

BRIEF NEWS
PM Modi reached China, grand welcome at the airport



New Delhi. PM Narendra Modi has now reached China after visiting Japan on Saturday. Where he was given a grand welcome at Tianjin Airport. PM Modi will participate in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in Tianjin city on Sunday. PM Modi's China visit is happening on the invitation of President Xi Jinping. PM Modi has reached Chinese soil once again after 7 years. This visit of the Prime Minister is considered important because it will melt the ice on India-China relations. During this, PM Modi will also meet President Xi Jinping, Russian President Putin and other leaders. He said in a social media post, "I have reached Tianjin, China. I am looking forward to discussions and meeting with various global leaders at the SCO summit." This will be Modi's first visit to China in the last seven years and second meeting with President Xi Jinping in the last one year.

House collapses due to landslide in Jammu and Kashmir Jammu. Seven members of a family were killed when a house collapsed due to a landslide in a remote village of Reasi district in Jammu and Kashmir in the early hours of Saturday. Officials gave this information. Officials said that a house collapsed due to a landslide caused by heavy rains in Baddar village of Mahore. They said that the bodies of all seven members of the family have been recovered. Officials said that the deceased have been identified as Nazir Ahmed (38), his wife Wazira Begum (35) and their sons Bilal Ahmed (13), Mohammad Mustafa (11), Mohammad Adil (eight), Mohammad Mubarak (six) and Mohammad Wasim (five).

Jharkhand's sports policy is giving wings to the dreams of players: CM

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Former Indian football team captain Baichung Bhutia paid a courtesy visit to Chief Minister Hemant Soren at the Chief Minister's residential office on Saturday. During this, the two had a detailed discussion on issues related to the development of sports, especially football, in Jharkhand, providing better training to the players and strengthening the sports infrastructure. The CM said that under the government's sports policy, scholarships, employment, better coaching and modern resources are being provided



to the players. Special schemes are also being made for popular sports like football, so that talents can be identified from the rural level and promoted. Vaichung Bhutia gave suggestions

On this occasion, Bhutia gave his suggestions to the Chief Minister for promoting sports, especially football, in Jharkhand and improving the talent of the players. He said that there is no dearth of sports talent in Jharkhand and national and international level players are being produced from here. The Chief Minister said that there is immense potential for sports in Jharkhand. The government is committed to providing opportunities and facilities to players at every level. Government committed to nurture sports talent

The CM said that the state government is committed to the all-round development of sports. Football is a very popular sport among the young generation of Jharkhand and the government is constantly working to strengthen its infrastructure and provide better training and opportunities to the players. The guidance and experience of legendary players like Baichung Bhutia will give a new direction to the players of Jharkhand. He expressed confidence that this will increase the morale and enthusiasm of the young players of the state.

Sudarshan Reddy seeks support from all MPs for the Vice Presidential election

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Former Supreme Court judge B. Sudarshan Reddy, the opposition's joint candidate for the upcoming Vice Presidential election, questioned who was responsible for damaging Chief Minister Hemant Soren's reputation. Reddy, representing the INDIA bloc, visited Ranchi on Saturday, where he met Soren and later addressed the media. Reddy, who hails from Telangana, has been nominated by the INDIA alliance as its consensus candidate for the Vice-Presidential poll scheduled for September 9. Speaking at a press conference alongside Hemant Soren, he said that both the ruling and opposition camps were engaged in preparations. Still, for the opposition, the contest was about more than just winning or losing. "The Vice-Presidential election is not about victory or defeat; it is a fight for principles," Reddy remarked. Reddy confirmed that he had the support of Soren's MPs and expressed confidence that many more parliamentarians would back his candidacy. "I will request all Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha MPs



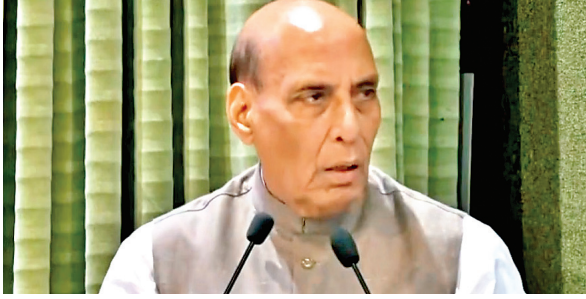
to support me if they find me capable. Letters have already been sent to all MPs and, if needed, I will also reach out to BJP leaders," he said. Emphasising the constitutional rather than political nature of the role, he added: "MPs who stand for justice will vote for us according to their conscience." Turning to allegations against the Jharkhand Chief Minister, Reddy said: "All the allegations levelled against Hemant Soren were baseless. The way he was harassed and the kind of treatment he received have tarnished his reputation. Who is responsible for this?" He emphasised the importance of preserving the essence of the Constitution, which, he said, embodies equality, justice, fraternity, and dignity, alongside socio-economic and political values. Reddy also voiced concern over

what he described as new challenges facing democracy. He criticised political parties for overstepping constitutional limits once in power and warned against "new commentary and new narratives" that undermine democratic institutions. "There is no provision for a whip in this election," he noted, adding that the proposed 130th Constitutional Amendment is currently under review by a Joint Parliamentary Committee. During his visit, Reddy also paid tribute to Shibu Soren, the late architect of the Jharkhand movement and former Chief Minister, known as Dishom Guru. Senior leaders from the Congress and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, including Congress in-charge K. Raju and state party president Keshav Mahato Kamlesh, were present at the event.

Self-reliance in Defence is not merely an option, but a condition for survival & progress: Rajnath Singh

DB Reporter

New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that in today's era of terrorism, pandemics and regional conflicts, self-reliance in Defence is not merely an option but a condition for survival and progress."It is not about protectionism, it is about sovereignty and national autonomy," the Defence Minister said at a Defence Conclave with the theme 'Warfare in the 21st Century' here today, a Defence Ministry statement said. He said many developed nations are resorting to protectionist measures with situations of trade war and tariff war becoming increasingly serious. Self-reliance in Defence should not be confused with isolation, he added. "This is not protectionism. It is about sovereignty. When a nation of youth, energy, technology and possibilities



moves towards self-reliance, the world pauses and takes note. This is the strength that enables India to withstand global pressures and emerge stronger," he said. Hailing Operation Sindoor as a shining example of India's growing indigenous Defence capabilities, Rajnath Singh said the precise strikes carried out by the armed forces on their targets using indigenous equipment demonstrated that no mission can be successful without vision, long preparation and coordination. "Operation Sindoor may appear to be a story of a war of a few days, India's victory and Pakistan's

defeat, but years of strategic preparation and Defence preparedness have played a long role behind it," he said, adding that India's forces, through years of hard work and reliance on indigenous equipment, executed the operation effectively and decisively. The Minister described the 'Sudarshan Chakra Mission' as a game-changing initiative for India's future security. The mission envisions providing complete aerial protection to critical locations across the country within the next decade, using both defensive and offensive technologies.

Former Jharkhand minister Anosh Ekka gets 7-year jail in CNT land scam case

DB Reporter

Ranchi: The CBI Special Court in Ranchi has sentenced former minister Anosh Ekka, his wife Menon Ekka, former Ranchi LRDC Kartik Prabhat, and others to seven years of rigorous imprisonment in connection with a 15-year-old land deal case involving violations of the CNT Act. The court also imposed fines on the convicts, stating that failure to pay the fine would



result in an additional one-year sentence for each. On Friday, the court had found all the accused guilty of

illegally purchasing and selling land by flouting the provisions of the CNT Act. The quantum of punishment was pronounced on Saturday, when the convicts were produced before the CBI court through video conferencing. The trial was conducted by Special Public Prosecutor Priyanshu Singh on behalf of the CBI. Anosh Ekka, while serving as a minister, was accused of

misusing his office and using fake addresses to purchase tribal land, with the assistance of then LRDC Kartik Kumar Prabhat. Investigations revealed that large-scale land transactions were carried out with the collusion of administrative officials and staff. In Menon Ekka's name, land parcels were bought in several locations: 22 kathas in Hinoo, 12 acres in Ormanjhi, 4 acres in Newari, and 9 decimals in

Siramtoli, Chutia. All these purchases were made between March 2006 and May 2008. The CBI successfully proved all charges in court, leading to the convictions. Notably, Anosh Ekka has already been convicted in three other cases earlier-the para-teacher murder case, a money laundering case, and a disproportionate assets case. This is the fourth case in which he has been held guilty.

From Voice To Video: The Flight Of Indian Startup 'Koyal'

Agency

New Delhi: Technology has always reshaped the way of storytelling. Once stories and songs were passed down from generation to generation by word of mouth, then came radio, television and cinema which made it more grand, but also expensive and time-consuming. Even today, it takes editors and creators days, sometimes weeks, to prepare a short video. Indian startup 'Koyal AI' has come up with a solution to this challenge - which converts voice into video in moments. Dream of a sister-brother duo



Delhi's Gauri and Mehul, a brother-sister duo, started this unique platform. It was named 'Koyal'-the same bird that is known for its sweet voice. The only difference is

that this time the magical power of the koyal is its ability to create videos from sound. Users can simply record a song, podcast or a short voice note in

their own voice and 'Koyal' converts it into a video in minutes. The characters, their movements, lip-sync and animation - everything is created in professional quality. Why did you make 'Koyal'? Small musicians, teachers, YouTubers, podcasters and business owners are all facing a big problem, due to the following reasons- **Making videos is expensive** **It takes a lot of time** Good ideas often go unfulfilled Two years of hard work and innovation Gauri and Mehul decided to give

wings to stories that were based solely on sound. After two years of research and experimentation, the team overcame the technical challenges. The characters now look natural. Several people can talk in a single scene. The lip-sync of moving characters is perfect. Today 'Koyal' is capable of creating not only short social media clips but also long web series-like stories. **Why unique to India?** Although AI video tools exist across the world, this is the first time a platform of this scale has come to India in the field of audio-to-video storytelling.

The biggest strength of 'Koyal' Speed - work in minutes Quality - Like professional videos Affordability - within reach of every creator The cuckoo is the flight of the future Currently, Koyal is working on projects with music companies, podcast creators, and OTT platforms. The platform is bridging the gap between voice and sight in both education and entertainment. For everyone who has a voice, Koyal gives them the power to tell stories by turning them into videos-fast, easy, and accessible.

CCL Bids Heartfelt Farewell to 91 Retiring Employees

DB Reporter
Ranchi : A grand "Honour Ceremony" was organized today at the headquarters of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) to bid a warm and respectful farewell to six employees retiring from the headquarters in August 2025. In addition, employees retiring from various areas of CCL were also felicitated in separate ceremonies held at their respective locations. In total, 91 employees were given an honourable and emotional send-off today. **The employees retiring from the headquarters include:**
» Ratnesh Jain, Head of Medical Services, Medical Department
» Navneet Kumar, General Manager (HR), P&IR Department



» K. Ramakrishna, General Manager (Mining), Human Resource Development Department
» Subodh Kumar, General Manager (Excavation), Excavation Department
» Shahid Jamal, Chief Manager (HR), Officer Establishment Department
» Shashi Kant Singh, Senior Loading Supervisor, Marketing and Sales Department
The event was graced by the presence of Harsh Nath Mishra, Director (Personnel), and Chandra Shekhar Tiwari, Director (Technical/Operations). In his address, Mr. Mishra expressed heartfelt gratitude to all retiring employees, stating, "This is a proud moment for the CCL family. Our 91 colleagues have played a vital role in taking the company to new heights through their invaluable contributions and dedication. We sincerely thank them for their selfless service and wish them good health and an active, fulfilling life ahead."

Mr. Tiwari also spoke on the occasion, emphasizing the lasting impact of the retirees' work: "Today reminds us that it is the hard work and commitment of each employee that has shaped CCL into what it is today. The retiring colleagues have set a strong example for future generations. We will always remember their contributions and wish them a bright and prosperous future." The ceremony was attended by General Managers of various departments, officers, employees, and the families of the retirees. As a mark of appreciation, all retiring employees were presented with shawls, flower bouquets, and mementos, making the occasion truly memorable.

NTPC GM Subrat Kumar Inaugurates Mushroom Cultivation Centre to Promote Women's Livelihood

DB Reporter
Barkagaon: Under the banner of NTPC (NML) Pakri Barwadih Coal Mining Project, a Mushroom Cultivation Centre was inaugurated at the R&R Colony by General Manager Subrat Kumar Das, who officially opened the facility by cutting the ribbon and breaking a coconut. Addressing the gathering, Mr. Das highlighted NTPC's commitment to empowering women residents of the R&R Colony through sustainable livelihood initiatives. He stated that this project aims to connect capable women with self-employment opportunities through mushroom farming, enabling them to enhance their economic status and generate employment for others in the community. A selection process involving 30 women was conducted, out of which 10 women were shortlisted and found eligible for mushroom



cultivation. These women-Savitri Devi, Manju Devi, Kavita Devi, Monika Devi, Kiran Devi, Hawanti Devi, Saroj Devi, Mousumi Dev, Babita Devi, and Rekha Devi-were felicitated with cultivation bags and certificates of recognition. The event witnessed the presence of senior officials from various NTPC departments, including members of the CSR Livelihood

Committee Kamla Ram Rajak, Rahul Kumar Jaiswal, Mithilesh Kumar Upadhyay, along with Mukesh Kumar from the Land Department, trainer Santosh Rana, and the full team from ITI Maiti. This initiative is expected to open new avenues of livelihood for local women and contribute positively to the socio-economic development of the region.

Cooperative Society Playing Key Role in Women's Empowerment: Sudhir Manglesh

DB Reporter
Ramgarh: The Annual General Meeting of Sikni Sankul Aajeevika Mahila School-Level Primary Self-Reliant Cooperative Society Ltd. was held on Saturday at Honhe Manda Campus under Dulmi block. The event was graced by Sudhir Manglesh, Chairman of the Dulmi Block Twenty-Point Programme Committee and District Spokesperson & Media Chairman, as the chief guest. Also present were Block Development Officer Amit Mishra and Mukhiya Rajeev Mehta. Addressing the gathering, Mr. Manglesh praised the consistent efforts of the cooperative in empowering rural women. "This cooperative is not just an organizational structure, but the backbone of our socio-economic development. The way you all have set new benchmarks in livelihood through self-reliance and mutual support is commendable," he stated. He emphasized the coopera-



tive's growing outreach and its alignment with government schemes to benefit more women in the future. BDO Amit Mishra also acknowledged the vital role of women's self-help groups in strengthening the rural economy. "With increased women's participation, development initiatives are being implemented more effectively and transparently. The district administration remains committed to supporting such cooperatives," he said.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from local representatives and a large number of women. Key attendees included President Sumitra Devi, Secretary Sheela Devi, Treasurer Kiran Kumari, members of the cooperative, advisors, and associated officials. The meeting focused on reviewing past activities, presenting financial reports, and discussing future strategies for expanding the cooperative's reach and impact.

ESL Mega Health Camp Benefits Nearly 300 Rural Residents in Bokaro

DB Reporter
Bokaro: ESL Steel Limited, under its health initiative Project Arogya, organized a mega health camp at Madhya School in East Mahal, aiming to provide free and quality medical services to the rural community. The camp was inaugurated by Sheetal Singh (Mukhiya, East Mahal), Abhishek Kumar (Security Head, ESL), and Kunal Daripa (Head-CSR, ESL) in the presence of local leaders and community members. A team of doctors offered free health check-ups and consulta-



tions, benefiting nearly 300 villagers who received primary healthcare services and further medical advice as needed. The camp was supported by Sanjeev Netralaya and Kishore Dental Clinic, with coordination by

Citizens Foundation, the NGO partner of Project Arogya. Abhishek Kumar said, "Such camps bring essential healthcare services to rural residents under one roof. ESL CSR remains committed to this cause." Kunal

Daripa added, "Our goal is to ensure accessible healthcare reaches the community and brings real change." Mukhiya Sheetal Singh appreciated the initiative, calling it a significant step to bring a large team of doctors to the village. Under Project Arogya, ESL CSR annually serves over 35,000 rural people around Bokaro through primary health centers and mobile health vans, offering general consultations, maternal care, disease prevention, and awareness programs to improve quality of life.

2400 MW thermal power plant to be built in Pircpainti, Bihar, Adani Power gets the contract

DB Reporter
Patna: Adani Power Limited has received a big contract to give a new impetus to Bihar's electricity needs. The company will set up a 2400 MW capacity Greenfield Thermal Power Plant in Pircpainti, Bhagalpur. This plant will provide continuous electricity to the state for 25 years. The contract has been given by Bihar State Power Generation Company on behalf of North and South Bihar Distribution Companies. Now soon the power supply agreement will be done. **Cheap electricity, big investment**
In the tariff based bidding, Adani Power offered the lowest rate of ₹6.075 per unit. Along with this, the company will invest around ₹27,000 crore. 10-12 thousand jobs will be created in the construction phase and 3 thousand perma-



nent jobs after operation. Adani Power CEO S.B. Khyali said, "The Pircpainti project will provide cheap and uninterrupted electricity to Bihar. It will strengthen the state's economy and give a new impetus to industrialization." India's peak demand is projected to grow from the current ~250 GW to ~400 GW by 2032 and 700+ GW by 2047. To meet this demand, the government has set a target of adding ~100 GW of new thermal capacity by 2035.

Deputy Commissioner Reviews Departments in District Coordination Committee Meeting

DB Reporter
Dhanbad: Under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate Aditya Ranjan, a meeting of the District Coordination Committee was held today at the Collectorate auditorium to review the functioning of various departments. The Deputy Commissioner conducted a comprehensive review of departments including Rural Works, Rural Development Special Division, Roads Division, PHED 1 & 2, Municipal Corporation, Building Division, Health, Social Welfare, and CP Gram among others. He directed the delimitation of land for Panchayat Bhawans across all blocks



and instructed the construction of boundary walls, sheds, toilets, and painting work. Attendance is to be recorded through biometric systems. Boundary walls of Jharkhand Residential Girls' Schools are to be strengthened with concertina wire fencing. Further, DC ordered identification of land near roads for Anganwadi cen-

ters, strict action against encroachments on government land, and site visits with Executive Engineers for speedy resolution of pending development projects. He also instructed the establishment of a modern Pet Clinic in the district and preparation of a proposal for a new CHC and Trauma Center at Govindpur. During the PHED review,

directives were issued for DPR preparation for pit water supply in rural areas, repair of water towers in Jalan Nagar and Vasepur, and quick repair of hand pumps in 300 Anganwadi centers. Officials from various departments including the Municipal Commissioner, Civil Surgeon, DRDA Director, and Block Development Officers attended the meeting.

Kodarma Sadar Hospital Save Committee Launches Indefinite Protest Over Poor Health Services

DB Reporter
Kodarma: The Sadar Hospital Bachao Sangharsh Samiti, led by President Ishwar Anand and Secretary Prakash Rajak, commenced an indefinite dharna after a large procession was taken out from Urmila Chaudhary Clinic to the district collectorate. The protesters raised slogans demanding accountability and better health services at the Sadar Hospital, including "Inquilab Zindabad," "Civil Surgeon, Wake Up," and "Stop Extorting Huge Fees in Name of Tests." Addressing the protest, Ishwar Anand criticized the administration and health department for neglect despite massive investments under Ayushman Bharat. He highlighted that advanced



equipment and operation theaters in the Eye and Orthopedic departments remain unused, with no surgeries conducted in recent months. Anand also accused the hospital superintendent, Ranjit Kumar, of misusing funds and ignoring reports of financial irregularities during his earlier tenure. Secretary Prakash Rajak pointed out the deliberate closure of the hospital's affordable ultrasound services, forcing patients to pay exorbitant fees at

private centers nearby. He also exposed financial discrepancies in maternity records and demanded a thorough investigation. Other leaders, including Sanjay Sharma and Karun Uddin, condemned the ongoing mismanagement and alleged collusion between hospital officials and district administration. They vowed to intensify the movement unless demands were met. Key demands include guaranteed presence of

doctors from 9 AM to 3 PM, regular patient rounds, investigation into financial irregularities, activation of X-ray and ultrasound machines, thorough audit of equipment purchases, construction of a 50-bed hospital in Pathaldiha, improved hygiene, and equal treatment for all patients. The protest will continue until the administration addresses these critical issues and improves healthcare services at Kodarma Sadar Hospital.

Worship of "Uttam Aarjav Dharma" Marks Day 3 of Das Lakshan Mahaparv



DB Reporter
Ramgarh: On the third day of the Das Lakshan Mahaparv, members of the Digambar Jain community observed and celebrated Uttam Aarjav Dharma, the third of the ten Jain virtues.

- Key teachings of Uttam Aarjav Dharma include:**
- » Absence of deceit and hypocrisy: A pure mind free from cunningness or manipulative behavior.
 - » Uniformity of mind, speech, and action: Saying what one truly feels and doing what one says.
 - » Simplicity and truthfulness: Leading a straightforward and truthful life.
 - » Connection with one's true self: Recognizing and staying connected to the naturally honest nature of the soul.
 - » Integrity in relationships: Fostering transparency and sincerity in relationships, leading to stronger and more harmonious bonds.

The term "Aarjav" signifies supreme honesty and integrity, advocating a life free from deceit, and promoting transparency in thoughts, speech, and actions. Former president of the Digambar Jain community, Mr. Manik Chand

Jain, addressed the gathering and highlighted the principles of Uttam Aarjav Dharma. He emphasized that true simplicity and honesty come from aligning one's inner thoughts with their spoken words and outward actions.

Inner Wheel Club Ramgarh Organizes Free Anaemia Screening Camp for Schoolgirls

DB Reporter
Ramgarh: The Inner Wheel Club of Ramgarh conducted a free anaemia screening and awareness camp on Saturday at the Cantonment Board Upgraded Middle Girls School, Staff Quarters. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about anaemia among adolescent girls and promote early detection and prevention. During the camp, hemoglobin levels of the students were tested. Dr. Ranjan Kumar, present at the event, emphasized that anaemia remains one of the most serious yet often overlooked health issues, especially among young girls. He stressed the importance of a balanced diet, consumption of green leafy vegetables, iron-rich foods, and



maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Students found anaemic during the screening were provided free medication and necessary consultations. Dr. Kumar also explained that in some cases, intestinal worms can be a cause of anaemia, and deworming

medicine would be given where needed. The camp also included a detailed session on preventive measures, encouraging regular health checkups and dietary improvements. The Inner Wheel Club distributed fresh fruits to

the students as part of the health initiative. Club members Namita Shroff, Janesha Vadera, Megha Bagaria, Neeru Sahni, Navaljeet Kaur, Harmeet Kaur, Vijayalakshmi Iyengar, and Ambali Jain were present during the event.

Students Can Build Careers Through Sports: Dr. Sunil Kashyap

DB Reporter
Ramgarh: A two-day Sports Day event was successfully organized on August 30 at Upgraded Middle School, Govindpur, Mandu, under the directive of the Government of Jharkhand. Headmaster Dr. Sunil Kumar Kashyap inaugurated the event and informed that the day began with a vibrant march-past performed by students. This was followed by a series of traditional and indoor games including tug of war, Ludo, sack race, carrom, chess, slogan writing, and badminton—all coordinated by the school's nodal teachers. Winners in each event were felicitated with prizes by Dr. Kashyap. In the carrom competition, Gautam Kumar (boys) and Ashwini Kumari (girls) emerged victorious. Manya Kumari impressed in the Ludo game, while Aryan Kumar showcased an excellent performance in chess, securing the top position. Other students who delivered commendable performances and received awards included Pari Kumari, Pihu



Kumari, Muskan Kumari, Sumit Kumar, Tania Kumari, Shivam Kumar, Pankaj Kumar Mahato, Ankit Kumar, Amit Tudu, Kartik Kumar Deepak, and several others. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kashyap emphasized the importance of sports in a student's life, stating, "Sports can be a strong platform for students to build successful careers. Students should participate actively and focus on excellence."

Police Outpost to Be Reopened in Afzalpur Following Jharkhand Assembly Speaker's Intervention

DB Reporter
Jamtara: The long-standing demand of residents of Afzalpur village in Nala block is finally being fulfilled. Thanks to the persistent efforts of Nala MLA and Jharkhand Assembly Speaker Rabindranath Mahto, a police outpost (picket) will soon be operational in Afzalpur. The Director General of Police (DGP) has issued instructions to establish the police picket in the village. Afzalpur vil-

lagers had repeatedly requested the reopening of the police picket to ensure better security, especially since the village borders West Bengal and has faced issues with suspicious gatherings after dusk. Although a police picket was previously stationed here, it was closed down for unspecified reasons. Acknowledging the villagers' concerns, MLA Rabindranath Mahto wrote a letter to the DGP urging the reinstatement of the outpost.



Following this, the DGP sought reports from the Dumka IG office. Recently, during his inspection of Nala police station, Dumka DIG Amber Lakra confirmed that the police picket would be reactivated in Afzalpur. The villagers, who had approached various lawmakers over the years without success, are now elated at this development.

District Development Coordination and Evaluation Committee Meeting Held at Hazaribagh Collectorate

DB Reporter
Hazaribagh: A review meeting of the District Development Coordination and Evaluation Committee was held on Saturday at the Collectorate auditorium under the chairmanship of Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Annapurna Devi. The meeting was attended by key officials and elected representatives, including Hazaribagh MP Manish Jaiswal, Barhi MLA Manoj Yadav, Bagodar MLA Nagendra Mahto, Barkagaon MLA Roshan Lal Chaudhary, Barkatha MLA Amit Yadav, Mandu MLA Tiwari Mahto, Hazaribagh Deputy Commissioner Shashi Prakash Singh, Superintendent of Police Anjan Anjan, and Deputy Development Commissioner Istiyak Ahmed, among others. Prakash Jha attended the meeting as a representative of Hazaribagh Sadar MLA Pradeep Prasad, addressing issues concerning the Hazaribagh Sadar constituency.



The committee reviewed the performance and progress of various departments, including Welfare, Municipal Corporation, Forest, Land Conservation, Drinking Water and Tap Water Schemes, Sanitation, Irrigation, Land Acquisition, National Highways, and Health. Detailed discussions were held on critical local issues such as the drying up of trees in

urban and rural areas, drinking water supply challenges, and the condition of dilapidated roads. The meeting emphasized the need for urgent and effective measures to address these public concerns, aiming to accelerate development projects and improve the quality of life for residents across Hazaribagh district.

Central Minister Distributes Tractors to Women's Groups in Hazaribagh

DB Reporter
Hazaribagh: In a special event held at the Collectorate premises on Saturday, selected women's groups under the Chief Minister's Tractor Distribution Scheme for the financial year 2024-25 received tractors to promote self-employment. The program was organized by the Land Conservation and Survey Department as part of a state government initiative. Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Annapurna Devi, along with Hazaribagh MP Manish Jaiswal, Barhi MLA



Manoj Yadav, Barkatha MLA Amit Yadav, and other local legislators, distributed the tractors to the beneficiary women's groups. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Annapurna Devi highlighted that this scheme is a significant step towards empowering women through self-employment and strengthening the rural economy. She encouraged the women to become self-reliant in agricultural activities and serve as role models for others. Officials from the department informed that the selected women's groups have been provided tractors as per government guidelines, with plans to extend the scheme to more groups in the future. Additionally, NMDC handed over an ambulance to the district administration from its CSR fund to enhance healthcare services in the region.

Namo Football Tournament to Kick Off Grandly in Sadar Block Today

DB Reporter
Hazaribagh: As part of the MP Sports Festival 2025, the Namu Football Tournament will have a grand and historic inauguration today, August 31, 2025, at 10 AM at Oria Football Ground in Sadar Block. The event will be graced by Hazaribagh Lok Sabha MP Manish Jaiswal and several other dignitaries. Around 90 teams are set



to participate in the tournament. The guests will be warmly welcomed by girls from Dhaviya School with traditional greetings and drum beats.

The ceremony will include a torch lighting and a pledge for a drug-free life by the players. A special tribute will be paid to the late Bijay

Kumar, former MLA representative and close associate of MP Manish Jaiswal. The inaugural match will be played between Hazaribagh Retired Eleven and Oria Retired Eleven teams. The organizing committee has invited local leaders, BJP officials, workers, football enthusiasts, and residents to join the historic opening ceremony.

A Three-day master trainer training programme organised at CCL



DB Reporter
Ranchi: Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) organized a three-day master trainer training under the National Karmayogi Vrihad Jan Seva Program. This training was held in two batches. The first was held from 25 to 27

August and the second from 28 to 30 August at CCL Headquarters, Ranchi. A total of 53 master trainers participated in this program. Its purpose was to further improve the capacity and working style of the employees so that the quality of service can be improved.

Three-Day Jharkhand Khelo Competition Concludes, Players Honored

DB Reporter
Barkagaon: Under the leadership of Block Education Council Officer Jawahar Prasad, the three-day Jharkhand Khelo Competition concluded successfully, showcasing the talent of young athletes. The event was conducted by BPO Prahlad Gupta at the playground of Barkagaon Plus Two High School. Around 800 participants from 55 schools competed in under-14, under-17,



and under-19 categories. Various events such as 100m, 200m, 400m, and 600m races, volleyball, kabaddi, high jump, long jump, discus throw, javelin throw, and kho-kho were played with great enthusiasm.

Jharkhand Govt to Disburse 2,500 to Over 50 Lakh Women Before Karam Festival

► This move echoes a similar gesture made during Raksha Bandhan in July, when a previous installment was released to help women celebrate the festival without financial strain.

DB Reporter
Ranchi: Ahead of the Karam festival, the Jharkhand government is



set to gift over 50 lakh women a financial boost through the 13th

installment of the 'Maiyaan Samman Yojana'. Under this women-centric welfare scheme, an amount of ₹2,500 will be directly transferred to the bank accounts of eligible beneficiaries. According to officials from the Department of Social Security, the fund transfer will begin on August 31, with most recipients expected

to receive the money within 2-3 days. The department has already issued instructions to all districts to ensure smooth execution. This move echoes a similar gesture made during Raksha Bandhan in July, when a previous installment was released to help women celebrate the festival without financial strain.

The scheme, which supports women's economic empowerment, benefited over 50.3 lakh women in its last installment and is expected to cross that number this time as well. The state government, under Chief Minister Hemant Soren, continues to prioritize social welfare schemes with timely disbursement around key festivals.



Editorial
Tariff vs. Tariff Free

America has imposed a 50 percent tariff on India, which has been opposed by countries like China, Russia, Brazil, Australia. It has also been condemned. The agreements and principles of 'Quad' have also been invoked. India could also have imposed a tariff on America, but the Modi government has made cotton tariff-free till December 31. Earlier there was an exemption of 11 percent duty, which was extended till September 30, but now the import of cotton has been made completely free. What kind of Modiism is this or what kind of strategy is this of the government? Got slapped on one cheek and turned the other cheek too! Because of this, cotton imports may double to more than 20 lakh bales during the first three months of the marketing year 2025-26 starting in October. One bale contains about 170 kg of cotton. What will the Indian farmer do? Will he fry pakodas? The argument being made is that this decision has been taken to help and support the exporters of the textile industry, but what will happen to the 60 lakh cotton producing farmers in India? They may not have understood this game of tariffs right now, but when their crop will have to be sold at a price of Rs 1000-1200 per quintal less in the market, then the collective reactions of the farmers will come to the fore. The international prices of cotton are about 20 percent less than the domestic prices. ICE cotton futures are around 67-68 cents (about 9 rupees) per pound. The price of a candy of about 356 kg is around Rs 46,000, while the domestic prices are around Rs 55,000. Our focus is on America, although cheap cotton is also imported from countries like Brazil, Africa, Australia. The question is about the promise made by Prime Minister Modi from the ramparts of the Red Fort. He had said that if anyone wants to play with the interests of farmers, cattle rearers, dairy owners etc., then Modi will stand in the middle like a wall. Has that wall collapsed so soon? Or has US President Trump's tariffism forced our Prime Minister to become a compromiser? Will America gain permission to enter India's agriculture, animal husbandry and dairy products sector in the coming days? In America, less than 2 percent of the people are dependent on agriculture. There is a lot of corn and soybean in America. The American government gives subsidy of more than 65 lakh rupees to farmers. In India, 46 percent of people are associated with agriculture, so they are dependent on it. Most of the farmers are poor and indebted. Loan waivers have also been done, but still farmers are indebted.

Situations like Indonesia are needed to reform leaders

India is one of the largest democracy in the world, where everyone has their own voice with their opinion on policy, but these prolonged disruptions are reducing the capacity of the Parliament. What result do we get at the end of the day, and how much do we gain from the discussions? Parliament makes its own rules and regulations, it is up to the members to follow those rules and regulations for the effective functioning of legislative bodies. How long will this continue...

Yogendra Yogi

Riot police fired several rounds of tear gas at thousands of stone-pelting students trying to reach parliament in Indonesia's capital. These students had reached there to protest against the lavish allowances of parliament members. The protesters were angry with recent reports that 580 members of the House of Representatives have been receiving a housing allowance of 50 million rupiah per month from September 2024. The allowance given to MPs per month is 20 times more than the income of an Indonesian citizen per month. 580 members of Indonesia's parliament are being given Rs 5 crore (\$ 3075) as housing allowance from September 2024. Corruption is rampant in Indonesia and activists say that the police and parliament members are widely considered corrupt in a country with a population of more than 28 crore. Looking at the attitude of the leaders, it seems that such a situation is developing in India sooner or later. Ministers, MPs and MLAs are not really concerned about the condition of the people of the country. In the monsoon session of Parliament, 120 hours were allotted for discussion in the Lok Sabha, but only 37 hours of discussion took place. Due to the uproar, the public lost money worth several hundred crores of rupees as the proceedings were stalled. Due to the continuous interruptions, the

proceedings could run actively for only one-third of the time. A large part of this was the discussion on Operation Sindoor. Most of the time was spent in uproar, due to which bills were passed without adequate discussion. Despite 285 questions being asked in the Rajya Sabha, only 14 questions were answered during the session. For 20 consecutive days, opposition parties associated with the India Block created a ruckus and protested inside and outside the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on the issue of re-inspection of the voter list in Bihar. Due to this, the proceedings of both the houses were disrupted a lot. Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harvansh said in his concluding speech on the last day of the monsoon session that overall, the House was able to function for only 41 hours and 15 minutes. The productivity of this session was disappointingly only 38.88 percent, which is a matter of serious introspection. From this, it can be guessed how serious the elected public representatives are for the country's interest. No work means no salary, no one raises voice on this issue in Parliament. Whether the Parliament functions or not for any reason, it does not matter to the MPs. They get full salary and allowances. No one even discusses cutting it on the basis of non-functioning. Umesh Patel, an independent MP from the Union Territory of Daman and Diu, was the only MP who raised this demand. He had said that if the

House does not function, then the MPs should not get the allowance. He claimed that MPs do get the allowance, but the public work is not done. He had alleged that the House is not being allowed to function due to the ego of both the ruling and the opposition, while the opposition parties are blaming the government for this. He said that the salary and other benefits of MPs should be stopped if there is no work in the House. The ruling party and the opposition blame each other for stalling the proceedings of Parliament, but when it comes to increasing the salary and allowances, everyone unites. There is no debate on this. There is no analysis of how much productivity the MPs have had in lieu of the salary and allowances. When the country celebrates its 79th Independence Day, the Parliament did not function for even 79 hours during the monsoon session. In the monsoon session of the country's Parliament, Lok Sabha did not work for 83 hours. Due to this, public money worth Rs 124 crore 50 lakh was wasted. Rajya Sabha remained stalled for 73 hours, due to which Rs 80 crore was wasted. This means that Rs 204 crore 50 lakh was wasted in both the houses. In the Parliament, where MPs cannot work even for an hour, the public sends them with the responsibility of 5-5 years.93 percent of the MPs sitting in Parliament are crorepatis, who currently get a salary of Rs 1 lakh 24 thousand every month. The parliamentary constituency

allowance is Rs 84 thousand. The daily allowance of MPs is Rs 2500. Including salary and allowance, every MP is given Rs 2 lakh 54 thousand every month from the public money. MPs leave no chance to stall the proceedings of Parliament by creating ruckus in the name of national interest, but when it comes to increasing salaries and allowances, everyone unites. Last year, the salary of Members of Parliament was increased by 24 percent. The new salary was considered effective from 1 April 2023. With this, the monthly salary of MPs has become Rs 1.24 lakh in addition to some allowances and facilities. The government said that the salary of MPs was increased in view of rising inflation. At the same time, additional pension was announced for every year for former members for more than five years of service. It has been said that the daily allowance has been increased from Rs 2000 to Rs 2500. The pension of former MPs was increased from Rs 25000 per month to Rs 31000 per month. The additional pension for each year of service over five years was increased from Rs 2000 per month to Rs 2500 per month. They have been given this facility under the MP Salary, Allowance and Pension Act of 1954. Review is done every five years: Since 2018, the salary and allowances of MPs are reviewed every five years. This review is based on the inflation rate. In 2018, the law for the salary and allowances of MPs was amended.

The neglected section of the society struggling with lack of money

The children of that person living in penury join the long queue of unemployment after getting educated and trained. After trying hard, they are able to get a job of ten to twelve thousand rupees in the private sector away from home. There they have to live in a rented room. There is also expenditure on food and drink. Overall, they are left with nothing. Not only this, the parents have to get them married in time. Lakhs of rupees are spent on this. Not only this, if someone dies in the family, his last rites also have to be performed...

Ram Lal Pathak

There is a neglected class in the society which has been struggling with lack of money for decades. Due to lack of regular income, such a person who supports his family by hard labour, neither got a government job nor any special grant from the government to improve his standard of living. Due to this, this class is continuously getting trapped in the web of poverty. By working hard, with great difficulty that person managed to arrange two meals a day for the family. He took a loan from his relatives and built a small two-room concrete house for the family to live in. Only the head of the family knows how the daily life of that family is going on. But in the eyes of the government, he is not poor. His concrete house is visible, but no one can see under what circumstances he did all this. Due to the criteria set by the government, such families are not even included in the list of IRDP (fami-

lies living below the poverty line). The worry of how much loan has been taken on the house and how to repay it keeps troubling him day and night. His financial condition has always been bad. Such a family is not able to take advantage of the government welfare scheme due to its complex process. Therefore, such a person lives his and his family's life in penury. For the families suffering from lack of money, former Chief Minister Late Virbhadra Singh had made a scheme during his tenure that if any member of the family was not in a government job, one member of that family would be given a government job. The process for this had also started. At that time, such certificates had also started being made through SDM or Tehsildar that no member of the said family was in a government job. During this time, it also happened that some influential people separated their children from the family and got such certificates made for them too. Due to the indif-

ferent attitude of the officials, this scheme died before reaching any goal. Some people did benefit from it, but a large section of the population was deprived of it. During the Janata Party's rule in 1977, the then Chief Minister Shanta Kumar started the Antyodaya Yojana. The poor class benefited a lot from it. Shanta Kumar was a strict Chief Minister. Therefore, the selection of families for the Antyodaya Yojana was done with great transparency. At that time, the state's economic condition was good and there was no unemployment like today. Employees did not have such high salaries. At that time, many youths got employment in the government sector. At that time, there was a lot of food crisis as well. A large part of the common man's income was spent on buying grains. At that time, grains had also become cheap. This class living in the society is following its customs with great difficulty. It is living with brotherhood. It has to educate its children. After that, it has to send

them to some small training institute for training. After this, the children of that person living in poverty, after getting educated and trained, join the long queue of unemployment. After a lot of effort, they are able to get a job of ten to twelve thousand rupees in the private sector away from home. There they have to live in a rented room. There is also expenditure on food and drink. Overall, nothing is left with them. Not only this, the parents also have to get their children married in time. Lakhs of rupees are spent on this. Not only this, if someone dies in the family, his last rites also have to be performed as per rituals. After crossing the age of sixty, a person's body starts giving up and all his property, earned with every penny, is lost. During the tenure of the former BJP government, some employment may have been provided in the government sector, but they simplified the conditions for social security pension for elderly people above the age of sixty years.

This provided some relief to those who were not in government and semi-government jobs. Retired employees and income tax payers were not eligible for this. All elderly women who had crossed the age of 70 were brought under the ambit of social pension. Eligible elderly people who have crossed the age of sixty may have got some benefit, but they started getting a monthly pension of one thousand rupees. The two and a half year rule of the Sukhu government of Congress has been completed, but the pension of elderly men is still one thousand rupees per month. That too is not being given regularly. Some other relief has been received from the Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi of the Modi government at the Center. With this, elderly farmers are getting an amount of five hundred rupees every month. It often happens that the children of a person who is not in a government job are not able to get training in a good institute.



Confident we will stick to fiscal deficit target: DEA Secretary

New Delhi, Agency: Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) Secretary Anuradha Thakur on Saturday expressed confidence that India will meet its fiscal deficit target of 4.4 per cent for 2025-26, despite the first quarter showing a wider deficit than last year.

In an exclusive interview with media, Thakur underlined the government's commitment to fiscal discipline while stressing the strength of India's economic fundamentals.

"On the overall year number, we remain confident that we will be able to stick to the fiscal deficit target we had set, and we will be able to maintain that," she stated, responding to concerns over

the April-July fiscal data.

India's fiscal deficit for April-July stood at Rs 4.68 lakh crore, or 29.9 per cent of the 2025-26 target, compared to 17.2 per cent during the same period last year.

Thakur, however, dismissed concerns that the quarterly performance would impact annual projections. "Fiscal deficit number for Q1 is not indicator for the full year. Because on monthly or quarterly basis, there could be temporal mismatches between the flow of non-debt receipts and expenditures," she explained.

In her Budget speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had set the Revised Estimate for fiscal



deficit in 2024-25 at 4.8 per cent of GDP, with the Budget Estimate for 2025-26 projected at 4.4 per cent of GDP.

Commenting on the Q1 2025-26 GDP growth of 7.8 per cent, Thakur said, "Q1

numbers reflect basic resilience of our economy. It reflects strengthening of the momentum in the economy, and it is anchored in strong macroeconomic fundamentals."

She pointed to robust performance across sectors, with manufacturing, construction, and engineering showing strong activity.

Agriculture demonstrated awe-inspiring growth, supported by a good Rabi harvest and excess kharif sowing compared to the previous quarter.

"We have a good buffer stock. We witnessed good rainfall. Our growth outlook is good," Thakur added, citing agricultural strength as a key factor in sustaining eco-

nomie momentum.

On the demand side, Thakur noted that domestic consumption remains the primary growth driver for the Indian economy. "In our economy, net exports don't contribute so much," she said, highlighting the economy's reliance on internal demand rather than external markets.

Addressing concerns about potential 50 per cent US tariffs on Indian goods, she said, "As an economy, the dependence on exports is not that high. There could be some near-term disturbance, but in the overall year scenario, we are not changing our growth estimate yet."

Looking ahead, Thakur expressed optimism about

sustaining the economic momentum. "Way forward, the outlook remains positive, and the momentum that has been demonstrated in Q1 shall hold up. Agriculture is a strong reason for saying that," she stated.

She also cited high-frequency indicators and the government's sustained capital expenditure drive as key supports for growth. "The strong capex push that the government has been making for the last several years, and particularly in the last Q1, which is about 30 per cent more than the 3-year average," Thakur noted, underlining the government's commitment to infrastructure investment as a growth catalyst.

COAI Dialogues calls the industry for collaborative efforts to strengthen digital trust and march towards Viksit Bharat

New Delhi, Agency: COAI Dialogues, one of the leading industry forums in the Indian telecom industry, organised by the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), voiced out its commitment to strengthen the digital network infrastructure for a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

The event was graced by Ritu Ranjan Mittar, Member, TRAI; Julian Gorman, Head Asia Pacific, GSMA and other leaders from the government and industry.

All stakeholders came together for the full day conference spanning across 5 sessions to discuss critical areas such as regulatory reforms, spectrum availability and affordability, infrastructure sharing and investment opportunities, under the theme of "Empowering Viksit Bharat".

Chief Guest Ritu Ranjan Mittar, Member, TRAI said, "When we talk about digital inclusion, we must not be satis-

fied with the achievements we had; 1.2 billion users, fastest 5G rollout, but have to reach the last customer who is still not included. The time is near for AI-enabled phones and trust issues must be addressed, given the challenges voice AI will bring. With ongoing work on backhaul spectrum and updated interconnect regulations, DoT and TRAI are actively advancing the sector."

In-line with the values of the initiative, the one-day event witnessed keynotes and session discussions by industry leaders across topics like, the early monetization of next-generation technologies like 6G and their transformative role in accelerating sustainable development, achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and empowering underserved and regions across the country, while dealing with issues of immediate attention such as rise of spam/fraud communications via OTT



Communication Apps and others.

Julian Gorman, Head Asia Pacific, GSMA said, "India's digital progress is powered by connectivity but must rest on digital trust, requiring urgent collaboration across the Government and industry to build a secure and resilient ecosystem. As a rising telecom superpower, India can

lead by championing global standards, open interoperable frameworks and fostering harmony amid digital fragmentation. By sharing its innovations, India can help lift millions worldwide into the digital age, forging a legacy of global leadership and empowerment for a secure, inclusive digital future.

Soon there will be a study to fix the height of buildings near airports: Naidu

New Delhi, Agency: Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu said on Saturday that an international study will soon be started to curb the height of buildings near upcoming airports. For this, the help of ICAO experts will be taken. The Union Minister said this while addressing the 17th National Conference of NAREDCO at Ashoka Hotel here. In his address, Naidu highlighted the importance of developing real estate around upcoming airports. He said that the government is also considering ways to increase services in and around airports.

In the conference of real estate sector organization NAREDCO, Naidu said that India is one of the fastest growing civil aviation markets in the world. He told that in the last 11 years, the number of operational airports in the country has increased from 88 to 162. The government aims to build 50 new airports in the next five years and the country has the potential to build more than 350 airports.



Leap India files DRHP for Rs 2400 crore IPO

New Delhi, Agency: Mumbai-based Leap India has filed a draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with capital market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for an initial public offering (IPO). The company plans to raise Rs 2400 crore through this issue. Its shares are proposed to be listed on BSE and NSE.

According to the document submitted before capital market regulator SEBI, Leap India's proposed IPO with a face value of one rupee includes a new issue of equity shares up to Rs 400 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of up to Rs 2,000 crore by existing shareholders including Vertical Holdings II Private Limited and KIA EBT Scheme 3. This includes



reservation for eligible employees, in which shares under the employee quota will be discounted. Leap India, a provider of on-demand asset pooling in the supply chain sector, will use Rs 300 crore of the proceeds from the new issue to prepay borrowings, while the remaining amount will be spent to meet working capital requirements.

‘We are a global growth engine’: Piyush Goyal after India clocks 7.8% GDP growth rate

New Delhi, Agency: India's stellar GDP growth is an indicator of the country's standing in the global economy, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said, so much so that "we are a global growth engine."

"Beating all predictions, India's GDP grows 7.8% in the first quarter of FY26. We are a global growth engine fuelled by reforms and resilience," the Union Minister of Commerce & Industry said in a post of X, formerly Twitter, on Saturday (30 August 2025).

India has grown at the fastest pace in at least a year, surprising the likes of economists and GDP pun-

dits alike, but that growth isn't without merit. In fact, it's short-lived.

The super healthy GDP growth rate in the first quarter has gotten a temporary boost from front-loaded government spending—unlike last year due to 2024 Lok Sabha elections—along with front-loaded exports to the US before the 50% tariffs came in effect, Madhavi Arora, lead economist at Emkay Global, said in a note on Friday.

India's economy unexpectedly expanded 7.8% year-on-year in the April-June quarter, picking up from 7.4% in the previous three months, according to



government data released on Friday. With that, India remains the fastest growing major economy in the world, as China's GDP growth rate came in at 5.2% and United States' at 3.3% in the three months to 30

June.

Economists polled by Reuters had forecast India's GDP growth rate to ease to 6.7% in Q1, and that the economy would continue to slow due to 50% US tariffs on exports. Instead, the fourth largest economy in the world has expanded at the fastest pace since January-March 2024, when it grew 8.4% year-on-year. The Growth Is Fleeting To be sure, these effects are, at best, transient. Many economists expect a slowdown in growth in the upcoming quarters as government spending wanes and external pressures take over.

Raghuram Rajan wants windfall tax on Russia-fuelled refiners to support Indian exporters hit by US tariffs

New Delhi, Agency: India should consider a windfall tax on refiners benefiting from discounted Russian crude to support exporters hit by 50% US tariffs, according to Raghuram Rajan.

"We need to ask who benefits and who is hurt," the former RBI governor told India Today in an interview on 27 August. "Refiners are making excess profits, but exporters are paying the price through tariffs."

"Do they still make those excess profits? Should we take some of those profits and benefit some of the exporters who

are being hurt by the fact that they're buying oil from Russia." The Growth Is Fleeting To be sure, these effects are, at best, transient. Many economists expect a slowdown in growth in the upcoming quarters as government spending wanes and external pressures take over.

Later, Rajan took to LinkedIn to express his views on a windfall tax.

"Why not impose a windfall profit tax on our refiners proportional to the Russian oil they buy, and transfer it to our small and medium exporters? That will ensure



those in India who benefit from Russian oil also pay for it instead of letting others pay."

Indian refiners—led by

Reliance Industries Ltd. and Nayara Energy Ltd.—are likely to increase Russian oil purchases by 10-20%, or 150,000-300,000 barrels per day, in September, Reuters reported on Thursday (28 August 2025), citing traders familiar with preliminary purchase data. 50% tariffs came in effect, Madhavi Arora, lead economist at Emkay Global, said in a note on Friday.

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Russia is likely to cut prices to sell more crude oil because they cannot process as much in refineries that were damaged by Ukraine's drone attacks. Without India, Russia would struggle to maintain exports at existing levels. That would cut oil export revenues that finance the Kremlin's budget and Russia's continued war in Ukraine. To be sure, India has in the past imposed windfall levies on oil producers and temporary duties on refined fuel exports when global crude prices surged. Rajan's proposal goes a step further

by directly linking the gains of refiners to relief for exporters.

Supporters argue such a move would create a fairer burden-sharing mechanism: refiners profit from cheap crude, while labour-intensive industries that employ millions get shielded from trade shocks.

However, the idea is not without complications. India's oil refiners are significant foreign exchange earners. Any new levy risks denting their profitability and discouraging Russian oil imports—a key pillar of India's energy security.





Krystle D'Souza got a Sagar Veni hairstyle done by her house help

Popular TV actress Krystle D'Souza recently received a lot of praise for her role in the web series First Copy. On Thursday, the actress shared a video on social media. In the video posted on Instagram, Krystle can be seen getting a Sagar Veni hairstyle done by her house help. Sharing the video, Krystle captioned it: "Urmila Didi, who is my house help, left aside the household chores today and helped me with everything." Talking about her look, the actress wore a light yellow suit with minimal makeup. To complete the look, she accessorized with silver earrings, which looked even more adorable on her.

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Krystle began her acting career in 2007 with the TV serial Kahte Hain Dil Nachhe Na, where she played the character of Kinjal. She became a household name with the serial Ek Hazaaron Mein Meri Behna Hai, where she played the role of Jeevika Vadhera. After that, she made guest appearances in several shows like Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai, Iss Pyaar Ko Kya Naam Doon?, Saath Nibhaana Saathiya, Diya Aur Baati Hum, and Pyaar Ka Dard Hai Meetha Pyara Pyara. She also participated in the dance reality show Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa 7 and Box Cricket League.

Shama Sikander dazzled in a baby pink saree, shared pictures with Ayushmann Khurrana

Bollywood and TV actress Shama Sikander is always in the spotlight for her style and beauty. Whether she is spotted at an event or shares a new glimpse of herself on social media, she knows exactly how to grab her fans' attention. On Saturday, she posted some pictures on Instagram that her fans are loving. Along with her beauty, the festive vibes of Ganesh Chaturthi can also be clearly seen in the pictures.

In the photos shared on Instagram, Shama is wearing a baby pink saree with a golden border, which looks absolutely stunning. What makes her traditional look even more special is her strappy blouse, which perfectly comple-



Diana Penty's desi swag: dazzles in yellow crop top and mojari shoes

Actress Diana Penty, who began her acting career with the film Cocktail, shared a series of pictures on social media on Thursday.

In the Instagram post, Diana can be seen in a very stylish look. She paired a yellow crop top with blue jeans and layered it with a net kurta. To complete her look, she opted for traditional mojari footwear. In the pictures, she is seen wearing jhumkas in the first one, smiling at the camera

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while touching her hair in the second, and striking a chic pose in the third. Her radiant charm shines through in every shot.

Along with the photos, Diana kept the caption simple by posting just three heart emojis in yellow,

low, pink, and sky blue, perfectly reflecting her outfit and mood.

Her pictures received numerous likes, with fans showering her with comments such as "Beautiful" and "Gorgeous."



Pooja Batra's stylish look spotted at Huntington Library

Actress Pooja Batra is currently in California. Though she may appear less frequently on the big screen, she keeps her presence alive through social media. On Saturday, she did just that by posting a few pictures for her fans on Instagram. In the photos, the actress is seen at The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens. Her look is quite stylish. In the caption, Pooja wrote: "I absolutely loved the collection at The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens. Their books and art are wonderful." Coming from an army background—her father was a Colonel—Pooja began her career as a model.



Chhoti Bahu star flaunts her moves in a saree

Fans are mesmerized by Rubina Dilaik's captivating look

Actress Rubina Dilaik is currently making headlines for her reality show Pati Patni Aur Panga. On Saturday, she shared a series of pictures on Instagram.

In the photos, Rubina is seen wearing a dark purple shiny saree with golden prints. She accessorized her traditional look with a mangalsutra, sindoor, and bangles. Her open-hair look added extra charm, which fans absolutely loved.

In the first picture, she is striking a stylish pose, while in the second, she is seen adjusting her hair. She also posed for a video during the shoot. Sharing the post, Rubina captioned it: "Expressing my feminine power."

Fans adored her post. One user commented, "Beautiful," another called her "Boss Lady", while someone else wrote,



"Pretty." A fan even complimented her hairstyle, writing: "Rubina, your straight hair looks really nice."

Earlier, Rubina had shared pictures with her husband Abhinav on Instagram, where the couple

looked adorable together. Fans speculated that the photos were taken on the sets of Pati Patni Aur Panga. In those, Rubina wore a light purple outfit, while Abhinav looked dapper in a black suit.

Aditi Rao Hydari shared a photo with Rekha, revealed whom she is missing

Actress Aditi Rao Hydari celebrated Ganesh Utsav with some of her close friends. She is currently in Mumbai and marked the festival with her family and friends.

She shared pictures of the celebration on Instagram, where she can also be seen with veteran actress Rekha. While posting the photos, Aditi revealed whom she was missing. Along with her, director Sanjay Leela Bhansali and designer Manish Malhotra are also seen in the pictures. In one of them, Rekha is lovingly seen kissing Aditi on the forehead.

Sharing the pictures, Aditi wrote: "Festivals are about love; missing home and my Sidhu very much." With



this, she made it clear that she was dearly missing her hus-

band, Siddharth. A few days ago, Aditi was honored with the Diversity in Cinema Award at the latest edition of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM). Talking about it in an Instagram post, she wrote: "Receiving this honor on India's Independence Day makes it even more special. To be a part of the Indian film industry and celebrate it... to belong to diverse stories, languages, cultures, histories, to connect through our tales with love, and to share our joy, pain, and laughter through cinema — this means so much to me."

The festivity of Ganesh Chaturthi

Jacqueline Fernandez seeks blessings at Lalbaugcha Raja



The auspicious festival of Ganesh Chaturthi is being celebrated across the country with great enthusiasm, with Maharashtra witnessing the highest fervor. As every year, a massive crowd of devotees thronged Mumbai's famous Lalbaugcha Raja for darshan. Among them was actress Jacqueline Fernandez, who too visited Lalbaugcha Raja and shared a video of the moment on social media.

The Sri Lankan actress was seen offering prayers at the pandal. Talking about her look, Jacqueline wore a beautiful peach lehenga paired with a green choli and a matching green dupatta, which enhanced her traditional appearance. With minimal makeup, her simplicity and devotion touched the hearts of fans. She added the Marathi aarti "Sukhakarta Dukhaharta" in the background of her video.

During the visit, Jacqueline offered modak to Lord Ganesha and performed puja. Actress Avneet Kaur was also seen accompanying her. Posting the video on Instagram, Jacqueline captioned it: "Every darshan reminds us of patience, love, and miracles. Ganpati Bappa Morya!"

Her post won the hearts of fans, with many responding by writing "Ganpati Bappa Morya", "Om Gan Ganapataye Namah", along with heart emojis. The grandeur of Lalbaugcha Raja and its devotional atmosphere attracts lakhs of devotees every year. The 10-day Ganesh Chaturthi festival is marked by prayers and rituals, as devotees seek blessings of prosperity and happiness. On the work front, Jacqueline was last seen in Housefull 5, alongside Akshay Kumar, Abhishek Bachchan, Riteish Deshmukh, Sonam Bajwa, Nargis Fakhri, Sanjay Dutt, Jackie Shroff, Nana Patekar, Chitrangda Singh, Fardeen Khan, Chunky Panday, Johnny Lever, Shreyas Talpade, Dino Morea, Ranjeet, Soundarya Sharma, Nikitin Dheer, and Akashdeep Sabir, among others.