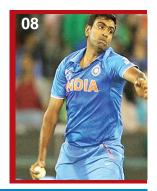


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BRIEF NEWS

Yogi government's big decision in the interest of outsourcing workers

Lucknow. The Yogi government has taken a historic step to make outsourcing services in the state more transparent, secure and accountable. In the cabinet meeting led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, a total of 15 proposals were approved on Tuesday, which also included approval for the formation of Uttar Pradesh Outsource Service Corporation Limited under Section-8 of the Companies Act-2013. This will be a public limited company, which will be operated as a non-profit institution. Through this, now the outsourcing agencies will not be selected directly by the departments, but the corporation will select the agency through a fair and transparent process through the Gem portal. Outsourced employees will be selected for three years. The honorarium of 16 to 20 thousand rupees per month has been fixed for the employees. Through this decision, the government will

ensure that every

employee gets his full

rights and his future is

will not only give better

opportunities to lakhs of

establish a new model of

employment and good

governance in the state.

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Affairs Minister Suresh

number of personnel

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CM Hemant vows to give Jharkhand a distinct identity in education

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Tuesday handed over appointment letters to 975 newly appointed postgraduate trained teachers, assistant professors and laboratory assistants at the Appointment Letter Distribution-cum-Medha Samman Ceremony held at the Jharkhand Ministry.

On the occasion, he also launched the Chief Minister Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar Yojana and the Jharkhand e-Shiksha Mahotsav 2025, reaffirming his government's commitment to strengthening the education system. The Chief Minister said his government is determined to give Jharkhand a distinct identity in the field of



education. "We are working continuously to make government schools as resource-rich and modern as private ones. The positive results encourage us to take education to new heights," he said.

Netarhat School to Open **Doors for Girls**

In a major announcement, CM

Soren declared that Netarhat Residential School will now be co-educational, with girls being enrolled for the first time. He also revealed plans to open three new schools on the lines of Netarhat, which is now affiliated with CBSE and offering English-medium edu-

Race for Admission in **Schools of Excellence**

Highlighting the growing trust in government institutions, Soren said that the Chief Minister's Schools Excellence are witnessing high demand for admissions. "Children from private schools are now enrolling in our Schools of Excellence proof that government schools can match the standards of private institutions," he added.

Incentives and Scholarships for Students

The Chief Minister underlined several initiatives to support students: Board toppers received laptops, smartphones, and an honourarium of ?3 lakh, while JAC board toppers were also given scoot100% scholarships are being offered for higher education abroad.

Under the Guruji Credit Card Scheme, students can avail up to ?15 lakh in education loans without collateral.

Various scholarship amounts have been increased to ease the financial burden on students.

Teachers and Schools Honoured

At the ceremony, appointment letters were distributed symbolically to the new recruits:

33 postgraduate trained teach-

909 assistant professors (Maths and Science) 33 laboratory assistants

Additionally, students and schools excelling in board examinations and competitive exams were honoured, including those trained under the Akanksha Coaching Scheme. Collective Effort for a **Stronger Jharkhand**

Soren called on citizens to contribute to the state's development: Every individual, in their own field, has a role to play in building a stronger, leading Jharkhand. Together, we can shape a brighter

future."

The event was attended by ministers, senior officials. and dignitaries, including Minister Radhakrishna Kishore, Minister Sanjay Prasad Yadav, Minister Shilpi Neha Tirkey, Rajya Sabha MP Mahua Maji, Additional Chief Secretary Avinash Kumar, and others.

Jharkhand Cabinet forms displacement commission, clears 66 proposals

DB Reporter

Ranchi: The Jharkhand government has approved the formation of the Jharkhand State Displacement and Rehabilitation Commission to ensure the rights and entitlements of displaced people. The proposal was cleared in

Tuesday's cabinet meeting, where the rules and responsibilities of the commission were also finalized. The issue of a Displacement Commission was also raised in the Monsoon Session of the Assembly. The commission will comprise a chairperson and two members. The chairperson must have at least 10 years of experience in matters related to rehabilitation

Of the two members, one will be a retired administrative service officer and the other a retired district judge. The commission's maximum tenure will be three years. In total, the Cabinet approved 66



35 Dams

proposals. Among them, it was decided that the government residence allotted for life to former CM Shibu Soren (late) will now be allotted for life to his wife, Rupi

The Cabinet approved several proposals linked to arts and literature. These include the establishment of the Jharkhand State Lalit Kala Academy to promote fine arts, the Jharkhand Sahitya Academy, and the Jharkhand State Sangeet Natak Academy.

Approval was also granted for amendments to the Jharkhand

Tourism Development Registration Act. 238 Crore for Rehabilitation of

The Cabinet sanctioned ?238 crore for the rehabilitation of 35 dams in the state under phases one and two

of the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project. Of this, 70 per cent will be funded

by the World Bank, while 30 per cent will be borne by the state government. Additionally, administrative approval was given for ?1,891.67 crore for the Punasi Reservoir Project.

PM Modi slams Cong-RJD alliance for derogatory remarks against his mother at Bihar rally

Agency

New Delhi/Patna: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today came down heavily on the Congress-RJD alliance in Bihar, condemning the use of derogatory language against his late mother during their political rally recently in the pollbound State.

Addressing a programme of Bihar State Jeevika Nidhi Credit Cooperative Society through video conferencing, Modi got emotional while speaking and said the abusive words used against his mother reflect the mentality of Congress and RJD. He accused them of nurturing the feeling of hatred against women. He minced no words as

he said the remarks



not merely a personal affront but an insult to every mother and sister in the country and that he was deeply hurt by the demeaning remark.

Modi further said "the Indian land never tolerates humiliation of a mother and the Congress RJD should apologize to the women of the country and especially "Chhathi Maiya" (the famous deity of the internationally known Chhath festival of Bihar) and the "Saptabahini" (social

respect to the Seven Sisters- the rivers of the Eastern region)." 'Mother is our entire

world, mother is our pride. In this culturally rich land of Bihar, what happened a few days ago, I could never have imagined it. From the stage of RJD and Congress, my mother was abused. These abuses are not just an insult to my mother. They are an insult to the mothers, sisters, and daughters of this country, said the Prime Minister.

DGP holds meeting in view of Karma Puja and Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi

DB Reporter

Ranchi: DGP Anurag Gupta held a review meeting on Tuesday at the auditorium of Jharkhand Police Headquarters regarding upcoming festivals Karma Puja, Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi. In the meeting, the DGP gave several guidelines to the Zonal IG, DIG of the range and SP of the district regarding the security and law and order of the state.

DGP asked to take action against anti-social elements. He also instructed to ensure deployment of magistrates and adequate police



force at sensitive places to maintain law and order during the festi-

Instructions for using electronic surveillance equipment

DGP directed to use CCTV and other electronic surveillance equipment to strengthen the security system. DGP further said that there is a need to keep special vigil in sensitive and hypersensitive areas by physically verifying the routes of the procession. Along with the processions, arrangements were made for aerial surveillance by magistrates, police force, QRT and drones. Instructions were given to keep a strict vigil on rumours and inflammatory posts spreading on social media. Also, emphasis was laid on establishing harmony between different communities by organizing peace committee meetings at the district and police station level.

Ghatsila Assembly by-election: Special summary revision of voter list begins

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Chief Electoral Officer K. Ravi Kumar has said that on the instructions of the Election Commission of India, special summary revision (SSR) of the voter list has been started in view of the by-election to be held in 45-Ghatshila (ST) assembly constituency. This revision is being done on the basis of the eligibility date of 1



July 2025. In a meeting with representatives of recognized political parties at the Election House on Monday, he said that to ensure that no eligible citizen is left out of the

voter list and no ineligible person is included in it, all parties should ensure the appointment of Booth Level Agents (BLA-1 and BLA-2) at every polling station. Ravi Kumar informed

that those polling stations of Ghatsila assembly constituency have been adjusted where the number of voters was more than 1200. He informed that the publication of the draft voter list will be done on 2 September, the time for claims and objections has been kept from 2 to 17 September, the final publication of the voter list will be on 29 September.

India launches 'Adi Vaani', first AI-powered translator for tribal languages

Agency

New Delhi: The Ministry of Tribal Affairs on Monday launched the beta version of 'Adi Vaani', the country's first artificial intelligence-powered translator for tribal languages, aimed at preserving indigenous heritage and improving access to education, healthcare and governance.

The platform, developed by a consortium led by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, will initially support Santali, Bhili,



Mundari and Gondi, with Kui and Garo under development. The serv-

ice is live on a government portal portal https://adivaani.tribal.gov.in with a mobile version expected shortly. Minister of State for Tribal Affairs

Durgadas Uikey, who unveiled the initiative in New Delhi, said the tool would help bridge communication gaps for remote communities and empower tribal youth.

Vibhu Nayar, secretary of the tribal affairs ministry, described the project as a low-cost innovation, developed at roughly one-tenth the cost

of commercial alternatives, using linguistic data collected by state Tribal Research Institutes. He added that the platform features a feedback system to ensure continuous improvement through community participation.

According to the ministry, 'Adi Vaani' will enable real-time translation between Hindi, English and tribal languages, digitize folklore and oral traditions, and provide subtitled advisories, including health messages and prime ministerial speeches.

By digitizing and preserving tribal linguistic heritage, Adi Vaani aligns with national missions such as Digital India, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, PM JANMAN, Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan and Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan.

The ministry expects the platform to empower more than 20 lakh tribal change leaders and contribute to building an inclusive, knowledgedriven Viksit Bharat by 2047.





57 health sub-centers will be constructed to strengthen health services: Deputy Commissioner

DB Reporter Hazaribagh. 57 new health sub-centers will be constructed to strengthen health services in the district. In this regard, Deputy Commissioner Shashi Prakash Singh gave necessary guidelines to all the Zonal Officers and Medical Officers in-charge of the concerned zone through a webinar on Tuesday. The Deputy Commissioner said that all the Zonal Officers should ensure the identification of dispute-free government land in their area and coordinate with



charge of the concerned block and provide the land report immediately. He informed that the state

government has approved the construction of health centers for the purpose of improving health services. He also directed that

of the health infrastructure built earlier from PM-Abhiam and 15th Finance should be sent by the CO and BDO, so that their functioning can be ensured. The Deputy Commissioner said in a strict tone that the Community Health Centers should be operated 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in which the availability of doctors, medicines and ambulances is mandatory. If doctors are found absent at night, legal action will

be taken. The Deputy

Commissioner said that

regular inspection reports

patients suffering from many serious diseases do not have sufficient financial resources for treatment, while the state government is running Ayushman Yojana for such people.

He directed to get Aadhar seeding and e-KYC done for all ration card holders. The Deputy Commissioner directed the CS and MOIC to work in target mode to speed up this work. Along with this, he ordered the District Planning Officer and the Civil Surgeon to monitor this work and provide a progress report daily.

Karma Festival Symbolizes Nature, Culture, and Faith: Sudhir Manglesh

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: On the eve of Karma Festival, Sudhir Manglesh, President of the Block-Level Twenty Point Programme Committee and District Spokesperson & Media Chairman, emphasized the cultural and spiritual significance of the festival. He stated that Karma Parab, celebrated on the Ekadashi of Bhadra month, holds deep importance for the tribal and indigenous communities of Jharkhand and beyond.

Manglesh described Karma as a festival of nature, social unity, and brotherhood, primarily celebrated by the youth and farmers. "The worship of Karam Devta, the deity of nature and justice, reflects our gratitude toward nature and reinforces the values of harmony and environmental



protection," he said.

Why Karma is Celebrated:

He explained that Karam Devta is believed to protect society, relieve hardships, and strengthen the sacred bond between brothers and sisters. Therefore, Karma is not just a festival of devotion, but also one of familial love and cultural identity.

Grand Celebration of Karma Mahotsav at Radha Govind University

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: On the eve of Karma Puja, Radha Govind University hosted a grand celebration of Karma Mahotsav, showcasing the rich cultural heritage and traditions of Jharkhand. The event took place in the university campus and saw enthusiastic participation from students across various departments. The celebration began with the ceremonial installation and worship of the sacred Karam tree branch, marking the traditional start of the festival.Chancellor B.N. Saha extended warm wishes to everyone on the occasion of Karma Puja, stating that the festival symbolizes social unity, brotherhood, and love for nature. University Secretary Priyanka Kumari emphasized that Karma is a celebration of sibling affection, collective spirit, and environmental preservation. Vice-Chancellor Prof.



Rashmi highlighted the significance of Karma as a festival that embodies the deep bond between brothers and sisters and reverence for nature. Registrar Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kumar Mandal described Karma as an integral part of tribal culture, reflecting a commitment to love and protect the environment. The celebration featured vibrant traditional tribal Jhumar dance, folk songs, and rhythmic beats of the Mandar drum performed by

students and faculty, bringing the region's cultural legacy to life.

The event was attended by university officials including Finance & Accounts Officer Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Controller of Examinations Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar, Management Committee Member Ajay Kumar, department heads, faculty members, and hundreds of students. The program concluded with the distribution of traditional Akari-Batari prasad.

Karma Festival is a Grand Celebration of Nature and Heritage: Dr. Sunil Kashyap

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: Karma Parab, a vibrant festival celebrating nature, tradition, and faith, is observed with great fervor across Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Bengal, Delhi, and other parts of India. Celebrated on the Ekadashi of the Shukla Paksha in Bhadrapada month, the festival sees sisters praying for the happiness and prosperity of their brothers.

Sunil Kumar Kashyap, Principal of Utkramit Madhya Vidyalaya, Govindpur (Mandu), called Karma a heritage of nature, rich in cultural and spiritual significance. Speaking on September 2, he explained that the festival



is rooted in the folk tale of Karma and Dharma, symbolizing duty, virtue, and devotion.

In preparation, young girls plant "Java" (sprouted grains like barley, wheat, urad, and maize) in bamboo baskets, five to seven days before the festival. The ritual begins with a holy bath in rivers or ponds, accompanied by the singing of Java

as mantras. The girls then bring the Java home, nurturing it with devotion, believing that its growth reflects their own fortune in the coming year.

Each evening, traditional dances like Jhumar and local songs are performed in village akhadas. On Karma Ekadashi night, the akhada is beautifully decorated, villagers gather for storytelling, and youths sing and dance through the night, playing drums and nagaras. Dr. Kashyap emphasized that families observing Karma abstain from meat and alcohol for a month in advance, embracing a life of devotion and purity. The festival, he said, is a true expression of love, gratitude, and reverence for nature.

Karma Puja and Trainee Motivation Program Organized at Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Teachers' Training College



DB Reporter

Ramgarh: A dual event comprising a Trainee Motivation Program and Karma Puja was organized at Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Teachers' Training College, Sukrigarha, Lari, Ramgarh, on September 2. The event was held in the college's multipur-

pose auditorium. The day began with a floral tribute and lamp lighting before the por-Dr. S.

Radhakrishnan College Management Committee Secretary Sanjay Prabhakar, Khushi organization founder Mukesh Singh Chauhan, author-engineer Basant Hetamsaria, Dr. Sanjay Singh of Ramgarh Women's College, Sandeep Sah (Khushi Doot), Principal Sushil Kumar Upadhyay, and faculty members.

Guest speakers emphasized the importance of

positive thinking, stress management, and joyful living. Sanjay Prabhakar introduced the theme of the motivation session. In the second half of the day, Karma Puja was conducted with traditional rituals by Pahan Kalicharan Munda. Lecturer Prem Narayan Katiyar introduced the significance of the festival. Chief Guest Manish Kumar graced the occasion, and B.Ed. trainees presented folk stories, songs, and dances related to Karma Parab. The program was

anchored by trainees Monika Kumari and Satendra Mahato. Faculty members and non-teaching staff, including Dr. Ashok Ram, Md. Parvez Akhtar, Murari Kumar Dubey, Supriya Barman, and others, were present. The vote of thanks was delivered by Assistant

Professor Nayan Kumar

for Zodiac Signs: Astrologer Mithlesh Tiwari **DB** Reporter

Ramgarh: The last lunar eclipse of the year will occur on the night of September 7, 2025, in the Aquarius sion and Purva Bhadrapada Nakshatra, and will be visible across India. According to astrologer renowned Mithlesh Tiwari, the eclipse will begin at 9:57 PM, reach its peak at 11:41 PM, and end at 1:27 AM. The Sutak period, a spiritually sensitive time, will begin at 12:25 PM on the same day, and its effects will be considered valid due to the eclipse's visibility in

India. Tiwari explained that this celestial event holds both astronomical and religious significance, and its impact will vary across all zodiac signs. He warned that zodiac signs currently under



Shani Sade Sati or Shani Dhaiya will experience the most adverse effects. **Negative Impact on These Signs:**

➤ Cancer (Karka): As the Moon rules this sign, Cancer natives may experience emotional instability, health concerns, and strained relationships during the eclipse. Mental peace and mind-

fulness are crucial. >> Virgo (Kanya): The eclipse falls in the sixth house, indicating obstacles in work and healthrelated issues. Avoid beginning new projects

Lunar Eclipse on September 7 to Bring Mixed Effects

▶ Aquarius (Kumbh): cautious. They may face health issues and relationship conflicts.

▶ Pisces (Meen): The eclipse will take place in the twelfth house of losses, which could result in increased expenses and possible health problems. Caution is advised in financial matters.

People of Aries. Aquarius, and Pisces are currently under Shani Sade Sati, while Leo and Sagittarius are under Shani Dhaiya, making them more susceptible to the eclipse's negative effects. These signs may face economic setbacks, professional instability, and ENT (ear, nose, throat) issues.

or making major deci- Beneficial Effects for **Some Signs:**

Aries (Mesh): The Since the eclipse occurs eclipse falls in the 11th in this sign, Aquarians house, the house of should remain especially gains. Unexpected financial benefits, career advancement, and family wellness are on the hori-

> **→** Taurus (Vrishabh): Though mixed in effect, the eclipse in the 10th house (career) may bring professional growth. Health and paternal care are areas of concern.

> **→** Gemini (Mithun): The eclipse in the 9th house may remove delays and bring success in pending tasks. Financial gains are possible, but health should not be ignored.

> **▶** Leo (Singh): The eclipse in the 7th house may affect marital and business partnerships. Exercise patience and control over emotions.

MTMH to Host Landmark Precision Oncology Conference During Golden Jubilee Year

DB Reporter

Jamshedpur: As part of its Golden Jubilee celebrations, Meherbai Tata Memorial Hospital (MTMH) will host a landmark Precision Oncology Conference at Taj Vivanta, Golmuri, on September 6-7, 2025. The one-and-a-half-day conference will focus on recent advancements in precision oncology, marking a new chapter in cancer care.

Inaugurating at 9:30 AM on September 6 and concluding at 1:00 PM on September 7, the event will welcome over 150 oncology professionals from



across India. Organized by MTMH in collaboration with Tata Main Hospital, the conference aims to promote personalized cancer treatment based on genetic tumor profiling.

Themed "Precision Oncology -The Future of Cancer Care," the

conference will include expert sessions on breast, head & neck, gastrointestinal, gynecological, and urological cancers. It will feature leading oncologists such as Dr. Ashutosh Mishra (AIIMS Delhi), Dr. Somnath Roy (TMC Kolkata), Dr. Aashu Abhishek

(Apollo Proton, Chennai), and Dr. Poonam Panjwani (TMH Mumbai).

With participation from AIIMS, TMH Mumbai, TMC Kolkata, and Apollo Proton, the conference promises academic enrichment, strategic insights, and collaboration among clinicians, researchers, and healthcare lead-

Founded in 1975 by J.R.D. Tata, MTMH has grown into a regional leader in ethical, affordable, and comprehensive cancer care, continuing its mission of serving communities with compassion and excellence.

Fire Breaks Out at Hot Mix Plant in Bariyadih, Kodarma; Workers Escape Safely

DB Reporter Kodarma: A sudden fire

broke out on Tuesday at a hot mix plant near Birhor Tola in Bariyadih, Murkamanai Panchayat, under Markacho police station limits. The blaze engulfed a truck parked inside the plant and caused extensive damage to equipment worth lakhs of rupees.

The plant, operational for the past five years, prepares materials for road construction used across Kodarma and nearby areas. The fire reportedly started when mixing



flammable substances-tar and LDO oil-caught fire after a tanker nozzle was left open by the truck's assistant driver, who fled the scene.

The fire quickly spread, destroying the plant's stored materials. Workers immediately evacuated the site as flames intensi-

fied. Markacho officials and the fire brigade arrived promptly and managed to control the fire after intense efforts. Local residents estimate the loss at around one crore rupees. No casualties were reported. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

M P Manish Jaiswal Lays Foundation Stone for ?1.3 Crore School Upgradation Project in Vishnugarh

DB Reporter

Vishnugarh: Hazaribagh MP Manish Jaiswal on Tuesday laid the foundation stone for a major school upgradation project at Rajkiyakrit Uchch Vidyalaya in Ucchaghana, under Jobar Panchayat of Vishnugarh block. The project, costing ?1.3 crore, is funded under the District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) by the Hazaribagh Zila Parishad.

During the ceremony, MP Jaiswal unveiled the foundation plaque and formally inaugurated the project by breaking a coconut, following traditional rituals. He was warmly welcomed by students and local residents with drumbeats, garlands, and enthusiastic cheers.



Addressing the gathering, the MP highlighted the effective use of DMFT funds in driving development across the region. He outlined that the project includes renovation of all classrooms, demolition and reconstruction of two old rooms, con-

struction of boundary walls, installation of toilets and drinking water facilities, and complete painting of the school premises.

Jaiswal expressed confidence that the improved infrastructure would provide a better learning environment for students and significantly uplift the educational standards in the area. He emphasized that such initiatives are vital for strengthening rural education and ensuring longterm benefits for future genera-

Ward Members Resign En Masse Against Kariatpur Panchayat Chief, Submit Letter to DC

DB Reporter

Ichak: In a dramatic political development, 12 members Kariatpur Panchayat submitted a collective resignation to the Deputy Commissioner, alleging misconduct and irregularities by Panchayat Mukhiya Modi Kumar. The members accused the Mukhiya of unilateral decision-making, irregular selection of beneficiaries for government housing schemes like Abuwa Awas and PM Awas Yojana, and financial misappropriation involving middlemen. They also claimed that



executive and Gram Sabha meetings were not being held regularly, and no financial transparency was maintained.

Despite previously submitting written and verbal complaints to the Block Development Officer and Panchayat Samiti head on March 14, 2024, no action or investigation has been initiated, the members said.

Dissatisfied and alleging corruption, they cited this as the reason behind their resignation.

Responding to the allegations, Mukhiya Modi Kumar denied charges, stating that meeting notices were issued regularly, but ward members often failed to attend. He claimed the accusations were politically motivated.

Grand Karma Festival Celebrated in Kodarma; Barhi MLA Participates

DB Reporter

Kodarma: The Karma Festival was grandly celebrated at Baradiha village ground in Bhondo Panchayat, Chandwara block, organized by the Ghatwar-Ghatwal Adivasi Mahasabha. Barhi MLA Manoj Yadav was the chief guest, along with district councilor Renu Kumari and several key leaders including Ghatwar-Ghatwal provincial president



Kashi Nath Singh.The guests were warmly welcomed with traditional rituals including tilak and mala ceremony. District

president Reetalal Prasad Singh chaired the event, while the program was conducted by district secretary Darogi Prasad

Singh and deputy secretary Vinod Singh. In his address, MLA Manoj Yadav praised the event and urged the government to include the Ghatwar-Ghatwal community in the Scheduled Tribes list, recognizing them as protectors of forests and nature. Leaders emphasized preserving traditions, strengthening the organi-

zation, and environmen-

tal protection.

Villagers Allege Irregularities in MMGSY Road Construction in Bhondo Panchayat

DB Reporter

Chandwara (Kodarma): Villagers of Bhondo Panchayat under Chandwara block have raised serious concerns over alleged irregularities in the MMGSY road construction project carried out by the PWD. The villagers have appealed to Deputy Commissioner for a thorough investigation.

According to the locals, the contractor working on



the road from Turi Tola via Ramu Saw's house to Ghutti Tand is performwidth is below standard, dust quantity in the GSB layer is doubled, and the stone aggregate ratio is incorrect. Additionally, the culvert and embankment constructions do not meet the approved depth, width, and PCC thick-

ing substandard work. They claim the road lacks

proper soil rolling, the

When villagers raised quality concerns, the contractor reportedly threatdone. Villagers fear misuse of public funds and have urged the Deputy Commissioner to conduct a high-level inquiry to ensure quality construc-Several locals, including

ened them, admitting that

60% commission goes to

Ranchi, questioning how

better work could be

Kaleshwar Saw, Suresh Saw, Mahesh Saw, and others, were present during the complaint.

Over 500 Ponds to be Constructed in Dhanbad; Target to Plant 5-10 Lakh Trees



DB Reporter

Dhanbad: In a major initiative for water conser- Hall on International ty, urging public awarevation, over 500 ponds. Clean Air Day, He ness, Municipal each spanning 2 to 3 acres, will be constructed along roadsides across Dhanbad this year. Ponds will also be developed near Jal Minar to ensure adequate water supply during summers, easing water scarcity for residents.Aditya Ranjan, District Magistrate and Collector, announced this

during the Environment tal protection as both a Festival at New Town challenge and opportuniemphasized the district administration's focus on water and environmental conservation, with a goal to plant 5 to 10 lakh trees. He called for community involvement to reduce plastic use, manage electronic waste, and protect groundwater and ponds. Forest Divisional Officer highlighted environmen-

Commissioner Ravi Raj Sharma shared that

Dhanbad has seen a 54% drop in PM10 and significant improvement in air quality over five years. The event also featured competitions on environmental themes and awards for notable contri-

butions to greenery in the

Cancer patient got immediate assistance of 50 thousand and big relief of 15 lakhs: Dr. Irfan



DB Reporter

anchi On the instructions of Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, a big relief has been provided to cancer patient Mohammad Aziz, a resident of Doranda, Ranchi. He has been given immediate financial assistance of Rs 50 thousand, while the Health Department will give an amount of 15 lakhs for his complete

Minister of Jharkhand Government, issued a press release on Tuesday and gave this information. He said that he has got deep satisfaction by helping the patient and his family in this difficult time. The Jharkhand government is determined to reach out to every poor and needy and make

complete arrangements Dr. Irfan Ansari, Health for their treatment. We are grateful to Chief Minister Hemant Soren, who took such a sensitive decision for the poor and

the needy. The Health Minister said that if the effort made by him proves to be a boon for someone, then he will never back down from working in public inter-

Chancellor Santosh Choubey's New Story Collection 'Gareebnawaaz' to Be Launched on September 4 in Delhi

DB Reporter

Hazaribagh: Renowned poet, storyteller, and Chancellor of AISECT University, Santosh Choubey, is set to launch his latest short story collection 'Gareebnawaaz' on September 4 at the Sahitya Akademi auditorium in Delhi. The event, jointly organized by Vanmali Srijan Peeth and Raikamal Prakashan Group, will also include a panel discussion on the book.

The university's registrar, Dr. Munish Govind, shared the details, announcing that senior writer Janaki Prasad Sharma will preside over the event. Choubey will also conduct a live reading from his new collec-



address will be delivered poet Leeladhar Mandloi, President of Vanmali Srijan Peeth. A panel discussion wil

feature noted literary figures including critic-editors Akhilesh and Vinod Tiwari, storyteller Alpana Mishra, and writer Ashutosh.

The session will be moderated by young writer Pranjal Dhar, while Ashok Maheshwari of Rajkamal Prakashan will give the vote of thanks.

Karma Mahotsav Celebrated in Shivadih with Cultural Fervor and Environmental Pledge

DB Reporter

Barkagaon: The vibrant spirit of Jharkhand's folk culture came alive at Shivadih playground during the Karma Mahotsav, celebrated with the dual purpose of preserving nature and promoting cultural heritage. The event featured a lively Jhumar dance competition, where women and young girls performed traditional songs focused on education and alcohol



awareness, accompanied by rhythmic beats of mandar and nagada. The festival was inaugurated by MLA Roshan

Lal Chaudhary, who

emphasized that Karam Parab is a vital symbol of cultural identity, unity, and heritage. He stated that such events connect the youth to their roots

and reaffirm commitment to Jharkhand's rich traditions. Artists dressed in yellow-red sarees and traditional dhotis energized the event. Shivadih won first place in the competition, followed by Sandh and Upar Tola Shivadih. The event saw participation from local leaders, including Zila Parishad member Sunita Devi and several former and current Panchayat represen-

Minister Shilpi Neha Tirkey Reviews Development Projects at 'DISHA' Meeting

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Jharkhand Agriculture Minister Shilpi Neha Tirkey attended the Ranchi District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting on Tuesday, where she reviewed the progress of various development projects and discussed strategies to expedite them. During the meeting, the minister emphasized the need for a comprehensive review of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), highlighting discrepancies between sanctioned targets and completed



units. She proposed forming task forces at the block level to assess the ground realities of implementation. Tirkey also called for an increase in the financial assistance under PMAY from the current ?1.20 lakh and urged BJP MPs to take up the matter with the central government. She pointed out that rural residents are increasingly favoring the state-run 'Abua Awas Yojana' over PMAY.

Comprehensive Development of Barkagaon MLA Roshan Lal Chaudhary Our Goal:

DB Reporter

Barkagaon: Villagers displaced by NTPC projects and resettled in areas such as Pandanwa Tand, Pakwa, Jharna, Arahara (TP-5), Dumriyatand, Chakrawar, Badkagada, Simratari, and Upper & Middle Dadi near Chechal Gate No. 4 continue to suffer from lack of basic amenities.



Concerned about this, dozens of

Chepkala

Panchayat Mukhiya and AJSU Party Central Secretary Aniket Nayak, submitted a memorandum to Barkagaon MLA Roshan Lal Chaudhary on Friday, demanding urgent provision of electricity, water, education, healthcare, and roads in these resettled villages. Taking swift action, MLA Chaudhary raised the matter with

Hazaribagh Deputy Commissioner Shashi Prakash Singh. Following this, a seven-member team led by trainee IAS officer Anand Sharma visited the villages along with Aniket Nayak and conducted thorough inspections. A site was selected for a new school building in Chechal, and documents under the Forest Rights Act (FRA) were sub-

mitted.

Additionally, villagers in Jugra's Pakwa area selected land for the construction of a new building for the upgraded high school, though FRA approval is still pending. A detailed list of required infrastructure is being prepared for submission to the DC and MLA to initiate further development work.

No increase in Mormugao's coal-carrying capacity, says Goa CM amid furore

New Delhi, Agency: Goa chief minister Pramod Sawant on Tuesday reiterated there would be no enhancement of the coal-carrying capacity at Mormugao Port after a land acquisition notification for a double-tracking project of the railways sparked a furore.

Sawant's office issued a statement calling the reports of additional land acquisition "incorrect". It added that only "limited" land was being acquired. The statement cited Rail Vikas Nigam Limited's clarification and said the limited acquisition of 0.6 hectares initiated in Cansaulim, Sancoale, and Issorcim villages is solely for banking/stabilisation support to safeguard nearby houses, road access to landowners, and correction of alignment mismatches identified in earlier sur-

It added that the project will facilitate tourism development and the faster movement of existing freight, including coal, in a manner that reduces incidental pollution by decreasing exposure time. The statement said no capacity expansion of coal transportation would be permitted. Sawant on Monday said the amount of coal being handled will not change.

In a tweet on Sunday, the railways ministry claimed the track doubling project between Hosapete, formerly Hospet, in Karnataka, and Vasco-da-Gama in Goa would speed up "coal, iron ore and steel transportation in the region". As much as 312 km of the project on the Karnataka side has been commissioned.

The tweet sparked a political storm. "Goans have consistently



opposed the destructive doubletracking project. The Congress stands firmly with the people in this fight and will continue to resist any attempt to turn Goa into a coal hub," said state Congress chief Amit Patkar.

He accused Sawant of misleading the people of Goa and claiming the project was for tourism growth. "The central government has now revealed its true purpose coal transportation."

The port handled 10.6 million

metric tons of coal in 2024-25. In 2010, the railways sanctioned the doubling of the Hospet-Tinaighat-Vasco railway line in Karnataka

The first phase of the project between Hospet and Tinai Ghat involved easier terrain atop the largely flat Deccan plateau. It has been completed.

The second phase between Tinaighat and Vasco da Gama involves steep slopes, rivers, the thick forests of the Western Ghats, and densely populated areas of coastal Goa.

The expansion project proposed a second track alongside the existing line between Goa's Mormugao Port at Tinaighat in Karnataka. The National Board for Wildlife approved the project in April 2020, triggering

daughter K Kavitha over 'anti-party activities'



New Delhi, Agency: The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has suspended member of legislative council (MLC) Kalvakuntla Kavitha, daughter of party president and former chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao, from the organisation on disciplinary grounds, the party said in a statement on Tuesday. BRS general secretary in-charge of disciplinary affairs, Soma Bharat Kumar, and general secretary (organisation) T Ravinder Rao said KCR had decided to sack Kavitha from the party with immediate effect.

"The BRS high command has taken a serious view of the behaviour and attitude of MLC Kavitha and her anti-party activities in recent days.

BRS suspends KCR's Bihar BJP president Dilip Jaiswal breaks down as PM Modi speaks on 'abuses' at mother

New Delhi, Agency: Bihar BJP president Dilip Jaiswal broke down as he watched PM Modi speak about the alleged abuse at his late mother as he addressed a gathering in Delhi while virtually inaugurating a new cooperative initiative for the women associated with selfhelp groups in the pollbound state. Addressing for the first time the controversy over the alleged use of abusive language for his late mother, PM Modi on Tuesday called the matter "painful", saying that she is gone yet targeted from "Congress-RJD stage.

He was addressing the launch of the Bihar Rajya Jeevika Nidhi Saakh Sahkari Sangh Limited. A controversy broke out after a video clip on floated on social media last week, showing some



Hindi abuse for PM Modi from a dais raised during Congress leader's 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' in poll-bound Bihar. The video, which has gone viral, is purportedly of Darbhanga district from where the yatra had taken off on Wednesday morning last week, when Gandhi, his sisTejashwi Yadav left for Muzaffarpur on motorcycles. news agency could not independently verify the authenticity of the video. PM Modi, with a cracking voice, said the language used was an insult to all mothers and daughters of Bihar.

"My mother separated me ter and Congress general sec- from her so that I could serve retary Priyanka Gandhi crores of mothers like you.

Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam denied bail by HC in Delhi riots 'conspiracy' case



New Delhi, Agency: The Delhi high court on Tuesday denied bail to activists Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam and others accused in the "larger conspiracy" case related to the 2020 riots in Delhi.

The court also rejected the bail petitions filed by seven other accused: activist Gulfisha Fatima, United Against Hate (UAH) founder Khalid Saifi, Athar Khan, Mohd Saleem, Shifa ur Rehman, Meeran Haider and Shadaab Ahmed.

"All the appeals are dismissed," a bench of Justices Navin Chawla and Shalinder Kaur said while pronouncing the verdict. The high court had reserved its verdict on the bail petitions on July 9.

A coordinate bench of the Delhi high court, comprising justices Subramonium Prasad and Harish Vaidyanathan Shankar, also denied bail to Tasleem Ahmad, another co-accused in the same case.

The case Northeast Delhi erupted in violence on February 23, 2020, following clashes between Hindus and Muslims over then-proposed Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) that left 53 dead and hundreds injured. The accused in the case had approached the high court after they were denied bail by a lower court. They had argued that they had already spent more than four years in custody and that the trial's slow pace made prolonged incarceration unjustifiable. They also asserted that they are entitled to be released on bail on the grounds of parity with their co-accused, Natasha Narwal, Devangana Kalita, and Asif Iqbal Tanha, who were granted bail by the high court in 2021. Meanwhile, the Delhi Police, represented by solicitor general Tushar Mehta along with special public prosecutor Amit Prasad, had opposed the bail, saying that the 2020 riots in northeast Delhi were not "spontaneous" but a "well planned", "well orchestrated", "well thought of conspiracy", carried out on a particular date, time and place to achieve the sinister goal of dividing the country on religious lines and embarrassing India globally.

Pradhan lauds NCERT for publishing special modules on partition, Op Sindoor

New Delhi, Agency: uncomfortable with this." Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan on recent works, the minister Monday praised National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT) for releasing special modules on India's partition, Operation Sindoor and India's space journey, describing them as a step towards presenting the nation's history and achievements in the right perspective.

Pradhan said the council is

Lauding the council's said NCERT has done "extremely commendable" work by including the saga of Operation Sindoor in school curricula and developing modules on the horrors of India's Partition. "We should never forget the tragedy of Partition. If we don't understand our history in the context of the present, the future generations Addressing NCERT's will be misguided," he 65th Foundation Day, remarked.

restoring the right perspective, adding that "a few intolerant people, bound by a colonial mindset and viewing India through a Western lens, are naturally in the right perspectation classes 6 to 8 (middle congress leaders demanding that the module be scrapped for "distorting history" and BJP leaders accusing the grand old party of repeating its



sible: "Jinnah, who demanded it; second, the Congress, which accepted it; and third, Mountbatten, who implemented it," NCERT's modules for sparked controversy with

'appeasement politics' and refusing to confront historical truth.

Later, Indian History Congress (IHC) on August 25 in its resolution criticised the modules stating that "tender minds" were being fed "distorted, polarising history." On August 28. NCERT dismissed IHC criticism of its partition modules as "unfounded and false." Pradhan also praised NCERT for publishing modules on 'India: A Rising Space Power' which showcases the country's growing scientific strength. He praised NCERT for publishing 19 special modules so far on various contemporary issues including G20, Asian Games etc.

IAF's heroic rescue: Man winched from raging Sabari River in Chhattisgarh's Sukma

New Delhi, Agency: A dramatic rescue unfolded in Sukma, Chhattisgarh, where a man was saved from the raging waters of the Sabari River.

The life-saving mission was carried out by an Indian Air Force (IAF) Mi-17 V-5 helicopter in Jagdalpur, with Garud commandos winching the trapped man to safety in a tense and daring operation. The powerful visuals of the rescue showed the helicopter hovering above the swollen river, while commandos bravely pulled the stranded civilian out of danger.

The heroic rescue: In the video, a civilian was seen trapped in the fast-flowing waters of the Sabari River. An IAF commando carried out the rescue, placing a Chhattisgarh has been hit by



ing him to safety.

The video was shared by CAC (Central Air Command), IAF, with the caption, "In a daring #RescueMission, on 01 Sept 25, a #Mi-17V5 helicopter of #IAF deployed in #Jagdalpur winched up a civilian from the fast-flowing waters of #SabariRiver in #SukmaDist."

Sukma district life jacket on the man before lift- days of heavy, nonstop rain.

Delhi police nab 9 in the Kalkaji temple sevadar murder case

Agency: The Delhi Police on Monday said they have arrested a total of nine men in connection with the murder of a 35sewadar year-old (volunteer) at the Kalkaji temple last week. Police said that on Friday night, a group of devotees was angered by having to wait in line for prasad and chunni.

deceased, Yogendra Singh, had more accused perbeen serving at the

Delhi, temple for the past 15 years. Singh was walking near the resting room on the temple premises when the accused ganged up on him, dragged him and beat him with sticks, rods and blows. He succumbed to the injuries. On Saturday, police said they arrested five accused in connection with the case. On Monday, they said they caught four

New Delhi, Agency: The Bombay high court on ly on Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange and

his supporters, saying they had violated the law by continuing their protest at Mumbai's Azad Maidan. The court directed the protesters to vacate the ground immediately. A bench of acting Chief Justice Shree

Chandrashekhar Justice Aarti Sathe said the gathering of more than 50,000 people as "completely illegal" and directing that the city be cleared by any to rectang a possession of the complete state of the city and the city be cleared by any to rectang a possession of the city be cleared by any to rectang a possession of the city be cleared by any to rectang a complete state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be cleared by any to rectangle state of the city be caused by any to rectangle state of the city be caused by any to rectangle state of the city be caused by any to rectangle state of the city be caused by any to rectangle state of the city be caused by any to rectangle state of the city be caused by any to rectangle state of the city be caused by any to rectangle state of the city be caused by any to rectangle state of the city because of the cit by 3pm to restore normalcy, after observing that the

deadline for Manoj Jarange, Maratha quota protesters agitation had paralysed fied with the state govern-daily life and created fear ment, too. There seems to among citizens.

Observing the situation as "very serious," the bench also pulled up the Maharashtra government, saying that there had been a lapse on its part in han-dling the protest. The court said law and order cannot be compromised and asked authorities to take urgent steps to restore normaley. Jarange and his supporters have violated the law and hence have no right to occupy Azad Maidan without any parmission the out any permission, the court said.

This is a very serious situation. We are not satis-

be some lapse on part of the government also," it said. Senior advocate Satish Maneshinde, appearing for Jarange, ten-dered an apology for mis-behaviour by some of the latter's supporters on the city streets and said the activist has strived from day one to ensure no person is troubled. He assured the high court that henceforth there shall be no mis-behaviour. The court then asked if Jarange and his supporters had vacated Azad Maidan, where he has been staging an indefi-nite hunger strike since

Vacate Azad Maidan by... or face action': Bombay HC sets

They (Jarange and his supporters) are violators and hence they have no right at all. They must leave immediately or we will take action. This is completely illegal. After 3 pm, we will not allow anyone there at Azad one there at Azad Maidan," the bench said. The court pointed out that

on Monday, several protestors surrounded the HC, causing obstruction to judges.

"It cannot be that the

high court was under siege and a judge had to walk to court," the HC said. The bench posted the matter for further hearing at 3 pm

on Tuesday. Maneshinde told the court that Jarange has filed a fresh application, seeking permission to continue the protest at Azad Maidan but no order has been passed yet. The court said the activist and his supporters cannot occupy Azad Maidan illegally in anticipation of an order on his application. "Ask them to vacate by 3 pm or else we will take all steps as per law. We will impose exemplary costs or we will initiate contempt action. We want complete normalcy by 3 pm, or else we will go out on the streets ourselves," the bench warned.

Editorial

Mother's greatness: The world's most incomparable gift



Hazaribagh: Trying to describe the greatness of a mother in words will always be incomplete. Mother is that relation which sustains the existence of a human being from the first breath of life to the last moment. It is also said that God has given the most beautiful form of his mercy in the form of "mother". This is the reason why the Prophet of Islam said that heaven lies under the feet of the moth-

er.Mother is the real foundation of family and society. She sacrifices her dreams for the happiness of her children. She raises her children without caring about her own comfort. Despite the fatigue of the day and losing sleep at night, she remains busy fulfilling their every need. The truth is that mother's lap is the first school where a child learns the lessons of love, sacrifice and

Every relationship in the world is associated with some selfishness or expectation, but mother's relationship is completely selfless and honest. She is the first one to blame herself for her child's failure and is the happiest when he succeeds. A mother's prayer comes from the heart and touches the sky. This is the reason why even the greatest philosophers, writers and poets cannot repay their mother's favor.

Unfortunately, in today's times, incidents like forgetting the sacrifices of mothers and abandoning them in old age homes are increasing. This is a sign of our social and moral degradation. If we want to give our society a better and brighter future, then we must truly accept the place of a mother and her greatness.

In the end it is enough to say that mother is the only person in the world we can substitute with another person. Respecting and serving our mother and earning her blessings are not only our moral responsibility but also a guarantee of our success in this world and the hereafter. All the love of the world on one side and mother's love on the other; mother's love will always pre-

India should move ahead with Swadeshi

To take advantage of this opportunity, we must further strengthen domestic capabilities. The government has already taken important steps, with the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme, the recently launched National Manufacturing Mission, and amendments to regulations to prevent trade fraud. These measures, along with India's renegotiation within ASEAN free trade agreements (FTAs) and renewed engagement with the EU, reflect a willingness to align trade policy with the national interest. But much more needs to be done. The CIEU study rightly recommends that India should double public investment in research and development to 2 per cent of GDP, a necessary step if we are to close the innovation gap in semiconductors, clean energy, and next-generation technologies...

Dr. Ashwani Mahajan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke in clear terms from the ramparts of the Red Fort: The time has come to embrace swadeshi. What began with 'Make in India', evolved into the call for Aatmanirbhar Bharat, is now moving towards a deeper and holistic idea of ??swadeshi. It is not just a slogan. It is a civilisational imperative. It is true that India cannot ignore China, but it cannot rely on it either. Our trade deficit with Beijing crosses \$100 billion every year. Currently, more than twothirds of our solar modules, more than 70 per cent of our pharmaceutical ingredients and billions of dollars worth of electronics come from across the border. These are not just numbers, these are vulnerabilities. Every container ship coming from Chinese ports is a reminder of our dependence on China. It is in this context that Prime Minister Modi's upcoming visit to China for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit must be seen. His presence there is not a concession, but a statement. India will negotiate, but from a position of clarity and trust. Negotiation does mean dependence. Negotiation does not mean dilution of national interests. The message is simple: India seeks cooperation as much as possible, but will never com-

promise its economic sovereignty. Recent studies, including the Strategic Imperative for China Studies in India's Geo-Economic Framework prepared by the Council for International Economic Understanding (CIU), underscore this threat.

These studies shed light on how China's state-dominated model-industrial overcapacity, dumping, subsidies and financial engineering—distorts markets and threatens India's manufacturing base. These studies also point to our dangerous dependence on Chinese inputs in pharmaceuticals, electronics and clean energy, and warn that access to such critical commodities can easily be weaponised in times of crisis. These findings make one thing very clear: India cannot adopt a reactive approach, it must adopt a proactive doctrine based on swadeshi. Unlike the Chinese approach, swadeshi is not imperialist. It does not seek to dominate others through debt or coercion. Our swadeshi is based on the principle of 'vasudhaiva kutumbakam' (the world is one family). Our approach is of self-reliance at home and fair, collaborative partnerships abroad. It is about producing in India not just for ourselves but also for the world, which strengthens resilience and dignity. Globally, the situation is changing. The weaponisation of tariffs, which became evi-

dent in Trump's first term and has now become an integral part of global trade, has forced governments and businesses to rethink their supply chains. Across sectors, companies are looking for alternatives to China. While many call it 'China plus one', India must pursue a bigger idea: Bharat plus many. India has the scale, talent and civilisational ethos to become a trusted hub of manufacturing, technology and services. To leverage this opportunity, we must further strengthen domestic capabilities.The government has already taken significant steps, with the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme, the recently launched National Manufacturing Mission, and amendments to rules to prevent trade fraud. These measures, along with India's renegotiation within ASEAN free trade agreements (FTAs) and renewed engagement with the EU, reflect a willingness to align trade policy with national interest. But more needs to be done. The CIEU study rightly recommends that India should double public investment in research and development to 2 per cent of GDP, an essential step if we are to close the innovation gap in semiconductors, clean energy and next-generation technologies. It also calls for a dedicated China Economic Risk Monitoring Unit within the government—

an institutional mechanism to

anticipate risks, monitor Chinese practices and inform proactive policymaking. Both are urgent and necessary.

At the same time, swadeshi calls for principle-based partnerships. Whether through the Quad, ASEAN, Africa or Latin America, India must work with like-minded countries to build a genuine multipolar economic order. This is how India can move from the periphery of the 'plus 1' to the centre of the 'many'. When PM Modi travelled to China for the SCO summit, he carried more than just India's negotiating mandate. He carried India's message: our swadeshi is not limited, it is comprehensive. It strengthens our economy, empowers our people, and contributes to a more equitable world order. In an era when trade has become a weapon and supply chains have become battlefields, India's stance must be firm – we will negotiate, but always on our terms. The world does not need another China. The world needs an India, an India that is rooted in swadeshi and follows the path of 'vasudhaiva kutumbakam'. Swadeshi is a slogan that was given during the freedom struggle. With this weapon, we can become selfreliant. This will strengthen India and all the people and communities of this country. Therefore, we should pledge to adopt Swadeshi and become self-reliant.

the national language?

Along with Hindi and English, there should be knowledge of regional or local languages. For this, the Himachal government has taken a commendable initiative that the last Saturday of the month is Bag Free Day. On this day, students will talk in the local language of their respective regions. On this day, it is mandatory for teachers to communicate with all students in the local language for half an hour...

Kavita Sisodia

According to Sanatan Dharma, there are 84 lakh species of living beings. All of them must have some dialect or language. Only the creator of the universe can know this deep secret. We can only tell about the language of some living beings. What I mean to say is that everyone has their own language. In our country Bharatvarsh, Sanskrit is said to be the oldest and the mother of other languages, but language is a flowing stream, no one could bind it. Therefore, changes kept happening in it according to time. During the rule of the Mughals, Urdu or Persian language tried to establish its supremacy. Then during the rule of the British, English language became dominant and spread. In India, Sanskrit reached modern Hindi after passing through many stages. Along with this, regional and local languages ??also kept flourishing. In short, there was a three-language controversy in India. In 19th century British India, there was a controversy about whether Hindi or Urdu should be chosen as the national language. During the inde-

pendence movement, religious and political leaders, social reformers, writers and intellectuals supported Hindi and demanded its status as the national language.

India is a country in which about four hundred languages ??and more than three hundred dialects are spoken in twenty nine states and seven union territories. According to the linguistic survey census data report of 2001, 6661 mother tongues are recorded. The question arises that there should be a language which people of the whole country can understand and speak. At one time when our means of transport were not developed, we used to manage with our local mother tongue, but in today's global era, when we go from one state to another for job, business, pilgrimage etc., then the problem of language arises. When a traveler from North India goes to South India, he is neither able to say anything nor understand anything. To solve this problem, a language should be taught compulsorily for the whole country which we can speak and understand in any corner of India. For this, Hindi is the only language which 55 percent of the

population of India knows as their Therefore, English language is also commother tongue or as their second language. Along with this, Hindi is the third most spoken language in the world. Therefore, Hindi is the only language that is capable of becoming the national language. But the matter of concern is that Hindi is opposed in South India, which is absolutely wrong. Hindi should be respected all over India and it should get the status of national language. Similarly, we also need a language that is recognized all over the world. For this, English has been chosen as the international language, because after the Industrial Revolution, the British Empire expanded globally, due to which English became a business and administrative language in colonial countries. In the modern era, commerce, science, technology, diplomacy, arts and formal education all contributed to making English the first global language. English is widely used in the Internet, international organizations and software development.

English is the most widely spoken language in the world, so it was

made the international language.

pulsory. Along with Hindi and English, one should also have knowledge of regional or local languages. For this, the Himachal government has taken a commendable initiative that the last Saturday of the month is Bag Free Day. On this day, students will talk in the local language of their respective regions. On this day, it has been made compulsory for teachers to communicate with all students in the local language for half an hour. This is a very good effort because nowadays parents consider it their pride to talk to their children in Hindi or English instead of their own language, due to which we are forgetting the language of our ancestors. There have been many Prime Ministers or great men of our country who were experts in many languages ??and could speak and understand the language of the country they visited. Along with this, we should respect our mother tongue without feeling inferior about it and the coming generation should talk to their elders in their $own \, language \, at \, home \, because \, there \, are \,$ many precious words, proverbs and idioms in the language of our ancestors which we should learn and by using them we can become a skilled speaker and enrich our language. Sanskrit is the mother of all languages??which gives us the knowledge of the vast ocean of our Sanatan Dharma and Hindi is our sister which makes us emotional by simplify-

ing Sanskrit.

English is our adopted sister who introduces us to the latest technical education and makes us known in the world. Our mother tongue reminds us of the love of our grandmothers and parents. Urdu language gives a velvety feeling of culture to those who are interested in Shayari. Even today, even in the Parliament, applause is received for the verses of famous Urdu poets. Urdu ghazals sometimes take a dip in the cool pond of Mushairas of an Anjuman in the wilderness of sadness. Therefore, all languages should be respected and if possible, we should learn as many languages as we can. Nowadays, many new words from other languages are being added to every language, due to which the language has become simple and understandable. Therefore, instead of getting into the language controversy, we should learn the national language Hindi and the international language English and those who are interested in their mother tongue and Shayari should not hesitate in learning the velvety language Urdu or other languages.

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New Delhi, Agency: The upcoming next-generation Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms will further simplify processes and reduce compliance burdens, particularly for small businesses, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Tuesday.

The Finance Minister was speaking at the 120th Foundation Celebrations of City Union Bank in Chennai.

"The Prime Minister has recently announced the creation of a task force next-generation reforms with a clear mandate to simplify regulations, lower compliance costs, and build a more enabling ecosystem for startups, MSMEs, and

entrepreneurs. Complementing this is the planned rollout of the next generation of GST reforms with a council meeting



tomorrow and the day after," Sitharaman said, adding that in the coming months, there will be further reduction in compliance burden, making it easier for small businesses to thrive.

The 56th meeting of the (GST) Council will be held ing to an official memo- announced during his

randum.

According to government sources, the Central Government proposes to eliminate the 12 per cent and 28 per cent GST rates, retaining only 5 per cent and 18 per cent GST rates.

The announcement for Goods and Services Tax the GST council meeting was made days after Prime on September 3-4, accord- Minister Narendra Modi that people were going to get a very big gift on Diwali and the government had embarked on a "big reform

Sitharaman said that over the past 11 years, more than 56 crore Jan Dhan accounts have been opened, with a total deposit balance of Rs 2.68 lakh crore. Of these accounts, 67 per cent were opened in rural or semiurban areas, and women hold 56 percent, she added.

"A bank account is not just a passbook; it is a passport to opportunity, enabling access to credit, savings, insurance and she added, according to a post on X by Sitharaman's office.

The minister said that India's scheduled commercial banks have recorded massive improvement in their

Independence Day Speech asset quality and as a result, NPAs have come down.

> "Macro stress test results show that the Scheduled Commercial Banks' aggregate capital levels will continue to remain above the regulatory minimum," the post added.Bank deposits with Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) recorded a year-on-year growth of 11.3 per cent as of Juneend 2025, slightly lower than the 11.7 per cent growth (net of merger) seen a year earlier, according to the latest quarterly data released by the Reserve Bank of India last Friday.

The surge was primarily driven by a strong rise in term deposits, which grew 13.5 per cent yearon-year, significantly outpacing the modest 5.4 per cent growth in savings



Hyderabad, Agency:ICFAI Business School (IBS) has always believed that the best way to prepare future managers is by giving them not just academic knowledge, but also practical exposure to the real-world tools that global businesses rely on. Staying true to this vision, ICFAI Business School (IBS) has equipped all its nine campuses with two advanced learning facilities that place its students ahead of the curve -- the Bloomberg Lab and the SAP Lab. Together, they bridge the gap between classroom learning and industry practice, offering students the confidence and skills to thrive in competitive corporate environments.

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In today's fast-paced business environment. access to real-time data and insights is critical. To prepare students for this reality, ICFAI Business School (IBS) provides Bloomberg Terminals to students across all campuses.

Design Linked Incentive scheme being expanded with focus on 25 of housing project in Mohali products: Ashwini Vaishnaw

Union government has expanded its Design Linked Incentive (DLI) scheme to strengthen India's pres- with Prime Minister Narendra ence in the global semiconductor Modi's guidance to establish a comindustry, Union Minister Ashwini prehensive semiconductor ecosys-Vaishnaw told media at

SEMICON India 2025 on Tuesday. The move focuses on 25 identified semiconductor products that must be designed, developed, and produced entirely in India.

"Basically, 25 products have been identified, and the complete design, the IP rights, and most importantly, the export and production of all the 25 chips must be from India. With this thinking, the Design Linked Incentive scheme is being expanded. There will be a

New Delhi, Agency: The focus on these 25 products," Vaishnaw said.The minister emphasised that the plan aligns

> tem, rather than pursuing isolated projects. "The Prime Minister has always guided us that the entire ecosystem has to be developed from top to bottom, only then is long-term growth possible and sustainable. Thus, we have

heavily focused on the ecosystem around semiconductors," he added.Explaining the importance of this expansion, Vaishnaw highlighted that semiconductors are as critical as steel in modern industries, powering everything.



New Delhi, Agency: Hero Realty has announced the launch of Phase-3 of its housing project 'Hero Homes' in Mohali's Sector 88. The Phase-3 of the project features 172 spacious 4.5 BHK residences located in two towers along with two clubhouses. Prices for

the units start at Rs 3.15 crore. Hero Realty CEO Rohit Kishore stated, "Hero Homes Mohali Phase-3 is more than just a residential offering, it's a thoughtfully crafted ecosystem where nature, wellness, and community living come together."

We would like to work with India for semiconductor growth in the world: Tokyo Electron

New Delhi, Agency: India is set to become one of the most important semiconductor destinations in the world, according to Fumihiko "Ray" Kaminaga, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Tokyo Electron Limited. Speaking to media at the Semicon India 2025 on Tuesday, Kaminaga said the country's growing pool of talent and government support make it a strong investment choice for the chip-making industry.

While Kaminaga did not provide specific figures for upcoming investments, he made it clear that the company views India as part of its long-term strategy. "Yes, it's a good opportunity, subsidized by the government for the design center and design technologies. We would like to work together for the semiconductor growth in the world. I don't have the numbers. But I'm sure that we will do the



investment," he told media.

Regarding partnerships or joint ventures in India, Kaminaga stated that the company is not currently exploring joint ventures but collaboration."Possibility, but we do provide the solution by ourselves. But we are working with our customers and the local suppliers as well. But we don't have an idea today to have a joint venture in India yet," he clarified.Kaminaga explained that Tokyo Electron has already laid a foundation in India with offices and service stations.

Powering Bharat: Flipkart deepens supply chain footprint across country

including Varanasi, Patna, Manesar, Ranchi, Ghaziabad, Agra and Agartala

Ranchi: India's home- (Ranchi) grown e-commerce giant Flipkart has announced a major expansion of its pan-India supply chain ahead of its flagship festive sale, The Big Billion Days. The company has added new fulfilment centres (FCs), regional distribution hubs (RDCs), and lastmile facilities in key states including Uttar Pradesh (Varanasi, Agra, Ghaziabad), (Manesar),

and Tripura (Agartala).

The expansion spans 35 lakh sq. ft., covering over 21,000 pincodes across India. Flipkart's infrastructure now includes 100+ fulfilment centres nationwide, supporting faster deliveries, a wider product assortment, and millions of festive orders.

Varanasi FC: Spread across 2 lakh sq. ft., creating 3,600 Bihar (Patna), Haryana jobs.Patna FC: 4.5 lakh sq. ft., Jharkhand serving 1,000+ pincodes and

generating 1,100 jobs.Manesar RDC: India's largest state-ofthe-art facility on 140 acres, providing 10,000+ employment opportunities.

Agartala FC: First grocery fulfilment centre in Northeast India, handling 5,000 orders per day.Flipkart has also launched 400 micro-fulfilment centres and dark stores across 19 cities under the Flipkart Minutes network, enabling faster delivery of essentials and festive products.

Jharkhand's Gig Work Law Not Aligned With Other States' Laws, **Diverges From Labour Code Passed By The Centre: IAMAI**

Ranchi: In a letter to the Workers(Registration Department of Labour, (IAMAI) has highlighted several recently passed Jharkhand Platform-Based

Welfare) Bill, 2025 (Bill). As per concerns raised by IAMAI is the ed from market realities.

and exclusion of platform companies from the current structure of the Employment, Training and Skill IAMAI, the Bill, once enacted in Welfare Board that is to be Development, Government of its current form, could jeopar- formed as per the Bill. Without Jharkhand, the Internet and dise innovation, reduce earning collective representation from all Mobile Association of India opportunities for Jharkhand's sections of the gig ecosystem, gig workers, and hinder plat- including industry, the board's structural concerns about the form-based businesses vital to decision-making risks being the state's growth. One of the key both incomplete and disconnect-

S. N. Pradhan appointed Global **CEO & Chief Mentor of CyberPeace**

appointed Shri S. N. Pradhan, IPS (Retd.), former DG of NDRF and NCB, as its Global CEO & Chief Mentor, effective 1 September 2025. The move aims to strengthen global cyber safety, resilience, research, diplomacy, and peacebuilding. In his new role, Pradhan will CyberPeace's worldwide strategy, partnerships, and impact programs, while mentoring the next generation of cyber leaders across governments, industry, academia, and civil society. A veteran police officer, he brings Pradhan's combination of decades of experience in crisis

response, counter-threat operations, and institution building, having served in senior leadership positions including Director General and Joint Secretary in central organizations.Commenting on his appointment, Pradhan said, "Cyber harm respects no borders. I am honoured to join CyberPeace to scale a mission that unites nations, regulators, platforms, and communities around trust safety."CyberPeace Founder Vineet Kumar said strategic clarity and opera-

Ranchi: CyberPeace has management, technology- tional experience will drive driven policing, disaster initiatives including the CyberPeace Index, CyberPeace Corps, global partnerships, and CyberPeace programs. Pradhan's 100-day agenda includes formalizing multilateral collaborations, accelerating the CyberPeace Index, expanding capacity-building programs for regulators and law enforcement, and scaling digital literacy CyberPeace Corps campaigns.CyberPeace is a global civil-society initiative advancing digital trust, online safety, and cyber resilience worldwide.

Tata Digital Leads Charge in **Democratizing Credit on ONDC Network** Ranchi : Tata Digital's extensive "Our participation scale, consumer trust, emerging as one of and broad reach and aligns seamlessly

Digital is rapidly the frontrunners in the movement to democratize credit access in India through its early and impactful adoption of the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). As one of the first and largest buyer platforms for financial services on ONDC, Tata Digital has already facilitated over a million applications in personal loans within the last 3 months, contributing the largest share of applications, users and disbursals on the ONDC Network.

This significant early traction is a direct result of Tata

with ONDC's core vision of creating an open, interoperable, and inclusive framework for digital services. At the heart of this effort is Tata Digital's robust loan marketplace, hosted on Tata Neu, which now features 14 lending partners, including two that were integrated via ONDC Network. This multilender setup ensures greater flexibility, options for both salaried and selfemployed individu-

on the ONDC network signals Tata Digital's commitment to supporting India's digital public infrastructure and democratizing access to financial products," said Gaurav Hazrati, President, Financial Services, Tata Digital. "Our loan marketplace on Tata Neu now features 14 lenders across varied product categories. We've seen a strong uptake particularly in gold loans, reflecting the platform's adaptcompetitive pricing, ability to shifting and customized loan market preferences and evolving consumer needs.' Vibhor

als, including those Acting CEO and COO ONDC who are new to credit. at said,

"ONDC Network is transforming how credit is accessed and delivered in India. With a single and seamless integration, fintechs can instantly connect with a wide network of lending partners, and vice versa; while consumers gain transparent access to multiple loan options without having to approach each lender individually. By leveraging the power of derived data — this open and interoperable network makes it possible to responsibly underwrite and extend credit to unserved and underserved segments, driving true financial inclusion at scale.'

New Delhi:Your eyes are one of the most important organs of the body. From reading, writing, driving and more, your eyes play a very crucial role in an individual's daily life. Hence, it is important that you take care of your eyes. While you might think that you're not doing anything physically to hurt it, some of your daily habits might be damaging the

These habits could be small and you might not even notice them until someone points them out for you. Here are some everyday habits that could be damaging your eye-

Habits That Damage Your Eyes

Rubbing Your Eyes

You might not know this and it might feel soothing for you but rubbing your eyes can damage blood vessels, worsen allergies and also spread bacteria. Instead, use lubricating eye drops or a cold compress to ease the discomfort.

Increased Screen Time Spending hours on phones, laptops or TVs leads to eye



vision. When you constantly focus on screens, you tend to blink less which causes irritation. You can follow the 20-20-20 rule and reduce your screen time as it can protect your eyes.

Skipping Sunglasses

Exposing your eyes to harmful UV rays without any eye protection can increase the risk of cataracts, macular degeneration and corneal burns. Wearing sunglasses with 100% UVA and UVB protection can help prevent any eye damage.

Poor Sleep

Not getting enough sleep affects the eyes directly. This leads to twitching, dryness, blurry vision and dark circles. Over time, chronic sleep deprivation can increase the risk of glaucoma. Therefore, make sure to get sleep for 7–8 hours.

Not Drinking Enough

Not drinking enough water can cause dehydration, which can lead to dry eyes and discomfort. Staying hydrated ensures proper tear production and keeps the eyes moist.

What really helps PCOD? **Nutritionist rates everyday habits**

New Delhi:Polycystic Ovarian Disease (PCOD) is one of the most prevalent hormonal disorders in women today, and lifestyle choices are crucial in its management. There is no one-size-fits-all remedy; however, nutrition and daily habits can hugely help in hormone balance and better menstrual cycles. According to the World Health Organization, "it can cause hormonal imbalances, irregular periods, excess androgen levels, and cysts in the ovaries."

Recently, nutritionist Deepsikha Jain (MSc. Global Public Health Nutrition, UK & National Diabetes Educator) shared a video on Instagram where she rated everyday habits that affect PCOD. Her take offers practical stress can delay periods, aggravate symptoms, clarity on what to embrace and what to avoid for better hormonal health.

Spearmint tea: 10/10

perfect score. Research shows it can help reduce elevated testosterone levels, a common driver of hormonal imbalance in PCOD. Regular intake may also support more regulat-

Stress: 0/10

Stress, unsurprisingly, got the lowest rating. Jain explained that high stress spikes cortisol levels, which worsens hormonal imbalance. For women with PCOD, unmanaged



and make long-term management harder. Eating an early, light dinner: 8/10

Jain strongly recommends eating a lighter According to Jain, spearmint tea deserves a meal earlier in the evening. This helps stabilise blood sugar levels, prevents insulin resistance, and allows better overnight hormonal regulation. She gave this habit an 8/10.

Processed and fried foods: 2/10 Deep-fried snacks and ultra-processed foods scored just 2/10. According to Jain, they worsen inflammation, trigger more hormonal imbalance, and often cause cystic acne.

Limiting these is important in the better management of PCOD.

THIS common heart attack drug linked to higher death risk in some women, finds study

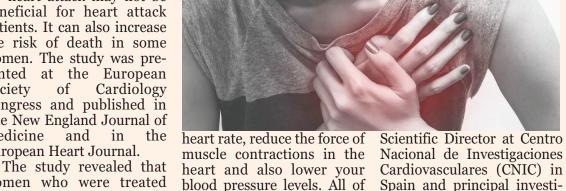
New Delhi:A new study found that beta blockers, which have been used as a standard treatment option for heart attack may not be beneficial for heart attack patients. It can also increase the risk of death in some women. The study was presented at the European Society of Cardiology Congress and published in The New England Journal of Medicine and in the European Heart Journal.

with beta blockers had three times higher risk of death, heart attack or hospitalisation for heart failure compared to women who did not

take the drug.

How beta blockers work in treating heart attack patients?

Beta blockers are drugs that are usually given to patients for a range of heart conditions and this includes heart attacks. These medications help to slow down your



women who were treated blood pressure levels. All of Spain and principal investiwith beta blockers had three blood pressure levels. All of gator said, "Currently, more heart's workload and oxygen demand, which can help prevent subsequent heart attacks and improve the functioning of the heart. **Expert insights on why**

the findings may change treatment guidelines

of Mount Sinai Fuster Heart and more Hospital and senior investigator said, "The study will reshape all international clinical guidelines."Borja Ibáñez,

than 80 per cent of patients with uncomplicated myocardial infarction are discharged on beta blockers. The findings represent one of the most significant advances in heart attack treatment in decades."Study details: Valentin Fuster, President Patient groups, key results

For the study, the researchers enrolled 8,505 patients across 109 hospitals in Spain and Italy.

Anxiety and depression in youth: What we can learn from Aneet Padda's journey

success story is nothing less than a fairytale come true! The actress shot to fame with 'Saiyaara', and since then, her fans have been curious about her journey. Recently, Aneet opened up about her struggles with mental health.

In an interview with The Hollywood Reporter, she admitted, "For three years before that, I had terrible anxiety and depression. I only started enjoying acting with this film.'

Aneet's confession offers more than just a personal revelation; it shines a light on the silent battles many young people face while chasing their dreams. Behind the glamour of success lies

New Delhi: Aneet Padda's resilience, vulnerability, and an important reminder: mental health matters.

Anxiety and depression in youth: The hidden struggle

Psychotherapist and relationship expert Namrata Jain shares her insight about Aneet's honest share. "Anxiety and depression don't always show on the surface, especially in young people pursuing ambition. Often, what looks like achievement is built on quiet struggles that remain unseen," she explains.

For students, performers, and professionals alike, the pressure to excel can heighten mental health issues. Social stigma often keeps young people silent, making them believe that acknowledging



difficulties is a sign of weak-

Why it's important to speak up

Aneet's candour points out

two critical realities:

Mental health issues are more prevalent than we acknowledge. Several young high-achievers have self-

doubt, fear of failure, or struggles, Aneet proved that

Speaking up is effective! When leaders or youth icons speak out, it shatters stigma and empowers others to ask for help without shame.

As Namrata Jain explains: "Honesty about our struggles and pain doesn't deny our talent or potential. It makes it stronger. Authenticity is much stronger than the presentation of effortlessness."

What Aneet's journey can

Success and struggles are compatible. Ambition does not necessarily mean that you will not hit rock bottoms or

By opening up about her to strength.

authenticity speaks louder than perfection.

Aid is at hand. From counselling and therapy to support groups, youth need to understand that seeking aid is a mark of courage, not frailty.

Aneet Padda's story is a reminder that underneath every gleaming success, there can be unobserved battles. By being so candid, she not only makes mental illness conversation normal but also illustrates that authenticity and resilience are as inspiring as success. For young people in today's times, the message is unmistakable: you don't have to endure in silence; asking Vulnerability is strength. for help is part of the journey

BCCI announces release of IEOI for Team India sponsorship rights, blocks online gaming, betting, gambling, tobacco brands from bidding

The Board of Control for Cricket in India on Tuesday announced the release of the Invitation for Expression of Interest for National Team Lead Sponsor Rights.

In a statement, BCCI said, "The Board of Control for Cricket in India ("BCCI") invites bids from reputed entities for acquiring the National Team Lead Sponsor Rights. Accordingly, the BCCI is issuing an Invitation for Expression of Interest for National Team Lead Sponsor Rights ("IEOI"), which provides the detailed terms and conditions governing the submission and evaluation of bids. The IEOI will be made available on receipt of payment of a nonrefundable fee of Rs

Mumbai, Agency: Five Lakh Only) plus any applicable Goods and Services Tax."

> The bidders may note the following timelines with respect to the IEOI:

> -Date of release of IEOI: September 2, 2025

-Last date to purchase the IEOI: September 12, 2025 -Date of submission of bid Documents: September 16, 2025

Bidders are requested to email the details of payment made for the purchase of the IEOI to sponsorship@bcci.tv. It is clarified that the IEOI documents shall be shared only upon the confirmation of payment of the nonrefundable IEOI fee. Any bidder wishing to submit a bid is required to purchase the IEOI. However, only those satisfying the eligibility requirements set out 5,00,000 (Indian Rupees in the IEOI and subject to



the other terms and conditions set out therein, shall be eligible to bid. It is clarified that merely purchasing the IEOI does not entitle any person to bid.

BCCI reserves the right to cancel or amend the IEOI process at any stage in any manner without providing any reason. The parties ineligible to bid are those engaged in online online money gaming, bet-

gaming, betting, gambling services or similar services in India or across the

"Bidder, including any of its Group companies: (i) should not be engaged in online money gaming, betting or gambling services or similar services in India or anywhere in the world; (ii) should not provide any

or similar services to any Person in India; and (iii) should not have any investment or ownership interest in any Person engaged in betting or gambling services in India. To clarify, a bidder, including any of its Group companies, engaged in any activities/business that is prohibited under Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025 is not permitted to submit a bid." Also, the bidder, including any of its group companies "should not be directly or indirectly engaged in the business of crypto trading or crypto exchange, crypto token or any business of a similar

"A bidder operating or engaged in multiple brand/product categories, one of which falls under

Manchester City announce Donnarumma's arrival on fiveyear deal after Ederson's exit



Manchester, Agency: More than two hours after announcing the exit of Ederson, Manchester City confirmed the arrival of Gianluigi Donnarumma from Paris Saint-Germain on Tuesday. Manchester City released a statement to announce the arrival of the towering Italian goalkeeper, which read, "Manchester City are pleased to confirm the signing of Gianluigi Donnarumma from Paris Saint-Germain, subject to international clearance."

The 26-year-old has penned a five-year contract that will keep him at the Etihad Stadium until the summer of 2030. At 6ft 5ins, Donnarumma arrives in Manchester with a wealth of experience. He began his career with the Serie A powerhouse AC Milan. He rose through the club's academy and made his senior debut as a 16-year-old.

He made 250 appearances in total for Milan and played a pivotal role in their 2016 Italian Super Coppa title-winning run. He moved to France in the summer of 2021, joined Paris Saint-Germain and spent four seasons with them. During his time at Parc des Princes, he was fundamental in PSG claiming a quartet of Ligue One crowns, two Coupe de France successes, as well as a hattrick of Trophee des Champions titles, along with a maiden UEFA Champions League trophy last season.

"To have signed for Manchester City is such a special and proud moment for me. I am joining a squad packed with world-class talent and a team led by the one of the greatest managers in the history of football in Pep Guardiola. This is a club every player in world football would love to join," Donnarumma said in a statement released by the club.

Prime Volleyball League unveils Season 4 schedule



Hyderabad, Agency: With exactly one month to go, the Prime Volleyball League released the fixtures for Season 4 on Tuesday, which will run from October 2 to October 26.

The season begins with the host team, the Calicut Heroes, the champions of Season 3, taking on the Hyderabad Black Hawks on opening night and will conclude with the finals on October 26.

This season features a 10-team line-up with the addition of the Goa Guardians, making it the biggest edition yet. Teams will be divided into two pools of five each. A total of 38 matches will be played, comprising 35 in the league stage. Each team will play four matches against teams in their own pool and three against teams from the opposing pool.

Here is why former India spinner Ashwin didn't feaure in SA20 2026 player auction list

New Delhi, Agency: Former India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, who has been heavily linked with different overseas franchise leagues following his retirement from the Indian Premier League (IPL), was a notable absentee in the player auction list of SA20 2026.

Recently, Ashwin spilled the beans on his plans, saying that he could play two to three leagues in a year and is available to take up a coaching role for a franchise as well.

There were speculations that Ashwin could enter the SA20 2026 auction, considering players retired from Indian cricket being eligible to participate in the overseas league. However, to everyone's surprise, the 38-yearold's name was nowhere to be found on the SA20 player auction list.

Intially, there were specu-



lations about BCCI's earlier one-year-long "cooling-off" requirement still being in place. The policy was proposed in 2023, and Ambati Rayudu had to withdraw from the Major League Cricket (MLC) after retiring from the IPL. Various reports suggest

that the policy was withdrawn after players expressed their dissatisfaction. According to Wisden, Ashwin's absence isn't linked to any restriction but stems from his interest in participating in the ILT20 auction pool, as the tournament will be held around the same time as the SA20. While South Africa's T20 tournament begins in Decemeber and runs for a month, ILT20 will kick off on January 11 next year. With half of the tournament overlapping, Ashwin opted to compete in ILT20.

year, Ashwin Last announced his retirement from Test cricket in the middle of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Australia. The veteran all-rounder sent shockwaves through the cricketing fraternity by announcing his retirement from international cricket following the draw in the third Test at Brisbane.

Ederson leaves Manchester City after eight years to join Fenerbahce

Agency: Brazilian goalkeeper Ederson has brought the curtains down on his trophy-laden eight years with Manchester City after joining Turkish

Fenerbahce Tuesday.

Manchester City relea sed a statement to ann ounce the departure of one of their most successful players and wrote, "He has left City to join Turkish side Fenerbahce, subject to international clearance. Everyone at Manchester in Manchester, Ederson City wishes Ederson the best in the next stage of his



under manager Pep Guardiola, comprising six first-ever During his eight years Premier League titles, two League, UEFA Super Cup,

FA Cups, four League won 18 major honours Cups, three Community Shields, and the club's Champions

and FIFA Club World Cup successes.

With six league titles, Ederson is the most decorated goalkeeper in the Premier League era of English football. Before him, former Liverpool man Bruce Grobbelaar is the only other goalkeeper to have also won the English top-flight title six times in the sport's history. I leave Manchester City incredibly proud of what we have achieved together, and I am honoured to have worn the shirt so many times. Under Pep, we have dominated the won Premier League and conquered Europe.

McMillan appointed full-time assistant coach of New Zealand women's team ahead of ODI World Cup

Wellington, Agency: Craig McMillan has been named fulltime New Zealand women's assistant coach after serving in a parttime role in the position for just over a year.

With his appointment "officially beginning this week", McMillan will work alongside head coach Ben Sawyer and batting coach Dean Brownlie. In a statement on Tuesday, New Zealand Cricket (NZC) said, "McMillan will dedicate his time solely to the White Ferns and the female Players of Interest programme.'

As McMillan joins the women's team in a full-time role, he will step back from his successful commentary career and



other coaching commitments. McMillan, who was part of the management during Zealand women's team title-winning run in the T20 World Cup last year, expressed his delight at joining the side on a full-time basis. I'm over the moon to be in this role with the White Ferns.

Premier League: Alexander Isak reveals "biggest motivation" to join Liverpool

Sweden striker Alexander Isak explained the motive behind his decision to join Liverpool, who broke the bank and shelled out a record transfer fee to sign him from Newcastle United.

On the final day of the transfer window, Liverpool eventually got the target that they desired and brought in Isak for a British record fee of £125m. He arrived in the Premier League from the Spanish club Real Sociedad in the summer of 2022.

After joining Newcastle, Isak grew in stature and established himself as one of the league's most prolific strikers. He racked up 62 goals in 109 appearances for

Agency: the Magpies at St. James' Park. There were speculations that the move would fall apart, considering the duration and the associated costs.

Isak was left out of Newcastle's squad for their preseason tour to Asia due to a thigh injury. He was also absent from Newcastle's friendly match against Celtic due to uncertainty surrounding his future. As speculation grew, he dropped a bombshell statement, claiming that Newcastle had broken his trust. He started training separately from the first team and remained absent from Newcastle's first three fixtures. The move eventually happened after Newcastle found Isak's replacement. For



the 25-year-old, the decision to move to Anfield was simple: the history, the opportunity to be a part of it and taking his game to the next level.

"I think it's a mixture of what the club is building, but what they're building on top

of what the club already is. The history of the club. Me getting the chance to be a part of this, I want to create history. I want to win trophies," Isak said as quoted from the club's official website.

That's ultimately the biggest motivation for me, and I feel like this is the perfect place for me to grow even further and to take my game to the next level and help the team as well. Yeah, for sure. I feel like this is the next step for me in my career. I'm super-happy that I've been given this chance and I'm very motivated to do something well with it," he added.

Isak has netted 54 goals in 86 Premier League outings for the Magpies.

Back issue returns to haunt Australia captain Pat Cummins, set to miss India series, doubtful for Ashes

Canberra, Agency: Australia captain Pat Cummins has faced a massive setback as his Ashes preparations have been compromised after a scan revealed lumbar bone stress in his lower back, which has left him on the sidelines for the three white-ball series against New Zealand and India.

Following the recent whammy, Cummins won't captain the Baggy Greens in a series that will feature batting stars Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, who are returning after their Test retirements, in three ODIs starting on October 19.

Australia's Test and ODI skipper Cummins hasn't played a single game since competing in the three Tests in the Caribbean, where his bowling rate was significantly lower than usual. He sat out of the five T20Is against the West Indies and both white-ball series against South Africa, which was presumed to give physical strength for the Ashes, which will kick off on November 21 in Perth.