





# Villagers Protest Forced Boundary Wall Construction by BCCL Management in Putki

DB Reporter

**Putki :** Residents of the PB area in Putki police jurisdiction are up in arms against the management of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) and its out-sourcing partner, Igeldip Outsourcing Company Pvt. Ltd., for forcibly constructing a boundary wall on agricultural land near Kacchi Balihari, along the Putki-Jamadoba main road. Locals claim the land in question has long been cultivated by villagers and is neither barren nor unoccupied. However, BCCL management has reportedly declared it their property and handed it over to the private company for erecting the boundary wall. This move was carried out under heavy police protection, with



dozens of officers deployed at the site. Villagers and local Jharkhand police personnel have expressed their concern, stating the land clearly belongs to farmers and has been actively farmed. They allege that the use of police force to facilitate the construction

indicates an abuse of power by the company and BCCL management. Sources suggest that if the land genuinely belonged to BCCL, police deployment would have been unnecessary, hinting at a possible conspiracy. The presence of company agents,

described as intimidating, has left the villagers fearful and unwilling to confront the authorities. As a result, the company has seemingly succeeded in its effort to illegally fence off the land, much to the distress of the local community.

# Jharkhand CID's three-day Regional Police Duty Meet-2025 concludes

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**Ranchi :** The three-day Regional Police Duty Meet-2025, held from August 28 to August 30 at the Crime Investigation Department (CID) campus, concluded on Monday. The event was led by CID DIG Chandan Jha. The aim was to increase efficiency and a sense of competition among police officers. In this police meet, officers from CID, ACB, STF, Special Branch and Railway Police showcased their talent on various subjects. During the closing ceremony, all the participants who took part in these competitions were awarded with cer-



tificates, medals and trophies for their excellent performance. During the competition, CID Sub Inspector Nishant Kumar performed brilliantly and won the title of individual

champion. Whereas, CID Sub Inspector Kiran Pandit was the individual runner-up. Both these participants will now represent Jharkhand Police in the upcoming state level police duty meet.

# Village Youths Capture Massive Python, End Four Days of Panic

DB Reporter

**Ranchi :** Panic gripped Garu village in the Kanke block on Monday after a giant python was spotted coiled near the riverbank. According to villagers, the snake had been preying on domestic ducks in the area for the past four days. Tension escalated when, on Monday morning, the python seized yet another duck and remained coiled near the river, drawing a large crowd of anxious onlookers. Fear and curiosity swept through the village as hundreds gathered at the scene. Displaying exceptional courage and presence of mind, a group of local youths successfully captured the massive reptile,



which measured nearly 15 feet in length. Their act was met with loud applause from the crowd, who hailed their bravery.

Shortly after the incident, a team from the Forest Department arrived and took the python into custody. Forest Officer

Ghanshyam Mahato praised the youths for their quick action and confirmed that the snake was in good health. It was later released back into its natural habitat.

"We come to serve the public, but these software issues are making it difficult. The government must take urgent action to improve the IT system so we can serve our customers with the trust and efficiency they expect from us," said one of the staff members. The protest aimed to draw attention to the urgent need for technical improvements to ensure smooth functioning of postal services and safeguard customer trust.

# Lumpy Skin Disease Outbreak Among Cattle in Ramgarh

Timely Vaccination Essential to Prevent Fatal Infections: Dr. Puneet Kumar

DB Reporter

**Ramgarh :** A rapid outbreak of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) among cattle in various parts of Ramgarh district has left farmers deeply concerned. The disease, which is highly contagious and potentially fatal if left untreated, is spreading swiftly through livestock populations. Veterinary doctor Dr. Puneet Kumar, who has been treating infected cattle, emphasized the importance of early detection and prompt treatment. Speaking on Monday, Dr. Kumar urged farmers to remain vigilant if their cattle show signs of the disease. "Lumpy Skin Disease spreads quickly and can prove deadly if not addressed in time," Dr. Kumar warned. "Farmers should ensure immediate treatment and maintain cleanliness in cattle sheds to prevent further spread." He added that timely vaccination, especially at the onset of the mon-



soon season, is the most effective preventive measure against LSD. "Vaccinated cattle have a significantly lower risk of contracting the disease," he stated. Dr. Kumar also advised farmers to

consult veterinarians as soon as symptoms appear and not to delay medical intervention. Ensuring proper hygiene and regular health checks can significantly reduce the impact of the outbreak.

# Social Worker Kamal Bagaria Welcomes New Ramgarh Police Station In-Charge

DB Reporter

**Ramgarh :** Renowned social worker Kamal Bagaria paid a courtesy visit to the newly appointed Officer-in-Charge of Ramgarh Police Station, Naveen Prakash Pandey, on Monday. Bagaria welcomed the new police official with a bouquet of flowers and conveyed his best wishes. During the interaction, Inspector Naveen Prakash Pandey assured that maintaining peace and ensuring the safety of residents in the Ramgarh police station area would be his top priority. He emphasized that all actions will be taken strictly in accordance



with the law and without any bias or discrimination. Mr. Bagaria also brought to the officer's attention the issue of traffic congestion near the newly constructed Shri Shyam Mandir on Nehru Road, particular-

ly during festive occasions. In response, the station in-charge assured him of all possible assistance in addressing the situation. The meeting reflected a positive start to community-police cooperation under the new leadership.

# Grizzly School Students Shine at CBSE East Zone Taekwondo Championship

DB Reporter

**Koderma :** Students of Grizzly School, located near Tilaiya Dam in Koderma, delivered an impressive performance at the CBSE East Zone Taekwondo Championship 2025, held at Nanak Public School, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh. The championship saw participation from various schools across Bihar and Jharkhand. Ansh Keshari, a student of the school, clinched the gold medal in the Under-14, 18kg weight category, earning him a spot in the CBSE National Taekwondo Championship. Meanwhile, his schoolmate Ankush Kumar Yadav won the bronze medal in the Under-14, 18-21kg weight category, further adding to the school's medal tally. The students attributed their success to the expert guidance of Taekwondo coach Dilip Kumar, whose training played a pivotal role in their achievement. The school community celebrated the success, with Directors Manish Kapisme and Avinash Seth, CEO Prakash Gupta, COO Tanishk Seth, Principal Anjana Kumari, Administrator Ashraf Khan, Coordinators Vijay Kumar Singh, Jitendra Chaudhary, B.D. Naskar, Anurag Kumar, Shilpi



Bhadani, and Preeti Jagnani, Student Services Cell Convener Sudhanshu Kumar, CCA Coordinator Rajeev Ranjan Singh, and Sports Coordinator Amit Das extending their heartfelt congratulations to the stu-

dents, their coach, and their parents. They expressed confidence that the students would continue to excel and bring further glory to the school and the district at the national level.

# New Beginnings and Fond Farewells at Radha Govind University

DB Reporter

**Ramgarh :** The Faculty of Engineering and Technology at Radha Govind University, Ramgarh, hosted a grand Fresher-cum-Farewell Party on Monday, marking a vibrant celebration of both new beginnings and heartfelt goodbyes. While new students were warmly welcomed into the university family, the graduating batch of 2025 was bid an emotional farewell. The event was held at the university's H-Block auditorium and featured a rich tapestry of cultural performances, including dance, music, and dramatic presentations. The atmosphere throughout the day was one of excitement, camaraderie, and celebration.



Chancellor B.N. Sah, in his address, inspired students to

embrace hard work and discipline as guiding principles for life. Secretary Priyanka Kumari urged students to carry forward the university's proud traditions with dignity and pride.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi welcomed the new students and emphasized the shared responsibility of nurturing the institution's values of education and character-building. She extended her best wishes to the outgoing batch for a bright and successful future. Registrar Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kumar Mandal stressed the importance of discipline and dedication in academic life. Head of Department Dr. Avneesh Kumar

highlighted the importance of cooperation and mutual respect between fresher and senior students as hallmarks of the university's academic culture. The event was attended by Finance and Accounts Officer Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Controller of Examinations Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar, Managing Committee Member Ajay Kumar, faculty members from various departments, and a large number of students. The event was coordinated by Dr. Vishwadeepak Kumar and Deepak Kumar. Monginis Cake and Mayukha Restaurant, Ramgarh, served as the official hospitality partners for the celebration.



# Strengthening of SNMMCH Facilities on the Cards

Dhanbad DC Aditya Ranjan Conducts Inspection; Emphasis on Water, Security, and Infrastructure

DB Reporter

**Dhanbad :** Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate Aditya Ranjan conducted an inspection of Shaheed Nirmal Mahto Medical College and Hospital (SNMMCH) on Monday, focusing on the strengthening of key infrastructure and services, including safe drinking water, security, and other essential facilities. Speaking after the inspection, the DC stated that SNMMCH caters to a large number of patients daily from Dhanbad and nearby areas, and it is essential to upgrade and streamline hospital services to ensure efficient healthcare delivery. He outlined several areas requiring immediate attention, including:



Implementation of a comprehensive drinking water supply plan      Improvement of the approach road to the hospital

Construction of a boundary wall Enhanced security arrangements "The goal is to ensure that while strengthening works are carried out, patient care remains uninterrupted. This inspection was aimed at balancing both priorities," said DC Ranjan. During the visit, he also instructed that the CCTV monitor screen should be placed within the hospital campus for better surveillance. He directed the security personnel deployed at the hospital to remain alert, maintain discipline, and treat visitors with courtesy and professionalism. The DC was accompanied by Sub-Divisional Officer Rajesh Kumar, DSP (Law and Order) Naushad Alam, Circle Officer of Dhanbad, Executive Magistrate Narayan Ram, District Public Relations Officer Sunil Kumar Singh, along with the hospital superintendent, principal, and other officials.

# Eight Arrested for Attempting to Steal Pipes from Water Supply Project in Kodarma

DB Reporter

**Kodarma:** Eight individuals were arrested in connection with the attempted theft of large pipes meant for a multi-village rural drinking water supply project in Bagro, Domchanch. The case was registered at Domchanch Police Station (Case No. 71/25 dated 31.08.2025) based on a written complaint by Abhijeet Kumar, Junior Engineer, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation. According to the FIR, 500 mm diameter D-9 pipes were being illegally loaded onto trucks using a Hydra vehicle for transport, allegedly for resale.



Acting swiftly, a special police team led by SDPO Anil Kumar Singh was formed under the direction of the Superintendent of Police. Based on technical and eyewitness evidence, the team intercepted truck JH 02 BV 6941 and detained the driver Maksud Ansari, who confessed that the operation was carried out under instructions from truck owner Md. Aftab Ansari, transport agent

Nisar Ansari, and local contractors Rahil Kumar and Md. Arif. The Hydra vehicle used in the theft was seized. Raids are ongoing to arrest other accused and recover the remaining stolen pipes. The operation was carried out with the support of officers from Domchanch, Jhumri Telaiya, and Jayanagar police stations, along with armed forces.

# Unity Is Congress Party's Greatest Strength : Munna Singh

DB Reporter

**Hazaribagh:** As part of the Congress Party's Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan 2025, former Sadar Assembly candidate and observer Munna Singh held key meetings with party workers in Torpa and Karra blocks of Khunti district on Monday. In a meeting held at Torpa block, discussions centered around strengthening the organization and the selection of the new district president. The session was attended by AICC Secretary and Chhattisgarh in-charge Zarita Latphlang, who is also the observer for the ongoing organizational campaign. Addressing party workers,



Munna Singh emphasized, "The unity of the Congress family is our greatest strength. This unity will play a pivotal role in fulfilling public aspirations and strengthening democratic values." Later, in Karra block, another organizational meeting was held at the

premises of St. Joseph Catholic Church under the chairmanship of Block President Albert Tigga. Discussions focused on enhancing public outreach and developing grassroots-level strategies to reinforce the party structure. During his visit, Munna Singh also interacted with Parish Priest Father Hiralal Honi Purti and Father Arvind, fostering dialogue with the local Catholic community. Congress workers described these meetings as a significant step toward organizational strengthening and expressed confidence that the campaign would deepen the party's grassroots presence.

# Approach Road of Underpass Begins to Break Within Two Months, Raising Questions on Construction Quality

Timely Vaccination Essential to Prevent Fatal Infections: Dr. Puneet Kumar

DB Reporter

**Barkatha :** Serious concerns have been raised over the construction quality of the approach road to the underpass at Koshma on NH-19 near Barkatha. Within just two months of its opening for vehicular movement in June, the road has started to crack and break at multiple points. The six-lane road construction from Gorhar to Chordaha appears to be marred by quality compromises. A clear example is the underpass at Chainage No. 304, where the approach road had earlier turned into a pothole-ridden path. Though the construction agency carried out temporary patchwork, fresh damage has already appeared just a few feet away, spanning an area of nearly five feet. Visible cracks, some up to three inches wide, have emerged



across a 10-meter stretch of the road. In an attempt to conceal the damage, bitumen and concrete mixtures have been superficially applied, but the underlying structural issues persist. Notably, no rubber sealants were used during road cutting, unlike the

previous four-lane projects by HCC and L&T where rubber is still visible in the joints. Additionally, manual laying of concrete by laborers was reported during the underpass construction, further questioning the adherence to standard procedures.

# Free Bicycles Distributed by Welfare Department in Ichak



DB Reporter

**Ichak:** Under the Jharkhand Government's Welfare Department initiative, a free bicycle distribution program was organized at K.N. Plus Two School. A total of 90 bicycles were distributed among girl students—34 from Madhya Hadari, 32 from Bonga, and the rest from Dumron Middle School. The event witnessed great enthusiasm among the students upon receiving the bicycles. This initiative aims to support girls' education by facilitating easier access to schools, especially in rural

areas. The distribution ceremony was attended by key officials, including Block Deputy Head Satyendra Kumar, Twenty-Point Program Chairman Manohar Ram, Block Welfare Officer Indu Shekhar, and school teacher Arun Kumar. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Head Satyendra Kumar emphasized that all bicycles provided are of good quality and part of the state government's ambitious scheme to promote education and empowerment among girls in remote areas.

# Peace Committee Meeting Held at Police Station Premises Over Karma and Milad-un-Nabi Festivals

DB Reporter

**Badkagaon:** A peace committee meeting was held at the police station premises in the block regarding the Karma festival and Milad-un-Nabi celebrations. The meeting was chaired by Block Development Officer (BDO) Jitendra Kumar Mandal and conducted by Ritesh Thakur, Panchayat Samiti member of Badkagaon Middle Panchayat and social worker. During the meeting, members of both communities shared their views about their respective festivals and assured peaceful celebrations. BDO Jitendra Kumar Mandal emphasized that Badkagaon is known for communal harmony and urged everyone to celebrate the festivals together peacefully. Police Station In-charge Krishna Kumar Gupta advised people to avoid deep water bodies during the immersion of Karma festival offerings to prevent accidents. Inspector Lalit Kumar warned against spreading rumors and stated that strict legal action



would be taken against those trying to disrupt the festivals via social media or other means. Former MLA Loknath Mahto urged both communities to celebrate their festivals with enthusiasm without causing any grievances.

The meeting was attended by BDO Jitendra Kumar Mandal, CO Manoj Kumar, former MLA Loknath Mahto, Panchayat head Phulwa Devi, MP representative Ranjit Kumar, and several community leaders and representatives.

# Dhanbad Sadar Hospital Achieves 207% Growth in Healthcare Services Over Three Months

DB Reporter

**Dhanbad:** In a remarkable stride towards improved public healthcare, Sadar Hospital, located at the heart of Dhanbad district, has recorded a 207% increase in service delivery over the past three months. This significant progress is attributed to the continuous efforts, monitoring, and guidance of Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Magistrate Aditya Ranjan. An average of 571 patients now visit the hospital daily. In June, the hospital recorded 10,620 patients, which rose to 19,916 in July, and further to 22,013 in August, reflecting steady growth. In

total, 52,549 patients received treatment during this period. Outpatient Department (OPD) visits saw 30,477 patients in three months. Dialysis services were availed by 2,372 individuals, and 8,289 samples were tested. The hospital conducted 541 normal deliveries—100 in June, 212 in July, and 229 in August. Inpatient admissions (IPD) rose from 847 in June to 2,948 in August. The hospital performed 386 C-sections, 42 major, and 104 minor surgeries. Dental services treated 426 patients, and 1,060 dressings were carried out. Nutritional care was provided to 2,005 children

under MTC. A total of 1,111 patients were discharged after successful treatment. Emergency services handled 38 cases, while 12 patients received Ayushman kits. DC Aditya Ranjan expressed satisfaction with the progress and reaffirmed the administration's commitment to providing quality healthcare. The hospital now offers free advanced diagnostic tests including liver, kidney, lipid profiles, and more, supported by upgraded lab infrastructure and modern equipment. Multiple specialists are available across all major departments, including 24/7 emergency services.





# Meta offers Rs 3.6 crore job to 23-year-old Indian engineer: His AI career tips will inspire you

**New Delhi:**A 23-year-old Indian-origin engineer, named Manoj Toomu, has landed a dream job at Meta, where he will be drawing a package worth Rs 3.6 crore. After resigning from Amazon, he will now join Meta's advertising research team as a Machine Learning Software Engineer. Manoj has shared his journey, reasons for the career move, and given valuable tips for students and professionals aiming for jobs in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning.

**Young Indian techie bags Rs 3.6 crore job at Meta**  
Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, has offered a USD 400,000 (which is around Rs 3.6 crore) package to Manoj Toomu, a 23-year-old Indian-origin engineer. Earlier, Toomu was employed at Amazon, and now he will be a part of Meta's Advertising Research team as a Machine Learning Software Engineer.

In his interview with Business Insider, Manoj expressed his excitement about joining Meta and



revealed that he resigned from Amazon in June to take up this opportunity.

Why he moved from Amazon to Meta  
Manoj explained that his



stint at Amazon helped him gain valuable experience, but the fast-changing AI and

Machine Learning industry pushed him to look for more challenging roles.

He further highlighted how the industry has shifted from classical techniques that relied on human decision-making to deep learning models powered by artificial neural networks for automatic learning.

### Tips for aspiring AI professionals

Sharing his advice for young professionals, Manoj said:

Job titles in AI vary widely, such as Applied Scientist, Research Scientist, Machine Learning Engineer or Software Engineer, depending on the company.

Students should focus on internships during college, even if they are low-paying, as they provide vital experience in AI and Machine Learning. Beginners should not focus on salary initially but rather on building strong skills that can help secure high-paying jobs later. Manoj, who completed his Master's degree in 2022, started working in AI soon after and believes that his early exposure to the field helped him land the Meta role.

## Jio, Airtel add 4 lakh users in July increase in number portability requests across the country: TRAI data

**New Delhi:**TRAI has released its data on telecom users for the month of July, revealing a significant and unexpected increase in the number of users opting for Mobile Number Portability (MNP). While Jio and Airtel have once again successfully added millions of new subscribers, Vodafone-Idea has faced a major setback, and the number of users for the state-owned telecom company BSNL has also seen a considerable decline. According to the TRAI data, the total number of telecom users including mobile and 5G FWA in India has now reached 117 crore.

**Jio and Airtel see a boom**  
In terms of total wireless subscribers, Jio has added the highest number of new users, with 4,82,954 joining its network. Airtel also saw strong growth, adding 464,437 new users. Conversely, Vodafone-Idea suffered the largest loss, with 3,59,199 users leaving its network. BSNL's user base also decreased by 1,00,707. BSNL has recently launched its 5G FWA service in some South Indian states, with a soft launch in Hyderabad last month.

**Market Share Breakdown**  
Reliance Jio remains the country's leading telecom operator with a 41.04 per cent



market share and 47.75 crore mobile users. Airtel holds a 33.65 per cent market share, with its user base reaching 39.1 crore. Vodafone-Idea's market share has shrunk to 17.52 per cent, with 20.3 crore users. BSNL's market share has also declined to 7.77 per cent, with 9.3 crore users. Increase in MNP request  
The number of new telecom users in India has been growing at a slow rate for some time, but the number of users porting their numbers has increased rapidly. According to the July report, 1.541 crore users shifted from one operator to another, indicating a significant trend of customers switching networks rather than new customers joining.

## What is eSIM and how is different from normal SIM? Complete guide for Indian smartphone users

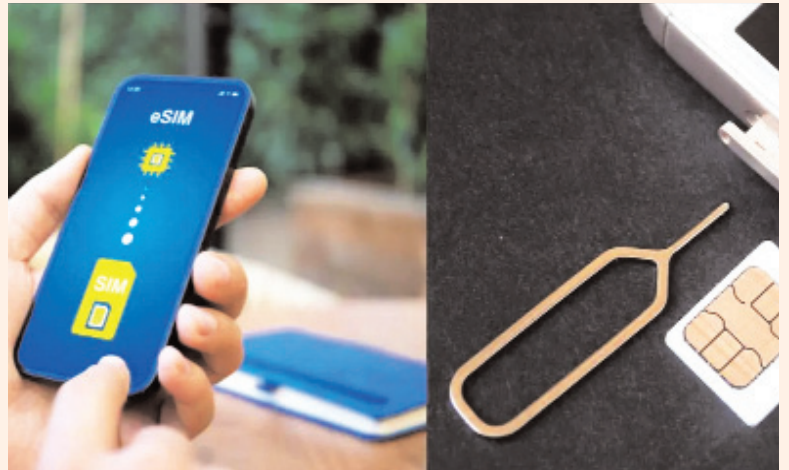
**New Delhi:**eSIM is a modern version of the traditional SIM card that comes built into a smartphone. Unlike a physical SIM, users do not need to insert or remove the card. Instead, your mobile operator can activate it digitally. For Indian users, eSIM is already being supported by major telecom companies like Jio, Airtel, and Vi on selected devices. But largely, many smartphone users are still wondering what this technology is, and does it fits the Indian market, as per the requirements?

Let us understand how eSIM works, its benefits, and how it is different from the regular SIM card.

**What is a normal SIM card?**

A SIM (which stands for 'Subscriber Identity Module') is a small plastic card with a chip that you insert into your handset.

It stores information like your phone number, net-



work and contacts.

In India, we commonly use nano-SIMs these days, which are the smallest form of SIM cards.

**What is an eSIM?**

An eSIM (Embedded Subscriber Identity Module) is a digital version of a SIM card that is built directly into your device's hardware.

Instead of inserting a physical card, the user's mobile operator will activate the SIM remotely through a QR code or settings option.

Many premium smartphones like iPhones, Google Pixel and some Samsung Galaxy models already support eSIM in India.

**Key differences between eSIM and a Normal SIM**

**Physical vs Digital:** A Normal SIM is a removable card, while an eSIM is built-in and cannot be removed.

**Switching Networks:** With eSIM, you can change your mobile operator by scanning a QR code, while a normal SIM requires a physical swap.

# Jio Hotstar adds AI-powered features: Voice search, live translation for cricket and more

**New Delhi:**During the 48th AGM of Reliance Industries, the company announced that it will soon be adding several AI-based features to its streaming platform, Jio Hotstar. The platform will introduce a new voice assistant, Riya, to help users easily search for content. Other new features, such as voice print and live translation, will also be added.

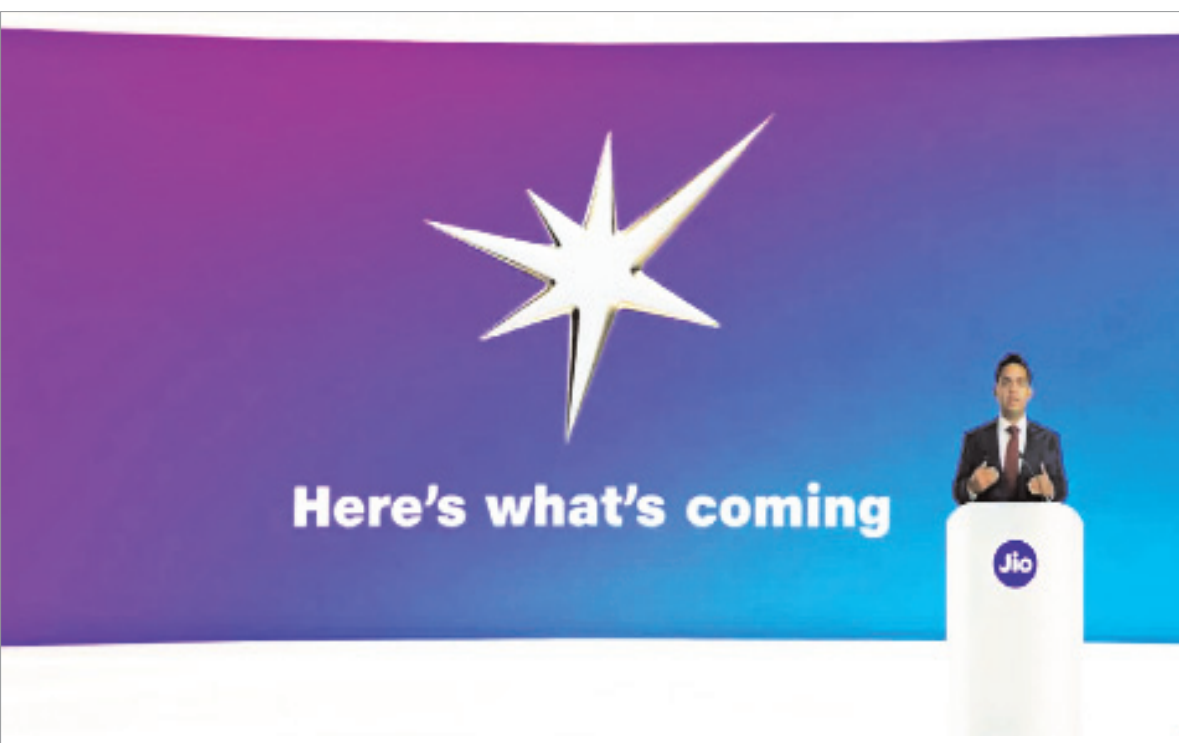
New AI features for Jio Hotstar

At the Reliance AGM, Jio head Akash Ambani highlighted that the OTT platform now has 3.2 lakh hours of online content—six times more than any other platform. This comes after the

merger of Jio and Disney Star last November, which combined the content libraries of Disney+ Hotstar and JioCinema.

One of the key additions is Riya, a voice-enabled search assistant that uses natural language support. This feature will allow users to use simple voice commands to find and watch any content on the platform. Additionally, the Jio Voice Print and AI Voice Translation features have been integrated. These new tools are expected to roll out to users soon.

The Jio Voice Print feature, based on lip-sync technology, will use AI to provide real-time voice translation.



This means users will be able to watch sports or entertainment content in other languages and hear it translated into an Indian language. In the last three months alone, the Jio Hotstar app has gained 600 million users and has become the world's second-largest streaming platform in terms of active subscribers on connected apps.

During the AGM, the company also made other major announcements, including Jio AI Cloud, Reliance Assistant, Jio Cloud PC, and Jio Frames. Jio now has more than 500 million customers and offers a wide range of services, including mobile and broadband.



Editorial

superpower of opponents

The immaturity, irritation and tariffism of US President Trump brought together those powers which were scattered till now. There was no sharing and harmony among them. Mutual solidarity and mobilization was not appreciated. Rather, there were more feelings of hostility. Some aggressive incidents also took place. For India, the 1962 war is a forgotten past, because after that India and China have become superpowers of the world. This time, the summit which has been started by the heads of state and prime ministers of 26 countries under the banner of 'Shanghai Cooperation Organization' (SCO), those countries can become the new superpower of the world. Those countries can also create a new global order. The total GDP of these 26 countries of SCO is more than 106 trillion dollars. More than 40 percent of the world's population lives in these countries, which is the basic dividend of these countries. This population is a collective power. The total oil reserve of these countries is equal to 20 percent of the world. These countries have more than 5200 nuclear weapons, although most of the countries are not nuclear-powered. Russia and China are permanent veto power holding countries of the United Nations Security Council. On the other hand, NATO and European countries are also not in favor of America. Veto power countries like Britain and France are also not completely in favor of America. President Trump's tariffism has given an opportunity to the emergence of a 'superpower of opponents', while the Federal Appeals Court of America has declared Trump's tariffism 'illegal' by a decision of 7-4. The court believes that the President does not have such emergency, unlimited powers. Only the US Congress (Parliament) can approve such a comprehensive tariff. Now President Trump has time till October 14 to challenge this court decision in the Supreme Court. However, tariffism is not the only issue of discussion in SCO. In fact, now countries are mobilizing against the monopoly of America.

Powers like India, China, Russia, with the full support of other countries, are marginalizing their old differences and mobilizing, and the role of the US President's 'bullying' is immense in this. After seven long years, Prime Minister Modi is not only on a visit to China, but also had a bilateral conversation with Chinese President Xi Jinping for about an hour at 9.35 am on Sunday, 31 August 2025. This meeting is very important. The issues of the shared dialogue became public later, but this unity of India-China itself marks the beginning of 'superpower'.

India's economy answers Trump

*It is also important that at this time dialogue must be maintained between India and the US for a bilateral trade agreement (BTA) and an interim trade agreement. Even after the new tariff was implemented on August 27, trade talks between India and the US have progressed. The US said that both countries will come together...*

Dr. Jayanti Lal Bhandari

Certainly, these days the whole world is seeing with surprise that when most of the countries of the world are bowing down to America and accepting its trade conditions due to fear of US President Donald Trump's tariff weapon, India is standing firm with its conditions under the trade agreement with America without bowing down to America in view of the interests of its crores of farmers and fishermen and India's rapidly growing economy is giving a reply to Trump. Under the financial year 2025-26 published on August 29, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has registered a growth of 7.8 percent in the quarter of April-June 2025. A year ago, this figure was 6.5 percent in the quarter of April-June 2024. In this context, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has estimated India's growth rate to be 6.4 percent for the current financial year 2025-26. It is worth noting that a scenario of strategic preparation is being seen to deal with the impact of the 50 percent tariff imposed by Trump on India from August 27 on Indian exports and the Indian economy. On August 29, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said that the government is preparing several measures in view of the tariff challenge. Because the tariff imposed by Trump on Indian products may affect about 55 percent of India's exports to America, or about 48 billion rupees worth of exports.

In the last financial year 2024-25, India exported goods worth about \$86.5 billion, which is one-fifth of its total exports, to the US. In such a situation, some challenges are seen to be arising in front of Indian exporters. There is also no doubt that the high tariffs imposed by the US and global uncertainties

may affect domestic private investment in this financial year 2025-26. In the event of no trade agreement between India and the US, some sectors will have to be prepared for some impact, especially the micro, small and medium enterprises sector will face challenges. It is no small matter that recently the US global rating agency S&P said that the imposition of 50 percent high tariffs on India by the US will not have any significant impact on India's economic progress and India's economy will maintain its growth trend. The outlook of India's 'sovereign rating' will still remain positive. Since India is not an export-oriented economy, India does not need to worry much about tariffs. Similarly, an analysis by Morgan Stanley Research says that due to India's strong domestic demand, the imposition of high tariffs on exports from America will have an impact of more than half a percent on the growth rate. In such a situation, a six-point strategy seems necessary for India to counter the Trump tariffs. One, enter new export markets. Two, increase the growth rate with the fast growing domestic market and favorable economic scenario. Three, move forward rapidly on the path of free trade agreements (FTAs). Four, adopt Swadeshi. Five, increase service exports and six, maintain continuous trade dialogue with America. It is important that India has ensured a new strategy to support exporters. To promote exports, it has planned to run special contact programs in 40 countries. Under this initiative, major countries like Britain, Japan, South Korea, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Netherlands, Poland, Canada, Mexico, Russia, Belgium, Turkey, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Australia have been included. The government is

strengthening friendship with countries other than America. On 29-30 August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi strengthened the chapter of friendship with Japan and declared in Tokyo that Japanese technology and Indian talent will change the world. India is also opening new chapters of foreign trade with China and Russia.

Along with such measures to counter the Trump tariffs, India has planned to increase domestic consumption by simplifying the tax system and increasing the purchasing power of the people. India can compensate for the loss of US trade to some extent by increasing domestic consumption. India's domestic consumption is playing an important role in protecting India amid the fluctuations in global trade. India's retail market was \$ 1060 billion in 2024, it can grow at the rate of 10 percent annually and reach a height of \$ 1930 billion by 2030. Undoubtedly, India is moving fast on the path of FTA. The FTAs done by India with EFTA, UAE, Australia and UK are extremely important. India has got strong benefits from FTAs with UAE and Australia. With UAE, the export of services has almost doubled in the last four-five years. Recently, the Minister of State for Industry and Commerce told the Rajya Sabha that the talks regarding FTA between India and Oman have been completed and the FTA is expected to be signed between the two soon and there is every possibility of FTA with the European Union coming into force by the end of this year 2025. This will open a big and important market of the world for India. On July 10, Swiss Ambassador to India Maya Tissafi said that the trade agreement between India and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA)

with 4 member countries Iceland, Switzerland, Norway and Liechtenstein will come into force from October 2025. It is noteworthy that on July 24, the free trade agreement between India and Britain (UK) has been signed in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UK PM Keir Starmer.

India is also moving forward on the path of quickly finalizing FTAs with other countries including Qatar, New Zealand, Peru, Chile, Canada, South Africa, Israel, India Gulf Countries Council. Certainly, now under the new strategy, it will be necessary to adopt Swadeshi and encourage indigenous industry and business in every possible way to increase domestic consumption. Along with this, India's service exports will have to be increased at a fast pace all over the world. In the last financial year 2024-25, service exports from India were \$ 385 billion, now this year India will have to move forward strategically towards achieving the target of \$ 450 billion. It is also important that at this time dialogue will have to be maintained between India and America for the Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) and Interim Trade Agreement. Even after the new tariff came into effect on August 27, trade talks between India and America have progressed. America said that both the countries will come together and trust will be restored through trade talks. Let us expect India to continue moving ahead on the economic path by overcoming the challenges of Trump's 50% high tariffs while enhancing the prospects of new export markets, FTAs, swadeshi, service exports with the most attractive macroeconomic story in the gloomy global backdrop created by the Trump tariffs.

Are abusive words the way to cheap popularity in politics

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In the parliamentary system, elections decide the fate of the nation. India is the world's largest democratic nation. The people of India are the makers of India's fate. Fair elections strengthen the democratic system. We get the rule of Jana Gana Mana. Parliamentary democracy has an important role in the Indian system of governance. Democracy is by the people and for the people. For these fair elections, the President has the right to form an Election Commission. This right is given in Part 15 of the Constitution. The Election Commission has the moral responsibility to make arrangements for fair elections. To conduct fair elections. Political parties participate in elections. They form governments by majority or coalition. Many times, governments formed by coalition are accused of bargaining. The Constitution gives the right to vote to every adult Indian.

The subject is related to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter list for the possible assembly elections of the state of Bihar. A new voter list will be prepared by the Election Commission by conducting a special intensive revision of the voter list. There is a dispute between the Election Commission and the opposition parties regard-

ing the revision of this new voter list. They are attacking the central government. The matter is in the Supreme Court. The Election Commission has excluded a large number of names in the "intensive revision" of the voter list. There are some infiltrators in it as well. Its number is said to be 65 lakh. The Supreme Court had said that the Election Commission should publicly release the names of the 65 lakh names which have been found to be wrong in the voter list and the reason for excluding them. This matter of intensive revision of the voter list deepened because the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has accused the Election Commission of vote theft at many places several times. These allegations became a sensation in the media. The ruling party has denied these allegations. The Election Commission has been negligent in giving its opinion on this and presenting factual information before the nation. It is worth noting here that the use of words like vote theft has hurt the Election Commission. The SIR case is still in the Supreme Court.

In Part 15 Article 324 of the Indian Constitution, there shall be a Commission for the preparation of electoral rolls and for the conduct of elections for all elections to the

Parliament and the Legislature of each State and for the election of the offices of President and Vice-President under the Constitution. It is called the Election Commission in the Constitution. Article 325 states that no person shall be ineligible for inclusion in the electoral roll on the basis of religion, race, caste or sex and he shall not claim inclusion in any special electoral roll. There shall be a common electoral roll for every territorial election for election to either House of the Parliament or each House of the Legislature of a State. In Article 326, elections to the Lok Sabha and the Legislative Assembly shall be on the basis of suffrage, that is, every person who is a citizen of India, has attained the age of 18 years, is not otherwise disqualified on the ground of unsoundness of mind, crime or corrupt or illegal conduct under any law made by the appropriate Legislature, shall be entitled to be registered as a voter. Articles 327 and 328 state that under the provisions of the Constitution, from time to time, the electoral rolls for the Parliament and the Legislative Assembly are delimited by the constituencies. All matters related to the Legislative Assembly of that state, including the preparation of electoral rolls, are arranged to ensure the proper formation of the Houses.

Clearly, every citizen of India will

cooperate in the democratic system. Will be entitled to vote. It does not seem fair to deprive the citizen of the right to vote without any such reason and allegation of illegal conduct. Political parties are formed under the rights granted in the Constitution. The objective of political parties should be for the glory of the nation. The workers of political parties are free to propagate the ideology of their respective parties. Opinions may differ on many issues. The conduct of the workers of these political parties, the Election Commission and the officials engaged in election work from time to time should be of ideal conduct according to the parliamentary tradition. If any of them is not impartial, then his behavior will be said to be a violation of democracy.

The use of unparliamentary words has increased in politics. Indecent behavior is taking place. There should be a debate on this. Is abusive language the only way to gain cheap popularity in politics? On August 1, there was a deadlock in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on the issue of special intensive revision of the voter list of Bihar. The opposition parties created a ruckus on this. The Lok Sabha Speaker had said that the public has given you such a big opportunity. Maintain the dignity of the House. The Speaker had also said

that if democracy is to be strengthened, then members should be allowed to raise questions only during the Question Hour. This determines the accountability of the government. Let the aspirations of the people of the country be fulfilled and cooperate in taking the country forward. There was a ruckus in the Rajya Sabha on this issue as well.

On the same day, the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi had said that the Election Commission is involved in vote theft. He has strong evidence. On this, the Election Commission had said that the allegations of vote theft made by former Congress President Rahul Gandhi are baseless. The Commission said that these irresponsible comments should be ignored. Earlier on August 12, Rahul Gandhi, who went out for a demonstration from Parliament to the Election Commission, had then said that this fight is to save the Constitution. It is for making the correct voter list. From the ruling party, senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader Dharmendra Pradhan had said that this demonstration is going to create instability. Opposition parties want to create chaos.

Rahul Gandhi alleges that the Election Commission is stealing votes for the BJP.





# Bhupender Yadav meets COP30 President, discusses climate agenda

**New Delhi, Agency:** Union environment minister Bhupender Yadav met the 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30) President, Andre Correa do Lago, and his team in Delhi on Monday and discussed important agenda items for the gathering in November in Brazil's Belem. In a post on X, Yadav said the discussion focused on the Global Goal on Adaptation, the status of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and the Presidency plans. "Reiterated how India, under the leadership of PM Shri @narendramodi ji, through its whole-of-government approach, has been combating the climate change crisis through its domestic and international



climate action programmes." On June 5, Yadav told news agency that India's goal of becoming a developed country by 2047 is of paramount importance, and the country's climate actions should align with that. He explained India's stand on climate change negotiations amid geopolitical disruptions. India is formulating its first comprehensive National Adaptation

Plan (NAP) to enhance resilience to climate change. NAP represents a major step forward in aligning adaptation planning with India's national development priorities and global climate commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement. Yadav had said the NAP seeks to protect lives, ecosystems, and livelihoods

by understanding current and future climate risks and vulnerabilities, identifying medium- and long-term priorities for climate adaptation, and establishing systems, policies, measures, and capacities to ensure strengthened adaptation planning, budgeting, and implementation. Officials said India is expected to submit its national adaptation plan this year. Selwin Hart, special adviser to the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on climate change, has told news agency that the UN chief has written to heads of state and governments inviting them to an event on September 24, and to use the platform to announce their new NDCs.

# Delhi-bound SpiceJet Boeing plane returns to Pune under full emergency an hour after takeoff: Report

**New Delhi, Agency:** A SpiceJet flight going to Delhi from Maharashtra's Pune on Monday made a mid-air U-turn to the originating airport due to a technical glitch and reportedly landed under full emergency conditions.

The flight landed back in Pune under full emergency conditions after an hour of its take off for Delhi, PTI new agency quoted a source as saying.

SpiceJet said in a statement that the aircraft landed safely and passengers were deplaned normally.

It was a Boeing 737-8AS aircraft, bearing registration VT-SLG, according to Flightradar24.com data.

"SpiceJet flight SG 937 on September 1, operating from Pune to Delhi, returned to Pune shortly after take-off. Following take-off, the flap transit light illuminated, and the operating crew carried out all necessary checks in accor-



dance with standard operating procedures," the airline said.

As a precautionary measure, SpiceJet said, the pilots decided to return to Pune.

The flight SG937 had departed with a delay of 40 minutes from its scheduled time of 6 am from Pune airport, and was to land in Delhi at 8.10 am, as per flight tracking website flightradar24.com.

On Friday, a SpiceJet flight carrying 205 passengers made an emergency landing at the Srinagar airport due to pressurisation problem.

# Mahout trampled to death by temple elephant in Kerala

**New Delhi, Agency:** A mahout died and another sustained serious injuries after being trampled by a captive elephant at a temple in Haripad in this coastal district the previous day, police said on Monday. The deceased was identified as Muralidharan Nair (53) of Edapponmuri, Nooranad, Alappuzha. According to police, he was the chief handler of Skandan, an elephant owned by a Subrahmanya temple in Kerala's Haripad. Police said the elephant, which has been in musth, was tied at the house of the temple priest for the past few months. Skandan turned violent on Sunday at noon and attacked another mahout, Sunil Kumar. Muralidharan rushed to the spot and initially brought the animal under control. Sunil suffered serious injuries in the attack and was admitted to a hospital nearby, police said. However, around 3.30 pm,



while shifting the elephant to the temple, Skandan turned violent again and attacked Muralidharan, a police officer said. According to the FIR, the elephant pressed Muralidharan to the ground with its head for several minutes. Other mahouts managed to subdue the animal and rushed Muralidharan to a hospital in Parumala, where he succumbed to injuries around 11 pm, police said.

# SC allows open court hearing to Nithari killings convict Koli's challenge

**New Delhi, Agency:** The Supreme Court on Monday allowed an open court hearing to Nithari killings convict Surendra Koli's challenge to its sole order of conviction in 2011 after he was acquitted in 12 cases of rape and murder involving nearly a dozen girls between 2005 and 2007.

Koli filed a curative petition on August 30, a month after the Supreme Court on July 30 held him innocent in 12 cases related to the Nithari killings, concluding that the prosecution failed to prove his guilt and noted procedural flaws in the investigation.

Advocate Payoshi Roy appeared before the bench



of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Bhushan R Gavai and Justice Vinod K Chandran for an urgent hearing on the curative petition. "In 12 cases, he has been acquitted. He is still in jail due to the one case in which he was convicted. His review petition had earlier been dismissed. A curative peti-

tion has now been filed." The bench said the judges who passed the 2011 order have retired. "We will assign a bench."

A curative petition is the last judicial remedy available to a litigant to seek reversal of a judgment of the court, and is heard in chambers. The scope for

considering the curative plea is limited. It can be entertained only if the litigant points out that the court did not hear the party before passing an order, or there was a ground for apprehension of bias in passing the judgment, or any abuse of process of law resulting in the judgment adversely affecting the litigant.

The court dismissed Koli's review petition after an open court hearing on October 28, 2014. It sentenced him to death while upholding his conviction. The Allahabad high court in 2015 commuted his death sentence to a life term due to the delay in deciding his mercy plea.

# India ready to provide assistance to those hit by Afghanistan earthquake, says PM Modi

**New Delhi, Agency:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday expressed grief over the loss of lives in the wake of the devastating earthquake in Afghanistan, which killed and injured hundreds of people. He affirmed that India stands ready to provide all possible aid and relief to the affected people. More than 500 people were killed and over 1000 people injured after an earthquake of magnitude 6.0 struck eastern Afghanistan in the early hours of Monday. In a post on X, PM Modi said, "Deeply saddened by the loss of lives due to the earthquake in Afghanistan. Our thoughts



and prayers are with the bereaved families in this difficult hour, and we wish a speedy recovery to the injured. India stands ready to provide all possible humanitarian aid and relief to those affected." Earlier in

the day, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar expressed condolences on the deadly earthquake which struck Afghanistan, killing and injuring hundreds of people. He assured of Indian assis-

tance to Afghanistan in this dark hour. In a post on X, EAM said, "The devastating earthquake in Kunar Province of Afghanistan is a matter of deep concern. Express our support and solidarity to the Afghan people as they respond to it. India will extend assistance in this hour of need. Our condolences to the families of the victims. And our prayers for early recovery of the injured." Khaama Press, citing Taliban-run authorities, reported that the districts of Nur Gul, Soki, Watpur, Manogi, and Chapa Dara of Kunar province were the worst hit areas.

# 'Trust issue': SC tells political parties to 'activate' themselves over Bihar SIR

**New Delhi, Agency:** The Supreme Court on Monday said that the confusion over the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral roll in poll-bound Bihar is largely a 'trust issue', asking political parties to 'activate' themselves.

A top court bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi was hearing the matter concerning pleas filed by Bihar's political leaders seeking extension for the September 1 deadline to file claims and objections to the draft list published by the Election Commission of India.

The apex court took note of the ECI's submission that claims and objections can be submitted after the September 1 deadline and will be considered even after the roll is finalised, LiveLaw reported.

Senior Advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the ECI, said that political parties are filing objections seeking deletion of voters from the draft list instead of claims for inclusion, terming it as "very strange".

Meanwhile, advocate Prashant Bhushan highlighted that the order for inclusion for Aadhar was dated August 22. He submitted that the poll body is not following its own manuals "about transparency".

Justice Surya Kant said that the first part in the process is submission.

Dwivedi argued that pleas listed before the top court for Monday did not include assertions over the submission of any forms or the inclusion or deletion of voters.

# Fadnavis convenes meeting as Jarange-Patil intensifies quota agitation

**New Delhi, Agency:** Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis has convened a meeting with his deputies, Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar, and Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil-led Cabinet sub-committee, as Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange-Patil intensified his agitation by announcing he would not even have water from Monday.

The state government has sought to convince Jarange-Patil to withdraw the protest, which inconvenienced office goers again in South Mumbai on Monday. Jarange-Patil began his indefinite hunger strike on Friday at Mumbai's

Azad Maidan to push for the blanket reservation under the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category.

Maratha community members have been flocking to the Azad Maidan from across the state, especially Marathwada, to support the strike. Patil's followers have increased assistance for the strike amid a feeling that the state government was trying to suppress the voice of the Maratha community by prohibiting them from coming to Mumbai and causing inconvenience to the protesters. They have been coming to Azad Maidan in groups to replace the existing batches of protesters to sus-



tain it for a longer period.

The talks of the former judge Sandeep Shinde-led committee with Patil failed on Saturday. Patil insisted on the need for government inter-

vention, prompting Fadnavis to convene the meeting.

Fadnavis is expected to revise the offer to expedite the process of issuance of Kunbi certificates to Marathas. Patil

has demanded the inclusion of all Marathas under the OBC category by giving them Kunbi sub-caste certificates. Kunbis have a quota under the OBC category.

An official said the Supreme Court has said that the Marathas cannot be given a reservation under the OBC quota. "The state government has its own limitations. [Fadnavis] has been consulting with the legal experts, including advocate general Birendra Saraf, to break the stalemate," said the official.

The official added that the Vikhe Patil-led panel is expected to meet Jarange-Patil at Azad Maidan.

State minister Chhagan Bhujbal has convened a meeting of OBC leaders on Monday to oppose the inclusion of Marathas under their category. Rashtriya OBC Mahasangh started a relay hunger strike on August 30 and announced to intensify it against the possibility of the inclusion of Marathas.

Joint police commissioner (law and order) Satyanarayan said that traffic had been diverted from the protest site, and there was no law and order situation.

The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) was the most affected due to agitation.



# ICC Women's World Cup winning team to get record USD 4.48 million, higher prize money than Men's 2023 WC winners

**New Delhi, Agency:** The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced a record prize money of USD13.88 million for the Women's Cricket World Cup, which is scheduled to be held in India and Sri Lanka. The tournament will take place from September 30 to November 2, with the two hosting nations set to play the tournament opener.

The ICC confirmed on Monday a monumental 297 per cent rise from \$3.5 million at the last edition, held in New Zealand in 2022. The total prize pot surpasses that of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup from two years ago in India, which had a total prize money of \$10 million.

"The increased prize money aligns with the ICC's strategy to focus on the growth of the women's game, and a decision to introduce pay parity was announced ahead of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024," the ICC said in a release.

The winners of the 13th edition of the tournament, which is being held across five venues: Guwahati, Indore, Navi Mumbai and Visakhapatnam in India and Colombo in Sri Lanka, will receive \$4.48 million, a staggering 239 per cent increase from the \$1.32 million awarded to Australia when they won their seventh title three years ago. The winners' purse at the last Men's World Cup was \$4 million.

The runners-up will receive \$2.24 million, an increase of 273 per cent in comparison to the \$600,000 England won three years ago. The two losing semi-finalists will return home with \$1.12 million each (up from \$300,000 in 2022).

With each group-stage win, the victors will get \$34,314. The teams finishing fifth and sixth will take home \$700,000 each, and those in seventh and eighth place will earn \$280,000. Each participating team is guaranteed \$250,000.



ICC Chairman Jay Shah believes that this was another step in the right direction as the world body prioritises women's cricket and said,

"This announcement marks a defining milestone in the journey of women's cricket. This four-fold increase in prize money is a landmark moment for women's cricket and reflects our clear commitment to its long-term growth. Our message is simple, women cricketers must know they will be treated on par with men if they choose this sport professionally."

"The uplift underscores our ambition to deliver a world-class ICC. Women's Cricket World Cup and to inspire the next generation of players and fans. Women's cricket is on a remarkable upward trajectory, and with this step we are confident the momentum will accelerate. We call upon all stakeholders, fans, media, partners, and Member Boards, to join us in championing the women's game and ensuring it receives the recognition and respect it deserves," he concluded.

## Bowling to Pant was the most difficult thing: Uncapped spinner Ostwal recalls time at Delhi Capitals

**New Delhi, Agency:** Uncapped spinner Vicky Ostwal, who impressed in the Maharashtra Premier League (MPL) and has been a reserve bowler with the Delhi Capitals for three seasons in the Indian Premier League (IPL), revealed that during his time with the franchise, bowling to Rishabh Pant was the most challenging thing for him as a left-arm.

Ostwal, a tall left-arm spinner just like Sai Kishore, was India's highest wicket-taker in their run to the 2022 Under-19 World Cup title in the Caribbean. During the Buchi Babu tournament last month, his Maharashtra captain, Ankit Bawne, introduced him as a "future star" in Chennai.

During his time with the



Delhi Capitals in the cash-rich IPL, he didn't get a single game. However, the entire experience was valuable for him. The 23-year-old spinner revealed that current captain Axar Patel and former head coach Ricky Ponting helped him

significantly in his growth. At the same time, the most formidable challenge for him in the nets was the franchise's former skipper, Pant. The game sense improved after the IPL. You can be a little bit ahead of the game, and sometimes

read the situations quite early and then get into the act earlier. That helps you be proactive," Ostwal told ESPNcricinfo on the sidelines of the Buchi Babu tournament in Chennai.

"And bowling to Rishabh Pant was the most difficult thing as a left-arm spinner. Axar gave me tips on Test bowling and T20 bowling, which I'm able to implement. Ricky Ponting, sir, also helped me during my three years with Delhi Capitals. So, all in all, it was a good time there," he added.

Just weeks after his stellar campaign in the Under-19 World Cup in February 2022, Ostwal was fast-tracked into Maharashtra's Ranji Trophy side. However, at that point, he needed more time to nurture his game.

## RCB announces framework for RCB CARES", focused on fan safety and community development

**Bengaluru, Agency:** Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) on Monday outlined the framework of RCB Cares, its long-term commitment to fans. The programme focuses on supporting, empowering, and elevating the 12th Man Army through meaningful actions.

Earlier on Saturday, the Bengaluru-based franchise have announced a financial aid of Rs 25 lakh each to the families of the victims who tragically lost their lives in the stampede outside the M Chinnaswamy Stadium during the team's victory celebrations on June 4.

The incident, which claimed eleven lives, left the entire cricketing fraternity and RCB fans across the country in shock. Taking to their official Instagram handle, the franchise expressed grief over the loss and assured continuous support to the bereaved families under their new initiative, "RCB CARES." Over the coming months, post necessary permissions, RCB Cares will go beyond the boundary to provide support that goes beyond financial aid and will ensure fast, transparent, and human support to fans and families impacted.

"RCB CARES" will build safe and inclusive environments which will work with the stadium authorities, sporting bodies, and league partners to design better crowd management protocols. This will also empower communities with real opportunities and social development programs that kicked off in rural Karnataka, starting with the Siddi community. RCB CARES" will invest in independent research on crowd



safety and create a fan-safety audit framework and train our on-ground partners annually on crowd management and emergency response.

This program will also elevate fan memory into something permanent. A dedicated space in Bengaluru to honour the names, stories, and spirit of RCB's most passionate fans. It will lastly try to build futures through sport belief in the tea,m which shouldn't just live in the stands. It will also try to create in-stadia jobs, nurture local talent, and support the next generation of professionals in sport.

RCB Cares goes beyond a single event, which will promise to every fan who has stood by the team through every roar and heartbreak.

On June 4, 11 people died and over 50 were injured in a stampede outside Bengaluru's M Chinnaswamy stadium as a massive crowd of nearly 3 lakh people had gathered to witness the victory celebration of Royal Challengers Bengaluru, celebrating their maiden Indian Premier League (IPL) trophy win.

## PKL 12: Captain Devank Dalal praises Manprit says his support was crucial for Bengal Warriorz

**Visakhapatnam,Agency:** Bengal Warriorz made a powerful start to their Pro Kabaddi League Season 12 campaign with a commanding 54-44 win over defending champions Haryana Steelers in Visakhapatnam.

The opening fixture showcased the young team's intent for the season, with captain Devank Dalal leading from the front with a sensational 21



raid points, while Manprit Pardeep added 13 points and defender Ashish Malik did well in defence with a High Five.

After the big win, a delighted Head Coach Naveen Kumar said, as quoted from a press release by PKL, "Our team played according to the plan, and all the players delivered exactly what we had in mind. The goal was to simply win, and we did that.

## ISRL season 2 auction attracts global stars, sets new benchmarks in Motorsport

**Pune, Agency:** The Indian Supercross Racing League (ISRL), the world's only franchise-based supercross platform, delivered a spectacle off the track with its season 2 athlete auction. From intense bidding wars to fresh faces entering the big league, the auction proved that Supercross in India is no longer just a sport, but a marketplace of speed and star power.

ISRL is the only motorsport property in the world where athletes participate in a formal bidding and auction system, creating a unique fusion of sports, commerce, and entertainment, as per a release from ISRL.

Riders from Australia, Europe, the USA, Indonesia, Japan, and the South Asian circuit dominated proceedings, keeping team owners on their toes and cementing



ISRL's position as the fastest-growing motorsport property in the country. France led the charge at the auction, commanding top bids with 13 riders being selected across teams.

Kyle Peters became the auction's highest-paid rider with Rs. 20,70,000/-, making him the most sought-

after rider of the night. For India, the highest bid went for Rugved Barguje, who stole the spotlight, drawing a Rs. 9,50,000/- contract, one of the highest ever for an Indian in ISRL season 2 auction.

"ISRL is not just building a racing league; we are creating a new sports economy for

India where athletes, teams, brands, and fans all converge. The Season 2 auction has shown the world that India is ready to back motorsport at scale, and this is just the beginning of our global journey," said Veer Patel, Director - Indian Supercross Racing League, as quoted in the release.

## Tennis Premier League's landmark 7th season heads to Ahmedabad

**Mumbai, Agency:** India's only professional tennis league, the Tennis Premier League (TPL), held under the All India Tennis Association (AITA), is gearing up for its highly anticipated Season 7, scheduled from December 9 to 14 at the Gujarat University Tennis Stadium in Ahmedabad.



Marking its first-ever move outside Maharashtra, this landmark edition not only signifies a new chapter in the league's journey but also makes TPL the fourth sporting league in India to reach the milestone of 7th season.

The eight-franchise competition, backed by icons such as Leander Paes, Sania Mirza and Mahesh Bhupathi, will feature international tennis stars ranked between 30 and 50 in the ATP, alongside India's top players, including two-time Grand Slam champion Rohan Bopanna. Renowned for its unique 25-point format, TPL has carved out a niche for its exciting, fast-paced play, which continues to captivate audiences both in India and around the globe.



# Real-life hero Sonu Sood performed an eco-friendly Ganpati visarjan with his family



Actor and philanthropist Sonu Sood, who has earned immense love and respect across the country as a real-life hero, is once again setting an example—this time through his Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations. The actor, along with his family, performed an eco-friendly visarjan of Bappa at home, sending out the message that devotion must go hand in hand with responsibility towards nature.

Sonu Sood and his family have always celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi as a festival of joy, devotion, and togetherness. But this year, they

decided to ensure their celebration is also kind to the environment. Instead of immersing the idol in public water bodies, Sonu chose a method within his home that would not harm rivers and lakes. In doing so, he is not only preserving tradition but also protecting the environment from pollution.

For years, Sonu Sood has been a symbol of service and compassion—whether it’s helping migrant workers, arranging medical aid, or supporting families in need. His decision to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi in a sustainable and eco-friendly way is an extension of that very spirit of service.

## Sunny Deol wished his mother Prakash Kaur on her birthday and shared pictures

Action hero Sunny Deol, who recently made headlines with the film *Jaat*, wished his mother Prakash Kaur a happy birthday on Monday by sharing a heartfelt post on social media.

The Border fame actor posted two pictures with his mother on Instagram, captioning them: “Happy Birthday Mamma. I love you.”

In the photos, Sunny can be seen dressed completely in black—from turban to shirt and pants—while his mother looks graceful in a yellow suit. Both are smiling warmly at the camera.

Fans loved the pictures, filling the comment section with reactions. Sunny’s son, Rajveer Deol, wrote: “Happy Birthday Dadima... Love you.” One user commented: “Happy Birthday Mataji. May every day of yours be blessed. The picture looks so beautiful. Good luck. Jai Mata Di.”

Another wrote: “The whole world bows at the feet of mothers. I, too, am a part of that soil and bow countless times at Mataji’s feet.”

Actor Bobby Deol also shared a

photo with his mother, where he is seen hugging Prakash Kaur, captioning it: “Love you Mom. Happy Birthday.”

For context, Prakash Kaur is the first wife of veteran actor Dharmendra. The couple married in 1954 and have four children together—sons Sunny Deol and Bobby Deol, and daughters Vijeta and Ajeeta. On the work front, Sunny Deol was last seen in *Jaat*, directed by Gopichand Malineni, co-starring Randeep Hooda, Vineet Kumar Singh, Saiyami Kher, and Regina Cassandra. Randeep Hooda plays the dangerous villain Ranutunga, while Urvashi Rautela features in a special dance number.



## For 51-year-old Malaika Arora, “Age is No Barrier”



Bollywood actress Malaika Arora is considered one of the fittest and most stylish stars in the film industry. Even at the age of 51, her fitness and fashion sense leave people amazed. Brimming with confidence, Malaika—fondly known as Malla—handles everything with ease.

In an exclusive conversation with IANS, she shared her views on age and beauty.

“For me, age has never been a barrier; rather, it is a process of moving forward and refining oneself. With every passing year comes experience, understanding, and strength—and that transformation is what I find most beautiful,” said the actress.

Malaika believes true beauty is not about looking young or holding on to youth but about embracing every stage of life with confidence and grace. She added, “When you have inner balance and contentment, that energy naturally radiates through your personality. Age is just a number; it can never define real beauty.”

A passionate yoga enthusiast, Malaika keeps herself fit through her daily practice. She frequently shares her fitness videos on Instagram. A few days ago, she posted about the benefits of Adho Mukha Vrksasana (handstand) and also explained how to perform it with ease.

## Attack on Kapil Sharma’s On-Screen Wife’s Car! Sumona First Shared, Then Deleted Her Post

The Kapil Sharma Show fame actress Sumona Chakravarti shocked her fans with a social media post, revealing that she was harassed in broad daylight in Mumbai. According to her, a mob surrounded her car and misbehaved with her. However, she has now deleted the post from Instagram.

**Mob Hit Sumona’s Car Bonnet**

For context, protests over Maratha reservation are currently taking place in Mumbai. While passing through South Bombay, Sumona’s car was suddenly surrounded by demonstrators. They banged on her car’s bonnet and laughed. After the incident, Sumona raised questions about safety and security in the city.

**Sumona Shared Her Ordeal on Social Media**

In her now-deleted Instagram post, Sumona wrote:

“In the afternoon, I was driving from Colaba towards Fort when suddenly my car was stopped by a crowd.

## Janhvi Kapoor shared unseen pictures from the set of Param Sundari

Actress Janhvi Kapoor’s film *Param Sundari* has been released. In this movie, she plays the role of a South Indian girl. Remembering the days of shooting, she shared some pictures on her Instagram.

While posting them, the actress wrote: “Since *Param Sundari* has now been released in theatres, here are some things that *Sundari* loves.” The post included shooting memories as well. She shared several photos—one where she is posing with an elephant, another fun picture, a video of her dancing, and one with her co-star Sidharth Malhotra. The trailer of *Param Sundari* was well-received by audiences, and



the film too is getting a good response. Released on August 29, the movie tells the love story of a Punjabi boy and a Malayali girl. Apart from Janhvi Kapoor and Sidharth Malhotra, the film also stars Sanjay Kapoor and Manjot Singh in important roles.

During the promotions of *Param Sundari*, co-star Sidharth Malhotra praised Janhvi’s talent and hard work, saying: “It was a great experience working with Janhvi. Her dedication and her charm in this romantic drama are remarkable.



## Vidya Balan came up with a simple funda for September and shared it in a fun style

Vidya Balan is not just a brilliant actress but also a personality admired for her bold thinking and carefree attitude. She doesn’t try to create any artificial image—she is unapologetically herself. Whether it’s playing intense characters on the big screen or creating fun videos on social media, Vidya always leaves her unique mark.

On Monday, Vidya gave her fans a glimpse of her playful side through an Instagram video, where she humorously shared her simple funda for September. In this reel, Vidya is seen lip-syncing to a viral audio in which a man jokingly responds to people who advise going for morning walks. The audio goes: “These people who keep giving advice... saying you should go for a walk early in the morn-

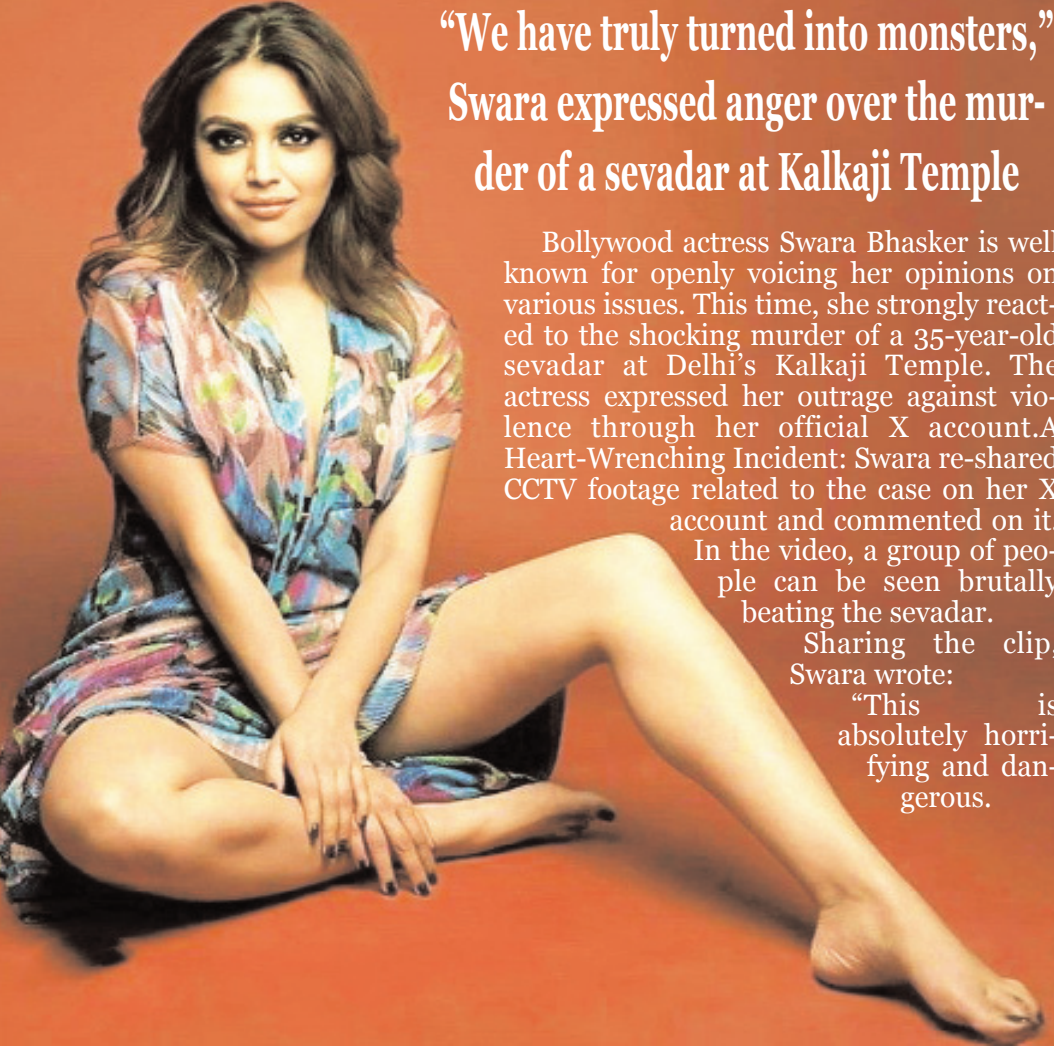
ing... well, isn’t the earth already rotating? Do I also need to rotate? Won’t I just get dizzy?”

Vidya’s expressions while lip-syncing to this are so hilarious that it’s impossible to watch without laughing. Her face, her eyes, and her way of delivering it—all make the video even more entertaining.

Talking about her look, Vidya is wearing a beautiful red saree with a golden lace border, paired with a stylish blouse. Her hair is tied in a ponytail, complemented by big earrings, a stack of bangles, and a bindi on her forehead, giving her a look that is both traditional and stylish.



## “We have truly turned into monsters,” Swara expressed anger over the murder of a sevadar at Kalkaji Temple



Bollywood actress Swara Bhasker is well known for openly voicing her opinions on various issues. This time, she strongly reacted to the shocking murder of a 35-year-old sevadar at Delhi’s Kalkaji Temple. The actress expressed her outrage against violence through her official X account. A Heart-Wrenching Incident: Swara re-shared CCTV footage related to the case on her X account and commented on it. In the video, a group of people can be seen brutally beating the sevadar. Sharing the clip, Swara wrote:

“This is absolutely horrifying and dangerous.