



BRIEF NEWS

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 the 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 working to make this Naxal eradication campaign successful with full vigilance and planning. 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.

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-



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.

Planned Urban Growth a Priority

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

to ensure modern civic facilities while avoiding future crises," he said.

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

in remote rural areas," he said.

Key Highlights of the Event

19 candidates received appointment letters under the Urban 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 destiny.

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.

Mauritius PM Dr Ramgoolam 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 have decided on a special economic package. This will strengthen infrastructure and create new employment opportu-

nities. 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 congratulate 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 Ayodhya as well. PM Modi, however, left after hosting the lunch for the guest, officials said.

BJP holds statewide protest over Hansda killing, Nagdi land row



DB Reporter

Ranchi: The Jharkhand unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) staged demonstrations across all 264 blocks of the state on Wednesday, pressing for a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) 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 president and Leader of Opposition Babul Marandi, Union Minister Annapurna Devi, former Chief Minister Raghubar Das, former BJP chief Deepak Prakash, and 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 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 mining. "Surya Hansda was brutally murdered at

the behest of brokers and mafias shielded by this government. The so-called police encounter is completely fake. If the government has nothing 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 corruption in the RIMS-2 land acquisition.

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 biannual blood donation camp, 'Navjeevan' by TRF Ladies Association (TRFLA), in collaboration with Jamshedpur Blood Centre and Voluntary Blood Donors' Association (VBDA) on September 11, 2025 in the company premises. In this



camp, 222 units of blood were collected, which is of immense value. Donors from employees of the company,

distinguished office bearers and members of Tata Robins Fraser Labour Union, members of TRF Ladies Association

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

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

During the inauguration Dr Nirjala Jha from Jamshedpur Blood Centre spoke about necessity for blood donation and Ms Shweta Gupta, Member TRFLA in her 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



Photo- GST bottom

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.

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

Parent-Teacher Meeting Held at Upgraded Middle School Govindpur

DB Reporter
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 education. 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 Animal Husbandry 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, Karanu, Jhirli, Bahadurchak, Niyamchak etc. and surrounding areas. 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, Boarjor, 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 provided comprehensive services. 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 Sanoj 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, GIS-enabled 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

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. Subsequently, the

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. It may be stated here that "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.

Mail Service Hours Extended at Ramgarh Cantonment Head Post Office

DB Reporter
Ramgarh - In a move to enhance public convenience and improve service delivery, the Department of Posts has extended the operational hours of its mail services at 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 occasion, Assistant Superintendent Agrawal said that the decision to extend mail service hours was made in response to increasing customer 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, R a m k h e l a w a n 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, Baban Kumar Rai, Arjalal Mahato, Pannalal, Rajendra Singh, Bhajun Mahato, among other postal staff and customers. The initiative has been welcomed by the local community as a step towards more accessible and customer-friendly postal services.

Doctors saved life and limb of a patient at Paras Hospital HEC

DB Reporter
Ranchi: 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

treated at Paras Hospital. Dr. Kushwaha said that in this patient'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 manner.

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 government-aided schools throughout the state.

He added that to promote sports, the department has created a platform through Khelo 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 and winning hundreds of medals, bringing glory to the state. 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-of-war, 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 Bhawe'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 Bhawe. 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 Bhawe. In her address, Principal Dr. Bhagat highlighted the life struggles of Sant



Vinoba Bhawe 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, Dr. Pooja 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

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 phone at all times. He further emphasized that MOICs should regularly inspect the night duty attendance of doctors and health workers and ensure there is no tampering with duty rosters. Instructions were also given to ensure effi-

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 check-ups 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 high-risk areas.

Congress Leader Praises Kodarma Deputy Commissioner for Swift Action

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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 to the hazardous condition. Responding swiftly, the Deputy Commissioner 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, high-

lighting 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
Ichhak - 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 Ichhak 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



within two days, failing which a recommendation for her removal would be sent and arrangements made to appoint a replacement. However, even after a week had passed, Priyanka Mehta did not return to duty. A formal complaint was filed with the District Education Officer (DEO), but no action has been taken so far-neither against the absentee teacher nor to appoint a

replacement. Deputy Block Head Satyendra Kumar Mehta stated that the issue extends beyond one teacher's absence. "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.

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

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 Quarter Manjhi 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



that coal is being stolen on a large scale from Berra, Dobari, and the hilly areas, loaded onto trucks, and then sold to brick kilns located in Govindpur and Barwa Adda areas of Dhanbad. Mafia Network According to local sources, the entire racket is controlled by the notorious coal mafia Gangadhar. His network is man-

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 complicity. 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



of the Kurmi community in the Scheduled Tribe (ST) list, constitutional recognition of the Kurmal 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.

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

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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 north-eastern region is being considered the centre of India's development journey.

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 method

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 here, as the loose soil would not bear



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 Mizoram.

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 high-speed 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 East

The 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.

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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 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 policy 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

message. If 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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Pro Kabaddi League returns to Jaipur with high-octane action in Season 12

Jaipur, Agency: The Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 12 is all set for its much-awaited return to the Pink City, Jaipur, as the action shifts from 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 27, featuring multiple match-

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 from PKL.

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 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 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.

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ing 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 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

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.

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

Pakistan, Agency: 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 the 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.

Arshad competed just once after the Paris Olympics, winning the Asian Championships. On the other hand, Neeraj has had a good season so far, finishing in the top two in



every competition he has participated in. He also crossed the 90m mark at the Doha Diamond League, throwing 90.23m.

The Paris Olympics gold medalist spoke to reporters in Lahore after his final training session before leaving for the Japanese capital, and it was then that he was asked about his view of the competition with Neeraj.

"My competition is always against Arshad Nadeem; I have my compe-

titions against myself. I am 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 good contest," he added.

Arshad also stated that he regrets missing the Diamond League. For the unversed, he missed the competition after undergo-

ing a calf surgery in July 2025.

"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.

World Athletics 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, and it will be an intense finish. It remains to be seen whether the duo can once again register a throw of more than 90m.

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



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

This historic decision indicates that now all 31 matches of the 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

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 tournament will become an inspirational example in sports history.

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 referees.

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 Bhorla (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.

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

Moradabad, Agency: Seven 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 cate-

gories. Coach Anamika is also 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. Prashansa, Avatica 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.

Kadal Kondattam 2025: India's largest ocean sports festival to be held in Tuticorin



Tuticorin, Agency: India's much-awaited Ocean Sports Festival - 'Kadal Kondattam 2025' - will be held in the coastal city of Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu from September 12 to 14 this year. This three-day 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.