



CM urges Coal Minister to return the land to the Raiyat after the mining work is complete



DB Reporter

Ranchi: Chief Minister Hemant Soren held a high-level meeting with Union Minister of State for Coal Satish Chandra Dubey in the Chief Minister's chamber at the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly on Tuesday. In the meeting, they discussed on various issues related to coal mining activities, environmental balance, providing employment to local people and regional development. On the occasion, the CM gave prominence to issues related to the interests of Jharkhand, participation of local people in mining areas, employment generation, environmental balance and revenue received by the state government. CM clearly said that after the mining work is completed, the Government of India should return the land to the

State Government so that the land can be returned to the original owners. The Chief Minister also clarified that priority should be given to rehabilitation of people, employment, environmental balance and development of infrastructure in mining affected areas.

On the occasion, Union Minister of State for Coal showed a positive attitude towards the points raised by the Chief Minister and said that the State and the Centre will together find a solution. He assured that keeping in mind the development of Jharkhand and the welfare of the people, the Central Government will provide all possible cooperation. Chief Secretary Alka Tiwari, Mines Secretary Arwa Rajkamal, Mines Director Rahul Sinha, CMD of CMPD Manoj Kumar, CMD of BCCL

Now the Chief Minister will have the right to appoint VC and Pro-VC of universities in Jharkhand

Ranchi. Five bills were passed one after the other in the Jharkhand Assembly on Tuesday amid mild opposition from the opposition. Those bills include Jharkhand State University Bill 2025, Jharkhand Vocational Education Institute (Fee Regulation) Bill 2025, Jharkhand Coaching Center (Control and Regulation) Bill 2025, Jharkhand Platform Based Gig Workers (Registration and Welfare) Bill 2025 and Jharkhand Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Special Exemption) Bill. The bills passed in the Jharkhand Assembly also include Jharkhand State University Bill- 2025. Under this bill, now the Chief Minister of the state will have the right to appoint to posts like Vice Chancellor (VC) and Pro-VC, Registrar, Controller of Examinations and Financial Advisor of universities. The state government will now also decide

on the reinstatement and promotion of teachers and non-posts in universities and colleges. Also, the Senate will be chaired by the Pro-VC or Higher and Technical Education Minister. The Senate will meet twice a year.

The bill will stop arbitrary fees in private educational institutions The Jharkhand Professional Educational Institutions (Fee Regulation) Bill-2025 was also passed in the Jharkhand Assembly. Now arbitrary fees can be stopped in the commercial private educational institutions of the state. According to this bill, now a strong regulatory framework will be established to regulate the fees of private professional educational institutions in the state. A fee regulation committee will be set up, which will determine the fee structure and work to stop arbitrary fees. Also, a grievance redressal mechanism will be established in these

institutions for the students.

State level authority will be formed to monitor coaching institutes

A state level authority will be constituted to crack down on coaching institutes in Jharkhand and monitor them. The related bill Jharkhand Coaching Center (Control and Regulation) Bill-2025 was also passed in the Assembly. Under this bill, apart from the state level, district level regulatory authorities will be established to monitor and regulate coaching centers in the state. Also, a mandatory registration system will be implemented for all coaching centers, students, teachers and mental health counselors. Coaching centers will be required to provide career guidance and psychological counseling services from registered mental health counselors. At the same time, the Jharkhand Micro, Small and Medium (Special Exemption) Bill-2025 was also

passed by the Assembly. After the passage of this bill, micro, small and medium enterprises in the state will get the benefit of exemption from approvals and inspections from the government. Also, this bill has been brought to promote entrepreneurship and promote inclusive economic development. The Jharkhand Platform Based Gig Workers (Registration and Welfare) Bill-2025 was also passed in the Assembly.

After the passage of this bill, a regulatory mechanism will be developed in Jharkhand to ensure decent work, establish minimum remuneration and social security for gig workers (independent contractors, online platform workers, contract firm workers, on-demand workers and temporary employees). Also, a registration system will be implemented for gig workers and work will be done for their welfare.

Samiran Dutta, CMD of CCL Nilendu Kumar Singh and DT of BCCL M K Aggarwal were present in this meeting.

BRIEF NEWS

Heavy rain, thunderstorm alert in Jharkhand till August 31

Ranchi: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a forecast of heavy rainfall and thunderstorms accompanied by gusty winds across several parts of Jharkhand over the next week. According to the IMD, thunderstorms with lightning and gusty winds (30-40 kmph) are likely at isolated places across the state on August 25 and 26. On August 27 and 28, heavy rainfall is expected at isolated places over the south-eastern and north-eastern parts of Jharkhand, along with thunderstorm activity. On August 30, heavy rainfall may occur in eastern and adjoining central parts of the state, while thunderstorm activity will continue till August 31. The bulletin further stated that an upper air cyclonic circulation persists over the northwest Bay of Bengal off Odisha-West Bengal coasts between 1.5 and 5.8 Km above mean sea level, tilting southwards with height.

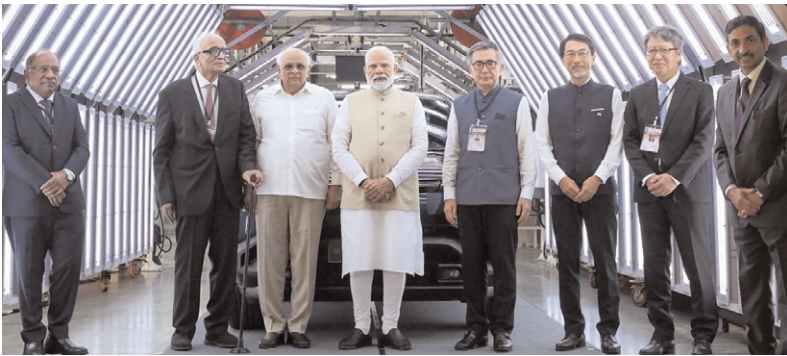
Made In India, Made For The World: PM Launches Maruti-Suzuki E VITARA, Lithium Battery Facility

Agency

Ahmadabad: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday inaugurated Maruti-Suzuki's first battery electric vehicle (BEV) "e VITARA" and lithium-ion battery production facility at Hansapur in Ahmedabad district, calling the India-Japan partnership "Made for Each Other."

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that electric vehicles carrying the label Made in India and travelling across more than 100 countries will be a matter of great pride. He emphasised that irrespective of foreign investment, when the hard work is Indian and production happens on Indian soil, it is truly "Swadeshi." At the Suzuki Motor Plant, the Prime Minister flagged off the e VITARA, symbolising India's growing leadership in green mobility under the Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives. He also inaugurated the TDSG lithium-ion battery facility, which will produce hybrid battery electrodes locally. Around 80% of the batteries manufactured here will be made in India, reducing dependence on imports.

PM Modi said the launch coincides with Ganesh Utsav, marking a new chapter in India's Make in India journey. He noted that thirteen



years after laying its foundation stone, the Hansapur plant has entered its "teenage years" and is ready to take flight with renewed energy. Remembering the contribution of late Osamu Suzuki in strengthening Indo-Japanese ties, the Prime Minister said Maruti-Suzuki has become the brand ambassador of Make in India by exporting cars even to Japan. With EV exports starting today, this partnership will reach new heights. Highlighting India's advantages of democracy, demography and skilled workforce, the Prime Minister said every partner investing in India is part of a "win-win" situation. He also recalled how Maruti-Suzuki quickly developed a hybrid ambulance prototype in line with the ?11,000 crore PM E-DRIVE scheme.

PM Modi underlined that clean energy and mobility represent the

future, supported by policies such as industrial corridors, logistics parks, PLI schemes, and ease-of-doing-business reforms. He pointed out that electronics production has risen by 500% since 2014, mobile manufacturing by 2,700%, and defence production by 200%. He called upon states to compete in reforms, governance and industrial growth, while noting Gujarat's leading role in automotive manufacturing. He also spoke about India's efforts in semiconductors and the National Critical Minerals Mission to secure rare earth resources.

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel said Suzuki's decision to manufacture hybrid electrodes and export EVs from Gujarat marks a golden chapter in the state's industrial journey. He highlighted how Gujarat's special investment regions have created a robust automobile ecosystem.

Justice Navneet Kumar appointed as chairman of Jharkhand Electricity Regulatory Commission



DB Reporter

Ranchi: Jharkhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (JSERC) got a new chairman on Tuesday after remaining headless for nearly a year. Former judge of the Jharkhand High Court, Justice Navneet Kumar, took oath as chairman of the commission at a special ceremony held at the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan.

Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar administered the oath of office and secrecy, while Chief Minister Hemant Soren and senior officials from Raj Bhavan and the state energy department were present on the occasion. Both the Governor and the Chief Minister congratulated Justice Kumar on his appointment. The post of JSERC chairman had been

vacant since June 2024. Justice Kumar will serve for a tenure of five years or until the age of 65, whichever comes earlier. Born and educated in Ranchi, Justice Kumar completed his schooling at St. John's High School and graduated from St. Xavier's College. He obtained his LL.B. from Campus Law Centre, Delhi University, in 1987 and later earned an LL.M. from the same institution. After practicing as an advocate in the Delhi and Patna High Courts for nearly a decade, he joined the Jharkhand judicial services in December 2001 as Additional Judicial Commissioner, Ranchi. Over the years, he held several key judicial and administrative posts, including OSD to the Governor of Jharkhand

(2003), Additional District and Sessions Judge, Dhanbad (2005), senior faculty at the Judicial Academy, Jharkhand, and Member Secretary of Jhalsa (2008). He also served as Principal Judge of the Family Court, Ranchi (2010), and later as Principal District and Sessions Judge in Lohardaga, Garhwa, and Ranchi. In October 2021, he was elevated as Judge of the Jharkhand High Court, a position he held until his retirement in March 2025.

With his appointment, the state government expects the electricity regulatory body to function with renewed pace, particularly in addressing tariff issues, consumer grievances, and power sector reforms.

INS Udaygiri And INS Himgiri: Navy Commissions Two Stealth Frigates At Visakhapatnam

Agency

New Delhi: The Indian Navy has commissioned two stealth frigates - INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri at the Naval Base in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday, the defence ministry said. Both the warships are largely homegrown with over 75% indigenous content, giving impetus to the government's "aatmanirbharta" (self-reliance) push in defence manufacturing and making the country self-reliant in defence capabilities. The ceremony was presided over by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.



Speaking on the occasion, the Defence Minister said, "I express my heartfelt appreciation to all those who, with complete dedication, are engaged in the service of the nation. I extend my congratulations and best wishes to the officers of the Indian Navy, Garden Reach

Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited, and to all my fellow countrymen. Today, I see this as a picture of India's dreams coming true, as well as a testimony to our vision and commitment." Highlighting the choice of Visakhapatnam for the commis-

sioning, Singh stated, "If there was one city chosen in the entire country to set a new idea in motion on such a global occasion, it was Visakhapatnam. Whenever someone aspires to do something big and transformative in life, they choose places that are strategically and culturally strong - and that is why Visakhapatnam was chosen." The Defence Minister emphasised India's maritime strength. He said, "India is fully capable of safeguarding its maritime boundaries and is prepared to respond swiftly and decisively under any circumstances. Friends, with the commis-

sioning of these two warships, the Indian Navy has been further strengthened as a true Blue Water Navy." Singh said the Indian Navy is now equipped not only to secure coastal areas but also to operate in the farthest reaches of the Indian Ocean. "We are now equipped not only to secure our coastal areas but also to operate in the farthest reaches of the Indian Ocean - whether it is combating piracy, tackling smuggling and illegal activities, countering maritime terrorism, or providing relief in the aftermath of natural disasters. With their advanced

features and multi-role capabilities, our warships will enable swift and effective action in every situation," he said. Speaking at the ceremony, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi reiterated that Operation Sindoor remains 'unfinished', and the Navy will be the first to act this time if the situation demands. "In this era of uncertainties and competition, the Indian Navy's capability to deliver an overwhelming force at sea is a credible deterrence against India's enemies. We demonstrated it well during Operation Sindoor.



Block-Level Public Hearing on MGNREGA Held in Dulmi, Ramgarh

DB Reporter

Ramgarh : A block-level public hearing on the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) was organized on Tuesday at the Dulmi Block Office auditorium. Key dignitaries present at the event included Block Twenty-Point Programme Chairman Sudhir Manglesh, Block Pramukh Renu Devi, Deputy Pramukh Dharmadhir Mahato, Block Development Officer (BDO) Amit Mishra, and Lokpal Siddheshwar Singh, who attended as jury members. The program began with the traditional lighting of the lamp by



the guests. During the hearing, villagers and public representatives voiced their concerns and suggestions regarding the progress, transparency, and implementation of MGNREGA schemes. Officials patiently heard the grievances and provided necessary directions. A social audit for the financial

year 2024-25 was also conducted during the event. The audit team, constituted at the district level, included Roma Barla and Shrikant Mahato. The team closely reviewed the implementation of various schemes. Projects deemed executable at the block level were directed to be completed promptly, while

those requiring district-level intervention were referred accordingly. The audit also emphasized maintaining transparency in scheme implementation and ensuring timely wage payments to laborers. MGNREGA personnel were instructed to expedite work execution and create more employment opportunities for beneficiaries. The event saw participation from a large number of panchayat representatives and local villagers. BPO Vishal Kumar, Mukhiya Ranju Devi, and representative Rajiv Mahato, along with all Rozgar Sevaks, were also present on the occasion.

Jayram Mahto Raises Alarm Over Massive Healthcare Vacancies in Jharkhand Assembly

DB Reporter

Ramgarh : Central Vice President of the Jharkhand Democratic Revolutionary Front, Ravi Kumar Mahato, has voiced serious concern over the state's crumbling healthcare system, citing a crucial question raised by party supreme and Dumri MLA Tiger Jayram Mahto during the recent Monsoon Session of the Jharkhand Assembly. Mahto attempted to highlight the alarming shortage of healthcare personnel across the state -



including doctors, nurses, ANMs, and paramedical staff - with nearly 50 to 60 percent of sanctioned posts lying vacant. However, due to disruptions in the House, the question could not be fully discussed. Despite this, the government responded in writing and accepted the data

presented by Mahto. As per Response No. 01, 1,106 posts for doctors alone remain vacant across the state. In Response No. 04, the government stated that action is being taken to fill these positions, but failed to provide a definitive timeline for the recruitment process.

One-Day Protest Held at Muidih Colliery Gate by Sijua Gramin Sangharsh Samiti

DB Reporter

Katras : As part of its pre-announced program, the Sijua Gramin Sangharsh Samiti organized a one-day protest in front of the main gate of Muidih Colliery, demanding the resumption of the local coal sale and employment for local residents and landowners. The protest was presided over by Ravi Mahato and conducted by Dinesh Paswan. Protesters raised strong slogans against the colliery management, accusing it of ignoring the plight of local laborers and displaced landowners. Addressing the gathering, local leader Kavita Devi said that for the past 8-9 months, villagers and laborers have been pushed to the brink of starvation due to the halt in the local coal sale. "People are being forced to migrate to other cities in search of work," she said. Dinesh Paswan issued a stern



warning to the colliery management, demanding immediate resumption of local coal sales. "If the issue is not resolved soon, we will be forced to initiate an indefinite shutdown of the colliery," he said. Ravi Mahato also criticized the colliery management for flouting state government guidelines. "As per rules, it is BCCL's responsibility to provide employment to locals and landowners in nearby collieries, but the management is treating government directives as if they are meaningless," he said.

In response, the Project Officer of the colliery stated that coal is offered through monthly road sale tenders, but currently, no DO (Delivery Order) holders are purchasing the coal. "As soon as a buyer is found, local laborers and landowners will be given work," the officer assured. Among those present at the protest were Moloo Singh, Satendra Chauhan, Babulal Mahato, Deepak Mahato, Sudhir Mahato, Anita Devi, Sarita Devi, Rekha Devi, Pushpa Devi, Shanti Devi, Babita Devi, Komal Devi, and hundreds

Lack of Bridge Causes Hardships for Villagers During Funeral Processions in Badkagaon

Riyasat Hassan

Badkagaon : Residents of Sirma Panchayat in Badkagaon block continue to face severe difficulties crossing the river to reach the only graveyard in the area due to the absence of a bridge. Located just one kilometer from the block headquarters, the river crossing remains a decades-old unresolved issue, especially during the monsoon season when swollen waters make passage perilous. Villagers from Sirma, Chhawaniya, and Pandaria, predominantly Muslim communities totaling nearly 8,000 people, often risk their lives carrying deceased family members across the floodwaters for last rites. A stark example occurred recently when the body of 70-year-old Mohammad Shaheduddin from Chhawaniya village had to be carried on shoulders through the flooded river to the graveyard. This dangerous practice has been ongoing for generations, yet neither



local representatives nor the government have taken effective action to address it. The graveyard across the river serves as the sole burial ground for these villages, making the crossing unavoidable. Social activist Janisar Alam from Chhawaniya stated that demands for a bridge have been raised since their forefathers' times but remain unfulfilled. Two years ago, a formal request was made to MLA Amba Prasad for bridge construction. Such infrastructure would not only facilitate easier funeral processions but also benefit daily commuting and agricultural activities. Local Panchayat representative

Asim Arshad said that repeated efforts have been made, including informing officials such as Minister Hafizul Hasan and MLA Kalpana Soren, and a district administration inspection was conducted last year. However, no concrete progress has been made. Besides funeral hardships, farmers face significant risks while accessing fertile agricultural land across the river, impacting local livelihoods. The community urgently appeals to the district administration for the immediate construction of the much-needed bridge to ensure safety and improve quality of life.

NREGA Parks to be Developed in Every Block; Land Identification for Anganwadi Centers Urged

DB Reporter

Dhanbad: Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate Aditya Ranjan conducted a review meeting today with officials from the Rural Development Department, Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society, Jharkhand Jal Chhajan, and other schemes. During the meeting, he directed all Block Development Officers (BDOs) to establish NREGA parks in every block. He also instructed them to promptly identify land for setting up Anganwadi centers and ensure the centers become operational without delay. For completed Anganwadi centers, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need to verify availability of all



essential resources before handing them over for public use. Aditya Ranjan underscored the responsibility of BDOs to strengthen block-level infrastructure, including education, health, housing, drinking water, roads, electricity, Panchayat buildings, and public distribution systems. He also urged them to prepare village development plans focused on maximizing benefits through NREGA conver-

gence. The review covered several key schemes such as the Prime Minister's Rural Housing Scheme, ABUA Housing Scheme, Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, Veer Shaheed Potoho Sports Development Scheme, Birsra Green Village Scheme, Birsra Irrigation Well Conservation Scheme, rural employment programs, women's participation, Anganwadi centers, National Resource Management,

Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Urban Mission, and model village initiatives. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Aditya Ranjan, Additional Development Commissioner Sadat Anwar, DRDA Director Rajiv Ranjan, JSLPS DPM Shailesh Ranjan, BDOs from all blocks, DRDA project officers Manoj Kumar and Rupesh Kumar, and other key officials.

'Drug de-addiction campaign' organized at RKDF University

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Under the 'Drug De-addiction Campaign', a special session on the topic of "Meditation, Stress Management and Rajayoga Meditation" was organized by Prajapita Brahmakumari Ishwari University, Ranchi at RKDF University, Ranchi on Tuesday. This session was conducted by B.K Indu Bahan, senior teacher of Brahmakumari Institute. In the session, the participants were told that stress and anxiety are becoming a common problem in modern life. Meditation and Raja Yoga are effective means to overcome this. Through meditation, a person can develop mental peace, self-confidence and positive thinking by recognizing self-power. B.K Indu Bahan, while explaining the measures for stress management, said that "time management, positive attitude, regular yoga practice and self-reflection" are helpful in making life stress-free and balanced. During the session, the principles of Raja Yoga meditation were also elaborated upon. The sacred relationship between the soul and the Supreme Soul, the eternal characteristics of the soul (peace, love, joy, purity) and the importance of control over the mind and intellect were discussed. On this occasion, University Registrar Dr. Amit Kumar Pandey said "Meditation and Raja Yoga not only provide mental peace, rather, it also proves helpful in increasing efficiency, strengthening social rela-



tions and making the attitude towards life positive." The participants present in the program experienced the practical methods of Raja Yoga. Everyone agreed that regular practice of meditation brings positive energy in life and challenges can be faced easily. Students, teachers and staff participated in this special session. The objective of the event was to promote stress-free and healthy lifestyle and freedom from addiction in the society.

Radha Govind University Hosts Grand Freshers' Party 2025

DB Reporter

Ramgarh : The Department of Computer Science & Technology at Radha Govind University celebrated Freshers' Party 2025 with great enthusiasm and excitement, marking a vibrant welcome for the new batch of students. The event began with colorful cultural performances, where both seniors and juniors showcased their talents through energetic dance numbers, melodious singing, and an engaging fashion show. The auditorium echoed with applause and music, creating a lively festive atmosphere. Students danced their hearts out and shared cheerful moments, making the party a blend of



laughter, fun, and unforgettable memories. Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Head of the Department, delivered the welcome address, encouraging students to attend classes regularly and wishing them all the best for

their academic journey. Chancellor B.N. Saha blessed the newcomers and expressed his hopes for their bright future. Secretary Priyanka Kumari, in her inspiring speech, emphasized that college life marks the

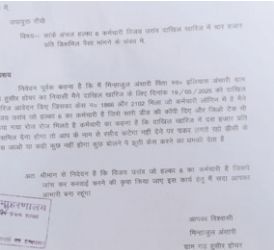
beginning of a new journey filled with fresh enthusiasm, experiences, and dreams - a time that paves the way for achievements and lifelong memories. The vote of thanks was delivered by lecturer Vipul Kumar, who urged students to move forward in unity and harmony. The event was graced by Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi, Registrar Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kumar Mandal, Finance and Accounts Officer Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Controller of Examinations Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar, Management Committee Member Ajay Kumar, faculty members from various departments, and a large gathering of students.

Bribery Scandal Rocks Kanke Circle: Villagers Allege Extortion, Seek Justice

DB Reporter

Ranchi : The Kanke Circle office has once again come under scrutiny following serious allegations of bribery and extortion by a government employee. Villagers have accused Vijay Oraon, a staff member of Anchal Halka-6, of demanding large sums of money in exchange for processing land-related applications. Residents from Garh Husir Hochar and Husir villages - Mihrajul Ansari, Faizul Ansari, and Fakhruddin Ansari -

have submitted written complaints to the Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi, alleging that Oraon demanded between ?10,000 and ?30,000 to carry out land mutation and land reform procedures. According to the complainants, applications are deliberately delayed if bribes are not paid. In a more alarming claim, the villagers allege that Vijay Oraon threatened to falsely implicate them in SC/ST cases if they refused to pay the demanded amounts.



The villagers have called for strict action and a fair investigation into the matter. As the case now lies with the district administration, public attention is fixed on whether authorities will act decisively or allow the issue to be buried in bureaucratic red tape.

District-Level Orientation Program Held Under 'Aadi Karmyogi Abhiyan' in Hazaribagh

DB Reporter

Hazaribagh : A district-level orientation program was organized on Tuesday under the "Aadi Karmyogi Abhiyan," a national initiative launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to ensure holistic development and welfare of Scheduled Tribes across India. The event, held in the Collectorate conference hall, was conducted as per the directives of Deputy Commissioner Shashi Prakash Singh.

The program was inaugurated with a ceremonial lamp lighting by the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Deputy Development Commissioner, Zila Parishad Chairperson, and other senior officials.

The DFO stated that the campaign is a significant step towards the effective implementation of tribal welfare schemes. The initiative aims to integrate tribal communities into the mainstream of development and ensure last-mile delivery of government services.



The campaign targets 76 tribal villages in the district, aiming to provide direct benefits. Under the program, "Aadi Seva Kendras" will be established in each village. These will function as one-stop service centers offering information on schemes, department contacts, and grievance redressal registers. Village development plans will also be creat-

ed through convergence to address infrastructure and basic needs. The initiative seeks to strengthen the governance mechanism in tribal regions through the structured roles of Aadi Karmyogis, Aadi Sahayogis, and Aadi Saathis, who will identify critical gaps in service delivery and ensure 100% saturation of schemes.

Urban Local Body Elections Likely Soon in Jharkhand: MLA Mamta Devi

DB Reporter

Ramgarh : Jharkhand may soon witness long-pending urban local body elections, as indicated by MLA Mamta Devi during the state assembly session. Raising a starred question on August 26, the Ramgarh legislator questioned the government on the delay in conducting municipal elections, which have not been held for the past two years. Mamta Devi expressed concern that the absence of elected municipal representatives has severely hampered development work in urban areas.

"Without elected representatives, civic bodies are struggling to address public grievances. Basic issues of the common people are not reaching the municipal offices, and crucial grants from the central government are also being withheld," she stated. In response, the government acknowledged that the central grants to urban local bodies have indeed been disrupted due to the absence of elected municipal councils. When the MLA asked whether the government intends to conduct the elections soon, the government assured the House



that urban local body elections will be completed before December 2025. Mamta Devi emphasized that timely elections are essential to restore proper governance and accelerate stalled development in urban regions across Jharkhand.

Hartalika Teej Festival Celebrated with Devotion in Badkagaon

DB Reporter

Badkagaon : The Hartalika Teej festival, symbolizing eternal marital bliss, was observed with great devotion by married women across the Badkagaon block. Suhagin (married) women observed a day-long fast without water, praying earnestly for the long life of their husbands and their own life-long marital happiness. From early morning, the women prepared themselves with traditional attire and sixteen types of adornments, resem-



bling brides, to worship Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. The puja rituals included listening to sacred stories narrated by priests, who also guided the devotees on the righteous path as

depicted by the divine couple. Temples across the block were decorated and filled with bhajans and kirtans celebrating the occasion. The festival is regarded as one of the most significant for

married women, who seek blessings for conjugal harmony and prosperity. Prominent priests like Yadunandan Mishra, Ramesh Mishra, Shankar Mishra, and Avadhesh Mishra conducted the

religious ceremonies. Thousands of women, including Maya Sinha, Sunita Sinha, Seema Sinha, Renu Sinha, Raj Kumari Sinha, Reena Kumari, Poonam Sahu, Anita Devi, Reshmi Devi, Sheila Devi, Sunita Devi, Komal Kumari, Tetri Devi, Savita Devi, and Babita Devi, participated in the heartfelt celebrations. The day concluded with collective prayers and a renewed commitment to follow the teachings of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati.

Second Edition of "Research Methodology Redefined" Released

DB Reporter

Hazaribagh : The second edition (2025) of the book Research Methodology Redefined, authored by Dr. Syed Rizwan Ahmed, Head of the English Department at Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribagh, has been published by Educational Publishing House, New Delhi. The first edition was released in 2018. Dr. Rizwan Ahmed stated that the book is highly beneficial



for PhD coursework scholars, researchers, and supervisors. An experienced Associate Professor, Dr. Ahmed has guided over half a dozen

research scholars to successful completion of their degrees. He also served as an Assistant Professor of English at King Saud University,

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, during 2007-2008. Apart from this, Dr. Ahmed authored a well-known book on the writer E.M. Forster in 2014 and has served twice as the chief editor of the departmental research journal The Literary Vision. The release of this latest edition has been warmly welcomed by academicians and researchers alike, earning Dr. Ahmed widespread congratulations.

Tata Steel Table Tennis Training Centre Shines at Jharkhand State Ranking Championship



DB Reporter

Hazaribagh, August 24, 2025: The Tata Steel Table Tennis Training Centre, representing East Singhbhum district, delivered an outstanding performance at the 2nd Jharkhand State Ranking Table Tennis

Championship held in Hazaribagh from August 22 to 24, 2025. The trainees from the Centre clinched more than half of the trophies at stake, bringing home an impressive 6 Gold, 7 Silver and 10 Bronze medals across categories.

New Transformer Inaugurated in Bhusai Paratand, Restoring Power to Villagers



DB Reporter

Ichak - Following a transformer burnout four days ago that left the residents of Bhusai Paratand in complete darkness, a new 63 KVA transformer was installed and inaugurated on Tuesday. The villagers promptly informed Barkatha MLA Amit Yadav about the outage. Responding swiftly, Yadav coordinated with the electricity department to ensure the replacement transformer was provided without delay. The inauguration ceremony was jointly conducted by Sachchidanand Agarwal and Mahesh Sahu, who

performed the traditional coconut breaking and ribbon-cutting rituals. Several local residents, including Vashishtha Das, Vikas Vishwakarma, Pintu Kumar Mehta, Shiva Kumar Mehta, Kuldeep Mehta, Randhir Kumar, Sonu Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Nageshwar Prasad Mehta, Lilo Prasad Mehta, and Shankar Soni, among dozens of others, attended the event. The new transformer installation has restored power supply, bringing relief to the community after days of inconvenience.

Campaign Conducted in Department of Education at Vinoba Bhave University

DB Reporter

Hazaribagh: Under the Developed India Youth Connect program, a motivational session was held on Tuesday in the Department of Education at Vinoba Bhave University. Integrated B.Ed. and M.Ed. students were



encouraged to actively participate in the program. The event highlighted the goals of Developed India @ 2047 and provided detailed information about the Youth Connect initiative. Students were also guided through the registration process on the MyBharatPortal. The program was graced by Nodal

Officer Dr. Umendra Singh, Head of the Education Department Dr. Tanveer Yunus, and other faculty members. Research scholars Aarti Mehta, Pallavi, Santos, Raunak, Anoop, and Pooja, along with a large number of education students, also participated in the event.

MP Manish Jaiswal Visits Jarba Village, Tours Amid Scorching Heat, Listens to Locals' Issues

DB Reporter

Hazaribagh : On Tuesday, Hazaribagh Lok Sabha MP Manish Jaiswal conducted an extensive tour of the Mandu Assembly segment, focusing on the villages in Churchu block. Despite the sweltering heat following days of heavy rainfall, the MP walked alongside villagers in Jarba Gram Panchayat, inspecting various pathways and assessing local infrastructure. Upon arrival, Jaiswal was warmly welcomed by the residents at the Jarba Shiv Temple premises, where villagers requested the installation of shades and lighting. The MP attentively listened to these and other pressing community issues during his



village visit. Assuring the locals, Manish Jaiswal promised prompt resolution of their grievances, emphasizing his commitment to development and welfare in the area. During the visit, the MP also paid homage to the late Yogendra Saw, former district general secretary of BJP, by offering floral tributes at his residence and remembering his dedication to the party. Prominent leaders and officials accompanying the MP included Mandu Assembly area representative Dwarika

Singh (alias Khokha Singh), Churchu Block Chief Niranjan Prasad Nayak, former village head Ramdular Saw, Hazaribagh Lok Sabha media coordinator Ranjan Chaudhary, and BJP workers Ramchandra Saw, Mahendra Kumar Mali, Rajeshwar Ram, and Shiv Prasad, among others. The visit underscores the MP's ongoing efforts to stay connected with grassroots concerns and accelerate development initiatives in his constituency.

Successful Special Placement Drive Held Under Chief Minister Sarathi Scheme

DB Reporter

Koderma: A special placement drive was successfully organized today at Excel Data Service Campus, Koderma, under the Chief Minister Sarathi Scheme and Saksham Jharkhand Skill Development Program. The event was jointly conducted by Excel Data Service and People Tree Venture. The program was graced by District Planning Officer Prakash Baitha as the chief guest and Mr. Deepak Kumar from UNDP as the guest of honor. Representatives



from employers 2050 Healthcare and BPro Service Private Limited also participated. A total of 88 candidates appeared for the drive, out of which 42 were selected and offered job letters on

the spot. Additionally, one candidate was awarded a sewing machine as an incentive. The success of the event was credited to the dedicated efforts of Excel Data Service's Center

Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange Patil cannot hold protest without permission of authorities: HC

New Delhi, Agency: Noting that public places cannot be occupied indefinitely, the Bombay High Court on Tuesday said Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange cannot hold a protest without prior permission from authorities and cited the law and order situation in Mumbai during the Ganesh festival.

A bench of Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice Sandeep Marne said that while democracy and dissent go hand in hand, demonstrations should be held only at designated places. The bench

said the government can take a call on whether to offer an alternative place at Kharghar in Navi Mumbai to the respondent (Jarange) to hold a peaceful protest so that the tempo of life in Mumbai is not disturbed. Jarange has given the Maharashtra government an ultimatum till Tuesday to grant a 10 per cent quota to the Maratha community under the Other Backward Classes (OBC) grouping, failing which he will march to Mumbai with Maratha supporters and sit on an indefinite fast on August 29.



The court said peaceful protests can be undertaken after permission is sought under the new rules for public gatherings and agitations. The respondents (Jarange and his associates) are at liberty to file an application seeking such permission from the concerned authorities, the bench said, adding it would then be open for the government to decide the same as per provisions of law.

"It would also be open for the government to offer an alternate place at Kharghar in Navi Mumbai to the respondent to hold their peaceful protest so that the tempo of life in the city of Mumbai is not hampered," the bench said, noting that public places cannot be occupied for an indefinite

period. Democracy and dissent go hand in hand, but demonstration has to be in designated places where such a protest can be held, it added. The court noted that police would be busy with the law and order situation of the city during the Ganesh Chaturthi festival, which commences on Wednesday.

The high court was responding to a PIL filed by the Amy Foundation challenging the proposed agitation. Advocate General Birendra Saraf submitted to the court that while the state does not dispute the

right of a citizen to stage peaceful protests, however, the same should not be in a way that would bring the city to a standstill. During the Ganesh Chaturthi festival, the police force is extremely burdened with arrangements for law and order, and assembly of large numbers of people would be a big strain and cause grave inconvenience, he said.

The bench issued a notice to Jarange seeking his response to the petition and posted the matter for further hearing on September 9.

UP Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak urges citizens to support 'Made in India' products during festive season

New Delhi, Agency: Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak on Tuesday appealed to citizens and shopkeepers to buy and sell products made in India.

Speaking to ANI, on the importance of supporting indigenous goods, Pathak said, "The PM has been requesting the public to buy 'Swadeshi' products. I also appeal to citizens and shopkeepers to purchase and sell products made in India."

He described it as "a big public movement in UP under the leadership of PM Modi."

On Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged citizens to prioritise the purchase of 'Made in India' products during the upcoming festive season, stressing that buying indigenous

goods during festivals like Navratri, Vijayadashami, Dhanteras, and Diwali would contribute to the country's self-reliance and economic progress.

Addressing a public gathering after inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for multiple development projects in Ahmedabad, the Prime Minister reiterated his call for 'Swadeshi', appealing to both businesses and individuals to opt for locally manufactured items to drive national prosperity.

This is the season of festivals. Now Navratri, Vijayadashami, Dhanteras, Diwali... all these festivals are coming. These are celebrations of our culture, but they should also be celebrations of self-reliance. Therefore, I want to reiterate my request to



you once again that we must adopt a mantra in our lives: whatever we buy will be 'Made in India', it will be indigenous. I appeal to the citizens of our country to prioritise purchasing goods that are 'Made in India'. Whether it's decorative items or gifts, let us choose products manufactured within our own

nation," PM Modi said.

He encouraged businesses to refrain from selling imported items, adding, "These small yet impactful steps can play a significant role in driving our nation's progress and prosperity."

The Prime Minister also announced upcoming reforms in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, promising a "double bonus of happiness" for businesses and families this Diwali.

He had made the same remark while addressing the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Independence Day, which will give significant relief to the consumers and small businesses, describing them as a "double Diwali gift" for the people.

Fadnavis' aide meets Jarange, asks him to postpone quota protest

New Delhi, Agency: Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis' OSD met Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange in Jalna on Tuesday and urged him to postpone his agitation proposed in Mumbai from Friday in view of the Ganpati festival.

Jarange has given the Maharashtra government an ultimatum till Tuesday to grant a 10 per cent quota to the Maratha community under the Other Backward Classes grouping, or face the wrath of protesters.

The Maratha leader has said the march to Mumbai will commence on August 27, Ganesh Chaturthi, if the government fails to accept the quota demand. He will sit on an indefinite hunger strike at the Azad Maidan in Mumbai on August 29.

The CM's Officer on Special Duty, Rajendra Sable Patil, met Jarange at his native Antarwali Sarati village in Jalna district on Tuesday.

Asked about not meeting, the OSD told

reporters, "I earlier spoke to Manoj Jarange over phone. I came to meet him and asked him about the route he is taking to reach Mumbai."

I requested Manoj Jarange if he can postpone the agitation as there is Ganeshotsav," he added.

The state government last year announced 10 per cent reservation for the Maratha community under a separate category. Jarange has been leading the campaign demanding that all Marathas be recognised as Kunbis — an agrarian caste included in the OBC category — thereby making them eligible for reservation in education and government jobs. The activist on Tuesday said the government should announce quota for the community today, or else he will start the march for Mumbai from Wednesday. He also said they have asked the government to allot them one dedicated route to reach the Azad Maidan in Mumbai and added that they will not change it.

Rijiju and team rescue 2 after vehicle ahead of his convoy falls into river in Ladakh

New Delhi, Agency: Union minister Kiren Rijiju on Tuesday said that a vehicle just ahead of his convoy fell into a river when he was on his way to reach Ladakh's Drass, and that two people were rescued from the vehicle.

The union minister of parliamentary affairs shared a post on his official social media handle, 'X', stating that his convoy was on time to reach the spot after the incident. He said that the

two people who were inside the vehicle were safely rescued.

"Before reaching Drass in Ladakh, one vehicle fell into the river just ahead of our convoy. Luckily, we were on time and both persons survived," Rijiju wrote on 'X'.

Along with the post, Rijiju also shared a video of him interacting with the two people who fell in the river during the rescue. The minister asked them if their



brakes had failed and tried to keep them calm. Somebody asks for a rope as the rescue operation begins. Both survivors

can be seen standing on the car's body as it floats on the river.

Kiren Rijiju hails 'wonderful reception' and Kashmiri hospitality

Union minister Kiren Rijiju hailed the wonderful reception and experience he received in Sonmarg of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday. The Union Minister expressed gratitude to the district administrations of Ganderbal and Kargil. He also thanked his guide, Mohammad

Sidiq Mir, for the warm welcome and stated that development in the State is taking place.

On the way to Kargil, I had a memorable moment at Sonmarg. Grateful to both administrations of Ganderbal and Kargil. Thanks to senior guide Mohammad Sidiq Mir and other friends of Sonmarg for the wonderful company! Real development is happening now," Rijiju wrote on 'X'.

Mission Sudarshan Chakra will require colossal amount of integration: CDS

New Delhi, Agency: India's proposed national defence shield under Mission Sudarshan Chakra will involve a colossal amount of integration of myriad capabilities and the development of robust infrastructure and processes for the

detection, acquisition, and neutralisation of the enemy's air vectors (weapons) using soft and hard kill options including kinetic and directed energy weapons, chief of defence staff General Anil Chauhan said on Tuesday.

"The aim is to develop a



system to protect India's strategic, civilian, and nationally important sites. It will act both as a shield as well as a sword," he said at Ran Samwad, a top military conclave being held at the prestigious Army War College at Mhow in Madhya Pradesh.

Another dowry death in UP as Ballia man arrested after wife found hanging



New Delhi, Agency: After the infamous Greater Noida dowry case where the accused allegedly set his wife on fire, another man from Uttar Pradesh's Ballia city on Tuesday has been arrested for allegedly killing his wife over dowry demands.

Police found the body of 25-year-old Khushi Verma hanging inside her in-laws' house on Sunday, under suspicious circumstances, reported news agency PTI. Khushi's family members claimed that her in-laws cremated her body without informing the police.

A case of dowry death was lodged on Monday against Khushi's husband Ravi Giri,

brother-in-law Raju Giri, and her mother-in-law under relevant sections of the law, after her brother Rinku Verma filed a complaint, said superintendent of police Omvir Singh.

He further added that Ravi Giri was arrested near Bandha Road in Bedua on Monday and sent to jail, while efforts are underway to arrest the two other accused.

Citing the FIR, Singh said Rinku alleged that Khushi had married Ravi Kumar Giri two-and-a-half years ago and was being harassed for dowry by her husband and his family. On August 24, the accused allegedly killed her over the issue, he added.

RSS anthem row: Karnataka minister DK Shivakumar says he would 'apologise if... will die as a Congressman'

New Delhi, Agency: Karnataka deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday said he was ready to apologise if his remarks on reciting the RSS anthem in the Assembly hurt Congress leaders or the Opposition's INDIA bloc allies. Addressing reporters, DK Shivakumar clarified that his comments were made in jest to target the Bharatiya Janata Party, but some were misusing them for political gains. Shivakumar said he had no intention of hurting anyone's sentiments and expressed regret if his remarks had offended colleagues.

I just commented and tried to pull their (BJP) leg. Some of my friends are



taking a political leap, trying to misuse it and cause confusion among the public... I don't want to hurt their feelings. If anyone has been hurt, I feel sorry for them. I would like to seek an apology to all of them," DK Shivakumar said. "If you feel I have made a mistake, which I have not, I am still ready to apologise,"

Shivakumar added.

Reiterating loyalty to the party, the senior Congress leader added, "The Gandhi family cannot be questioned by anyone. I am a born Congressman. I will die as a Congressman." Shivakumar also said he has "a lot of followers and friends across party lines" and did not want to cause offence. "I am not bigger than anyone, my life is there to give strength to everyone. I have stood by everyone in their difficulty, still I stand by them," he said. What's the RSS song controversy? On August 21, Shivakumar recited a couple of lines of the RSS's prayer "Namaste Sada Vatsale..

Editorial

The Legacy of an Indomitable Spirit

History often highlights well-known public figures; the dedicated efforts of behind-the-scenes workers frequently go unnoticed. A notable example is Sir Dorabji Tata, a visionary who tirelessly and passionately pursued his father's dream of a vibrant and prosperous India. Sir Dorabji was both a businessman and a devoted patriot. He was committed to establishing a self-sufficient India. He played a pivotal role in developing the country's first steel plant in the challenging terrain of Chhota Nagpur, initiating India's industrial growth. Additionally, he oversaw the construction of hydroelectric power stations in the rugged Western Ghats, which provided electricity and advanced the nation. His leadership was vital in establishing the Tata Iron and Steel Company (now Tata Steel). The Company thrived greatly under his exceptional vision, determination, and guidance. His focus went beyond steel and power, as a compassionate leader with a strong sense of social responsibility. He fervently supported the welfare of his workers, upholding his father's ideals of fair treatment and cultivating a culture of respect and understanding.

During the 1920 labour strike, he went to Jamshedpur, listened to workers' grievances, and played a key role in peacefully resolving the conflict. His dedication to the Company's success was so profound that he and Lady Meherbai committed their personal wealth, including her Jubilee Diamond, to help the Company during tough times. Beyond Tata Steel, Sir Dorabji's influence extended across the Tata group, transforming it from a small enterprise into the largest business house in India. He was knighted in 1910 for his immense contributions to the nation's industrial development. Sir Dorabji was deeply dedicated to utilising India's natural resources. He embraced his father's vision of harnessing the water of the Western Ghats for hydroelectric power and is recognised for founding Tata Power in 1911. This initiative transformed India's energy sector and established the foundation for a future powered by clean energy. He also devoted his passion to the educational sector and played an instrumental role by assisting his father, Jamshedji Tata, in establishing the Indian Institute of Science in 1909. This pioneering institution has become a hub of scientific advancement and innovation, significantly contributing to India's progress in science. Sir Dorabji believed in giving back to society, which led to the establishment of the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, with a vision to utilise wealth for societal improvement, inspired by his father's philanthropic legacy. The Trust has been crucial in founding pioneering institutions such as the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tata Memorial Centre, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research and more.

National discussion: Unbridled animals, helpless humans

It is estimated that there are about 10 lakh stray dogs in the country's capital alone. Every year about six thousand people die due to rabies caused by dog bites...

Prof. Suresh Sharma

It cannot be denied that along with humans, animals, birds, pets have their own importance in the world of water, land and sky. In fact, the 'dog society' also has its own place in the animal world. They also have many categories according to their status. Dogs are a large animal group in the animal society of the world. This dog society provides its services from the army to the police and other intelligence agencies. The Indian Army also has a platoon and a separate unit of dogs. These are also called military dog units or dog squads. These dogs play a very important role for the army by patrolling and searching for explosives, drugs, narcotics and intoxicants. Dogs are trained for various tasks in various government departments, especially the police and the army, they are considered a part of the 'K-9 unit'. Dogs help the agencies in war zones, border areas, catching suspects, investigating crime scenes and finding illegal smuggling etc. These dogs use their sense of smell to protect citizens from explosive landmines and other dangerous substances.

These dogs are honoured with special honours and decorations for their special work and bravery during their service period. Apart from this, in the houses of dog lovers, they are provided with special accommodation, special car, special servant, special doctor and special diet and even toys for them to play with. There is a special arrangement for shampooing, drying and combing these dogs. There is a provision for food. All these tasks are done by everyone in the house, from children to elders. There is a special arrangement of milk, meat, eggs



and biscuits etc. in their food. This special class of dogs is allowed in the houses from the drawing room to the living room. Many times these dogs sit under the quilt with their owner even on the bed. When the owner goes on tour, everyone from children to elders make arrangements to carry the necessary things of these dogs. The third type of dogs comes in the general category. They live around villages, open roads, narrow and dirty drains and dirty settlements. Their life is full of struggle. There is constant fighting and snatching among them to feed themselves. From birth till death, these dogs are tortured by people. Sometimes they get run over by vehicles, sometimes they get injured by bricks and stones. They really die a dog's death. These dogs, suffering from the struggle of life, human neglect and atrocities, are angry and irritable, so they become deadly and bite humans. They are victims of many diseases. They are not vaccinated. There is no provision of a kennel for them.

The systems and governments have no control over their reproduction. They cannot be

sterilized, so their population is also very high. Some animal lover organizations are sometimes seen doing good for them by feeding them pieces of meat or bones and vaccinating them. These neglected, untrained and uncultured dogs turn violent and bite people walking on the road. In many cases, their unexpected attacks on old people and school going children lead to serious incidents. Man is a major component of this nature. He is superior to plants, animals, insects because he is the master of immense intelligence in comparison to all of them. Animals also have their rights. According to Animal Protection Rules-2001, tying a pet dog or any animal with a rope or chain for a long time is considered cruelty. Many animal lovers talk about laws against cruelty to animals and their rights. The Animal Cruelty Act-1960 is against cruelty to animals. Unfortunately, innocent domestic pets, cows and bulls are called stray and 'dog lovers' get angry when dogs are called stray. It is necessary for animal lovers and dog lovers that there should be no discrimination in the matter of safety and rights

of animals, whether it is a dog, pig, cow, bull, goat, sheep, buffalo, monkey or fish. The law cannot be implemented as per convenience. Sections 428 and 429 of the Indian Penal Code provide strict punishment for animal cruelty. While these laws are necessary for animal cruelty, governments, systems and courts should also take necessary steps to ensure the safety of humans. Today, every human being is terrorized by stray dogs, stray cows, bulls and monkeys in streets, roads, villages, cities and alleys. Animals have become violent. It is also the government's job to make proper arrangements for them and to protect the citizens.

Many innocent people die due to attacks by dogs, monkeys and bulls at various places. When the Supreme Court's decision comes to control stray dogs, dog lovers come out in protest. There is no sterilization of dogs and monkeys, there is no count of them and they are not vaccinated. After the division bench of Justice Pardiwala and Justice R. Mahadevan in its order of 11 August 2025 ordered to remove dogs from sensitive areas of the city as soon as possible, big dog lovers are writing letters to the Prime Minister of the country and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court against this decision and demanding reconsideration. Dogs have become messengers of death. It is estimated that there are about 10 lakh stray dogs in the country's capital itself. About six thousand people die every year due to dog bites due to rabies. It is also worth considering how to protect from the terror of monkeys? There is also the problem of stray bulls and cows. There should be a concrete solution to all these problems.

Paramilitary forces during natural calamity

Madhurendra Sinha

The Home Minister has announced that under the zero tolerance policy led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Naxalism will be completely eradicated by March 2026. Between 2019 and 2025, 1025 Naxalites have been killed and 6983 have been arrested. This number shows that Naxalism is now breathing its last. This is being made possible by the determination of the Home Minister and the government is not allowing any shortage of modern technology and financial resources for this. Along with this, many strict steps are being taken to curb terrorism, which can be seen. For this, the scope of NIA has been increased and laws have also been made strict. Complete bans have been imposed on organizations like PFI, Hurriyat, which has reduced the cases of terror. But many times problems are not solved only by strictness or the strength of security forces and hence Shah made arrangements for the Home Ministry to work with the states on many development and rehabilitation schemes, the good results of which are visible...

At present, the Himalayan regions of the country are facing a natural disaster. Landslides in some places and cloudbursts in others. Dozens of people have died and thousands of houses and dozens of settlements have been buried. The fury of nature is more in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. It is very difficult to arrange for immediate relief in these states because it is very difficult to reach the disaster affected areas. Roads are cut off, mountain rivers overflow and no help is available from nearby areas.

But now the way the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is dedicatedly engaged in relief work in those areas, a ray of hope has emerged. This force was formed to deal with natural disasters and dangerous situations. In the last five-six years, it has worked tremendously and has created so much confidence in the people that now it is called as soon as a disaster strikes and its soldiers immediately come and start relief work. Their training is such that they work even in the most difficult situations. But even more important than that is their dedication. At present, its units are not only engaged day and night in relief work in Himachal, Uttarakhand but are also playing a big role in the Bihar floods. It has saved the lives of one and a half lakh people so far and evacuated lakhs of stranded people. The Home Ministry has fully equipped it with equipment so that relief work can be expedited. The ministry allocated Rs 20264 crore for SDRF and Rs 5160 crore for NDRF in 2024-25, which is a record and the results of which are visible.

In March 2021, a new alert system was issued, through which the organization now informs about the possibility of danger in advance so that people become cautious. An example of this is that it has sent 631.1 crore alert messages so far and saved precious lives. Its work was not only in India, but also abroad. We saw how it dedicatedly protected humanity in Turkey. The Home Ministry, under the leadership of Home Minister Amit Shah, not only gave full powers to NDRF but also CRPF, BSF, ITBP, Coast Guard, but also gave resources and full legal rights. Its concrete results are clear-



ly visible. He has completed six years of his tenure and during this time, by promoting paramilitary forces in the country, he did everything from removing Article 370 in Kashmir to almost ending Naxalism. Prime Minister Modi also congratulated him on his success. The prompt and long-term action of security forces in Kashmir has reduced violent incidents by 86 percent between 2019 and 2025 as compared to 2004-09. Apart from Kashmir, Naxal violence has been curbed in Central and East India, their major leaders have either been killed or have surrendered. Home Ministry data shows that between 2009 and 2024, deaths due to Naxal violence have reduced significantly. In the last six years, it has come down to 600, while it was 5225 from 2009 to 2014.

The campaign of paramilitary forces against Naxalites is so strong at this time that only six districts of the country are now affected by Naxal violence. That is why the

Home Minister has announced that under the zero tolerance policy led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Naxalism will be completely eradicated by March 2026. Between 2019 and 2025, 1025 Naxalites have been killed and 6983 have been arrested. This number shows that Naxalism is now breathing its last. This is becoming possible due to the determination of the Home Minister and the government is not allowing any shortage of modern technology and financial resources for this. Along with this, many strict steps are also being taken to curb terrorism, which can be seen. For this, the scope of NIA has been increased and laws have also been made strict. Complete ban has been imposed on organizations like PFI, Hurriyat, due to which cases of terror have decreased. But many times, problems are not solved by mere strictness or the power of security forces and therefore Shah has made arrangements for the Home Ministry to

work with the states on several development and rehabilitation schemes, which are showing good results. Development is a medium through which violence and anarchy can be curbed. Keeping this in mind, several schemes have been made in the states of the Northeast.

Under the peace process, 12 peace agreements were signed in six years, due to which the situation improved unprecedentedly. AFSPA is being removed rapidly and it has been completely removed in two states, Tripura and Meghalaya, and is applicable only in a small part of other states. Cybercrime is a challenge for the country and it was not easy to fight it, but strict action is being taken in this direction by making the Home Ministry the nodal agency. For this, the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Center (14C) has been created. It is equipped with the latest technology to deal with cybercrime and it has done important work in curbing these crimes and is still doing it. Apart from cybercrime, many steps have been taken against the dangers of drugs in the country, which have been quite successful. Not only are drug consignments from neighboring country Pakistan being caught, but strictness is also being imposed on the borders of some other countries. The Home Ministry is working in this direction in collaboration with the Ministry of Chemicals and the Ministry of Pharmaceuticals. Success is also being achieved in this. In this way, the role of paramilitary forces is commendable.

For fashion retailer Kazo, the decision to open in Entertainland reflects the brand's confidence in the spending power of New Gurugram's young households. This is one of the most exciting consumption markets right now. The customer base here is aspirational, brand-conscious, and eager for new shopping experiences.



Elon Musk’s xAI sues Apple and OpenAI over alleged anticompetitive practices

New Delhi:Elon Musk’s company xAI, along with his social media platform X (formerly known as Twitter), has filed a 61-page lawsuit in Texas federal court against Apple and OpenAI. The complaint accuses the two tech giants of creating a monopoly in the smartphone and generative AI chatbot markets. Musk is demanding billions in damages and has requested a jury trial.

Apple and OpenAI deal under scrutiny

The lawsuit points to the 2024 Apple–OpenAI partnership, which gave ChatGPT exclusive integration on iPhones. According to xAI, this deal prevents fair competition, making it harder for other AI chatbots to gain visibility and user adoption.

Musk alleges that Apple’s move amounts to giving OpenAI an unfair default status on iOS.

Allegations of market manipulation

xAI argues that Apple’s partnership with OpenAI locks out competitors and reduces consumer choice. The complaint further states that users are discouraged from downloading other AI chatbots since ChatGPT comes pre-integrated and endorsed by Apple. Musk also claims Apple artificially ranks ChatGPT high on the App Store charts, sidelining other competitors like Grok, xAI’s own chatbot.

Musk’s previous criticism and legal history

The lawsuit follows Musk’s earlier

criticism on X, where he accused Apple of favouring ChatGPT in App Store listings and editorial sections. This marks Musk’s first legal case against Apple, but not against OpenAI. In 2024, Musk had already sued OpenAI for shifting from its non-profit roots to a for-profit structure, with that trial scheduled for March 2026.

What’s next?

The case could have major implications for the AI and smartphone industries, especially if courts find Apple and OpenAI guilty of antitrust violations. A ruling in Musk’s favour could open the door for more AI chatbot integrations on iOS devices, breaking Apple’s exclusivity with ChatGPT.

BSNL expands 4G network nationwide, prepares Q-5G rollout and doorstep SIM delivery



New Delhi:BSNL, a government-owned telecom service provider, have been on the move to improve the nationwide visibility. The central government has approved an additional capital expenditure of Rs 6,982 crore to accelerate the rollout of BSNL’s 4G services nationwide. This comes on top of earlier support worth Rs 3.22 lakh crore, which will further include 4G and 5G spectrum worth Rs 89,000 crore allocated about two years ago.

4G rollout gains momentum

By the end of July 2025, BSNL reportedly installed around 96,300 sites for its 4G network nationwide, of, 91,281 sites were already operational. Recently, the telecom company launched its 4G services in Delhi, providing users with high-speed data and voice calling. The rollout in Delhi has been made possible through a network sharing agreement with a partner operator.

Financial performance

Minister of State for Telecom, Pemmasani Chandrasekhar, informed the Rajya Sabha that BSNL posted a net profit of Rs 262 crore and Rs 280 crore in the

third and fourth quarters of the last financial year, respectively. However, the company reported a loss in the first quarter of the current financial year.

Upcoming 5G service: Q-5G

BSNL is also preparing to enter the 5G market with its Q-5G service, where ‘Q’ stands for Quantum. The rollout is expected soon, giving the state-owned operator a chance to compete with private players like Jio and Airtel.

Customer-friendly initiatives

Alongside network upgrades, BSNL has launched doorstep delivery of SIM cards via a new online portal. Customers can order prepaid or postpaid SIMs, complete self-KYC online, and get their SIMs delivered at home. Additionally, the company has rolled out anti-smishing and anti-spam protections across India to safeguard users from fraudulent SMS links.

Looking ahead

The Department of Telecom (DoT) has estimated that BSNL will require Rs 47,000 crore in capital expenditure for upcoming projects.



Apple could introduce reverse wireless charging with iPhone 17 Pro and Pro Max

New Delhi:Apple, one of the leading names in the consumer tech world, is set to launch its latest line-up- the iPhone 17 series, which will be unleashed in September 2025 (timeline yet to be revealed). The company is expected to launch atleast four new devices in the range, with iPhone 17 Pro and Pro Max to be under the most premium of the launch lineup. All the devices from Apple will be featuring reverse wireless charging, a functionality which enables users to charge accessories like AirPods and Apple Watch directly from their

iPhone.

Although Android supporting devices have been offering this feature since 2019, Apple, on the other hand, is now expected to join the list with 7.5W reverse charging support.

iPhone 17 Pro to feature reverse wireless charging

As per the leak from Instant Digital (Chinese tipster) on Weibo, Apple is reportedly testing reverse wireless charging on the iPhone 17 Pro models. The feature would enable users to wirelessly charge smaller accessories, like AirPods or the Apple Watch, by

using the battery of the phone.

Faster than Samsung, but behind Xiaomi

The leak states that Apple’s reverse wireless charging will support up to 7.5W charging, which is higher than Samsung’s Galaxy S25 Ultra PowerShare (4.5W). However, it will still lag behind Xiaomi’s 15 Ultra, which offers 10W reverse wireless charging speeds.

Likely to come on both Pro and Pro Max

While the leak specifically mentions that the new iPhone 17 Pro models (including both Apple

iPhone 17 Pro and iPhone 17 Pro Max) will typically share the same specifications, much like the iPhone 16 series, but will be an upgrade. Hence, both the premium variants are likely to support this new feature of reverse charging in the devices.

A late but useful addition

If the reverse charging news gets a confirmation, the new iPhone 17 series will be the first from the range of Apple phones, which will be joining the tech of being a charger to other phones, and a support system. Indeed, it’s ‘Better late than never!’

Apple to open fourth retail store in India, launching in Pune on September 4

New Delhi:Apple, one of the leading names in the consumer technology world, is growing its physical presence in India with several new retail stores opening lined up, including one in Pune’s Koregaon Park, which is scheduled for September 4. This marks Apple’s fourth official store in the country after Apple BKC in Mumbai, Apple Saket in New Delhi, and the upcoming Apple Hebbal in Bengaluru. The Pune store was announced just days before the major Apple event, where the company is expected to unveil the new iPhone 17 lineups. The event is expected to go live in early September (timeline unspecified).

Store design and artwork inspired by India

The barricade for the Pune

store was unveiled recently, and it showcased a design theme which looks similar to the Bengaluru outlet. Both stores are featuring artwork which is inspired by the Peacock, India’s national bird and a symbol of pride.

Reports further suggest that the Koregaon Park (Pune) store will cover around 10,000 square feet, making it one of the most spacious retail outlets of Apple in the country.

Apple’s retail strategy for the Indian market

Apple’s retail stores will enable customers to experience the full range of its products, including iPhone, iPad, Mac, Apple Watch and accessories.

Visitors will also be able to access expert guidance from Creatives, Apple Specialists



and Geniuses. The company will host Today at Apple sessions in Pune, covering photography, art, music, and coding workshops.

Convenience and services for customers

With services like Shop with a Specialist over Video

and the Apple Store app, Apple is expanding its personalised shopping experience in India. These initiatives, combined with new physical outlets, reflect Apple’s growing focus on one of its fastest-expanding markets.

Upcoming Apple Stores and iPhone 17 launch

The timing of Pune and Bengaluru store launches aligns perfectly with the upcoming iPhone 17 series launch, which is expected in September (timeline yet to be announced). Apple Inc. is expected to send out invites for the event in early September, with sales beginning mid-month. Furthermore, there are strong rumours of upcoming Apple stores in Hyderabad and Chennai.



Rasha Thadani adopted Azad, Elsa, and Elsu

Shared the complete story of the rescue

Rasha recently adopted two dogs and a cat, and while sharing their pictures on Instagram, she described in detail their story and the rescue process.

Raveena Tandon’s daughter and Bollywood actress Rasha Thadani is very compassionate towards animals. Through her social media platform, she often appeals to people to take care of animals and to adopt them. She believes that animals are also a part of our families and they too need love and protection.

Recently, Rasha adopted two dogs and a cat. While sharing their pictures on Instagram, she narrated in detail their story and the rescue process.

In her caption, she wrote:

“At the beginning of this year, we opened our hearts and home to two

beautiful babies, Azad and Elsu. These puppies had been abandoned on a high-way during heavy rains. They were found fragile and terrified. They were rescued and are now safe with us, living with love. This reminds us how adoption can save lives.”

She further wrote:

“When Elsa first came to us, she was so weak that she could not even stand. Most of the time, she just lay down. Azad had been beaten by his previous owner, which was evident from the way he walked. His spine was bent so low that he could hardly lift his back off the ground.



Dhanush and Shalini Pandey’s film Idli Kadhai set picture goes viral

National Award-winning actor and filmmaker Dhanush has wrapped up the shooting of his much-awaited directorial venture Idli Kadhai. Starring alongside him is the talented actress Shalini Pandey, who has carved a strong identity in both Hindi and South cinema since her powerful debut in Arjun Reddy. A candid picture of Dhanush and Shalini from the film’s set is currently going viral on the internet. In the photo, the two can be seen engaged in a deep conversation between shots, reflecting their natural chemistry and hinting at their dynamic on-screen pairing. Industry buzz suggests that Shalini plays a significant role in the film, one that carries strong emotional depth.



Ashnoor Kaur enters Bigg Boss 19, thanks fans for their love

Bigg Boss 19 has officially begun, and among its contestants is Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai actress Ashnoor Kaur. On Sunday, she entered the Bigg Boss house. A video clip of Ashnoor was shared on Instagram, in which she expressed gratitude to her fans. The clip also gave a glimpse of her preparations before entering the BB house. Ashnoor is the youngest contestant of Bigg Boss 19. After stepping into the show, she also expressed her wish to win it. While sharing the video, her team wrote: “With your love, prayers, and support, Ashnoor Kaur has finally entered the Bigg Boss house. For fans who have seen her grow from a little four-year-old to who she is today, this is a special moment—to witness the real Ashnoor on reality TV for the first time. Beautiful, outspoken, and deeply emotional, she is all set for this journey.



Sana Maqbool returns after a long break with a women-centric web series

After a long hiatus, actress Sana Maqbool is making a comeback with a women-centric web series. The actress shared that after quietly focusing on her health and preparing herself again, she is now ready to step back into the world of acting.

Reflecting on her life’s journey, Sana said that when circumstances forced her to pause, she realized that women often put themselves last—their dreams, their health, and even their happiness.

She added, “For me, returning with a story centered on women is very special. This is my way of sending a message that we all deserve a second chance, and our voices deserve to be heard.”

Her upcoming web series will highlight women’s emotions, strength, and resilience, which also resonate with Sana’s personal experiences. She chose this project because she wanted to portray characters that embody courage, hope, and self-discovery.

Sana last made headlines in June when her close friend, Dr. Aashna Kanchwala, shared an emotional post from the hospital. Posting a picture of Sana in a weak condition, she wrote: “My strongest friend. I’m proud of the courage you’ve shown. You’ll come out of this very soon.”

Sana, while recalling her life’s journey, said that when circumstances forced her to stop, she realized that women often put themselves last—their dreams, their health, and even their happiness.



Trailer of 2025 rom-com musical Mannu Kya Karega? showcases the sparkling chemistry of Vyom and Saachi

Forget the old heartbreak ballads—Bollywood romance is back with an exciting new upgrade! The trailer of Mannu Kya Karega? has finally dropped, and it has everything we look for in a classic Bollywood romance—dazzling chemistry, genuine emotions, and music that lingers in your heart long after the trailer ends.

Produced by Sharad Mehra under the Curious Eyes Cinema banner and directed by Sanjay Tripathi, the film introduces fresh faces Vyom and Saachi Bindra, whose sparkling chemistry has already won audiences over. Joining them is a strong supporting cast including Vinay Pathak, Kumar Mishra, and Charu Shankar, adding further weight to the story.

Right from the opening frame, the film exudes a refreshing and colorful vibe. Vyom and Saachi’s sweet chemistry instantly charms viewers—they are natural, captivating, and bring back the magic of old-school romance with a modern twist. But it’s not all fun and laughter—the trailer also captures family drama, emotional highs and



lows, and the tender ache of first love. The soul of the film, however, is its music. The standout track “Hamnavaa” in the trailer suggests that the soundtrack could redefine

the romantic music scene of 2025. If the teaser offered a glimpse, the trailer confirms that this film will surely find a place in everyone’s love playlist.

Reem Shaikh wins fans’ hearts with her desi look

Reem Shaikh, who began her career as a child artist, is today one of the big names in the TV industry. Known for shows like Tujhse Hai Raabta, Tere Ishq Mein Ghayal, and Fanaa, Reem shared some stunning pictures on social media on Monday.

In the Instagram photos, the actress can be seen striking graceful poses with charm. She paired a pink skirt with a white dupatta, which beautifully enhanced her look. Captioning the post, she wrote: “Let me stay tangled in you like this, I’ve heard that once threads are untangled, they separate.”

Her pictures are being widely loved by fans, who are showering her with compliments. One user wrote, “How are you so beautiful?” while another com-



mented, “Super.” Yet another asked, “Ma’am, can you share your playlist?” and one more wrote, “You are very beautiful.”

Talking about Reem Shaikh’s career, she started as a child artist at just six years old with the TV serial Neer Bhare Tere Naina Devi. Later, she appeared in several shows such as Me Aaji Aur Sahib, Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai, Khelti Hai Zindagi Aankh Micholi, and Diya Aur Baati Hum. Much like her close friend Jannat Zubair, Reem Shaikh often stays in the spotlight for her personal life. Her name has been linked with actors Sehban Azim and Shagun Pandey.

Fun and Important Conversations in All About Her: Soha Ali Khan



Actress Soha Ali Khan has launched a podcast, All About Her, to connect with the digital audience. She explained that since the Covid era, podcasts have become quite popular. In this context, they have come up with a format that the audience has not experienced before. Soha said, “I believe that these days the number of podcasts has grown significantly, and people’s interest in them has also increased. But when I researched, I noticed that while there are many podcasts on topics like news, fictional thrillers, wellness, and parenting, no one was really talking about women’s wellness. Through this podcast, I’m trying to fill that gap.” She further shared that usually a podcast either has a celebrity or an expert, but the format of her podcast is slightly different. It will feature both celebrities and experts. Soha added, “When there’s only an expert, the conversation tends to get a bit boring, whereas with a celebrity, the chat feels fun but doesn’t offer much to learn. But when both are brought together, the conversations are not only entertaining but also insightful for listeners. That’s the unique quality of this podcast. She expressed hope that the podcast will spread awareness among women and serve as an excellent platform to provide useful information.