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10 Naxalites including one with a bounty of Rs 1 crore killed in encounter

New Delhi. The Naxal eradication campaign in Chhattisgarh's Gariaband district got a big success on Thursday when the security forces killed ten Naxalites including a Naxalite with a bounty of Rs 1 crore. This morning, after receiving information about the Naxalites' activity in the forests of Thana Mainpur area, a joint team of E30, Special Security Force and Cobra left for the spot. A long and intense encounter took place between the security forces and the Naxalites. District Superintendent of Police Nikhil Rakhecha confirmed the news and said that many big Naxalites of Maoist Central Committee have been killed in the encounter. It is believed that a prominent Naxalite Manoj is also among them, on whom a reward of Rs 1 crore was announced. Rakhecha said that the operation was completed completely as per the strategy of the security forces. We had received information about Manoj's presence. Right now the bodies of 10 Naxalites have been found. After the

remaining action, it will be

known on Friday morning

how many Naxalites died in

total. The SP said that people

living around the district

have been requested not to

come out of their homes and

cooperate with the security

forces in their action. The

district administration and

security agencies are work-

ing to make this Naxal erad-

ication campaign successful

with full vigilance and plan-

ning Detailed information

about the latest situation

after the encounter and the

remaining action will be

done tomorrow morning.

The operation is currently

halted due to rain.

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# CM Soren hands over job letters, unveils tourism website and logo

#### **DB** Reporter

Ranchi: Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Thursday handed over appointment letters to newly recruited candidates under the Urban Development and Housing Department and launched the new logo and website of Jharkhand Tourism and the Jharkhand Tourism Development Corporation (JTDC). The move, he said, marks a decisive step towards both urban development and placing the state's tourist destinations on the global map.

#### 'Your Role in State Development is Crucial'

Congratulating the 19 newly appointed candidates, the Chief Minister urged them to work with "devotion and efficiency" for the betterment of Jharkhand.

"From today, you are part of the gov- Planned Urban Growth a Priority



ernment machinery. Your responsibility in providing better civic facilities and services to urban residents is vital," Soren said at the appointment ceremony held at the Jharkhand Ministry.

Soren stressed the urgent need for systematic and planned development of cities as migration from villages continues to swell urban populations. "If cities expand in a disorderly manner, it will lead to serious challenges. Planned development is the only way while avoiding future crises," he

Highlighting Jharkhand's natural beauty and cultural heritage, the Chief Minister underlined the untapped potential of tourism in the state.

"Our government is determined to showcase Jharkhand's landscapes, heritage and culture to the country and the world. With the launch of the new tourism logo and website, we can now present our attractions to a global audience," he said.

The Chief Minister added that promoting tourism will not only enhance the state's image but also strengthen its economy and generate new employment opportunities.

"Tourism will create jobs, boost local products and benefit even those

to ensure modern civic facilities in remote rural areas," he said. **Key Highlights of the Event** 

> 19 candidates received appointment letters under the Development and Housing Department.

> Launch of new logo and website for Jharkhand Tourism and JTDC.

> Cultural Team Management System (CTMS) app launched to digitally connect state artists. Release of "Savouring Jharkhand", a book on local cuisine by the Institute of Hotel Management. Ranchi. The event was attended by Urban Development and Housing Minister and Tourism Minister Sudivya Kumar, Rajya Sabha MP Mahua Maji, Chief Secretary Alka Tiwari, Additional Chief Secretary Avinash Kumar and other senior officials.

## 'India, Mauritius not partners but family': PM

#### **Agency**

Varanasi: Reaffirming the deepening of ties between India and Mauritius, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India and Mauritius were two nations with common dreams and destinv.

While speaking at a joint media briefing after holding bilateral talks with his Mauritius counterpart Dr Navinchandra Ramgoolam in Varanasi on Thursday, PM Modi said: "India and Mauritius are two nations, but our dreams and destiny are one."

The PM added: "I am proud to say that India and Mauritius are not just partners but a family. Mauritius is an important pillar of India's 'Neighbourhood First policy and Vision Mahasagar." Describing his meeting with Mauritius PM as a 'spiritual union ' Modi said: "Our culture and values reached Mauritius centuries ago from India and became deeply embedded in its way of life. Just as the uninterrupted flow of the Ganga in Kashi sustains life, the continu-



ous flow of Indian culture has enriched Mauritius. We welcome our friends from Mauritius in Kashi today, this is not merely a formal event, but a spiritual reunion."

He said that he had visited Mauritius in March, this year, for attending the National Day celebrations of Mauritius.

"At that time, we gave our relations the status of Enhanced Strategic Partnership," claimed the PM.

arrived in Modi's parliamentary constituency Varanasi on Wednesday evening and was

welcomed by Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. At the joint press briefing, Prime Minister Modi underscored that fact that India was fully committed to strengthening security and maritime capacity of Exclusive Economic Zone of Mauritius.

"Free, open, prosperous Indian Ocean is in our shared interest," he said

Modi said: "Today, keeping the needs of Mauritius in mind, we Mauritius PM Dr Ramgoolam have decided on a special economic package. This will strengthen infrastructure and create new employment opportunities. India's first generic medicine centre abroad has now been established in Mauritius."

Modi said: "Today, we have reviewed all aspects of bilateral cooperation in detail. We also shared views on regional and global issues. I heartily congrat-Prime Minister Ramgoolam and the people of Mauritius on the conclusion of the Chagos Agreement."

The two leaders explored collaboration in health, education, science and technology, energy, infrastructure as well as in emerging domains such as renewable energy, digital public infrastructure and the blue economy. PM Modi also said that the two nations will take steps to conduct trade in local currency. During his stay, Prime Minister Ramgoolam is expected to attend the Ganga Aarti on Thursday evening and visit the Kashi Vishwanath Temple on Friday morning before departing. He is likely to visit Avodhya as well. PM Modi, however, left after hosting the lunch for the guest, officials said.

> other senior leaders led the protests at different locations, accusing the Hemant Soren-led government of "patronising mafias and middlemen." Addressing a protest rally in Ranchi, Marandi alleged that Hansda, who During the inauguration Dr had contested elections four times and was actively involved in educating over 300 underprivileged children, had become a target for the mineral mafia because of his opposition to illegal

#### BJP holds statewide protest over Hansda killing, Nagdi land row



a Central Bureau of

probe into the alleged

fake encounter killing of

social activist Surya

Hansda and demanding

the return of agricultural

land acquired in Nagdi

for the proposed RIMS-2

project.State BJP presi-

dent and Leader of

Marandi, Union Minister

Annapurna Devi, former

Chief Minister Raghubar

Das, former BJP chief

Deepak Prakash, and

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DB Reporter the behest of brokers and Ranchi: The Jharkhand mafias shielded by this government. The sounit of the Bharatiya called police encounter is Janata Party (BJP) staged completely fake. If the demonstrations across all government has nothing 264 blocks of the state on Wednesday, pressing for to hide, it should allow a

CBI inquiry," he said. Marandi also accused the government of exploiting farmers in the name of healthcare expansion. "On one hand, tribals are being killed; on the other, peasants' land is being snatched for RIMS-2 against their wishes. The BJP stands firmly with the farmers," he declared.Leading a parallel protest in Kanke, former Chief Minister Raghubar Das echoed the demand for a CBI investigation."When the state was mourning the death of Shibu Soren ji, the government orchestrated the killing of a social worker who was fighting against corruption. The police claimed that 40-50 people attacked, yet only Surya Hansda was shot and no one else has been identified. What clearer proof is needed that this was a fake encounter?" he said. Das further charged the Soren government with

## TRF Limited Witnesses Enthusiastic Participation in First 'Navjeevan' Blood Donation Camp

#### **DB** Reporter

Jamshedpur: Volunteerism by employees of TRF Limited witnessed a surge with the successful organization of the first edition of blood donation biannual camp, 'Navjeevan' by TRF Ladies Association (TRFLA), collaboration with Jamshedpur Blood Centre and Voluntary Blood Donors' (VBDA) on Association September 11, 2025 in the company premises. In this



camp, 222 units of blood were collected, which is of immense value.Donors from Fraser Labour Union, members employees of the company, of TRF Ladies Association

distinguished office bearers and members of Tata Robins

and contributed to make the camp a grand success. The 'Navjeevan' camp was forinaugurated by Mr Umesh Kumar Singh, Managing Director, Mr Anand Chand, CFO, Mr Abhijeet Singh, CHRO of management, Mr Rakeshwar Pandey, President and Mr Anjani Kumar, General Secretary of Tata Robins Fraser Labor Union and Ms Shweta Gupta of TRFLA. Inaugural

and stakeholders collaborated

function was attended by senior executives of the Company, members of TRFLA and committee members of the TRF Labour Union.

Nirjala Jha from Jamshedpur Blood Centre spoke about necessity for blood donation and Ms Shweta Gupta, Member TRFLA in address welcomed the guests and encouraged all stakeholders to donate blood and contribute for this noble cause.

# GST reform in automobile industry gives new impetus to 'Make in India'

**→** GST rates on buses have been reduced from 28 per cent to 18 per cent to incentivise the use of public transport

#### **Agency**

New Delhi: India's auto industry generates more than 3.5 crore jobs directly and indirectly in manufacturing, sales, financing and maintenance. Rationalizing GST rates for the automobile sector will boost growth and innovation. Also, the participation of MSMEs will increase and the government's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat will

be strengthened.

These policy reforms will not only boost domestic demand and job creation, but will also usher in a modern, inclusive and globally prominent manufacturing ecosystem. GST rates on two-wheelers (bikes up to 350-cc) and small cars have been reduced from 28 per cent to 18 per cent, which is expected to benefit the middle class. Similarly, GST on tractors less than 1800-cc has been reduced from 12 per cent to 5 per cent, which will promote mechanisation in the agriculture sector. GST rates



on buses have been reduced from 28 per cent to 18 per cent to incentivise the use of public transport.

Input tax credit (ITC) has also been enhanced and applied as required to avoid cascading

impact on transport services.

The reduction in GST rates is expected to boost demand and benefit automobile manufacturers and ancillary industries such as tyres, batteries, glass, steel, plastics and electronics.

The rising vehicle sales will create a multiplier effect, which will strengthen MSMEs across the supply chain.

The growing demand will create new employment opportunities in dealerships, transport services, logistics and component MSMEs. Lower GST rates will also lead to

a rise in informal sector jobs such as drivers, mechanics and small service garages. Credit-based vehicle purchases will boost retail loan growth, improve asset quality and promote financial inclusion in semi-urban India.

corruption in the RIMS-2

land acquisition.

Rationalized GST rates will provide policy stability, which will encourage new investments and support the 'Make in India' initiative. Lower GST rates will encourage people to replace old vehicles with new, fuel-efficient models, which will also promote clean mobility.





## **BJP Protests Alleged Fake Encounter** of Surya Hansda in Ramgarh

**DB** Reporter

Ramgarh - The BJP Cantonment and Rural Mandals held a protest on September 11 over the alleged fake encounter of tribal youth Surya Hansda. The demonstration, led by Cantonment Mandal President Survayansh Srivastava and Rural Mandal President Sanjay Shah, was part of a state-wide agitation demanding justice.

Protesters accused the Jharkhand government of covering up Hansda's death by falsely labeling it an encounter. BJP leaders claimed the incident reflects deep injustice towards the tribal community and called for a CBI investigation to ensure trans-



parency.

Addressing the protest, BJP State Vice President Rakesh Prasad said, "This is not just about one individual. It's about the repeated injustices faced by the tribal society. The state gov-

ernment must be held accountable." He also alleged rising lawlessness in Jharkhand, citing frequent incidents of robbery, dacoity, and illegal mining of sand, coal, and stone.

The protest march began near

the ancient Durga Mandir in Bijulia and concluded at the Ramgarh Block Headquarters, where a memorandum was submitted to the Block Development Officer.

Other leaders present included District Vice President Balram Prasad, Media In-Charge Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, Ila Rani Pathak, Rishikesh Singh, Umesh Prasad, Shiv Kumar Mahato, Brijesh Pathak, Vinod Mishra, and oth-

The BJP warned that if the government fails to act, the party will launch a phased movement across the state demanding justice for Surva Hansda and better governance in Jharkhand.

# Parent-Teacher Meeting Held at Upgraded Middle School Govindpur

Ramgarh - A parent-teacher meeting was organized on September 11 at the Upgraded Middle School, Govindpur. The meeting was chaired by the school's Headmaster, Dr. Sunil Kumar Kashyap. All parents and teachers were warmly welcomed by members of the school's Bal Sansad (Student Parliament) with flower bouquets.

The event commenced with a Sanskrit prayer, Krishnashtakam, performed by student members of the Bal Sansad. In his opening remarks, Dr. Kashyap emphasized the need to create a supportive school environment and ensure the enrollment and regular attendance of all children aged 5 to 18. He appealed to parents to work in collaboration with the school to send their children regu-



larly, stressing that consistent attendance is key to providing quality educa-

In celebration of International Literacy Day, four students - Chanchal Kumari, Tanya Kumari, Priya Kumari, and Anisha Kumari - were awarded prizes for their outstanding performance in a drawing competition. Notably, the prizes were handed over by the students' own parents, highlighting the spirit of community involvement.

# Adani Foundation organized a special medical camp for animals

**DB** Reporter

Godda: A special medical camp for animal health was successfully organized by Adani Foundation in collaboration with Godda District Husbandry Animal Department.

This camp was organized from 29 August 2025 to 9 September 2025 in the villages adjacent to Adani Power Plant, Motiya, Dumriya, Gangata, Nayabad, Chhoti Buxara, Badi Buxara, Baliakitta, Petvi, Petvi Santhali, Basantpur, Karikado, Jhirli, Karanu. Bahadurchak, Niyamchak etc. and surrounding

The objective of this initiative was to prevent deaths due to animal dis-



eases, provide medicines and consultation to farmers and provide support to vulnerable families keeping in mind their economic condition. Under this campaign organised under the guidance of Godda District Animal Husbandry Officer Dr. Manoj Kumar, a total of 26 veterinary health camps were set up in 26 villages of Godda, Poraiyahat, Thakurgangti, Boarijor, Mahagama and Borio block of Sahebganj

district. More than 1,830 families directly benefited from these camps and more than 11,612 animals were examined and treated. During the camp, the team of veterinarians - Dr. Dilip Kumar, Dr. Shubham Kumar, Dr. Dhananjay Yadav, Dr. Ashutosh Kumar, Dr.

Sanjay Kumar Dubey and

Dr. Piyush Kumar - along

with field assistants from

Adani Foundation provid-

ed comprehensive servic-

es. This included treatment

of seasonal diseases such as foot and mouth disease, fever, loss of appetite, reduced milk production, wounds, skin diseases, cold and cough, diarrhoea, loose dung and infertility. Besides, farmers were also counselled on deworming, regular vaccination, better feeding practices and modern methods of maintaining animal health.

It was informed by the beneficiaries that this camp, which is being organized continuously since last few years, has increased the awareness among the livestock farmers regarding animal husbandry care and has helped in improving the economic condition of livestock farmers.

#### Union Coal Minister inaugurates Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) at CCL Headquarters

#### **DB** Reporter

Ranchi: Union Minister of Coal and Mines, Govt. of India Shri G. Kishan Reddy, on Thursday, formally inaugurated the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) at the headquarters of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), Darbhanga House, Ranchi. On this occasion, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Coal Sanoi Jha, Chairman of Coal India Limited (CIL) P. M. Prasad, CCL CMD Nilendu Kumar Singh, as well as senior officials from the Ministry, CCL, CIL, CMPDIL, BCCL, and ECL were present.

This state-of-the-art centralized monitoring system will cover security and the entire operational areas of CCL. It inte-



grates live feeds from cameras, sensors, drones, and the Vehicle Tracking System (VTS-RFID) into a cloud-based system, enabling real-time monitoring, risk identification, incident management, and reporting. With features such as AI-based video analytics, GISenabled display, customizable dashboards, and multi-channel alerts, this centre will elevate operational efficiency, safety, and transparency to new levels. During the inauguration

program, the Minister learned in detail about the

Doctors saved life and limb of a

functioning and technological features of the ICCC. A video presentation was shown to apprise him thoroughly about the intricacies of the ICCC. On this occasion, the Minister also directly interacted with officials of the Piparwar Area from the CCL headquarters and gained insights into the advanced working methodology associated with it. Following the inauguration, it is expected that transparency and efficiency in operations will be further improved.

Minister G. Kishan Reddy warmly interacted with the children of "CCL Ke Laal" and "CCL Ki Ladli." He encouraged the children, presented them with books, and motivated everyone to cultivate the habit of reading. The children also interacted enthusiastically with the Minister and were filled with new energy and confidence through his encouraging words.

"CCL Ke Laal" and "CCL Ki Ladli" are ambitious CSR initiatives of the company. Under this program, talented children from remote areas are selected and provided with free education, accommodation, food, and coaching for IIT-JEE preparation.

It may be stated here that

#### Mail Service Hours Extended at Ramgarh **Cantonment Head Post Office**

**DB** Reporter

Ramgarh - In a move to enhance public convenience and improve servdelivery, the Department of Posts has extended the operational hours of its mail services the Ramgarh Cantonment Head Post Office. Mail services will now be available from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

The extended service was officially inaugurated on Thursday by Assistant Superintendent of Posts Naveen Kumar Agrawal and Postmaster Manoj Kumar, who jointly cut the ribbon at the new mail service extension counter.Speaking on the Assistant occasion. Superintendent Agrawal said that the decision to extend mail service hours was made in response to customer increasing demand and the depart-



ment's ongoing commitment to public service. "With the launch of this extension counter, residents of the district can now avail key postal services-including Speed Post, Speed Parcel, ordinary mail, and money order-until 8:00 PM," he said, urging the public to take full advantage of the extended facility.

Present at the event were Assistant Postmaster Ravishankar Rai. Narendra Singh, Ramkhelawan Chaudhary, Prashant Kumar Singh, Sushil Kumar Sah, Vikas Kumar Rai, Chandan Kumar

Mahato, Shambhu Dutt Singh, Santosh Kumar, Ranjit Rajwar, Pankaj Kumar, Tridev Priyadarshi, Deepak Kumar, Ankit Kumar, Shamim Ansari, Roshan Kumar, Jaywant Bhokta, Chandrashekhar Kumar, Arun Kumar Sahu, Kumar Rai, Baban Arjalal Mahato, Pannalal, Rajendra Singh, Bhajun Mahato, among other

> tomers. The initiative has been welcomed by the local community as a step towards more accessible and customer-friendly postal services.

postal staff and cus-

#### Ranchi: DB Reporter Doctors of Paras Hospital HEC have saved the life of a patient by working together as a team. The hospital's cardiologists, plastic microvascular surgeons, intensivists and anesthesia team worked together

in excellent coordination to save the patient's life. The patient has now fully recovered under the supervision of Paras Hospital's cardiologist Dr. Mahesh Kushwaha and plastic and reconstructive surgeon Dr. Vivek Goswami. In this regard, Dr. Mahesh Kushwaha said that a blood clot had formed in the

veins of the patient's hand. Sudden or immediate formation of a blood clot in any blood vessel causes problems. Similarly, a blood clot had formed in the blood vessels of this patient's hand. The hand was turning blue. The hand was not functioning at all. This is a very rare dis-



ease. Its treatment is done immediately. Angiography of the patient's hand was done immediately. This angiography is not possible in all the centers or hospitals of Ranchi.

This facility is available in Paras Hospital. An expert doctor is required for the treatment of this disease. After that the blood clot in the veins was removed.

Within 24 hours after the treatment, the patient's hand started working. Blood flow also started. The hand which had turned blue became normal. BP, pulse etc. also became normal.

This is a rare disease and only a specialist doctor can cure it. This type of treatment facility is available 24 hours a day at Paras. Apart from treating blockage in the heart veins, Paras Hospital also treats blockage in the veins of hands or legs, kidney veins, and neck veins. Blood clots also form in the tubes of the lungs. Treatment for this is also available at Paras Hospital.

Many such patients have been

patient at Paras Hospital HEC treated at Paras Hospital. Dr Kushwaha said that in this natient's case Dr Vivek Goswami was consulted and the patient was immediately taken for vascular surgery. The patient was suffering from two or more diseases at the same time and had a serious bleeding condition, despite this the anesthesia team performed a successful surgery. Dr. Nitesh Kumar, Facility Director of Paras Hospital HEC said that the patient reached the hospital in a very serious condition. His condition was very critical. But due to the tireless efforts of experienced doctors and their team, the patient's life was saved.

This case is a great example of the commitment of Paras Hospitals' 24x7 active Cath Lab and dedicated medical team. The patient got all the treatment done under one roof in a timely man-

# Deputy Commissioner Inaugurates District-Level Competition at Birsa Munda Stadium

**DB** Reporter

Dhanbad: Aditya Ranjan, Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, inaugurated the district-level competitions under Khelo Jharkhand 2025-26 at the Birsa Munda Stadium (Mega Sports Complex) today by hoisting the flag.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of various activities being conducted across schools in the state for the bright future of students. Among these, sports play a vital role in the physical, mental, and intellectual development of children. He



highlighted the School Education and Literacy Department's commitment to the holistic development of students in government and governmentaided schools throughout the

He added that to promote sports, the department has created a platform through Jharkhand. Over the last three years, athletes from government schools have progressed from block to district and state levels,

ultimately representing Jharkhand at the national level winning hundreds of medals, bringing glory to the

The competition will continue until September 13. Today's events for boys in the Under-14, Under-17, and Under-19 categories included chess, tug-ofwar, kabaddi, kho-kho, archery, volleyball, wrestling, wushu, and taekwondo. On September 12, similar events will be held for girls in the same age groups. Athletics for both boys and girls across all categories will take place on September 13.

#### Sant Vinoba Bhave's Birth Anniversary Celebrated at Grizzly College of Education

**DB** Reporter

Koderma: The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Grizzly College of Education organized a program to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sant Vinoba Bhave. The event began with the college principal, Dr. Mridula Kumari Bhagat, along with all assistant professors and non-teaching staff, paying floral tributes to a portrait of Sant Vinoba Bhave.

In her address, Principal Dr. Bhagat highlighted the life struggles of Sant



Vinoba Bhave and emphasized his social and educational philosophy. She urged everyone to draw inspiration from his footsteps and strive for a meaningful and exemplary life.

The program was attended by all assistant professors including Saurabh

Sharma. Kumari, Manish Kumar Sinha, Khushbu Kumari Sinha, Sanjeet Kumar, Anil Das, Sitaram Yadav, and Chunnu Kumar, along with non-teaching staff such as Soochit Kumar, Deepak Kumar Pandey, Alam Mukhtar, and Omkar Kumar.

# Deputy Commissioner Chairs District Health Committee Meeting in Hazaribagh

phone at all times.

He further emphasized

that MOICs should regu-

larly inspect the night

duty attendance of doc-

tors and health workers

and ensure there is no

tampering with duty ros-

ters. Instructions were

also given to ensure effi-

DB Reporter

Hazaribagh - Deputy
Commissioner Shashi
Prakash Singh chaired a
review meeting of the
District Health
Committee on Thursday
at the Collectorate
Conference Hall. The
meeting focused on evaluating the progress of
ongoing health schemes
and regular health services being implemented
across the district.

During the session, the Deputy Commissioner instructed all concerned officials to ensure the full



utilization of medical equipment available at various health and primary health centers. Medical Officers In-Charge (MOICs) were directed to ensure smooth operation of ambulance services and to remain active and responsive via

cient management and effective use of ambulances, vaccines, OPD services, diagnostic equipment, and medicines.

The Deputy Commissioner urged officials to expedite the process of Ayushman Bharat card creation and ensure consistent monitoring. He reviewed the progress of health checkups being conducted in schools and issued necessary guidelines to improve implementation. Special focus was placed

on antenatal care for pregnant women, timely availability of ambulances, and promoting institutional deliveries. Weekly reviews of tuberculosis (TB) cases were mandated, with civil surgeons instructed to monitor serious illnesses such as TB and HIV using the Sahiyya worker network. The ongoing Mass Drug Administration (MDA) program for filariasis was also reviewed, with special directives given for focused action in highrisk areas.

### Congress Leader Praises Kodarma Deputy Commissioner for Swift Action

**>>** With help from local villagers, the ambulance was barely able to pass through.

DB Reporter

Kodarma: On August 7, 2025, a critical situation arose in Brinda village of Lariyadih Panchayat when a patient, Kajal Devi, had to be rushed to Sadar Hospital in an ambulance. The ambulance faced severe difficulty navigating through the village as an electric wire hanging dangerously low in front of Pradeep Singh's house blocked the way.

With help from local villagers, the ambulance was barely able to pass through. Upon learning of the incident, Congress leader Prakash Rajak promptly took action by sending photographs of the loose electric wires and the ambulance to the Kodarma Deputy Commissioner, drawing urgent attention

Responding swiftly, the Deputy Commissioner

to the hazardous condi-

arranged for two new poles to be installed and the loose wires repaired within 24 hours. The quick response brought relief to the villagers, who appreciated the prompt measures taken. The community lauded Congress leader Prakash Rajak for his proactive and public-spirited efforts in resolving the issue efficiently.

# USET Students Undertake Industrial Visit to Ranchi Tech Firm Students Gain Practical Insights

# into Industry Operations: Archana

**DB** Reporter

Hazaribagh - Students from the University Department of USET, Vinoba Bhave University, participated in a one-day industrial and educational visit to Codezeal Technology Pvt. Ltd., Ranchi, on Thursday. The visit aimed to expose students to real-world industry practices and enhance their practical understanding of their field. Providing details about the visit, USET's Training and Placement Officer, Mrs. Archana Reena Dhan, stated that the tour offered students a close look into the operational methods of a modern tech company. The visit focused particularly on students pursuing



Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning courses. Mrs. Dhan played a key role in organizing the visit, ensuring that students could learn directly from industry professionals. During the interaction, students observed various aspects of AI and ML project development and deployment, gaining valuable practical exposure.

Accompanying the stu-

dents, Course Coordinator Mrs. Geeta Sinha requested the company officials to consider organizing a dedicated workshop for USET students to further deepen their industry knowledge. She emphasized the importance of hands-on learning in complementing academic education. Students expressed enthusiasm and appreciation for the opportunity, highlighting how the visit gave them a clearer understanding of the skills and workflows required in the tech industry. Director of USET, Dr. Ashish Kumar Saha, stated that more such industrial visits will be organized in the future. "These programs provide essential exposure and help students understand the practical realities of the industry," he said.

# Block Officials Conduct Surprise Inspection at Kasturba Gandhi Residential School

DB Reporter

Ichak - Block Head (Pramukh) Parvati Devi and Deputy Block Head (Up-Pramukh) Satyendra Kumar Mehta, along with local Mukhiya Umesh Mehta and School Management Committee Chairperson Kranti Devi, conducted a surprise inspection of the Kasturba Gandhi Residential Girls' School in Ichak following complaints about the prolonged absence of the English teacher, Priyanka Mehta.During the inspection, it was found that the teacher had been absent since August 4, 2025. In response, an urgent School Management Committee meeting was convened on-site. It was resolved that the teacher should resume her duties



made to appoint a one replacement. However, even after a week had passed, Priyanka Mehta did not return to duty. A ate formal complaint was education Officer said (DEO), but no action has been taken so far-neither against the absentee Loca

teacher nor to appoint a

Illegal Coal Trade at Peak; CISF Seizes Large Quantity of Coal

replacement. Deputy of Block Head Satyendra is Kumar Mehta stated that the issue extends beyond one teacher's absence. If There are multiple shortcomings in the school that need immediate attention. Quality education for the girls must be a priority," he said, urging prompt intervention from the district administration. Local villagers have also

voiced their concerns,

demanding a thorough investigation by the district education department and immediate corrective action. They stressed that an alternative arrangement must be made to ensure that the students' education is not disrupted.

Failure to address the issue in a timely manner, they warned, could severely affect the academic future of the students.

#### Electricity Restored in Marhand Village After 15 Days of Darkness

#### **DB Reporter**

Hazaribagh - After enduring 15 days without electricity, residents of Marhand village under the Base Panchayat in Hazaribagh have finally seen the return of light. Power supply had been completely disrupted after the village's transformer was damaged, forcing locals to live in darkness and hardship. Taking prompt action upon learning of the situation, former Sadar Assembly candidate Munna Singh intervened to resolve the crisis. Demonstrating sensitivity and public commit-



ment, he instructed his media representative, Vicky Kumar Dhan, to immediately coordinate with relevant electricity department officials.

As a result of this timely intervention and proactive effort, a new 63 KVA transformer was installed late Wednesday night. Within hours, power was restored, bringing relief to the entire village. The

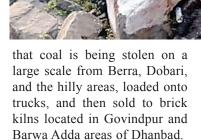
streets and homes of Marhand once again lit up, ending two weeks of complete blackout.

Residents, visibly relieved, expressed their heartfelt thanks to Munna Singh for his quick response and dedication. They praised his commitment to public welfare, calling the gesture a reflection of true leadership and service.

## DB Reporter

**Dhanbad:** Illegal coal trading has reached alarming levels in the Berra and Jharia police station areas of the coal-rich Koelanchal region. Late Wednesday night, a special team from CISF stationed at the Coal Bhawan conducted a surprise raid, causing panic among the coal mafias. Several drivers carrying coal-laden trucks tried to flee the scene, but the security personnel managed to seize five trucks-three from Berra New Ouarter Manihi Basti (under Dhansar police jurisdiction) and two from the Jharia police station area.

Sources reveal that the seized trucks were loaded with coal worth several lakhs of rupees. However, some vehicles managed to escape. It is reported



According to local sources, the entire racket is controlled by the notorious coal mafia Gangadhar. His network is man-

Mafia Network

aged by a man named Ravi, while others like Kali, Sultan, Sapu, Sagar, and Guddu Ansari are active in the Berra area. In Dobari, Jharia, key roles are played by individuals known as Tiger, Dhadhan, Gautam, and Parmeshwar.

Questions Raised on Administration's Role Local residents allege collusion between the police and CISF, suggesting that such large-scale illegal operations would not be possible without their complici-

The pressing question remains whether the Dhansar and Jharia police chiefs will take impartial action or if, as usual, the matter will be buried at the police station level.

# Kurmi Community Gears Up for Rail Roko Protest Starting September 20

#### DB Reporter

Barkagaon - In preparation for the indefinite Rail Roko agitation starting September 20, the Kurmi community held a key meeting on Thursday in Chorka hamlet of Pandaria village, Sirma Panchayat. The protest is being organized under the directive of the Central Committee of the Adivasi Kurmi Samaj to press for long-standing demands.

The meeting, chaired by Munshi Mahato and moderated by Rathore Mahato, focused on mobilizing maximum participation from the Barkagaon block in the upcoming protest. Community leaders reiterated three major demands: inclusion



Kurmali language, and implementation of the Sarna Dharma Code.
As part of awareness efforts, the participants resolved to launch a wall-writing campaign across

villages and hamlets to publicize

the movement. Speakers emphasized that the Kurmi community has been struggling for decades to reclaim its identity as a tribal group and will continue its peaceful resistance until justice is served.

Community members also alleged discriminatory treatment by the government. "Our ances-

tors were recognized as Adivasis and Scheduled Tribes. If they were, then why aren't we? On what basis were we excluded from the list?" asked several speakers, demanding accountability from the authorities.

The meeting saw active participation from both men and women of the Kurmi community, including Raman Kumar, Dileshwar Mahato, Ramesh Mahato, Parmeshwar Mahato, Ganesh Mahato, Kuldeep Mahato, Yogeshwar Mahato, Hiramani Mahato, Mukesh Mahato, and others. Prominent women attendees included Saraswati Devi, Manisha Devi, Babita Devi, Lakho Devi, Pinky

Devi, Nirasho Devi, Rita Devi,

# Negligence in Guwa Ahari Pond Beautification Raises Safety Concerns

#### DB Reporter Domchanch (Koderma)

- The ongoing beautification work at Guwa Ahari Pond, located in Ward No. 8 of the Domchanch municipal area, has turned into a serious safety hazard for residents. Due to the alleged negligence of the contractor, large boulders have been carelessly dumped along the road that passes through the middle of the pond.

These unmarked and unsecured stones pose a grave threat to pedestrians and motorists alike. Residents report that



schoolchildren, patients, women, and the elderly are forced to navigate the area daily, risking injury or worse due to the lack of safety measures.

Adding to the concern, locals allege that poultry and fish waste is being dumped into the pond during nighttime hours, creating both sanitation and environmental hazards. They claim the issue has been repeatedly

overlooked by authorities, raising fears of a major accident if immediate action is not taken. Expressing strong dissatisfaction, citizens have called on the district administration and the municipal council to intervene urgently. Their demands include the removal of the hazardous boulders and strict action against the responsible contractor.

# Paid campaign against me': Nitin Gad kari opens up on E20 petrol backlash

Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, on Wednesday accused the petroleum sector of lobbying against the government's push for ethanolblended fuel, saying vested interests were trying to stall the transition.

Everywhere there are lobbies, there are interests... petrol lobby is very rich," Gadkari said, reacting to growing social media concerns over E20 - petrol blended with 20 per cent ethanol. His remarks came at the 65th annual convention of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) in New Delhi.

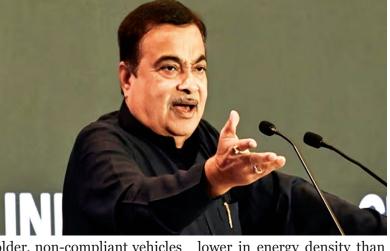
The social media campaign was a paid campaign against me. The Supreme Court has

New Delhi, Agency: also dismissed the petition. There was no fact," he added.

The rollout of E20, which began at select fuel stations in April 2023, was expanded nationwide in April 2025. It replaced E10 - petrol with 10 per cent ethanol - that most cars in India currently use. Ethanol is an alcohol mainly derived from sugarcane and food grains such as maize and

E20 has triggered debate among consumers and automobile experts, many of whom argue that blending ethanol could hurt vehicles' efficiency and longevity. Experts told PTI that cars running on E20 may see a 2–5 per cent drop in mileage due to ethanol's lower calorific value compared to petrol.

They also cautioned that



older, non-compliant vehicles could suffer long-term wear and tear on fuel pipes, gaskets and rubber hoses.

However, the oil ministry has dismissed "drastic" effi-X, it said: "Ethanol, being several automakers had

lower in energy density than petrol, results in a marginal decrease in mileage, estimated at 1-2 per cent for fourwheelers designed for E10 and calibrated for E20, and ciency loss claims as exagger- around 3-6 per cent in othated. In an August 4 post on ers." The ministry added that

already made their models raise farmers' incomes by E20-compatible since 2009.

Cutting imports, boosting

Nitin Gadkari defended the ethanol programme as part of a broader strategy to reduce India's reliance on imported crude oil, which makes up 88 per cent of the country's needs. "We have an import of ?22 lakh crore. Is it not appropriate that we have to make in India with our own strength? We can stand on our own strength. So we are working on that," he said at the 7th Auto Retail Conclave the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA).

The minister said the programme was designed not just to cut emissions and save foreign exchange, but also to pendence.

increasing demand for sugarcane and grain-based ethanol.

Looking beyond ethanol Gadkari also underlined the need to diversify India's

basket beyond ethanol. "We want to concentrate on alternative fuel, biofuel, hydrogen, electric — whatever the choice may be, even in the marine engine. Now we are planning to use methanol," he said, adding that experiments with ethanol and isobutanol are also underway.

India is the world's thirdlargest oil consumer, leaving it exposed to global price shocks. Gadkari reiterated that the shift to alternative fuels was crucial to energy security and economic inde-

# Gujarat governor Acharya Devvrat given additional charge of Maharashtra after CP Radhakrishnan becomes new V-P

Gujarat, Agency: Acharya Devvrat, the governor of Gujarat, has been given additional charge of Maharashtra in addition to his own duties due to the election of CP Radhakrishnan as vice president of India.

CP Radhakrishnan, who was serving as the governor of Maharashtra, was elected to the office of the Vice President of India on September 9 with a 452-300 vote against INDIA bloc's candidate B Sudershan Reddy, a former Supreme Court judge. CP Radhakrishnan was Bharatiya Party-led National Democratic Alliance's pick for the second highest parliamentary post in India, who eventually emerged victorious in the vice president polls.

Upon his election as the vice president, CP Radhakrishnan has

demitted the office of the governor of Maharashtra. Acharya Devvrat, the governor of Gujarat, has now been tasked to take up the additional responsibility of Maharashtra along with his own duties. Who is Acharya Devvrat

Before serving as Gujarat's

governor, Devvrat has also held the office of the governor of Himachal Pradesh from August 2015 to July 2019. He started serving as Gujarat's governor from July 2019.

Among Devvrat's many educa-

degree in History and Hindi, a bachelor in education degree, a diploma in Yoga Science, according to the informational available on the National Portal of India. He is also a doctor in Naturopathy and Yogic Science.

He also delivers lectures on vedic human values and vedic philosophy and organises various activities to popularise the same. He has also worked extensively to spread awareness about natural farming and cow-breed improve-

Currently, Devvrat holds several key positions including serving as chancellor of many universities in Gujarat such as Gujarat University, Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University, Sardar Patel University, Saurashtra University, Gujarat Technological tional qualifications are a masters University, and many more.

#### ADB, union govt sign \$126.42 million loan to boost sustainable tourism in Uttarakhand



New Delhi, Agency: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the union government signed a \$126.42 million loan agreement on Wednesday to promote rural development through sustainable and climate-resilient tourism in the Tehri Lake region of Uttarakhand, the finance ministry said on Thursday.

"The ADB loan supports the government of Uttarakhand's policy to position the state as a diversified, all-weather tourism destination, with Tehri Lake identified as a priority area for development," joint secretary in the finance ministry's department of economic affairs (DEA), Juhi Mukherjee, said.

The project is a model of sustainable tourism anchored around a hydropower lake by adopting a multisector approach to generate jobs, diversify income, and build climate resilience, officer-in-charge of the India Resident Mission for ADB Kai Wei Yeo said. The project targets the Tehri Garhwal district, one of Uttarakhand's most climatevulnerable and economically disadvantaged regions, and aims to benefit over 87,000 residents and 2.7 million annual visitors through improved tourism planning, upgraded infrastructure, enhanced sanitation and waste management, and disaster preparedness, a statement issued by the ministry said.

Key interventions include institutional strengthening, climate-resilient infrastructure, nature-based solutions to mitigate landslide and flood risks, and inclusive tourism services led by women, youth, and the private sector, the statement said.

Notable features include a livelihood matching grant programme to support tourism led by women, youth, and micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises; universal access design, including for persons with disabilities; and a women-led disaster risk management initiative in pilot villages, it added.

#### Hyderabad woman killed inside home, thieves shower before escape: house help suspected



New Delhi, Agency: woman was brutally murdered at home in Hyderabad, allegedly by two men, who broke in to steal. The accused not only killed the woman, but reportedly also took a shower after the murder before they finally fled.

The 50-year-old woman was found dead on Thursday with stab wounds at her home under the Kukatpally police station limits in Hyderabad. While investigation is still ongoing, cops suspect that a house help and his accomplice may be behind the murder.

According to NDTV, the woman was hit in the head with a pressure cooker before her throat was slit with a knife and scissors. The accused men then freshened up in the shower before fleeing the crime scene, the publication further reported.

They reportedly looted 40 grams of gold and ?1 lakh cash from the woman.

Unanswered calls triggered suspicion The woman, reportedly named Renu Agarwal, lived with her husband on the 13th floor of an apartment building in Hyderabad. Her husband and 26year-old son left for work at around 10 am on Wednesday, but felt suspicious after Renu didn't

answer their calls in the evening.

The deceased woman's family members, who had gone to their shop for business, tried calling her multiple times, but she did not answer. They immediately returned home, found the door locked, and broke it open to discover her body," a police official was quoted as saying by news agency. House help behind murder CCTV from the day of Renu's murder showed two men, one of them a house help reportedly employed by the victim's family, moving in the apartment build-

The male house help had been working there for 10 days, and we suspect he and his friend may be involved in the murder," a police official said.

Police are currently looking for them, and according to NDTV, the two accused may be heading to Ranchi. The publication identifies the accused as Harsha and Roushan, the former employed by Agarwal.

While Agarwal resided on the 13th floor, Roushan was reportedly employed as a domestic worker by their neighbour on the 14th floor. Police have registered a case and the woman's body has been sent for a post-mortem.

#### Aishwarya Rai gets big relief, Delhi HC rules against unauthorised use of her name, photos

New Delhi, Agency: Delhi High Court has ruled in favour of actor Aishwarya Rai Bachchan. During a hearing on Thursday, the high court stated that unauthorised use of her name stands in violation of the actor's right to privacy and dignity.

Justice Tejas Karia restrained several entities from misusing the actress' name, image and likeness through.

technological tools, including Artificial Intelligence. The court said such misuse not only causes financial loss to Bachchan but also harms her dignity, reputation and goodwill.

It added that the unauthorized use of her identity can mislead people into believing she supports or endorses products and servic-

"Personality rights allow a pertheir image, name and likeness cial or personal gain.



are used," the court said, stressing that misuse also affects the right to live with dignity.

An ex parte ad interim injunction was passed in her favour, barring defendants, including unknown parties, from using her name "Aishwarya Rai Bachchan", acronym "ARB", image, likeness son to control and protect how and other attributes for commer-

# India urges citizens to stay away from offers to join Russian Army

Army and said it had taken up the recruitment of Indians with Russian authorities after reports emerged of men on student and business visas being deceived into joining units on the frontlines of the war in Ukraine.

has repeatedly raised the issue of Indians being

New Delhi, Agency: tricked into serving in the India on Thursday urged its Russian Army with Russia's citizens to stay away from top leadership, most recentoffers to join the Russian ly during external affairs minister S Jaishankar's visit to Moscow last month. Despite Russia's assertion that it stopped recruiting Indians in its armed forces in April 2024, reports continue to come in of Indians serving with Russian formations fighting The Indian government Ukraine. We once again strongly urge all Indian nationals to stay away from



any offers to join the Russian Army as this is a course fraught with danger," external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in response to the reports of Indians being

recruited recently into the Russian military.

The government has underlined on several occasions over the past year the "risks and dangers inherent in this course of action" and cautioned Indian citizens accordingly, Jaiswal said. "We have also taken up the matter with Russian authorities, both in Delhi and Moscow, asking that this practice be ended and that our nationals be released.

# **Editorial**

## No more protests, violent crimes

The movement of Nepal 's youth is understandable, the issues and demands are also justified, but the way this rebellion has become violent and destructive, it can never be accepted in a democratic society. It seems as if the youth want to burn the entire Nepal to ashes and establish a new system in its place! Destruction is not necessary for any construction. The private residences of those who were the President, Prime Minister and Ministers of Nepal till yesterday were burnt. Why...what was the crime of their family members? The houses of former Prime Ministers - Sher Bahadur Deuba, Jhalanath, Prachanda, Baburam Bhattarai - were also set on fire. Deuba was even beaten up badly on the road. Former Prime Minister Jhalanath's wife Rajlakshmi was burnt alive. She died later. What was her fault? The Finance Minister was chased and beaten. The houses of the Home, Communication, Foreign Ministers etc. were also set on fire. Is this a movement? All of them were people's representatives of Nepal. The people of Nepal had given the mandate. If they were corrupt, debauched and anti-people, then the movement forced them to resign. Ultimately, the court will do justice. Their houses were ruined or burnt to ashes. What will the agitating youth gain from this? How will they get employment and food? How will inflation and hunger be reduced? Ultimately, how will Nepal get justice? The protesting generation, blinded by anger and rage, engulfed the Parliament House, the Supreme Court and the 'Singh Durbar', the symbol of Nepal's historical, cultural and political identity, in flames. If Generation Z needed justice, it was possible only from the Supreme Court. Thankfully, personal attacks were not made on the judges! The Parliament House has been the highest temple of Nepal's republican form. Now new elections will be held, young faces will also be elected as MPs, so where will they sit and make laws for the country or in which house will they be able to debate on issues and problems? The agitators vandalized and looted police stations, banks and malls. How are these institutions guilty, responsible for the pitiable condition of Nepali youth? We feel that now it is not a movement but robbery and violent crimes. Now many armed faces are seen leading the movement.

Was there a call for armed revolution? The rioters were about to enter the 'Jyotirlinga' Pashupatinath temple as well, but the army somehow controlled them and dispersed them. Now it seems that the agitators want to burn the entire Nepal to ashes, so that a new Nepal, a new system can be created. Domestic and international flights from Kathmandu airport had to be stopped. Air India and Indigo flights have also been affected. About 700 Indian passengers are stranded. The Ministry of External Affairs has issued an appeal to postpone the Nepal visit for the time being. Prime Minister Modi had to immediately call a meeting of the Cabinet's Security Committee.



Ashwini Vaishnav



Road and air connectivity

was limited Railways could not reach the capital. People had dreams, but the path to development was incomplete. Now it is not so.aAlong with this, the Prime Minister will also flag off three new train services from Sairang to Delhi (Rajdhani Express), Kolkata (Mizoram Express) and Guwahati (Aizawl Intercity). This railway line passes through difficult mountainous terrain. Railway engineers have built 143 bridges and 45 tunnels to connect Mizoram. One of these bridges is higher than the Qutub Minar. In fact, as is the case with: other Himalayan rail projects in this area, the railway line is almost entirely composed of a sequence of bridges and tunnels - a bridge, then a tunnel, then : another bridge, and so on.



# Mizoram on rail map

For many decades, the North-East was considered a remote area awaiting development. Our brothers and sisters lived with hope but did not get the infrastructure and opportunities they deserved.

This picture has changed under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The area which was once called a distant frontier has today emerged as a front-runner in India's progress.

#### Peace, Prosperity and Progress

This transformation has been possible due to record investments in railways, roads, airports and digital connectivity. Peace agreements are bringing stability. The benefits of government schemes are now reaching the people directly. For the first time since independence, the northeastern region is being considered the centre of India's development jour-

Just look at the investments made in railways. The railway budget for the sector has increased five times from 2009 to 2014. A provision of Rs 10,440 crore has been made in this financial year alone.

#### Mizoram's first railway line

Mizoram is also a part of this change. This state is known for its rich culture, love of sports and beautiful hills. Yet, it remained away from the mainstream of connectivity for decades.

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#### Himalayan tunnel construction <u>method</u>

The North-East Himalayas are young and fragile mountains. The land here is made up of soft soil and organic material instead of hard rocks. In such a situation, building tunnels and bridges was extremely challenging. Traditional methods would not work Mizoram.

the weight of the construction.To overcome this problem, our engineers developed a new and unique method, which is now called Himalayan Tunneling Method. This technique involves first stabilizing and strengthening the soil, then tunneling and construction work. This made it possible to complete one of the most difficult projects in the region.

Another big challenge was to make the bridges durable at height, as this area is prone to earthquakes. For this also special designs and advanced techniques were used, so that the bridge could be safe and strong.

This indigenous innovation is a model for similar geographies across the world. Thousands of engineers, workers and locals worked together to make it possible. When India builds, it does so with vision and understanding.

#### Benefit to the region

Railways are considered the engine of development. It brings new markets closer and creates business opportunities. The new railway line will improve the living standards of the people of Mizoram. With the introduction of Rajdhani Express, the travel time between Aizawl and Delhi will be reduced by 8 hours. The new express trains will also make travel between Aizawl, Kolkata and Guwahati faster and easier.Farmers, especially those involved in bamboo cultivation and gardening, will be able to transport their produce to larger markets faster and at a lower cost. Transportation of essential commodities like grains and fertilizers will also become easier. Tourism will also get a boost, as access to the natural beauty of Mizoram will become more convenient.

This will create new opportunities for local businesses and youth. The project will also provide people with better access to education, health and employment. This connectivity will bring more than just facilities to

here, as the loose soil would not bear **Development across the country** 

Record-breaking changes are taking place in railways across the country. Recently, more than 100 Amrit Bharat stations were inaugurated. Also, 1200 more stations are being built. These stations will provide modern facilities to passengers and make cities new centres of development.More than 150 running highspeed Vande Bharat trains are setting new standards of passenger comfort. Also, electrification of almost the entire network is making the railways greener.

Since 2014, 35,000 km of new tracks have been laid. This achievement is more than the total work done in the last six decades. Last year alone, 3.200 km of new railway lines were added. This pace of development and change is clearly visible in the North-East as well.

Development Vision of North EastThe Prime Minister has said that for us, EAST means Empower, Act, Strengthen and Transform. These words summarise his vision for the Northeast. Decisive steps in several sectors have ensured a sea change in the region.

Tata's semiconductor plant in Assam, hydropower projects like Tato in Arunachal Pradesh and landmark structures like the Bogibeel rail-cum-road bridge are transforming the region.

In addition, the establishment of AIIMS in Guwahati and 10 new greenfield airports have strengthened healthcare facilities and connectivity.

#### Front-runner from the frontier

For many decades, the people of Mizoram have waited for roads. schools and railways. Now that wait is over. These projects are a testimony to our Prime Minister's vision for the North-East: a region that was once considered a frontier but has now emerged as a front-runner.

(The author is Cabinet Minister, Railways, IT and Information & Broadcasting, Government of India.)

# **US-India relations: This** context is very special

#### - Dr. Mayank Chaturvedi

The foundation of relations between India and America has always been multidimensional. Sometimes these relations seem to be limited to strategic cooperation only, and sometimes they create new definitions of energy security, defense purchases, technology and mutual partnership on the global platform. But as we all have seen in recent times; how not only President Donald Trump but also his advisors were giving statements against India, one thing is clear from this that instead of coming under the pressure of America, India is now taking decisions in accordance with its national interests and long-term strategies, which Washington is not able to accept. But in this too, after a few months of bitter relations, softness has started to be seen again from America.

In fact, this situation is also special because after criticizing India, US President Donald Trump is today calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi his most trusted friend, on the

other hand, Prime Minister Modi message. If has given his clear message in a very balanced language, the essence of which is that India and America are good friends, but this does not mean that India will give any special importance to the US. India will change its foreign policy from time to time according to its priorities. This diplomatic balance is now clearly visible in India's energy poli-

cy as well. The recent decision of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) is a concrete example of this balance. IOC has decided to buy oil from West Africa and the Middle East instead of importing crude on a large scale from America. By buying 20 lakh barrels of Agbami and Usan oil grades from Nigeria and 10 lakh barrels of Das crude from Abu Dhabi, India has shown that it will not depend on one supplier. Earlier, IOC used to buy about 50 lakh barrels of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude from America. Now reducing this scale and diversifying the sources of supply is not only an economic step but also a strategic

seen, this decision is a big setback for America, because it has become a big exporter of crude at the global level. The Trump administration has been considering India as a permanent and big market for American crude. But India has shown through its move that it will not act according to the economic compulsions or political expectations of any one country. This change is actually a part of India's long-term energy security policy, which is based on the principle that stability can be achieved only through diverse sources and strong supply network amid the uncertainties of the global market, political tensions and regional conflicts.

By buying Russian crude after the Russia-Ukraine war, India had already shown that it would prioritize its economic interests by ignoring Western pressure. Buying cheap oil from Russia directly benefited India, but due to this the US imposed absurd tariffs and tensions between the two countries increased. India found a diplomatic

and economic answer to this too, by finding new options for oil imports. The decision to buy crude from West Africa and the Middle East is part of this strategy. This step not only reduces American pressure, but also strengthens India's relations with African countries.

African countries like Nigeria and Angola have been looking for permanent customers for a long time. The competition in the global energy market is so high that many times these countries do not find permanent buyers for their production. This move by India will give them stable income and new markets. Along with this, relations with the Middle East, especially Abu Dhabi, will also become stronger. The crude purchased from Abu Dhabi is on a 'delivered' basis, while Nigeria's oil is on a 'free-on-board' basis. This means that India is making deals on its own terms and is also balancing the supply risk. It is important to understand here

that India's energy policy is not limited to oil alone. It is actually an important part of its overall foreign

policy. When Trump offers friendship to India and Modi uses balanced language in response, it is not just personal level diplomacy. India's broader message is hidden behind this that it will not allow any relationship to turn into 'special dependency'. This is a lesson for America that relations with India can move forward only on the basis of equality and mutual respect.

The biggest gist of this entire development is that India is now moving towards self-reliance in the field of energy diplomacy. It is not only looking for alternatives, but is also increasing its bargaining power in the global market. When India buys crude from different countries, its bargaining power will increase. The impact of fluctuations in oil prices will be limited and continuity of supply will be maintained. This situation will prove to be decisive for domestic energy security. The second important aspect is that this step of India has sent a message to America that India will not be distracted by its economic pressures and tariff policies.

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## 50 lakh 'rooftop solar' systems will be installed soon under PM Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme: Joshi

New Delhi, Agency: Union New and Renewable Energy Minister Prahlad Joshi said on Thursday that under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme, rooftop solar systems (rooftop solar power project) have been installed in more than 20 lakh houses across the country, very soon 30 lakh more will be added to it. However, he did not give any time limit to achieve half of the target of installing rooftop solar for one crore beneficiaries under this scheme.

In the state review meeting on renewable energy organized by the Ministry of and Renewable Energy, Joshi said that India's target of achieving



500 gigawatt non-fossil capacity by 2030 has already been achieved more than half. The minister said the country has crossed 251.5 GW of non-fossil capacity. He termed this renewable energy sector, achievement as a testimony and is rapidly moving

to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which has transformed India's clean energy

development and domestic

manufacturing in the

The Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy said India is moving strongly towards building an entire indigenous solar value chain with the target of indigenous solar cell manufacturing by 2028. He said the country is now moving beyond modules to develop domestic capacity for wafers and ingots, ensuring that the entire manufacturing ecosystem is established in India. The minister said the move will not only reduce dependence on imports but will also boost job creation, investments and strengthen India's position as a global leader in clean energy man-

towards a developed India.

## You can withdraw PF money from ATM before Diwali

Decision will be taken in EPFO meeting on 10-11 October; Discussion on increasing monthly pension also



New Delhi, Agency: The central government may allow Provident Fund (PF) account holders to withdraw PF money from ATM before Diwali. A big meeting will be held on October 10-11 under the chairmanship of Labor and Employment Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, in which this proposal will be discussed.

The government's aim is to provide more facilities to 8 crore EPFO subscribers to spend before Diwali. In this meeting, the EPFO board can also consider the proposal to increase the minimum pension from Rs 1,000 per month to Rs 1,500-2,500, which has been a long-standing demand of trade unions.

EPFO is soon going to launch its new digital service 'EPFO 3.0'.

This will not only simplify the withdrawal of money but will also speed up the process of updating information and making claims. Employees will be able to withdraw money from ATM by activating UAN and linking Aadhaar to the account.

How to withdraw PF money from ATM and UPI?In this new process, EPFO ??will issue a special ATM card to its subscribers, which will be linked to their PF account. Using this card, subscribers will be able to withdraw their PF money directly from ATM machines. To withdraw money from UPI, you will have to link your PF account to UPI. After this, subscribers will be able to transfer PF money to their bank

# You will be able to use high-speed internet anywhere without network

## Musk's company SpaceX and Starlink are making chipsets for mobile, it will come after 2 years

New Delhi, Agency: Elon Musk's company SpaceX and Starlink are jointly developing a chipset that will allow mobile phones to connect directly to satellites. This will enable you to use high-speed internet anywhere in the world without any local network (eg Jio, Airtel).

The world's richest man recently announced this at the All-in Summit in California and said that this chipset will be available in 2 years. He said, You will be able to watch videos on your phone anywhere. Also, this new technology will bring a big change in the telecom industry.'

How will the internet reach you via

Satellites make it possible to beam internet coverage from any part of the earth. A network of satellites provides users with high-speed, low-latency internet coverage. Latency refers to the time it takes for data to travel from



one point to another.

Currently, the Starlink kit consists of a Starlink dish, a Wi-Fi router, power supply cables and a mounting tripod. For high-speed internet, the dish will have to be placed under the open sky. Starlink's app is available on iOS and Android, which does everything from setup to monitoring.

The new chip to be installed in the mobile will eliminate the need for the Starlink kit. The new chip will connect mobile phones directly to Starlink satellites. Musk claims that with this you will be able to watch videos, play games and make video calls anywhere, anytime.

Musk said, 'Phones with the new chip can come in the market in about two years. This chipset will work on a specific frequency, for which we still have to complete some technical work.' This means that this technology can be available to the general public by 2027. Starlink is a special project of

Starlink is a project of SpaceX that provides high-speed internet through satellites. Its satellites revolve close to the earth, which makes the internet

faster and smoother. This is especially beneficial for those areas where normal internet does not reach - like villages or mountains.

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Mr. Manish Mayank, Business Head – IIFL

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sive branch network, IIFL Finance has built a robust digital presence, enabling customers to conveniently explore, apply, and manage their Gold Loans online through www.iifl.com.

IIFL Finance understands the critical role of MSMEs in building a stronger India. By extending Gold Loans with quick access, transparent terms, and flexible repayment solutions, the company empowers small businesses and entrepreneurs to scale faster and contribute meaningfully to the nation's

#### Important meeting of SEBI's board of directors on Friday, many proposals will be discussed

Mumbai, Agency: The board of directors of the capital market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is to have an important meeting on Friday, in which many important reform proposals are likely to be considered. The main issues include proposals such as easing the conditions of IPO for large companies and extending the time limit for achieving minimum public



shareholding. Official sources said on Thursday that many regulatory reforms are to be discussed in the board meeting to be held on Friday under the chairmanship of SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kant Pandey. Other key issues include simplifying compliance for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs), relaxing rules for accredited investors in some alternative investment funds (AIFs), expanding the scope of activities of rating agencies and granting equity status to REITs and InvITs. This will be the third board meeting of the tenure of SEBI chief Tuhin Kant Pandey.

# Larry Ellison is the richest person in the world, Musk is second

#### Earned 9 lakh crore in one day, same is the net worth of Mukesh Ambani

New Delhi, Agency: Oracle cofounder Larry Ellison has now become the richest person in the world. Due to the surge of more than 41% in the company's stock in a single day, his net worth increased by about ? 9 lakh crore, which is close to the net worth of India's richest businessman Mukesh Ambani.

According to Bloomberg's report, Tesla founder Elon Musk has now slipped to the second position. Larry Ellison's net worth has reached \$393 billion i.e., about Rs 34.60 lakh crore. While Elon Musk's net worth is \$385 billion i.e., about Rs 33.90 lakh crore.

The company's results were better than expected, so the stock rose

Oracle (ORCL) released its quarterly results on Tuesday evening,

which were much better than expectations. The company said that due to the increasing demand for artificial intelligence (AI), the demand for its data center and cloud services is sky-Oracle CEO Safra Catz said the

company signed four major contracts worth billions of dollars in the quarter, taking its bookings to \$455 billion. The company expects to receive more such contracts in the coming months. After the first quarter results were announced, Oracle's stock rose by more than 41% to \$336. Oracle's chairman Ellison owns 116 crore shares of the company. In such a situation, the effect of the increase in the stock was seen on his net worth.

According to the Bloomberg

Billionaires Index, his net worth increased by \$101 billion, i.e., about Rs 9 lakh crore, in a day, which is the biggest one-day jump in the history of this index. Ellison reached second place in the Bloomberg Index in June

In the Bloomberg Billionaires Index (list of the world's richest people), Ellison surpassed Jeff Bezos and Mark Zuckerberg to reach the second position in June 2025. At the same time, Elon Musk was at the number one position since May 2024.

A large portion of Musk's net worth comes from Tesla, but Tesla's shares have fallen 14% this year, reducing Musk's net worth. On the other hand, Oracle's shares have risen 103% so far in 2025.

#### KFC INDIA LEVELS UP ON PROTEIN WITH THE ALL NEW CHATPATA CHANA BURGER

KFC + Ranchi, Agency Chana If you're wondering what that equation means, you're in for a surprise. It's the 2025 plot twist no one predicted or saw coming.

Introducing KFC's all-new protein patty burger – the Chatapata Chana. As India's first Chana burger priced at an unbelievable INR 69/-, it's made with a chana patty and seasoned with a medley of Indian herbs & spices.

At the heart of the all-new menu offering is the crispy, golden, protein patty, topped with crunchy onions, a creamy tangy sauce, eggless mayonnaise and a wholesome seeded bun.

The Chatpata Chana burger reflects KFC's commitment to menu innovation while bringing smarter indulgence options for consumers, all without compromising on the finger lickin' good taste the brand is known for. With today's consumers increasingly seeking options that balance taste and nutrition, the Chatpata Chana Burger is KFC India's answer to evolving food choices - a protein patty burger loaded with flavor.

Excited about KFC's latest drop, Aparna Bhawal, CMO, KFC India & Partner Countries said, "The consumer is at the heart of everything we do, and today's consumer wants it all – food that's droolworthy, Insta-worthy and still enables them to make whole-

some choices. That's exactly what our all-new Chatpata Chana burger delivers. It's India's first Chana burger at INR 69/- an offering you didn't expect from KFC, at a price point you didn't see coming. The Chatpata Chana burger has got a protein patty, is deliciously crunchy and guaranteed to floor even the most hardcore chicken loyalists. We know 'Veg at KFC' sounds almost unbelievable but one bite of the bold Chatpata Chana burger and you'll immediately know why it deserves a spot on our menu. We're confident it will surprise & woo our loyal tribe of KFC fans, and even win us a whole tribe who never imagined walking into a KFC for a delicious veg burger. Vegetarians and nonvegetarians can both enjoy finger lickin' good food at KFC worry free. All vegetarian and non-vegetarian offerings are prepared separately. Everything, right from the oil and utensils to the ingredients, is segregated, with employees in the vegetarian section wearing green aprons, while those in the non-vegetarian section sport red aprons. The all-new protein patty Chatpata Chana Burger is available across all 1300+ KFC restaurants in India for dine-in & takeaway, as well as via the KFC app, website (https:// online.kfc .co.in/) or via leading food delivery apps.

# Steve Jobs was rude but his secret formula still runs Apple: Kevin O'Leary

investor Kevin O'Leary has shared a behind-the-scenes look at Apple's legendary cofounder Steve Jobs in a podcast where he described him as a rude, demanding, but extremely focused entrepreneur who is behind the success of Apple. In the podcast, O'Leary recalls his time when he was working with Apple in the early 1990s, and stated that Jobs would often email him at 2:30 AM and expect an immediate reply.

According to O'Leary, Jobs once even snapped at 80 per cent was signal and him, saying, "Shut up and do what I say", he mentioned that in 'The Diary of a CEO' podcast.

Although Jobs was not at powerhouse.

New Delhi: Shark Tank all pleasant to work with, due to his laser-like focus, the company produced results that made Apple one of the most successful companies in history.

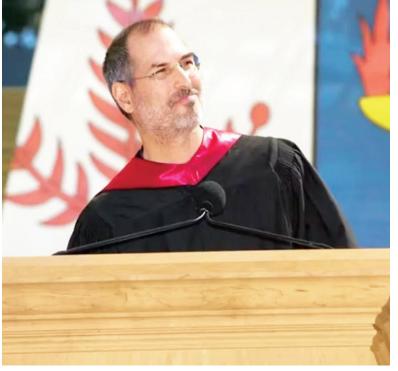
The formula that built

O'Leary revealed that Jobs lived by one formula: 'signal-to-noise ratio.'

Signal meant focusing only on the 3 to 5 most important tasks of the day.

Noise was everything else that distracted from those priorities. For Jobs, it was always

20 per cent was noise. This sharp focus, O'Leary said, is what set Jobs apart and built Apple into a global



Jobs?

O'Leary stated in the podcast that he believes that the only entrepreneur who truly matches and even surpasses Jobs' level of focus and commitment is Elon

According to him (as he geniuses from ordinary stated in the podcast), Musk managers. has 'no noise' in his day. Every waking minute is dedicated to Tesla, Neuralink, ethic sometimes he works for up to 18 hours a day. He has been turned into the next 18 hours, not the next world's most influential year. innovator.

lutionised personal technol- success in the tech world.

Who's the next serious ogy, Musk has been reshapentrepreneur after Steve ing electric vehicles (EV market), space exploration (with SpaceX), Starlink (satellite internet services) and artificial intelligence (Grok AI).

This ability to maintain 'all signal, no noise' is what O'Leary says separates

Why it matters for today's entrepreneurs

O'Leary continues to SpaceX and his other ven- teach Jobs' formula to CEOs tures. Musk's intense work and MBA students even today.

His advice: focus on the

This ruthless discipline, Just like Jobs once revo- he says, is the real secret to



# **Spotify brings CD-Quality Lossless Audio to Premium users**

New Delhi: After years of promises and the update for the new feature. delays, Spotify has officially launched lossless music streaming for premium account holders. The feature, first announced in 2021 as part of a "HiFi tier," faced multiple setbacks due to licensing issues. Now, paid subscribers (Premium users only) will be able to enjoy CD-quality audio with up to 24bit/44.1 kHz FLAC streaming, which means audio by going to: the original sound will be preserved without compression.

Also, it is a must to mention that due to bandwidth limits, Bluetooth devices will not support lossless streaming. By introducing the new Lossless Music feature, Spotify is catching up with rivals like Apple Music and Amazon Music, who already rolled out the feature years ago.

Lossless Music comes to Spotify after years of delay: Available in over 50 countries

Spotify confirmed that lossless streaming is rolling out in more than 50 countries throughout October 2025. Users in countries like the US, UK, Australia, Japan, Germany, Sweden and Denmark are already receiving

Other regions will get access gradually (timeline unspecified). Users will be notified via the app once the feature is live for their account.

How to enable Lossless Streaming on Spotify

Once available, you can enable lossless

Settings & Privacy Media Quality Lossless

Here, you can select "Lossless" for Wi-Fi, mobile data, and downloads.

However, you must manually enable the feature for each device linked to your Spotify account, as the setting does not sync automatically.

Data and device limitations

Lossless audio files are significantly larger, which means higher data consumption. Spotify Premium users will be able to display how much data they use when streaming in this format.

# Sam Altman wants Siri replaced with ChatGPT

September 9 'Awe Dropping' event, all eyes were on the newly launched iPhone 17 series, and the major highlight was on iPhone Air, the thinnest of all the iPhones ever seen. Being the real showstopper at the event, the Air handset is just 5.6mm thick.

Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI, could not hide his excitement and posted on X (formerly known as Twitter): "First new iPhone upgrade I have really wanted in a while! Looks very cool."

When asked if he was referring to the iPhone Air, Altman confirmed it was indeed this ultra-slim device that impressed

What makes iPhone Air special?

The iPhone Air has quickly become the most talked-about model in the series.

Slimmest iPhone design: With a 5.6mm thin and weighing 165 grams

Display and performance: ProMotion display and A19 Pro chipset (with one less GPU core than the Pro)

Battery: Apple claims all-day battery life, supported by a dedicated MagSafe battery case

Camera: 18MP front camera with Centre Stage, 48MP rear

Fusion camera Other features: eSIM-only, single speaker for a slimmer

design The iPhone Air price in India

starts at Rs 1,19,900, while in the US it is priced at USD 999. Did Sam Altman suggest

replacing Siri with ChatGPT? Yes, and it created quite a

One of Altman's followers on X suggested Apple should replace Siri with ChatGPT, and surpris-

ingly, Altman responded: "That thh sounds like a great

idea, I am supportive." This sparked speculation about whether Apple could actu-

ally consider such a move. Is Siri really falling behind? Unfortunately, yes. While

rivals like Google and Microsoft are rapidly improving their AI assistants, Apple's Siri still struggles with complex queries. Apple introduced Apple Intelligence last year, but it has yet to fully deliver.

Reports suggest Apple is

exploring partnerships with Google for AI integration, and might even build its own language model. In this scenario, ChatGPT could be a strong candidate to power Siri in the future but as of now, Apple has not confirmed any such partnership.

What does this mean for iPhone users in India?

For Indian Apple fans, this raises an exciting question:

If Siri gets ChatGPT-like capabilities, will iPhones finally become smarter and more useful in everyday life?

While nothing is confirmed yet, Sam Altman's statement shows that the idea is not farfetched. If Apple takes AI seriously, Indian users could soon see smarter Siri features- from better local search to more accurate voice commands in multiple lan-

# Google Nano Banana AI craze hits India How Indians are making free 3D figurines

**New Delhi:**Social media Instagram, X in India is buzzing with the quirky 'Nano Banana' trend, which has picked up once again- especially in the Indian market. With the new trend, people are creating ultra-realistic 3D figurine images while using Google's Gemini 2.5 Flash Image tool. These shiny, collectable-style models look like toys which could be bought from a store, but they are completely AIgenerated and free.

From Bollywood celebrities to political figures and even pets, Indians are experimenting with this tool to design fun, miniature versions of themselves. The craze has spread across various social media platformsknown as Twitter), TikTok, and YouTube. This is making the feature one of the fastestgrowing viral AI trends in 2025, after GPT from ChatGPT. Why are Indians loving

the 'Nano banana trend'?

The Nano Banana trend is blowing up as it has simplicity and a wow factor. With just a photo and a simple text prompt, users can get professional-looking, polished 3D figurines in seconds. You don't need to pay or be techsavvy — the results are instant, glossy, and perfect for sharing online.

Many Indian creators are using it to make cartoon-like avatars, collectable boxes,



and even 16-bit video game from samurai pets to characters, adding a creative twist to their content. The ability to mix prompts with photos has given Indians a chance to make everything

Bollywood-inspired figurines.

How to create your own Nano Banana figurine for free If you want to join the

trend, here's how to get start- result, just tweak the prompt

Step 1: Go to Google AI Studio via the Gemini app or

Step 2: Upload your photo and add a creative text prompt (or just use a prompt alone).

Step 3: Use Google's official prompt:

"Create a 1/7 scale commercialised figurine of the characters in the picture, in a realistic style... placed on a computer desk... with a toy packaging box printed with original artwork.'

Step 4: Click generate, wait a few seconds, and your figurine is ready!

If you do not like the

or try another photo.

Other fun modes to try on Google's Gemini

16-Bit Video Game Character – Upload a photo and ask Gemini to reimagine you in a retro 16-bit game.

3D Hologram Mode -Upload an image and use the prompt "Turn this into a 3D transparent line art hologram.'

These modes have already gone viral in India, with people turning selfies, movie posters, and even political images into quirky collectable art.For India's Gen Z and content creators, Nano Banana has become the newest way to show creativity online.

# Pro Kabaddi League returns to Jaipur with high-octane action in Season 12

Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 12 is all set for its much-awaited return to the Pink City, Jaipur, as the Visakhapatnam to the SMS Indoor Stadium. Beginning on September 12, Jaipur will host the second leg of what is shaping up to be the most competitive season yet.

The last time PKL graced Jaipur was in January 2024, and the city's passionate kabaddi fans are eager to witness their beloved Jaipur Pink Panthers in action on home soil once again. The team, which clinched the inaugural PKL title in 2014 and its second championship in Season 9, will be looking to leverage the home advantage and the unwavering support of its loyal fanbase.

The Jaipur leg of PKL Season 12 will run from September 12 to September

Jaipur, Agency: The Pro es across the 12 teams. This comes after the end of the Vizag leg on September 11, with Puneri Paltan, Dabang Delhi K.C., Telugu Titans and U Mumba showing early signs of dominance in Season 12, according to a press release

Speaking at the launch of the Jaipur Leg, Anupam Goswami, Business Head, Mashal Sports and League Chairman, PKL, said, as quoted by a press release, "India is evolving in the sports ecosystem, with new leagues emerging across different sports. To stay relevant, we have to innovate, which is why PKL has reworked its format to make it more exciting for fans and competitive for players. The introduction of the tie-breaker rule has ensured that every match produces a decisive outcome. This season, we have already witnessed five tie-breakers, including two 27, featuring multiple match- Golden Raids, which high-



lights how this innovation keeps the intensity high. Nearly 30% of total points have come from young players in just their first or second PKL season, underlining how fresh talent is shaping the league. We now look forward to carrying this momentum into the Jaipur leg."

"It's been a very good journey so far. The federation has been working hard at the been synonymous with sport-

grassroots to nurture talent, and the league has given these players a platform and visibility. It's a wonderful opportunity for them to progress. The synergies have come together beautifully, and it has worked out well for everyone -- for the game as well as for the players," said Vibhor Jain, President, AKFI.

The Pink City has always

richness, making it the perfect backdrop for high-octane kabaddi action. The SMS Indoor Stadium has previously witnessed some memorable encounters, and fans can expect the same level of intensity and passion as the league returns to this iconic venue. The captains and coaches of the Jaipur Pink Panthers also took time out of their busy schedule to visit the Hawa Mahal, which is the hallmark of the city.

We've had a solid start to the season - two wins already and two very close games that could have gone our way. The team is looking balanced and confident. Playing at our home ground gives us a special boost of energy, and I know our fans will turn up in big numbers to back us. Their support means everything, and we want to repay that faith by giving our 100% on the mat and carrying forward of the city.

ing excellence and cultural this momentum," said Nitin Rawal, skipper of the home side Jaipur Pink Panthers.

This season has shown that every match is unpredictable, and that keeps us motivated to fight harder. We're confident that if we play with discipline and teamwork, we can turn the pressure into opportunity," added Bengaluru Bulls skipper Yogesh Dahiya.

The Pink City has always been synonymous with sporting excellence and cultural richness, making it the perfect backdrop for high-octane kabaddi action. The SMS Indoor Stadium has previously witnessed some memorable encounters, and fans can expect the same level of intensity and passion as the league returns to this iconic venue. The captains and coaches of the Jaipur Pink Panthers also took time out of their busy schedule to visit the Hawa Mahal, which is the hallmark

## Arshad Nadeem breaks silence on rivalry with Neeraj Chopra ahead of World Athletics Championships: 'My competition is

Pakistan, javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem, who won gold at the Paris Olympics, played down the rivalry with Neeraj Chopra ahead of the upcoming World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan. Neeraj will return to the National Stadium in Tokyo, where he most famously became Olympic champion four years ago. The 27-year-old Neeraj Chopra will look to defend his world champion title in the upcoming tournament; however, he will have to keep Arshad at bay. The premier javelin thrower from India will also look to take revenge after coming second to Arshad at the Paris Olympics.

finishing in the top two in Nadeem; I have my compe- competition after undergo- more than 90m.



crossed the 90m mark at the Doha Diamond League, throwing 90.23m.

The Paris Olympics gold medallist spoke to reporters in Lahore after his final training session before leav-Arshad competed just ing for the Japanese capital, once after the Paris and it was then that he was good contest," he added. Olympics, winning the asked about his view of the



every competition he has titions against myself. I am participated in. He also in good shape and well prepared for the contest in Tokyo," Dawn.com quoted Arshad as saying.

"Most of the other main rivals in Tokyo [javelin throw event] are the same who were at the Paris Olympics, so it will be a

ing a calf surgery in July

"But the decision was taken just not to take any risk before the World Championships," said Arshad.

"I always target to do my best in every event, and I am going to Tokyo with the same mission with high hopes. And the rest is on God," he added.

Athletics World Championships

The World Athletics Championships will begin on Saturday, September 13. However, the men's javelin final will be played on

Thursday, September 18.
Arshad Nadeem heads into the competition as one of the favourites alongside Chopra. The two are expected to set the stage on fire, Arshad also stated that and it will be an intense fin-Asian Championships. On competition with Neeraj. he regrets missing the ish. It remains to be seen the other hand, Neeraj has "My competition is Diamond League. For the had a good season so far, always against Arshad unversed, he missed the again register a throw of

## For the first time in the Women's Cricket World Cup, women will take up the responsibility of umpire and referee



International Cricket Council (ICC) on Thursday wrote a new chapter in the history of women's cricket. For the first time, an allfemale umpire and match referee panel has been appointed for the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 to be held in India.

that now all 31 matches of the rational example in sports history. tournament will be played under the supervision of women's umpires and women match referees. The ICC has described it as a big step towards empowering women's cricket and gender equality in the game.

ICC Chairman Jay Shah, in an official statement, described it as an important milestone in the development of women's cricket and said, "This is a historic moment in the journey of women's cricket. This appointment of women officials is not just symbolic, but a means of providing opportunity, visibility and

**New Delhi, Agency:** The inspiration. It will show the coming generations that leadership and influence have no gender."

This 13th Women's Cricket World Cup to be held in India will be played for 33 days, in which 8 teams will fight for the title. With the appointment of completely female umpires and referees, this This historic decision indicates tournament will become an inspi-18-member panel announced

The ICC has announced the names of a total of 14 female umpires and 4 female match referees. These include Claire Polosak, Jacqueline Williams and Sue Redfern, who will umpire in the Women's World Cup for the third time. Apart from this, Lauren Agenbag and Kim Cotton are also part of the panel. Both of them umpired in the 2022 World Cup final. Apart from this, Trudy Anderson, Shandre Fritz, GS Lakshmi and Michelle Perera have been selected as match refer-

# **World Boxing Championships 2025: Pooja** Rani reaches semi-finals, medal assured

Liverpool, Agency: Veteran Indian boxer Pooja Rani has reached the semi-finals of the women's 80 kg category at the World Boxing Championship with an easy win over Poland's Emilia Koterska. With this, Pooja Rani has also confirmed a medal. Now in the semi-finals, Pooja will face local boxer Emily Asquith.

34-year-old Pooja, who got a bye in the first round, took advantage of her immense experience and defeated young boxer Koterska 3-2 in the quarter-finals late Wednesday night. The 80 kg weight category is different from the Olympics and 12 boxers are participating in this competition. With this win, two-time Asian champion Pooja along with Jasmine Lamboria (57 kg) and Nupur Sheoran



(80+ kg) were successful in ensuring medals for India in this edition of the tournament.

Meanwhile, India's men's campaign suffered another setback when

Abhinash Jamwal crashed out in the 65kg quarterfinals after losing a 1-4 split decision to Olympic bronze medallist Lasha Guruli of Georgia. With his exit, only Jadumani Singh (50kg) is left in the race from the men's team. He will face reigning world champion Sanzhar Tashkenbay of Kazakhstan in the last eight stage.

This is a massive drop from the last edition in Tashkent, where India's Deepak Bhoria (51kg), Mohammed Hussamuddin (57kg) and Nishan Dev (71kg) won bronze medals. In the last edition of the women's tournament, hosts India won four gold medals, with Nitu Ghanghas (48kg), Nikhat (50kg), Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) and Saweety Boora (81kg) winning all three of their respective finals.

# Tuticorin, Agency: India's much-awaited Ocean Sports Festival

**Kadal Kondattam 2025: India's largest** 

ocean sports festival to be held in Tuticorin

'Kadal Kondattam 2025' - will be held in the coastal city of Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu from September 12 to 14 this year. This threeday festival will be a great amalgamation of the thrill of sea sports, participation of international athletes and the rich cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu.

The main events of the festival will include stand-up paddling, kiteboarding, kitesurfing, kayaking and beach obstacle race. Led by former national kiteboarding champion Arjun Motha and organised by Aqua Outback in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Tourism and the state government, the festival is set to mark the growing popularity of ocean-based sports in India.

# Seven players from Moradabad won medals in the state level shooting competition

Moradabad, Agency: players from Moradabad district have won medals in the state level shooting competition held in Jaipur, Rajasthan. All these players have also qualified for the pre-national competition to be held in Bhopal next month. Coach Anamika told that a total of 26 shooters of Sharp Shooting Academy partici-



pated in this state level competition. Out of which seven players have won medals in different catealso among

the medal winners. Who has won the gold medal in

the 10 meter rifle category. Apart from these, Santosh has won the gold medal in the Uttar Pradesh Service Police category 10 meter pistol category. Prashansha, Avanica and Sanskriti have won silver in the sub youth category 10 meter pistol category and Saurabh Kumar has won the bronze medal in the 50 meter rifle category.