



BRIEF NEWS

Statewide Survey of Transgender Persons to be Conducted in Jharkhand



Ranchi: Jharkhand's Chief Secretary, Alka Tiwari, has directed that a statewide survey of transgender persons be conducted to ensure they benefit from government schemes. She issued this order during a meeting of the Jharkhand Transgender Welfare Board held at the Project Bhawan on Tuesday. The Chief Secretary stated that the survey will help determine the number of transgender individuals in each district, their needs, and their aspirations. This information will facilitate the allocation of funds and other resources for their welfare. She added that it will also make it easier to connect them with various schemes designed for transgender people. During the meeting, it came to light that transgender individuals are hesitant to come out openly and reveal their identity. This prevents them from timely access to benefits such as identity cards, reservation quotas, pension schemes, Ayushman cards, and access to shelters for transgender people. To address this issue, the Chief Secretary emphasized the need for all districts to quickly form district-level committees, chaired by the Deputy Commissioners.

CP Radhakrishnan elected as India's 15th Vice President

Agency

New Delhi: National Democratic Alliance (NDA) nominee CP Radhakrishnan has been elected as the 15th Vice President of India, defeating INDIA bloc candidate Justice B Sudershan Reddy in the election held on Tuesday. Radhakrishnan secured 452 first preference votes, while Justice Reddy received 300. Fifteen votes were declared invalid. The Rajya Sabha General Secretary, PC Mody, announced the results after the counting. The elections witnessed a turnout of 98.20 per cent, with 767 MPs casting their vote out of 781. Thirteen MPs abstained, including seven from the Biju Janata Dal, four from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi, one



from Shiromani Akali Dal and one independent MP. Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Radhakrishnan on his election. In a post on X, he said, "Congratulations to Thiru CP Radhakrishnan Ji on winning the 2025 Vice Presidential election. His life has always been devoted to serving society and empowering the poor and marginalised. I am confident that he will be an outstanding VP, who will strengthen our Constitutional values and enhance Parliamentary

discourse." The Vice President's office had been vacant since July 21, following the resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar due to health reasons. Chandrapuram Ponnusamy Radhakrishnan, born on October 20, 1957, in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu, was serving as the Governor of Maharashtra since July 2024 before being named as the NDA's Vice Presidential nominee. He earlier served as Governor of Jharkhand and held additional charge of Telangana and Puducherry. A two-time MP from Coimbatore, he began his political journey with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and Bharatiya Jana Sangh before joining the BJP. He went on to serve as BJP's Tamil Nadu state president and later

held several parliamentary positions, including Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee. Between 2016 and 2020, he chaired the Coir Board under the Ministry of MSME, during which coir exports reached a record high. From 2020 to 2022, he was the BJP's in-charge for Kerala. Radhakrishnan holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. A sports enthusiast, he excelled in table tennis and took keen interest in cricket and volleyball. He has also represented India on several international delegations across Asia, Europe and North America. With his election, CP Radhakrishnan assumes office as the 15th Vice President of India, bringing decades of administrative and political experience to the post.

Jharkhand HC halts minor mineral mines auctions in tribal areas, until PESA Rules notification

DB Reporter

RANCHI: In a landmark decision, the Jharkhand High Court on Tuesday directed the state government to stop the auction of minor mineral mines in Scheduled Tribal Areas until the PESA (Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas) Rules are notified. This ruling puts the ongoing auction process for sand quarries in various districts on hold. The bench comprising Chief Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan and Justice Rajesh Shankar delivered the order. The order follows a contempt petition filed by the tribal outfit - Adivasi Buddhijivi Manch in the Jharkhand High Court, seeking action for the non-implementation of the July 29, 2024, order. The court directed that until the PESA Rules are formally notified,



all auctions and lease allocations of sand quarries and other minor mineral mines must be stopped. During the hearing, the court also expressed displeasure saying that the state government is undermining the intent of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment, which provides local bodies in Scheduled Tribal Areas with

rights over land and natural resources. Lawyers Abhishek Rai, Gyanant Singh, and senior advocate Ajit Kumar, representing the petitioner, alleged that the state government is deliberately delaying the notification of the rules. "The government is engaged in long-term auction and lease processes for sand quarries and

other minor mineral mines, and by the time the rules are notified, Gram Sabhas will be left with no authority over these resources," argued the petitioner's advocate in the court.

Petitioner Victor Malto, convenor of Adivasi Intellectual Forum, informed that during the hearing, when Principal Secretary of Panchayati Raj Department, Manoj Kumar, tried to put the responsibility on the Chief Minister and Cabinet Ministers, the court took a tough stand and said, "Do you want us to send the Chief Minister and his Ministers to jail? This is what you are suggesting." The High Court refused to grant four weeks' time to the government and allowed only two weeks to comply. The case will be heard after two weeks.

MRI and CT scan facilities will be available in all Sadar hospitals of Jharkhand: Health Minister



DB Reporter

Ranchi: Jharkhand Health Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari on Tuesday handed appointment letters to 91 Community Health Officers (CHOs) at a grand ceremony held at the Lok Swasthya Sansthan auditorium in Namkum. Addressing the appointees, Dr. Ansari acknowledged the challenges ahead but urged them not to fear, assuring that the government would provide full protection and support. Dr. Ansari emphasized that since taking charge, consistent efforts are being made to strengthen the state's healthcare system. He stated that reforms long overdue over the past 25 years are now being implemented rapidly. Referring to his recent visit to Bokaro, he highlighted the difficulties faced by patients due to the absence of MRI and CT scan machines in hospitals. He announced that MRI and CT scan facilities would now be installed in all district hospitals.

With enthusiasm, the minister said he acts on his words and admitted that strict measures would be necessary to improve healthcare, which may face opposition from some quarters. During the event, he recited poetry, adding an inspiring tone to the ceremony. New Hospitals, Medical Colleges, and Ambulances Dr. Ansari also announced the establishment of a 2,100-bed super-specialty kidney hospital in the state, which would allow treatment for serious kidney diseases and kidney transplants within Jharkhand. He further assured timely completion of Medico City, six new medical colleges, and the addition of 200 new ambulances. Health Indicators and Future Outlook Speaking at the ceremony, Additional Chief Secretary of Health Ajay Kumar Singh noted that Jharkhand's health indicators are better than the national average.

Two day workshop on CGWA guidelines and compliances inaugurated at CCL Headquarters

DB Reporter

Ranchi: A two-day workshop based on the guidelines and compliances of the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) began on Tuesday at the Sangam Auditorium located at Gangotri Convention Center, Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) Headquarters, Ranchi. The workshop is being organised by the Environment Department of CCL in which about 130 officials of Coal India Limited (CIL) subsidiary

companies CCL, BCCL, ECL and CMPDI operating in Jharkhand participated. In the inaugural session of the workshop, CCL Director (Finance) Pawan Kumar Mishra, Director (HR) Harsh Nath Mishra, Director (Technical/Operations) Chandra Shekhar Tiwari, Director (Planning & Projects) Shankar Nagachari and Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) Pankaj Kumar were present. They welcomed distinguished officials from Central Ground



Water Authority, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Central Ground Water Board, Ranchi and Rajiv Gandhi National Ground Water

Training and Research Institute (RGNGWTRI), Raipur. During the inauguration, speakers highlighted the role of

the coal industry in line with CGWA's vision of responsible mining practices, sustainable groundwater management and conservation and compliance. The objective of this workshop is to sensitize the officers on the provisions of CGWA, compliance requirements and penalties for violations, as well as to provide practical guidance for streamlining NOC proposals. The first day of the workshop concluded with a discussion on compliances and self-inspection process.

From Lost Decades To Atmanirbhar Push, PM Modi's Vision Drives India's Semiconductor Journey In Global Chip Race

Agency

New Delhi: Semiconductors, those tiny chips no larger than a fingernail, now stand at the heart of global economic security and strategic independence. As digitalisation and automation sweep the world, these components drive key systems in healthcare, transport, communication, defence and space exploration. The race to produce advanced semiconductors has turned into a high-stakes contest, much like the Cold War nuclear arms buildup, with nations vying for dominance in chip manufacturing. India, long on the sidelines, is now stepping up its game in the semiconductor sector. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while inaugurating SEMICON India 2025 in New Delhi



on September 2, firmly stated that India aims to grab a major slice of the global semiconductor market, projected to hit USD 1 trillion soon. PM Modi categorically said how the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), launched in 2021, has moved the country

from mere plans to concrete action in just four years. This event, organised by ISM under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and global semiconductor industry association SEMI, draws global players to position India as a hub for semiconductor innovation and production. 'Vikram' Powers Viksit Bharat The pioneer efforts made by the BJP-led ruling establishment at the Centre include a Rs 76,000 crore Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for semiconductors, with nearly Rs 65,000 crore already pledged. This has drawn investments and spurred local efforts. A key milestone is the Vikram microprocessor, India's first fully home-grown 32-bit chip, built by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Biography book of former Presidents of FJCCI released at Chamber Bhawan

DB Reporter

Ranchi: With the aim of preserving the glorious history and leadership legacy of the Federation of Jharkhand Chamber of Commerce and Industries, a biography book based on the lives of the former presidents of the Federation was released on Tuesday at the Chamber Bhawan. This book contains a detailed compilation of the life, contribution and role played by the former presidents in giving a new direction to the organization.



All the former presidents were present in the program with their families. The members of the executive committee felicitated them by giving them shawls and bouquets. Former presidents Mahesh Poddar, R.K. Saraogi, Omprakash Agarwal, Vishnu Budhia and K.K. Saboo in their addresses said that every

president has faced new challenges, and together they have taken the chamber to great heights. President Paresh Gattani said that this compilation has been prepared after eight months of hard work. He said that our chamber is vibrant throughout the country and this book will be a source of inspiration for future generations.



Meeting Held to Discuss Beautification and Redevelopment of Major City Intersections in Dhanbad

DB Reporter

Dhanbad: A high-level meeting was held on Monday under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Magistrate Aditya Ranjan to discuss the beautification and redevelopment of key intersections and traffic junctions across the city. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that along with aesthetic enhancement of all major chowks, their approach roads should also be improved. He directed officials to ensure the installation of CCTV cameras, traffic signals, and the creation of utility corridors at each location. Uniform signage boards, relocation of hoardings away from roads, and the installation



of electronic displays were also proposed. He further stressed that the beautification should prioritize low maintenance, durability, and smooth traffic flow. Senior Superintendent of Police Prabhat Kumar suggested enhancing visibility for safer vehicle movement, installing

stainless steel grills around chowks to improve aesthetics, and assigning a unique theme to each intersection. He also recommended the use of uniform holograms across all sites. Discussions covered beautification plans for key locations including City Centre, Memco Mod, Birs Chowk, Randhir

Verma Chowk, Puja Talkies, Shramik Chowk, JP Chowk, Bank Mod, Suryadev Singh Chowk, Polytechnic Junction, and Bekarabandh. The proposed upgrades include construction of roundabouts and islands, road markings, landscaping with bollards, smart traffic posts, railings, green corridors, billboard management, street lighting, zebra crossings, and pedestrian pathways. Present at the meeting were Deputy Commissioner Aditya Ranjan, SSP Prabhat Kumar, Municipal Commissioner Ravi Raj Sharma, Municipal Corporation Chief Engineer Anup Kumar Samanta, and other officials.

Crackdown on Unlicensed Doctors Creates Stir; Local Practitioners Plead for Leniency

DB Reporter

Ichhak: A major crackdown on unqualified medical practitioners in Ichhak block on Monday has caused panic among local doctors. The operation, led by Block Development Officer Santosh Kumar, Police Station In-Charge Rajdeep Kumar, and Community Health Center In-Charge Dr. Mrityunjay Kumar, resulted in the detention of four local doctors running clinics without valid medical degrees. Several others managed to flee



during the raids. The detained individuals were instructed to produce valid medical degrees or registration documents within 24 hours but failed to do so. Following the action, unrest grew among local practitioners. A hurried meeting was convened where they resolved to approach higher authorities to present their side.

The local doctors also met with Dr. Mrityunjay Kumar and requested one more opportunity to submit their credentials. They argued that they have long served the community, particularly the poor and underserved, and played a crucial role during the COVID-19 pandemic by treating thousands of patients.

Manish Jaiswal: A symbol of public service and dedication : Dhananjay Kumar Putoos

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: In a special write-up, MP Representative (Media) Dhananjay Kumar Putus highlighted the remarkable public welfare initiatives undertaken by Hazaribagh MP Manish Jaiswal, emphasizing his unwavering commitment to service and inclusive development. A true people's representative is one who understands the needs of the public and works accordingly - a principle that MP Manish Jaiswal has consistently upheld. Throughout his tenure, he has placed service above all, making it his foremost duty. One of his most impactful initiatives is the "MP



Samuhik Vivah Utsav" (Mass Wedding Program), which has enabled the dignified marriage of hundreds of daughters from underprivileged families, easing the financial burden on their parents and promoting social harmony. To fulfill the spiritual aspirations of the elderly, he launched the "MP Teerth Darshan Yojana", which has helped thousands of senior citizens

realize their long-held dream of visiting holy places. For the youth, he introduced the "NaMo Football Tournament", providing a platform for thousands of players across the constituency to showcase their talent and channel their energy into sports. In a unique initiative aimed at women empowerment, "Shri Ram Lehenga

Distribution" programs were organized, reflecting his sensitive and visionary leadership. To preserve cultural traditions, Jaiswal initiated the Ramnavami Traditional Weapon Distribution, wherein symbolic arms are gifted to hundreds of devotees during the festival - reinforcing cultural roots and promoting unity. Dhananjay Kumar Putus stated that MP Manish Jaiswal's proactive leadership has brought recognition and pride to Hazaribagh, proving that politics, when driven by service and vision, becomes a powerful tool for societal transformation.

Lucky Draw Stall Inaugurated by Youth Social Worker Harsh Ajmera at Bada Bazar Durga Puja

DB Reporter

Hazaribagh: The Bada Bazar Durga Puja Mahasamiti inaugurated its annual Lucky Draw Stall on Tuesday at Bada Bazar Chowk. The stall was formally opened by prominent youth social worker Harsh Ajmera, who cut the ribbon to mark the launch of the initiative that will run throughout the festive season. The event began with a warm welcome of Mr. Ajmera by committee members, who felicitated him with a shawl, floral bouquet, and garland. He then purchased the first ticket and officially inaugurated the stall amidst rounds of applause from the attendees. Following the inauguration, Mr. Ajmera visited the Durga Puja pandal,



where he interacted with artisans and reviewed preparations for the upcoming festivities. Committee officials briefed him on various ongoing activities and shared insights into the organization's efforts to enhance the grandeur of the celebration each year. Speaking on the occasion, Harsh Ajmera said, "Bada

Bazar Durga Puja Mahasamiti is not just a religious institution but a cultural identity of Hazaribagh. Through initiatives like the Lucky Draw Stall, the committee not only entertains devotees but also contributes to social welfare. I'm honored to have been invited to inaugurate it for the second time."

Committee Secretary Deep Narayan Nishad expressed gratitude toward Mr. Ajmera and shared that proceeds from the Lucky Draw will be used to manage and improve the arrangements of the Durga Puja festival. Several dignitaries and members were present on the occasion, including Shivdeep Singh, Shankar Gupta, Balgovind Nishad, Naresh Nishad, Dilip Jaiswal, Pradeep Jain, Pawan Khandelwal, Pramod Khandelwal, Rajesh Sinha, Dilip Soni, Ritesh Khandelwal, Rohit Bajaj, Upendra Sinha, Dr. Shailesh Kumar, Laxman Nishad, Ashutosh Chaudhary, Manoj Gupta, Anil Maddheshiya, Ritesh Kumar, and Satish Gupta.

Villagers Protest Proposed Waste Recycling Plant in Pachgawan; Heavy Police Deployment Ensures Order

DB Reporter

Domchanch (Koderma): Tension prevailed in Pachgawan village under Domchanch block after local residents strongly opposed the construction of a Solid Waste Recycling Plant (SFT) proposed by the district administration. The site has been earmarked to process daily waste collected from Domchanch Nagar Panchayat, but villagers fear it may pose health and environmental risks. According to officials, the project is part of a statewide initiative to establish waste recycling plants across districts and panchayats. Domchanch Circle Officer Ravindra Kumar Pandey informed that the plant, worth ₹3.5



crore, will initially be constructed on one acre of land, with plans to expand it to five acres in future phases. The proposed facility will recycle both dry and wet waste, aiming to reduce environmental pollution and promote reuse. However, villagers allege that the plant would turn their area into a dumping ground, spreading foul odor and potentially causing disease outbreaks. "We're not against development," one local resident said, "but such a

plant should be set up within the Nagar Panchayat limits, not in our village." Locals added they would welcome the construction of a hospital or educational institution instead. Amid rising tensions, heavy police deployment was made to maintain law and order. Present at the site were the Circle Officer, Nagar Panchayat Administrator, and Domchanch Police Station in-charge, who continued efforts to pacify the protesting villagers.

DB Reporter

Barkagaon (Hazaribagh): The Adani Foundation organized a job fair on Tuesday in Barkagaon, drawing participation from more than 200 local youth. The event was inaugurated by Barkagaon Police Station In-Charge Krishna Kumar Gupta, who encouraged young attendees to take full advantage of employment opportunities. He highlighted that every Adani project holds significant potential for job creation and urged local youth to align with such initiatives to build a secure future. Pundarik Mishra, Project Head of the Gondulpara Mining Project, provided detailed information to local landowners regarding the benefits available under the R&R Policy and the Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act, 2013. He also announced that the Adani Foundation would soon establish a school, hospital,



and skill training center in the area, aiming to enhance access to education, healthcare, and skill development for the local community. More than 200 CVs were submitted during the job fair, and the shortlisting process is currently underway. Adani Foundation officials stated that job offers would be extended based on the candidate's qualifications, experience, and skill sets. A CV drop box will remain active for one week after the event, allowing interested candidates to submit their documents. Priority will be given to displaced families, project-affected

individuals, and residents from nearby villages. The employment opportunities span locations including Mundra (Ahmedabad), Singrauli (Madhya Pradesh), Patna, Andhra Pradesh, Pune, and others. Available positions include Container Mobility Operators, HMV Drivers, and Solar Operators. Selected candidates will receive not only monthly salaries but also Employee Provident Fund (EPF) contributions, annual medical check-ups, subsidized meals, housing facilities, and performance-based incentives.

Attendees were also briefed on the ongoing CSR initiatives being undertaken by the Adani Foundation in the region. These include programs in education, healthcare, and livelihood enhancement. Notably, the Adani Foundation has been actively involved in CSR activities in the Barkagaon area for several years. These efforts include free ambulance services, distribution of nutrition kits to TB patients, eye and health check-up camps, educational support, and scholarship schemes, benefiting a large number of local residents. The event was attended by a number of officials including Security Head Amit Kole, DGM Rajesh Verma, CSR Head Mohit Gupta, retired DSP Jitendra Dubey, Deputy Manager Santosh Tiwari, HR Lead Laxmikant, and Admin Officer Mithilesh Kumar Sinha, along with a large gathering of local villagers.

Inner Wheel Club Ramgarh Hosts Felicitation Ceremony on Teacher's Day

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: On the occasion of Teacher's Day, the Inner Wheel Club Ramgarh organized a special felicitation ceremony to honor educators for their valuable contribution to society. During the event, Ms. Anita Singh, a Sociology teacher at DAV Agrasen Public School, was specially felicitated for her long-standing dedication in the field of education, her efforts toward the holistic development of students, and her commitment to value-based teaching. Additionally, all club members who are either currently serving



as teachers or have served in the profession were also honored for their role in shaping society through knowledge. Club President Namita Shroff, while addressing the gathering, stated, "A teacher is like a lamp that burns itself to dispel the darkness of ignorance and illu-

minate the path for future generations." The program highlighted the pivotal role of teachers in instilling values, confidence, and inspiring children to become responsible and empowered citizens. The speakers emphasized that it is through the guidance of teachers that positive transfor-

mation in society becomes possible. The event was graced by several dignitaries and members including PDC Sharmistha Dutta, Renu Mewad, Janesha Vadera, Megha Bagaria, Nidhi Chaudhary, Neeru Sahni, Anuradha Shroff, Manbir Kaur, Pinky Gandhi, Shweta Jain, Vijayalakshmi Iyengar, Deepa Vadera, Rajinder Budhwal, Ranjoo Arora, Rajinder Kalra, Madhu Agrawal, Jaspreet Kaur, Mamta Agrawal, Harmeet Kaur, Gurbaksh Kaur, Alpna Tiwari, Pinky Poddar, Pinky Bansal, Meera Bagaria, and Surinder Chaman.

VBUNATION organized speech and quiz competition on unemployment

DB Reporter

Hazaribagh. VBUNATION Student Committee organized a speech and quiz competition in Aryabhata Hall of Vinoba Bhave University campus on Monday. The topic of the speech was 'unemployment'. Students participated enthusiastically in this program and presented their views along with solutions on the challenges of unemployment. This platform proved to be an opportunity for the youth to put forward their views and spread awareness. Anshu Kumari secured first place. Purushottam stood second and Taki Tasneem secured third place. Aman performed brilliantly in the quiz competition and secured first place. The winners were awarded mementos and cash prizes, while all the partici-



pants were encouraged by giving certificates. The echo of applause and the atmosphere of enthusiasm in Aryabhata Hall was worth seeing. This competition became not just a competition but a source of inspiration for the students. It inspired everyone to think seriously about unemployment and adopt a positive attitude.

Babulal Marandi Visits Katras Following Landslide and Land Subsidence

DB Reporter

Katras: Jharkhand's first Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition, Babulal Marandi, accompanied by Baghmara MLA Shatrughan Mahto and BJP workers, visited the site near Bootu Babu Bangla in Katras to assess the impact of the recent landslide and land subsidence that occurred on September 5 at Munda Dhaura and the outsourcing area. Marandi expressed deep concern over the incident and met with affected families who have been displaced from their homes, assuring them of justice and support. Criticizing the state government, Marandi blamed its negligence for such disasters. "The government shows no concern for the lives of its people. BCCL owns ample land nearby where the displaced can be resettled, but the government has yet to take any initiative," he said. He also hinted at



launching a movement if action is not taken promptly. Baghmara MLA Shatrughan Mahto also attacked the Jharkhand government, stating that violations of DGMS mining regulations are leading to such incidents. The visit saw the presence of hundreds of

BJP workers including Suraj Dev Mishra, Bablu Banerjee, Prakash Ram Gupta, Gaur Chand Bauri, Mahesh Paswan, Mukesh Jha, Vinay Paswan, Dinesh Ravani, Kanchan Mishra, Janaki Devi, Usha Patwa, Shyam Kishore Kallu, among others.

Babulal Marandi Slams Coal Mafia, Calls Dhanbad Mine Tragedy a "Man-Made Disaster"

Dhanbad: Jharkhand's first Chief Minister and BJP State President Babulal Marandi on Tuesday held a press conference at Dhanbad Circuit House, strongly criticizing the state government and district administration over the recent Ramkanali coal mine tragedy. He described the incident, which claimed seven lives, as a man-made disaster, not a natural one. Marandi alleged that collusion between the coal mafia and district administration has led to rampant illegal mining, endangering the lives of local residents. "This is not a natural calamity; it is a result of gross negligence and deep-rooted corruption," he said. Quoting local sources, Marandi revealed that 500 to 1,000 trucks of illegal coal are transported daily from the region, with widespread extortion by coal mafias. He claimed illegal earnings from mining are distributed among various levels of the system, with payouts ranging from ₹20 to ₹50 lakh. Referring to the Ramkanali incident, Marandi highlighted that around 50 households in the affected area are still living in life-threatening conditions. He demanded immediate relocation and rehabilitation for the residents.



Discipline, Hard Work, and Sportsmanship Are Keys to Success: Sudhir Manglesh

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: An exciting quarter-final match was held under the Jharkhand Pratibha Football Tournament at Kundru Kala Ground, Chitarpur, featuring a competitive face-off between Continental Sarubeda and Pandia Eleven Kundru Kala. The match witnessed the presence of Sudhir Manglesh, Chairman of the Twenty-Point Programme (Dulmi Block), District Spokesperson, and Media Chairman, as the chief guest. He inaugurated the match after meeting the players and delivered an inspiring address.



"Sports are an integral part of life," Manglesh said. "Discipline, hard work, and team spirit are the keys to success. Through excellence in sports, youth can not only shape their personal future but also bring pride to their society and the nation." He further emphasized that such tournaments in rural areas offer a vital

platform for local talents to shine and urged players to uphold sportsmanship above the outcome of the game. In a closely contested match, Team Sarubeda edged past Kundru Kala with a narrow 1-0 victory, securing their place in the semi-finals. The event saw the enthusiastic presence of

several local dignitaries and sports enthusiasts, including Ramgarh Twenty-Point Member Heeralal Mahto, Tribhuvan Bedia, Niranjana Bedia, Inayat Ansari, Shamim Ansari, Dinesh Prasad Gupta, Ranjit Karmali, Kheman Mahto, Binod Karmali, Shailendra Mahto, and Ramu Mahto, among others.

Journalist Receives Death Threats After Reporting on MGNREGA Scam; Complaint Filed at Mandu Police Station

DB Reporter

Charhi (Hazaribagh): Reporting on corruption in government schemes has become increasingly dangerous for journalists, as seen in a recent case from the Mandu Assembly constituency. Shoaib Akhtar, a reporter with Sadhna News Channel, has alleged receiving serious threats after airing a report on irregularities in MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) projects in Churchu Block, Hazaribagh district. According to the written

complaint filed by Akhtar at Mandu Police Station, he was threatened via WhatsApp call by Vijay Das, a resident of Churchu. The journalist stated that during the call, Das not only abused him verbally but also threatened to kill him and falsely implicate him under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. Akhtar said the threats came shortly after his investigative report exposing corruption in MGNREGA implementation aired. He believes the threats are a direct attempt to intimidate him

into silence. "This is a clear case of frustration among those involved in corruption. They are trying to silence me so that I do not continue to expose their illegal activities," Akhtar said in his complaint. The incident raises serious concerns about press freedom and the safety of journalists, especially those working at the grassroots level. Local journalist groups have expressed outrage, stating that threats and intimidation aimed at silencing the media are an attack on democracy and must not be tolerated.

"If such threats are not addressed, the safety of journalists will remain at constant risk," said one local reporter. They also alleged that some fake journalists, allegedly involved in illegal coal operations and colluding with criminal elements, are tarnishing the image of honest journalists. "A deeper probe into their WhatsApp communications could reveal links with criminal networks," they added. Shoaib Akhtar has urged authorities to investigate the matter seriously and take strict action against those responsible.

Special Gram Sabha organized in Barkagaon Madhya Panchayat

DB Reporter

Barkagaon. A special Gram Sabha was organized in Madhya Panchayat on Tuesday. It was chaired by Mukhiya Mohammad Takrimullah and conducted by Panchayat Secretary Mohammad Hakim. Panchayat committee member Ritesh Thakur was present in the Gram Sabha. Apart from Jal Sahaiya, Anganwadi Sevika, Public Distribution System, JSLPS and Secretary of Government Schools, many dignitaries were present in the program. The problems of all the departments and the facilities being given by them to the children and beneficiaries were discussed one by one. On the occasion, Mukhiya



Mohammad Takrimullah asked the representatives of all the departments present to deliver the facilities being given by them to the villagers without any hindrance. Mainly Panchayat Samiti member Ritesh Thakur, PM Shri Adarsh Middle School Head Master Ashok Kumar, Employment Officer Pawan Pandey, Ward Members Leela Devi,

Seema Devi, Sapna Devi, Savita Devi, Ganesh Ram, Water Helper Neetu Devi, Rameshwar Ram from Public Distribution System, Prakash Ram, Ravi Kumar, Sanjay Paswan, Worker Sunita Devi, Sarita Devi, Afroza Khatoon, Hemanti Devi, Md. Shahzad, Sanjay Roy and many others were present on the occasion.

DB Reporter

Dhanbad: Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Magistrate Aditya Ranjan chaired a meeting of the District-Level Monitoring Committee today to review the progress of the Integrated Birsa Village Development Scheme, including activities under the Krishak Pathshala initiative. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed various ongoing projects such as the construction of solar-powered cold storage units with a 5-metric-ton capacity, pack houses, vermicompost units, plantation of fruit-bearing trees, and installation of drip irrigation systems. After reviewing the progress, the DC directed officials to thoroughly inspect all ongoing works



and instructed the implementing agencies to submit detailed reports. Following this, Mr. Ranjan chaired another meeting of the District-Level Committee constituted for the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri KUSUM Yojana, a scheme under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India. He directed the selection of beneficiaries who lack grid

connectivity in their agricultural fields but possess cultivable land along with up-to-date land tax receipts. He emphasized the need for a meticulous verification of applications to ensure that only eligible farmers benefit from the scheme. The meeting was attended by Assistant Director of Social Security Niyaz Ahmed, District Agriculture Officer Abhishek Mishra, and other senior officials.

Two Women Injured in Lightning Strike in Jayanagar, Referred to Sadar Hospital

Koderma: Two women sustained injuries after being struck by lightning on Tuesday in Kanjhiadih village, under Jayanagar police station limits. The injured have been identified as Shanti Devi (25), wife of Ravi Sahu, and Sweta Singh, wife of Suraj Singh, both residents of the same village. According to sources, villagers take turns to graze livestock, and it was Shanti and Sweta's responsibility on the day of the incident. While grazing animals in the fields, sudden heavy rain forced them to seek shelter under a tree. A lightning bolt struck the tree, injuring both women. Locals quickly informed their families, and the women were taken to Jayanagar Community Health Centre for treatment. They were later referred to Sadar Hospital for further medical care. This is the second lightning incident in the district within two days. On Sunday, a 20-year-old man died in Chandwara, and three goats perished due to a lightning strike.

Crackdown on Tobacco Sellers in Chandwara, Fines Imposed on Multiple Shops

Chandwara (Koderma): In a special enforcement drive on Monday, the Health Department team conducted surprise inspections in Chandwara market to enforce the provisions of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003. During the raid, several shops were found illegally selling tobacco products in violation of the Act. Officials imposed spot fines on the violators and issued stern warnings, stating that repeat offenses would invite stricter legal action. Health officials emphasized that the campaign is part of an ongoing effort to curb the sale of tobacco products and promote a tobacco-free lifestyle among the public. They also encouraged shopkeepers to comply with the law and support the cause of public health. The department confirmed that such inspection drives will continue on a regular basis to ensure full compliance and to protect the community from the harmful effects of tobacco consumption.

Government Takes Serious Initiative for Artists' Future: Minister

DB Reporter

Ranchi: The "Jharkhand State-Level Artists' Mahajutan 2025" program was held on Tuesday at the SDC Auditorium in Ranchi. Organized by the Jharkhand Artists Society, the event brought together artists from all 24 districts of the state representing nine different languages. The program began with a tribute to the late artists who contributed significantly to Jharkhand's art and culture. Minister Shilpi Neha Tirki, the chief guest, praised the artists for shaping Jharkhand's identity. She said that Jharkhandi artists have left an indelible mark not only on the state but also nationally and internationally through dance, music, art, and culture.



Highlighting the government's efforts, she mentioned the establishment of institutions like the Lalit Kala Academy, Music Drama Academy, and Literature Academy as proof of the state's commitment to the

future of artists. She urged artists to view their talents as an industry and focus on better marketing strategies. Former Minister Bandhu Tirki emphasized the need for a dedicated policy for artists and

announced a state-level artists' grand gathering to be held in December at Morhabadi Maidan, with an invitation extended to Chief Minister Hemant Soren. Congress state president

Keshav Mahto Kamlesh assured that artists' demands will be raised in the coordination committee. Padma Shri awardee Madhu Mansoori expressed artists' struggles through a soulful song.

DSP remanded by sessions court for 'failing to act' in SC/ST case moves Madras HC

Chennai, Agency: Kancheepuram DSP M Shankar Ganesh, who has been remanded by a sessions judge for allegedly failing to act in an SC/ST case, remained in hospital till Tuesday afternoon and moved the Madras High Court seeking relief, sources said.

A serving deputy superintendent of police of Kancheepuram was remanded following an order of the Principal Sessions Court, Kancheepuram, near here, on Monday, allegedly for not promptly acting in a case registered under the SC/ST Act.

Shankar Ganesh was ordered to be arrested and remanded till September 22, when he appeared at the court in connection with the case in which a petitioner alleged the lack of action by police despite registering a complaint a month ago.

Till Tuesday afternoon, the DSP remained under treatment and observation in a government hospital after he reportedly developed discomfort due to high blood pressure.

The judicial remand is effective till September 22, a police official said on Tuesday.

A source said the DSP had moved the Madras High Court challenging the order of the Principal Sessions Judge Pa U Chemmal to remand him for failing to take action in the SC/ST Act case.

Technically, the DSP is under judicial remand effective till September 22 owing to the court order," the official said.

The sessions judge, who is also the designated special judge for exclusively trying the SC/ST cases, had passed the order taking suo motu cognisance.

The DSP was expected to have filed a status report before the court on Monday in connection with the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Act case that was registered in connection with the "bakery violence case" in Walajabad.

The judge pulled up the police official, who was the investigating officer in the said case, for not complying with the rule under the Act.

3 held in connection with multi-layered illegal firearms supply chain in south Delhi

New Delhi, Agency: Three men have been arrested from south Delhi for their alleged involvement in a multi-layered illegal firearms supply chain that was operating in the city through social media, police said on Tuesday.

The syndicate was operating in a layered manner, they said, adding that three men Farman , Shadab Qureshi and Mohsin have been arrested.

Mohsin acted as the main supplier, Qureshi purchased firearms from him at lower prices and sold those to budding criminals for a profit of ₹5,000 to 7,000 per weapon, while Farman used the firearms to create fear and attract other criminals by showcasing those on social media platforms," Deputy Commissioner of Police Ankit Chauhan said.

The case came to light after a video surfaced on social media on September 3, showing a youngster firing a pistol in public, the officer said.

On the basis of technical surveillance and secret information, Farman, a resident of Malviya Nagar, was traced near the Machchhi Market road in Saket during the intervening night of September 3 and 4 and a semi-automatic pistol, along with two live cartridges, was seized from him, the officer added.

During interrogation, Farman revealed that he had procured the firearm from Qureshi, who was subsequently apprehended from Chhattarpur. Police seized a country-made pistol and a live cartridge from his possession.

Qureshi further disclosed that he sourced weapons from Mohsin, a resident of Subhash Mohalla in Maujpur. Police arrested Mohsin and seized a semi-automatic pistol and two live cartridges from him. In total, two semi-automatic pistols, a single-shot country-made pistol and five live cartridges were seized, the DCP said.

According to police, Qureshi and Mohsin are repeat offenders with multiple cases, including those under the Arms Act as well as for robbery and assault, against them. Farman, who had no previous case against him, allegedly sought to gain notoriety by displaying weapons online.

Kerala HC: Person availing services of sex worker in brothel can be prosecuted

Kochi, Agency: The Kerala high court has ruled that a person availing the services of a sex worker in a brothel can be prosecuted under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, as he/she is inducing the sex worker to carry on prostitution by paying money.

A person utilising the services at a brothel cannot be termed a 'customer', as a sex worker is not a 'product', the bench of justice V.G. Arun said while hearing a petition filed by a man who was charged under Sections 3 (punishment for keeping a brothel), 4 (punishment for living partly/wholly on the earnings of another person's prostitution), 5(1)(d) (inducing a person to carry on prostitution), and 7 (punishment for prostitution in or near public places) of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.

The petitioner and a woman were allegedly found without clothes in a house in Kudappanakunnu, within the Peroorkada police station limits,



during a police search in March 2021. The investigation revealed that two other accused in the case had procured three women and were inviting interested individuals for the purpose of prostitution.

The petitioner's counsel argued that he was only a customer at the brothel and could not be charged for inducing prostitu-

tion.

"In my view, a person utilising the service of a sex worker at a brothel cannot be termed as a customer. To be a customer, a person should buy some goods or services. A sex worker cannot be denigrated as a product," the judge noted in his order delivered on July 21 this year.

The payment offered by such a person at a brothel can "only be perceived as an inducement to make the sex worker offer his/her body and act in accordance with the demands of the payer."

Thus, a person availing the services of a sex worker at a brothel is actually inducing that sex worker to carry on prostitution by paying money and is therefore liable to be prosecuted for the offence under Section 5(1)(d) of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956. If the inducer is termed as a customer, that would be contrary to the object of the Act, which is intended to prevent human trafficking and not punish the persons compelled to indulge in prostitution," the order said.

The high court bench allowed the plea in part by quashing the proceedings against the petitioner for offences under Sections 3 and 4 of the Act, and permitting the prosecution to continue for offences under Sections 5(1)(d) and 7 of the Act.'

India border alert after Nepal PM resigns amid violent Gen-Z protests

New Delhi, Agency: Security was tightened and a high alert put in place by India on its border with Nepal amid violent protests in the neighbouring Himalayan country, where PM KP Sharma Oli resigned on Tuesday.Oli's resignation came after two days of violence as protests against a since-revoked social media ban expanded to demand accountability for corruption.

Paramilitary forces and police were on patrol at Panitanki in Darjeeling district of West Bengal, ANI reported. Trucks were stranded as trade was partially halted amid the tensions. Area superintendent of police (SP) Praveen Parkash said, "A police post has been set up here with deployment of force. We are on alert mode and monitoring the situation."

He added, "There's no information about anyone being stuck."

Similar alerts were already in place in Uttar Pradesh and other regions of India that



border Nepal.

The foreign ministry had earlier on Tuesday advised Indian nationals in Nepal to exercise caution. The ministry also condoled the lives lost in the Nepal protests.

As a close friend and neighbour, we hope that all concerned will exercise restraint and address any issues through peaceful means and dialogue. We have also taken note that authorities have imposed curfew in Kathmandu and several other cities of Nepal. Indian nation-

als in Nepal are advised to exercise caution and adhere to the steps and guidelines issued by the Nepali authorities," the Indian ministry statement read.Flights to and from India were among those cancelled as violent enveloped Kathmandu. "In view of the current situation prevailing in Kathmandu, the following flights AI231/2232, AI2219/2220 and AI217/218 operating on the Delhi-Kathmandu-Delhi route have been cancelled today," an Air India spokesperson said.

Infants kidnapped and sold for 2 to 5 lakhs: Delhi Police busts child trafficking ring, 6 babies rescued

New Delhi, Agency: Delhi police busted a baby trafficking ring on Monday. The operation was busted after the police received a top-off about the network operating across Delhi and neighbouring states.

The trafficking ring came to light after a brickmaker in UP's Banda reported his six-month-old son kidnapped from a bus stop at Sarai Kale Khan in August.The six-month-old boy was kid-



napped and reportedly sold to a doctor, who was also the owner of KK Hospital in Agra, for 1.5 lakh.Police nabs 10 involved in child trafficking ring

On Monday, Delhi Police

confirmed that they had arrested 10 people associated with the ring from across UP. During the capture, the police also recovered the six kidnapped infants, including the baby who was kidnapped from Sarai Kale Khan ISBT.

"Of the six rescued children, one was related to the kidnapping case that was registered on August 22 at Sunlight Colony police station on the complaint of his parents.

‘Very positive response’: Shashi Tharoor backs PM Modi's reply to Trump's ‘always friends’ remark

New Delhi, Agency: Congress leader and Thiruvananthapuram MP Shashi Tharoor on Tuesday expressed support for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "very positive" response to US President Donald Trump and said that there is still a lot of "work" to be done to reach a final agreement on tariffs.Amid increasing concerns over the impact of Trump's 50 per cent tariff on India, the US President on Friday praised PM Modi as a "great prime minister" and said

that they will "always be friends".

PM Modi responded to Trump's remarks and said he "deeply appreciates" and "fully reciprocates" the US President's sentiments and his "positive assessment" of their ties.

The prime minister noted that India and the US have a very positive and forward-looking comprehensive, and global strategic partnership.

Reacting to the plight of industries that have been hit by Trump tariffs, Tharoor



told news agency PTI, "We are very concerned about the impact of the tariffs. In fact, people have already been laid off in the gems and jewellery sector in Surat,

and the garment factories in Tiruppur."

The Congress MP said that the tariffs have already "hurt" India. "It has been a very severe setback for us. But nonetheless, if Mr Trump wants to reach out, our prime minister has responded very positively. Let us see," he added.Tharoor also said that there is still a lot of work to be done from both sides (India and the US) to heal the breach and come to an agreement on tariffs.

While affirming his

friendship with PM Modi, Trump had said that he just doesn't like "what he's doing at this particular moment". However, he also said that there is "nothing to worry about".The India-US ties have been under heavy friction over the tariffs that Trump doubled citing New Delhi's Russian oil purchase.He said that he was "very disappointed" that India would be buying so much oil from Russia, adding that he let New Delhi know about it.

PM to hold bilateral talks with Mauritius counterpart in Varanasi on Sept 11



New Delhi, Agency: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold bilateral talks with his Mauritius counterpart Navinchandra Ramgoolam during his one-day visit to his constituency Varanasi on September 11, officials said on Tuesday.

Ramgoolam will be on a three-day visit to Varanasi from September 10 to 12. He will arrive in the temple city on the evening of September 10, Member of Legislative Council Dharmendra Singh said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his one-day visit on September 11, will participate in bilateral talks with the Mauritius prime minister. Later in the evening, the visiting leader will attend the Ganga Aarti," Singh said.

Ramgoolam is scheduled to offer prayers at the Kashi Vishwanath temple on the morning of September 12 before departing from the city.

BJP city president Pradeep Agrahari said party workers and local residents are preparing to give a grand welcome to the two leaders.

"Six welcome points have been designated from Police Lines to Taj Hotel. Workers from two organisational divisions have been assigned responsibility for each point. Party workers will greet the leaders with rose petals, bands, drums, and conch sounds. Cultural performances will also be held at various places," he said.

Ramgoolam is on an eight-day visit to India beginning Tuesday to explore ways to further shore up bilateral ties in several key areas such as defence, trade and investment.

The MEA had said that Ramgoolam will hold wide-ranging talks with Prime Minister Modi to further the 'enhanced strategic partnership' between the two countries.

Editorial

Suicide: A Public Health Issue That Matters



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Suicide is a leading cause of death globally, with over 700,000 people dying by suicide every year, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO). It is the third leading cause of death among individuals aged 15-30 years. The impact of suicide extends beyond the individual, with around six people affected by each suicide, often experiencing significant life changes. Suicide prevention is a complex and sensitive goal for clinicians and health systems. In India, suicide is a major national public health issue with over 1,70,000 suicides recorded annually. The rising trend of suicides in India can be attributed to a complex interplay of factors, including family problems, academic pressure, financial insecurity, mental health issues, and lack of access to mental healthcare services. Young adults and the elderly are particularly vulnerable, with prolonged illnesses being a major concern for the elderly. Emerging concerns such as cyberbullying and social media addiction are also contributing to the rising trend. In Jharkhand, the suicide rate stands at 6 per 1,00,000 population. While studies in Jamshedpur have reported a decline in suicide rates, Tata Main Hospital has assessed and supported over 130 persons who have attempted suicide or deliberate self-harm in the past year. This may be attributed to various factors, including family conflicts, peer and - interpersonal problems, and social media influence. Early intervention, therapy, and support from loved ones can make a significant difference in recovery and prevention. Deliberate self-harm and suicidal behaviour are complex issues that can have long-lasting impacts on individuals, families and communities. Deliberate self-harm can be a coping mechanism for emotional pain, while suicidal behaviour is often a desperate attempt to escape unbearable suffering. Understanding the underlying causes and providing accessible, non-judgmental support is crucial for helping individuals at risk and preventing harm. Mental health-care professionals can play a vital role in tackling suicidal tendencies by providing specialised care and support to individuals at risk. We work with patients to develop coping strategies, manage mental health conditions, and build resilience. By collaborating with other healthcare professionals, family members, and community organisations, we help create a comprehensive support system that addresses the complex needs of individuals struggling with suicidal thoughts and behaviours.

India is moving towards old age

Due to the fall in this rate, the day is not far when the total fertility rate in the country will go down further. Experts on this subject believe that if India touches this figure, the population will stabilize and then start decreasing in a few years. This situation will also arise due to the falling sex ratio of girls...

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According to natural biological phenomenon, in a balanced society, the number of children, adolescents, youth, adults and elderly should be in a certain proportion. Otherwise, if the number of any one age group increases in a disproportionate manner, then this increase will destroy the balance, which forms the natural basis of the development of human society. The speed at which the number of elderly people is increasing in India is not only creating a crisis in terms of economic and health services, but a large part of the interest of the youth, who are considered the future of the country, is also being sacrificed on the elderly. This conspiracy is fatal for balanced human development. In relation to the Indian population, the Statistical Report-2023 of the Sample Registration System (SRS) has given frightening indications of population decline in the country. According to this report, the ratio of working age population (15-59 years) is increasing in the country, while the population of 0 to 14 age group is continuously declining. Not only this, a decrease in the fertility rate has been recorded. According to the report, between 1971 and 1981, the share of the 0-14 age group has decreased from 41.2 percent to 38.1 percent. Whereas between 1991 and 2023, this figure has fallen from 36.3 percent to 24.2 percent. This report released by the Registrar General shows that during the same period, the country's total fertility rate has decreased from 5.2 in 1971 to 1.9 in 2023. SRS has recorded a sample population of about 88 lakh in this report. For this reason, it is one of the largest demographic surveys in the world. In the same 2018 survey, the total fertility rate (TFR) of a mother in her lifetime was esti-

mated to be 2.2. Now in the 2023 survey, it has come down to 1.9. Due to the decline in this rate, the day is not far when the total fertility rate in the country will go down further. Experts on this subject believe that if India touches this figure, the population will stabilize and then start decreasing in a few years. This situation will also arise due to the falling sex ratio of girls. These conditions can prove to be promoting social distortions. In such a situation, the discussion going on to increase the age of marriage can create a big problem in the near future. The data of the report shows that in all the states and union territories of the country, the number of boys in the age group of 0-14 is more than girls, except the rural areas of Delhi, where the ratio of girls is higher. The figures that have come out in the SRS report are of the sex ratio at the time of birth. Biologically, the normal sex ratio at the time of birth is 1050 boys per 1000 girls or 950 girls per 1000 boys. This distorted sex ratio also has an adverse effect on the marriage system. Due to the deteriorating sex ratio, government intervention is necessary to improve this situation. India can improve this ratio because it has a large group of people in the reproductive age group of 15 to 49 years. To achieve this goal, along with reducing the age of marriage, it will have to be made legally compulsory to give legality to illegitimate children. Along with this, measures of sex determination and destruction of female fetus in the womb will have to be strictly stopped. For this, along with measures of economic equality, the youth will have to be encouraged to the values of reproduction, health education and gender equality. Often there is concern about the increasing population in India or other countries. But now there are signs of rapid decrease in

population in some religious communities and ethnic groups in India. In India, while the population is decreasing in religious communities like Parsis and tribal species due to modern development and displacement, a large economically capable community is producing fewer children due to the prevalence of consumerist culture. At the level of a nation, whether a country is developed or underdeveloped or developing, the positive and negative aspects of population are a manifestation of a type of social and scientific thinking. In its true form, change in population, apart from being a biological phenomenon, also causes an impact on the social, cultural and economic bases of the society. Therefore, when the population of Parsis, one of the five minority communities in India, decreases, the Indian government is forced to increase their population. On the other hand, strict measures are taken to control the population growth rate of other religious communities except Muslims. This contradictory aspect is increasing the population of the Muslim community, but the population of other religious communities is decreasing. That is why many communities are demanding a uniform policy to be given legal form to curb the population growth rate. However, making this law is not easy. Because whenever the draft of this law will be placed on the table of the Parliament, the so-called intellectuals and liberals will try their best to give it a religious color. Nevertheless, it is important to bring this law in the interest of the country so that every Indian citizen does not face difficulty in earning a livelihood. Generally, in view of population control, China's family planning policies are seen as ideal and there is a demand to expand them in India. In China, the 'one family one child'

policy was adopted in 1979 to control the population. But it is a misconception that the population in China came under control through this policy. Whereas the truth is that due to the phase of social change that took place in China through the Cultural Revolution in 1949-50, by 1975, health services had expanded and were within the reach of the common man. The workers of the communist parties also went to villages and worked as production coordinators and got the needs fulfilled from the administration. As a result, within 25-30 years of independence, an environment had been created that a low population is necessary for national development. The 'one family, one child' policy proved disastrous in China over time. The result of strict implementation of this policy was that today there are many families in China who have neither any heir nor any blood relative except their old and incapacitated parents. Whereas before implementing this policy, there were an average of eleven girls for one boy in China. But now the ratio of men and women has become so disturbed that China has rejected this policy and has allowed more than one child. Such adverse effects of being strict to control the population are being seen in Japan, Sweden, Canada and Australia. The birth rate in these countries has decreased to a worrying level. In Japan, due to complete health services and adequate population control measures, the population of old people is continuously increasing. Among these old people, the number of retired pensioners is the highest, so they are becoming a major cause of economic and health related problems in Japan. Similarly, the number of old people is increasing gradually in India.

Swami Vivekananda: Educated the western world about the uniqueness of Sanatana Dharma

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Swami Vivekananda's greatest contribution was to introduce the Western world to the depth and uniqueness of Advaita Vedanta, the most important part of philosophy within Sanatan Dharma. In the last ten years of the nineteenth century, Western people began to doubt Christianity and turned to Eastern wisdom. In the same period, the Theosophical Society emerged, which claimed to adopt the highest standards of religion and science. It became so famous that the list of its members became like a list of the top people in the world. Swami Vivekananda was not only a spiritual guru but also a thinker and rationalist. In 1893, at the First World Parliament of Religions in Chicago, he gave an excellent speech to a distinguished Western audience, in which he demonstrated his understanding of the teachings of the Upanishads and the foundations of Indian philosophy. Many in the audience thought

that Indian philosophy offered the ultimate solution to humanity's quest for the ultimate truth, without sacrificing scientific rationality, as he skillfully conveyed his message, **which was both spiritual and logical.** One of Swami Vivekananda's major achievements was to give Hinduism a true identity, identity and wholeness. Before Swamiji's arrival, there were only a few organizations, all claiming dominance over each other and essentially independent. None of these groups had the basis for a solid understanding of Hinduism. Sister Nivedita, in the preface to the complete works of Swami Vivekananda, says: "It may be said that the Swami's speech before the Parliament of Religions was about "the religious concepts of the Hindus" when he began, but by the time he finished it, Hinduism had been established." For the first time, Swami Vivekananda showed that the overall principles of Hinduism are universal. The unique nature

of Hinduism derives from these basic principles. Swami Vivekananda created the unity and uniqueness of Hinduism. After becoming the first Hindu missionary from the West to visit the US, representing Hinduism at the 1893 Parliament of Religions, and teaching Hinduism in the West, Swamiji became a symbol of unification of Hinduism. He encouraged Hindu brotherhood, reminded people of their common heritage, and elevated Hindu consciousness through his writings and discourses. Thanks to Swamiji, Hindus developed a sense of 'shared community'. According to scholar K. M. Panikkar, this new Shankaracharya can be seen as a unifier of Hindu doctrine. Thanks to Swamiji, Hinduism became dynamic and global. He infused a missionary spirit into the Hindu community. He wished that India's ancient spiritual teachings be enlightened and spread throughout the world. He said, "Arise, India, and use your spirituality to conquer the world."

Address at Convention, Chicago, September 11, 1893 I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught tolerance and acceptance of all. Besides accepting all religions as true, we also believe in universal tolerance. I am happy to say that I belong to a religion where the word "Exclusion" cannot be translated from the sacred language Sanskrit. To be part of a nation which has sheltered refugees and persecuted people of all countries and religions makes me proud. I am very proud to say that we have embraced in our hearts the most pious Israelites who came to Southern India and took refuge with us in the year or years when Roman tyranny destroyed their sacred temple. I am proud to be part of a religion which has protected and continues to support the last inhabitants of the ancient Persian country. Swami Vivekananda presided over a meeting at the Star Theatre, Calcutta on March 11, 1898, at which Sister Nivedita (Miss M.E. Noble) delivered a lecture on the subject "The

Influence of Indian Spiritual Ideas in England." Swami Vivekananda, rising to introduce Miss Noble, said thus: One thing which particularly impressed me during my travels in East Asia is how widespread the Indian spiritual concept is in these countries. You can only imagine how surprised I was to see some of the famous Sanskrit mantras written on the walls of the temples of China and Japan. Perhaps you will be even more pleased to know that they were all written in the ancient Bengali script and they still exist today as evidence of the missionary zeal and energy of our Bengali forefathers. **Conclusion** Indian youth must come forward to express deeply the Swamiji's vision of religion and nation in order to realize it. Swamiji's every word made me feel proud of Hinduism and the nation that gave the world amazing knowledge to help it progress with spiritual, scientific, and sustainable development ideas for humanity and environmental balance.



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There have been a series of exchanges with the regulator as part of the licence granting process, he said. A panel of relevant senior officials will look into the matter now, with a final call expected by the end of 2025. It's worth noting here that Ujjivan SFB's larger rival, AU Small Finance Bank, was recently awarded a licence to transition into a universal bank within 18 months.

The development comes even as India has asked OpenAI to bring Stargate to India and store data of Indians locally. “The government has told OpenAI that they should invest at least a few billions out of the \$500-billion project in India,” ET quoted an unnamed official as saying.

As India moves toward becoming a USD 5 trillion economy, fitness will play a central role in its wellness journey, the report added.





Bollywood’s popular actress Rakul Preet Singh is known not only for her acting and beauty but also for her simplicity and deep faith, which has earned her a special place in people’s hearts. On Tuesday, she posted a picture on Instagram that immediately caught people’s attention.

Rakul Preet Singh bowed her head in devotion at Kashi Vishwanath temple, also took part in the Ganga Aarti



Rakul shared a few pictures from the Kashi Vishwanath temple. There, she offered prayers and also took part in the Aarti. The Kashi Vishwanath temple, located on the western bank of the Ganga River in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, is a famous Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. It is one of the twelve Jyotirlingas, with the presiding deity being Lord Shiva in the form of a Jyotirlinga, worshipped as Vishwanath or Vishweshwar. In the photo Rakul shared, she is seen standing in front of the Kashi Vishwanath temple in a traditional look. She is dressed in a beautiful light pink suit with floral embroidery. Around her neck is a garland of white flowers, and her face reflects pure devotion.



Kajol extended special wishes to Asha Bhosle on her 92nd birthday

Shared an old photo with Saif

Actress Kajol on Monday extended special birthday wishes to legendary singer Asha Bhosle on her 92nd birthday in a unique way. The actress shared an old picture with her on social media. Kajol posted a throw-back photo on her official Instagram account, in which she is seen with Asha Bhosle and actor Saif Ali Khan. All three are smiling in the picture. The actress mentioned that this photo was taken at the inauguration ceremony of HN Reliance Hospital in 2014. Kajol captioned it: “Remembering that night in 2014 when we attended the inauguration of HN Reliance Hospital, and guess who, at the age of 92, still looks as fabulous, remains active in singing, and continues to perform? It’s certainly not me or Saif Ali Khan, but the legend herself, Asha Bhosle. Wishing this incredible legend a very happy birthday! Love you, Asha Tai.” Fans are absolutely loving the actress’s post. Asha Bhosle was born on September 8, 1933, in Sangli, Maharashtra. She has set a record by singing in more than 20 languages. Her name is also registered in the Guinness World Records. Asha has recorded around 12,000 songs, which is a huge achievement for any Indian artist. She began her career alongside her elder sister, Lata Mangeshkar, to support their family financially. Asha sang her first song “Chala Chala Nav Bala” in 1943 for the Marathi film Majha Bal, with music composed by Datta Davjekar. Later, in 1948, she entered Hindi cinema with the song “Saawan Aaya” from the film Chunariya.

In tattoos and messy hair, Sapna Choudhary’s simple look delivered a powerful message

Haryana’s popular dancer and actress Sapna Choudhary often stays connected with her fans through social media. On Tuesday, she shared a few pictures in which she looks absolutely stunning. In the photos posted on Instagram, Sapna is seen wearing a stylish black dress that enhances her personality. Her hair is left open in a messy style, giving a natural vibe. With no makeup on her face, she flaunts a clean and simple look that highlights

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her original beauty. The tattoo on her hand adds an extra charm to this simple appearance. Along with the pictures, Sapna wrote a caption: “Judge me only when your opinion can pay my bills. If not, mind your own business.”

Fans flooded the comments section with compliments. Some called her the “Queen of Hearts,” while others wrote “No makeup, full grace.” Sapna, who hails from a small village in Haryana, earned stardom through her hard work. She began her

career with a local orchestra team in Haryana, performing with other Ragini (folk music) artists across Haryana and nearby states.



Speaking about her divorce from Chahal, Dhanashree Verma said, “I did not respond to insult with insult

Choreographer Dhanashree Verma is currently in the spotlight for the reality show Rise and Fall. Recently, she openly spoke about her former husband Yuzvendra Chahal. She revealed that she had to endure mistreatment in her married life but consciously chose not to take revenge. Dhanashree said that she has always

Dhanashree said that she has always prioritized respect in a relationship, even when she had to face humiliation. She added, “In marriage, the dignity of both partners lies in each other’s hands. If I wanted, I could have spoken wrongly too. Do you think I have nothing to say just because I am a woman? But he was my husband. I respected him during our marriage, and it is still important to respect him because I was once married to him.”

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With her expressions and style, Trisha Kar won fans’ hearts on social media, adding a touch of glamour with her new look

The Bhojpuri film industry is rapidly gaining popularity these days, and along with it, the stars of this industry are becoming very active on social media. One such name is Trisha Kar Madhu, who is always in the spotlight for her bold looks, outspoken style, and powerful acting. She regularly posts reels and photos on her Instagram account, which receive immense love from her fans. On Monday, she shared a new video in which she is seen lip-syncing to a Bhojpuri song. The video is going viral on social media and people are showering it with likes.

In this video, Trisha Kar has adopted a very beautiful traditional look. She is wearing a silk saree in light and dark purple shades, which suits her perfectly. What makes her attire special is the elegant way she has carried it. She paired the saree with silver jewelry, including earrings, bangles, and a simple pendant. Her hair is left open, and her face glows with light makeup. Her expressions and gestures suggest that she is not just lip-syncing to the song but also feeling it deeply.

