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Notice of Holiday

On the occasion of Vishvakarma Puja, there will be a holiday in the office of **Dynamic Bharat** on September (Wednesday). Hence, the next issue of the newspaper will be published 19 September (Friday). For news stay tuned with www.dynamicbharat.com

BRIEF **NIA Raids House of** Pragya Kendra Operator in Dhanbad's Wasseypur **Dhanbad:** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted a raid on Tuesday at the residence of Shahbaz Ansari, Pragya Kendra (Common Service Centre) operator, in the Wasseypur area of Dhanbad. The operation created a stir in the locality, with reports suggesting the seizure of a large amount of unaccounted cash. The NIA team, tration

reportedly arriving in a vehicle bearing the regisnumber UP32BG6901, reached Dhanbad early in the morning and launched the raid with support from Bank More police station personnel. The residence, located near Jabbar Masjid, was the focus of intense scrutiny. Sources indicate that a significant amount of cash was found during the search, prompting officials to bring in currency counting machines to accurately assess the recovered amount. The raid is still ongoing at Shahbaz Ansari's residence, who is known to operate a Pragya Kendra in Govindpur, Dhanbad. Heavy police deployment has been made in and around the area to maintain law and order. As of now, the NIA has not released any official statement regarding the purpose or findings of the raid.

Marandi Babulal **Birthday** Extends Wishes to CM Dhami Ranchi: Babulal Marandi, President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jharkhand unit and Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly, extended his heartfelt birthday greetings to Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Tuesday

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CM Hemant Soren hands over appointment letters to 301 assistant teachers

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Tuesday handed over appointment letters to 301 newly recruited assistant teachers. Of the 301 teachers, 131 are graduatetrained assistant teachers in mathematics and science, and 170 intermediate-trained assistant teachers for Classes 1 to 5. They were selected through the competitive examination conducted by the Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission (JSSC).

Addressing the appointment ceremony at the Jharkhand Ministry, Soren said the government is working to bring government schools on par with private institutions. "We are taking concrete steps to improve infrastructure, fill vacancies, and ensure quality education in every district," he said.

The Chief Minister underlined that education has remained a key priority of his administration. He said that large-scale appointments have already been made in the education sector, and the process for recruiting 26,000 more teachers is underway. Congratulating the new appointees,



Soren reminded them of their responsibility. "Despite financial constraints, parents in our state work hard to provide the best possible education for their children. It is now vour duty to honour their sacrifices and teach with honesty, sincerity, and dedication," he said.

He further said that teachers' salaries are paid from taxpayers' money. "There should be no compromise when it comes to shaping the future of children. The state's progress depends on how we nurture the next generation." Soren said.

He also highlighted the people's growing confidence in government institutions, saying that many parents are now shifting their children from

private schools to CM Utkrishta Vidyalayas.

"This is a clear sign that the quality of education in government schools is steadily improving," he added. Soren also urged the teachers to share feedback and suggestions with the government on how to further enhance the quality of education. The ceremony was attended by Minister Sanjay Prasad Yadav, Additional Chief Secretary to the CM Avinash Kumar, Education Secretary Uma Shankar Singh, Project Director Shashi Ranjan, Primary Education Director Manoj Ranjan, as well as the newly appointed teachers and their fami-

CM lays foundation of 3 Bar Council buildings

Ranchi: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Tuesday laid the foundation stones three Council buildings. Soren laid the foundation stone for the Bar Council building at Khunti in the presence of Chief

Bar Justice of Jharkhand

High Court, Tarlok Singh Chauhan. He virtually laid the foundation stones for the other two Bar Council buildings in Chaibasa and Chandil.

"We plan to construct Bar Council buildings in all 24 districts and seven subdivisions of the state. The foundation stone for Bar Council buildings in other districts will also be laid soon," Soren said at the Khunti function.

The government has allocated Rs 132.84 crore for the construction of Bar Council buildings in all districts, and the foundation laying and inauguration would be done in three phases, he said.

The chief minister said his government is continuously working to strengthen judicial infrastructure.

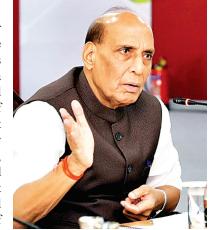
Residential facilities are being provided for judicial officers and employees, he added. "Jharkhand is the first state in the country to provide pension to advocates. Besides, the government is also taking care of their health insurance and stipends. The state government is committed to providing every possible assistance so that the judicial system can function independently," Soren

Armies should remain alert to deal with information, ideological and biological warfare: Rajnath

DB Reporter

New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the three armies at the Joint Commanders Conference 2025 held in Kolkata on Tuesday. During this, he called for going beyond the concepts of traditional war and being fully alert and prepared to deal with new challenges like information war. ideological war, environmental and biological warfare He said that today wars become sudden and unpredictable, the duration of which is difficult to predict, it can last for two months, one year or even five years. In such a situation, India will have to be prepared for every situation and adopt a proactive strategy with a balance between its offensive and defensive capabilities.

Referring to the 'Mission Sudarshan Chakra' launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Rajnath Singh said that it is necessary to prepare medium term (5 years) and long term (10 years) plans for this. The Prime Minister had announced this mission on August 15, which aims to develop an indigenous air defense system. This system will focus on protecting India's strategic, civilian and national importance sites from enemy attacks as well as the devel-



opment of new advanced weapons. It is believed that this system can be more powerful than Israel's 'Iron

The Defence Minister said that India's defence sector is focused on modernisation, technological superiority, operational readiness and credible deterrence. He laid special emphasis on the mantra given by Prime Minister Modi in the inaugural session - "JAI: Jointness, Selfreliance and Innovation" and emphasized on the development of future technologies in collaboration with industry and academia. He reiterated the Government's commitment to enhance the role of the private sector in the defence innovation ecosystem and make Indian industry the largest and best in the world.

He described tri-service jointness (jointness of Army, Navy and Air Force) as extremely important to deal with future challenges. Referring to 'Operation Sindoor', he said that power, strategy and self-reliance are providing India the necessary capabilities in the 21st century. Rajnath Singh said that self-reliance is not just a slogan but the key to strategic autonomy Self-reliance in defense production not only promotes economic growth and employment generation but also strengthens the capacity of shipyards, aerospace clusters and defense corridors.

He also informed that the government has approved the Defense Procurement Manual 2025 and amendments have been made in the Defense Acquisition Procedure 2020. Its aim is to simplify the processes, reduce delays and provide rapid operational capability to the armed forces. On this occasion, many senior officials including Chief of Defense Staff General Anil Chauhan, Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi, Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Defense Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and DRDO Chairman Dr. Sameer V. Kamat were present.

Amit Shah launches online drug disposal campaign, directs to take strict action against drug cartels

DB Reporter

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah today launched a nationwide online drug destruction campaign in a major action against drugs on Tuesday. Under this campaign, 1.37 lakh kg of illegal drugs worth about Rs 4,800 crore were destroyed at 11 locations in the country. On this occasion, Shah addressed the conference of Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) heads of states and union territories and also released the Annual Report 2024 of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).

Amit Shah said that the Modi government is working strictly towards eliminating the entire network from small drug dealers to big cartels. In this, action is being taken at all levels including entry points, distribution channels and local sales. He appealed to the ANTF chiefs to break the drug network by using modern techniques like darknet analysis, cryptocurrency tracking, metadata analysis and machine learning.



said that the goal of a drug-free India will be between 2014 and 2025, achieved only when the the government seized state governments, dis- more than 1 crore kilotrict police, education grams of drugs worth Rs officials religious lead- 1.65 lakh crore During ers and youth organisations play a proactive role along with the NCB, ANTF and NCORD. He stressed the need for a strong extradition and deportation system to bring foreign drug smugglers within the ambit of Indian law, which should be implemented in collaboration with the CBI and the states. Shah warned of the grow-

ing threat of synthetic drugs and illegal labs. He asked the states to immediately identify and destroy such units. Also, he advised all states to adopt the practice of destroying seized drugs scientifically on a quarterly basis so that they do

society.He said that the same period, drugs worth Rs 71,600 crore were destroyed, while between 2004 and 2014 this figure was just Rs 8,150 crore. There was also a huge increase in arrest cases. From 2004 to 2014, 1.73 lakh people were arrested, while between 2014 and 2025, 7.61 lakh arrests were made. There was also a major crackdown on land cultivated for illegal drugs, with 31,761 acres of land destroyed in 2023 alone. Amit Shah urged the states to form special squads to trace financial transactions, hawala networks, crypto transactions and cyber connec-

AIIMS Deoghar: A new milestone in health services: Governor

DB Reporter

Deoghar: Jharkhand Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar said the white coat of a doctor is not merely an attire but an oath of service to humanity, compassion, and dedication to duty. He was addressing the 6th foundation day celebrations of AIIMS Deoghar on Tuesday.

The Governor described the occasion as more than just an institutional anniversary. "It is a celebration of a journey of service, dedication, and determination that has kindled a new ray of health and hope," he said.



Calling the ceremony not just a degree-awarding event but a pledge of service, the Governor said it was a matter of pride for both students and the entire state of Jharkhand. He highlighted the role of doctors in uplifting healthcare standards and bringing hope to people.

The Governor noted that the AIIMS Deoghar campus, spread over 270 acres, houses a 750-bed super-speciality hospital, advanced diagnostic facilities, research centres,

and a highly qualified faculty. "Not only patients from Jharkhand, but also from Bihar and West Bengal come here in large numbers for treatment," he said, adding that the reputation of any medical institution rests on

the facilities it provides and the trust it earns.

Governor Gangwar underlined the broader responsibility of doctors, stating that their duty extends beyond treating diseases. "A doctor's kind words, patience, and affection often prove to be the greatest medicine patients," he said. He urged all hospitals to function not only as centres of treatment but also as temples of humanity and compassion.

He reiterated that a hospital's essence lies in instilling hope and faith in patients, and that this humane approach should

guide every medical practitioner.

The Governor said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has resolved that no citizen of the country should be deprived of treatment due to economic or geographical constraints.

Established under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, AIIMS Deoghar embodies the Prime Minister's mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas' in the healthcare sector.

"Since the beginning of OPD services, more than 7 lakh patients have benefitted. This

figure is proof that AIIMS Deoghar's health services are reaching the masses and fulfilling their needs," the Governor added.

The Governor extended his heartfelt congratulations to the AIIMS Deoghar family on its 6th foundation day and wished for its continuous progress.

On this occasion, Godda MP Dr. Nishikant Dubey highlighted the institution's achievements, while the Director of AIIMS welcomed the guests and presented the roadmap for future develop-





Deworming Day Observed at Upgraded Middle School Govindpur, Mandu

Ramgarh: On the occaof National Deworming Day, a team from the Health Department visited Upgraded Middle School, Govindpur, Mandu, to administer Albendazole tablets to students as part of a nationwide campaign to

The event was conducted in a simple ceremony attended by Dr. B. Dubey as the chief guest and Dr. Kavita as the special

children's

improve

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guest. Addressing the students, Dr. Kavita emphasized the importance of physical health for overall mental development. Dr. Ajay also guided the children on basic practices to stay healthy and disease-free.

The Health Department officials informed the students that medicines like Albendazole are provided to eliminate harmful intestinal worms and are essential for maintaining good health. "This medicine helps improve both your physical well-being and mental alertness," a team member explained. To allay any fears among

students regarding the medicine, Principal Dr. Sunil Kumar Kashyap took the Albendazole tablet first, followed by the health team members. Encouraged by this gesture, all students then took the deworming tablet without hesitation.

Welcoming the health team, Dr. Kashyap expressed his gratitude and said, "Efforts like these will certainly lead not just Mandu block, but the entire Ramgarh district and Jharkhand state towards better health and a disease-free future."

The event also saw the presence of Assistant Teachers Shardanand Sharma, Gautam Kumar Gupta, Jethalal Manjhi, and members of the School's Bal Sansad (Children's Parliament).

DVC CSR KTPS Health Camp at

Gandhinagar Village, Kanwariya Panchayat

DB Reporter Koderma : As part of its CSR initiatives, DVC KTPS organized a General Health and Diarrhea Inspection, Awareness Diagnostic Camp at Gandhinagar Village, Kanwariya Panchayat, under the command area of DVC KTPS. The camp was conducted by Dr. Paramveer Kumar, Sr. Manager (Health Services), and Dr. Raghav Ranjan, MO, DVC KTPS, who carried out health inspections,

diagnosis, and medicine



distribution for around 115 beneficiaries. Dr. Paramveer also shared valuable awareness on general health, seasonal fevers, infections, diet & nutrition, and the importance of personal and environmental cleanli-

ness. The programme was effectively coordinated by Sri Anupam Tiwari, Asst. Manager (HR), with active support from the Hospital/Dispensary team, including Md. Irfan and Ashok Kumar.

TSDPL Kalinganagar Honoured with Top SHE Excellence Award by CII

DB Reporter Kolkata/Jamshedpur:

Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited (TSDPL) is proud to announce that Kalinganagar plant has recently been awarded the First Prize in the Medium-Scale Manufacturing Sector for Safety, Health and (SHE) Environment Excellence Awards in Odisha State for the year 2024-25. The recognition was conferred by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Eastern Region during the Safety Symposium &

Exposition held at Kolkata. The award was given by Lokesh Ray, Advisor Shyam Mining



Executive, in the presence of Rajiv Mangal, Vice President, Safety, Health and Sustainability, Tata Steel and Chairman, CII Eastern Region Safety Subcommittee. This accolade underscores TSDPL's unwavering commitment to operational safety, environmental stewardship, and employee wellbeing. Rajesh Chaudhary, Chief, TSDPL, Kalinganagar, received

Group and CII Senior the award in the presence of other TSDPL officials. The award ceremony witnessed participation from over 100 companies, making TSDPL's top ranking a testament to its exemplary SHE practices and continuous improvement culture. Speaking on the occasion, Rajesh Chaudhary, Chief, TSDPL, Kalinganagar remarked, "This recognition reflects our team's dedication to creating a

workplace. We remain committed to setting new benchmarks in SHE excellence across the industry." **TSDPL** extends its gratitude to CII Eastern Region for this honour and reaffirms its pledge to uphold the highest standards in safety, health, and environmental performance. Tata Downstream **Products** Limited (TSDPL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Steel, was established to provide Steel Service Centre solutions. Its Kalinganagar plant, with a capacity of 1 MTPA (Million Tonne Per Annum), processes coils into slit coils and cut-tolength sheets.

Tata Steel Zoological Society Signs Bonus Agreement with Workers Union

DB Reporter
Jamshedpur : Tata Steel Zoological Society (TSZS) today signed a Bonus Agreement with the TSZS Workers Union in the presence of representatives from both management and the union. The agreement marks a significant step towards strengthening harmonious industrial relations and recognizing the contributions of employees. As per the agreement, all eligible employees will receive a Performance Reward for the year 2024-2025 at the rate of 8.33% of the total salary (Basic + VDA) earned during the period from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025. The key highlights of the agreement are as follows:

Minimum ceiling: 12,200 (Rupees Twelve Thousand Two **Hundred only**)

Maximum ceiling: 20,250 (Rupees Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Fifty only) for employees who have worked for the full account-



ing year. Employees who cross the upper ceiling of ?20,250 will receive an additional amount of ?1,000 (Rupees One Thousand only) over and above the Performance Reward. On behalf of TSZS Management, the agreement was signed by Shri Pranay Sinha, Shri Vikas Kumar, Dr. Naim Akhtar, and Dr. M. Palit. Representing the TSZS Workers Union, the agreement was signed by Shri Raghunath Pandey (President) along with union officials Shri Dinesh Mahato, Shri

Vijay Mukhi, Shri Lalan Kumar, Shri Binod Sharma, Shri Dilip Dey, Shri Pratap Singh Gill, and Shri Sulendra Das. In total, an amount of 4.37 lakhs will be disbursed to 21 employees of TSZS, with the payments scheduled to be credited within the next two to three days. Speaking on the occasion, representatives of both management and the union emphasized that the agreement reflects a shared commitment to employee welfare and continued collaboration for the growth of the organization.

Jharkhand-Based Short Film Suruimukhi to Be Screened in the United States

DB Reporter

Hazaribagh: Taking local stories from the soil of Jharkhand to the global stage, the short film Surujmukhi, produced under the banner of Country Roads Films, has been officially selected for screening at the prestigious NANOCON International Film Festival (NIFF) 2025 in the United States.

to take place from September 26 to October in Longview, Washington, with the film set to be screened at notable venues including Lower Columbia College, Longview Public Library, and the Historic Columbia

The festival is scheduled

Theatre. Directed Sumit Sinha, Kumar Surujmukhi showcases rural life, emotions, and the rich cultural essence



Jharkhand. Celebrating the recognition, the director said, "This is a proud moment for us. Presenting Surujmukhi in the U.S. and connecting with filmmakers from around the world is a result of our team's hard work and audience support."

The film features a strong ensemble cast including Mukesh Ram Prajapati, Rakesh Babu, Vishal Kumar, Anupam Kumar, Shweta Bharti, Santosh Roy, Alok Yadav, and Mithlesh Kumar. The production team includes Suraj Kumar, Prateek,

Shrikant Dubey, and Subhi Tanvi.

Lead actor Mukesh Ram Prajapati expressed his joy, saying, "Surujmukhi is not just a film-it reflects our rural background, our culture, and the emotions of common people. Its selection in an international festival is a moment of pride not just for Jharkhand but for the entire nation."

Previously, the film was also selected for the Cine Dreams International Film Festival in Mumbai, earning praise for both its storytelling and cinematic quality.

Inter-departmental Kabaddi tournament concluded at AISECT University

Arts department in women's category and CS & IT department in men's category became champions

Hazaribagh: The twoday inter-departmental Kabaddi tournament which started on Monday at AISECT University, Hazaribagh concluded with the final matches on Tuesday. In this event full of sportsmanship and enthusiasm, Arts department in women's category and CS & IT department in men's category performed brilliantly and won the title. While felicitating the winning players after the final match, the



Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof PK Nayak said that sports inspire us to rise above victory and defeat and struggle in life. The enthusiasm and discipline with which the students have played for two days shows that in the times to come, they can face any challenge with confidence. On this occasion, Registrar Dr Munish Govind said that AISECT University is always committed to the all-round development of the stu-

emphasis is laid on sports and co-curricular activities. This tournament proved that our students have the ability to excel not only in studies but also in sports.

On the other hand, Vice Chancellor Dr. Gaurav Shukla said that traditional games like Kabaddi are not only the identity of our culture but also play an important role in the personality development

of students. The way the Here, along with aca- girl students have perdemic education, equal formed today proves that women have equal rights in every field of sports.

> In the final matches played on Tuesday, Arts defeated CS & IT 34-26 in the women's category. In the men's category, CS & IT defeated Agriculture 47-30 and achieved the pride of becoming the winner. For two days, there was an atmosphere of sportsmanship and enthusiasm in the entire campus.

Congress's state in-charge and state president will come to Hazaribagh today

Hazaribagh. K Raju, member of All India Congress Committee Executive and in-charge of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee and Keshav Mahato Kamlesh, State President of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee will come to Hazaribagh Circuit House on Wednesday, 17/09/2025 at 04.30 pm. District Media President Nisar Khan said that on Thursday, 18/09/2025 at 10 am, all the District Congress Presidents of North Chotanagpur will participate in a review meeting with District Observers, GPCC Observers and ULB Observers at Hazaribagh Circuit House to discuss the formation of GPCC and City Committees.





DC Launches National Deworming Day Campaign by Taking Albendazole Tablet

DB Reporter

Dhanbad: Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Aditya Ranjan, inaugurated the National Deworming Day campaign today by taking an Albendazole tablet at Middle School, Barmasia.

Speaking on the occasion, he emphasized the government's goal of creating a worm-free society. He stated that if children do not take the medicine, the government's nutrition programs would be ineffective as the nutrients would go to the worms instead of the body. He further instructed the Education Department to ensure that no child is left out during the campaign. The medication will help



children get rid of intestinal worms, thereby contributing to a healthier society. The Deputy Commissioner outlined the campaign targets, which aim to administer Albendazole tablets to 386,159 children aged between 1 and 19 years across the district. Today, the target includes 23,517 children in

Baliapur, 48,572 in Govindpur, 26,853 in Tundi, and 9,966 in East Tundi. On September 18, tablets will be given to 61,170 children in Baghmara, 80,638 in Dhanbad Sadar, 41,881 in Jharia, 66,573 in Nirsa, and 26,989 in Topchanchi.

A "Mop-up Day" is scheduled for September 19 and 20 to

cover children who missed the initial rounds. On September 19, mop-up drives will be conducted in Baliapur, Govindpur, Tundi, and East Tundi, while on September 19 and 20, mop-up days will take place in Baghmara, Nirsa, Jharia, Topchanchi, and Dhanbad Sadar. The campaign began with a warm welcome for the Deputy Commissioner by the school's girl students, who performed a traditional dance.

Other dignitaries present included Civil Surgeon Dr. Alok Vishwakarma, District Education Officer Abhishek Jha, DPM Pratima Kumari, along with the school principal, teachers, and students.

DC Addresses Public Grievances in Janata Darbar, Directs Officials for Timely Resolution

Dhanbad: Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate Aditya Ranjan held a Janata Darbar at his office, where he personally heard grievances from citizens across urban and rural areas of the district. He assured the public that their complaints would be thoroughly investigated and resolved at the earliest.

During the session, citizens raised various issues including land disputes, provision of three-wheeler scooters for differently-abled individuals, reemployment of workers from the Tejaswini Project (Phase-1), encroachment on CNT land, enrollment under BPL quota in schools, housing under the Abua scheme, issuance of arms licenses, online receipts for raiyati land, employ-



ment concerns, and education-related problems. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the administration's commitment to providing transparent, timely, and accessible services. He stated that the primary objective of the district administration is to ensure that citizens receive their rights and benefits without hassle. He assured that resolving public grievances swiftly is a top priority for the administration.

'Healthy Women, Empowered Families' Campaign and Poshan Maah Launches Today in Hazaribagh

DB Reporter

Hazaribagh: The 'Healthy Women, **Empowered** Families' campaign, in conjunction with Poshan Maah (Nutrition Month), officially begins today in Hazaribagh and will continue until October 2, 2025. The initiative was formally launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as part of a nationwide health and nutrition drive.

Ahead of the launch, Deputy Commissioner Shashi Prakash Singh held a virtual meeting with district officials to ensure the effective implementation of the campaign. He instructed departments to work in coordination to deliver impactful outcomes, particularly for women, adolescents, and children.



Key Focus Areas of the anemia, tuberculosis, and Campaign:

▶ Screening, early detection, and treatment of non-commusickle cell disease.

▶ Improving maternal, child, and adolescent health through nicable diseases (NCDs), awareness and outreach.

>> Promoting antenatal care, vaccination, nutrition, menstrual hygiene, lifestyle practices, and mental health.

▶ Raising awareness about obesity prevention, balanced diets, and encouraging voluntary blood donation.

Health camps will be organized at all health centers across the district to provide preventive and curative services during the campaign period.

Integration with Poshan Maah:

As part of the initiative, the Department of Social Welfare will also lead Poshan Maah activities. Special nutrition counseling sessions will be held at the block level through Anganwadi centers, targeting women and adoles-

DC handed over appointment letter to dependent of Chowkidar who died during service

Hazaribagh. As per the decision taken in the meeting of District Compassionate Committee, Deputy Commissioner Mr. Shashi Prakash Singh handed over appointment letter to Rahul Kumar Paswan, dependent of late Roshan Paswan who died during service, for the post of Chowkidar. Mr. Rahul Kumar Paswan was temporarily



appointed to the post of Chowkidar in Kutumsukari Beat No. 01/07 of Ichak Police Station area with the seventh revised pay scale under series-4 and living allowance and other allowances provided by the government from time to time. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Shashi Prakash Singh handed over the appointment letter and wished Rahul Kumar Paswan a bright future and advised him to discharge his responsibilities honestly.

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Department, Department of Welfare, and the Department of Social Welfare to work in synergy for the success of this public

Free Eye Check-up Camp and Mega Cervical Cancer Eradication Campaign Launched in Jamtara

DB Reporter

Jamtara: A free eye check-up camp along with a mega cervical cancer eradication campaign was organized at JBC Plus 2 CM Excellent School in Jamtara. The initiative was a joint effort by the district administration, Kashyap Memorial Eye Bank, Women Doctors Wing, the Health Department. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Irfan Ansari, Minister of Health, Medical Education, Family Welfare, Food Public Distribution, Consumer Affairs, and Disaster Management, Jharkhand. The ceremony included lamp lighting and ribbon

cutting by the chief

DB Reporter

Ramgarh (Chitarpur

Block): The first admis-

sion for the B.Ed session

2025-27 was completed

on Monday at Dr. S.

Radhakrishnan Teacher

Training College, located

in Sukrigadha, Lari,

Ramgarh. The first

enrolled trainee, Updesh

Kumar, was formally

admitted to the course

during a special event

held on the college prem-

To mark the occasion,

Updesh Kumar planted a

Bael sapling on campus,

symbolizing a commit-

ment to both education

Also present at the event

were key members of the

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First Admission to B.Ed Session

2025-27 at Dr. S. Radhakrishnan

Teacher Training College

Aakanksha

Sanjay

Ritesh Kumar, Chairman

Management Committee,

Secretary of the College

Management Committee,

Upadhyay, Principal of

the college, and Nayan

Kumar Mishra, Assistant

Professor. They all joined

in by planting mango and

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guests, including Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate Ravi Anand, Superintendent of Police Raj Kumar Mehta, Forest Division Officer Rahul Kumar, and Dr. Bharti Kashyap, former National Vice-President and State President of the

Women Doctors Wing IMA. Traditional dances and floral welcomes marked the event's beginning.

The mega health camp witnessed a large turnout of women from remote areas who underwent screenings.

Minister Dr. Ansari highlighted a unique eye donation awareness run involving children held early morning, a first for Jamtara after Ranchi. He urged civil surgeons to identify and treat blind individuals to restore

their vision.

Engineers' Day Celebrations by DVC Engineers Association - KTPS Branch Council



DB Reporter

Koderma The Engineers' Day celebration at DVC KTPS was gracefully blessed with the warm presence of Sri Manoj Kumar Thakur, CGM & Head of Project, DVC KTPS. The office bearers of the DVC Engineers Association, KTPS Branch Council marked the occasion in a traditional way by offering flowers.

participation of: Rajesh Kumar Chaurasia, Treasurer, DVC EA Central Committee Prashant Mandal, DVC EA President, KTPS Sanjiv Kumar Mandal,

KTPS Brijendra Kumar Verma, Treasurer, DVC EA KTPS

Joint Secretary, DVC EA

along with all other esteemed members of the The event witnessed the association.

Kudmi Community Holds Massive Torch Rally Demanding Scheduled Tribe Status **DB** Reporter

Dhanbad: On Tuesday, the Vrihad Adivasi Kudmi Manch organized a massive torch procession from the District Council Ground to Randhir Verma Chowk in Dhanbad. The rally was led by Mantu Mahto and witnessed a large turnout of Kudmi youth from rural areas of Dhanbad.

Participants raised slogans demanding the central and state governments to recognize the Kudmi community as a Scheduled Tribe (ST). granted Mantu Mahto, leading the rally, stated that Jharkhand will become before independence, the predominantly Kudmi community was According to Mahto, classified as a Scheduled opposition to this demand Tribe. However, the is mainly from sections

Albendazole Deworming Tablets

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Mahto appealed to the entire Kudmi community across Jharkhand to join the massive 'Rail Roko' agitation on 20th September to assert their rights and demand

Scheduled Tribe list. The rally also saw participation from notable community members including Haldhar Mahto, Rinku Mahto (Rajendra Prasad Mahto), Pradeep Mahto, Dayanand Mahto, Shekhar Mahto, Sadanand Mahto, and hundreds of Kudmi men and women.

inclusion

Three Children Injured in Road Accident at Dhaba; Referred to Sadar Hospital



Administered at Radha Govind Public School

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: In compliance with the directives of the district administration, Albendazole deworming tablets were administered to students at Radha Govind Senior Secondary Public School as part of the National Deworming Day campaign.

During the event, students were not only given the deworming tablets but were also educated about the importance of deworming and the

health benefits of taking Albendazole. Teachers and health staff explained how the medicine helps eliminate harmful intestinal worms, leading to improved physical and

cognitive development in

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children. Principal Dr. Sujit Kumar Mohanty expressed his gratitude to the district administration for their support and said that such initiatives play a vital role in improving students' overall health and well-being.



Domchanch (Koderma):

Three children were seriously injured in a road accident on Tuesday afternoon in the village of Bangakhlar, under Dhaba police jurisdiction. The injured children have been identified as Sachin Kumar (8), son of Bajrangi Rai; Sagar Kumar (7), son of Mahendra Rai; and Rahul Kumar (8), son of late Lakhan Rai-all residents of Bangakhlar village, Dhaba police station area, Koderma district.

Sachin Kumar was riding a bicycle when he lost control while navigating a slope on the road. The bicycle hit a stone, causing Sachin to suffer a head injury with a deep wound. The other two children sustained minor injuries during the accident.

The injured children were immediately rushed to Sadar Hospital, Koderma, with the help of local residents, where they are currently receiving medical treatment.

Police Constable Sentenced to 2 Years for Sexual Exploitation Under Promise of Marriage

DB Reporter

Koderma: A police constable was sentenced to two years imprisonment along with a fine of ?25,000 for sexually exploiting a female police officer by falsely promising marriage. The judgment was delivered by Additional District and Sessions Judge (Second) Sanjay Kumar

Chaudhary in case ST-02/2024.

The accused, Abhimanyu Kumar (34), son of Arjun Prasad from Mufassil Police Station, Hazaribagh district, was found guilty under Section 493 of the Indian Penal Code. The court ruled that if the fine is not paid, an additional two months imprisonment will be served. The incident dates

back to 2018 when the victim lodged a complaint at Koderma Women's Police Station, stating that Abhimanyu Kumar repeatedly coerced her into physical relations under the pretense of marriage. Despite her refusal and revelation that she was married, the accused continued to exploit her

and later denied the promise of marriage.

Tech fest organized at RKDF University on the birth anniversary of M Visvesvaraya

DB Reporter

Ranchi. RKDF University Ranchi Computer Department organized a two-day Tech Fest Aayam on the birth anniversary of M. Visvesvaraya. The program was presided over by Professor Dr. S. Chatterjee, Vice Chancellor, RKDF University Ranchi.

In this program, first of all, floral tribute was paid to M. Visvesvaraya on the occasion of



Engineer's Day. Vice Chancellor of the University Professor S Chatterjee inspired the students to pay special attention to the changing environment and new experiments.

This program was conducted by the Department of Computer Science. Kirti Verma highlighted the theme of Aayam Tech Fest -Future of Workplace and Work Force. She also gave information

about various programs like Hackathon, Fast Coding, Tech Quiz, UI/UX Competition.

On this occasion, three representatives of Google Developer Group Ranchi also addressed the students. Shahrukh Alam, Vicky Pandey and Anjum Kamali made the students aware of various tools of Google, Gemini and Dev Fest.

Registrar Dr. Amit Kumar Pandey

motivated the students to know and understand the new technology. All the students of B.Tech. BCA, Diploma, MCA, PGDCA of the university participated in various competitions.

Teachers and teachers from various departments were present on this occasion. Dr. Rajiv Ranjan, Dr. Sheetal Topno, Dr. Anita Kumari guided the students and wished them a bright future.

A production target of 362.50 million tonnes has been set for the year 2025-26: Shivraj

Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan said on Tuesday that a target of production of 362.50 million tonnes has been set for the year 2025-26 in the 'National Agriculture Conference-Rabi Abhiyan-2025', whereas this figure was 341.55 million tonnes last year.

Union Minister Chauhan said in a press conference held in Pusa that the total food grain production of the country has reached 353.96 million tonnes in the year 2024-25, which is 21.66 million tonnes (6.5 percent) more than last year. Record production has been registered in major crops like paddy, wheat, maize, groundnut and soybean. This is 12.41 million tonnes more than the

New Delhi, Agency: target set at 341.55 million tonnes.

> Regarding the Rabi conference, he said that this year the conference theme is One Nation-One Agriculture-One Team. Through this conference, agriculture ministers and senior agriculture officials of various states and union territories have got a platform for in-depth discus-

> He said that earlier the Rabi conference used to be of one day only, but this time the conference was kept for two days with the aim of working more closely. Shivraj Singh said that the Center and the state have gathered to work together for the overall development of agriculture. On the first day of the conference, senior agriculture officials of the Center and the states dis-



He said that the topics dis-

cussed in this two-day conference include climate tolerance, quality seeds-fertilizerspesticides, horticulture, natural farming, effective extension services and the role of Krishi Vigyan Kendras, coordination of centrally sponsored schemes, increasing the productivity of

cussed six topics in different oilseeds and integrated agriculture system.

Chauhan said that along with food grain production, the production of fruits and vegetables in the country has also increased well this year compared to last year. In future also, the centre and states will continue to work together for the development of agriculture and welfare of

The Agriculture Minister also discussed the situation in flood affected states and said that the government is making all possible efforts to help the victims. He said that some states have been particularly affected due to floods, which include Punjab, Himachal, Uttarakhand, Jammu, Haryana and Assam. No shortage will be spared in helping these states. He said that in the states which are covered under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, every effort is being made to ensure that farmers get proper and quick benefits of the insurance amount.

Shivraj said that sufficient for Rabi crop. As per the sowpulses- farmers by making coordinat- ing target, 229 lakh metric farmers.

tonnes of seeds are required, we have more than this, about 250 lakh metric tonnes of seeds available. This year there has been good rainfall, due to which the sowing area has increased.

This can also be the reason for the additional demand for fertilizers. The Union Minister said that full supply of fertilizers and manure will be made, as much fertilizer as required will be made available based on the demand of the states.

Chauhan said that the Vikasit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan will be started from October 03. Like last time, this time also more than two thousand teams of scientists will be sent to villages for the quantity of seeds is available Rabi crop, which will give proper information to the

Role of AI is important in modern era: Om Birla



Sanskriti University, located in fields. AI should be integrated the religious city of Devbhoomi with spiritual values. There Uttarakhand, witnessed such a should be meaningful initiatives historic moment, when eminent towards spreading the knowledge guests including AI experts from and culture of India to the whole the country and abroad discussed world through AI. Let us carry important aspects on the subject forward the coordination of sciof Artificial Intelligence (AI), trust ence and spirituality. The Lok and future. While AI experts from western countries described artificial intelligence as per the demand of the present time, Indian scientists said that it will solve various mysteries through the confluence of science and spirituality.

Sammelan on AI Trust and Future was inaugurated at Dev Sanskriti University by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Vice Chancellor of Dev Sanskriti University Dr. Chinmay Pandya and other guests by jointly lighting the lamp. On this occasion, Lok Sabha Speaker important role in improving the Birla said that the role of AI is lives of crores of people by important in the modern era. improving many areas.

Haridwar, Agency: Dev Today AI is being used in many Sabha Speaker said that it is believed that Dev Sanskriti University will work in the direction of strengthening the future generation through technological innovation.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that Artificial Here, the International Maha Intelligence is not just a technical achievement but also a social responsibility and moral responsibility.

Its direction should be decided by human values ??and spiritual perspective. If we use the power of AI with the right direction and purpose, then it can play an

Torrential rains in many districts of Maharashtra disrupted life, 51 people were rescued with the help of the Navy

idly due to continuous heavy rains for the last four days. Life has been badly affected as rainwater has entered people's homes. In Beed district, 51 people living on the riverbank have been taken to a safe place with the help of the Navy. In view of this, the state's disaster management department has issued instructions to the rain-affected districts to remain on alert mode on Tuesday.

Sources the Disaster Maharashtra Management Department told journalists today that heavy rains for the last four days have made life difficult villages in Beed, Dharashiv,

Mumbai, Agency: In for people in Beed district. of Also, crops have been Maharashtra, especially almost destroyed. Due to Marathwada, the water rain, Kambli and Kadi level of rivers has risen rap- rivers are flooding many areas and large areas have been submerged.

Many villages situated on the banks of both the rivers have been surrounded by flood waters, in view of this, the district administration has started rescue operations with the help of the Navy.

Navy personnel today rescued 51 people stranded in the affected areas with the help of military helicopters and shifted them to safe shelters. Thousands of hectares of standing crops have been washed away due to the flood-like situation.

Sources said that many



Latur, Parbhani, Hingoli and Nanded districts of Marathwada have lost contact. The District Collector of Beed has ordered the closure of educational institutions as a precautionary measure. Heavy damage has been caused in Nalondi, Nikanur, Yelamb Ghat, Taljapur, Anala, K Kada, Takal Singh, Daula and Atkor divisions.

Vadgaon, Dhanura, Pampala, Dadegaon, Patoda, Lokhandi, Kage, Yusuf, Hol and Shirur divisions of Nanded district. The worst affected areas in Latur district include Kasakida, Mogha, Tandar, Bimbli, Padoli, Kasi village, Taljapur, Anala, Kalamab

Landmark new MoU signed in India's printing and packaging sector

New Delhi, Agency: In an unprecedented move that will give a new direction to India's printing and packaging industry, Indian Printing Packaging and Allied Machinery Manufacturers Association (IPAMA) and All India Federation of Printers and Packagers (AIFPP) signed a landmark Memorandum of Unders tanding (MoU).

Signed on Monday at the IPAMA office in Noida, Uttar Pradesh, the MoU will unite two giants of the industry. It will inculcate a new zeal for innovation.

collaboration and global recognition in the sector that employs around 250,000 entrepreneurs across the



country. The agreement also establishes IPAMA and AIFPP as exclusive strategic partners for exhibitions and events.

The agreement was formalized by made special contributions to this.

Iqbal Singh and Sunil Jain, general secretaries of the two organizations. IPAMA President Jaiveer Singh and AIFPP Head Ashwini Gupta also

Aim to make India a leader in biofuel and green transport in the next 5 years: Gadkari

Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said on Tuesday that the aim is to make India a world leader in biofuel and green transport in the next five years. Along with this, he also gave information about developing an air pod system from Delhi's Dhaula Kuan to Haryana's Manesar and transport in waterway Mumbai.

Gadkari said in a media organization's program in Delhi that an air pod system will be developed from Delhi's Dhaula Kuan to Haryana's Manesar, where presentations of five global companies will be held on Wednesday. These pods will have 18-25 passengers, which will be able to run in the air at a speed of 200 km per hour, although the speed

Work is going on on 300 cable car projects across the country, which will prove to be a new dimension of traffic freedom.

He talked about speeding up the work on 450 km long tunnel projects in hilly areas like Himachal, Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir. He said that new rules have also been made for diversion, so that dependence on temporary solutions ends.

On water transport for Mumbai, he said that due to his efforts, a jetty has been constructed at the airport and after the study of the BPT chairman, there is a plan to run 5-6 thousand water taxis. On the lines of Venice city, these taxis will take Mumbaikars to Navi Mumbai airport by sea in 17 minutes. The Maharashtra govern-

New Delhi, Agency: will be less due to obstacles. ment has selected the company. After discussions with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, this state project is progressing rapidly.

He said that he had

recently visited the European country Czechoslovakia, inspired by that, the country is also focusing on flashcharging electric buses. Soon, 135-seater flash-charging electric buses will be launched in the country, which will be 30 percent cheaper than diesel buses. These buses will have airplane-like facilities such as comfortable seats, front TV screen and entry by mobile or card.He talked about speeding up the work on 450 km long tunnel projects in hilly areas like Himachal, Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir. He said that new rules have also been



made for diversion, so that dependence on temporary solutions ends. He said that these buses, which can be charged in just 20-30 seconds at every stop, are being started as a pilot project in Nagpur. Tata Company has been given the responsibility for this. Their construction has also started in Dharwad. Referring to the economical cost of these buses (only 2

to Jaipur, these buses will be able to complete the journey in two and a half hours, which will provide metro-like facilities at a cheaper price.

He talked about speeding up the work on 450 km long tunnel projects in hilly areas like Himachal, Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir. He said that new rules have also been made for diversion, so that dependence on temporary solutions ends.

On road accidents, he said that the government is focusing on engineering improvements, construction of flyovers and improvement of black spots. Now six airbags have become mandatory in instead of four. However, the main problem

crores per km) as compared is people's negligence like to the high cost of the metro riding a bike without a hel-(Rs 550 crores per km), he met or jumping signals. For said that on routes like Delhi this, helmets have been made mandatory with bike sales and penalties have been

made stricter. He said that now the police will not harass those who take the injured to the hospital in road accidents. New rules have been implemented. Earlier, people used to shy away from helping out of fear. Improvements are also being made in the insurance process and the target is to reduce accidents by 50 percent by 2030. On electric vehicles (EVs), Gadkari said that 15 percent more EVs are being sold than petrol twowheelers, which are proving to be helpful in reducing pollution. Soon the prices of EVs and conventional vehicles will become equal.

Editorial

Who will chase away the intruders?

In 2016, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju had told the Parliament that about 2 crore Bangladeshis are living illegally in India. This is equal to the entire population of Australia. In 2004, the then UPA government's Minister of State for Home, Shriprakash Jaiswal, had revealed that a total of 1 crore 20 lakh 53,950 illegal Bangladeshi immigrants are present in 17 states and union territories of the country. These figures were only of Bangladeshi intruders, while people have been entering India illegally from Myanmar, Nepal and other countries as well. Now in 2025, all these figures would have increased a lot! Even if we assume the basic figure to be 2 crore, then why are the intruders not being driven out of the country in that proportion? If we also worry about their human rights, then after the coming of the Modi government in 2014, on an average, the number of intruders sent to their native country every year is very low. The pace is very slow. Actually, we are neither in favour of comparison with the actions of UPA's Manmohan government nor do we consider the campaigns of America, Britain and Europe to expel illegal immigrants from the country as examples. If Prime Minister Modi announces 'National Demography Mission' from the ramparts of Red Fort on 'Independence Day and blames Congress for infiltration in public meetings in Assam, Bengal and Bihar, calling Congress 'protector of infiltrators', then this is not a logical solution to infiltration. This is pure politics. The Prime Minister wants to intensify polarization by doing Hindu-Muslim politics through 'nationalism versus infiltrators'. Elections are to be held in Assam and West Bengal in 2026. Elections in Bihar will be completed in just two months. Therefore, the roar against infiltrators is understandable. Of course, the demographic balance has deteriorated in many places in the border districts of the country.

In many places, Muslims have become a majority and Hindus are becoming a minority. These equations are changing due to more than 50 lakh Bangladeshi and Rohingya infiltrators in Assam and more than 57 lakh in Bengal. As a result, conditions for communal riots have also been created. The Calcutta High Court's verdict on the scenario of anti-Hindu riots, violent attacks, destruction of homes in Murshidabad and Malda of Bengal can be read. The question is what happened to the results of the NRC exercise done by the government in Assam? Why was that process suddenly stopped? Prime Minister Modi considers this demographic change a sensitive threat to national security. Our youth are losing their share of resources and employment. Women's dignity is being cheated and played with. Certainly, this seems to be a huge national problem, so it should be the primary concern, the basic concern of the Prime Minister and his government.

Prospects of shipbuilding business

While shipbuilding and shipping sector is of utmost importance for India to reduce its logistics cost and strengthen itself strategically, these weaknesses have kept this important sector of India untouched from development, they need to be corrected...

Dr. Ashwani Mahajan

While India aspires to become a developed country by 2047, this cannot be possible without developing a strong maritime system. Despite some development in this area in recent times, the goal is far away. After independence, although some efforts were made to renovate some ports, shipbuilding and build infrastructure around major ports, India still lagged behind the major economies of the world. Not only in terms of ports, we lagged behind other major economies in shipbuilding as well. Talking about ship carrying capacity, India's contribution in this is also very marginal. As of December 2023, India's share in global ship ownership is only 1.2 percent, while Greece has 17.8, China 12.8 and Japan 10.8 percent. Apart from this, only 0.77 percent of the world's ships are registered under the Indian flag. India's maritime tradition is one of the most ancient traditions in the world. India's high industrial growth and international trade were due to our 7500 km long coastline and central location in the Indian Ocean. Evidence from the Indus Valley Civilisation shows a port at Lothal and trade with Mesopotamia, where cotton textiles, beads and ivory were exchanged for metals and horses. Sea travel was well known even in the Vedic period, with the Rig Veda and the epics describing ships and voyages. By the Mauryan period (321-185 BCE), maritime trade was controlled by the state, as can be seen in Kautilya's Arthashastra. Ports like Tamralipti, Bharuch and Sopara linked India with the Mediterranean and South-East Asia. The southern dynasties, especially the Cholas (9th-13th centuries), built a formidable navy. In the medieval period (13th-15th centuries), ports like Calicut, Cambay and Surat flourished in the Indian Ocean region, attracting Arab, Persian and Chinese traders. India exported spices, textiles and gems, while importing horses, gold and sil-



With the arrival of the Portuguese in 1498, India's maritime dominance waned, as European powers gradually monopolised the spice trade. But for millennia before colonial rule, India remained a maritime superpower, influencing trade, culture, and civilization across Asia and beyond. Recently, the central government has taken several initiatives and implemented several policy measures to promote shipbuilding in India. It is expected that large shipbuilding will soon be given infrastructure status, allowing companies to access financing on better terms. This will facilitate shipbuilding in India and boost Indian shipyard operations. A dedicated fund of Rs 250 billion (about \$2.9 billion) has also been set up to provide longterm, low-cost finance for shipbuilding and related infrastructure. Import duties on inputs used in shipbuilding and shipbreaking have been waived for the next 10 years, reducing costs for domestic companies. The Ship-Breaking Credit Note Scheme is an initiative that encourages the breaking of old ships in Indian yards by issuing credit notes, thereby promoting fleet renewal and promoting sustainability. Given India's coastline of over 7500 km, the maritime sector is vital for India's trade. Today, 95 per cent of trade by volume and 70 per cent by value is carried by sea routes. Yet, despite its strategic importance, India is heavily dependent on foreign countries for ships, resulting in rising transportation costs and also against our strategic interests. India's shipbuilding industry plays a vital role not only for maritime trade but also for the country's defence preparedness. It involves the construction, repair and maintenance of ships used for transportation, defence and commerce.

Recent Developments: India's shipbuilding industry is projected to grow from around US\$90 million in 2022 to US\$1.12 billion in 2024, and is projected to reach US\$1.2 billion by 2033, a remarkable growth of 60 per cent. However, the country still occupies a very small position in the global shipbuilding sector, ranking 22nd with less than 1 per cent market share. In comparison, China, South Korea and Japan together account for 93 per cent of the global shipbuilding market. The government aims to make India among the top 10 shipbuilding nations by 2030, and under the Maritime India Vision 2030 and Amrit Kal Vision 2047, India aspires to be among the top 5 by 2047. But being a superpower in the sector is no easy task. The first challenge is the high infrastructure cost. Shipbuilding is a capitalintensive industry that requires significant investment in shipyards. Due to the long maturity period and uncertain returns, this sector seems risky to many investors. Secondly, due to lack of much activity in this industry for a long time, technology in India is outdated and there is a lack of countries such as South Korea and skilled manpower, which makes

global competition difficult. Third, supply chain disruptions in the sector are a major constraint for shipbuilding in India. The industry is heavily dependent on imports for critical components such as engines, propulsion systems and navigation equipment. This not only increases costs and delays timelines, but global supply chain shocks also impact it immensely. Fourth, Indian shipyards face 25-30 per cent higher costs compared to competitors such as China, South Korea and Japan. The major reasons for this are poor labour productivity, expensive finance and limited availability of high-grade steel and other materials domestically. While international competitors in the sector have strong government support and incentives, environmental regulations, lack of direct subsidies and high interest rates in India are hampering the growth of the sector. While shipbuilding and shipping are of vital importance for India to reduce its logistics costs and make itself strategically strong, these weaknesses have held back this vital sector of India from growth and need to be addressed. The sector holds a key role in building indigenous warships, adopting advanced technologies and reducing dependence on foreign military equipment. However, investments in shipbuilding and repair infrastructure and technology transfer will

Narendra Modi is the harbinger of "Nation First" interest

Dharmendra Singh Lodhi

It has been said in the Shrimad Bhagwat Gita, "Yadyaadacharati Shreshthasatattadevetaro Janah. Sa yatpramanam kurute lokastadanuvartate." That is, ordinary great men. The ideals they set through their exemplary works are followed by the whole world. In the modern world, one such great man is the successful Prime Minister of India, Honorable Narendra Modi, who has estab-India, the life character of Narendra Modi can be considsynonymous Indianness and nationalism.

is a powerful global leader in the unprecedented success in balancpresent times. Under his leadership, India's respect has life. This campaign was discussed

working by keeping the national interests at the center.

The way Prime Minister Modi launched 'Operation Sindoor' to give a tough reply to Pakistan after the Pahalgam terrorist people follow the behavior of attack, India's image has emerged as a powerful nation at the global level. Through Operation Sindoor, the Prime Minister has shown the world that India will not tolerate terrorism under any circumstances and India will not spare anyone who lished high dimensions of human raises his eyes towards India. welfare not only in India but in Today the whole world knows the entire world. In modern Prime Minister Modi as a politician who responds with courage.

Prime Minister Shri Modi with started the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme in the year 2015. Prime Minister Narendra Modi This scheme has achieved ing the child sex ratio throughout the leadership of India is in such Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Arthasya Moolam Rajyam'.

hands, which is continuously Yojana, new standards of health services have been set across India. The countrymen are being provided free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh. This step of the Prime Minister is definitely a milestone in terms of health services.?

The vision of Jan Dhan Yojana launched by Modi ji will serve as the foundation for many upcoming initiatives. For Modi ji, it means achieving maximum goals. Maximum return on every rupee spent. Maximum empowerment of the poor of the country. Maximum spread of technology among the people. Even after 67 years of independence, there was a large number of population in India who did not have access to banking services. This meant that they had neither any means of saving, nor any opportunity to get institutional loans. Prime Minister Modi has launched Jan Dhan Yojana to solve this basic increased in the world. Now no and promoted not only in India, issue and realized the basic idea policy can be made in the world but in the entire world. Today, of ??'Sukhsya Moolam Dharmah, by ignoring India, because today through Ayushman Bharat Dharmasya Moolam Arthah,

uation has changed radically under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Prime Minister Modi has continuously moved forward on the path of development and progress with the motto of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas. The social welfare works done in our country in the last ten years were awaited by the people of the country since independence. Through Jal Jeevan Mission, Hon'ble Narendra Modi has resolved to provide drinking water to every household in the whole of India and to a large extent this work has been completed. I feel that Jal Jeevan Mission is the most ambitious and the best scheme of social welfare of independent India, the idea of ??giving it a tangible form Hon'ble Narendra Modi.

leaders of the country, Article 370 fourth largest economy of the was implemented in Jammu and world.

Since 2014, India's political sit- Kashmir, due to which Kashmir was separated from the mainstream of India and lakhs of Kashmiri Pandits had to suffer the consequences of this either by losing their lives or by being displaced. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done an unprecedented work by removing Article 370 from Kashmir, due to which a new dawn of development and prosperity has now taken place in Kashmir. Be it the matter of triple talaq, amendment in the Citizenship Act, welfare of the poor or the purpose of women empowerment, Prime Minister Modi has given concrete form to many unprecedented works of social concern for every section of the society.

Under the leadership of Modi ji, India has touched new dimensions of development, progress has blossomed in the thinking of and power. Revolutionary changes have taken place in the After independence, due to the economy of India since the year mistakes of the then responsible 2014. India has become the

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Apple iPhone Pro Max 17 in cosmic orange already out of stock in US, India

a considerable surge in demand, and it has gone out of stock within three days after pre-booking went live for pick-up of the devices at that the device in deep blue the company's official stores in the US and India, as per information shared by company staff.

In India, the entire iPhone Pro Max series is not available for pre-order with pick-up option at Apple stores, according to information sourced from the Apple Apple did not elicit any India website.

The cosmic orange devices were not available for pre-orders in both iPhone Pro Max and iPhone Pro series in India for the pick-up at store option.

I am really sorry to inform you, but due to the large number of pre-orders,

New Delhi, Agency: all the cosmic orange iPhone Apple's iPhone Pro Max 17 in 17 Pro Max are being sold cosmic orange has witnessed very fast, due to which, they are not available in any storage variant," an Apple specialist said.

> The executive mentioned colour is available at some stores.

I am really sorry for the inconvenience, but the backend team is trying their best to restock the orange colour as soon as possible," the specialist said.

An email query sent to

Apple unveiled the iPhone 17 series in the price range of Rs 82,900 to Rs 2,29,900, which will be available in India starting from September 19 onwards for customers who have prebooked the device.

According to the special-



ist, some stores will also have limited devices available on September 19, which can be picked up without pre-order, but those devices will be given on a first-come, opened on September 12.

purchasing 'out of stock' devices can continue to book, but the devices will be delivered to them at their address after October 7.

In India, the entire range first-served basis. The pre- of iPhone Pro Max devices orders for the devices were was not available for pick-up at Apple stores as of Consumers interested in September 15, according to information sourced from the Apple India website.

In the US, the iPhone 17 series is priced between USD 799 (about Rs 70,370) and USD 1,999 (Rs 1.76 lakh) apiece. Taiwanese electronics giant Foxconn is the biggest producer of iPhones, with manufacturing facilities located in China and India.

All iPhones produced in India are shipped to meet the requirements of the US market. The company recently commenced production of the iPhone 17 series at its second-largest manufacturing unit based in Bangalore, operating under informal restrictions imposed by China.

According to multiple sources, Apple plans to increase iPhone production to 60 million units this year, from about 35-40 million model across the country units in 2024-25.

Apple assembled 60 per cent more iPhones, worth an estimated USD 22 billion, in India in the year ended March 31, 2025.

An analysis by S&P Global said that iPhone sales in the US were 75.9 million units in 2024, suggesting a need to double shipments either through new capacity or redirecting shipments bound for the domestic market.

However, according to sources, China has been informally restricting the supply of capital goods, skilled manpower etc, required for the expansion of iPhone production in India.

Apple's supplies within India grew by 21.5 per cent annually to 5.9 million units in the first.

half of 2025, with iPhone 16 being the highest-shipped during the period.

India is shifting rapidly towards electric mobility: IEC CEO

New Delhi, Agency India is shifting rapidly towards electric mobility and its progress in this sector is setting an example for other emerging economies aiming to embrace electrification, International Elec trotechnical Commi ssion Secretary General and CEO Philip Metzger told in an interview on Tuesday.

India is shifting rapidly toward electric mobility. I've personally been travelling in electric vehicles throughout my stay here in Delhi, and it's clear that the transition is already underway," he

Metzger emphasised the growing importance of electric vehicles in the fight against climate change and



urban pollution.

E-mobility is one of our core areas. We've built a globally recognised portfolio of standards for EV charging infrastructure, battery systems, and energy efficiency. These standards are crucial to making electric vehicles of Indian Standards (BIS), reliable," said Metzger.

safe, scalable, and accessible," he said.

Electric mobility took stage at the centre International Electro technical Commission's annual general meeting in New Delhi, hosted by the Bureau where global delegates gathered to shape the next generation of international standards for clean energy, battery technologies, and transport electrification.

The IEC has developed key standards covering battery safety, fast and interoperable charging systems, and grid integration, all of which are essential for building a robust EV ecosystem.

As India continues to expand its EV footprint, these standards provide a framework that ensures both safety and efficiency, aligning with global best practices. We are laying the foundation for transport solutions that are not only clean but also inclusive and

Apollo Tyres new jersey sponsor of Indian cricket team



Tyres has been locked in as the new jersey sponsor for the Indian cricket team following the exit of online game platform Dream 11, a senior BCCI official told PTI on Tuesday.

shirt sponsor for the team after soon," said a senior BCCI official.

New Delhi, Agency Apollo the government banned real money gaming platforms including Dream 11 under a new legislation. The team is currently playing the Asia Cup in Dubai without a title sponsor.

The deal has been signed with The BCCI was left without a Apollo Tyres. We will announce it

Action will be taken against e-com merce entities using dark paterns: **Consumer Affairs Secy**

New Delhi, Agency The Central Government is cracking down on e-commerce entities using "dark patterns", deceptive design tactics that mpulate consumers into unintended purchases or subscriptions.

Speaking with , Consumer Affairs Secretary Nidhi Khare warned that such practices will be treated as unfair trade and face legal action. AI can be used mischievously to create propaganda and misinformation. E-commerce entities are using all kinds of dark patterns like not highlighting the bad reviews," Khare told on Tuesday, adding that "you must be aware that the Department of Consumer Affairs has brought out guidelines against the use of dark patterns." Khare advised e-commerce entities to conduct a selfaudit and avoid using dark patterns, which include tactics such as false urgency alerts, hiding negative reviews, subscription traps, and bait-and-switch pricing. In case someone is found to be using dark patterns, it will be treated as an unfair trade practice, and the law will take its own course," she said.

The department has advised ecommerce entities to sign a safety pledge whereby they themselves should make sure, through the use of technology, that any harmful or any product which is regulated or prohibited should not be sold on the platform.

Khare warned of strict action, including raids, against the viola-



"If that is being found to be selling, it is something which ecommerce entities need to be very, very careful. You must have seen how, in their warehouses, several raids have taken place and such products have been found which were not of the required standards," she said.

From time to time, the department held meetings with all the ecommerce entities regarding this situation and also tried to create awareness against such malpractice, she said. Dark patterns also include not posting bad reviews or not highlighting them, she said.

'Earlier, even if the consumer is giving a bad review for any product, the entity would not publish it or would publish it towards the end of it. And consumers can't go through the entire chain of all the reviews, and then most of us are basically relying on what the entity wants the consumers to show," she said.

Small-Town Big Investors – How Tier 2 & 3 Cities Are Powering MF Folio Growth

Ranchi, Agency: The investment landscape in India has undergone a sigwith increased financialization of savings. From traditional investments to modern financial instruments, there has been a paradigm shift in investor behaviour, who are wanting wealth creation through participation in capital markets.

Once dominated by traditional instruments like Ground

fixed deposits, the market has evolved to embrace modern financial products such as mutual funds, REITs, and ETFs. While nificant transformation mutual fund adoption was initially concentrated in metropolitan and Tier-1 cities, recent trends indicate a significant shift—Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities (classified as B30 or "Beyond Top 30" cities) are emerging as powerful growth engines for the mutual fund industry.

> Cities Gaining B30

According to the tration and Association of Mutual investor confi Funds in India (AMFI), B30 locations accounted for 18% of the mutual fund industry's total assets under management (AUM) as of July 2025. AUM from these regions rose from ?13.80 lakh crore in June 2025 to ?14.20 lakh crore in July 2025, marking a 3% monthly increase and a robust 21% year-on-year growth from ?11.77 lakh crore in July 2024. This surge reflects deepening financial pene-

investor confidence in smaller towns. (Source: T30 v/s B30 report)

Key Trends Driving Growth

Monthly inflows through Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) have shown consistent growth, even amid market volatility, indicating a strong investor preference for disciplined, long-term investment strategies irrespective of market conditions. This shift reflects increasing

Hindustan Copper strengthens employee welfare with Group Perso nal Accident Insurance policy, introduces common uniform for all

New Delhi, Agency Committed to strengthen social security measures, reduce vulnerability and promote well-being and safety of its workforce, Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL), a CPSE under the administrative control of the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, has introduced Group Personal Accident Insurance Policy, providing coverage of Rs 20 lakh while on duty for every contractual person engaged in the Company.

Additionally, the Company has also started, in association with SBI, IOB and other banks, under their respective Corporate Salary Package, which provides.

Accident insurance coverage upto Rs 40 lakhs for the contractual per-



Ministry of Mines.

according to a press release from the Bank of India to launch a 'Group Personal Accident Insurance Scheme' In service to the nation since 1967, for all regular employees under its sons engaged in its Units and Offices, HCL has partnered with the State Corporate Salary Package.

Adolescence actor Stephen Graham suffers from dyslexia; here's what you should know about the disorder

the limited or anthology series, won several awards at 'Adolescence'.

Session 'Adolescence' actor shared that he had been dyslexic. Graham said, "I'm dyslexic, so I struggle. My missus actually reads the script and says whether or not I'm doing it. She's made some good choic-

What is dyslexia?

According to Mayo Clinic, names of letters. dyslexia is a learning disorder wherein the individual has

New Delhi:Adolescence, difficulty in reading due to problems identifying speech sounds and learning how the 77th Primetime Emmy they relate to letters and Awards. Stephen Graham words. It is also known as a won the award for the reading disability and is a Outstanding Lead Actor in a result of individual differlimited or anthology series or ences in areas of the brain movie, for his role in that process language. Dyslexia is not due to prob-In 2019, during a BAFTA lems with intelligence, hearsion panel, the ing or vision.

Symptoms of dyslexia

Here are some of the symptoms of dyslexia that you might see when a child gets older, according to Cleveland Clinic.

Difficulty spelling simple

Trouble learning the

Problems telling apart letters with similar shapes, such



as "d" and "b" or "p" and "q." Trouble rhyming.

Reluctance to read aloud

Trouble sounding out new

associating Trouble sounds with letters or parts of

Trouble learning how sounds go together.

Mixing up the position of sounds in a word.

Having one of the above doesn't mean a person has dyslexia, but if they're having trouble learning the basic skills for reading, then dyslexia screening and testing is a good way to see if they need help.

Complications of dyslexia The condition can lead to several problems, which

Trouble learning: This happens because reading is a skill basic to most other school subjects. A child with dyslexia is at a disadvantage in most classes and may have trouble keeping up with

Social problems: If left untreated, dyslexia may lead to low self-esteem, behaviour problems, anxiety, aggression, and withdrawal from friends, parents, and teach-

Problems as adults: The inability to read and comprehend can prevent children from reaching their potential as they grow up. This can have negative long-term educational, social, and economic impacts.



Manage sleep apnoea without CPAP: Practical lifestyle changes that can help you sleep better

New Delhi: Sleep apnoea is a condiback makes the tongue and soft tissues tion that disrupts your breathing while collapse backward, making the airway you're asleep. This can lead to fatigue, poor concentration and other health issues if left untreated. Most people who suffer from the condition are recommended continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) therapy, but a lot of people might find it uncomfortable to

While it is important that you use a aged by making significant lifestyle episodes. hanges. These changes will help you breathe easily at night and also reduce your sleep interruptions. Here are some tips that can help manage sleep apnoea with a CPAP.

Tips to manage sleep apnoea without a CPAP

Maintain a Healthy Weight

Excess weight, especially around the neck and throat, increases the risk of airway blockage during sleep. Even vated reduces pressure on the airway modest weight loss can reduce symptoms of sleep apnoea and improve breathing.

Sleep on Your Side: Sleeping on your incline, reducing apnoea episodes.

obstruction worse.

Side sleeping can reduce snoring and apnoea episodes.

Practice Good Sleep Hygiene

Poor sleep habits can worsen symptoms of sleep apnoea. Sticking to a regular bedtime, avoiding screen time before bed, and creating a dark, quiet sleeping environment can improve sleep quality CPAP, the condition can also be man- and reduce the frequency of apnoea

Alcohol and sedative medications relax throat muscles, making airway collapse more likely during sleep. Limiting alcohol, especially in the evening, and avoiding sedatives unless prescribed by a doctor can reduce breathing disrup-

Elevate Your Head While Sleeping Sleeping with your head slightly ele-

and helps in breathing smoothly. You can use an adjustable bed or wedge pillow to keep your upper body at an

30 going on 20! Signs you're biologically younger than your age

doesn't have to feel like stepping onto the "other side." In fact, some habits, health markers, and lifestyle choices can reveal that your body is biologically younger than your actual age. Why should a number tell you everything about your well-being?

Some simple things can help you discover if you are actually biologically younger. Here's how to tell if your 30s are less about ageing and more about thriving. Let's

Strong physical health markers

Energy levels and stamina These denote that the cells are in a younger or biologically younger state, when you can get through a day without crashing or workout sessions that give you satisfaction instead of draining you. Radiant yet resilient skin

Few fine lines, quick healing from blemishes, and a natural glow hint that your skin's elasticity and collagen levels are still youth-like.

Mental and emotional well-being

Sharp memory and acute

Remembering details with ease, multitasking without gaining a foggy mind, and staying mentally agile are signs that your brain is ageing at a rate slower than the calendar.

Emotional strength Quickly rising above stress



Healthy lifestyle behav-

Regular, refreshing sleep

Going off to sleep with ease and waking up with when blood pressure is norenergy and alertness is a mal, cholesterol level is great sign! No heading back appropriate, and the cardioto the snooze, this denotes a vascular crown-worthy circadian endurance.

training, cardiovascular exercises, and flexibility training, they keep muscles pliable, stiff at a slower pace once biological ageing comes logically younger than your along at a cellular level.

Metabolism checks

Stable weight and metab-

Weight changes, constipation, indigestion, and sudden slowness in digestion; all signs show a metabolic allele shutdown.

Healthy heart

Biological age is obvious system

Your 30s don't have to be Balanced workout regi- a countdown clock. With the right habits, health markers, Somewhere in strength and mindset, your body can act younger than the candles on your birthday cake suggest. If these signs sound like you, chances are you're bioyears, and that's something worth celebrating.

Common allergies in children and how parents can manage them effectively

New Delhi:Parents, are you aware? Various factors, such as food, pollen, pet dander, and dust mites, are among the leading causes of childhood allergies that can bring discomfort to children. Many children will experience symptoms, from sneezing to severe reactions like anaphylaxis.

According to Dr Amit Gupta, Senior Neonatologist Paediatrician, Motherhood Hospitals, Noida, it is the need of the hour for parents to pay utmost attention to the child's well-being and prevent allergies. Here, the expert highlights common allergies, causes, symptoms, complications, management, and preventive measures.

Common causes of allergies in children

Allergies occur when a

child's immune system mistakenly reacts to a harmless substance as if it were dangerous. Common factors include foods like milk, eggs, peanuts, soy, wheat, and shellfish; environmental triggers such as pollen, dust mites, and mould; animal dander from pets like cats or dogs; and even insect stings and certain medications. Moreover, genetics tends to play a part, as those children with parents who have allergies or asthma are more likely to develop them.

Symptoms and complications of untreated allergies

Allergies also vary by age, like food allergies, which are commonly seen in infants and toddlers, and environmental allergies like pollen, dust and mould allergies come once the children start going to school.



child may first develop eczema, then food allergies and later allergic rhinitis, asthsinus infection.

atopic march – a cycle where a trigger anaphylaxis, a lifethreatening reaction that requires emergency attention without any delay.

Sometimes, the allergies

daily routine and impact his/her academic performance. The child will be unable to focus on their studies and will be constantly stressed or anxious. So, it is better to report the symptoms to the doctor for timely action.

When to see a doctor: Recognising warning signs

The diagnosis is done with the help of medical history, physical examination, and allergy tests such as skin prick tests or blood tests. The management will involve medications like antihistamines or nasal sprays to reduce symptoms. Those with severe allergies will also be advised to undergo allergen immunotherapy (allergy

shots) in select cases for long-

term relief. The line of treat-

can interfere with the child's ment will be decided by the doctor. Parents should avoid giving any medication on their own. Nutrition plays a supportive role as well. Parents must give diets rich in vitamin C, vitamin D, and probiotics like yoghurt, which can strengthen the immune sys-

> Final thoughts: Helping your child live allergy-free

The last word: Parents, understand that while not all allergies can be prevented, parents can reduce risks by maintaining a clean environment, using dust-proof bedding, keeping pets out of bedrooms, ensuring children eat a balanced diet, and monitoring exposure to potential allergens. Children should also maintain good personal hygiene.

Smriti Mandhana again becomes number one in ICC ODI batting rankings

New Delhi, Agency: India's star batsman Smriti Mandhana has once again secured the top position in the ICC Women's ODI batting rankings. In the first ODI played against Australia on Sunday, Mandhana scored 58 runs off 63 balls, due to which she overtook England captain Nat Sciver-Brunt to achieve the number-1 position.

This is the fourth time that Mandhana has got the number-1 position in the ODI batting rankings. She achieved this feat for the first time in January 2019 and also became number-1 in July 2025, but later Sciver-Brunt overtook her. India's captain Harmanpreet Kaur is at 12th and Jemima Rodrigues is at 15th position.

Australia's Beth Mooney has moved up three places to number



five, while Annabel Sutherland and Phoebe Litchfield are jointly ranked 25th. In the first ODI played in New Chandigarh, Australia achieved India's target of 282 runs with eight wickets and 35 balls to spare. The second ODI of the three-match series will be played on Wednesday.

In the bowling rankings, Australia's Kim Garth is at fourth and Alana King is at fifth place, their career best rankings. India's spinner Sneh Rana, who took 1 wicket in the first ODI, has moved up five places to 16th.

England spinner Sophie Ecclestone still remains at number-1 in the ODI bowling rankings. India's Deepti Sharma is at seventh place and she is the only Indian bowler in the top-10.

India, Pak hockey teams to face off next year in England



hockey team will play against Pakistan in the FIH Pro League at a neutral venue next year. As per the schedule for the 2025-26 season announced by FIH on Monday, India and Pakistan will face off in two games in England between June 23 and 28. The league's seventh season will begin on December 9 in Argentina and Ireland, but India's campaign will start only in February. They will

host Belgium and Argentina from February 10 to 15. India will then travel to Australia for games against the hosts and Spain from February 20 to 25. After a three-month gap, India will finish off their Pro League campaign in Europe. They will be in Netherlands for games against the Olympics champion host team and world champions Germany from June 13 to 21, and their final pit stop will be in England, where they will face the hosts and Pakistan.

Maxwell returns to 50-over cricket for Victoria despite retiring from ODIs

Melbourne, Agency: Australian all-rounder Glenn Maxwell (36) retired from ODI cricket earlier this year, but despite this he will be seen playing 50 over cricket for his state Victoria to prepare for the upcoming New Zealand T20 International series. Maxwell has been included in the 14-member Victoria squad for the first two matches of the new season's Dean Jones

The Victoria team will take on Queensland and Tasmania at Allan Border Field on Wednesday and Friday. Maxwell has played only one List A match for Victoria since March 2022, which was against New South Wales in October last year.

Matt Short, who is included in the T20 International team, is also making a comeback after recovering from injury. He had not taken the field since playing Major League Cricket (MLC) in July. Captain



Kanpur from team after playing the first September.On the other hand, match. After this, Peter Queensland will be captained by Handscomb will captain the Marnus Labuschagne. The team will face Victoria on Wednesday team.At the same time, young batsman Oliver Peak and spinand Western Australia on ner Todd Murphy are current-Sunday. Fast bowler Xavier ly on India A tour. Harry Bartlett is not available due to Dixon and Sam Elliott will being with India A, while Mark leave for India after playing Steketee (hamstring) and Callum Vidler (stress fracture) both the matches, where they will play for Australia A in the are injured.

Irfan Pathan, Debasish Mohanty announced as brand ambassadors of Odisha Pro T20 League

Cuttack, Agency: The Odisha Pro T20 League, organised by the

Odisha Cricket Association, proudly announces two icons of Indian cricket, Irfan Pathan and Debashish Mohanty, as its official brand ambassadors for the inaugural season. This strategic move marks a significant milestone for the league as it seeks to inspire a new generation of cricketing talent and bring greater visibility to the sport in the Odisha region.



Irfan Pathan, a premier fast bowler and one of India's most celebrated cricketers, brings a wealth of international experience and deep regional roots to the league and joining him is Debasish Mohanty, a trailblazer from Odisha for the sport in India. Sanjay Raul, a Former International Cricketer (BCCI Match Referee), will be the match referee for the entirety of the league.

"Leading RCB was tremendous learning" Rajat Patidar ahead of India A captaincy role

Bengaluru, Agency: Indian batter Rajat Patidar, ended Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) team's 18-year-long wait for their maiden Indian Premier League (IPL) trophy, said that leading the Red and Gold franchise gave him "tremen-

dous learnings".

The star batter now looks to draw on those learnings as he leads India A in the opening match of the three-match one-day series against Australia A, beginning September 30. Tilak Varma, India's T20I mainstay, will be leading in other two matches.

"It is a huge honour for me to captain the India 'A' side for the series against Australia 'A'. I feel this is a great opportunity for me and the team to show the level we are at and be in the reckoning for India call-up with resilient performance," said Patidar as quoted by RCB's press release.

He further added, "In a way, this year has been very special for me, personally, with my on-field abilities being recognised and equally rewarded. It began with the captaincy stint of the MP state team in first class cricket and RCB trusting me with the responsibility of captaining the iconic side. Winning the trophy was



in the long run."

together as a unit and are willing to take a bullet for each other. That's the camaraderie and belief system we had in RCB this season where each one of us stepped up for each other and worked together towards success. It will be a similar approach that we would like to adapt as a team for the India 'A' outing. I am excited and look forward to the new challenge," Patidar said.

The 32-year-old's credentials as both leader and performer shone this week as he guided Central Zone to the Duleep Trophy 2025 "As captain of a team, it title with a six-wicket victois about how we come ry over South Zone in Bengaluru. Patidar capped the campaign with a stellar 101 off 115 balls in the final and finished as the tournament's top scorer with 382 runs in five innings, including two centuries and two half-centuries at an average of 76.40, with a strike rate of 96.95. These last nine to ten months have been ones to remember for Patidar, having led Madhya Pradesh to the finals of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2024-

25 in December last year, where they lost to Mumbai. He was the second-highest run-getter in the tournament, with 428 runs in nine innings at an average of 61.14 and a strike rate of 186.08, with five half-centuries and a best score of

For RCB, he had a decent season with the bat, scoring 312 runs in 14 innings at an average of 24.00 and a strike rate of 143.77, with two fifties and a best score of 64. His efforts, tactics and bowling changes led RCB to their maiden IPL in June, beating Punjab Kings (PBKS) by six runs in the final.

Australian legend J Stacy appointed head coach of Vedanta Kalinga Lancers

Bhubaneswar, Vedanta Kalinga Lancers have appointed Australian hockey great Jay Stacy as the team's new head coach ahead of the upcoming Hero Hockey India League season. He will replace German coach Valentin Altenburg, who led the team last sea-

Stacy, who has participated in four Olympic Games and played a record 321 international matches for Australia, brings extensive experience in both the roles of player and coach. He won three Olympic medals for Australia (silver in 1992 Barcelona, ??bronze in 1996 Atlanta and 2000 Sydney). Apart from this, he also won gold medals in the 1998 Lumpur) and the 1999 Champions Trophy. He was also named FIH



Player of the Year in 1999. Stacey retired in 2000 as Australia's mostcapped player.

In his coaching career, he has Commonwealth Games (Kuala worked at the club and domestic level in Australia, the Netherlands and Belgium.