budget through a voice vote. The minister informed that the main budget stands at 1.45.400 crore, with more than 38,000 crore allocated under establishment expenditures.

The minister highlighted that the government has allocated more funds to establishment expenditure in the main budget. In the plan head, 23,799 crore has been are robust, tax management is spent in just four and a half months, which accounts for trol, accounting and reporting nearly 26.5% of the allocationtwo to two-and-a-half percent higher than last year.

In terms of revenue collection, the state has achieved ?33,707 crore-about 27% of the targetwhich the minister described as a



that by August 2024-25, only 18,137.19 crore, or 23%, had been spent.

According to the finance minister, the state's financial management is so strong that it has not yet needed to borrow from the remains well below the 3% limit. If required, the state can borrow up to 18,000 crore from the mareffective, spending is under conare streamlined, and fiscal discipline is strong," Kishore said. However, he expressed concern

that in the last four and a half months, the state has received only 17% of its share of central

major achievement. He noted The minister stated that the government has placed special emphasis on agriculture. From 2001 to 2018-19, agriculture spending amounted to ?15.887 crore, which rose to ?26,464 crore between 2019-20 and 2025-26.

market. The fiscal deficit Similarly, water resources have been a priority. Between 2001-02 and 2018-19, ?30,173 crore was spent, while in the past six ket. "Our budget and planning years alone, ?11,069 crore has been utilized for irrigation management.

Explaining the need for the supplementary budget, Kishore said it is necessary to provide additional funds to meet emerging requirements. The state expects 1,476 crore from the Centre, while 1,642 crore will come from surrendered funds.

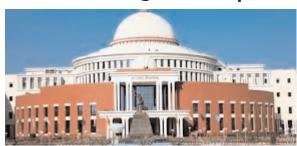
The treasury will bear an additional burden of 1,177 crore, out of which 832 crore will be met through surrendered pension funds. This leaves a financial impact of 345 crore.

The finance minister also pointed out that the state has no shortage of funds. Keeping money idle in PL (personal ledger) accounts, he said, is not healthy financial practice. Between 2010-11, PL accounts held nearly 22,000 crore, of which 4,000 crore has been deposited into the treasury in the past four and a half months.

Citing Labour Department data. Kishore said there are about 8 lakh registered unemployed youths in Jharkhand. Over the past five years, the government has provided employment to 1.5 lakh of them.

He acknowledged that excessive rainfall poses the biggest challenge at present, with nearly two lakh acres of crops damaged. Referring to the Maiyya Samman Yojana, he clarified that it is not a free seed distribution scheme but one aimed at ensuring dignity and respect for women.

### **CAG Reports Tabled in Jharkhand Assembly** Govt failed to submit utilization certificates for 1.33 lakh crore Central gramt: Report



**DB** Reporter

Ranchi: The Jharkhand government failed to submit utilization certificates for ?1.33 lakh crore in central grants within the stipulated timeframe. In addition, it has not provided details of expenditure related to an advance withdrawal of ?4,891.72 crore. These findings have been highlighted in the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).

Three CAG reports presented in the Jharkhand Assembly during the Monsoon Session, including one related to the state's financial accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024. The report stated that the gov-

ernment is required to furnish utilization certificates for central grants after the conclusion of each financial year. However, the audit revealed that despite receiving 1.33 lakh crore in central assistance, the state did not provide the mandated certificates to the Centre on time. For this expenditure, the state was supposed to submit 47.367 utilization certifi-

The report also noted a sharp decline in central assistance to Jharkhand over the past four years. In 2019-20, central grants accounted for 21.06% of the state's revenue, but this figure dropped to 10.40% in 2023-24.

### inspects under construction convention centre at Smart City,

#### **DB** Reporter

Ranchi: Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Monday inspected the site of the convention centre under which is construction under the Smart City project at Dhurva in Ranchi. On the occasion, the Chief Minister took information from the officials about various aspects related to the convention centre. The officers informed the Chief

Minister that the construction work of the convention centre was started in the year 2018 under the Smart City



Project, but the project was stopped midway. Officials informed that under this project, a convention cen-

tre with a seating capacity of 5,000 people was to be constructed. On the occasion, Chief Minister

### CM Hemant Soren unveils book on Baba Baidyanath Jyotirlinga in Jharkhand Assembly

Ranchi/DB Reporter: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, along with MLA Kalpana Soren, formally released the book "Baba Baidyanath Jyotirling Deoghar - A Touch of the Divine in the Jharkhand Assembly on Sunday.



The book has been authored by the state's Advocate General, Rajiv Ranjan.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister extended his congratulations and best wishes to Rajiv Ranjan, appreciating his effort in documenting the religious, cultural, and historical richness of one of the most revered Jyotirlingas in the country.

## Atal Pension Yojana Has Achieved A Big Milestone, 8.11 Crore People Have Registered So Far

#### **DB** Reporter

New Delhi: Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has achieved another major milestone on its 10th anniversary. According to the central government, a total of more than 8.11 crore people have been registered under it till August 21, 2025, out of which more than 1.17 crore new subscribers have been added in the financial year 2024-25 alone. This year the scheme has crossed the fastest ever figure of 50 lakh registrations, in which 46 percent of the registrations are from youth between 18 and 25 years.

It is worth noting that Atal Pension Yojana is a social security scheme launched by the Government of India,



which was implemented on 1 June 2015. The objective of this scheme is to provide financial security to the workers of the unorganized sector in old age. At the APY Annual Award Ceremony organized by the Pension Fund

Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), Chairman S. Ramanna called upon all stakeholders to continue working towards building a pensioned society with dedication. He described the cooperation of the banking sector as important and informed that the asset under management (AUM) of APY is more than Rs 48,000 crore and its average annual growth rate (CAGR) has been 9.12 percent since its inception. He especially appealed to private banks to increase efforts, improve policy consistency and promote financial literacy. The scheme is being implemented in all states and union territories across the country. It is becoming increasingly popular among women and youth. In the financial year 2024-25, 55 percent of the total registrations have been women. Among public sector banks, Bank of India (126 percent), State Bank of India (123 percent) and Indian Bank (118 percent) were among the top performers, while Punjab & Sind Bank (106 percent) and Union Bank of India (103 percent) also succeeded. Among private banks, IDBI Bank performed the best with 145 percent achieve-

Among Regional Rural Banks

(RRBs), Jharkhand State Rural Bank (393 percent) and Tripura Gramin Bank (351 percent) set records, while Punjab Gramin Bank (157 percent), Andhra Pradesh Gramin Bank (152 percent) and Assam Gramin Vikas Bank (149 percent) also performed remarkably. APY has now become a reliable retirement solution for crores of people in the country. PFRDA, in collaboration with banks and post offices, reiterated its commitment to make this scheme reach every eligible citizen and ensure a safe and respectable future for all.





## Sex Racket Busted in Medininagar, Seven Women and Four Men Arrested

<u>DB Reporter</u> Medininagar (Palamu): In a significant crackdown, Medininagar police have busted a sex racket operating in the town and arrested 11 individuals, including seven women and four men. The operation was carried out on Sunday near Sadiq Manzil Chowk under the leadership of Town Police Station In-Charge. Jvoti Lal Raiwar, whose vigilance and prompt action led to the exposure of the illegal trade. Although sex rackets are not uncommon in many cities across the country, the revelation of such activities in a relatively backward district like Palamu



What is even more disturbing is the exploitation of poor and vulnerable women, lured into the trade with false promises and monetary temptations. Police have confirmed that the mastermind behind the racket, identified as Sunita Devi, has been booked under stringent sections of law and is being sent to jail. Meanwhile, the other individuals apprehended are being released on personal bonds, pending further investigation.

Exploiting Women's Helplessness

Investigations have revealed shocking details. Sunita Devi, the mastermind, had been running the racket for the past two years. Once a daily-wage laborer herself, she gradually entered

the flesh trade and later expanded into trafficking. She primarily targeted women facing extreme financial hardshipswidows, those abandoned or harassed by their families, or women otherwise trapped in vulnerable situations. Using their helplessness as leverage, she coerced them into the trade for her own profit. Police sources have also indicated that efforts are underway to identify other individuals connected to this network. Authorities have assured strict action to dismantle such operations and protect women from being exploited under the shadow of poverty and compulsion.

# Palamu Administration Cracks Down on Illegal Hospitals and Clinics

<u>DB</u> <u>Reporter</u> Medininagar (Palamu):

The Health Department in Palamu has launched a strict drive against illegally operating hospitals and clinics following the directives of Deputy Commissioner Sameera S. Civil Surgeon Anil Kumar Srivastava informed this in a press conference, stating that a three-member monitoring team has been constituted to conduct monthly inspections across all blocks.

The team will include the local Circle Officer, the



Block Medical Officerin-Charge, and the Officer-in-Charge of the respective police station. A complete list of registered hospitals and clinics has already been prepared and handed over to block medical officers to ensure strict action

against unregistered or

illegally run establish-

ments.
The move comes in the

infant's death.

wake of a tragic incident at KGN Clinic in Nawa Bazar, where a twomonth-old infant died during treatment. Allegations suggest that clinic operator Dr. Yasin administered a wrong injection, leading to the

## M P Manish Jaiswal Highlights Key

## Interventions During Monsoon Session 2025

**DB** Reporter

has raised serious concerns.

Hazaribagh: Member of Parliament from Hazaribagh, Manish Jaiswal, addressed a press conference on Monday at his MP Seva Karyalaya in Hazaribagh city, following the conclusion of the 2025 Monsoon Session of Parliament. He shared details of his participation and raised concerns over the repeated disruptions caused by the Opposition.

Jaiswal noted that the Monsoon Session, held from July 21 to August 21, had 21 working days. Despite widespread disruptions, he ensured 100% attendance and submitted a total of 105 starred and unstarred questions, of which 40 were selected through lottery. These included 32 constituency-specific questions and 8 of national relevance. Additionally, 19 Zero Hour interventions were submitted, with five selected for debate-



although only one, related to the Sahara India issue, was discussed due to frequent adjournments caused by Opposition protests.

He raised questions across various ministries including Environment, Education, Skill Development, Home Affairs, Minority Affairs, Civil Aviation, Road Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Labour, Agriculture, Commerce, IT, Renewable Energy, AYUSH, Health, Housing and Urban Affairs, Railways, and Earth Sciences. Notable issues highlighted included the use of AI in tradi-

tional medicine, organizing a Youth Spiritual Summit in Jharkhand, installation of CCTV cameras in railway coaches, curbing drug trafficking in the state. reducing excessive pesticide use, establishing an archaeological museum in Chauparan, developing a corridor at the Chhinnamastika temple, halting illegal coal mining, increasing train stoppages in the region, promoting tourism in Hazaribagh, addressing displacement issues, improving bird safety near wind turbines, achieving full literacy by 2030.

# DC Aditya Ranjan Emphasizes Quality and Inclusive Education in Review Meeting

DB Reporter

**Dhanbad:** Deputy Commissionercum-District Magistrate Aditya Ranjan chaired a comprehensive review meeting of the Education Department at the Collectorate auditorium, focusing on strengthening the quality and inclusivity of the district's education system.

During the meeting, the DC conducted a detailed agenda-wise review of various educational initiatives, stressing the need for effective implementation and outcome-oriented approaches. He emphasized the importance of quality education, inclusive learning environments, and continuous monitoring of infrastructure and academic activities across government schools.

Key areas reviewed included the condition of Block Resource Centres (BRCs), basic infrastructure in government schools, biometric attendance of teachers and staff, availability of smart classrooms, ICT labs, library facilities,



eco-clubs, sports activities, and midday meals (MDM). He directed officials to ensure timely distribution of books and completion of plantation drives in all schools.

All BRPs, CRPs, and Block Education Officers were instructed to regularly inspect schools and report any issues promptly to the district headquarters for swift

The DC also discussed the upcoming Railways recruitment examinations scheduled for October, which

across the district. He instructed BDOs, Circle Officers, District Education Officers, and school heads to ensure effective coordination and monitoring for the smooth conduct of the exams.

Further, he stressed improving attendance of both students and teachers and noted a positive trend in attendance over the past month. He directed the use of the e-Vidya Vahini portal to monitor teacher attendance consistently.

# Capacity Building Workshop for Zoo Keepers of Eastern India Begins in Jamshedpur

DB Reporter

Jamshedpur: A four-day Capacity Building Workshop for Zoo Keepers of Eastern India was inaugurated today at the Centre for Excellence, Jamshedpur. Sponsored by the Central Zoo Authority (CZA), Government of India, the workshop aims to enhance the skills and knowledge of zoo keepers across the region.

ed by Shri S. R. Natesha, IFS. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Government of Jharkhand. Also present were Shri Saba Alam Ansari, IFS, Conservator of Forests & Divisional Officer, Forest Jamshedpur, and Captain Honorary Amitabh, Secretary of the Tata Steel Zoological Society

The event was inaugurat-



(TSZS). In his welcome address, Captain Amitabh expressed gratitude to CZA for selecting Tata Steel Zoological Park as the host and reaffirmed the park's commitment to wildlife conservation and education. He emphasized the significance of such platforms in professional development for zoo personnel. Addressing participants, Shri Natesha lauded the

initiative and highlighted several projects of the Forest Jharkhand Department, including proposed zoos at Giridih and Dumka, and a Tiger Safari near Palamu Tiger Reserve. He also recounted a recent tiger rescue and translocation operation, showcasing the department's evolving capabilities in wildlife management. The workshop covers topics such as animal care, veterinary practices, record keeping, immunization, snake biology, mock drills, and disaster preparedness. A field visit to Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary is also scheduled.

With 34 participants from 23 zoos across Eastern India, the workshop provides a valuable forum for collaboration and learning in the field of zoo management.

# Why is the State Government Avoiding a CBI Probe Asks MLA Pradeep Prasad

**DB** Reporter

Hazaribagh: Hazaribagh Sadar MLA Pradeep Prasad, along with fellow BJP legislators, staged a strong protest at the Jharkhand Assembly premises on Monday, demanding a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the brutal killing of Surya Hansda. The protest was led by BJP State President and Leader of the Opposition, Babulal Marandi.

Addressing the media during the protest, MLA Pradeep Prasad questioned the silence of the Jharkhand government over ordering a CBI investigation into the incident. "This is not just a murder-this is a grave question on the law-and-order situation of the state. A government that claims to represent the tribal community has failed to protect one of its own sons, allegedly killed by the police," he said. He added that the incident highlights the state government's

inability to maintain public safety

and law enforcement. "Despite

being a tribal-led government, the identity and safety of tribal citizens are under threat. Only an independent CBI investigation can ensure justice in this case."

MLA Prasad also affirmed that the BJP will continue its fight for

justice-both inside the Assembly

and out on the streets. "We will

not rest until the victim's family



receives justice and the guilty are punished with the harshest possible sentence," he asserted. Appealing to the public, Prasad urged citizens not to remain silent

Appealing to the public, Prasad urged citizens not to remain silent in the face of injustice. "Staying quiet on the murder of Surya Hansda is nothing short of a betrayal of justice," he concluded

## SP Ajay Kumar Holds Crime Review Meeting in Ramgarh, Issues Key Directives

DB Reporter
Ramgarh: SP Ajay
Kumar convened a crime

Kumar convened a crime review meeting at the SP Office Auditorium in Ramgarh, focusing on improving policing efficiency and public service delivery across the district.

During the meeting, SP Kumar reviewed court-related matters, use of intelligence networks, and pending and sensitive cases, including those involving murder, POCSO, arson, Naxal



activities, cyber fraud, NDPS violations, and property crimes like theft, robbery, and burglary.He directed police officers to listen to public complaints at police stations and outposts with seriousness and ensure their swift redressal. Officers were instructed to conduct daily morning meetings, ensure biometric attendance, and profile active TSPC/PLFI members and repeat

offenders recently released from jail.Instructions were also given for timely disposal of warrants, summons, passport and character verifications, pending items in the malkhana (evidence room), and cases from the PG Portal commissions. Emphasis was placed on resolving POCSO and rape cases within two months, verifying crimigangs, updating CCCTNS forms, and installing CCTV cameras

under CRPC Section 144 or BNSSSA Section 163. Other key directives included ensuring compensation for hit-and-run victims, timely action on Dial 112 complaints, uploading fingerprint data to NAFIS, and using the e-Sakshya app under the new criminal laws. The SP also stressed on conducting awareness campaigns for traffic rules and road safety, and initiating intensive raids against gambling, illegal liquor, and drug ped-

### Grizzly School Shines at CBSE East Zone Yogasana Championship 2025-26

DB Reporter

Koderma: Students of Grizzly School, Tilaiya Dam, delivered an exceptional performance at the CBSE East Zone Yogasana Championship 2025-26, held from August 4 to 8 at Scholar High Boarding School, Ramgarh. The Under-17 Boys Group Event teamcomprising Love Kumar Sharma, Shubham Kumar Rana, Diwakar Kumar, and Ayush Kumar-secured third place, bringing pride to the school and district. In individual categories,



Love Kumar Sharma clinched first place in Individual Yogasana and second place in Under-17 Artistic Yogasana. Tejas Kumar Vishwakarma earned fifth place in the Under-14 Artistic Yogasana category, qualifying for the national championship.

Both Love Kumar Sharma and Tejas Kumar Vishwakarma have been selected to represent the East Zone at the CBSE National Yogasana Championship, scheduled from September 13 to 16, 2025, at Shriram Global School, Karnal, Haryana.

# Deputy Commissioner Reviews Progress of Education Department Schemes

#### **DB Reporter**

Hazaribagh: In a district-level review meeting held at the Collectorate auditorium on Monday, Deputy Commissioner Shashi Prakash Singh thoroughly examined the progress of various schemes under the Education Department and issued important directives to officials.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed the department to submit detailed activity reports and implementation schedules for the Annual Work Plan and Budget 2025-26 for the Samagra Shiksha program within one week. He also urged officials to expedite the enrollment process at Jharkhand Girls' Residential Schools and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Residential Schools.

The meeting emphasized increasing biometric attendance of teachers and ensuring 100% student attendance marking on the e-Vidvavahini portal. Preparation for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) payments for uni-



forms for students from Class 1 to 8 was also highlighted.

Officials were directed to complete SDMIS data entry under U-DISE within a week and textbook distribution entries on the EVV portal within three days. The formation of Eco Clubs and achieving 100% targets for plantation drives by August 31 were also

Further, the Deputy Commissioner empha-

sized timely completion of entries related to the Chief Minister's Swachh Vidyalaya Abhiyan and rail examination data by August 31, warning that negligence would lead to identification and action against the concerned schools.

All officers present were instructed to ensure that benefits of all schemes reach the students on time and that all tasks are completed within the stipulated deadlines.

## After pressure from MLA Roshan Lal, the formation of displacement commission is possible soon

#### **DB Reporter**

Barkagaon: The longstanding demand for the formation of Displacement Commission Jharkhand is likely to materialize soon, thanks to the consistent efforts of Barkagaon MLA Roshan Lal Chaudhary. His persistent advocacy on the issue in the State Assembly has pushed the government towards action.

Raising the matter in the Assembly on August 4, 2025, MLA Chaudhary highlighted the disparity in compensation, rehabilitation, and resettlement policies arising from differing land acquisition laws in the state. He emphasized that despite the cabinet's July 2024 decision to form a Displacement Commission within 90 days, no progress had been made.

Responding to his query,

Department of the Revenue, Registration, and Land Reforms informed the Assembly that a draft of the Jharkhand State Displacement Rehabilitation Commission Rules, 2025 has been prepared. The process to implement the

currently underway. Speaking on the development, MLA Roshan Lal Chaudhary

rules and formally estab-

lish the Commission is



"Displacement is the most painful issue affecting Barkagaon and the entire state. I've raised this matter both on the streets and in the Assembly to ensure justice for displaced fami-Once Commission is formed, it will help secure rightful compensation and rehabilitation for thousands affected by land acquisition across Jharkhand."

### Police Raid Illegal Gambling Den in Ichak, Six Arrested, Over 1.19 Lakh Seized

#### **DB** Reporter

Ichak: Acting on a tipoff, Ichak police conducted a raid on an illegal gambling den operating in Barkakala village under Ichak police station limits. The operation led to the arrest of six individuals and the seizure of ?1,19,960 in cash along with six bundles of playing cards. Addressing a press conference on Monday, Additional SP Amit Kumar informed that police had received

confidential information about large-scale gambling taking place in a secluded building in Barkakala. A special raid team was promptly formed under the leadership of Ichak Police Station In-Charge Rajdeep Kumar. During the raid, police successfully apprehended six gamblers while several others managed to flee, taking advantage of the darkness and heavy rainfall. The arrested individ-



uals have been identified as Pradeep Mehta (40), Ganesh Prasad Mehta (42), Bengali Prasad Mahato (52), Anil Mehta (28), Rahul Kumar (26)residents of

Barkakala-and Rajan Kumar (25) from Kurha

village.A case has been registered under Ichak P.S. Case No. 123/25, Sections 112 of the IPC and Section 13 of the Public Gambling Act. Police are currently identifying other suspects and locations involved.

## **Urea Shortage and Rain Hit Farmers:** Memorandum Submitted to Minister

#### **DB Reporter**

Ramgarh: Sudhir Manglesh, Chairman of the Dulmi Block 20-Point Committee and District Spokesperson cum Media Chairman, met Jharkhand Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperation Minister Shilpi Neha Tirkey on Monday to highlight the severe challenges faced by farmers in Ramgarh district. He submitted a memorandum outlining the crisis.

The memorandum states that farmers in the region are grappling with a severe shortage of urea. Due to



limited availability through official channels, farmers are being forced to buy urea from the open market at exorbitant prices ranging from

?500 to ?600 per bag. This has significantly increased their input costs, pushing them further into financial distress.

## Workshop on Mental Health Organized at Radha Govind University

#### **DB** Reporter

Ramgarh: A workshop on mental health was organized by the Training and Placement Cell at Radha Govind University on August 25, 2025, in the university's seminar hall. The event aimed to raise awareness among students about the importance of mental well-being in today's demanding academic and professional environments.

The welcome address was delivered by Registrar Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kumar Mandal, who greeted the guests and emphasized the importance of time management, discipline, and goal-oriented efforts for student success. The keynote speaker was Karmveer Singh, CEO of Healing First, Ranchi. He guided students through various mental exercises and techniques to manage stress effectively. Over 100 first-year students actively participated in the session.



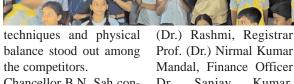
Chancellor B.N. Sah congratulated the Training and Placement Cell for organizing the workshop. Secretary Priyanka Kumari, in her address, highlighted the critical need for mental health awareness among students. Placement Cell Coordinator Dr. Prashant

Kumar noted that mental health challenges are increasingly prevalent among youth and that such workshops are essential for their personal and professional development. The event was coordinated by cell member Manoj Karmali. Also present were Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi, Finance Officer Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Controller of Examinations Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar, and other university officials, faculty members, and students.

### Radha Govind University Students Shine at Ramgarh District Yoga Competition

#### **DB Reporter**

**Ramgarh:** Students from Radha Govind University made a remarkable mark at the Ramgarh District-Level Yoga Competition held on August 24, 2025, at Shri Guru Nanak Public School, Ramgarh. Participants from various educational institutions across the district showcased their skills in the event.Khushi Kumari from the Department of Mathematics, Priya Kumari from BPES, and Shubham Verma from the Yoga Diploma program secured gold medals with their dedication, discipline, and exceptional performance. Their yoga



Chancellor B.N. Sah con- Dr. Sanjay Kumar, gratulated the students on Controller their achievement and wished them success in their future endeavors. University Secretary Priyanka Kumari appreciated the students' consistent efforts and expressed joy over their growing excellence in yoga, extending best wishes for their future competitions. Vice-Chancellor Prof.

Mandal, Finance Officer

Examinations Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Management Committee Member Ajay Kumar, Head of the Department of Physical Education Dr. Aman Verma, and Head of the Department of Mathematics Dr. V.K. Pandey also congratulated the students for their outstanding performance.

## Mosquito Nets and Bed Sheets Distributed to 40

## W omen Labourers by Prajwala Mahila Mandal in Sijua

#### **DB** Reporter

Sijua, August: Under the guidance of Mrs. Mili Dutta, President of Diksha Mahila Mandal, and in collaboration with Prajwala Mahila Mandal, a welfare event was organized near the Old Sijua Area Office in the premises of the Staff Recreation Club. During the event, 40 women daily wage workers were provided with mosquito nets and bed sheets, keeping in view the increased threat of mosquitoes during the



monsoon season. The distribution was carried out by Mrs. Sharmistha Chakraborty, President of Prajwala Mahila Mandal. Speaking on the occasion, Mrs. Chakraborty empha-

sized the group's commitment to supporting the underprivileged and marginalized sections of society. "Prajwala Mahila Mandal continues to work

for the upliftment of the

poor, the voiceless, and the needy. These efforts are made possible under the able leadership of Mrs. Mili Dutta," she stated. The event was also attended by Mrs. Bhashwati Kundu, Mrs. Rekha Kumar, and other active members of the organization, who extended their support to the noble cause.

Such initiatives reflect the ongoing commitment of women-led groups toward community welfare and grassroots support.

#### "I Will Renovate Chanpur Crematorium and Senior Citizens' Office" - Aruna Shankar



**DB** Reporter Medininagar (Palamu): As part of her "ChainPur Charcha" campaign, Palamu's first Mayor Aruna Shankar visited the office of the Senior Citizens' Committee in Chainpur, where she met and honored the elderly members with traditional angavastras. During the interaction, she patiently listened to

their concerns assured prompt action. The members requested repair and renovation of their office building. Responding immediately, Mayor Shankar instructed her staff to undertake repair and painting work, stating, "These elders are our guardians; their office must be well-maintained."

Rain Destroys Home in Panki's Bankheta Family Forced to Live Under Open Sky



#### **DB** Reporter Medininagar (Palamu):

In a heartbreaking incident, the mud-and-thatch home of Saurabh Kumar Singh in Bankheta village, under Panki block, collapsed around 2 a.m. on Sunday night due to heavy rainfall. The family was asleep at the time but miraculously escaped unharmed. However, the collapse has left them homeless and struggling to survive under the open sky amid the ongoing monsoon.The family's modest home housed their entire living arrangementincluding the kitchen, sleeping area, and shelter for elderly and children. With its destruction, they now face severe hardship,

and aged members forced to sleep outdoors in harsh weather. Local villagers expressed concern over the family's situation, pointing out that they have not yet received assistance under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana or the state's Abua Awas Yojana. "This tragedy could have been avoided with timely housing support," a resident said. The family has appealed to local authorities for urgent help, demanding immediate relief from the Disaster Relief Fund and permanent housing. "We are completely homeless," said Saurabh Kumar Singh.

### in Theft Case, Sends Him to Jail Koderma Police Arrests Accused

#### **DB** Reporter

Koderma: Koderma police have arrested an accused in connection with a recent vehicle theft case and sent him to jail. The incident occurred on the night of August 11, 2025, when unidentified individuals stole a stepney (spare



wheel) from a Toto vehicle parked near

Jalwabad and Lokai under the Koderma police station area. Following the theft, a formal complaint was lodged on August 12 by Umesh Yadav, a resident of Jalwabad. Acting swiftly on the complaint, the police launched an investigation and successfully arrested one of the

accused within 24 hours. The arrested individual has been identified as Santosh Kumar Yadav, alias Rahul Yadav, son of Dinesh Yadav, a resident of Barsotiyabar village in Koderma.

He has been charged under Koderma Police Case No. 145/25.

# India and Fiji's aspirations are in the same boat: Modi

Modi said after a meeting with his Fijian counterpart Sitiveni Rabuka here on Monday that even though the two countries are separated by oceans, our aspirations are in the same boat.

Hyderabad House here between India and Fiji, 8 agreements were signed and 17 declarations were made. The two countries signed agreements related to health, education, agriculture, cyber security, standardization and defense cooperation. In this, the establishment of a superspecialty hospital in Fiji, supply of medicines, skill devel-

New Delhi, Agency: opment and cooperation in Prime Minister Narendra implementing quick impact projects are important. The two countries also signed agreements to build human resources capacity, technical cooperation and increase mobility.

announcements The During the meeting held at include the visit of the Indian Navy to Fiji, appointment of defense attaché, gift of ambulances and medical services, establishment of cyber security training center and supply of drones and mobile soil testing labs in the agriculture sector. Under religious, educational and cultural cooperation, Hindi-Sanskrit teachers, training of pandits, Jaipur foot camp and appointment of



cricket coaches will be done. Apart from this, special medget entry in the Fiji market.

Foreign Ministry spokes person Randhir Jaiswal told X ical facilities will be provided Post that Prime Minister under the 'Heal in India' pro- Modi and Fiji's Prime gram and Indian 'ghee' will Minister Rabuka held exten-

During this, discussions were held on strengthening the relations between India and Fiji in areas like defense, trade, health care, agriculture, mobility, people-to-people relations and advancing a shared vision for a strong and prosperous Indo-Pacific region. Both the leaders exchanged MoUs in various fields including health care, capacity building, mobility, standardization, ICET and business cooperation.

Prime Minister Modi also welcomed Fiji as a member country in the IPOI Forum. Fiji's Prime Minister Rabuka is on an official visit to India from 24 to 26 August. Today

Hyderabad House today. he held extensive discussions with Prime Minister Modi on mutual cooperation. Both leaders took a tough stand against terrorism and agreed to increase mutual coopera-

The joint statement issued after the talks said that both the leaders emphasized on climate change, strengthening the voice of the Global South and giving

priority to peace, stability and development in the Indo-Pacific region. Fiji reiterated its support for India's permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council. Prime Minister Rabuka expressed gratitude for India's hospitality.

# India to set up 100-bed super specialty hospital and Jan Aushadhi Kendra in Fiji

New Delhi, Agency: India Modi said in the press conference will build a 100-bed super specialty hospital in Fiji's capital Suva. Apart from this, it will also set up dialysis units, marine ambulances and Jan Aushadhi Kendra so that affordable and quality medicines can reach every home. Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave this information in a joint press conference with Fiji's Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka at Hyderabad House here on Monday. Earlier, Prime Minister Modi and Fiji's Prime Minister Rabuka had a detailed discussion on further

that there has been a long history of intimacy and cultural connection between India and Fiji. He reminded that in 2014, after 33 years, an Indian Prime Minister set foot on Fiji's soil and he is proud that he got this good fortune. He said that at the same time, the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) was launched, which gave new strength to India-Fiji relations as well as to the connectivity with the entire Pacific region. The Prime Minister said that this visit of strengthening bilateral relations Prime Minister Rabuka is adding and MoUs related to cooperation a new chapter to bilateral relain various fields were exchanged. tions. Underlining the contribu-Prime Minister Rabuka is on a tion of the Indian-origin indenthree-day official visit to India tured community settled in Fiji, from Sunday. Prime Minister he said that more than 60 thou- in the health sector, Prime sary to work together on it.



sand brothers and sisters who went from India in the 19th century played an important role in the prosperity of Fiji. Welcoming the declaration of 'Girmit Day' by Prime Minister Rabuka, he called it a tribute to the shared history and the struggle of previous generations.Discussing cooperation

Minister Modi announced that a 100-bed super specialty hospital will be built in Suva, the capital of Fiji. Apart from this, dialysis units, marine ambulances and Jan Aushadhi Kendras will also be established so that affordable and quality medicines can reach every home. Regarding cooperation in the field of defense and security, the Prime Minister said that an action plan has been prepared under which India will provide training and equipment to strengthen Fiji's maritime security. Along with this, both the countries will also share experiences in the field of cyber security and data security. He also said that terrorism is a big challenge for the entire humanity and it is neces-

# busted, 3 accused arrested

International cyber fraud gang



NewDelhi, Agency: has also revealed that The Central Bureau Investi gation (CBI) has arrested 3 people while busting international cyber crime gang being run from India to defraud American citizens. According to the CBI, the names of the arrested accused are Jigar Ahmed, Yash Khurana and Inder Jeet Singh Bali. The CBI conducted Chakra-IV to end this fraud, which was carried out in collaboration with the US investigation agency FBI. In the raid, the CBI has recovered 85 hard disks, 16 laptops, 44 mobile phones and many lakh has also been this call center, peohouses of the accu sed. Many more areas related to them have been searched and the scope of investigation is being continuously expanded. The CBI investigation cal support company.

this gang used to transfer the money earned from fraud from one country to another through virtual currency (crypto) so that it becomes difficult to trace it. The CBI registered

a case on August 18 after several complaints in this matter and started a rapid investigation. From August 20, raids were conducted at several places in Amritsar and Delhi. 34 people were caught redhanded from an illegal call center named M/s Digicaps The Future of Digital located in Global To wer opposite Kha lsa objectionable docu- College of Women in ments. Apart from Amritsar. During the this, cash worth Rs 54 activities going on in recovered from the ple of America were cheated by calling

them. This gang was active since 2023 and used to call people of America by introducing itself as a techni-

## Students should not leave the country, use their knowledge and skills for the progress of India: Shivraj Singh

New Delhi, Agency: should not leave the counster attended the 12th convocation of IISER, appe aled to the citizens to ad opt indigenous products Bhopal, 25 August (H.S.). Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan on Monday attended the 12th convocation of the Indian Institute of Science Edu cation and Research (IISE an uncle. 'My sons and occasion, he made an emodents and said that they you have to earn your talent.

Union Agriculture Mini try but use their knowledge and skills in the progress of India. He also appealed to the citizens of the state to use indigenous products.

Agriculture Union Minister Chauhan, while addressing the ceremony, said that he felt divinity IISER. I have come here as



livelihood. Yes, but do not after seeing the campus of leave the country. I am saying this from my heart that it is important to try R) in Bhopal, the capital of daughters, also set a big to make your knowledge Madhya Pradesh. On this goal in your life. This is useful for your country. such a prestigious insti- India is progressing so tional appeal to the stu- tute, I do not need to say, fast, we have no dearth of

Minister said that India's old scholarship still gives try, will strengthen our us the light of knowledge and it is the duty of new Prime Minister Narendra researchers to take this Modi has appealed and we legacy forward. India has should pay attention to knowledge, intelligence, that appeal. The Prime intellect, ability to work hard, but each one of you should not think that just by getting a job. This knowledge has to be used for our country as well as for the people of the country. He appealed to everyone to use only indigenous products in the things used in our daily life, this

The Union Agriculture will provide employment to the people of our couneconomy. He said that Minister has said that we should use indigenous pro ducts in our daily life.

He said that for small and resource limited farmers, emphasis was laid on integrated farming. In which farmers can incr beekeeping, animal husbandry and diverse crop management.

## Opposition wants to criminalize politics: BJP

New Delhi, Agency: nalize politics. Bharatiya Janata Party said on Monday that while the whole country is welcoming morality and good governance on the 138th Constitutional Amendment Bill in Parliament, the opposition is against this

In a press conference at (BJP) national spokesper- the BJP headquarters, son Shahzad Poonawala Poonawala spoke about the three bills introduced by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, including the 138th Constitutional Amendment Bill aimed at ensuring accountability in politics.

He said that the Modi bill. He alleged that the government has introduced opposition wants to crimithe 138th Constitutional



Amendment Parliament to remove the real unrest prevailing in Indian politics. This bill is a weapon to fight against corruption and criminalization in politics.

If a person holding an executive position, be it the Prime Minister, Chief Minister, or any Union or State Minister, is he will be removed from his post.

## Challenge to victory on Diamond Harbor seat: Abhishek Banerjee filed reply affidavit in High Court

Kolkata, Agency: Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP from Diamond Harbor Lok Sabha seat in West Bengal, Abhishek Ban erjee, on Monday filed a counter affidavit in the Calcutta High Court. This affidavit has been filed in response to an election petition challenging his massive victory in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Now the next hearing of this case will be on September 4.

Abhishek Banerjee reached the High Court at around 11 am on Monday and was present there for about 15 minutes. During this, he signed some necessary documents and filed his affidavit. Several Trinamool Congress lawyers present in the court premises welcomed him and also took photographs with him.

Significantly, BJP candidate Abhijit Das (Bobby) had filed a petition in the High Court challenging the 2024 Lok Sabha election results. The petition alleges that there were widespread electoral irregularities in the Diamond Harbor seat and the election results are not valid.



Abhishek Banerjee won this election by a record 7 lakh 10 thousand 930 votes, which is the biggest margin ever in West Bengal. This was his third consecutive victory. Last April, after a delay of seven months, the High Court, while hearing the case, directed the Election Commission and the District Election Officer to preserve all election-related material such as data, CCTV footage and digital records.

On August 19, the court had warned that if Abhishek Banerjee does not file a reply, a unilateral order can be passed against him.

## ED arrested TMC MLA in teacher recruitment scam

Kolkata, **Agency:** Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday arrested Trinamool Congress (TMC) MLA Jiban Krishna Saha in connection with the teacher recruitment scam in West Bengal. Before the arrest, the ED raided Saha's residence in Bartra in Murshidabad district for more than five hours.

During the raid, the MLA tried to escape by jumping over the wall and tried to destroy the evidence by throwing his mobile phone into a drain among the bushes. But the central security forces deployed outside the house caught him. Later, ED officials recovered the mobile phone from the drain. During interrogation, it also came to light that Saha used two mobile phones, one of which he tried



to hide. According to the ED, Saha is being brought from Murshidabad to Kolkata, where he will be produced in the Bankshall court and his custody will be sought.

Notably, Jivankrishna Saha was also arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the same recruitment scam in the year 2023. At that time also he had thrown his two mobile phones in the pond, which were recovered by taking them out of

the water. After spending about 13 months in jail, he got bail from the Supreme Court.

While the CBI is investigating corruption in this case, the ED is investigating money laundering and financial transactions in it. On Monday, several ED teams simultaneously raided across the state. Search operations were conducted at several locations in Kolkata, Murshidabad and Birbhum districts.

ED officials also searched the house of MLA Saha's in-laws (Raghun athganj) and the house of his wife Togor Saha. Apart from this, raids have also been conducted at the residence of Maya Saha, councilor of Sainthia Municipality of Birbhum district and MLA's aunt.

# Editorial

Tata Steel Celebrates 119

## Years of Building a Nation

On this day in 1907, in the town of Sakchinow Jamshedpur-a bold industrial dream began to take shape. Tata Iron and Steel Company (TISCO), envisioned by the pioneering Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata, laid the foundation not only for a steel plant but also for industrial India. As Tata Steel marks its 119th Foundation Day, it continues to stand as a symbol of resilience, innovation, and nation-building.

Jamsetji Tata's vision was ahead of its time. At a time when few believed in India's industrial potential, he dared to dream of a steel plant that would empower a young nation. Tata Steel, India's first integrated steel plant, emerged not just as a manufacturing giant but as a force for social progress and inclusive growth.

From the outset, Tata Steel defined its success not merely by production output or profits, but by its social impact. Long before concept of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) became mainstream, the Company invested heavily in the welfare of its workers and communities. Guided by the founder's philosophy that "the community is not just another stakeholder in business but is in fact the very purpose of its existence," Tata Steel's CSR initiatives touched 5.77 million lives across India in FY 2024-25.

Over the past century, Tata Steel has weathered world wars, economic crises, and rapid technological shifts. It's evolution-from a single-location operation to a global steelmaker with a diversified product portfolio-has been powered by resilience and innovation. In recent years, the Company has sharpened its focus on sustainable growth. FY 2024-25 saw the commissioning of India's largest blast furnace at Tata Steel Kalinganagar and progress in low-emission steelmaking with electric arc furnace projects underway in Ludhiana and Port Talbot

Tata Steel has committed to achieving netzero carbon emissions by 2045. It is advancing this goal by investing in green technologies, renewable energy, digital transformation, and circular economy prac-

As it steps into its 120th year, Tata Steel remains steadfast in its mission: to drive progress that serves both society and the planet. It continues to lead by examplestrengthening industry, uplifting communities, and shaping a sustainable future.

# India's secular culture is in crisis

Many Indian thinkers believe that India's secularism can survive only if governments maintain a principled distance from all religions, or promote them equally. But they are expecting too much from politicians. As recently, the Chief Minister of Assam (and Hindutva follower) asked: "How can Himanta Biswa Sarma be secular? I am a staunch Hindu. Similarly, how can a Muslim be secular? He is a staunch Muslim." Today, after another Independence Day, let us consider whether we really want to end our secular legacy....

**Bhanu Dhamija** 

The most memorable moment in modern Indian history... Independence, which came 78 years ago this month... was also one of our most painful moments. For the first time in history, India, a country where pluralism flourished for millennia, was divided along religious lines. Partition cast a dark shadow over our pluralistic, multicultural society. Today, sadly, many Indians consider secularism a bad word, and the country is hell-bent on becoming a Hindu nation. Before it is too late, let us rethink this situation and reclaim our world-renowned heritage of religious tolerance, equality and respect for diverse

#### Imagine what loss will happen to India if secularism ends.

About 4000 years ago, our Vedic sages coined the idea that 'Truth is one, and the wise call it by different names.' This simple idea led our ancestors to thousands of years of unparalleled progress and prosperity. It allowed people of all kinds of beliefs...pantheistic (Hindus), atheists (Charvakas), material-(Ajivikas), atheists (Buddhists) and spiritualists (Jains)...to live and prosper together. In the third century B.C., at the peak of our prosperity, Emperor Ashoka adopted Buddhism, but issued a decree: "One should respect the religion of others...by doing so one helps one's own religion to prosper and at the same time serves the religion of others." Buddhism took this Indian philosophy to almost all of Asia and eventually to every continent on the face of the earth. In 1937, a Chinese statesman, Hu Shi, lamented that "instead of sending troops to conquer China culturally, India sent only a few missionaries."

These pluralistic traditions



survived despite the violent conquests of Muslim rulers around the eighth century. Some Muslim emperors, such as Aurangzeb, brutally persecuted other religions, but others, such as Akbar, respected them. Akbar appointed people from different religions to his cabinet and promoted a syncretic religion (Din-i

When the British came to India in the 18th century, there was still a deep brotherhood between Hindus and Muslims. In 1857 they together revolted against the British and symbolically united under the leadership of Bahadur Shah Zafar, the last Mughal emperor of India. Both Hindu and Muslim rulers like Rani Lakshmibai and Begum Hazrat Mahal fought against the British.

India's secular culture continued even during the freedom struggle. The 1916 pact between Motilal Nehru and Mohammad Ali Jinnah, who represented the Congress and the Muslim League respectively, was hailed as a symbol of Hindu-Muslim cooperation. Gopal Krishna Gokhale, a Brahmin and Congress leader, called Jinnah the 'best apostle of Hindu-Muslim unity'. When Mahatma Gandhi led the freedom struggle, he took religious solidarity to new heights. He said, "My Hinduism is not communal. It includes the goodness of all religions, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism and Zoroastrianism, which I like

But this ancient relationship came under deep strain after India's independence. The turning point had come a decade earlier, when Jawaharlal Nehru refused to accommodate any Muslim League leader in the provincial governments formed by the Congress Party in 1937. It was not that Nehru was against Muslims, he simply did not want representatives of communal parties in government. But this harsh, one-sided decision made Jinnah angry and vindictive, and every attempt to bring him back to nationalist ideology failed thereafter. Jinnah raised the slogan 'Islam is in danger' and united Muslims for a separate nation called Pakistan.

Partition dealt a severe blow to goodwill between independent India's two largest communities. Hindutva came into the mainstream in the 1990s and is now India's leading political movement. Today, many Hindus are rallying behind Hindutva, which aims to establish Hindu hegemony in the form of a Hindu nation.

The followers of Hindutva feel that the Muslim minority is not committed to the welfare of India. This feeling is hardening day by day and is turning into hatred. And as is natural in the feeling of hostility, it is spreading reciprocally. Today, it is hard to deny that many Muslims and Hindus in India fear and even hate each other.

If India wants to retain its centuries-old values ??of multiculturalism, this negative cycle of hatred based on religion must end. Since Hindutva is now politically dominant, it is important that any form of religious appeasement or persecution be constitutionally banned.

# Worshiping Vinayak on Ganeshotsav destroys all physical and mental obstacles

Ganeshotsav has a deep significance in the lives of all of us Indians. During the ten days of Ganesh Utsav, Ganpati Bappa is installed in every house and devotees worship him with all their heart. The tradition of installing Ganpati on the first day and immersing him on the last day makes this festival special. This year Ganeshotsav will begin on 27 August and end on 6 September. Ganesh Chaturthi will be celebrated on 27 August. On this day Lord Ganesha will be installed. This festival lasts for 10 days, in which Ganesh immersion is done on Anant Chaturdashi.

Lord Shri Ganesha has extraordinary importance among the gods. Our body has five sense organs, five organs of action and four inner organs. The powers behind them are called fourteen deities. The original motivator of these gods is Lord Ganesha. Lord Ganesha is the symbol of the word Omkar. Lord Ganesha is the destroyer of obstacles. Therefore, by worshipping him, all the tasks are completed without any obstacles. Lord Ganesha is the son of Uma-Maheshwar. He is the God of Ganas. He is the form of Swastik. He has infinite names. Worshipping him brings knowledge, marriage, children, wealth, success, joy and happiness.

Wednesday is considered the best day for worshipping Lord Ganesha. Ganesha is considered the god of wisdom. Hence, worshipping him on Wednesday has special importance.

According to astrology, Mercury gives wealth and wisdom to Ganesha. Hence, by worshipping him, Ganesha resides in the house of his devotees along with his wives Riddhi-Siddhi and sons Shubh-Labh.

Wednesday is also the best day for worshipping Gods for wisdom and success, because this day is considered a special day for worshipping Lord Mercury in addition to Lord Ganesha, the giver of wisdom.

From a religious point of view, Mercury is considered to give wisdom and prosperity. The auspicious effect of Mercury gives success in business, knowledge, concentration and good memory as well as relief from unnecessary tensions. By worshipping Lord Budh on Wednesday, all the bad effects of planet Mercury are destroyed and worshippers get the desired results.

#### **Importance of Ganesh** Chaturthi in human life

The tradition of celebrating Ganesh Chaturthi fast in India is very ancient. But in Maharashtra, this festival is celebrated with more importance and joy, it is the gift of the kings of that place. According to historians, Ganesh Puja was given more importance in Maharashtra during the rule of the great hero of the Maratha Empire, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, i.e. from 1627 to 1680. After this, the Peshwa empire was established in the entire Maharashtra province under the leadership of Bajirao Peshwa. It is

favorite deity of Bajirao Peshwa. why Ganeshotsav was celebrated with joy for the last time in the Peshwa Empire in 1815.

After the fall of the Peshwa kingfrom 1818 to 1892, Ganeshotsav was limited to the families of Maharashtra only. But the public worship of Lord Ganesha was started in Pune in 1893 (1893) by Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak. Through the Ganeshotsav festival, he tried to unite various provinces, castes, languages ??and cultures. Bal Gangadhar Tilak was successful to a great extent in his objective. He made Ganeshotsav a symbol of independence. Since that time, not only in Maharashtra, but also in other provinces of the country, grand idols of Ganesha are installed.

At present, not only in Maharashtra, but also in other provinces, Ganeshotsav is celebrated with devotion and gaiety. On the occasion of Ganeshotsav, various images of Indian art and culture are seen. Colourful programs are presented everywhere at night. On the last day of Ganeshotsav, the idols are immersed with great pomp in river banks, lakes or sea.

Ganeshotsav is also celebrated with devotion in foreign countries. Lord Ganesha is an integral part of Indian culture. Therefore, since ancient times, Ganpati is worshipped first to complete the work without any obstacles. Whoever worships Lord Ganesha with devotion, never

said that Shri Ganesh was the faces obstacles. This is the reason Ganesh Chaturthi Ganeshotsav is being celebrated in foreign countries since ancient times. It is true that there was a time when the holy festival of Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated with great pomp in countries like Japan, China, Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaya and Mexico. The abundance of Ganesha idols found in these countries is also a proof of this. In that period, Ganesh Puja was recognized worldwide and Lord Ganesha was accepted as the President of the Republic.

The faith of devotees towards Lord Ganesha, the first worshipped among the gods and the destroyer of obstacles, is not less even in foreign countries. In Britain, the non-resident Indians celebrate this festival with full rituals. In London, Ganeshotsav was first celebrated in the year 2005 in the Vishwa Hindu Mandir by an organization called Hindu Culture and Heritage Society. Ganesh pandals were made here and idols of Ganapati were installed in them and worshipped with full rites and rituals.

Why is Lord Ganesha worshipped

Why is Lord Ganesha the first to be worshipped? Why was he chosen to be worshipped first among the thirty-three crore gods and goddesses? How did he get such a great honour? Why is Ganesha worshipped first in every religious ceremony?

Actually, there are different sto-

ries in different Puranas about the origin of Ganesha and his being worshipped first. Some of these have similarities in specific contexts. If we talk about the Ramayana period, then Goswami Tulsidas ji remembers Lord Ganesha in the first Mangal Shloka of the composition of Shri Ramcharitmanas and Varnaanamarthasanghanaam Rasaanaam Chhandasaampi. Mangalanaam Cha Kartaarau Vande Vanivinayakau? Meaning: I worship Mother Saraswati and Lord Ganesha, who created letters, meaning groups, emotions, verses and auspicious words.

There is a very interesting story about why Lord Ganesha is worshipped first. According to the story, once there was a dispute between the two brothers Shri Ganesh and Kartikeya in front of Lord Shiva about who is the elder among the two. Hearing this, Lord Shiva said that the one who first circumambulates the entire universe with his vehicle and returns to me, will be considered the elder. On hearing this, Lord Kartikeya set out to circumambulate the universe on his vehicle peacock. But Lord Ganesha, sitting on his vehicle mouse, circumambulated his parents and first stood in front of them with folded hands. He said that my circumambulation is complete. Because my world lies in my parents. Hearing this intelligent answer of child Ganesh, Lord Shiva was so pleased that he gave the boon of being the first to be worshipped to Shri Ganesh ji.

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New Delhi, Agency: India's retail inflation data India will start sourcing price data directly from e-commerce firms, including Amazon and Walmart Inc.owned Flipkart to overhaul its benchmark inflation gauge, in an attempt capture shifting consumption habits and address the concerns that the current data is outdated.

The statistics ministry has begun scraping prices from e-commerce websites in 12 cities with populations above 2.5 million and is in talks with platforms to access data directly," Saurabh Garg, secretary of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, said in an

more robust by accounting for prices on online platforms as their share in household spending rises. The shift mirrors a global trend, with countries from the United States to South Korea integrating scanner and online prices into inflation measures.

India had about 27 crore online shoppers in 2024, a figure projected to grow 22% annually, according to a private study.

Online > Offline

E-commerce is a growing share of household spending the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey shows it's significant enough to be reflected in the The move could make Consumer Price Index (CPI)



basket, Garg said, adding that the aim is to make the index more representative and timely.

E-commerce firms are average prices of goods with a new CPI series is rolled out

the government, which will then be cross-checked against a broader dataset to guard against any skews.

The additional being asked to share weekly sources will be included when

early next year, which will an investment survey and also see a shift in weightages. more frequent employment The revamp of the index will also include data on airfares and streaming-media prices from online sources, which are dominant in these consumption segments.

A recent consumption survey showed that Indians were spending a lower share of their budget on food.

Statistical Overhaul

The changes in sources and items in the new CPI is one of several major statistical upgrades planned over the next couple of years, including a new GDP series with an updated base year of 2022-23, Garg said.

Earlier this year, India's statistics ministry launched credibility."

reports, which some economists have questioned for their accuracy.

Garg said the government has nearly doubled the households surveyed for monthly employment reports from about 45,000 earlier.

"The larger sample for monthly periodic labour force survey, thus, ensures that even on a monthly basis, the estimates are precise and robust for making informed decisions," he "Furthermore, the measurement framework is aligned with internationally recognised standards, ensuring comparability and

### Online Gaming Bill 2025: Gaming regulation shake-up puts billions in VC investment at risk; investors to figure out 'what can be done next'

New Delhi, Agency: The central government's ban on realmoney gaming is creating challenges for venture capital investors, as startups valued at nearly \$15 billion and having raised around \$2 billion try to figure out their next

steps.
"We've made huge investments and are bound to face major capital losses... at this point though the efforts are towards finding out what can be done next," a New Delhibased venture capital investor, who has backed real-money companies, was quoted as saying by ET. "Realmoney gaming companies, essentially, are consumer platforms with a large user base that can be leveraged for other offerings," the investor said. WinZO, one of India's top social gaming platforms, has removed all games affected by the new Online Gaming Regulation Bill, 2025. Following this, other major gaming companies have made similar moves. Dream11 has ended all paid contests to operate only as a free-to-play platform, and Games24x7 has halted real-money



games on My11Circle.

While Dream Sports, the parent company of India's leading fantasy sports app Dream11, is piloting a wealth management product, WinZO Games is entering the US market and introducing microdrama content.Dream11 has also informed the BCCI that it cannot continue as Team India's title sponsor due to revenue losses, reported PTI.Global and domestic investors like Tiger Global, Z47, Think Investments, Peak XV Partners, and Malabar Investments have backed firms such as Dream Sports, MPL, Games24x7, and Zupee, all of which are now facing regulatory challenges.

## Billionaire bought \$43 million house of ex-boss who passed him over for promotion, razed it to the ground

**New Delhi, Agency:** Billionaire David Tepper was recently in the news for selling three AI stocks while loading up on Nvidia. Tepper, 67, is known for being a shrewd businessman, owner of the Carolina Panthers, one of Wall Street's best investors – and a man who doesn't forget a slight easily. The last point can be best illustrated by a famous incident involving Tepper.

In 2010, the American hedge fund billionaire bought the house of a former boss who had passed him over for a promotion - and then razed it to the ground. According to a report in the Sydney Morning Herald, Tepper paid over \$43 million for the Long Island home of Jon Corzine, the former CEO of Goldman Sachs.

Once he had the property to his name, Tepper



demolished it and proceeded to build a mansion twice as large.

Passed over for a Goldman promotion

passed Tepper over for a promotion at Goldman Sachs. This happened after the 1989 market crash, which Goldman weathered thanks in large part to Tepper, according to a report in The New

York magazine.

Corzine was then the CEO but passed Tepper over for a partnership. Tepper quit the invest-Jon Corzine once ment firm soon afterwards and set up Appaloosa Management, a global hedge fund based in Miami Beach, Florida.

**Buying his ex** boss's house

Many years later, Tepper bought his former

boss's summer home in the Hamptons and tore it to the ground. He paid \$43.5million to Corzine's ex-wife for the property. According to the Daily Mail, it was the most expensive home sold in the Hamptons at the time.

One year after the property deal in 2010, he razed the 6,165 square foot mansion to the ground and proceeded to build a house twice as large. The construction took four years to complete and was widely documented at the time.

Tepper's new mansion covers an area of 11,268 square foot and has a view of the ocean, a pool and a tennis court.

When asked about his 'revenge' by the New York Magazine in 2010, Tepper grinned and said, "You could frame it that way. You could say there was a little justice in the world.

# RBI monetary policy hasn't lost sight of growth amid Ethanol-blended petrol push: Car inflation targeting, Governor Sanjay Malhotra says

Reserve Bank of India has not enforces President Donald "lost sight" of its growth Trump's additional 25% tariff objective, even as inflation hike on Indian imports, targeting remains its primary which would take cumulative mandate, Governor Sanjay levies to 50%-among the Malhotra said on Monday.

ly contributed in the strength growth, according of India's micro fundamen- Citigroup Inc. estimates. tals," Malhotra said at a banking industry event in shock, the central govern-Mumbai. "At the same time, ment is exploring ways to bolmonetary policy has not lost ster the domestic economy. sight of its objective of Prime Minister Narendra

New Delhi, Agency: The just two days before the US highest on any major econo-"The primary objective of my's products—and could monetary policy in terms of shave 0.6 to 0.8 percentage price stability has significant—points off India's annual

To cushion the tariff Modi announced earlier this



complex goods and services Malhotra's remarks come month plans to overhaul the tax, a move aimed at boosting

consumer spending.

RBI left the repurchase rate unchanged at its August policy meeting, as policymakers sought to assess the impact of tariff-related uncertainties on Asia's thirdlargest economy. Before that, the central bank had lowered the benchmark rate by 100 basis points since February.

However, benign inflation may give policymakers scope to ease further in the coming months if growth falters. In July, the inflation rate fell below the central bank's target band for the first time in eight years.

experts warn E20 petrol may reduce fuel efficiency by 2 to 5 percent; warn of long-term erosion impact

New Delhi, Agency: The adoption of 20 per cent ethanolblended petrol (E20) could lead to a 2-5 per cent reduction in efficiency,



depending on the type of vehicle, according to automotive industry experts.

India is fast-tracking its shift to E20 fuel, a mix of 20% ethanol and 80% petrol, aimed at lowering carbon emissions and reducing reliance on imported crude oil. The nationwide rollout, initially scheduled for 2030, has been moved up to 2025.

# Blue Star expects AC sales bump from GST rate cut, as well as 'short-term pain

Agency: Blue Star Ltd. expects AC sales to beat its own forecast this financial year, thanks to upcoming GST reforms, according to a top executive, underscoring the consumption optimism amid the threat of higher US tariffs.

The Chennai-based white goods maker, which had forecast growth of 10% to 15% in room AC sales vol-31, now expects an increase of up to 20% in India's

**Delhi**, price-sensitive Managing Director B. Thiagarajan told Reuters on Friday.

The eventual GST rate on ACs is not clear but it is now at the maximum 28%, so the planned cut should help dealers and manufacturers, who have struggled this year due to a cooler summer, he

"From 28% for ... ACs to (potentially) 18% is someumes for the year to March thing which nobody would dreamt have of," Thiagarajan said by phone.



"Now this is an extraordinary step, and it will boost demand especially in a year where the summer season has failed.

Modi, in his Independence Day speech on 15 August, announced GST reforms in India's biggest tax overhaul since 2017. That's aimed at boosting consumption in the world's most populous nation as trade tensions with the US grow. The GST Council, led by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, will decide on GST rationalisation when it meets early September.

The optimism masks a bigger problem: Indian com-

Prime Minister Narendra panies have seen the steep- manded a market share of est earnings downgrade in Asia amid the threat of US tariffs. GST reforms may do precious little to cushion the blow. A sustained 50% US tariff can cut India's GDP by 1 percentage point over time, even as GST rate cuts add 0.35-0.45 percentage points by FY27.Blue Star's unitary products business, which sells room air-conditioners and commercial refrigeration systems, made up nearly half its revenue of ?11,977 crore last year, when it com-

close to 14% in room ACs.To be sure, there is going to be short-term pain for Blue Star and the \$4 billion sector that also includes Tata Group's Voltas Ltd. and Japan's Daikin, as consumers postpone AC purchases until the GST rate cuts take effect.Industry watchers say electronics retailers could experience slow sales in the run-up to the Hindu festival of Diwali in October, by which time Modi said the cuts would take effect.

# Over 30 and hitting the gym? 5 medical tests doctors say you must not skip

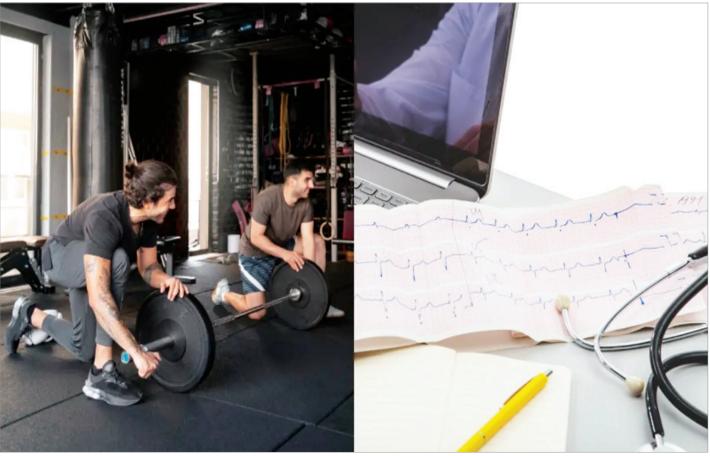
New Delhi:If you're over 30 and have a family history of heart disease or are beginning a new fitness regimen, you'd better undergo a basic routine cardiac work-up with a few tests. According to Dr M. Rao, Consultant Sudhakar Cardiology, Manipal Hospital, Sarjapur Road, some of these tests may be optional; a few of these tests are critical and cannot be skipped.

In this article, the doctor has explained which tests need to be done frequently if you go to the gym regularly and want to stay fit in the long run.

Routine cardiac tests

If someone in the family or a first-degree relative has a history of cardiac disease or premature coronary artery disease, it's important to undergo routine cardiac evaluation with fasting sugar and lipid profile to evaluate for risk factors. Sometimes additional cardiac tests like lipoprotein-a and hs-CRP may be helpful for risk stratification, based on which additional tests like CT coronary angiogram or treadmill tests may be recommended.

ECG (Electrocardiogram) A basic but powerful test, the



ECG records the heart's electrical like arrhythmias and help predict high voltage on the ECG may also signals. It can detect abnormalities the risk of sudden cardiac arrest. A predict underlying diseases like

hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, hypertension, or other rare muscle disorders. However, a normal baseline electrocardiogram does not necessarily rule out the possibility of future events.

2D Echo (Echocardiography)

This ultrasound scan provides live images of the heart, assessing its structure and function. It helps in ruling out conditions like hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, valve disorders, and other heart defects that might otherwise go unnoticed. It should be well reinforced that a normal baseline echocardiogram does not rule out the possibility of coronary artery disease.

Treadmill or Stress test

It is recommended that gymgoers, especially those over 40 years old, undergo a treadmill test to see if they are able to tolerate high-intensity exercises. If there are red flags, further medical intervention is required, and the person should not opt for high-intensity workouts. An early stress test after 30 years of age is recommended if there is a strong family history of coronary artery disease and someone is planning to start a fitness regime.

## Can low B12 worsen hypothyroidism? Pune doctor explains symptoms and treatment

**New Delhi:** Though there is no real cause-and-effect relationship per se (i.e., low B12 leading to thyroid problems), a strong association exists, especially with hypothyroidism and autoimmune diseases of the thyroid, such as Hashimoto thyroiditis.

In this article, Dr Arun Kamble, Consultant - Physician, Wanowire Ruby Hall Clinic, Pune, interpret this association as a possible vicious

Is there a link between Vitamin B12 deficiency and thyroid prob-

ied in association with vitamin B12 worse or more sustained symptoms. deficiency, which exhibits high prevalence in individuals with Hashimoto's thyroiditis has a similar autoimmune process that may also cause pernicious anaemia, which interferes with the body's ability to absorb B12 found in food.

Can low B12 make hypothyroidism symptoms worse?

lems. An individual with low-acting more anguish.



Hypothyroidism has been stud- thyroid and little B12 can have Effect on Thyroid:

Low levels of B12 may affect hypothyroidism. This is because the production and regulation of thyroid hormones.

Overlapping symptoms of low B12 and thyroid problems

The main reason why the link is not identified more often is that the symptoms of the two disorders are quite similar. An individ-Low B12 can aggravate the ual who develops such symptoms symptoms of hypothyroidism. Most can be labelled to have a problem symptoms are similar, e.g., fatigue, in the thyroid, and yet the B12 weakness, and neurological prob- deficiency is still there, causing

## Why do some people sweat more than others? Explained by a doctor

New Delhi:The body keeps its temperature in check by means of evaporation through sweat. But for some, it feels like the sweat glands have truly gone into overdrive, and they sweat even when others can stay dry. So the nagging question remains: why do I sweat more than others?

With this in mind, we interviewed Dr. Shrey Srivastava, the Senior Consultant-Internal Medicine at Sharda Hospital, Greater Noida. According to the doctor, the patterns seen in sweating may vary greatly and usually depend on several overlap-ping factors. Let's dig deep-

Genetics play a big role

"One of the major reasons why people sweat more than others is genetics," Dr. Srivastava said. If excessive sweating runs in the family, chances are higher that an individual will experience the same. He explained that some people are simply born with sweat glands that are

more active or respond more some people sweat during readily to heat, stress, or

The nervous system connection

Beyond genes, the body's internal wiring also matters. "The autonomic nervous system controls automatic functions, including sweating. If it is overly sensitive, it can trigger sweat even in situations where it isn't hormonal fluctuations can required," Dr. Srivastava drive excessive sweating," he

cooler weather or in moments of nervousness, when the body's stress response kicks in despite no physical exertion.

**Hormonal shifts can** make a difference

Hormones are another important factor. "Menopause, puberty, and pregnancy are stages where pointed out. This is why said. Stress hormones like to cool down," he explained.

adrenaline and cortisol can also make sweat glands more aggressive, especially in high-pressure or emotionally charged situations.

Body size and composition

Dr. Srivastava noted that body type can influence sweat levels, too. "People with larger body sizes or higher body fat percentages tend to sweat more because their bodies generate more heat and need more sweat

# Why monsoon affects insulin response and how diabetics can stay safe

New response changes during the monsoon, making blood sugar control in the season somewhat difficult. Diabetics can thus celebrate the season with an equilibrium of health, mindful eating, exercise, hydration, and constant monitoring. It is important to test your glucose levels regularly to keep them in check and quickly detect any irregularities.

With a few lifestyle changes, one can manage how different variables affect glycaemic control. According to Dr Vishal Tyagi, Consultant at Fytika Healthcare, the key lies in glycobalance: maintaining glucose steady despite seasonal tempta-

**Delhi:**Insulin celebrate the season with an equilibrium of health, mindful eating, exercise, hydration, and constant monitoring. Want to get more information on diabetes? We got you covered!

Eating strategies for diabetics in the rainy season

Fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables

Fresh seasonal green vegetables, which are low in starch, help in natural blood sugar regulation. Bitter gourd, tomato, bell peppers, aubergine, onion, mushroom, and spinach are some low-glycaemic vegetables that can be added to meals for better control.

Significance of complex carbohydrates

Refined carbohydrates tions. Diabetics can thus are digested quickly, caus-



ing rapid spikes in glucose whole grains, legumes, and giving continuous energy

levels. Instead, opt for com- high-fibre vegetables. Such and keeping blood sugar plex carbohydrates found in foods are digested slowly, steady for the day.

#### Avoid high sugar and junk foods

It is during the monsoon that fried and sweet snacks are really craved a lot, but they trigger instant spikes in sugar levels. Substitute them with nutrient-rich options like roasted nuts and seeds or herbal teas without any sugar added. These satisfy hunger without harming blood glucose levels.

#### Drink a sufficient amount of water

Hydration is often overlooked in the rainy season. Drinking enough water supports kidney function, flushes out toxins, and aids metabolic balance. Herbal teas and soups can be included, but avoid added sugar or too much salt.

# "Sports is a field that connects people": PM Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Monday, while addressing a joint press meet with Fiji PM Sitiveni Rabuka, emphasised that sports con-nect people, highlighting Rugby in Fiji and cricket in India as examples.

Rugby team head coach Waisale Serevi's role in Indian Rugby and said Indian coaches will help take Fiji's cricket team to new heights.

**New Delhi, Agency:** and cricket in India are prime examples. Fiji gave us the Star of Rugby 7 Waisale Serevi as coach of our rugby team, and now Indian coaches will help take Fiji's cricket team to new heights," PM Modi said in a joint press meet.

dia as examples. Serevi stepped in as head He also mentioned India's coach of the Indian Rugby men's and women's teams last year. Waisale Serevi is a Fijian former ugby union football player and coach, and is a member of the World Rugby "Sports is a field that con- Hall of Fame. Serevi is nects people, and rugby in Fiji renowned for his achieve-



ments in rugby sevens, while also enjoying a long career in fifteen-a-side rugby at both club and national team levels.

Renowned globally as the "King of 7s", he is widely considered to be the greatest rugby sevens player in the his-tory of the game. He was also an advisor on behalf of World Rugby to the International Olympic Committee, for the inclusion of Sevens Rugby in the Olympics.

A five-time Cup winner at the prestigious Hong Kong place playoff on Sevens, Serevi steered Fiji to Rajgir in Bihar.

their first World Series title in his first year as player-coach in 2005-06. His most recent stints in coaching are with the Rhinos Rugby USA, the Jamaica National Sevens Rugby Team, and the Russia National Sevens Rugby Team.

Earlier in this month, India's U20 Women's team capped off a memorable return to the Asia Rugby Emirates U20 Championship with a bronze medal, defeating Uzbekistan in the thirdplace playoff on home soil in

## Manu Bhaker finishes fourth in 25m pistol; India sweep women's junior event

New Delhi, Agency: Double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker finished fourth in the women's 25m pistol competition before the Indian shooters swept the junior event at the Asian Shooting Championship here on Monday.

Bhaker's compatriot Esha Singh ended sixth in the eight-women final with 18 points. Bhaker shot 25, four less than Vietnam's bronze medallist Thu Vinh Trinh (29).

India's shooters, however, thoroughly dominated the 25m pistol women junior final, with Payal Khatri claiming the gold with a total of 36, Naamya Kapoor (30) winning silver and Tejaswani (27) bagging bronze. They also won the qualifications, while Payal gold and silver medal Esha was second.



team silver after aggregat- entered the junior final in ing 1700, finishing behind sixth place. Korea and ahead of host nation Kazakhstan.

were one and two in the won the senior women's the precision stage, and

Earlier in the day, Chinese shooters Yueyue Naamya and Tejaswini Zhang and Jiaruixuan Xiao

respectively, the former prevailing 4-3 in the shoot-off after both were locked at 39 points.

The Indian trio of Bhaker, Esha Simranpreet Kaur Brar won the team bronze with an aggregate score of 1749, finishing behind China and South Korea.

Esha topped the women's 25m pistol qualifications, finishing ahead of Bhaker and the two Chinese medallists Xiao and Zhang.

Bhaker, who won bronze medals in both the women's 10m air pistol individual and team events earlier in the tournament, was fourth in the women's 25m pistol qualification round after

### **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports invites** nominations for National Youth Award 2024

New Delhi, Agency: The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) on Monday invited nominations for the National Youth Award (NYA) 2024, aimed at recognising young individuals and voluntary organisations for their contribution to national development and social service.

According to a press release issued by the Ministry, the award seeks to motivate young persons aged between 15 and 29 years to excel in fields contributing to national development or social service; to encourage young people to develop a sense of responsibility to the community and thus to improve their own personal potential as good citizens; and to give recognition to the outstanding work done by voluntary organizations working with the youth for national development and/or social service.

The National Youth Awards are usually conferred during the award press release added.



National Youth Festival and are presented under two categories:

The number of awards given each year would ordinarily not exceed 20 for the individual category and five for the organisation category. It may, however, vary at the discretion of the sanctioning authority in deserving cases.

Award to individuals will comprise a medal, a certificate and award money certificate and

### It's great when we win for the country Elavenil Valarivan after clinching gold at Asian Shooting Championship

New Delhi, Agency: Indian shooter Elavenil Valarivan expressed her delight after clinching a gold medal in the 10m air rifle mixed team event at the Asian Shooting Championship 2025, stating that winning for the country is always a proud moment.

Elavenil, along with fellow Olympian Arjun Babuta, secured the top podium finish in the event held in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, on

"It's great when we win for the country and see so many people supporting us when we come back," Valarivan told media.

Valarivan and Arjun Babuta, I will continue to work on my both Olympians, dominated the People's Republic of China's Peng Xinlu and Lu Dingke in the final and won the contest 17-11 to land the top podium spot.

Pranav bagged a gold medal in the 10m junior air rifle mixed team event. He said he will continue to work on his progress and ensure India's flag rises on the Olympic

India in the Asian Championship. ence," Hurdya Sri Kondur said.



progress and ensure India's flag rises on the Olympic stage, Naren Pranav said.

Making her international debut, Hurdya Sri Kondur fin-In the junior category, Naren ished seventh and called the experience a valuable learning opportunity.

This was my first international competition. It took me some time to get settled, as everything stage.

"I feel great getting medals for experienced. It was a new experience "Hurdva Sri Kondur said."

### World Archery Youth Championships 2025: Sharvari Shende strikes gold as India's campaign ends with eight medals Winnipeg, Agency: qualification,

Sharvari Shende wrapped up India's campaign at the World Archery Youth Championships 2025 by striking gold in the Under-18 women's recurve event in Winnipeg, Canada.

The 16-year-old became just the third Indian world champion in the women's recurve category after according Olympics.com.

Sharvari, defied the odds stacked against her and orchestrated higher-ranked opponents en route to a memorable gold medal. She trounced the Republic of Korea's third seed, Kim Yewon, by 7-3 in the semifinals to earn a shot at the top podium finish. In the gold medal fixture, the Deepika Kumari (2011) and game went right down to and Sharvari held her was amazing. I'm just line read 5-5. The medal



Komalika Bari (2021), the wire as both remained nerves to return home with thinking that I will shoot inseparable after the score- a gold with a 10-9 victory.

The 20th seed after was decided in a shoot-off, champion Oh my God, it world champion or not.

my best. One arrow will Am I really the world decide if I'm going to be a

#### After being replaced by Ganguly in SA20, Trott joins Gulf Giants as head coach in ILT20

fit Gulf Giants have roped in former England top-order batter Jonathan Trott as head coach and ex-New Zealand tearaway Shane Bond as bowling coach for the upcoming season, replacing Andy Flower and Ottis Gibson, respectively.

Apart from serving Afghanistan's head coach, Trott was associated with the SA20 franchise Pretoria Capitals in the same position. On Sunday afternoon, Pretoria

New Delhi, Agency: ILT20 out- Capitals confirmed that former India Indian Premier League and Paarl captain Sourav Ganguly replaced Trott. In the last season, Trott struggled to conjure up the winning formula for the Capitals and saw his side finish second from bottom in the group

> In less than 24 hours, the former English batter announced his new journey with the Gulf Giants. On the other hand, Bond was recently associated with the Mumbai Indians and Rajasthan Royals in the cash-rich 2, 2025, to January 4, 2026.

Royals in SA20."The Gulf Giants have quickly become one of the ILT20's most successful teams. My goal is to empower players to excel and help shape a championship-winning squad through the first-ever ILT20 auction," Trott said in a statement as quoted from ESPNcricinfo.The ILT20 auction is scheduled to be held on September 30 in Dubai. The fourth season of the tournament will run from December

# Khalid Jamil's appointment as India Coach a matter of pride: AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey

Bengaluru, Agency: All Sports India Football Federation (AIFF) President Kalyan becomes a coach for India's national team, reflecting on Khalid Jamil's appointment as head coach for the Indian Senior Men's National Team.AIFF earlier this month confirmed the signing of Khalid Jamil for a two-year contract, with an option to extend for another year, as the head coach of the Indian Senior Men's National Team.

Jamil took charge of the national team on a full-time basis and began his first training camp on August 15 at the Dravid-Padukone Centre for

Excellence Bengaluru.

"I believe that our top pri-Chaubey believes it is a matter ority is to have confidence in of pride that an Indian ourselves. When an Indian becomes [Khalid Jamil] a coach for India's national team, it is a matter of pride for us," Kalyan Chaubey told the media.

Jamil's first assignment with the Blue Tigers will be the CAFA Nations Cup, where India will face Tajikistan (August 29), Iran (September 1) Afghanistan (September 4) in Group B. In the October FIFA Window, India will play two crucial AFC Asian Cup 2027 qualifying matches against

Singapore (October 9 and



AIFF on Khalid's appointment, believes that he will bring a significant difference in football for India."We have given an opportunity for an Indian coach to train the bring a great difference in football in our country," Haris

Jamil, the first Indian to since Savio Medeira in 2012, has extensive coaching expe-League and the I-League, managing clubs Jamshedpur FC, NorthEast United FC, Aizawl FC, East Bengal FC, Mohun Bagan AC and Mumbai FC. He sensationally led Aizawl FC to the historic I-League title in 2016-17.

Haris believed that being a former Indian player, Jamil

Indian players. Khalid Jamil would connect much better Miners reach the final of the has also been an Indian play- with the locals, and his Kalinga Super Cup 2025, and er. I am sure that we will integrity would also be of great support for the Indian

"The connectivity will also be much better with the local coach the men's national team Indians. He is connecting with Indians. His integrity this will bring a greater that way. Because an Indian is big difference for the players and for the entire atmosphere of football in our country," Haris added.The 48-yearold's most recent spell with Jamshedpur FC saw the Red

the semi-finals of the ISL Play-offs 2024-25 and the Kalinga Super Cup 2024. Jamil is a former India international with 15 caps to his name.

A midfielder, he made his would also be of great support debut in the 1997 SAFF rience in the Indian Super for the Indian team. I think Championship in Nepal, where India emerged champichange. I personally look at it ons. He was part of the Indian squads for the 2002 FIFA involved with the Indian World Cup Qualifiers and the team, it would surely make a 2001 Merdeka Tournament. In his club playing career, Jamil won the National Football League, Federation Cups and two IFA Shields Mahindra United.