



BRIEF NEWS

Cabinet approves doubling of Bhagalpur-Dumka-Rampurhat single railway line section

New Delhi: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved the doubling of Bhagalpur-Dumka-Rampurhat single railway line section (177 km) in Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal at a total cost of about Rs 3,169 crore. The increased line capacity will improve mobility, leading to better efficiency and service reliability for Indian Railways.

The multi-tracking proposal will ease operations and reduce congestion, allowing much-needed infrastructure development on some of the busiest sections of Indian Railways. These projects are in line with PM Modi's vision of a New India, which will make the people of the region "aatmanirbhar" through comprehensive development in the region, thereby increasing their employment and self-employment opportunities.

Let us tell you, these projects have been planned under the PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan, which focuses on enhancing multi-modal connectivity and logistics efficiency through integrated planning and stakeholder consultation. These projects will provide seamless connectivity for the movement of people, goods and services. Covering 5 districts of three states namely Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal, the project will add about 177 km to the existing network of Indian Railways.

Former CM Raghubar Das slammed State Govt of stalling PESA

DB Reporter

Ranchi: BJP's senior leader and former Chief Minister Raghubar Das on slammed the Hemant Soren-led government, accusing it of denying constitutional rights to tribals and backward classes by stalling the implementation of the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA). He further alleged that foreign powers, middlemen and brokers were exerting influence over the state's governance. Speaking at a press conference

at the state BJP office, Das said the BJP government had taken concrete steps towards implementing PESA in Jharkhand, with departmental opinions sought, the matter referred to the Law Department, and the Advocate General's clearance obtained for placing it before the Cabinet. "Yet, due to the unclear intentions of this government, the rules have been kept hanging," he alleged. Das reminded that PESA empowers Gram Sabhas in scheduled areas to manage



local resources, including minor minerals, sand, stone, ponds for fish farming, and forest produce like Kendu leaves. He said the High Court had also directed the government to

honour the spirit of PESA in matters such as sand ghat auctions. Welcoming the court's stance, he urged that the ban on sand auctions remain in place until

the Act is fully implemented in Jharkhand. Das alleged that the state government's failure to implement PESA was deliberate, designed to benefit a nexus of middlemen and contractors. "This government wants the middlemen to keep looting Jharkhand's mineral wealth and filling the Chief Minister's coffers," he said. He accused the government of setting a revenue target of ₹2,000 crore from sand mining in violation of court orders.

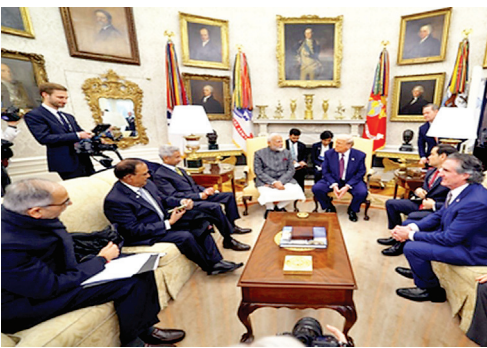
Positive signs on India-US trade agreement, experts expressed hope

Agency

New Delhi: Welcoming the positive response to the India-US trade talks, economists said on Wednesday that the message has been sent to the world that India cannot be taken lightly. The country is strong and other countries also need to understand that India cannot be ignored as a part of international trade.

Economist Rajiv Sahu said that the recent statements of US President Donald Trump indicate that he wants reconciliation, the credit for which should be given especially to PM Modi, who has taken a tough stand against America and has explored new options in the form of Russia, China and other countries.

He said, "India has remained firm instead of succumbing to US pressure and it appears that now the US and India can move forward on a trade agreement between the two coun-



tries at a reasonable tariff." He stressed that India cannot be taken lightly at any cost. Economist Prabir Kumar Sarkar told that the trade talks between the two countries started in February 2025. If you remember, during that time both PM Modi and US President Trump had committed to increase bilateral trade from \$ 200 billion to \$ 500 billion by 2030.

He said, "In the last 10 years, relations

between India and America have improved a lot. However, the 50 percent tariff imposed on India in August could have caused some problems in the future. But, in the meantime, Trump has described Modi as his good friend, with whom it is expected that some solutions may emerge regarding the trade talks between the two countries."

He further said that it is hoped that India will overcome its export related problems with this trade talks. Economist Gurcharan Das said that India should find a way to bring down the 50 percent tariff in some way. In such a situation, the trade talks between India and America will benefit the country greatly in the long term. Israel's Finance Ministry Chief Economist Samuel Abramzon, while reacting to the positive news about the trade talks between India and America, said that we are happy that two good allies and friends of Israel are talking.

After Nepal, France Erupts: 'Block Everything' protests set streets ablaze against Macron's policies

Agency

Paris: After Nepal, France too has been rocked by mass unrest as thousands of protesters flooded the streets against political instability and President Emmanuel Macron's economic policies.

The nationwide "Block Everything" (Bloquons tout) movement paralyzed the country on Wednesday, with highways blocked, vehicles set on fire, and violent clashes breaking out between demonstrators and police in Paris, Lyon, Marseille, Nantes, and



other cities.

Political Instability: The appointment of Sébastien Lecornu as the country's

fifth prime minister in less than a year has deepened public anger and eroded trust in Macron's leadership.

Economic Discontent: Harsh austerity measures and budget cuts have fueled widespread resentment, with protesters accusing the government of ignoring ordinary citizens' struggles.

Born on social media, the movement is reminiscent of the 2018 Yellow Vest rebellion but more fragmented, with support ranging from right-wing groups to far-left activists. Its sole aim: to grind the nation to a halt and force the government to respond.

Arson & Vandalism: A bus was torched in Rennes; a fire in Toulouse

disrupted train services; barricades and garbage bins burned across Paris. Police Confrontations: Riot police fired tear gas as protests turned violent nationwide.

Arrests: Over 200 protesters, including 132 in Paris, were detained despite the deployment of 80,000 security personnel, Home Minister Bruno Retailleau confirmed. The escalating "Block Everything" movement has thrown France into a deep political crisis, marking one of the most serious challenges to President Macron's rule.

CM Hemant assures full support for Durga Puja

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Chief Minister Hemant Soren has assured that all Durga Puja committees across Ranchi and neighbouring areas will receive the full support of the state government, as in previous years. He emphasised that the district administration and Puja organising committees should work in close coordination to ensure the festival is conducted in a peaceful and harmonious environment.

Focus on Ranchi's transformation into a model city

Reiterating his government's commitment to urban development, the Chief Minister said that developing Ranchi as a model city remains a top priority. He highlighted that the government is implementing a special action plan to make the city cleaner, more beautiful, and better equipped with public facilities.



"The all-round development of Ranchi requires active participation from both the government and the public. We are continuously adding new initiatives that will give the city a distinct identity in the future," Soren said. Delegation meets CM ahead of Durga Puja 2025

A joint delegation of the Mahanagar Durga Puja Committee, District Durga Puja Committee and Shri Mahavir Mandal, Ranchi met Chief Minister Hemant Soren at his official residence on Kanke Road. The delegation briefed the

Chief Minister on preparations for Durgaotsav 2025, noting that around 157 Puja pandals-both large and small-will be organised across Ranchi and surrounding areas. They appreciated the state government's consistent support, particularly in ensuring uninterrupted electricity, regular water supply and timely city cleaning during the festive period.

Invitation extended to CM and family

On the occasion, the delegation extended a cordial invitation to Hemant Soren and his family to

visit the Puja pandals and seek the blessings of Maa Durga. The members also presented him with an idol of Maa Durga, Chunari and Angvasra as a token of respect.

The delegation expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister, noting that the opportunity to meet him before the festival each year helps build stronger coordination between the state government, district administration and Puja committees, ensuring timely resolution of challenges.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Ranchi Manjunath Bhajantri, DIG-cum-Senior Superintendent of Police Chandan Kumar Sinha, Chairman of Mahanagar Durga Puja Committee Ajit Sahay, Chairman of District Durga Puja Committee Vicky Yadav, Chairman, Shambhu Singh, Sameer Singh and others were also present.

Suspected ISIS terrorist Azhar Danish arrested in Jharkhand, another held in Delhi



DB Reporter

Ranchi: A suspected ISIS terrorist, Azhar Danish, was arrested from Islamnagar area of Ranchi in Jharkhand, Delhi police sources said on Wednesday. Danish was held in a joint operation by Delhi Police Special Cell, Jharkhand ATS and Ranchi Police. Sources told media that Danish had a case registered against him in Delhi, based on which the Delhi Special Cell was on the lookout for him. Azhar Danish is being questioned, police sources added.

Another suspected terrorist was arrested in Delhi. "Raids are going on at eight locations and about eight suspects have been apprehended. They are being questioned," Delhi police sources said. Delhi Police Special Cell said, "Some arrests have been made by Delhi Police Special Cell in an ongoing operation." The raids are going on in collaboration with the Special Cell's central agencies at eight places, and so far, more than eight suspects have been detained. They are being questioned by the Delhi Police. The operation is still going on at different places. Meanwhile, on Tuesday, the Delhi Police Special

Cell busted an espionage module linked to Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) with the arrest of a 43-year-old man accused of supplying SIM cards that were later used by operatives across the border. According to Delhi Police Special Cell, specific intelligence was received on August 28 about an individual associated with ISI handlers being present in Vijay Block, Laxmi Nagar. Acting swiftly, the team apprehended the suspect, identified as Prabhat Kumar Chaurasiya. During sustained interrogation, Chaurasiya revealed that he had procured 16 SIM cards using his Aadhaar credentials and sent them to Nepal, out of which 11 were being operated on WhatsApp from Lahore, Bahawalpur and other parts of Pakistan by ISI operatives. These were allegedly being used for espionage and other anti-India activities. Officials at the special cell said these SIMs were being used from across the border for espionage and other anti-India activities through the social media platform WhatsApp. A case was registered at PS Special Cell, Delhi, under Sections 61(2)/152 of the BNS.

Tragedy in Lodna: Dilapidated BCCL Quarters Collapse During Heavy Rain, Three Dead, Several Injured

DB Reporter

Jharia (Dhanbad) - A tragic incident occurred on Wednesday evening in Lodna Area No. 8 when a vacant, dilapidated BCCL (Bharat Coking Coal Limited) residential quarter collapsed during heavy rainfall. The building, long abandoned but not demolished, gave way as several people, including children, took shelter inside to escape the rain.

Around six people were trapped under the debris. Locals rushed to the site and began rescue operations before police and



CISF teams arrived. A JCB machine was brought in to assist. The injured were rushed to PMCH, Dhanbad. Tragically, three victims-10-year-old Chirag Paswan, Gopal Misri, and his niece Sushma Kumari-later died due to critical injuries. Locals reported that

some individuals were removing bricks from the structure using a tractor when the collapse occurred. The incident has raised serious concerns about BCCL's negligence, as many families had been relocated from these quarters, but the unsafe buildings were left standing.

Deputy Commissioner concluded the review meeting of the Revenue Department

DB Reporter
Hazaribagh. A review meeting related to the Revenue Department was held in the Collectorate Auditorium on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Shashi Prakash Singh. In the meeting, a detailed review of the PG portal, land survey cases, mutation, mutation, so-moto mutation, e-revenue court, RCMS online report, online rent case, refinement portal and jam-abandi cancellation cases was done.

Deputy Commissioner Shashi Prakash Singh first reviewed the compliance on the instructions given in the previous meeting. Special instructions were given



for the speedy disposal of pending cases on the PG portal. He also directed the Additional Collector to inspect one zonal office every week and submit a report. Instructions were given to take the complaints related to land survey seriously and to expedite the disposal of cases pending for more than 90 days. The Deputy Commissioner directed all the concerned offi-

cials to review the complaints related to revenue and land acquisition received in the Janta Darbar and submit the investigation report. Along with this, the Additional Collector was directed to review through VC every week and the concerned SDO and DCLR should physically inspect the zonal office every week and submit the investigation report.

Instructions were also given to increase the progress in the mutation process, not to keep the rectification cases pending unnecessarily, to ensure early disposal of pending cases by thoroughly reviewing the cases filed and executed in the e-revenue court. Instructions were given to make progress in the matters related to land acquired under the Land Acquisition Acts and on all parameters.

Deputy Commissioner Shashi Prakash Singh was accompanied by Additional Collector, Land Acquisition Officer, Barhi Sub-Divisional Officer, Barhi and Sadar DCLR, all Zonal Officers and other concerned officers in the meeting.

Ramgarh Youth Organizes Committee Meeting for Grand Ravan Dahan Celebration



DB Reporter
Ramgarh - A meeting was held at Parsotiya Tetariya Taal Ground by the Sarvajanik Ravan Dahan Samiti - Ramgarh Youth to discuss the expansion and formation of the organizing committee for the upcoming Ravan Dahan celebration. The committee unanimously decided to organize this year's event with great enthusiasm and grandeur, continuing the annual tradition. The highlight of the event

will be a spectacular fireworks display, which promises to be a major attraction for attendees. During the meeting, the core committee and office bearers were elected to oversee the planning and execution of the event. The Patron Board includes Kailash Munda, Krishna Prasad, Mahendra Munda, Raju Kushwaha, Rupesh Kumar, Vikram Prasad Kushwaha, Keval Paswan, and Kapoor Prasad Kushwaha.

The Executive Committee appointments are as follows:

- » Roshan Kumar - President
- » Dilip Kumar - Working President
- » Vicky Chandravanshi - Senior Vice President
- » Deepak Kumar Munda - General Secretary
- » Ankit Chandravanshi - Joint Secretary
- » Ram Kumar - Treasurer
- » Upendra Kumar - Joint Treasurer
- » Deepu Singh & Alok Kumar - Vice Presidents
- » Randhir Kumar & Ankit Sinha - Media In-charges
- » Anil Sahu & Preetam Kumar - General Secretaries
- » Krishna Ganjhu & Arjun Ganjhu - Organization Secretaries
- » Pintu Gupta & Ajit Kumar - Organizational Heads

Additionally, a large number of committee members were appointed, including Paras Mahato, Shakti Kushwaha, Piyush Kumar, Kunal Kumar, Rajesh Kumar, Sandeep Kumar, Kapil Kumar, Bunty Kumar, Rahul Kumar Gupta, Akash Kumar, Sudhir Kumar, Dilip, Avinash Kumar, Abhishek Kumar, Kailash Kumar, Ajay Mahato, Sudhir Sahu, Ashok Sahu, and Gaurav Kumar, among others.

The meeting concluded with a strong commitment to make this year's Ravan Dahan a memorable and well-organized cultural event for the people of Ramgarh.

Students Protest Against Principal Over Poor Sanitation Facilities

Shyamdev Mehta
Ichhak, Hazaribagh - Students of Upgraded Plus Two High School, Tilra Kewatu staged a protest against Principal Shruvan Kumar, raising serious concerns over unsanitary conditions and lack of basic facilities on campus.

The protesting students claimed that classrooms remain unclean due to the absence of regular sweeping. When they approached the principal with a request for brooms, they were allegedly told to "bring money from home and clean the classrooms themselves."

The issue of locked and unusable toilets was a major point of outrage, especially among female



students. Several girls reported that most toilets either lack doors, have broken fixtures, or are filled with filth. The few usable toilets are reportedly reserved for teachers only, kept under lock and key, further aggravating the difficulties faced by girl students during school hours.

Students also alleged that the principal has shown negligence towards these basic issues and often

dismisses complaints, even saying, "Go complain to the Deputy Commissioner if you want." School Management Committee Chairperson Santosh Upadhyay confirmed the students' complaints, stating that when he discussed the issue with the principal, the latter claimed lack of funds to buy cleaning supplies and urged the committee to arrange them independ-

ently. In response, District Education Officer Praveen Ranjan acknowledged the matter and assured that an inquiry would be conducted. "There is no shortage of funds in the School Development Fund. If such negligence is found, appropriate action will be taken as per departmental rules," he added.

When approached for comment, Principal Shruvan Kumar declined to make any official statement, saying, "I will respond only if asked formally by the office."

The incident highlights growing frustration among students over poor infrastructure and lack of administrative accountability in government schools.

"Football is Mentally Beneficial," Says Ramesh Kumar Mahato

DB Reporter
Ramgarh : In a spirited effort to promote sports among rural youth, the Jharkhand Democratic Revolutionary Front organized a sports gear distribution program in Chainagada village, under Patratu block of Ramgarh district. Football jerseys and shoes were distributed to players of the Yuva Vikas Supporting Club, Chainagada, under the leadership of Central Secretary Rajendra Bedia. The event aimed to encourage sportsmanship and active participation in physical activities among the youth. Speaking on the occasion, Rajendra Bedia emphasized the importance of playing with true sporting spirit. "Victory



belongs to one team, but true success lies in sportsmanship," he said. Bedia highlighted that games like football contribute not only to physical and mental development but also to economic well-being. He described football as a fun, low-cost sport that enhances social interaction and promotes fitness in daily life.

State Media In-charge Ramesh Kumar Mahato gave a detailed account of the physical and mental benefits of football. He explained that football is a globally recognized outdoor team sport played by two teams of

11 players over 90 minutes, divided into two 45-minute halves. "Playing football improves stamina, speed, agility, and strengthens bones and muscles. It also aids in weight loss and heart health," he said. He further emphasized its mental benefits, stating that football enhances concentration, quick decision-making, teamwork, self-discipline, and confidence. It also helps reduce stress and anxiety.

Prominent attendees included District Vice President Naushad Ansari Sanjay Mahato, Gopal Mahato, and several local residents.

Fulfilling Social Responsibility is True Humanity: Sudhir

DB Reporter
Ramgarh - Expressing condolences on the untimely demise of Guddu Nayak's son, a resident of Idpara village in Dulmi block, local leaders gathered on Wednesday to offer support to the grieving family.

On the occasion, Dulmi Block Twenty-Point Programme Chairman, District Spokesperson, and Media Chairman Sudhir Manglesh informed that, with the support of local MLA Mamta Devi, the bereaved family has been provided with essential items including one tin of refined oil and two sacks of flour for the



Shraddh (funeral rites) ceremony. Speaking to the media, Manglesh stated, "Serving the underprivileged is the truest form of service. Standing beside

grieving families during times of sorrow is our collective social responsibility." He further emphasized that MLA Mamta Devi is always proactive in addressing public concerns and

providing timely assistance during personal crises. He said her compassionate approach to public service has offered significant relief to the affected family and has further strengthened public faith in her leadership.

Sudhir Manglesh also extended his sympathies to the family and prayed for peace to the departed soul and strength to the grieving members.

Prominent attendees at the condolence visit included Congress Panchayat President Prem Munda, Pappu Mahato, Bablu Mahato, Lakshmi Devi, Vivek Kumar, and other local residents.

Koderma SDPO Arrests Opium Smuggler with 2.1 kg Opium in Tiliaya

DB Reporter
Koderma: Acting on a secret tip, the Koderma police arrested an opium smuggler carrying approximately 2.1 kilograms of opium near Koderma Railway Station. The police received information that a suspicious individual coming from Hazaribagh towards Tiliaya was carrying narcotics in his bag and was about to board a train at

Koderma. A special police team, led by Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Anil Kumar Singh, conducted a raid near the station on September 9, 2025. Upon search, the suspect, identified as Rahit Kumar, son of Ashish Kumar Dangi from Rajpur district, Chatra, was caught with 2.1 kg of opium valued at around ₹10 lakh.

Items seized include the opium, a blue-colored bag, and a Vivo mobile phone. A case under sections 17(b), 18(b), 22(b), and 29 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Tiliaya police station. Further investigation and legal action are underway. The raid team included SDPO Anil Kumar Singh, Tiliaya SHO Vinay Kumar, and other police personnel.

Jamshedpur Management Association Wins AIMA Best LMA Award in Category III (2024-25)

DB Reporter
Jamshedpur : Jamshedpur Management Association (JMA) has been honoured with the prestigious Best LMA Award in Category III for the year 2024-25 by the All India Management Association (AIMA). This accolade marks a significant milestone in JMA's continuous pursuit of excellence.

JMA previously clinched the Best LMA Award for three consecutive years in Category IV (FY 2020, 2021, and 2022). After advancing to Category III in 2023-24, JMA secured the Runners-Up position and has



now triumphed as the Winner for 2024-25, reflecting its growing stature and impact. In addition to this achievement, JMA has maintained a strong presence on the AIMA Council, securing representation for the

sixth consecutive term, underscoring its leadership role in India's management ecosystem. The award ceremony took place at AIMA's 52nd National Management Convention held at the Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi.

The award was received by Mr. Chaitanya Bhanu, Hon. President JMA and Vice President - Operations, Tata Steel Jamshedpur, along with Mr. Amitabh Bhattacharjee, Hon. Secretary JMA and Head Sales East & Export, Metaliks Division, Tata Steel.

The award was presented by Mr. Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, and Former Foreign Secretary of India, in the presence of prominent dignitaries including Mr. T.V. Narendran, President AIMA and CEO & MD, Tata Steel Ltd.

Teachers' Day celebrated in the Department of Political Science at VBU

DB Reporter
Hazaribagh. Teachers' Day was celebrated in the Department of Political Science at Vinoba Bhave University on Wednesday. In this program organized by the students of the third semester, first of all, India's first Vice President and ideal teacher Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was remembered. After that, some cultural presentations were made by the students. On the request of the students, the teachers celebrated Dr.



Radhakrishnan's birthday by cutting the cake and also strengthened the teacher-student relationship by feeding cake to each other. On this occasion, the students paid respect to the Head of the Department Dr. Sukalyan Moitra, former Head of the Department Dr. Margaret Lakra, Departmental Professor

Dr. Ajay Bahadur Singh and Dr. Alvin Baxla, Head of the Department of Political Science of Chatra College. On the occasion, the students also paid respect to UGC's JRF and SRF researchers Dharmendra Kumar, Mahendra Pandit, Pratik Kumar and Departmental Assistant Anjan Lakra.

Meeting Held to Strategize for Successful Employee Sankalp Maha-Sammelan

DB Reporter
Ramgarh - A meeting was organized at Balika Plus Two High School, Ramgarh, to plan and strategize for the upcoming Employee Sankalp Maha-Sammelan. The meeting was addressed by Dr. Sunil Kumar Kashyap, Deputy General Secretary of JHROTEF (Jharkhand Rajya Organised Teachers and Employees Federation). Dr. Kashyap informed



that a large contingent of government employees from 32 departments in Ramgarh will be participating in the state-level convention scheduled to be held in Ranchi on September 20. He said employees across all 24 districts of Jharkhand are actively participating in a statewide outreach campaign as per directives of the state committee. The campaign and Maha-Sammelan are being

organized to press for 11-point demands concerning employee rights, working conditions, and policy reforms. Dr. Kashyap emphasized the unity and determination of government employees to voice their concerns collectively in the state capital. Prominent attendees at the meeting included District President Shyam Kishore Mahato, District Secretary Buddhu Dev Munda, along with

Sitaram Sahu, Jatru Mahato, Ghulam Sabri, Rajdeep Prasad, Anuj Khatri, Sohan Mahato, Nishipal Mahato, Rupnath Mahato, Mohammad Merajuddin, Tirath Prasad, Vijay Kumar Jha, Satyendra Ravi, and Vijay Kesari. The organizers urged all employees in the region to mobilize and contribute to making the Sankalp Maha-Sammelan a resounding success.

IG Bokaro Conducts Annual Surprise Inspection at Koderma Police Offices

DB Reporter
Koderma: On September 9 and 10, 2025, Kranti Kumar Gadideshi, Inspector General (IG) of Police, Bokaro Range, carried out an annual surprise inspection of the Superintendent of Police (SP) office, Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) office, and police stations in Koderma. During the inspection, the IG thoroughly reviewed records, case disposals, crime control measures, and the handling of public com-



plaints. He emphasized transparency, punctuality, and public accessibility as the pillars of effective policing. The IG urged officers and staff to maintain discipline and dedication, stating that prompt justice delivery is the police's foremost responsibility. He warned against any negligence or laxity in resolving public grievances. IG Gadideshi also assessed the condition of police vehicles, weapons, communication systems, and overall security arrangements. He instructed officials to closely monitor crime and anti-social elements while promoting community policing.

Teacher's Day Celebrated with Grandeur at Radha Govind University

DB Reporter
Ramgarh - The Department of Education at Radha Govind University celebrated Teacher's Day with great enthusiasm and reverence. The event was graced by Chancellor B.N. Sah and Secretary Priyanka Kumari as chief guests. The program began with the traditional lighting of the lamp and floral tributes to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and Goddess Saraswati. Students welcomed the dignitaries and faculty members with a melodious welcome song and warm applause. In his address, Chancellor B.N. Sah stated that Teacher's



Day is not just a celebration but a moment to express deep gratitude to educators who shape society through knowledge and values. Secretary Priyanka Kumari emphasized recognizing the dedication and sacrifices of teachers, urging students to implement their teachings in life. Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.)

Rashmi encouraged students to become responsible citizens guided by their teachers' wisdom. Registrar Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kumar Mandal highlighted the lifelong impact of teachers' values. Head of Department Dr. Anju Tiwari called teachers true nation-builders who also impart life lessons beyond text-

books. The event featured colorful cultural performances by students and fun games for teachers. Winners were honored with gifts. The program was coordinated by Preeti, Anjali, Sion, and Rashmi. Other dignitaries present included Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar, and Ajay Kumar.

Hazaribagh Police Rescue Kidnapped Youth Within Four Hours, Abductor Arrested

DB Reporter
Hazaribagh/Barhi - In a swift and commendable operation, Hazaribagh Police successfully rescued a kidnapped youth and arrested the abductor within just four hours of the incident. The case was reported from Karsó village under Barhi police station, where Nageshwar Singh informed police around 9:45 PM on Tuesday that his son, Saurabh Kumar, had been abducted by unknown criminals, who demanded a ransom of 75 lakh over the phone. Upon receiving the complaint, Superintendent of Police immediately directed urgent action. A



special team led by Barhi Sub-Divisional Police Officer Rupesh Kumar was formed, and extensive search operations began with the aid of technical surveillance. Acting on intelligence, the police traced the location of the kidnappers and at around 1:45 AM, successfully rescued Saurabh Kumar

from the Sahurudbar area on Barhi-Giridih Road. The police also arrested one of the accused, Arun Kumar alias Arun Pathak (37), a resident of Telo, Chandanakiyari, Bokaro district. A Redmi mobile phone was recovered from the spot. Police reported that the kidnappers resisted arrest but

were overpowered by the team. Efforts are ongoing to identify and apprehend other accomplices involved in the crime. The police team included officers Binod Kumar, Narendra Pandey, Deepak Kumar, Rupal Yadav, Sumit Kumar, and Alok Kumar, along with armed personnel from Barhi police station.

Pink Care Camp Organized at HZB Arogyam Kunal Hospital

DB Reporter
Hazaribagh - In a dedicated effort to promote women's health and awareness, HZB Arogyam Kunal Women & Children Hospital successfully organized a Pink Care Camp. A large number of women participated and availed themselves of free health consultations and diagnostic services. The camp featured expert consultations by Gynecologist Dr. Aishwarya, Dermatologist & Cosmetic Specialist Dr. Rishve Prateek, Physicians Dr. Pallavi and Dr. Swarna, and Dietitian Kausar Parveen. The specialists provided valuable guidance on maintaining a healthy lifestyle, balanced nutrition, and preventive



care. Free tests offered at the camp included blood pressure, vitals, ECG, and BMD (Bone Mineral Density) testing, which helps in the early detection of osteoporosis and other bone-related conditions. Hospital Director Harsh Ajmera stated, "Our goal is to ensure women take proactive steps towards their health. Timely

check-ups can help prevent serious illnesses." He also mentioned that such camps will be organized regularly. Hospital Administrator Jaya Singh emphasized that women's health is the backbone of families and society. "Often, women neglect their own health. This initiative aims to change that mindset," she said.

Kohinoor Maidan Vending Zone to be Upgraded for Better Facilities

DB Reporter
Dhanbad: A meeting of the Town Vending Committee was held under the chairmanship of District Magistrate and Collector Aditya Ranjan to discuss the arrangement and improvement of street vending zones across the district. The primary focus was on the vending zone at Kohinoor Maidan, which currently has 192 stalls. Street vendors' representatives highlighted difficulties in operating due to the absence of an approach road



and unhygienic conditions caused by a nearby dirty public toilet, leading to low customer footfall. Responding promptly, the

District Magistrate instructed that an approach road be constructed to connect the vending zone with the main road to facilitate customer access. He

also ordered the removal of the faulty toilet to improve hygiene and overall facilities. Aditya Ranjan emphasized that organizing street vendors and their stalls would significantly improve the city's traffic flow and cleanliness. He also directed the identification of additional vending zones at key locations including Police Lines, Dhiya Rani Bandh, Hirapur Hatia, Steel Gate, Shaheed Nirmal Mahto Medical College, Shram Niyojan Office, Randhir Verma Chowk, and others.

Hindi Poetry Competition Held at DVC KTPS as Part of Rajbhasha Hindi Fortnight 2025

DB Reporter
Koderma: As part of the Rajbhasha Hindi Fortnight celebrations from September 3 to 23, 2025, DVC KTPS Banjedih organized a Hindi poetry competition. The event saw enthusiastic participation from senior officials and employees of the DVC family, who showcased their creativity and literary talents. The competition was inaugurated by Manoj Kumar Thakur, Chief General



Manager and Head of KTPS, who encouraged employees to cultivate a deeper interest in Hindi language and literature through such events. Speaking on the occasion, he

emphasized the importance of Hindi as our mother tongue and cultural identity. He urged everyone to take pride in speaking Hindi, warning against the gradual erosion of Indian traditions under Western cultural influence. The judging panel consisted of Ravindra Kumar, Senior General Manager; Tapas Mirdha, General Manager (AMS); and whose insightful evaluations added significance to the competition.

CCL Honors Winners of Painting and Essay Competitions

DB Reporter
Ranchi: Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) organized a Vigilance Awareness Campaign at the Government Middle School, BMP, Doranda, Ranchi on Wednesday. The event was inaugurated under the leadership of CCL officials and the school principal, Ashok Prasad Singh. As part of the campaign, painting, essay, and quiz competitions were conducted for the students to promote awareness about vigilance and integrity. Hundreds of students participated enthusiastically in these contests, which were overseen by Jitesh Kumar, Manager of the Excavation Department, Khushboo Lata, Manager, and school faculty. Winners across the competitions were felicitated with school bags, carry bags, painting and



writing materials, caps, mementos, shields, and certificates by CCL officials and school management. In the painting competition, Divya Kumari and Ragini Kumari secured first place, Dulari Parveen and Umas

Habiba took second, while Varsha Kumari and Soni Kumari were awarded third place. In the quiz contest, Mohammad Rehan claimed first position, Aryan Raj second, and Gaurav Nayak third. The essay competition winners

included Atiq Ansari (first), Pranjal Kumar (second), and Asif Sheikh (third). All participants were also administered an oath related to the vigilance awareness campaign, reinforcing their commitment to honesty and integrity.

Tragic Accident During Illegal Mining at Chapapur OCP; One Dead, One Injured

DB Reporter
Dhanbad: A tragic incident occurred on Wednesday morning at Chapapur OCP in the Nirma Assembly area, resulting in the death of one person and serious injury to another during illegal coal mining. Around 10:30 AM, a sudden collapse trapped two men under coal. One of them, a resident of Talbediya village, died on the spot, while the other was rushed to a private hospital by family members. Locals alleged that even after two hours, neither



the Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) management nor police arrived at the accident site. The deceased's body remained buried under coal while coal washing continued uninterrupted with heavy vehicles. Around 1 PM, the victim's family retrieved the body themselves. This incident exposes

ongoing illegal coal mining in the Nirma region despite administrative assurances. Attempts to contact Nirma DSP, local police officials, and Mugma Area management went unanswered. Dhanbad district president of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, Lakhi Soren, condemned the management's negligence.

Karisma’s children already received 1,900 crore, Priya Sachdev tells Delhi HC in Sunjay Kapur assets case

New Delhi, Agency: After actor Karisma Kapoor's children filed a suit in the Delhi high court over the late industrialist Sunjay Kapur's 30,000 crore assets, his third wife Priya Sachdev Kapur told the court that they had already received 1,900 crore from the family trust. She asked, "What more do they want?"

The children are seeking shares in the late businessman's assets and have challenged the authenticity of his will, alleging that Priya forged it to gain control over the assets. The counsel said that although the will was not registered, it was not "invalid," according to a PTI news agency report.

Senior advocate Rajiv Nayar, representing Priya Kapur, said, "It's not registered. Unregistered does not take the nature away. There is a judgment which says an

unregistered will does not lose its validity. All this crying and weeping that is going on, just six days before the suit, the plaintiffs received 1,900 crore from the trust. What more do they want?"

He added, "I am the last wife of the deceased. Your husband left you many years ago, I am a widow. We have some sympathy for the deceased."

The Delhi high court on Wednesday directed Priya Kapur, wife of late businessman Sunjay Kapur, to disclose all movable and immovable assets owned by him as of June 12, the day of his death.

Justice Jyoti Singh passed the direction while hearing a plaint filed by Sunjay's two children with former wife and actor Karisma Kapoor, challenging his alleged will and seek-



ing shares in assets reportedly worth 30,000 crore.

Priya's counsel, contesting the claims, argued, "Not as if people are left on streets."

The high court registered

the plaint filed by the children, Samaira Kapur, 20, and her 15-year-old brother, and issued notice to Priya, posting the matter for October 9.

"For the moment I am

only going to register it (the plaint) and ask you to file replies. Along with replies, defendant 1 (Priya) will file a list of all movable and immovable assets known to defendant 1. Assets to be declared as of June 12," the judge said.

Priya's counsel also referred to Karisma's divorce proceedings with Sunjay, stating, "There were litigations after litigation, it ultimately culminated in a bitter divorce process which ended in SC. Please have some sympathy for the soul of the deceased. I (Priya) have a 6-year-old child. I am a widow. I am his last wife. You (Karisma) were nowhere to be seen for the last 15 years. It's not as if these people are left on the streets." Sunjay's mother, Rani Kapur, also challenged the will, saying she had been excluded and calling the

process "unholy." Her counsel said, "Today, I have nothing. I have written at least 15 emails asking about the will, what are the documents? Not a word has been shared. I have been told that my emails have been compromised. There is something incredibly unholy. 10,000 crore worth of assets should have been mine. I am 80-year-old. Mother, her vested interest goes into trust. All gone. I am nowhere. Ms Sachdeva (Priya) comes in, within three months of her getting married, everything goes? My son today leaves me with no roof over my head."

The plaint also claims that Sunjay never mentioned the will, nor did Priya or anyone else, and alleges that Priya's conduct shows "without a doubt that the alleged will has been fabricated" by her.

Nepal crisis similar to India's, says Sanjay Raut, cites 'corruption, dictatorship...'

New Delhi, Agency:After the collapse of the Nepalese government, Shiv Sena UBT leader Sanjay Raut on Wednesday drew parallels between the situation in the neighbouring country and India, alleging similar corruption and authoritarianism.

Speaking to reporters during a press briefing, the UBT leader said the crisis in the neighbouring nation was fueled by anger over corruption, dictatorship and the lavish lifestyles of ministers and their families, a sentiment he said can also be seen in India.

He added that Nepal's "fire" would soon spread to India, especially since the country shares borders with five Indian states - Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, and Sikkim.

"The youth here, if it is quiet today, it's because they are unemployed. There are a lot of problems," said Raut.

"Our prime minister gives free ration to 80 crore people. What does that reflect? That India has a



poor population which is living on free ration. This is exactly how Nepal is and used to be," he added.

In India as well, taxpayers'

money goes abroad. Someone's son lives in Dubai, some in Singapore," said Raut, followed by a jibe at Amit Shah and his son Jay Shah, who is the current pres-

ident of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

The UBT leader added that one of the main reasons behind why movements similar to Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal are yet to be seen in India is because the "people of the country remember Gandhi and his values."

"The PM can abuse Gandhi all he wants, but the only reason the Modi government is still standing and alive is because of Gandhi's values," he added.

Nepal's 'Gen-Z' protests topple government

Over the past two days, massive protest and unrest have taken over Nepal, which has resulted in the resignation of Prime minister KP Sharma Oli and a majority of his cabinet.

The protest, which were triggered by a social media ban, called for the resignation of Oli over rampant corruption and the rise of authoritarianism in the country.

ED arrests Karnataka Congress MLA Satish Krishna Sail in money laundering case



New Delhi, Agency:The Enforcement Directorate has arrested Karnataka Congress MLA Satish Krishna Sail in a money laundering case linked to alleged illegal iron ore export in the state, official sources said on Wednesday.

The 59-year-old legislator from the Karwar Assembly seat in Uttara Kannada was taken into custody late Tuesday night following his questioning at the federal probe agency's Bengaluru zonal office, the sources said.

He was produced before a special court on Tuesday that sent him to one-day custody of the Enforcement Directorate (ED). He will be produced before the court again on Wednesday where the agency will seek for his fresh custodial remand, the sources said.

Sail is the second Congress MLA to be arrested by the ED over the last few weeks. Late last month, the agency had arrested Chitradurga MLA K C Veerendra 'Puppy' in an alleged illegal betting linked money laundering case. The case against Sail pertains to alleged illegal export of iron ore by a company allegedly linked to the legislator. The ED investigation originated from a 2010 case by the Karnataka Lokayukta, which discovered about eight lakh tons of illegally transported iron ore from Bellary to Belekeri port.

The ED had conducted searches in this case on August 13-14 in Karwar, Goa, Mumbai and Delhi. Some entities that were searched included companies like Ashapura Minechem, Shree Lal Mahal, Swastiki Steels (Hosepet), ILC Industries, Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Minerals, according to the ED. All these entities, including Sail, were convicted by the special court for MPs and MLAs in Bengaluru for "illegal" export of iron ore fines carried out by Shree Mallikarjun Shipping Pvt. Ltd. in collusion with others, the agency had said in a statement.

Parents, grandfather imprisoned for life over murder of woman, lover in UP's Budaun

New Delhi, Agency:A local court has sentenced the parents and grandfather of a 19-year-old woman to life imprisonment for killing her along with her lover earlier this year. Additional District and Sessions Judge, First, Farah Matlub on Tuesday held Mahesh, his wife Bhagwati and father Ram Avtar guilty of killing his daughter Neetu and her lover Jaipal (20) and awarded them life imprisonment. The court also imposed a fine of ₹1 lakh on each of the convicts. Enraged over his daughter Neetu's relationship with Jaipal, Mahesh along with his wife and father, hacked Jaipal and his daughter to death with a spade on January 2 this year in Parauli village, additional district government counsel Sanjiv Gupta said.

EC asks Bihar poll authority to accept Aadhaar card as extra ID proof

New Delhi, Agency:The Election Commission has asked its Bihar poll machinery to accept Aadhaar card as an additional document to establish the identity of electors following the Supreme Court's directives.

In a letter to the state Chief Electoral Officer on Tuesday, the Commission said "The Aadhaar card shall be treated as the 12th document, in addition to the 11 documents listed..."



The EC made it clear that the Aadhaar card is to be accepted and utilised as a

"proof of identity and not as a proof of citizenship", in terms of Section 9 of the Aadhaar (Delivery of Financial And Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act.

Under Section 23(4) of the Representation of People Act, 1950, the Aadhaar Card is already one of the documents enumerated for the purpose of establishing the identity of a person.

TMH Organizes 'Walk for Life' and Awareness Campaign on World Suicide Prevention Day

DB Reporter

Jamshedpur : Tata Main Hospital's (TMH) Department of Psychiatry organized a comprehensive awareness campaign under the global theme "Changing the Narrative" to mark World Suicide Prevention Day. The initiative aimed to dismantle the stigma around suicide, foster open dialogue, and highlight the urgent need for systemic change in how society approaches mental health.

The day's events began with a symbolic "Walk for Life" walkathon, flagged off by Dr Vinita Singh, General Manager, Medical Services, Tata Steel. She was joined by senior management, doctors, and staff members from TMH, who walked together to demonstrate the hospital's commitment



ment to community awareness and suicide prevention.

The formal program commenced with an inaugural ceremony and traditional lamp-lighting. Dr Vinita Singh graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while Dr H.C. Bandhu, Dean In-charge of Manipal Tata Medical College, joined as Guest of Honour. The event was

attended by senior medical professionals including Dr Ashok Sunder, Chief Medical Indoor Services; TMH, Dr Mamta Rath Datta, Chief Medical Support Services; Tata Steel and other distinguished doctors from both TMH and Manipal Tata Medical College. In her keynote address, Dr Vinita Singh lauded the Psychiatry team for

their tireless efforts in addressing mental health challenges. She stressed that each individual's contribution is vital in combating stigma and promoting compassion, dialogue, and community support.

A thought-provoking skit on suicide prevention by the College of Nursing, TMH, was a poignant highlight of the program. This was followed by an insightful panel discussion on "Changing the Narrative: Building a Community of Support for Suicide Prevention," moderated by Dr Manoj Sahoo, Head of Psychiatry, TMH. Panelists included Dr Mamta Rath Datta, Sanjay Mishra (Senior Resident Editor, Prabhat Khabar, Jamshedpur), Ms. Upama De (Principal, College of Nursing, TMH),

Dr. Harshita Biswas (Clinical Psychologist, Dept. of Psychiatry, TMH), and Dr. Leela Sameer (Associate Specialist, Dept. of Medicine).

The panel collectively emphasized the urgent need to break the silence around suicide by encouraging open conversations about mental health. They called for building a culture of empathy, accessibility, and support, where individuals feel represented and empowered to seek help.

The event concluded with the prize distribution ceremony for the Digital Art Competition on Suicide Prevention, followed by a heartfelt vote of thanks, reaffirming the community's commitment to mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

Editorial

The 'Gen-Z' rebellion in Nepal

In Nepal , the youth of Generation Z became angry, agitated and somewhat violent and not only took to the streets but also entered the Parliament building. This rebellion is not in view of the restrictions imposed on social media, but is a mass revolt against the country's 'musical chairs'. Late night, Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli's government freed 26 apps like Facebook, Whatsapp, X, Instagram, YouTube etc. from restrictions, curfew was also lifted in many places, but the youth of Gen-Z are still agitated. They are demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Oli's government. This is a battle of generational gap and transition, a conflict. The youth want a government of their representation in the country, so that their problems can be understood. The migration of youth can be stopped. They should not have to struggle abroad for studies and jobs. Overall, this rebellion of the youth is against unemployment, inflation, widespread corruption. Now they neither want Prachanda's leadership nor are they acceptable to Oli. This rebellion can write a new prelude to the change of power in Nepal. The disillusionment of Gen-Z towards the democratic system in Nepal has become so deep that they have also been agitating in favor of the restoration of monarchy. Anyway, 20 people have died and about 500 youths are injured in the suddenly violent youth rebellion in Nepal. Journalists have also been shot. This figure can also increase. Due to the rebellion, curfew had to be imposed around the Presidential Palace, Prime Minister's residence and the central administrative area. Security had to be increased. Curfew was imposed in 7 cities. A meeting of the National Security Council was called under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Oli and Home Minister Ramesh Lekhak resigned on moral grounds. In fact, the Supreme Court of Nepal had ruled that all foreign social media companies should comply with the government's order and get registered in Nepal and appoint local representatives.Foreign companies did not take this decision seriously either, as a result the government had to ban 26 apps except the Chinese 'TikTok'. Nepal has a population of about 3 crore, but there are about 1.65 crore internet connections. People definitely watch some social media. All platforms are free. In such a situation, the youth of Gen-Z felt as if their voice had been suppressed! The unemployment rate in Nepal is 10.71 percent. Inflation is 5.2 percent. Economic inequality is so much that 20 percent of the people own 56 percent of the wealth. Due to nepotism and placing favourites on the chair, foreign trips of the children of leaders, branded goods, lavish parties started becoming popular on social media. The 'Nepo Baby' campaign of Philippines, Indonesia started trending in Nepal itself.

Why did the flood cause so much destruction?

Overall, floods do not occur only due to natural reasons, but human mistakes make it more dangerous. If the drains and canals are not cleaned properly, silt remains in the rivers, which stops the flow of water, many embankments and dams are in dilapidated condition and are not repaired on time, then why will there not be any damage. Apart from this, illegal mining, deforestation and uncontrolled construction on the river banks also increase the risk of floods. In many places, the drainage system is weak, due to which water remains stagnant for days. Experts believe that cutting of trees is directly increasing disasters like floods and landslides...

Dr. Varindra Bhatia

Many states of the country including Punjab, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh are facing heavy rains and floods. This time the floods in Punjab and Himachal have pushed them back economically. It is being considered the most severe flood of the last several years. Statistics show that so far hundreds of villages have been submerged in water, lakhs of people have become homeless and thousands of acres of standing crops have been destroyed. Roads, bridges and houses have suffered heavy damage. This is no less than a national disaster. Floods have been a recurring phenomenon in India and cause heavy losses to life and property, livelihood systems, infrastructure and public utilities. India's high risk vulnerability is highlighted by the fact that out of the geographical area of 3290 lakh hectares, 40 million hectares are affected by floods, which is 12 percent. State-wise studies show that about 27 percent of the damage caused by floods in the country occurs in Bihar, 33 percent in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand and 15 percent in Punjab and Haryana. This time floods and rains have caused heavy damage in Himachal Pradesh too. Infrastructure, human life and industries have been damaged. Apart from the apple industry, the hotel and tourism industries have also been badly affected. On September 4, the Supreme Court took cognizance of the video of wooden logs floating in the water during the floods in Himachal Pradesh and said that it appears that large-scale illegal tree felling is taking place in the Himalayan region. A bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai and Justice K. Vinod Chandran



termed the matter serious and said, 'We have seen unprecedented landslides and floods in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab. Media reports also revealed that a large number of wooden logs were seen floating during the floods. Prima facie it seems that illegal tree felling is taking place in the mountains.' In the last two months, several people have died and many are missing in different parts of the country due to weather-related incidents. What is the reason for this devastation? According to analysts, the reason for the change in the pattern of heat waves and monsoon is the warming of the earth. There is a direct relationship between these extreme weather events and climate change. The disasters that are occurring due to weather right now are a direct effect of climate change. Between 1950 and 2015, the incidence of rainfall of more than 150 mm in a day in central India has increased by 75 percent. Also, the dry period is also getting longer than before. These natural disasters are also affecting people's lives and businesses. Crops have been damaged due to landslides. Traffic has come to a halt in many areas due to the washing away of roads and bridges. A continuous

increase in temperature has been observed in the last one and a half decade. According to experts, there used to be severe heat earlier also and there used to be heavy rains too, but in the last few years, both its intensity and frequency have increased. Especially in the case of heat waves. This is increasing the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. This is directly related to global warming. If the temperature increases by one degree, the atmosphere's ability to hold moisture and steam increases by 7 percent. This leads to the formation of large clouds which cause more rain and lightning. The biggest reason for this is considered to be the increasing amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. The increasing amount of carbon dioxide, which is mainly released from the burning of fossil fuels, increases the humidity in our atmosphere, which is affecting the monsoon and rain patterns. Monsoons used to rain heavily earlier too. But earlier the duration of rain during monsoons was long. Now there is intense and short duration rain which increases the risk of floods. Both global and regional temperatures are increasing and India is a good

example for heat waves. The people of India are facing the brunt of the changing weather today. In densely populated cities, water-logging occurs even after a few hours of rain. Experts believe that the main reason for this is the occupation of concrete buildings in place of green forests and empty land. Urban development has reduced green space. The result is that rain water does not seep into the ground properly and a situation like flooding arises. Along with this, more damage is being caused due to the lack of effective drainage system for the accumulated water. The serious consequences of ignoring nature and environment are more clearly visible in the mountains. Indiscriminate development has swallowed up natural water sources. Lakes and water bodies present in cities have now turned into buildings. In such a situation, roads start looking like ponds after a few hours of rain and cities come to a standstill. Slope stability is deteriorating due to hydroelectric and road development, which is a major cause of landslides. Natural events such as earthquakes already challenge mountain stability, and human activities have further increased this risk. We should think at what cost we are doing such development. Overall, floods do not occur only due to natural reasons, but human mistakes make it more dangerous. If the drains and canals are not cleaned properly, silt remains deposited in the rivers, which stops the flow of water, many embankments and dams are in dilapidated condition and are not repaired on time, then why will there not be any damage. Apart from this, illegal mining, deforestation and uncontrolled construction on the river banks also increase the risk of floods.

Youth getting trapped in the web of social media

Uma Thakur 'Nadhaik

From the beginning of the twenty-first century a new era was born, that of social media. Sites like Facebook, Instagram and YouTube not only promised to connect people, but they also gave birth to a new cultural stream, reel culture. Social media is not just a game of technology, but a part of human emotions and psychology... If we read the history of human civilization deeply, we find that every era has created its identity through some medium or the other. Sometimes pictures were engraved on the walls of caves, sometimes words were written on copper plates and manuscripts. Ever since man learned the art of sharing words and thoughts, the importance of communication in his life kept increasing. Sometimes by sitting near the stove, sometimes in the village Chaupals, sometimes by singing songs on the river bank and sometimes by narrating stories in the courts, people kept conveying their experiences, their feelings and their thoughts to each other. Over time,

when script and language developed, a new world of communication and knowledge opened up. From the invention of the printing machine to radio, television and then the Internet, every era tried to connect humans in its own way. The journey of human civilization has always been connected with new methods of communication and dialogue. When primitive man first made pictures on the walls of the cave, it was an attempt to make his experiences and imaginations permanent. Just as the figures carved on the walls of caves in ancient times used to tell the stories of their time, similarly the reels scrolling on the mobile screens in today's time testify to our society and culture. But the difference is that the walls of the caves were permanent, they had the patience of time and the expanse of creativity, while today's digital reels are ephemeral, fast, and often colored in the colors of superficiality. This difference tells us why today social media, especially reels and posts, have deeply influenced our young minds. Today's era is the era

of information and communication technology. The biggest cultural and social explosion that took place in the sky of the Internet in the beginning of the twenty-first century was the birth of social media, which has turned the whole world into a 'global village'. In the beginning, their objective was simple - to connect people, erase distances and make communication easier. This virtual world of the Internet initially provided an open platform for friendship, relationships and sharing of ideas. The journey of social media is almost two decades old. In the last years of the twentieth century, when the internet started entering everyday life, new forms of communication started taking birth. In 1997, the first social networking platform named 'Six Degrees' came out. Then mediums like ICQ and Yahoo Chat gave people a new taste of mutual communication. Gradually, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube made communication more attractive by adding pictures, videos and music. In India, this journey gained momentum from the end of the 2000s. First through cyber cafes in

cities, then the spread of smartphones and cheap internet took it to every village. In 2004, sites like Facebook and Orkut connected the youth, then in 2006 Twitter spread thoughts all over the world by binding them in 140 characters. After this, YouTube, Twitter and Instagram, Telegram, Snapchat made it even more widespread. Initially, people used to share photos and short messages, but soon the era of videos came. In 2020, Instagram started the feature of reels, which gave the youth a new platform to express their talent, thoughts and feelings through 15-30 second videos. Today, reels have become a big source of entertainment, art, education and even employment. All this happened within just two decades, and it has changed our way of thinking, speaking, and even living. From a literary point of view, social media is a new 'epic' whose lines are posts and reels, whose narrators are crores of people and whose story is our collective humanity. When a youth in the hills of Himachal uploads a short video in his mother's dialect,

he not only entertains, but also adds a new verse to this epic. Himachal Pradesh, located in the lap of the Himalayas, has also not remained untouched by this global wave. The villages where letters used to reach only by post, today the screens of smartphones are shining there. There was a time when people used to share their stories in the village Chaupal, fairs, festivals, Dev Yatras, weddings, temple courtyards or in relatives' gatherings. Communication meant sitting face-to-face and talking, looking into each other's eyes and understanding the pain and happiness of life. But with the beginning of the twenty-first century, a new era was born, that of social media. Sites like Facebook, Instagram and YouTube not only promised to connect people, but they also gave birth to a new cultural stream, reel culture. Social media is not just a game of technology, but a part of human emotions and social psychology. Reels and posts appeal to our emotions because humans always want to hear a story.



tions in Delhi said that the country's interest in critical minerals was not a secret. "We naturally encourage commercial cooperation on a business-to-business basis for securing rare earth minerals from available suppliers globally," the official said, without directly referencing interactions with the rebel group. IREL sent a team to Kachin state in December to study resources, Reuters previously reported. U.S. President Donald Trump's administration has also heard proposals for tapping Myanmar's supplies of rare earths, including one that would involve cooperation with India, the news agency reported. China has an ongoing relationship with the KIA, which also supplies Beijing with heavy rare earths, said Angshuman Choudhury, a Singapore-based independent analyst of India-Myanmar relations.

Speaking about the festival, Arjun Motha, Founder of Aqua Outback and former National Kiteboarding Champion, said as quoted by the press release, "Kadal Kondattam is more than just a sports event, it is a celebration of our oceans, our culture, and our community."