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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 doubling Bhagalpur-Dumka-Rampurhat single railway line section (177 km) in Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal at a total cost of about Rs 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 muchneeded 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.

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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' strug-

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 facili-



ously 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 Puja Mahanagar Durga Committee, District Durga Puja Committee and Shri Mahavir Mandal, Ranchi met Chief Minister Hemant Soren at his official residence on Kanke

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 peri-

Invitation extended to CM and family

On the occasion, the delegation extended a cordial invitation to Road. The delegation briefed the 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 Angvastra 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

Danish arrested in Jharkhand, another held in Delhi

Suspected ISIS terrorist Azhar



<u>DB Reporter</u>

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 terror- During sustained interroist was arrested in Delhi gation Chaurasiya "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

linked module Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) with the arrest of a 43-yearold 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 Chaurasiva.

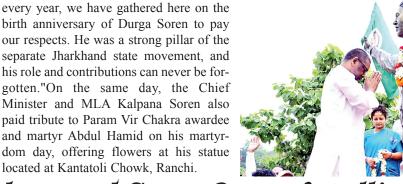
revealed that he had procured 16 SIM cards using his Aadhaar credentials and sent them to Nepal, out of which 11 were being operated on WhatsApp from Lahore, Bahawalpur and other parts of Pakistan by ISI operatives. These were allegedly being used for espionage and other anti-India activities.Officials 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

CM pays tribute to ex-MLA Durga Soren on his birth anniversary

DB Reporter

his birth anniversary. The leaders visited the Durga Soren Memorial in Namkum, where they offered floral tributes to his statue and bowed in respect. Addressing the media, CM Hemant Soren said, "As

Ranchi: Jharkhand Chief Minister birth anniversary of Durga Soren to pay Hemant Soren, along with his wife, MLA our respects. He was a strong pillar of the Kalpana Soren, paid heartfelt tribute to the separate Jharkhand state movement, and late former MLA and prominent leader of his role and contributions can never be forthe Jharkhand movement, Durga Soren, on gotten." On the same day, the Chief Minister and MLA Kalpana Soren also paid tribute to Param Vir Chakra awardee and martyr Abdul Hamid on his martyrdom day, offering flowers at his statue located at Kantatoli Chowk, Ranchi.



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



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 auc-

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 <u>Agency</u>

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

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.

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 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 jamabandi cancellation cases was

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-

unnecessarily, to ensure early disposal of pending cases by thoroughly reviewing the cases filed and executed in the e-revenue court. Instructions were cials to review the complaints given to make progress in the related to revenue and land matters related to land acquired under the Land Acquisition Acts acquisition received in the Janta Darbar and submit the investigaand on all parameters. tion report. Along with this, the Additional Collector was directed to review through VC every week and the concerned SDO

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.

Instructions were also given to

increase the progress in the mutation process, not to keep the

rectification cases pending

Grand Oath-Taking Ceremony Held at Radha Govind Public School

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: A grand oath-taking ceremony was organized during the morning assembly at Radha Govind Senior Secondary Public School to induct the newly elected members of the Student Council. The event aimed to instill leadership qualities, a sense of duty, and responsibility among the students.

The newly elected council members-including the Head Boy, Head Girl, House Captains, Discipline In-charges,



In-charges, Cultural Hostel In-charges, and representatives of the Eco Club and Music formally Club-were invested with their duties by the school Principal, Dr. Sujit Kumar Mohanty, who presented them with sashes, ribbons,

The students took a solemn oath to carry out their responsibilities with dedication, honesty, and integrity.

In his address, the Principal congratulated the council members and emphasized that taking on leadership roles during student life is a matter of pride.

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.

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:

and DCLR should physically

inspect the zonal office every

week and submit the investiga-

- >> Roshan Kumar President
- **▶** Dilip Kumar Working President
- >> Vicky Chandravanshi Senior Vice President

tion report.

- **▶** 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 wellorganized cultural event for the people of Ramgarh.

Students Protest Against Principal Over Poor Sanitation Facilities

badges.

Shyamdev Mehta Ichak, Hazaribagh Students of Upgraded Plus Two High School, Tilra Kewatu staged a protest against Principal Shravan 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



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 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 Shravan 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

"Football is Mentally Beneficial," Says Ramesh Kumar Mahato

DB Reporter

The highlight of the event

Ramgarh: In a spirited effort to promote sports among rural youth, the Jharkhand Democratic Front Revolutionary organized a sports gear distribution program in village, Chainagada under Patratu block of district. Ramgarh Football jerseys and shoes were distributed to players of the Yuva Vikas Supporting Club, Chainagada, under the leadership of Central Rajendra Secretary Bedia.

The event aimed to encourage sportsmanship and active participation in physical activities the youth. among 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 economwell-being. 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 45minute 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 Naushad President 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 Gudddu 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, Media and 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



Shraddh (funeral rites) ceremo-

Speaking to the media, Manglesh stated, "Serving the underprivileged is the truest and two sacks of flour for the form of service. Standing beside addressing public concerns and

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

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 Bhattcharjee, Hon. Secretary JMA and Head Sales East & Export, Metaliks Division, Tata Steel.

The award was presented by Mr. Vardhan Shringla, Harsh 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

Wednesday. In this program organized by the students of the third semester, first of all, Vice India's first President and ideal teacher Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan remembered. After that, some cultural presentations were made by the students. On the request of the students, the teach-

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. Lakra, Margaret 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 bv Dr. Sunil Kumar Kashyap, Deputy General Secretary of JHROTEF (Jharkhand Organised Rajya 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 11point 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: 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. Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) office, and police stations 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 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



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 nationbuilders who also impart life lessons beyond textbooks. 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 commendoperation, 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 ?5 lakh over the phone. Upon receiving the complaint, Superintendent of Police immediately directed urgent action. A cued Saurabh Kumar



from the Sahurudbar

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 res-

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, Rupalal 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

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Sah stated that Teacher's

Hazaribagh - In a dedicated effort to promote women's health and HZB awareness. 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 condi-

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 Java 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 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

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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



CCL officials and school management.

In the painting competition, Divya Kumari and Ragini Kumari secured first place, Dulari Parveen Umas and

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 inci-

occurred Wednesday morning at Chapapur OCP in the Nirsa 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 Nirsa region despite administrative assurances. Attempts to contact Nirsa 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

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 ing his alleged will and seek-

New Delhi, Agency: unregistered will does not ter actor Karisma 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

> 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 dis-close 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, challeng-



ing shares in assets reportedly worth 30,000 crore.

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

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 process "unholy." Her counreplies. 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

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 cated" by her.

plaint) and ask you to file sel 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 fabri-

ED arrests Karnataka

Congress MLA Satish Krishna

Sail in money laundering case

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

New Delhi, Agency: After the collapse of the Nepalese gov-ernment, 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 money goes abroad. Someone's

In India as well, taxpayers' Jay Shah, who is the current pres-

on free ration. This is exactly how son lives in Dubai, some in Nepal is and used to be," he Singapore," said Raut, followed by a jibe at Amit Shah and his son

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 val-

"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

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

New Delhi, Agency: The Enforcement

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, Swastik 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 (Delivery Aadhaar And Financial Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act.

Under Section 23(4) of Representation 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 commit-



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 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 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 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, waterlogging 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 twentyfirst 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 per-

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

cities, then the spread of smart- he not only entertains, but also adds phones 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,

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 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 faceto-face and talking, looking into each other's eyes and understanding the pain and happiness of life. But with the beginning of the twentyfirst 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.

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One in four iPhone buyers opts for flexible financing: Report

With the highly anticipated ers and making premium iPhone 17 hitting the market and creating buzz among Apple loyalists, new data records a notable rise tier-2 and tier-3 cities in the use of flexible payment options, as one in four buyers between January and August 2025 opted for NBFC loans, increases". credit card EMIs, or cashback schemes.

leading omni-channel electronics retailer Croma, reveals that Apple continues to enjoy a dominant India's Tier 2/3 cities: share in the premium Guwahati, smartphone segment, with Varanasi, and Panipat, flexible financing playing a key role in driving this times year-on-year," the growth.

"One in four iPhone

New Delhi, Agency: breaking down price barritechnology more accessible," read the report.

> It further noted that and not just metros — are driving growth in sales, with "some cities reporting over fivefold year-on-year

"While among tier-1 cities, Lucknow, Bhopal, The data, released by and Jaipur posted the fastest growth, in excess of 35 per cent. The most surprising story lies in Jabalpur, grew in the excess of five report added.

However, metro cities buyers opted for NBFC still lead in "absolute loans or credit card numbers", with Delhi, EMIs/cashback schemes Mumbai, and Bengaluru between Jan-Aug 2025, accounting for nearly a



third of iPhone sales between January and August 2025.

Tier 2/3 markets now contribute more than a third of our iPhone business, signalling a real shift in consumer aspirations. Flexible financing has been the game-changer, opening doors for every customer who earlier saw premium devices as out of reach. What excites us most is that this isn't just a big-city phenomenon anymore; the desire for premium tech is now truly pan-India," said a spokesperson at Croma — Infiniti Retail Ltd.

With over 560+ stores across 200+ cities, Infiniti Retail Ltd., operating under Croma, is one of the first organised consumer durables and electronics

India-Oman FTA may happen in a week: Piyush Goyal

New Delhi, Agency:In a week's time, chances are high that India and Oman will ink a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) to boost trade and commerce between both countries, Minister of Commerce Piyush Goyal said on Wednesday.Oman and India are talking on an FTA, and it may happen in a week," he said while addressing the 'FICCI LEADS' event in New Delhi, adding that efforts will be made to expedite the discussion.

The FTA would be under the Comprehensive Economic Agreement. Partnership Negotiations for a comprehensive trade deal between India and Oman, which commenced in 2023, have been concluded recently."India wants to be a part of the developed world. We want to work with friendly countries," ing fresh rounds he said, adding that India wants European Union (EU).



to engage actively with its trade partners.

in the event, he said that "we have aligned interests and we can truly create partnerships."Goyal informed that more FTAs with other countries are also in the offing, and it will take some time.A meeting with Commissioner is scheduled today on different FTAs, the minister added.India's trade deal negotiations gained momentum this week with multiple bilateral engagements underway, including fresh rounds with the

Ratings Wednesday raised India's GDP growth forecast to 6.9 per cent for current fiscal year, from 6.5 per cent earlier, citing strong June quarter growth and domestic

consumption-led demand. Fitch is the first global rating agency to have upped India's GDP growth estimates for current fiscal year after the string of downward revisions by various agencies earlier this year due to trade and tariff uncertain-

on

In its Global Economic Outlook (GEO)-September, Fitch said the pace of eco-

New Delhi, Agency: sharply between the March and June quarters of current fiscal year. The real GDP growth in April-June rose to 7.8 per cent year-onyear, from 7.4 per cent in January-March.

In its June GEO report, Fitch had forecast a 6.7 per cent growth for the April-June quarter.

"On the back of the 2Q25 (April-June) outturn, Fitch has revised up its forecast for the fiscal year ending March 2026 (FY26) to 6.9 per cent from 6.5 per cent in the June GEO," it said.

Fitch said the trade tensions with the US have increased in recent months, nomic activity accelerated with the US imposing an ed reforms to the Goods and



additional 25 per cent tariff on imports from India. Effective August 27, Indian goods in US attract a 50 per cent duty.

"We expect this will eventually be negotiated lower, but the uncertainty around trade relations will dampen business sentiment and potentially investment. The government has adopt-

Services Tax to be effective from September 22, which should modestly boost consumer spending over the remainder of this and the next fiscal years," Fitch said.Domestic demand will be the key driver of growth, as strong real income dynamics support consumer spending and looser financial conditions should feed through to investment, Fitch added. However, Fitch expects growth to slow in the second half (October-March) of the financial year. For the next fiscal year (2026-27), Fitch projected growth at 6.3 per cent, which would edge down to 6.2 per cent in FY28.

Croma to offer all-new iPhone Air, iPhone 17 and iPhone 17 Pro

Ranchi: Croma has announced the launch of Apple's iPhone 17 series in India, including iPhone 17, the ultra-thin iPhone Air, iPhone 17 Pro, and iPhone 17 Pro Max. Prices start at Rs 82,900 for iPhone 17, Rs 1,19,900 for iPhone Air, Rs 1,34,900 for iPhone 17 Pro, and Rs 1,49,900 for iPhone 17 Pro

The iPhone 17 introduces a 6.3-inch Super Retina XDR display with ProMotion, 256GB starting storage, and a 10-minute charge delivering 8 hours of video playback. It also features a new Center Stage front camera and 48MP Fusion camera system. The Pro models add a horizontal camera layout, A19 Pro chip, enhanced thermal performance, and advanced Pro-grade features. Pre-orders will open September 12 at 5:30 PM, with availability from September 19 at 8:00 AM across 574 Croma stores in 206 cities and online at www.croma.com.Croma will also offer Apple Watch Series 11 (Rs 46,900), Watch Ultra 3 (Rs 89,900), Watch SE 3 (Rs 25,900), and AirPods Pro 3 (Rs 25,900). These devices introduce new health, fitness, and Apple Intelligencepowered features, alongside improved durability and battery life.

Vadilal Industries names Himanshu Kanwar as first non-family CEO

Fitch raises India's FY26 GDP forecast to

New Delhi, Agency: Himanshu Kanwar is a seasoned consumer pusiness leader with over two decades of experience spanning FMCG giants and high-growth consumer startups. He combines classical brand-building expertise with new-age digital fluency, making him uniquely positioned to drive innovation, market transformation, and sustainable value creation.

At Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL), he held multiple senior leadership roles across foods, beverages, personal care, and ice creams. As Business Head - Ice Creams, he steered the portfolio to robust growth through strategic acquisitions, disruptive innovations, and sustained margin expan-



sion. Later, as Global Brand Director for HUL's South Asia Haircare portfolio, he led brand strategy, innovation pipelines, and positioning refreshes for several iconic personal care brands, further strengthening HUL's market leadership.Earlier in his career, Kanwar managed some of India's most trusted household names in detergents and beverages, while also gaining deep commercial acumen through frontilhe sales leadership roles. Since 2022, he has been associated with a leading startup enabler, mentoring fast-scaling consumer businesses across beauty, food, fintech, and OTT. His work focuses on helping founders sharpen their growth strategies, expand digital channels, and build strong organisational capabilities. An alumnus of the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta,

where he specialised in Marketing, and a Computer Engineering graduate from Delhi College of Engineering, Kanwar brings the rare blend of analytical rigour, brand expertise, and entrepreneurial mindset.

India explores rare-earth deal with Myanmar rebels after Chinese curbs

India is working to obtain cient levels of heavy rare rare-earth samples from Myanmar with the assistance of a powerful rebel group, according to four people familiar with the matter, as it seeks alternative supplies of a strategic resource tightly controlled by China.

India's Ministry of Mines asked state-owned and private firms to explore collecting and transporting samples from mines in northeastern Myanmar that are under the control of the Kachin Independence Army, three of the people said.

State-owned miner IREL and private firm Midwest Advanced Materials - which received government funding last year for the commercial manufacturing of rare-earth magnets - were among those involved in the discussions, the sources said.

New Delhi hopes to test the samples in domestic labs

New Delhi, Agency: to ensure they contain suffiearths that can be processed into magnets used in electronic vehicles and other advanced equipment, according to the people.

The ministry made the request - signalling a rare instance of Delhi engaging with a non-state actor -at an online meeting in July, according to two of the people. The meeting was attended by representatives from IREL, Midwest and at least one other company, one of the sources said.

The KIA has started gathering samples for India's analysis, said the fourth person, who is an official with the armed group.

The rebels have also agreed to assess if bulk exports to India are possible, according to the KIA official, who like the other sources spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensi-



tive matters.

Details of India's engagement with the KIA are reported by Reuters for the first

India's foreign and mining ministries did not respond to Reuters' questions. IREL and Midwest also did not return

requests for comment. A spokesperson for the

KIA did not respond to calls and messages.

Chinese control Although rare earths are relatively abundant, China has near-absolute control over the technology that processes the minerals into magnets.Beijing has sharply exports restricted processed rare earths

up geopolitical leverage amid its trade war with the United States.Delhi has made moves to shore up supplies. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Aug. 31 that he had discussed rare-earth mining during a meeting in China with Myanmar junta chief Min Aung Hlaing, whose forces are battling the KIA. He did not elaborate.No deal was publicly announced and the junta did not return a request for comment.India is also seeking to address its lack of industrial-scale facilities to process rare-earth elements to high purity levels.IREL has sought partnerships with Japanese and Korean companies to begin commercial production of rare-earth magnets, Reuters reported last month.Asked by Reuters about India's engagement with the KIA, an Indian official familiar with delibera-

major economies like India tions in Delhi said that the this year as it seeks to shore 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 group.IREL sent a team to Kachin state in December to study resources, Reuters previously reported. 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.

What is Chagas disease? Know causes symptoms, and kissing bug connection

of diseases keep making people their victims all over the world. Chagas disease is one ous disease.

this disease mostly affects it has started being found in other places as well.

by which parasite?

Chagas disease is an illness caused by the parasite Trypanosoma cruzi. It is named after Brazilian physician Carlos Chagas, who discovered the disease in 1909. Chagas disease can occur when a person is infected parasite Trypanosoma cruzi. This is

New Delhi:Many types atomine or kissing bug, which transmits the parasite to the human body.

These insects that are of them, which is a danger- responsible for Chagas disease are prevalent in impov-According to the WHO, erished regions in rural Latin America. Experts say people in Latin America, but at least 11 million people across South and Central America and Mexico are Chagas disease is caused believed to have this disease. However, most do not know that there is treatment. This fatal disease, Chagas, cannot be cured without medication. This disease is spreading from America to destinations all over the world.

WHO has said close to 6-7 million people are infected every year with Chagas disease around the world, and an insect also known as a tri- 12,000 people die every



year. For these reasons, the If a person is treated with WHO promotes awareness these drugs early on, they among people about Chagas disease every year on April

Chagas disease symptoms you should know

> Headaches **Body Aches** Fatigue Larger glands Fever

Rash Appetite loss Having diarrhoea

Throwing up Swelling in the face or eye

Chagas disease treatment

options treated by either benznidazole or nifurtimox. Both of have testing before you have

work very well. However, as time passes, or the older the person is after the person is infected, the effectiveness does not remain the same. Pregnant women should not be treated with these medications. These drugs should also not be administered to people with kidney or liver

How to prevent Chagas disease

In order to prevent Chagas disease, you should keep the house and property clean. You should also spray insecticides regularly and Chagas dis ease can be sleep under a mosquito net at night. You should also these drugs kill the parasite. any blood.



A doctor explains why timely vaccination is the best gift for your child

children are vaccinated as recommended by the doctor. It is a known fact that vaccines are one of the safest and most effective ways to protect children from serious diseases and ensure a healthier future.

So, schedule an appointment with the doctor without any further delay. So, get vaccinated and stay safe!

Why child vaccination is important Immunisation keeps children safe from life-threatening infections like measles, polio, hepatitis, and whooping cough. Currently, a large number of children are suffering from various preventable diseases, and timely vaccination ensures that children stay healthy and grow without the burden of diseases that once caused widespread deaths. Every

ble diseases. Expert advice on timely immunisation According to Dr Milind Jambagi, Head

parent wants their child to grow up

healthy, strong, and free from preventa-

New Delhi: Parents, ensure that your Emergency Services and Paediatrician, Ankura Hospital for Women and Children, Pune, one of the most effective ways to ensure this is through timely vaccination. Vaccines are safe, proven, and among the greatest achievements of modern medicine. They not only protect children from serious illnesses but also secure a healthier future for entire com-

> A vital reminder of the role vaccines safeguarding children. Immunisation is more than just an injection; it is a shield that protects against life-threatening infections such as measles, polio, hepatitis, whooping cough, pneumonia, and meningitis.

Vaccines will shield against deadly diseases. So, vaccines like BCG (for tuberculosis), polio, hepatitis B, DTP/DTaP, Hib, MMR, rotavirus, pneumococcal, influenza, varicella, hepatitis A, typhoid, and HPV help prevent illnesses that can raise morbidity and mortality of Paediatric Intensivist (PICU) and rates in patients. They help to build

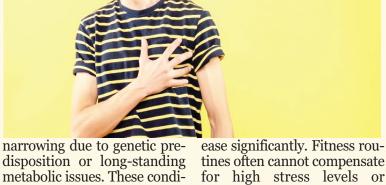
Heart disease in fit people? Cardiologist explains hidden risks and prevention

New Delhi:It is widely believed that heart disease only threatens those who are overweight, inactive, or living with unhealthy habits. But cardiologists warn this is a dangerous myth. Even people who look healthy and follow strict exercise routines may still face hidden risks.

Subrat Akoury, Chairman of Cath Lab and Interventional Cardiologist and Head (Unit 1) at Asian Hospital, explains: "Fitness definitely lowers the risk of heart disease, but it doesn't make anyone immune. We see active young, people, marathon runners, gym enthusiasts, and even yoga practitioners coming in with heart problems. Genetics, stress, undiagnosed conditions, and metabolic factors beyond exercise can silently affect heart health." Let's explore it further:

Hidden risk factors beyond physical appearance

While physical activity is crucial, doctors emphasise that invisible health issues can quietly raise risk. According to Dr Subrat, cholesterol levels, high blood pressure, diabetes, and family history are some of the most common culprits. A person may look perfectly healthy from the outside, but internally, arteries may still be



metabolic issues. These conditions often remain undetected until a major cardiac event Experts warn that relying

only on external fitness without medical monitoring can be cardiac arrests, showing that no one is entirely risk-free.

The role of stress and lifestyle

Modern lifestyles add another layer of concern. Long work hours, irregular sleep, and high-pressure environments can significantly strain the heart.

Dr Subrat highlights: "Chronic stress, irregular sleep, excessive work pressure, and poor dietary habits

tines often cannot compensate for high stress levels or unhealthy eating patterns. Heart health must be looked at holistically."

Why regular check-ups are non-negotiable

Being fit should not create dangerous. Even professional a false sense of security. athletes have suffered sudden Cardiac screenings and preventive tests remain essential even for those under 40.

Dr Subrat insists: "Annual cardiac screening, blood tests, and blood pressure monitoring are essential, especially after the age of 30. Prevention is always better than emergency intervention."

Tests such as lipid profiles, ECGs, and echocardiograms can identify risks early, allowing doctors to recommend lifestyle changes or treatment increase the risk of heart dis- before complications arise.

Early signs of diabetes: 8 symptoms Indians often ignore

New Delhi:Diabetes is a Indians tend to overlook. condition wherein an individual has elevated blood sugar should not ignore levels. India has one of the highest populations of adults with diabetes. The condition affects nearly 89 million people. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), in India, around 77 million adults live with type 2 diabetes and nearly 25 million with prediabetes, with more than 50% of people unaware of their condition.

The condition often goes unnoticed until it leads to serious complications. Recognising the early symptoms can help in timely diagnosis and management. Here, take a look at some of the early signs of diabetes that

Early signs of diabetes you

Frequent Urination: High blood sugar forces the kidneys to work harder, which leads to frequent trips to the bathroom. If you notice increased urination, especially at night, it could be a warning sign.

Excessive Thirst: Frequent urination often causes dehydration, which makes you feel unusually thirsty throughout the day. Constant thirst is one of the earliest signs.

Unexplained Fatigue: Even with enough rest, people with diabetes often feel tired. This happens because the body cannot use glucose for energy effectively, which leaves you drained.



sugar can affect your eyes, causing blurry or fluctuating vision. Ignoring this can lead

Blurred Vision: High blood to more serious eye issues later.

Slow Healing of Wounds: bruises or minor Cuts,

injuries that take longer than usual to heal are a sign of diabetes. Poor circulation and nerve damage caused by diabetes can delay recovery.

Unexplained Changes: Both sudden weight loss and weight gain can be early signs of diabetes. The body either breaks down fat and muscle for energy or struggles with insulin resist-

Tingling or Numbness: High blood sugar can damage nerves, causing tingling, numbness or burning sensations in hands and feet. This is an early sign of diabetic neuropathy. Frequent Infections: Diabetes tends to weaken immunity, and this makes you prone to urinary tract infections, skin infections and fungal infections. If these are recurring, you should get yourself tested.

Before we take on world, let's conquer Asia first": Surya kumar Yadav ahead of Asia Cup 2025 opener against UAE

of the Asia Cup 2025 opener against the United Arab **Emirates** (UAE) Wednesday, India T20I captain Suryakumar Yadav stated that his team must "conquer" Asia before facing the world's best teams in the sport's shortest format.

India has been earmarked as the clear favourite to lift the Asia Cup trophy on paper by fans and former cricketers. The 15-player squad covers all facets of the game and provides the much-needed firepower across the batting and bowling departments.

India will kick off their campaign against the UAE on September 10, while the high-

Dubai, Agency: Ahead Pakistan is scheduled for September 14, with both fixtures set to be played in Dubai. India will play their final group stage fixture against Oman on September 19 in Abu Dhabi.

> Speaking on the Asia Cup 2025, Suryakumar said in the video posted by the Indian Cricket Team on Instagram, "It was a long off, but I am back. Before we take on the world, let's conquer Asia

After the conclusion of the 18th season of the IPL in June this year, a couple of weeks later, Suryakumar confirmed that he had undergone successful sports hernia surgery in Munich, Germany. against After returning to India, he



CoE, and after weeks of hard the 34-year-old revealed that he is "feeling

So far in the history of the Asia Cup, the Men in Blue have managed to lift the title on eight occasions (1984, 1988, 1990-91,1995, 2010, 2016, 2018 and 2023).

Expressing views on winning the Asia Cup titles, Team India vice-captain, Shubman Gill, said, "Eight times, to be precise.'

In the 2025 edition of the Asia Cup, the Indian Cricket Team will face opponents like Bangladesh, Afghanistan, UAE, Oman, Hong Kong, and Sri Lanka in the competition in order to Yashasvi Jaiswal.

continued his rehab at the clinch the Asia Cup title once again.

Left-hand batter Tilak Varma feels that no can be taken lightly in this tournament. "Not taking any opponent likely," Tilak Varma said further in the video.

Team India squad for Asia Cup: Surya Kumar Yadav (C), Shubman Gill (VC), Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Hardik Pandya, Shivam Dube, Axar Patel, Jitesh Sharma (WK), Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh, Varun Chakaravarthy, Kuldeep Yadav, Sanju Samson (WK), Harshit Rana, Rinku Singh.

Reserve players: Prasidh Krishna, Washington Sundar, Riyan Parag, Dhruv Jurel,

SAI NCSSR and IIT Delhi sign MoU boost New Zealand announce 15-member squad sports science and innovation in India



New Delhi, Agency: Under the guidance of Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya, the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) National Centre of Sports Science Research (NCSSR) on Tuesday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi to strengthen cooperation in sports sciences, advanced technology and indigenous innova-

The MoU aims to foster inter-institutional coordination and focus on the development of indigenous.

sports equipment, sports science devices, and cutting-edge technologies. By minimising dependence on imported tools and promoting home-grown solutions, this initiative aligns with the Government of India's 'Garv se Swadeshi' campaign, particularly in the sports for ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 Wellington, Agency: All-rounder Sophie Devine will lead the New Zealand 15member squad announced on Wednesday for the upcoming ICC Women's World Cup 2025, which will be played later this year in India and Sri

Having undergone a transition since the previous edition of the tournament, which they hosted back in 2022, New Zealand have included six players in their squad who will feature at their first 50over Cricket World Cup and four who will appear at their first senior ICC event.

Lanka.

Of them, 22-year-old allrounder Flora Devonshire has received her maiden ODI callup after impressing at the domestic level during the most recent home summer.

again captain New Zealand at Zealand coach Ben Sawyer

the tournament in what will be her fifth World Cup appearance and the last time she features in ODI cricket for her country.

Fellow veteran Suzie Bates also plays at her fifth 50-over World Cup, pacer Lea Tahuhu is attending her fourth, while Maddy Green and Melie Kerr Sophie Devine will once are attending their third. New

praised all the players that won selection in the squad. A huge congratulations to all 15 players named to represent New Zealand at this World Cup. I'm really pleased with the balance of the squad. I think we've got the right mix to tackle what we'll come up against in terms of conditions

Roundglass Golf Academy launches in Chandigarh with super coach Jaskirat Grewal at helm

Chandigarh, Agency: Roundglass Sports has officially announced the launch of the Roundglass Golf Academy, with celebrated coach Jaskirat Grewal

leading as head coach. The Academy, based at the prestigious Chandigarh Golf Club, has enrolled its first batch of 15 promising golfers under the age of 19. Grewal is India's first and only Dronacharya Awardee in golf and has been instrumental in shaping the careers of some of the country's top golfers, including Shubhankar Sharma, Yuvraj Singh Sandhu, and Karandeep Kochhar. Adding to the Academy's stature, Shubhankar Sharma, India's No. 1 professional golfer, has joined as its Brand Ambassador, bringing his invaluable experience to inspire and mentor the next generation of golfers. Speaking on the launch, Roundglass Founder Gurpreet "Sunny" Singh said, as quoted by the Roundglass Sports press release, "We are deeply committed to the development of golf in India, and this initiative is a significant step towards realising that vision. Our focus is on nurturing young talent by providing world-class infrastructure, supported by a dedicated team of coaches and mentors. Having Shubhankar's involvement adds tremendous value as his insights and experience will be a source of inspiration and learning for the players. The Academy's inaugural batch includes seven girls and eight boys, featuring some of

Mannat Brar - India's No. 1 ranked Amateur Ladies and Junior 'A' Girls player

India's brightest young talents:

Guntas Kaur Sandhu - India's

No. 1 Junior 'B' Girls player Rising stars such as Ojaswini Saraswat, Rehnoor Malik, and



Aryaman Rautela, with Rautela turning professional this year to compete on the Indian senior professional tour.

Other golfers in the cohort include Ayesha Gupta, Rashi Mishra, Rabab Kahlon, Anshul Mishra, Krish Chawla, Arjunveer Shishir, Danish Verma, Zorawar Sandhu, Sohrab Singh Talwar, and Kabir Goyal.

Speaking on the new academy, head coach Jaskirat Grewal said, as quoted by a Roundglass Sports press release, "Indian golf has immense untapped potential, and with the right structure and support, we can consistently produce world-class players. At Roundglass Golf Academy, our goal is to provide a high-performance ecosystem that nurtures talent from a young age, focusing not just on technical skills but on overall growth--physical, mental, and emotional. I'm excited to work with this talented group of youngsters and help create a pathway for them to excel on both national and international stages. Supporting Grewal are key leaders in the Academy: Col.

Mohan Sharma (Head of Program) and Lt. Col. Rajeev Rautela (Head of Operations). The Roundglass Golf Academy will go beyond technical coaching, offering players comprehensive support in holistic approach to athlete development.



players from Moradabad won gold and one player won silver medal in the state level Vrishu Cup-2025 Championship held at Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Sports Stadium in Saharanpur.

Sports Officer Sunil Kumar told on Wednesday that in the competition Kunal Singh won gold medal in 95 kg, Abhay Kumar in 48 kg and



Three players from Moradabad won gold and one won

category. While Aashay Verma won silver medal in 75 kg weight category. All the medal winning players were honored by Joint Secretary of Uttar Pradesh Olympic Association Dr. Ajay Pathak and Sports Officer Sunil Kumar on reaching Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Sonakpur **Sports Stadium**

Kadal Kondattam 2025: Tuticorin gears up for Premier Ocean Sports Festival Tuticorin, Agency: will highlight the nation's

"Kadal Kondattam 2025', one of the country's most exciting ocean sports festivals, is set to make waves in the coastal city of Tuticorin, Nadu, September 12 to 14, according to a press release from Aqua Outback.

The festival will showcase a thrilling blend of adrenaline-pumping ocean sports, international participation, and the rich cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu, creating a one-of-a-kind celebration of the ocean. The competitions will be spread across five main disciplines - Stand-Up Paddling (SUP), Kitebo arding, Kitesurfing, Kayaking, and the Beach Obstacle Race. Organised by Aqua Outback, under the leadership of former National Kiteboarding Champion Arjun Motha, and supported by the Tamil Nadu

growing prominence in ocean-based sports.

With the tagline "Where Ocean Adventure Meets Tamil Heritage," the event seeks to position Tamil Nadu as the country's premier destination for multiwater (ocean) sports while showcasing India's capability to host large-scale international sporting festivals.

Beyond the sporting action, Kadal Kondattam 2025 is designed to have a transformative impact on the local economy and coastal communities. The festival will promote tourism, create new livelihood opportunities, and actively involve the fishermen community of Tamil Nadu in the ocean sports ecosystem. It will also serve as a platform for raising awareness about ocean conservation and sustainable coastal living.

The event has already Tourism and Government of Tamil Nadu, the festival generated tremendous



interest, attracting over 150 participants from India and abroad. Athletes from Vietnam, Sri Lanka, the Maldives, and several other countries will compete alongside Indian national and local contenders.

Representing states such as Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Goa, Andhra Kerala, Pradesh, Odisha, and more, Indian athletes will also be seen in action as they vie for top honours. Each sport will feature categories for Juniors, Seniors, and Open

divisions in both Men's and Women's sections, ensuring inclusivity and opportunities for emerging talent as well as seasoned professionals.

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.