



BRIEF NEWS

**WhatsApp
hacking cases
rise in India**



Thiruvananthapuram

The Kerala police has issued a public advisory following a rise in WhatsApp hacking cases across the state, warning that cybercriminals are abusing the messaging platform to extort money by impersonating users. Fraudsters usually do this by posing as trusted contacts, sending fake APK links, or tricking unsuspecting users into sharing their one-time passwords (OTPs), officials said. Once access is gained, the hackers log into the victim's account from their own device, and often lock out the genuine user for up to 24 hours. "During this time, the fraudsters send distress messages to the victim's friends and relatives asking for immediate money transfers or circulate malicious links to trap more people," the police said. The advisory urged citizens to take immediate precautions: "Never share your OTP with anyone. Do not click on suspicious links. Activate two-step verification on WhatsApp without delay." The authorities have asked victims and potential victims to immediately report the incidents through the Cyber ??Crime Helpline 1930 or by filing a complaint online on the official website.

'I and my government are with you', PM assures people of Manipur, appeals for peace

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Churachandpur: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today assured the people of Manipur that he and his government are "with them" and appealed for peace saying the land of courage and strength must once again become the land of hope. Addressing the people of the state, especially the tribal people in hill districts of the state, he said that while recent violence has deeply affected lives, hope is knocking at the doors of Manipur. The Prime Minister, who met displaced families staying in relief camps, said that the government at the Centre stood firmly with the people of Manipur. "I appeal to all organisations to walk



the path of peace and ensure the future of their children. I promise, I am with you. The Indian government is with you," he said. He also underlined the cultural vibrancy and

resilience of the state, adding that Manipur's sentiment, courage and affection were unforgettable and that he bows his head in gratitude before the people. Emphasising his govern-

ment's commitment to development, Modi recalled that in the last decade the state has seen unprecedented investment in connectivity, infrastructure, health and education. He noted that road and rail projects worth thousands of crores have transformed access across hills and plains, with Rs 3,700 crore already spent on national highways and another Rs 8,700 crore worth of work underway. Rail connectivity alone has seen an investment of Rs 22,000 crore, while Imphal airport has been upgraded at a cost of Rs 400 crore. He said that the efforts to improve the lives of the people have touched every household, from 60,000 new homes and free electricity for more than one lakh families to 3.5 lakh households now getting drinking water under the Har Ghar Jal scheme.

The health sector, which had long been neglected, is also undergoing

change with a medical college set up in Churachandpur and advanced facilities coming up in five hill districts. A special package of Rs 3,000 crore, including Rs 500 crore for displaced families, has been announced to help Manipur get back on its feet. The Prime Minister stressed that more than 500 villages are currently witnessing development works, with particular focus on empowering tribal youth and women.

He said Manipur is a symbol of peace, prosperity and progress, and the government will continue to stand with displaced families until they return to their homes and rebuild their lives. He also laid the foundation for 19 projects worth Rs 7,300 crore and expressed confidence that in the coming years Manipur would shine as a true jewel of the Northeast.

Preparations underway to make RIMS the best institute in the country- Minister

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Health Minister Dr Irfan Ansari said that we want to bring RIMS in the category of the best institutions of the country. This is possible only when all the responsible officers and employees play their role seriously. "We are committed to bring about change at every level. I am completely serious about changing the system of RIMS. I keep having discussions with the Chief Minister in this regard and I am constantly getting his guidance. Very soon a big and comprehensive change will be seen in RIMS". He said. "It may take some time, but people are now beginning to see the winds of change and in the times to come, more concrete steps will be taken so that patients can get better treatment and modern facilities", he added. He was speaking at an important meeting of the RIMS Governing Council on Saturday at RIMS (Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences), Ranchi, the state's largest government hospital. **Strict action will be taken on private practice** Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari said



that doctors doing private practice outside during government duty will be identified and strict action will be taken against them. The director has been ordered to expedite the process of purchasing the MRI machine. Instructions have also been given to replace/repair the damaged ventilators in the trauma centre, repair the building and give priority to cleanliness. Additional Chief Secretary Ajay Kumar Singh said that the Director has been ordered to take immediate action on several issues and concrete changes will

be seen in RIMS in the coming time. RIMS Director described the meeting as positive and fruitful and assured that comprehensive improvements will be seen in RIMS in the coming days. It was decided in the meeting that the next meeting will be held on 9 October 2025, in which the remaining proposals will be discussed in detail. MLA Suresh Kumar Baitha, Additional Chief Secretary Ajay Kumar Singh, Finance Secretary, RIMS Director, Ranchi University Vice Chancellor, Rinpas Director, Divisional Commissioner and

There was an in-depth discussion on various agendas in the meeting. These include:-

- Delay in purchase and problems arising out of it
- Facilities and shortcomings of the trauma center
- Maintenance system and condition of bad ventilators
- Purchase and use of necessary machines
- Current status of treatment and outline of improvement

many other officers and dignitaries were present in the meeting.

Jharkhand News: 296 crore recovered in National Lok Adalat at Ranchi



DB Reporter

Ranchi: The National Lok Adalat in Ranchi on Saturday witnessed the settlement of 40,836 pending cases and 2,08,097 pre-litigation disputes, resulting in recoveries worth ₹296.58 crore. The third Lok Adalat of 2025 was inaugurated online by Chief Justice of Jharkhand, Tarlok Singh Chauhan, along with Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad, Executive Chairman of Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (JHALSA). At the DLSA Hall of the Civil Court, Judicial Commissioner Anil Kumar Mishra-I and other judicial officers handed over cheques worth ₹27.15 lakh to 12 victims under the Jharkhand Victim Compensation Scheme, 2019. In addition, 82 road accident victims were awarded compensation of ₹8.70 crore. Veer Pariwar Sahayata Yojana Launch Marking the

occasion, the NALSA Veer Pariwar Sahayata Yojana-2025 was also launched at Kerketta Auditorium in Dipatoli, where Chief Justice Chauhan, Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad, and Justice Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi inaugurated the Veer Pariwar Kalyan Karyalaya. The office will provide free legal assistance to ex-servicemen and their families. On this occasion, compensation of ₹2.14 crore was distributed to beneficiaries. For the Lok Adalat, 34 judicial benches and 19 executive benches were constituted. Prior coordination meetings were held with judicial officers, bank and insurance representatives, police, and district officials to ensure smooth and effective settlements. Officials stressed that the Lok Adalat has become a trusted platform for people seeking free, accessible, and timely justice across Jharkhand.

Pilgrimage to Vaishno Devi temple postponed due to continuous rain

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Jammu. The pilgrimage to Mata Vaishno Devi temple in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir has been postponed again till further orders due to continuous rain. The Shrine Board gave this information on Saturday. The pilgrimage to Mata Vaishno Devi temple was to resume on Sunday after being suspended for 19 days.



The pilgrimage was postponed on August 26 after a

landslide occurred on the route leading to the shrine. 34 devotees died in this accident while 20 people were injured. The Shrine Board said in a post on social media, "Due to continuous rain on the building and route, the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra starting from September 14 has been postponed till further orders. Devotees are requested to keep getting information through official communication channels." A few days ago, it was decided to resume the pilgrimage from Sunday, but bad weather once again disrupted it.

It is difficult to cut interest rates this year as inflation remains above 2% in August: Report

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New Delhi: According to a latest report by SBI Research, with inflation remaining slightly above 2 percent in August, interest rate cuts are unlikely in October. Moreover, if the growth rate of the first quarter and the estimated figures for the second quarter are taken into



account, then interest rate cuts in December are also a bit difficult. The report said that with the GST rate on

about 295 essential commodities being reduced from 12 per cent to 5 per cent or zero, consumer price index (CPI)

inflation in this category could decline by 25-30 basis points in FY26, considering the 60 per cent pass-through

effect on food items. Further, rationalisation of GST rates on services could reduce CPI inflation on other goods and services by a further 40-45 basis points due to a 50 per cent pass-through effect. "Overall, we believe consumer price index (CPI) inflation may remain in the range of 65-75 basis points in FY26-27," SBI Research said. India's Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation, which had fallen to a 98-month low of 1.61 per cent in July this year, rose marginally to 2.07 per cent in August.

This was due to a rise in food and beverage inflation,

which was in the negative zone for the past 2 months. Vegetable prices continued to remain in the negative zone, however, rising marginally to -15.92 per cent in August. At the same time, the prices of pulses fell by -14.53 percent, while the prices of spices also saw a decline in August. Inflation in fruits also declined to 11.65 percent, while the CPI of oil and fats increased to 21.24 percent. India's core inflation rose again to 4.16 percent. Both rural and urban Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rose to 1.69 percent and 2.47 percent in August,

compared to 1.18 percent and 2.10 percent respectively in July. State-wise inflation data shows that 26 out of 35 states and union territories recorded inflation below 4 percent. Only Kerala and Lakshadweep recorded inflation above 6 percent. The report said that this season, kharif sowing in India has been done in 2.5 percent more area than last year, but this gain is at risk of being wiped out due to several weeks of torrential rains. About 8.7 percent rainfall was recorded across the country between August and September 11.



Parent-Teacher Meeting Held at Upgraded Middle School Kurum

also brought laurels to the school and their families by achieving state-level recognition.

He urged parents to ensure their children attend school regularly, stressing that consistent attendance is crucial for providing quality education and helping students achieve success.

Principal Singh also invited parents to share any grievances they might have, assuring them that the school will make every effort to resolve their concerns. Parents present at the meeting expressed their satisfaction with the school's academic environment.

discipline, and confidence. The event was attended by district organization secretary Aryan Toppo, district president of ST Morcha Dilip Bediya, Panchayat President Phuleshwar Mahto, Panchayat Secretary Chandraprakash Mahto, Naresh Mahto, along with Toofan Plus Star Sporting Club Salgo's team president Govind Mahto, secretary Mukesh Mahto, treasurer Ishu Mahto, and members Kailash, Sagar, Mithilesh, Rohit, Roshan, Pawan, Ranjit, Haresh, Ayush, Sandeep, Avinash, Upendra, Kamlesh, Sunil, and Aryan.

Debate for students of standards VIII to XII at Tata Zoo on the topic: "Eco-tourism Does Help in Wildlife Conservation".

►► Wednesday, 8th October: Photography Competition at Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary - Open to all.

►► Thursday & Friday, 8th & 9th October: "Keeper Talk" sessions at Tata Zoo.

►► Sunday, 12th October: On-the-Spot Painting Competition at Tata Zoo for different age groups - Primary (Nursery to Std. I), Junior (Std. II to V), Middle (Std. VI to VIII), and Senior (Std. IX to X), followed by the Closing Ceremony.

The organizers invite everyone to actively participate and contribute to the conservation efforts of India's rich biodiversity.

not just providers of knowledge but also guides for society. Such events boost teachers' morale and inspire the younger generation to stay connected with their values."

Prof. Fazruddin Ahmad thanked the organizing committee, faculty, staff, and students for the successful conduct of the event. He assured that the college would

Nagar Kirtan (religious procession) will be organized in the city. It is expected to draw a large number of devotees and Sangat (community members). The entire city will be filled with an atmosphere of devotion, faith, and brotherhood during this occasion.

Malayalee Association, Ranchi - Brief description of Onam

DB Reporter
Ranchi : Onam is the main festival of Kerala, which is celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy not only by the people of Kerala but also by all the Malayalis living all over the world since ancient times. It is primarily considered as a harvest festival, but there is also a mythological story behind it. In ancient times, South India (south of Vindhya Mountains) was ruled by Asura King Mahabali. He was famous for his generosity, justice and people-friendly



nature. The gods became worried at his growing popularity and power and prayed to Lord Mahavishnu to dethrone Mahabali. Lord Vishnu took the form of Vaman and went to King Mahabali on the pretext of asking for alms. Vaman asked for only three steps of land as

donation. Although his minister had expressed his suspicion of deception, yet the truthful and generous King Mahabali gave his word. Then Vaman appeared in his Virat form. In one step he measured the earth, in the second step he measured the sky and in the third step he asked for space. To keep his promise, Mahabali took off his crown, bowed his head and requested Vamana to place his third step on his head. Vamana placed his step on his head and sent him to the netherworld. Mahabali loved his subjects very much, so he requested to meet his subjects once a year. Lord Vishnu accepted his prayer and allowed him to meet his subjects every year on the day of Dhiruvonam (Malayalam month "Chingam" i.e. Bhadrapad). Since then, the Malayali community celebrates the festival of Onam every year to welcome Mahabali. This festival is celebrated with great enthusiasm for ten days. This year Dhiruvonam falls on 5 September 2025 (Friday).

Keeping in mind the convenience of the members, the Malayali Association, Ranchi is organizing Onam celebrations this year on 13th September 2015. On this occasion, various cultural programs will be presented at Kairali School Campus, Sector-2, Ranchi from 7.00 pm onwards. On this occasion we are extremely proud to felicitate Archana Bhardwaj and Master Aditya Raj, State Toppers in CBSE, ICSE Board Exams 2025 (Kerali School).

Also, the son or daughter of any member of the association, who has secured the highest marks from any school in Ranchi in the last CBSE, ICSE examination, will be awarded the Best Student Trophy and Prize. The programme will conclude with a grand banquet which will be organized on 14th September 2015 at 12.30 p.m. Onaraya has been the main attraction of Onam festival and the association has been organizing it with great pomp every year.

Electricity Reaches Fulwaria Village in Koderma for the First Time Since Independence

DB Reporter
Koderma: After 75 years of independence, electricity has finally reached Fulwaria village, located in Ward No. 1 of the Koderma Nagar Panchayat. The electrification inauguration was jointly carried out by Union Minister of Women and Child Development, Annapurna Devi, Koderma MLA Dr. Neera Yadav, Barkatha MLA Amit Yadav, and Zila Parishad Chairman Ramdhan Yadav. Fulwaria is home to approximately 500 residents and is situated just 5 kilometers from the Koderma district headquarters. Despite being within the municipal limits, the village had long lacked basic facilities



such as electricity and proper roads. The access route to the village passes through Koderma Wildlife area and borders the famous religious site, Dhawajadari Dham. A portion of the route lies within a forested zone, making infrastructure development challenging. Due to the absence of basic amenities, villagers had at times threatened to boycott elections but continued to vote following officials' assurances. The electrification event saw a ceremonial coconut breaking and prayers, marking a new chapter for Fulwaria. Senior district officials were also present for the occasion. Upon hearing the news, villagers gathered joyfully at the inauguration site, marveling at the transformer and the glowing electric bulbs symbolizing not just light, but hope for the community's future. The Union Minister, MLAs, and other dignitaries greeted the villagers and congratulated them on this historic milestone.

Launch of Seva Bharti's Special Issue "Global Consciousness and Youth Power" Held in Ranchi

DB Reporter
Ranchi - The 26th special issue of Seva Bharti Jharkhand's renowned magazine Seva Surbhi, titled "Global Consciousness and Youth Power", was ceremoniously launched on Saturday at Shaurya Auditorium, JAP Doranda, Ranchi. The special edition was unveiled by Union Minister of State for Defence, Sanjay Seth, who praised India's youth as the driving force of the nation. In his address, Minister Seth emphasized that India's youth are not only the nation's strength but also playing an impactful role globally. "Today, Indian daughters are climbing Mount Everest,



and Indian youth are serving as key officers in top global companies. With 60% of our population being youth, India holds immense potential," he said. He further envisioned a future where the heads of all three Indian armed forces could be women, reflecting the growing empowerment of daughters of the nation. Naveen Jaiswal, MLA from Hatia and BJP's Chief Whip, graced the event as special guest and said, "Living for others is the true essence of life." Secretary of Seva Bharti, shared a detailed work report, stating that 1741 service projects are currently active across slums and remote villages. The organization aims to expand this number to 2500 by the Sangh's centenary celebrations, calling for collective community support. Advisory Editor and senior journalist Chandan Mishra introduced the special edition, describing it as a tribute to India's youth and a vital tool for their guidance and inspiration. He shared that Seva Surbhi, now in its 26th year, features insightful articles by scholars and serves as both a collector's item and academic resource.

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BCCL Washery Silo Collapses in Baghmara; One Worker Rescued



DB Reporter
Dhanbad: A major accident occurred late Friday night at the New Madhuban Washery, Block-2 of BCCL in Baghmara, Dhanbad district, when the No. 1 washery silo suddenly collapsed. Approximately 5,000 tons of washed coal and debris fell to the ground, causing widespread panic in the area as a large crowd quickly gathered at the site. BCCL officials and the administrative team

rushed to the scene upon receiving the information. During the incident, a worker was trapped inside Silo No. 3. After hours of intense rescue efforts, the worker was safely extracted. To aid the rescue operation, a large air service, Kiran, was brought in from Bokaro, and a drone camera was deployed to assess the trapped worker's condition. Baghmara MLA Shatrudhan Mahto, who arrived at the site following the incident, demanded

Protest at Tilaiya Dam Against Private School's Malpractices

DB Reporter
Koderma: The Private Schools Struggle Committee at Tilaiya Dam held a warning meeting on Saturday to protest against the alleged arbitrary actions of Grizzly School, Tilaiya Dam. The meeting was chaired by District Council Member Mahadev Ram and conducted by Arjun Yadav. Despite ongoing indefinite protests by locals for over a week, the district administration and government have yet to take effective action. The committee has launched a strong movement against private schools' malpractices in Koderma district. Since



September 8, 2025, an indefinite sit-in protest has been underway in front of the Grizzly School gate. Parents and committee members participating in the protest accused private schools of imposing continuous financial burdens on students and guardians. **Key Demands of the Committee:** 1. A 50% concession on monthly fees for students from rural areas. 2. Immediate halt to arbitrary fee collection, fines, admission forms, development fees,

and security deposits. 3. Abolition of the mandatory purchase of books and uniforms from a single vendor. 4. Employment of 75% locals as per Jharkhand government regulations. 5. Mandatory use of NCERT textbooks from Class 1 to 12. Parents at the protest warned that the movement would continue until concrete action is taken on these demands. The Struggle Committee has also warned that the agitation will intensify if the government and district administration fail to respond promptly.

Elephant Worth One Crore Stolen from Uttar Pradesh Found Missing in Palamu

DB Reporter
Palamu: A high-value elephant worth approximately one crore rupees has gone missing in Palamu district, Jharkhand. The mahout (elephant caretaker) has also fled the scene. However, officials are optimistic as the elephant is equipped with a tracking chip, and forest department and police teams are actively tracing its location. The case was reported on Friday at Medininagar Sadar police station by Narendra Kumar Shukla, a resident of Nadini village in Vindhyachal, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh. Narendra informed the police that he had received the elephant

named "Jaymati" on a custody agreement from a man named Sangam Lal. Due to lack of proper food and water facilities in their native area, he had brought the elephant to Jharkhand. Narendra entrusted the care of the elephant to Munna Pandey from Mirzapur and Munna Pathak from Chunar, Mirzapur. Both caretakers were acquainted with another elephant owner, Tadkeshwar Nath. The group had brought the elephant to the Jorkat area of Medininagar Sadar police jurisdiction in Palamu. Narendra revealed that he arrived in Palamu on

August 11 and met the mahout and the elephant. However, upon returning to Jorkat on August 13, he found both the elephant and the mahout missing. Despite extensive searches across Palamu and other parts of Jharkhand, neither the elephant nor the mahout was found. After nearly a month, an FIR was finally registered. Medininagar Sadar police station in-charge Lalji said on Saturday that investigations are ongoing. The elephant, valued at one crore rupees, has a tracking chip, and the forest department is using this to locate the missing animal.

Grand Hindi Day Celebration at Grizzly Public School

DB Reporter
Koderma: A vibrant program was organized at Grizzly Public School, Gumo, Satpuliya, to mark Hindi Day, with enthusiastic participation from students of classes 5 to 8. The event, held in the school conference hall, featured a variety of educational and cultural activities showcasing the students' talents and highlighting the importance of the Hindi language. The program began with Class 5 students presenting pictorial art themed around Hindi Day, beautifully expressing the charm of the Hindi language through colors. Class 6 students-Eshani Kedia, Itika Jai, Anay Sharma, and Aashi Agarwal-delivered heartfelt poetry recitations. Meanwhile, students like Sameeksha, Himank, Naivedi, and Keshav



Agarwal gave impactful speeches emphasizing the dignity and utility of Hindi. Class 7 students contributed by writing slogans and creating artwork aimed at spreading awareness about the significance of Hindi. These activities not only fostered creativity among the students but also deepened their understanding of Hindi literature

and the importance of using pure Hindi in daily life. The school also conducted an inter-house competition, where students from various houses demonstrated teamwork and language proficiency. During the event, Principal Mrs. Neerja remarked, "Hindi is our mother tongue, and we must respect it. We should feel proud to be connected to a

language so rich in emotional expression. By embracing Hindi in our daily lives, we uphold its dignity." The successful organization of the event was made possible through the efforts of middle section students and teachers. Under the coordination of Sakendar Kumar and Gurjeet Kaur, and with active support from teachers including Kashinath Kumar, Pradeep Surin, Ratan Pandey, Suraj Kumar, Chandan Kumar, Avinash Kumar, Mukesh Kumar Kushwaha, Mukesh Kumar Saw, Deepak Kumar, Rohit Kumar Singh, and educators Rashmi Sood, Chaitali Ghosh, Soni Gupta, and Archana Sinha, the entire school community contributed to making the Hindi Day celebration a memorable and inspiring occasion.

Sub-Inspector Sukar Toppo of Navalshahi Police Station Passes Away

Domchanch: Sub-Inspector Sukar Toppo, serving at Navalshahi Police Station, passed away during treatment, sending shockwaves of grief throughout the police station and the surrounding area. According to reports, Toppo had been ill for several days. He initially received treatment in Hazaribagh and was then referred to Ranchi. When his condition did not improve, he was taken to AIIMS Delhi, where he breathed his last on Friday night. Sukar Toppo joined the police force as a constable in 1999 and was promoted to Sub-Inspector in 2018. Originally from Hazaribagh district, his demise has deeply saddened the community.

Affidavit

I, Md. Yusuf, S/O- Md. Sohail Ahmed, resident of House No. 1266, Near Muskan Store, Gwala Toli Road, Post office and Police station- Hindpidhi, District- Ranchi- Affidavit-235, dated 12/09/25, I declare that my real name is Md. Yusuf and date of birth is 19/08/1987 and from today onwards I will be known as Md. Yusuf. Earlier, I was known and recognized as Md. Iqbal, but from today onwards I will be known and recognized by the name Md. Yusuf and both are the same person.

Top woman maoist leader, Kishenji’s wife, surrenders on health grounds: Telangana police

Hyderabad, Agency: Top woman member of the Communist Party of India (Maoist) and wife of slain Maoist leader Mallojula Koteswar Rao alias Kishenji, Pothula Padmavathi alias Kalpana, surrendered to the Telangana police on Saturday on health grounds. The 62-year-old top Maoist leader, who had been underground for 43 years and operated under various names including Mynabai, Mynakka, and Sujatha, joined the mainstream in the presence of director general of police (DGP) Jithender. She was carrying a bounty of 1 crore.

“Her decision reflects a personal need to prioritise her well-being after decades of underground life. She expressed her intention to

lead a normal life, take care of her health, and live peacefully with her family by availing the rehabilitation measures extended by the government,” he said.

DGP Jithender said Padmavathi, who is from Penchikalpadu village in Jogulamba Gadwal district, was a central committee and secretariat member of the CPI (Maoist). She was operating as south sub-zonal bureau secretary and in-charge of Janathana Sarkar, also known as the Revolutionary People’s Committees of Maoist bases under the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee (DKSZC).

“In May 2025, due to deteriorating health, Padmavathi had expressed her desire to leave the CPI (Maoist) on health grounds



and conveyed the same to the party through central committee member Pulluri Prasada Rao alias Chandranna,” the DGP said.

Padmavathi comes from a family of agriculturists, and “inspired by her cousins” — Patel Sudhakar Reddy @

Suryam, a central committee member who died in an encounter with police in 2009; Pothula Sudershan Reddy alias RK, a divisional committee member who died by drowning in the Krishna River in the Nallamala forests; and the latter’s wife

Suguna, who died in an exchange of fire with the police — she “joined the CPI (ML) People’s War Group in December 1982,” the DGP said.

Initially, Padmavathi worked as a village campaigner along with Suguna, and later joined Jana Natya Mandali, where she briefly worked with Gaddar and Mala Sanjeev alias Lengu Dada, who recently surrendered to the police.

She later worked at the Peace Book Centre in Hyderabad’s Koti for a year, where she became acquainted with Kishenji, then the Andhra Pradesh state committee secretary of CPI (ML) PWG, whom she married in 1984.

Kishenji was killed in a 30-minute gun battle between the rebels and joint

forces inside the dense forest of Burishol in West Midnapore in 2011. “Kishanji later became the central committee member (CCM) and secretary of the West Bengal state committee of CPI (Maoist). He died on November 24, 2011. The couple had one daughter,” the DGP said. In 1987, Sujatha and Kishenji were transferred to the Dandakaranya forest committee in Maharashtra’s Gadchiroli district. Over the following decades, Sujatha served the party in various roles, including state committee member, DKSZC secretariat member looking after Janatana Sarkar, and later as its secretary. “In 2023, Padmavathi was inducted into the central committee as its member. She was the only woman member of the CPI (Maoist) central committee,” the DGP said.

Professor Prajapati took over as Director of All India Institute of Ayurveda

New Delhi, Agency: Professor Pradeep Kumar Prajapati took charge as Director of All India Institute of Ayurveda here on Saturday. The welcome ceremony organized on this occasion began with lighting of lamps and Lord Dhanvantari Vandana. Former Executive Director of the Institute Prof. Manjusha Rajgopal, Dean Prof. Mahesh Vyas, along with academic, medical, administrative and nursing staff were present in large numbers. Everyone welcomed the new director by presenting a bouquet. After taking charge, Prof. Prajapati said, “This important occasion of serving Ayurveda is a matter of pride and good fortune for me. The government has taken the initiative to make Ayurveda reach the masses, in which with



the support of all of you, we will definitely be successful in the journey of getting global recognition for All India Institute of Ayurveda.” Prof. Rajgopal expressed his gratitude to every-

one in his welcome address and reiterated his commitment to work with team spirit. Dean Prof. Mahesh Vyas said that the Director’s experience of working in the country’s top institutes will

take the institute to new heights. It is noteworthy that Prof. Prajapati was earlier the Vice Chancellor of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Rajasthan Ayurveda University, Jodhpur. He has also been associated with research and educational activities at Gujarat Ayurveda University, Jamnagar for a long time. He started his career as an Assistant Professor at the National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur. Prof. Prajapati’s appointment at the All India Institute of Ayurveda has been done with the approval of the Union Cabinet. According to this, he will remain on the post of Director for five years from the date of assuming charge or till the age of retirement, whichever is earlier.

‘When he tries...’: UP minister Dinesh Pratap Singh over verbal spat with Rahul Gandhi in Raebareli

New Delhi, Agency: Uttar Pradesh minister Dinesh Pratap Singh on Friday alleged that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi behaved as if he owned the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting during a session in Raebareli.

The minister said he supports Gandhi when he serves the people of Raebareli, but stands firmly against him when the DISHA platform is used for party politics or to criticise the government.

“The MP of a constituency chairs the DISHA meeting. As per the guidelines of the Rural Development Department, supervising and implementing 43 programmes is his responsibility. When Rahul Gandhi attends the meeting, he acts as if he is the



owner, which I could not accept,” Singh told PTL. He added, “For all the development works under DISHA, which are meant to serve the people of Raebareli, I will always stand with Rahul Gandhi and provide positive support. However, when he tries to use the DISHA platform as a stage for his party or to criticise the government, I stand firmly against him, so much so that Rahul Gandhi cannot move me.”

Bomb threat to Taj Palace hotel in Delhi, turns out to be hoax

New Delhi, Agency: A bomb threat was received by the Taj Palace hotel in Delhi through email on Saturday and was declared a hoax after nothing was found, news agency news agency reported, citing Delhi Police.

The latest threat comes a day after a bomb threat was made to Delhi High Court on Friday. The Delhi high court received an email threat warning of a bomb in and around the court premises, which led to panic and disruption of the court proceedings.

Hours after the first bomb threat, authorities at the Bombay High Court also received an e-mail threatening to blow up the historic court building in south Mumbai. The Bomb threat triggered a massive security operation and evacuation at both the places, and was later declared a hoax. The mail received by the



Delhi HC was sent at 8.39 am from an Outlook account and claimed that three IEDs had been planted on the premises, demanding evacuation by 2 pm. The message, laden with political rhetoric, was escalated to Registrar General Arun Bhardwaj around 10.40 am.

After an hour of intensive search by the bomb squad, no trace of explosives was found, and the court was declared safe.

Man behind Indian national's beheading in Texas now faces deportation

New Delhi, Agency: Yordanis Cobos Martinez, a 37-year-old man from Cuba, accused of killing an Indian national in Texas, is now facing deportation. Martinez, who was taken into custody by Dallas local authorities on a homicide charge, has been lodged for federal arrest and removal by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).



Homeland Security said that on 10 September, Martinez was arrested by local authorities of Dallas, Texas, at a motel for murder.

He was arrested for brutally murdering an Indian national employed as a hotel manager, named Chandra Nagamallaiiah.

Why was Chandra Nagamallaiiah killed?

Chandra Nagamallaiiah reportedly asked Martinez not to use a broken washing machine, after which Martinez took out a machete and beheaded him in front of his wife and son. The altercation reportedly occurred after Nagamallaiiah asked a colleague for translation instead of directly talking to Martinez. This is said to have angered Martinez, who then chased down Nagamallaiiah with a machete and beheaded him. Homeland Security also said that the accused has a rap sheet with several crimes, including child sex abuse, grand theft of a motor vehicle, false imprisonment and car-jacking. They said that after the murder, Martinez kicked the head of the victim around ‘like a soccer ball.’

The accused is presently being held in the Dallas County Jail.

Official blames accused's release

Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs Tricia McLaughlin at the Homeland Security said that this gruesome murder could have been prevented if Martinez had not been released in the US by the Biden Administration. “This gruesome, savage slaying of a victim at a motel by Yordanis Cobos-Martinez was completely preventable if this criminal illegal alien had not been released into our country by the Biden Administration, since Cuba would not take him back.”

Kerala rapidly urbanising, need policy to streamline it: LSG minister MB Rajesh

Kochi, Agency: With Kerala estimated to have an urban population exceeding 80% by 2050, the state’s local self-government (LSG) minister MB Rajesh said Friday that his administration is focused on crafting a policy and appropriate legislative measures to streamline and control the phenomenon of urbanisation.

Rajesh spoke to news agency on the sidelines of the two-day Kerala Urban Conclave that began Friday in Kochi where bureaucrats, poli-

cy-makers and experts sit together to find solutions to the problems posed by rapid urbanisation and explore its potential as well. The conclave comes six months after the Kerala Urban Policy Commission (KUPC) submitted a far-reaching report to the state government containing a 25-year roadmap with suggestions on the lines of improving local governance, setting up climate-resilient systems and boosting financial empowerment of local bodies.

As per the KPUC report, 80% of Kerala’s population will reside in urban areas by 2050. But as per the national population commission, the figures are more stark: 96.39% in urban areas by 2036. Soon, Kerala will become a big, whole city. It is not alarming, and we cannot stop it. But there are several aspects of urbanisation which pose challenges and complexities. We must address them,” said Rajesh.

The phenomenon of urbanisation in Kerala is very different from the



rest of India or even the world. Here, it is not the case of migration of people from villages to towns and cities. Rather, the urban spread is expanding and villages are being consumed by cities. It is a unique feature of the state,” he added.

The LSG minister explained why the state was embarking upon an ambitious policy touching all aspects of life, from transportation to waste collection, digitalisation of government services to climate change concerns.

“If there is no policy backing or appropriate legislative measures, urbanisation will be uncontrolled. We want urbanisation through a specific direction in which it does not threaten our ecology, particularly our wetlands,

forests and paddy fields...rapid urbanisation can drive economic growth and employment generation. It will boost our state’s GDP. Through a policy and the conclave, we want to properly and scientifically address the challenges and complexities,” the minister said.

He listed several steps the LDF government has taken in the past few years to manage the challenges posed by urbanisation in key sectors like waste management to transportation. At least 268 local bodies, mostly

rural panchayats, have specific climate action plans, he said, adding that a tool called disaster and climate action tracker has been designed to solve some of the recurrent monsoon-related problems in the state.

“Waste management was a major issue in the state. In terms of solid waste, we have fared far ahead. 25 out of 54 dumpsites have been eliminated and bio-mining is going on. In 1-2 years, Kerala will be a state without waste dumpsites.

Editorial

India cannot become Nepal

These days , some self-proclaimed political analysts, self-proclaimed Jat-farmer leaders and frustrated and dissatisfied ministers like Dr. Sanjay Nishad are predicting or making statements on social media that Nepal-like conditions can arise in India too! A rebellion can erupt against the Modi government, because unemployment, inflation and economic inequality are rampant in India too. Especially the youth are very worried about employment, hence they are angry and can resort to rebellion! Sanjay Raut, a fake leader of Uddhav's Shiv Sena, had expressed apprehensions of a widespread rebellion in India even when mass uprisings broke out in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Actually, India cannot be compared with the anarchy of small, unbalanced and autocratic countries. Such mass uprisings cannot be considered democratic, because they involve a lot of violence, murders, arson and destruction of government properties. India's democracy and constitution are also unparalleled and incomparable. The Chief Justice of the country Justice BR Gavai has also made a similar comment that our Constitution is such that the country is stable and will remain so in future too. The Chief Justice is not the 'mouthpiece' of the government. Sanjay Nishad is a minister in the UP government and his party is a part of the NDA. The only meaning of his frustrations and dissatisfaction is that he must not be getting the expected and desired share! The most undemocratic, dictatorial, and even the judiciary-controlled period in India was the 'Emergency' (1975-77). Even then, there was no rebellion against the autocratic decisions of the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, but political mobilizations were done. The country's big leaders - MPs, journalists, writers, lyricists etc. were put in jails for 19 months. They were also tortured. The 'Sampoorna Kranti' led by Jayaprakash Narayan could have turned into a rebellion, but the culture, values, beliefs of Indians are completely democratic. That period did not last forever. Ultimately, elections had to be held and the country got a new political leadership. In fact, many movements have been carried out in different parts of India. Many big movements of students, reservationists, tribals and farmers have come to the fore, but not once did an autocratic, violent rebellion erupt. The farmers' movement continued for more than a year during the Modi government itself. Many farmers were killed. Ultimately, the tents had to be packed up. The demands are still unfulfilled, but the farmers did not revolt against the elected government of the country. Dialogues are still going on. However, the insurgency of Khalistan or the North-Eastern states was not a movement, it was close to terrorism. They also had to come to the table of dialogue with the government.



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The roots of ancient Indian culture are still very deep in the soil of the villages of Jharkhand and such ancient traditions are alive which preserve the heritage of Indian culture. Many traditions here have been going on for centuries, one of which is the "Chhathiyari ritual" celebrated on the sixth day of the birth of a newborn baby. This is such a sacred ritual which is celebrated on the sixth day of the birth of a newborn in any family. It is not just a festival, but a symbol of purity, devotion and unwavering faith, which reflects the simplicity and prosperity of rural life very well. People celebrate it according to their capacity but its simplicity and purity are the same everywhere. The Chhathiyari celebrations begin in a very simple manner. Families celebrate this festival according to their financial status, but there is no dearth in its rituals. This entire event is full of purity and devotion. On this

day, the entire village comes together, which further strengthens the feeling of mutual harmony and love. During the ceremony, the entire atmosphere comes alive with Jharkhandi traditional Mangal songs and music. These melodious tunes make the atmosphere festive and people express happiness through group dance. On this day, a group of pure vegetarian food is specially organized, which everyone enjoys together. There is also a tradition of distributing mustard oil and sweets during the ceremony, which is a symbol of sharing this happiness with everyone. The day of Chhathiyari symbolizes a new beginning in the life of the child. Many important rituals are performed on this day. In which the midwife, who has been serving the village society for centuries, also known as Kusrain, bathes the newborn for the first time amidst the playing of drums. She also performs many traditional tricks to protect the baby from evil eyes. There is a tradi-



tion of the uncle applying kajal to the eyes of the baby, which is believed to protect the baby from anyone's evil eye and he will remain healthy. The barber purifies the family members by cutting their hair and nails, which is an important part of purification on this auspicious occasion. On this day, the people of the village see the newborn for the first time and greet him. The elders bless the baby and wish him a long, healthy and successful life. The baby is also named on this day, which establishes his identity in the society. It is only after this day that the baby is dressed in new clothes and his makeup begins by applying kajal to his eyes. Chhathiyari is not just a ritual but it is a living tradition that strengthens the unbreakable trust, love and hope among the people of the village. The ritual or tradition of Chhathiyari strengthens the strength of relationships in rural life and connects the new generation with their culture and inspires them to collectively share every happiness in life.

Prime Minister's message from Mizoram: Solution to problems through development and dialogue

Dr. Mayank Chaturvedi

What Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in his speech from Mizoram was not just a detail about the development of a state, today it also contained a deep message for the entire North-East and India. He said that "For a long time, some political parties of our country have been doing vote bank politics. They ignored Mizoram, but today Mizoram is in the frontline." Now the Northeast is becoming the growth engine of India. The Prime Minister has recently inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of projects worth more than several crores of rupees for Mizoram. The most important of these is the 51 km long Bairabi-Sairang railway line, which includes 45 tunnels and India's second highest railway bridge. With this line, Sairang is directly connected by rail to Delhi, Kolkata and Guwahati for the first time. Rajdhani Express will now cover a distance of 2,510 km from Sairang to Delhi, while regular trains will also be available from Kolkata and Guwahati. The Prime Minister said that this connectivity is not just an expansion of traffic but a gateway to economic and social change. Farmers will now get the

opportunity to take their produce to bigger markets, students will get education and youth will get new avenues of employment. If seen, this scenario of development in the Northeast is not an accidental event. Since 2014, the Center has made it his priority to connect this region with the country's development stream. This change is clearly visible in road infrastructure. While in 2014 the total length of national highways in the Northeast was about 8,500 km, today it has increased to more than 14,000 km. 1,500 km of new roads were built in Mizoram alone. Under the Bharatmala project, dozens of new bridges and tunnels have reduced the distance in the inaccessible hilly areas. Take the example of railways. Till today, many states of the Northeast were not on the Indian rail map. Like Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura and Manipur, now Mizoram has also been included in it. This historic achievement is not only an expansion of facilities but is also important from a psychological point of view. For years, there was a deep feeling that Delhi is far from the Northeast. But rail, road and air connectivity has started reducing this distance in the true sense.

The same is the case with air connectivity. Till 2014, only 9 airports were operational in the Northeast, which has now increased to 17. The Udan scheme has increased the air connectivity to small cities and inaccessible areas. The Prime Minister indicated in his speech that helicopter services would soon be introduced in Mizoram, making it easier to reach remote areas. The picture has also changed on the electricity and energy front. Under the Saubhagya Yojana and the 'Power for All' programme, electricity has reached almost every household. In Mizoram, where electricity access was less than 70 percent till 2014, today it has become almost universal. More than 1.25 lakh families got LPG connections under the Ujjwala Yojana. This change is visible not only in statistics but in everyday life in the form of relief for women and improvement in health. The Prime Minister also mentioned the youth power of Mizoram in his speech. He said that the state is full of talented youth and the job of the government is to empower them. This is why 11 Eklavya residential schools have already been built here and 6 more are under construction. In addition, about 4,500 startups and 25 incubators are working in

the region. This data proves that the Northeast can now become a hub of innovation and not just consumers. In health services, the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana and Ayushman Bharat have made a big impact. Free medical treatment is now available to lakhs of families in Mizoram. New hospitals and medical colleges are under construction. Similarly, sports infrastructure is also being given priority. This region has already given India world-class players like Mary Kom and Mirabai Chanu. Now an institutional framework is being prepared to follow in their footsteps. Mizoram's gifts are also important from the economic point of view. Tax exemptions and incentives are being given to investors under the Northeast Industrial Development Scheme. A plan is being worked on to connect bamboo-based industries with the global market. The "One District, One Product" program has given a new market to the traditional handicrafts and products of the districts. This will increase employment opportunities for local youth. The widespread impact of all these efforts is visible on the mindset of the Northeast. This region, once known for separatism and violence, is now speaking the language of dia-

logue and development. The message that Modi gave from Mizoram that problems are solved by both dialogue and development, is important not only for the region but for the whole of India. Because when the border areas are strong, the unity and security of the nation is stronger, because the Northeast is not just a border state but is the gateway to India's 'Act East' vision. The gifts given to Mizoram today are not just a relief for the local people, but in fact are also an expansion of India's strategic, economic and cultural power. This is the process through which the Northeast is now emerging from the margins and becoming an integral part of India's mainstream. In the coming years, this confidence will become the basis of India's progress as it enters Amritkaal. Therefore, it can be said that this journey of development of Mizoram and the Northeast is essential for India's unity and progress. Today, when the country is moving towards Amritkaal, every village, every city and every citizen of the Northeast is seen standing in the same mainstream, which will take India forward towards making it a developed nation by 2047.

Self-reliance gains: Vocal for local push trims import bills for top firms; PLI schemes, duty hikes drive shift

New Delhi, Agency: India's push for self-reliance in manufacturing is beginning to show results, with several consumer-facing companies cutting back sharply on their dependence on imports.

As per ET, a study of 20 listed firms in automobiles, electronics and FMCG found that foreign exchange outflows as a share of sales have dropped significantly between FY20 and FY25, mainly because of reduced reliance on imported parts and raw materials.

The steepest falls were recorded among auto and electronics makers such as Maruti Suzuki, Tata Motors, Hero MotoCorp, Bajaj Electricals, Whirlpool, Havells, Blue Star, Amber Enterprises and Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals.

In some cases, the share of imports in sales has halved, while others have seen an

even sharper decline, as per ET.

At Dixon Technologies, the largest contract manufacturer for consumer electronics in India, imports accounted for just 6% of sales in FY25, down from 49% in FY20. Its goods import bill fell 28% year-on-year to Rs 2,418 crore.

The company has started sourcing locally for critical components like TV panels, camera modules and compressors. Chairman Sunil Vachani was quoted by ET as saying, "Local value addition due to production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes has gone up from 40-45% to 65-70% in the last five years in categories such as ACs and LED lighting. We now expect a similar result in mobile phones and laptops, with the government's upcoming electronics component manufacturing scheme."

The government has introduced several PLI schemes



over the past five years covering sectors such as mobile phones, white goods, auto components, solar modules, food processing and IT hardware.

Alongside, higher import duties and measures like mandatory factory certifica-

tion by the Bureau of Indian Standards have been used to limit imports and encourage local value addition.

For Maruti Suzuki, India's biggest carmaker, foreign exchange outgo fell to 6% of sales in FY25 from 11.5% in FY20. Tata Motors saw a sim-

ilar trend, with its share dropping to 1% from 7% during the same period. Hero MotoCorp's import bill in FY25 was Rs 1,060 crore, about 10% lower than the year before.

While the company spent Rs 1,001 crore on imports in

FY20, its sales have risen over 40% since then, bringing down the import share in overall revenues.

Even FMCG players are seeing a shift. Nestlé, Marico and Britannia have reported a fall in imports as a percentage of sales in the past five years. Parle Products vice president Mayank Shah explained this was due to "import substitution and lower prices of imported inputs such as cocoa and flavours," ET reported.

For multinational firms, outflows also include royalty, licence fees and dividend payments in addition to raw materials and capital goods.

ITC chairman Sanjiv Puri clarified at the company's AGM that its foreign exchange spending was primarily for capital machinery at new factories. "There is hardly any expense in foreign currency for raw materials, and we do not have any royalty payout," he said.

US tariffs bite: India's equities slump as FPI outflows hit \$4 billion; rupee dips to record low India and EU committed to work on FTA soon: Goyal

New Delhi, Agency: The imposition of a 50% tariff hike by the United States on imports from India weighed on domestic financial conditions in August, with equity markets taking the largest hit, according to a Crisil report. The agency said its Financial Conditions Index (FCI) fell to -0.5 in August from -0.4 in July, indicating tighter conditions compared with the long-term average.

According to news agency ANI, Crisil reported that net outflows from foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) continued for the third consecutive month, with equity outflows rising to \$4 billion in August—the highest since January—while debt markets saw increased inflows of \$1.5 billion, a five-



month high.

"Persistent FPI outflows and nervousness regarding the impact of tariffs led to a decline in equity market performance, with benchmark indices declining 2% month-on-month," the report added.

The rupee also came under pressure, weakening 1.6% to an all-time low of 87.8 against the US dollar,

while the 10-year government security yield rose sharply on concerns over the fiscal impact of the proposed GST rate revision. The report highlighted that the tariff imposition by the US was the key driver behind equity outflows. The Trump administration had raised tariffs on Indian goods to 50%, aiming to curb India's Russian oil purchases

amid the Ukraine conflict.

The Treasury argued that "Chinese and Indian purchases of Russian oil are funding Putin's war machine and prolonging the senseless killing of the Ukrainian people," and had recently called for G7 allies to impose coordinated measures. Despite the pressure, Crisil said market declines were limited due to expectations of GST rate revisions, a boost to domestic consumption, and the prospect of a long-term sovereign credit rating upgrade for India.

On average, the S&P BSE Sensex and Nifty 50 fell 2% and 1.9%, respectively, in August.

Meanwhile, softening US Treasury yields and crude prices supported debt inflows, mitigating a sharper impact.



New Delhi, Agency: Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday that India and the European Union are committed to work for a balanced and mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement (FTA) soon.

Goyal said in Ex Post that EU Trade Commissioner Maros Sefcovic and European Agriculture Commissioner Christoph Hansen were here to give impetus to the ongoing negotiations for the trade deal. The official teams

of both sides held the 13th round of talks.

Goyal wrote, "It was our pleasure to host you for the 13th round of India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations. We are committed to working towards concluding a balanced and mutually beneficial FTA at the earliest to open up wider avenues for both sides to take advantage of the massive opportunities that exist. Thank you for your visit. Looking forward to our continued interactions."

Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee wants India to rise to the world stage as US retreats



New Delhi, Agency: Nobel Laureate Dr. Abhijit Banerjee was awarded the 2019 Nobel Prize in Economics with his wife Dr. Esther Duflo, and Dr. Michael Kremer for pioneering the use of randomised controlled trials in development economics. He has transformed how policymakers and governments understand poverty alleviation. His groundbreaking research—demonstrating the power of simple interventions like the effectiveness of offering free lunches in India to encourage children to attend school and school-based deworming in Kenya—has reshaped the global fight against poverty and redirected billions of dollars toward programmes proven to

work. Professor Banerjee is currently the Ford Foundation International Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 2003, he founded the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab with Duflo and Sendhil Mullainathan, and remains one of the directors of the lab.

He spoke exclusively to Shalini Kathuria Narang on how a nation like India can survive 50% tariffs and how India can strike a balance between entering a pact with the United States and safeguarding its local industries and agriculture amongst other topics. Banerjee was attending the annual South Asian Literature and Arts (SALA) festival in the Bay Area.

Adani Power to invest \$3 billion for power project in Bihar

New Delhi, Agency: Adani Power Limited will set up a 2,400 MW (ultra super-critical) state-of-the-art power plant in Bihar with an investment of three billion dollars (about Rs 26,482 crore).

The Adani Group company said in a statement on Saturday that it has signed a 25-year power supply agreement (PSA) with Bihar State Power Generation Company Limited BSPGCL. Under this, power will be supplied from the project to be set up in Pirpainti in Bhagalpur district of the state.

The company said that it plans to invest about US \$3 billion under the design, build, finance, own and operate model for the construction of the new plant (800 MWx3) and its supporting infrastructure. The company aims to commission these plants in 60 months.

Adani Power Limited has acquired this project by offering a minimum supply rate of Rs 6.075 per kilowatt hour. This agreement is in addition to the Letter of Award issued by BSPGCL to Adani Power in August on behalf of North Bihar Power Distribution



Company Limited and South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited. It is worth mentioning that Adani Power Limited is a

company of Adani Group, which sets up projects related to the production of electric power. Its headquarters is in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Nepal's hotel industry suffers losses of Rs 25 billion due to protests, difficult to meet financial obligations

Nepal, Agency: Tuesday's violent protests have caused losses of about Rs 2500 crore to Nepal's hotel industry across the country. This is a big blow to the tourism-based country's economy. About two dozen hotels across the country were vandalized, looted or set on fire during the anti-government protests. One of the worst affected hotels is Kathmandu's Hilton Hotel. It alone is said to have suffered losses of more than Rs 8 billion.

My Republica news portal gave



this information quoting a statement issued by the Hotel Association Nepal (HAN).

Other major domestic and interna-

tional brand hotels in Kathmandu Valley, Pokhara, Butwal, Bhairahawa, Jhapa, Viratnagar, Dhangadhi, Mahottari and Dang-Tulsipur also suffered the brunt of the violence. HAN said that many affected hotels will not be able to resume work without repair and reconstruction. This will affect the jobs of more than 2,000 employees. HAN expressed concern that the destruction would make it difficult for hotels to meet financial obligations to banks and other institutions.

Elon Musk’s xAI lays off 500 employees plans 10X hiring of specialist AI tutors

New Delhi:Elon Musk’s artificial intelligence company xAI has laid off 500 employees from its data annotation division. These staffers, known as “generalist AI tutors,” were responsible for training Grok, the company’s flagship AI chatbot. The move is part of a major restructuring aimed at sharpening xAI’s focus on specialist AI tutors who can provide domain-specific expertise. The layoffs, first reported by Business Insider, came as a shock to employees, who were informed via email late on Friday (September 12, 2025). Workers were assured pay until November 30, but immediately lost access to internal systems. Reports also revealed that the accounts of several senior staffers were deactivated over the weekend.

Why xAI is replacing generalists with specialists

Data annotators played a crucial role in Grok’s growth, feeding the system training examples, evaluating answers, and classifying information to improve performance. Many earned between USD 35 and USD 65 per hour. However, xAI is now moving away from generalists to hire domain experts, claiming it will “grow the specialist tutor team by 10X.”

This shift follows concerns earlier this year when tutors said they were asked to scan their faces for AI training purposes, a controversial request that made some uneasy.

Musk’s tough management style

Several ex-employees revealed they had been called into one-on-one review meetings and were asked to justify their value to xAI. This grilling style reflects Elon Musk’s well-known demand for accountability, similar to his leadership approach in Tesla and even during his brief involvement in U.S. politics.

Leadership changes add to uncertainty

Adding to the flux, Mike Liberatore, xAI’s finance chief, quietly resigned at the end of July after just a few months in the role. Leadership churn has been a recurring theme across Musk’s companies, often signalling big strategic shifts.



How many days does a SIM work without recharge? All you need to know

New Delhi:In India, millions of mobile users often wonder what happens to their SIM cards if they do not recharge on time. Whether it’s Jio, Airtel, Vi, or BSNL, every operator has its own rules about incoming calls, outgoing services, and SIM deactivation. Knowing how many days a SIM works without recharge is important, especially if you use it as a secondary number for OTPs or emergency purposes.

What happens if you don’t recharge your SIM?

In India, telecom operators like Jio, Airtel, Vi, and BSNL require users to maintain an active recharge plan to continue making calls, using data, and sending SMS. If you don’t recharge your SIM, it doesn’t stop working immediately. Instead, the validity depends on the operator’s grace period policy.

Incoming and outgoing call validity

When your recharge expires, you lose outgoing services (calls, SMS, mobile data) almost immediately. However, incoming calls remain active for a certain period. For most telecom operators, incoming calls are available for 7 to 30 days after recharge expiry.

For example:Jio: Offers incoming call facility for up to 30 days after plan expiry.

Airtel and Vi: Generally keep incoming calls active for 7–15 days.

BSNL: May provide incoming for up to 20–30

days, depending on circle policies.

Grace period before SIM deactivation

If you do not recharge your SIM for a long time, the operator may disconnect the number completely. Usually, telecom operators in India provide a grace period of 60 to 90 days from the date of recharge expiry.

During this period, the SIM may still receive incoming SMS (useful for OTPs), but gradually, all services will stop. If no recharge is done within this grace period, the SIM gets permanently deactivated and the number may be reissued to another user.

How to keep your SIM active

To avoid SIM deactivation, you don’t always need an expensive recharge. All operators offer low-cost minimum recharge plans (around ₹99 to ₹155), which keep your SIM active with limited validity and basic call/SMS facility.

If you use a SIM only for receiving OTPs or secondary purposes, doing a small recharge once every 28 or 30 days is enough to keep it running.

Things to remember

A SIM without recharge will not allow outgoing calls or mobile data.

Incoming calls and SMS work only for a limited period after expiry.

SIM may get permanently deactivated if not recharged within 60–90 days.

Sony launches PlayStation Family App to help parents manage kids’ gaming

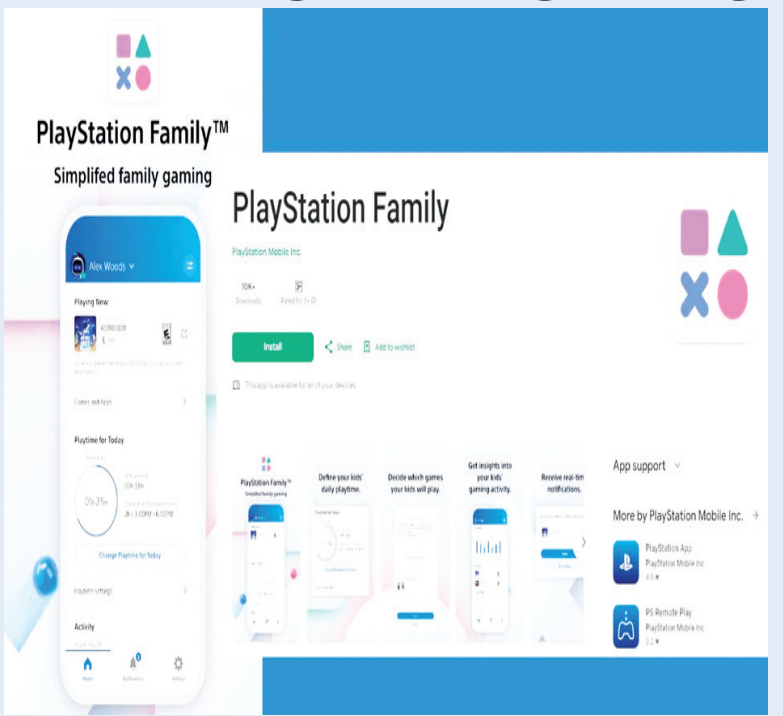
New Delhi:Sony, one of the leading names in premium consumer goods and popularly known for its famous line of gaming consoles (PlayStations, commonly known as PS), has introduced a new parental control app called PlayStation Family for iOS and Android. The app will allow parents to monitor and manage their children’s gaming activity on PS5 and PS4 consoles directly from their smartphone. With features like playtime limits, purchase controls, content filters, and social settings, the app gives parents more control over how their kids play online.

What is PlayStation family?

PlayStation Family is a mobile-based extension of PlayStation’s parental controls. Instead of only using the console, parents can now manage everything from their phone. The app supports guided onboarding to easily create or link a child’s PlayStation account and sends instant notifications when a child starts playing a game.

Key features of the app

Playtime Control: Parents can set daily playtime limits, view weekly activity reports, and approve or decline requests for extra playtime.



Purchase and Spending: The app lets parents add funds to a child’s wallet, track balances, and set monthly spending limits on the PlayStation Store.

Content Filters: Age-based presets make it easy to restrict unsuitable content, while individual settings can be customised.

Social and Privacy Settings: Parents can manage how children interact with friends and social features within PlayStation’s ecosystem.

PlayStation Family app is available globally

Sony confirmed that the PlayStation Family app is

available worldwide for download on the App Store and Google Play from September 11. The company also said that several features will be added in future updates for the parents to use it for enhanced security.

Parental control feature on other platforms and its benefits

In recent years, tech companies like Google, Meta, and OpenAI have rolled out parental controls to protect minors from inappropriate online content. Sony’s new app follows this trend, making it easier for parents to stay informed and set healthy limits on gaming.

Nothing Ear 3 to challenge Apple AirPods Pro 3 with Talk Button, Super Mic: Know more

New Delhi:Nothing, a London-based tech brand, is set to launch its third-generation flagship earbuds, which will be named Ear 3. The product will be launched on September 18, and it is teased to come with unique new features. This has sparked the curiosity among Indian buyers. With Apple recently unveiling AirPods Pro 3 loaded with AI-based features, the Ear 3 is being seen as Nothing’s direct challenger to Apple in the premium TWS (True Wireless Stereo) space.

Talk button and Super Mic: A new twist

One of the biggest talking points is the addition of a mysterious “Talk” button on the Nothing Ear 3 charging case. While the brand hasn’t

confirmed its use, many speculate it could let users access an AI assistant directly through the Super Mic built into the case.

Leaked visuals suggest the case may also feature a tiny speaker to support this functionality. If true, this would put the Ear 3 in direct competition with Apple’s Live Translation feature in the AirPods Pro 3, which allows real-time AI-powered conversations in different languages.

Design and sustainability

The Nothing Ear 3 design continues the brand’s signature transparent look. The earbuds come with a white tip and transparent stem carrying the Ear 3 branding. The charging case has a silver metallic bottom built using



100 per cent anodised recycled aluminium, showcasing Nothing’s sustainability focus. The case also houses the Talk button and Super Mic. The earbuds are slimmer, with the metal antenna thickness reduced to just 0.35mm.

Audio quality with KEF partnership

Nothing has partnered with British audio giant KEF for improved sound tuning. This suggests clearer highs, deeper bass, and overall better sound compared to the previous Nothing Ear 2, which was launched in India in 2023 at Rs 9,999. The Ear 3 is expected to be priced in a similar range, making it a strong premium mid-range option against Apple’s much pricier AirPods Pro 3.





Diana Penty reveals what she liked most about the show Do You Wanna Partner

The web series Do You Wanna Partner is set to release soon on OTT. It stars Diana Penty, Tamannaah Bhatia, Shweta Tiwari, Jaaved Jaferi, Nakuul Mehta, Neeraj Kabi, Sufi Motiwala, and Rannvijay Singh.

Ahead of the release, Diana Penty spoke exclusively with IANS and shared what makes the series special. She also revealed why she chose to be part of it, saying that she was drawn to the project after hearing the script.

Diana told IANS, "What attracted me most was the friendship between the two girls. My first thought was — this is exactly how I would behave in real life. I felt it was beautifully written. Most importantly, it felt very real. The way the two girls talk, the things they do — it's exactly how I interact with my best friend. Nothing felt over the top. It's a very everyday, authentic story — the way they hang out together, party together, start a business together — their struggles, fights, arguments — everything felt natural and true to the kind of friendship we all experience."

Do You Wanna Partner tells the story of two close friends who become business partners to launch their own alcohol brand.

Diana further added, "It was a refreshing change for me because, honestly, I can't think of any recent show or film where the central focus is the friendship between two women."

Not getting divorced from Yuzvendra Chahal, getting film offers because of talent: Dhanashree

Choreographer and actress Dhanashree Verma is currently appearing on the reality show Rise and Fall. Apart from this show, she is also receiving several film offers. Many people believe that this is because of her divorce from Yuzvendra Chahal, which had kept her in the headlines for a long time.

Dhanashree Verma has now reacted to the claims that she is cashing in on the popularity gained from the

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Dhanashree said, "I can't believe it. I'm standing here alone, with the whole

world against me. I'm getting work, and as I've said before, I love this industry because people here still give me opportunities. I'm receiving a lot of film offers—not because of what happened to me, but

because I have talent. It has nothing to do with anything else." Dhanashree and Chahal got engaged in 2020 and got married the same year in December in Gurugram, with only family and close friends in attendance. Five years later, in February 2025, the couple got divorced. Their separation grabbed a lot of media attention, and Chahal's fans heavily trolled Dhanashree on social media.



Actress Vahbiz Dorabjee quit a serial midway due to stress



TV actress Vahbiz Dorabjee is known for serials like Pyaar Kii Ye Ek Kahaani, Saraswathichandra, and Bahu Hamari Rajni Kant. In a conversation with IANS, she recalled the difficult phase in her career and shared how work-related stress once forced her to quit a show midway.

In an interview with IANS, Vahbiz said, "Yes, I had to quit a show midway. A few days after I left, the show went off-air because it was centered around my character. To be honest, the stress from work had a terrible impact on me. I was diabetic, and my condition had worsened significantly. Doctors advised me to rest, so I had no choice."

Speaking about her relationship status, the actress shared, "Right now, I'm focusing on myself and my career. When it comes to relationships, I'm quite old-school. I believe in the kind of love that existed in the 90s. I want someone who adds meaning to my life, someone who is my equal, ambitious, yet family-oriented. The modern-day swipe culture really scares me."

She also spoke about the demanding nature of the television industry.

Vahbiz said, "Television is a very demanding industry. When you enter this world, you know what you're signing up for."



Upma Made Kubbra Sait Cry on 'Rise and Fall'

Known for her powerful performances and unique role choices, actress Kubbra Sait has embarked on a new journey. She is currently participating in the reality TV show Rise and Fall, hosted by Aashit Grover. The show puts contestants in extreme situations that reflect real-world inequalities of wealth and power, forcing them to adapt to circumstances they may never have imagined. Currently appearing on Rise and Fall, Kubbra shared a reel on Instagram, in which she showcased the contrast between her past life of enjoying exotic international cuisines and her present situation of relying on simple, limited meals. One dish in particular — Upma — became an unexpectedly emotional experience for her.

In the reel, Kubbra says, "Crying over Upma might sound silly to you, but I genuinely don't like it. I've disliked it since childhood, and now that I have to eat it regularly, it makes me cry."

Shehbaz Badesha Makes a Special Request to Bigg Boss — Wants These Contestants Evicted

The popular reality show Bigg Boss 19 is currently entertaining audiences in full swing. A new promo from the show has now been released, in which Shehbaz Badesha is seen making a special request to Bigg Boss. In the clip, he expresses his desire to have certain contestants removed from the house. Here's what he said.

In the new promo for Bigg Boss 19, Shehbaz Badesha is seen requesting Bigg Boss to evict some of the housemates. In the video, Shehbaz says: "Except for a few, remove the rest of the contestants because they don't do anything in the show. They just eat, drink, and sleep. The six of us are the fittest in the house — you can make us do any task because we are very powerful."



Karishma Tanna recalls the first day of shooting for Scoop

The actress posted some pictures and videos from the set on Instagram, captioning them: "Nostalgia! The first day on the set of Scoop... feels like it was just yesterday. The nervousness, excitement, endless rehearsals, and that inner voice saying this is going to be something special. What an amazing journey it has been. From the first-day jitters to the memories that will always stay close to

On Wednesday, actress Karishma Tanna shared old memories from the set of her superhit web series Scoop on social media. She posted some pictures and videos from the set on Instagram, captioning them: "Nostalgia! The first day on the set of Scoop... feels like it was just yesterday. The nervousness, excitement, repeated rehearsals, and that inner voice telling me this is going to be something special. What an amazing journey it has been. From the jitters on day one to the memories that will always stay close to my heart. I will forever be grateful for this chapter, the people involved, and the magic we created together."

Along with this, Karishma thanked

director Hansal Mehta, Netflix, and the entire team. The series was released on Netflix in 2023. Based on a true story, the series draws inspiration from journalist Jigna Vora's book Behind Bars in Byculla: My Days in Prison. Directed by Hansal Mehta, the show features Karishma Tanna in the role of journalist Jagriti Pathak, who was accused of involvement in the murder of fellow journalist Jyotirmayi Dey but was later acquitted.

The series explores issues such as the working methods of the media, the nexus between the police and the underworld, and the influence of business in journalism. This series gave Karishma a new identity in the world of serious, story-driven roles.

Kangana Withdraws Petition from Supreme Court Filed to Quash Defamation Complaint

A case is ongoing in court against MP and actress Kangana Ranaut for allegedly making offensive remarks during the 2020–21 farmers' protest. Kangana had approached the High Court seeking to quash the complaint, but was denied relief. Following that, she moved the Supreme Court, but has now withdrawn her petition from there as well.

Bench Gave This Suggestion:

Kangana Ranaut had filed a petition in the Supreme Court seeking to quash a criminal defamation complaint related to a retweet she made during the farmers' protests against the central government's agricultural laws. The case came up before a bench comprising Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Sandeep Mehta.

