

BRIEF NEWS

'No violation of listing agreement': SEBI gives clean chit to Adani Group in Hindenburg case



New Delhi: The Securities and Exchange Board (SEBI) on Thursday gave a clean chit to Adani Group in the matter related to the allegations made by US Short seller Hindenburg, concluding that there is no violation of listing agreement or SEBI Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements (LODR) and the impugned transactions do not qualify as "related party transactions".

"Reading of Listing Agreement and SEBI Regulations reveals that transactions between a listed company with unrelated party is not covered within the definition of related party transactions as it existed during the time when impugned transactions took place, though included specifically after the 2021 amendment," SEBI said in a statement. The market regulator further highlighted that there is no violation of Section 12A of the SEBI Act and SEBI-Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices relating to Securities Market Regulations, as alleged. It further concluded that no fraud, misrepresentation, or siphoning of funds was proven and all funds were returned with interest. Thus, all allegations in Show cause Notice not established. SEBI also said that no liability or penalties were imposed on Adani Group entities or individuals and the proceedings were disposed of without directions.

'Army Only Place Where There Is No Nepotism': CDS General Anil Chauhan

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan on Thursday asserted that the 'Bhartiya Fauj' (Indian Defence Forces) is the only place where there is no nepotism, as he urged children to aspire to join the armed forces to serve the nation and explore places. While interacting with school children at an event in Ranchi, CDS General Chauhan said that the armed forces made maximum efforts this year to rescue citizens amid a high number of natural disasters. "The 'fauj' (army) is the only place where there is no nepotism... You should aspire to join the armed forces



if you want to serve the nation, and explore the country and the world," he said.

While speaking about Operation Sindoor, General Chauhan said that the first strike on the terror camps in Pakistan was conducted at 1 am on

May 7 to avoid civilian casualties.

"That is the darkest time, it would be the most difficult to get satellite images, photographs, and collect evidence. Yet, we struck at 1 or 1:30 at night. Why was that? It was for two reasons. First, we had confidence in

our capabilities that even at night we would be able to get imagery. And the second important reason was that we wanted to avoid civilian casualties," he said.

He further said that the best time to strike the terror camps would have been 5:30-6:00 AM, when daylight starts, but at that time, the first Azaan or the first prayer takes place, and in Bahawalpur and Muridke, there might be a lot of movement at that time, so many civilians could have been killed.

Operation Sindoor
In the early hours of May 7, Indian Defence Forces launched precision strikes at nine terror camps in

Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) under "Operation Sindoor" in response to the dastardly Pahalgam terror attack which claimed 26 lives.

In a late-night press statement on May 7, the Indian Defence Ministry said, "A little while ago, the Indian armed forces launched 'Operation Sindoor' hitting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir from where terrorist attacks against India have been planned and directed."

The strikes killed over 100 terrorists, including 10 family members of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) chief Masood Azhar and four close aides.

Medico City to be built in Ranchi at a cost of Rs 2,800 crore

DB Reporter

Ranchi: To strengthen Jharkhand's healthcare services, the state government has announced the construction of a Medico City in the capital, Ranchi. The Asian Development Bank has approved financial assistance of ₹2,800 crore for this ambitious project. The Medico City will be built near Rinpas. Health Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari called this a historic decision for the state's healthcare system. He said that now the people of Jharkhand will no longer need to travel abroad for treatment of serious illnesses. He added that 12 super-specialty hospitals will be built under the Medico City. Dr. Ansari said that outside investors are coming to Jharkhand to open hospitals, but they are discouraged by the opposition's politics. I assured them that the state government would provide land, electricity, water, and security. Only after I provided these guarantees did the investors agree. Dr. Ansari said that in Medico City, specialist and state-of-the-art treatment facilities for heart, kidney, liver and other serious diseases will be available at one place.



The project will establish a modern Medico-City in Ranchi. It will also include the establishment of a regional medical center, pharmacy, nursing, and paramedical colleges. It will also focus on improving nursing and medical education, developing a digital health system, and modernizing district-level health institutions.

A high-level meeting regarding this project was held under the chairmanship of the Health Minister, attended by Additional Chief Secretary Ajay Kumar Singh, Executive Director Dr. Neha Arora, and ADB representative Sonalini Khetrapal. It was decided that the tender process would be initiated soon to expedite the work. Additional Chief Secretary Ajay

Kumar Singh said that this initiative by the Jharkhand government will not only improve the quality of health services but will also provide a new direction to the social and economic development of the state. Projects like Medico City will ensure that every citizen has access to better and accessible health facilities within their own state.

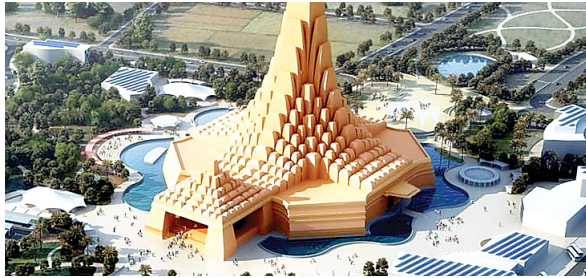
The project will cost ₹2,800 crore (approximately \$2.8 billion), including ADB funding. It will develop green building technology and telemedicine-based infrastructure. The project will be implemented through a public-private partnership model and will contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Adani Cement Creates a World Record for the Largest Raft Foundation for Religious Infrastructure

DB Reporter

Ahmedabad/Jamshedpur: Adani Cement, along with its Group associate M/s PSP Infra, has accomplished a historic engineering feat at Umiya Dham near Ahmedabad, completing the world's largest religious temple raft foundation casting. This record-breaking execution showcases Adani Cement's unique ability to combine logistical scale, technical precision, and sustainability innovation. This monumental feat was achieved over an uninterrupted 54-hour operation using 24,100 cubic metres (M3) of ECOMaxX M45 grade low-carbon concrete, a proprietary sustainable mix developed by Adani Cement and setting new benchmarks. This was enabled using 26 strategically located Ready-Mix Concrete (RMX) plants, 285+ transit mixers operating in a synchronized logistics network, 3,600 tonnes of high-performance cement and over 600 skilled workers and technical experts working in shifts over three days.

The entire operation was meticulously planned to ensure continuous pouring without cold joints, maintaining optimal temperature control and mix consistency throughout the process. The use of ECOMaxX concrete significantly reduced the



carbon footprint of the project, aligning with Adani Cement's commitment to green construction practices. Vinod Bahety, CEO - Cement Business, Adani Group, said: "Umiya Dham is set to become an iconic spiritual landmark, spanning 60 acres and representing an investment of approximately ₹2,000 crore. This project along with our partners M/s PSP Infra under the leadership of Shri Prahaladbhai S. Patel, is not just about setting world records - it embodies the quality, scale, speed, and purpose that defines Adani Cement. As our Chairman believes, these are not just engineering feats, but bridges between devotion and modern infrastructure. The successful raft casting at Umiya Dham is a living testament to this philosophy: where faith drives innovation, and innovation uplifts entire communities. When we unite innovation, people, and sustainable materials, we create solutions that endure for generations and set new global benchmarks. Our ECOMaxX low carbon

concrete has enabled the structure to reduce its carbon emissions by 60%, underscoring our commitment to sustainability and excellence." R.P. Patel, President, Vishv Umiya Foundation, said: "This world-record foundation of Jagat Janani Maa Umiya (Parvati) temple is a proud moment for India's cultural and engineering heritage. Adani Cement's proven expertise in mega-project execution made them our natural partner." The raft foundation for the upcoming world's tallest temple, measuring 450 ft x 400 ft x 8 ft, will support 1,551 Dharma Stambhs for the 504 ft tall Jagat Janani Maa Umiya Temple, vast social and cultural campus in Jaspur. The ECOMaxX M45 concrete mix incorporates 66 per cent Supplementary Cementitious Material (SCM), resulting in carbon footprint reduction by 60 per cent. Proprietary Coolcrete formulation, maintained placement temperatures below 28 degrees Celsius, minimising thermal stress.

ECL launches COALRR digital application

DB Reporter

Sanktodiya: Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) launched COALRR application on the sidelines of CMD Coordination Meeting of Coal India Limited (CIL) held on Thursday.

The meeting was chaired by PM Prasad, Chairman, CIL, via video conferencing. Functional Directors and senior officials from various CIL subsidiaries



were present on the occasion. On behalf of ECL, Satish Jha, Chairman-cum-Managing

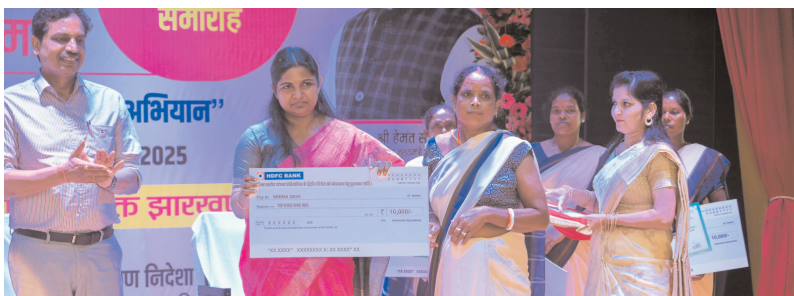
Director attended the meeting from ECL Headquarters. During this time, Mohammad Anzar

Alam, Director (Finance), Gunjan Kumar Sinha, Director (Personnel) and senior department heads were present with him. On the occasion, Girish Gopinathan Nair, Director (Technical/P&P) represented ECL at CIL Conference Hall, Kolkata where Partha Sakha De, General Manager (LRE), ECL was also present at the formal launch.

Adopt nutritious Jharkhandi cuisine, Post recipes on social media- Ajay Singh

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Additional Chief Secretary of the Health Department, Ajay Kumar Singh, said that to ensure the global impact of Jharkhandi cuisine, recipes should be posted on social media so that people across India and abroad can adopt them. There are over 100 Jharkhandi dishes, in the preparation of which rural women play a major role. This will have global impact through social media. He was speaking at the launch of the 8th National Nutrition Month on Thursday. He said that the state-wide launch of the Healthy Women, Empowered Family Campaign was



held yesterday and will continue until October 2nd. This health checkup campaign is being conducted at all health centers across the state. This program focuses on mothers and sisters. After the checkup, they will also be provided with free medicines.

Better than the national average in terms of IMR and MMR

While there is a shortage of doctors

in the state, Jharkhand still fares better than the national average in terms of infant mortality and maternal mortality rates. However, we lag behind in institutional deliveries, which need to be improved. The role of social welfare officers, health medical officers, and Anganwadi workers and ASHAs in all districts is crucial during Nutrition Month. They will all

work together for 15 days. During this period, 4,000 camps will be set up every day across Jharkhand. Include vegetables and fruits of all colors in your plate. Nutrition Month will focus on which foods to reduce to stay healthy and what to include in a healthy diet. He advised reducing your intake of foods like sugar, refined flour, and oil. Reducing these amounts on your plate will be important for your health. Include vegetables and fruits of all colors on your plate. Women need to understand how to incorporate nutritious foods into their diets. If you are healthy, your children will be healthy too. This is even more important in Jharkhand, where problems like

malnutrition and anemia are prevalent. Therefore, breastfeeding your children from birth can help prevent these problems. Manoj Kumar, Secretary of the Social Welfare Department, said, "We want to develop Jharkhand, and without women's health, we can't imagine a healthy India or a healthy Jharkhand. This campaign is being launched to improve the health of half the population. Jharkhand has performed well in previous National Nutrition Month campaigns. All Anganwadi workers, ASHAs, and health workers have demonstrated excellent performance."

6 basic themes to be worked on this year

Secretary Manoj Kumar said that

this year we will work on six basic themes. We will emphasize that people in Jharkhand should consume a complete diet. We will incorporate local foods into our dishes. We will enrich our plates with greenery. We will include all types of green vegetables. We will keep updating the nutrition tracker. Home visits are meant to educate both women and men about their vital role in women's health. During this program, two female assistants from Khunti and Ramgarh were presented with checks for 21,000 rupees each and 10,000 rupees for their excellent performance in a local food competition. A poster was released on reducing sugar and oil intake.

tative reflects the strong commitment of DVC towards promoting the health and well-being of its employees and the society at large.

Pharmacovigilance Week Observed at Radha Govind University

DB Reporter
Ramgarh : The Faculty of Pharmacy at Radha Govind University, Ramgarh, in collaboration with Radha Govind Pharmacy College, organized Pharmacovigilance Week with the aim of spreading awareness about adverse drug reactions (ADRs) and promoting patient safety. Chancellor B.N. Saha, while addressing the students, emphasized the importance of timely reporting of drug side



effects, calling it crucial for ensuring patient safety. "Sharing information about adverse drug effects promptly is essential for the protection and well-being of patients," he stated. Secretary Priyanka Kumari highlighted that "the benefit of any medi-

cine is meaningful only when its risks are under control." Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi encouraged students to actively participate in promoting pharmacovigilance as an integral part of healthcare safety. Registrar Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kumar Mandal and Controller of Examinations Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar urged students to become a bridge of awareness between the medical community and society. Dr. Sanjay Kumar,

Finance & Accounts Officer, and Ajay Kumar, Member of the Management Committee, were also present during the event. Principal of Radha Govind Pharmacy College, Sai Prakash Panigrahi, explained that the goal of the program was to encourage more people to report adverse drug reactions, ultimately supporting a safer healthcare system. A poster presentation competition was also held during the

event, themed "Adverse Drug Reaction". Students showcased informative and visually engaging posters, spreading awareness about the potential side effects of medications and the importance of reporting them to healthcare providers. Faculty members including Jayita Roy, Surjit Burman, Arup Goswami, Jharna Palae, Shambhu Prasad Singh, Sumit Kumar, Rama Soni, Sasmita Baskey, Dr. Rahul

Kumar, Rahul Dutta, Sneha Mohapatra, Bhagyashree Prabhat, Sujata Kumari, Prasanna Jyoti Malla, Malay Swain, Ranjan Ghosh, Suryanarayan, and Alok Kumar, along with a large number of students, actively participated in the event. The event was not only an enriching academic experience for the students but also a meaningful step towards building a more aware and health-conscious society.

Grizzly School Honours National Champions at Grand Felicitation Dinner

DB Reporter
Kodarma: Grizzly School hosted a grand felicitation ceremony and press conference followed by a dinner at Shiv Vatika to honour its national-level winners and qualifiers. The event was graced by Dr. Neera Yadav, MLA from Kodarma and former Education Minister of Jharkhand, as the chief guest. In her address, Dr. Yadav said, "The students of Grizzly School have etched the name of Kodarma and Jharkhand in golden letters at the national level. Their achievements are a source of inspiration for



future generations." She lauded the school for its contribution to holistic development and emphasized that sports instill discipline, hard work, and confidence. The school's U-14 Kho-Kho team clinched the CBSE Cluster Championship and went on to win gold at the national level under the

guidance of coach Sunil Kumar Saw. Team members included Ajit Kumar, Ayush Kumar, Rajdeep Solanki, Anmol Kumar, and others. In athletics, Abhishek Kumar excelled under coach Pritam Hari, winning gold at the SGFI Open National Championship and the Indo-Nepal International

Championship. Students also showcased outstanding performances in yoga, judo, and taekwondo. The event began with a traditional welcome, followed by an address by Principal Anjana Kumari. Players were introduced and felicitated. Anchoring was done impressively by Neha and Deepika, guided by Manisha Chandra. Notable attendees included Pradeep Kedia, Shyam Sundar Singhania, Mahesh Daruka, Anil Kumar, and members of Rotary Club, Kodarma Gaushala Committee, Chamber of Commerce, and Sahodaya School Complex.

CCL Launches "Swachhata Hi Seva - 2025" with CSR-Funded Mobile Blood Donation Van

DB Reporter
Ranchi: Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) today launched the nationwide cleanliness campaign "Swachhata Hi Seva - 2025" with enthusiasm and active participation at its headquarters. On this occasion, Director (Human Resources) Harsh Nath Mishra and Chief Vigilance Officer Pankaj Kumar administered the Swachhata Pledge to officers and employees at the Gangotri Convention Centre, motivating them to adopt cleanliness in their homes, workplaces, and surroundings.



A large number of officers, departmental heads, and employees joined the initiative and reaffirmed their commitment to the cause of "Clean India, Healthy India." Marking a significant CSR initiative, a Mobile Blood Donation Van was also inaugurated during the event by the Director (HR) and the CVO. The van will facilitate blood

donation drives at CCL headquarters and other locations, supporting healthcare access for communities. Following the formal launch, CCL employees, including senior officials, participated in Shramdaan (voluntary labor) at the headquarters premises, reinforcing the spirit of cleanliness. To safeguard the well-being

of sanitation workers, CCL also organized a special health camp, offering medical check-ups and counseling. Speaking on the occasion, Mishra and Kumar urged employees to make cleanliness an integral part of their lifestyle and transform the campaign into a people's movement. This initiative reflects CCL's strong commitment to the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Clean India, Healthy India' mission, while simultaneously strengthening community health through its CSR interventions.

Vishwakarma Puja Celebrated with Devotional Night at Chaingadda



DB Reporter
Ramgarh : On the auspicious occasion of Vishwakarma Puja, Shri Shri Vishwakarma Puja Committee, Chaingadda, organized a grand Jagran (devotional night) filled with spiritual fervor and community participation. The event was formally inaugurated by Manoj Kumar Mahato, Central Secretary of AJSU and former Vice Chairman of the Municipal Council, along with Bhadaninagar OP In-Charge Akhtar Ali, by cutting the ceremonial ribbon. The committee warmly welcomed the guests upon their arrival with great enthusiasm. Speaking on the occasion, Manoj Kumar Mahato took blessings from Lord Vishwakarma and prayed for peace,

prosperity, and happiness in the region. He said, "With Lord Vishwakarma's blessings, all difficulties are removed, and prosperity flows into our lives." He further appreciated the efforts of the Vishwakarma Puja Committee, stating, "Such events not only bring joy and harmony to the community but also spread the spirit of devotion among the people. I have always supported such initiatives and will continue to do so in the future." A highlight of the event was the mesmerizing devotional performances by a renowned Jagran troupe from Dhanbad, which captivated the audience with a series of soulful bhajans and spiritual songs.

Dr. Sunil Kashyap: "United Employees Will Lead Us to Success"

DB Reporter
Ramgarh: In a spirited display of unity, employees from various departments gathered at the District Pensioners' Hall in Ramgarh for the unveiling of banners and posters promoting the upcoming State-Level Mega Convention of government employees. The event marks a significant step in the ongoing mobilization campaign led by the Jharkhand Rajya Technical Employees' Federation (JHARTTEF). Dr. Sunil Kumar Kashyap, State Deputy General Secretary of JHARTTEF, addressed the gathering, highlighting the importance of collective action. He



announced that on September 20, thousands of government employees from all 24 districts of Jharkhand will convene at District School Ground, Ranchi, to press for their 11-point charter of demands. Dr. Kashyap emphasized the top three demands: 1. Implementation of MACP (Modified Assured Career Progression) for all employees. 2. Retirement age extension to 62 years. 3. Introduction of Child Education

Allowance on par with Central Government provisions. He noted that under the leadership of State President Vikrant Kumar Singh, a statewide awareness campaign is in full swing, with employees from 32 departments actively involved. While distributing banners and posters, Dr. Kashyap urged all employees to ensure maximum participation from their respective institutions, stressing, "Unity is the key to achieving our goals."

Free Eye and Dental Check-up Camp Organized by Hazaribagh Dental College and Mission Hospital

Hazaribagh: A free eye and dental check-up camp was organized on Thursday at the Urdu School in Pelawal by Hazaribagh College of Dental Sciences and Hospital in collaboration with Mission Hospital. The camp provided essential health services to needy individuals with the support of doctors and healthcare workers. During the camp, 30 patients received eye examinations, while 40 underwent dental check-ups and treatments. The medical team offered valuable health advice and guidance to all attendees.



Free Health Camp Organized at HZB Arogyam Hospital Under "Healthy Women, Strong Families" Campaign



DB Reporter
Hazaribagh: As part of the historic initiative "Healthy Women, Strong Families" launched jointly by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Women and Child Development, HZB Arogyam Hospital organized a large free health camp on Wednesday. The campaign, coinciding with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 75th birthday celebrations, aims to provide accessible quality healthcare to women and children and raise awareness about health in society. The camp saw a significant turnout of women and children from early morning. A team of specialist doctors conducted thorough examinations focusing on gynecological and pediatric health issues. Women were tested for hemoglobin levels, blood sugar, and blood pressure, while children received nutrition assessments and counseling. Free medicines were distributed to all patients attending the camp.

Health workers also provided detailed guidance on maternal and child health, nutrition, and hygiene to women and caregivers. Jaya Singh, Administrator of the hospital, emphasized that the campaign's goal is not only to treat illnesses but also to connect women and children to timely healthcare services and increase awareness. She said, "Healthy women are the foundation of strong families, and only when families are empowered can society and the nation progress." Director Harsh Ajmera expressed pride in HZB Arogyam Hospital being part of this national initiative. He highlighted the hospital's commitment to extending modern, accessible healthcare to every section of society. Along with women and children, many family members also participated, benefiting from the camp's services. Hundreds attended throughout the day, appreciating the hospital's efforts in promoting community health.

Tata Power's MPL and Lok Bharati Launch Vocational Training Centre in Dhanbad

DB Reporter
Jamshedpur : In a significant step towards skill development and community empowerment, Maithon Power Limited (MPL), a Tata Power subsidiary, in partnership with Lok Bharati Education Society, has launched a Vocational Training Center in Nirsa, Dhanbad, offering 100% free training to 300 youth from 30-35 villages. The initiative aligns with the Government of India's program - Skill India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat Mission, equipping youth



with employable skills for dignified jobs and self-reliant futures while bridging the gap between rural talent and industry requirements. This vocational training initiative is part of Tata Power's Affirmative Action Policy, which aims to promote social equity and create opportunities that enable and empower

socially and economically disadvantaged sections of society-specifically Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, persons with disabilities and women from marginalized communities. The centre was formally inaugurated by Mr. Angshuman Chakraborty, Chief Financial Officer - MPL; Mrs. Jayanshree

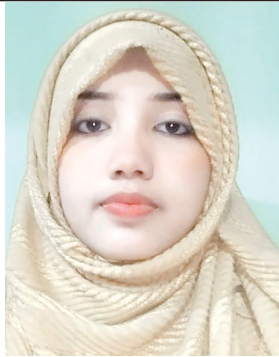
Choudhary, Head - C&M, MPL, Mrityunjai Ray, Head - CSR, MPL and members of MPL CSR team, reflecting the company's focus on community-driven development and inclusive growth. Courses offered include Assistant Electrician, Domestic Solution Technician, and Data Entry Operator, carefully selected to meet current job market demands. Training is conducted in modern classrooms and labs equipped with industry-standard toolkits and fac-

ulty, ensuring that participant not only gain technical skills but also workplace readiness through guidance in communication, discipline, and soft skills. **Mr. Angshuman Chakraborty, CFO of MPL said:** "This Vocational Training Centre is designed to equip youth with practical and relevant skills through courses like Assistant Electrician, Domestic Solution, and Data Entry Operator. With state-of-the-art labs, toolkits, and expert trainers, we aim to

ensure that trainees not only gain employable skills but also build confidence to integrate into mainstream employment and contribute meaningfully to their communities. This initiative reflects our commitment to provide quality training and dignified employment opportunities, in line with Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji's Skill India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat Mission, strengthening the workforce and empowering youth towards.

Affidavit

I, AISHA BANO, Father - MD TASLIM, age - 18 years, religion - Islam, student, address - Village - Dharmu, Post - Ichak, Police Station - Ichak, district - Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, state in Affidavit number 3892 dated 08.09.2025 before the Executive Magistrate, Sadar Hazaribagh, that I have an Aadhaar card in my name, number 695970346223. My name is AIYESH BANO and my father's name is TASLIM. That I passed the Matriculation examination in the year 2023 from the Jharkhand Academic Council, Ranchi, with roll code 21017 and roll number 0074. My educational certificates list my name as AISHA BANO and my father's name as MD TASLIM. That AISHA BANO and AIYESH BANO are the names of the same woman, who is myself. Similarly, TASLIM and MD TASLIM are the names of the same person, who is my father. That my name be changed to AISHA BANO and my father's name to MD TASLIM on my Aadhaar card. If any questions arise about this, I will be solely responsible.



Rajasthan woman puts 3-year-old daughter to sleep, throws her in lake; arrested

New Delhi, Agency:A Rajasthan woman was arrested for allegedly killing her three-year-old daughter by throwing her into a lake.

The incident took place on Tuesday night, when the woman sang a lullaby to put her daughter to sleep and then took her out for a walk near the Ana Sagar Lake in Ajmer. The woman, identified as Anjali, then threw the child into the lake and later pretended to have lost her, media reported.

Anjali was allegedly tired of receiving frequent taunts from her live-in partner for having a daughter, Kavya, from her first marriage.

Anjali, who originally hails from Sakulpura in Banaras district of Uttar Pradesh, was in a live-in relationship with a man, Alkesh. The couple, along with the three-year-old,

stayed in the Datanagar area of Ajmer.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the woman carried out the crime single-handedly, adding that her partner was informed about the missing child at 2 am, according to media.

The accused had, after separating from her first husband, moved to Ajmer and started living with her lover, while also working as a receptionist at a hotel in Ajmer. Her partner, Alkesh, also works in the same hotel.

After the case came to light, Anjali was arrested by the Christian Ganj police, who registered a case of murder against her. The cops are also investigating whether her partner, Alkesh, was involved in the murder in any manner.

Accused feigned missing child, CCTV footage revealed



truth

Head Constable Govind Sharma, during a late-night patrol, encountered both Anjali and Alkesh walking along the road rom Vaishali Nagar towards Bajrang Garh,

media reported.

Upon enquiring, Anjali told the police officer that she had left home with her daughter at night, adding that the child had suddenly disappeared on the way. She said

that they had searched for the child the whole night, but had not been able to trace her.

“When a police team patrolling in the area enquired, she said her daughter had gone missing and she

was searching for her. She also denied help from the police in searching the child,” PTI quoted circle officer Rudraprakash Sharma as saying.Following this, the police reviewed the CCTV footage of the area, which showed Anjali carrying her daughter in her arms and walking around the Ana Sagar Lake. The footage further showed Anjali at around 1. 30 am, busy on her mobile phone, according to media.The footage was in contradiction to the statement Anjali had provided, thus raising suspicion. The police, after launching a search operation, found the child's body in the Ana Sagar Lake on Wednesday morning, following which they questioned Anjali. The accused then confessed to killing the three-year-old by throwing her in the artificial lake.

CJI clarifies remarks on Khajuraho Temple idol plea after social media outrage

New Delhi, Agency:Chief Justice of India (CJI) Bhushan R Gavai on Wednesday said that he respects all religions, suggesting he did not intend to hurt the religious sentiments of any community while dismissing a petition earlier this week that sought the restoration of a seven-foot beheaded idol of Lord Vishnu at the Javari temple, part of the Khajuraho group of monuments in Madhya Pradesh.

“Someone told me the other day that the comments I made have been portrayed in social media in a certain manner...I respect all religions,” the CJI said.

Solicitor general Tushar Mehta and senior counsel Kapil Sibal, who were present in the court for a matter, underlined the danger social media presents. “This is serious. We used to know Newton’s third law that every action has an opposite and equal reaction. But now, every action has a disproportionate social media reaction,” Mehta said. Sibal added, “We suffer every day. This is an unruly horse, and there appears to be no way to tame it.”

The CJI’s statement came in the wake of criticism on social media over his reported comments on Tuesday, which many alleged were offensive to the Hindu community and its deity. “The petition was not entertained because there were strong legal grounds to do so. There was absolutely no intention to cause hurt to anyone’s faith or religious beliefs,” the CJI said.

The controversy was amplified after Delhi-based advocate Vineet Jindal sent a letter to the CJI on Tuesday, urging him to withdraw his remarks. Jindal wrote that the



observations offended the religious sensibilities of Hindus, adding that they were being widely discussed across platforms.

On Tuesday, a bench of CJI Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran declined to entertain a plea filed by one Rakesh Dalal, who sought directions to restore the idol. The bench held that the issue fell within the jurisdiction of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and not the court.

The CJI had remarked to the petitioner: “Go and ask the deity itself to do something now. You say you are a staunch devotee of Lord Vishnu. So go and pray now. It’s an archaeological site, and ASI needs to give permission, etc. Sorry.”

The petition, argued by senior advocate Sanjay M Nuli, claimed that the idol was mutilated during Mughal invasions and remained damaged despite repeated representations to the government to restore it. It cited the history of the Khajuraho temples, built by the Chandravanshi kings. The plea alleged that both colonial neglect and post-independence inaction had left the idol unrepaired.

Uttarakhand to file review plea in SC against acquittal in 2014 rape, murder case

New Delhi, Agency:Uttarakhand chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Thursday said the state government will file a review petition in the Supreme Court against the acquittal of an accused in the 2014 rape and murder of a seven-year-old girl. He said the government remains committed to ensuring justice.

“The justice department has been directed to file a review petition in the case and ensure a conviction,” he said. Dhami added the government would deploy its best legal team. “Those who commit such heinous acts in Devbhoomi

[Uttarakhand] will not be spared. The government stands firmly with the victim’s family.”

Dhami said the administration is conducting verification drives across the state to identify and keep a check on anti-social elements.

The nine-year-old girl’s body was recovered five days after she went missing in November from Nainital’s Kathgodam, triggering outrage. In March 2016, a special court sentenced Akhtar Ali to death and co-accused Prem Pal to five years’ rigorous imprisonment. The Uttarakhand high court upheld Ali’s



death sentence in 2019.

On September 10, the Supreme Court set aside the conviction and acquitted Ali. A bench of justices Vikram Nath, Sanjay Karol, and Sandeep Mehta rejected the DNA analysis cited as proof against Ali. It noted a botany expert lacking expertise in human DNA profiling conducted

it.

The Supreme Court warned trial courts against the mechanical application of capital punishment without ensuring the highest standards of proof and procedural fairness. It said this undermines the rule of law and risks the gravest miscarriage of justice by extinguishing a human life irretrievably.

Hundreds of people took to the streets on Sunday and submitted a memorandum asking the state government to challenge the verdict. The girl’s uncle threatened self-immolation if a review plea was not filed.

Joining Hands with Apollo Hospitals for Employee Well-being

DB Reporter

Kolkata : Coal India Limited (CIL) has announced its collaboration with Apollo Hospitals to extend advanced healthcare facilities to serving and retired employees across 43 hospitals of the group nationwide.

The partnership reflects CIL’s commitment to building a healthier and stronger workforce by ensuring access to world-class medical care, preventive health services, and wellness programs. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) formalizing the initiative was signed in Chennai in the presence of Dr. Vinay Ranjan, Director (HR), Coal India, and Dr. Prathap C. Reddy, Chairman, Apollo Hospitals. Senior officials from both Coal India and Apollo Hospitals were also present on the occasion.



Tata Steel unveils 'Chero Archers' as Jharkhand's flag bearers in India's first-ever Archery Premier League

DB Reporter

Mumbai : Tata Steel is proud to announce its team 'Chero Archers' for the inaugural edition of the Archery Premier League (APL), marking another significant step in the Company's long-standing commitment to nurturing sporting talent across India.

Archery Premier League, the country's first-ever professional archery league, is modelled on the successful formats of Indian Premier League (IPL), Indian Super League (ISL), and Pro Kabaddi, and aims to showcase precision, passion, and sporting excellence on a national stage.

The landmark announcement and player selection of the Archery Premier League was held today at The Lalit Hotel, New Delhi, in the presence of Hon'ble Shri Arjun Munda, President of the Archery Association of India, Shri Virendra Sachdeva, Secretary General of the Archery Association of India, national coaches, and senior office bearers of the Association.



Representing Tata Steel at the prestigious event were D.B. Sundara Ramam, Vice President - Corporate Services, Mukul Vinayak Choudhari, Chief, Sports, and Purnima Mahato, Head Coach - Tata Archery Academy, and coach of the Indian Archery team. Commenting on the occasion, D.B. Sundara Ramam, Vice President - Corporate Services, Tata Steel, said:

"At Tata Steel, sports is a way of life and we have always believed in the power of sport to inspire. The launch of the Archery Premier League marks a historic moment for Indian sports, and we are proud to be part of it with our team - Chero Archers. We look forward to supporting the growth of archery at the national level and celebrating the incredible talent that this league will

bring to the fore."

Named "Chero Archers", the team embodies Jharkhand's rich tribal heritage and pays homage to the resilience and fighting spirit of the historic Chero dynasty. The team's emblem powerfully symbolises steel-forged strength, traditional tribal patterns, and a forward-looking vision aimed at future victories.

Chero Archers Team:

1. Mathias Fullerton: World Number 2 (Compound Archery)
2. Katharina Bauer: World Number 9 (Recurve Archery)
3. Rahul: AAI Rank 3 (Recurve Archery)
4. Prithika Pradeep: AAI Rank 3 (Compound Archery)
5. Atanu Das: AAI Rank 5 (Recurve Archery)
6. Madala Hamsini: AAI Rank 6 (Compound Archery)
7. Sahil Rajesh: AAI Rank 6 (Compound Archery)
8. Kumkum Mohod: AAI Rank 7 (Recurve Archery)

About Archery Premier League

The Archery Premier League is a landmark moment in the professionalisation of archery in India. By bringing together top international archers and the best Indian talent, the league sets the stage for a thrilling, action-packed season ahead.

The inaugural Archery Premier League will see six formidable teams battle for the championship, each proudly representing the cultural heritage and sporting spirit of their region:

- Chero Archers - Jharkhand
 - Chola Chiefs - Tamil Nadu
 - Kakatiya Knights - Telangana
 - Mighty Marathas - Maharashtra
 - Prithviraj Yodhas - Delhi
 - Rajputana Royals - Rajasthan
- Each team will field 8 archers (4 Recurve and 4 Compound), including 2 international players, bringing global experience and competitiveness to the league. In total, 48 archers will showcase their skills in this historic sporting event.

Editorial

After the lie was exposed

Finally, US President Trump's lies were exposed. The Foreign Minister of Pakistan, a US stooge, exposed President Trump by revealing that India had not accepted third-party mediation regarding the ceasefire. India considered it a bilateral matter. During an interview with Al Jazeera, Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Muhammad Ishaq Dar, said, "When the ceasefire proposal came from Rubio (US Secretary of State) on May 10th, I was told that talks between India and Pakistan would take place at a neutral venue. But when I met Rubio in Washington on July 25th, I asked what happened to the talks. He said, 'India considers it a bilateral matter.'" This interview clearly demonstrates that the US President had no role in the ceasefire between India and Pakistan. It also became clear that India neither accepts nor has the policy of accepting third-party mediation in bilateral matters. Indeed, from May 10th until recently, President Trump has consistently claimed that his efforts led to a ceasefire. Both countries acted wisely and intelligently, averting a potential nuclear war. India has consistently denied this boasting. These claims were also rejected within Parliament. This may be the underlying reason why there was no communication between President Trump and Prime Minister Modi for 90 days. This silence broke after June 17th, when Trump called Prime Minister Modi to wish him a happy birthday and also said that he was doing a great job.

Prime Minister Modi shared what he said in response: "My friend, President Trump, thank you for your phone call and warm wishes on my birthday. Like you, I too am committed to taking the India-US comprehensive and global partnership to new heights." However, the lies were exposed, but the conversation between the two world leaders has cleared the way for the relationship. Trade agreement talks had stalled after the US's 50% tariff on India. However, on Tuesday, September 16th, US Trade Representative Brendan Lynch was in New Delhi. He held talks with Rajesh Aggarwal, Special Representative of the Union Ministry of Commerce, for nearly seven hours. Both described the talks as "positive."

Idol worship is the life force of India!

To understand the soul of India, one must understand idol worship. It is not just a religious ritual; it is a spiritual tradition dating back millennia, one that has given this country the courage to stand firm in every crisis.

Dr. Mayank Chaturvedi

Hinduism has always recognized that the human mind cannot contemplate the formless. It needs symbols, embodied forms, in which it can focus its devotion and faith. This is why idols have never been merely stone or metal objects; they have always become living symbols after consecration.

When a Hindu devotee stands before an idol, he sees in it not an inanimate rock, but the embodiment of his faith. The mere sight stabilizes his mind, energizes him, and refines his soul. This is why temples have never been merely religious sites; they are living centers of Indian society and culture. When invaders destroyed temples and severed the heads of idols, they knew they were hurting the soul of India. India rose from the ashes every time thereafter, because its life force resided in these idols and temples. The storms of Islam and Christianity, despite their best efforts, failed to destroy Hindus, while many countries have experienced the destruction of their original culture. Among these countries, there are many whose current generations do not even know where their roots lie! Yet, amidst all this, India stands unbroken and eternal.

Against this backdrop, the Supreme Court's recent comment deeply pained every Hindu. The seven-foot-tall

statue of Lord Vishnu at the Javari Temple in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh, was vandalized centuries ago during Mughal invasions. Devotee Rakesh Dalal filed a petition demanding its restoration. He argued that this was not merely an archaeological issue, but a question concerning the devotees' right to worship. Now, what was wrong in saying this? When the ASI can restore broken idols in many temples across the country to their original state by scientifically treating them with the powdered stone of the idol, why can't this experiment be done here? But the Supreme Court, dismissing the petition, said, "If you are such a staunch devotee of Lord Vishnu, then go and pray to him."

This comment is merely a sentence; its real implications are profound. It gives rise to a narrative in which approaching Vishnu means either abandoning one's physical body or becoming completely silent in devotion to Hari in the light of the soul. In either case, one is no longer able to express one's concerns to the court or anyone else. In a way, these words appear to mock the faith of millions of Hindus.

For example, "If your gods are so true, why couldn't you save yourself?" It's not that these voices have disappeared; social media is filled with these statements and similar expressions, suggesting that there is a segment of the country that

continues to challenge Hindu idol worship. But today, when this same voice was heard in the judiciary's language, it has dealt a further blow to Hindu society.

The question arises: if this comment had been made about any other religion, sect, or faith, would the reaction have been so calm? In reality, this inequality and injustice are the biggest problems facing Hindus today, which, despite being the majority, are being tortured in the name of secularism. When minorities feel insulted, they take to the streets, resorting to sloganeering and violence. Even the courts have often been seen to tolerate their aggression in the name of sensitivity and religious rights. Even if public posters of the accused are posted, the court takes suo motu cognizance, expresses its displeasure, and orders their immediate removal. On the contrary, Hindus seek solutions to their problems in the Constitution and the courts. But what is this? They too are receiving ridicule and contempt from the courts! This sends a very dangerous message that the path of violence yields results, and the path of restraint leads to neglect. It

must be said that this poses a serious challenge to Indian democracy and social balance. The courts' responsibility is not merely to interpret the law; they must also respect the beliefs of citizens. If the

Supreme Court had felt that this case fell within the jurisdiction of the Archaeological Survey of India, it could have simply declared, "We will not hear it, the matter pertains to the Archaeological Survey of India." But how appropriate is it to say, "If you are such a staunch devotee of Lord Vishnu, then go and pray to him."

It's also important for the judges sitting in court to understand that if a Hindu worships idols, they aren't superstitious. It's part of their spiritual journey. Idols allow them to see the formless in the concrete. They become the center of their meditation, practice, and devotion. This is why devotees stand in line for hours in temples, just to catch a glimpse of their deity (God). Upon seeing them, they feel their lives have been blessed. It's this faith, psychology, and cultural strength that has sustained India despite repeated ruptures.

Idol worship is the soul of Indian civilization. Dismissing it as superstition or ridiculing it in court is not only an insult to millions of devotees but also an insult to the cultural heritage that has kept India united. The broken statues of Khajuraho are not just statues, but a reminder of the wounds of our civilization. Their restoration is not merely an archaeological task, but a demand for justice.

Listen to the cries of the disabled

Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

The greatest strength of Indian democracy is its diversity and inclusiveness. The Constitution guarantees equal rights, dignity, and opportunity to every citizen. However, when we look at the segment of society known as the disabled, this guarantee often appears hollow. The national census and recent surveys confirm that millions of disabled people remain marginalized in education, employment, health, transportation, media, and public life. Constitutional provisions and laws exist, but their situation on the ground reveals the reality that they continue to live as invisible citizens.

The problem is not just physical barriers but also one of mentality and attitude. A large segment of society still views disability as a form of pity, burden, or tragedy. This thinking negates the abilities and potential of disabled people. Instead of providing them with equal opportunities, they are either relegated to pity or ridicule. Indian cinema and television have long replicated these stereotypes. Although change is

slowly coming, it remains slow and limited.

The Indian judiciary has repeatedly delivered significant judgments protecting the dignity and rights of persons with disabilities. The Supreme Court has clarified that the dignity of any community cannot be compromised in the name of freedom of expression or humor. Recent judgments have cautioned the media and entertainment industry not to mock or pity persons with disabilities but to respect their constitutional rights. Despite this, deep-rooted prejudices persist in society. The

real challenge cannot be met by legal protection alone. The problem is that institutions implementing laws and policies lack sufficient sensitivity and perseverance. For example, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 guaranteed reservations and facilities for them in education, employment, and public life. However, school and college buildings remain clogged with stairs, government offices lack wheelchair access, and digital platforms still do not provide the neces-

sary options for visually or hearing impaired people.

The biggest problem facing people with disabilities is that they are considered "dependent citizens" rather than "capable citizens." This thinking alienates them from mainstream society. However, the truth is that, given the opportunity and facilities, people with disabilities can excel in any field. The achievements of Paralympic athletes in the sports world are proof of this. From education and literature to administration and science, people with disabilities have proven their potential. The problem is not one of ability, but of opportunity and perspective.

If society truly wants to be inclusive, its mindset must first change. People with disabilities don't need pity or sympathy; they need equal rights and opportunities. Schools must teach children from childhood that diversity is society's strength. Media and cinema must take responsibility to portray disability not as a mere weakness but rather as a symbol of courage, self-confidence, and human dignity.

Adapting public infrastructure to the needs of people with disabilities is a crucial step. Metro stations, railway platforms, bus terminals, hospitals, government offices, parks, and educational institutions cannot be considered inclusive unless they are accessible to everyone. Technological advancements can be very helpful in this direction.

By adding voice assistants, screen readers, and sign language features to digital apps, we can connect millions of people with disabilities to online education and employment.

Both the government and society have a shared role in this fight for equality. The government must ensure that laws enacted for people with disabilities do not remain mere paper documents. Independent monitoring mechanisms must be established for their effective implementation. Persons with disabilities should participate in decision-making processes, from local bodies to the national level. No policy or plan can be complete without listening to their needs and suggestions.

Society's role is even greater.

Every individual should ensure that persons with disabilities live with dignity and equality in their homes, neighborhoods, and workplaces. Their participation in public events, election rallies, and cultural events should increase. This is possible only if we treat them with rights, not pity. The

Indian Constitution guarantees equality, dignity, and freedom. If a large segment of society remains deprived of these rights, democracy remains incomplete. Bringing persons with disabilities from the margins to the mainstream is not only a duty of humanity but also a fundamental condition of democracy. Until the voices of persons with disabilities are heard equally in both policies and society, the dream of an inclusive India will remain unfulfilled.

Therefore, the most urgent call of the time is that persons with disabilities should not be considered invisible citizens but active partners in change and progress. Only by recognizing their potential and dreams can we build a society where no one is left behind.



overall, and can feel a bit unplanted as there is a moving part in the chain. Samsung's work to optimise hardware and software never goes unnoticed, and this isn't also an exception.

Meta Connect 2025: 6 Biggest announcements you should know

New Delhi:Meta Connect 2025, which took place early morning (as per Indian standard time), introduced several smart technologies for the worldwide customers. CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced the launch of the Meta Ray-Ban Display, a new pair of smart glasses which are consumer-ready and are further equipped with a small display in the right lens. This year, the company unleashed devices which will be available for purchase from September 30.

Meta's new Ray-Ban display Smart Glasses

Meta finally launched its Ray-Ban Display smart glasses. These glasses come with a

built-in high-resolution screen in one lens that lets you:

- View messages and captions
- Take video calls
- Follow walking directions
- Preview photos with the 12MP camera

You can control the screen using a wristband with simple hand gestures. The glasses run for 6 hours on a single charge, with up to 30 hours using the case. Price starts at USD 799 (approximatly Rs 66,500), available in the US from September 30.

Next-gen Ray-Ban Meta Smart Glasses

Meta further launched a second-generation Ray-Ban smart glasses with:



It is backed by an 8-hour battery life
It comes with a 12MP ultra-



wide camera
It supports 3K video recording at 60fps

New 'conversation focus' mode for clearer sound in noisy areas

These glasses start at USD 379 (approximately Rs 31,500).

Oakley Meta Vanguard: Glasses for athletes

Meta partnered with Oakley to launch Vanguard smart glasses designed for sports and fitness lovers. Key features include:

- Water and dust resistance (IP67 rating)
- Integration with fitness apps like Garmin and Strava
- 12MP wide-angle camera for 3K videos, with modes like slow-motion and time-lapse
- Up to 9 hours of battery life

Price: USD 499 (approximately Rs 41,500), launching October 21.



Google Discover will now show Instagram posts, YouTube Shorts and more

New Delhi:Google Discover, the AI-powered personalised feed that delivers articles, videos and media which are based on user interests, is getting a big upgrade. Google has announced that the feed will now show content from Instagram, YouTube Shorts, and X (formerly known as Twitter), along with updates from publishers and creators worldwide. Support for more platforms is also expected soon.

Why does this update matter?

Google says the change will come after feedback from users who enjoy watching and exploring mixed content- from articles, to videos, to social posts- all in one place. This move will make it easier for people to discover trending content without any need to jump between different apps.

New 'Follow' Button for personalisation

To make the feed more useful for the users, Google has introduced a new 'follow' button which is placed on the top-right corner of Discover posts. By tapping it, users can directly follow their favourite publishers or creators. Once followed, their content will appear in a dedicated space within

Discover, offering quick access to updates.

You can also click on the publisher or creator's name to check their recent posts before deciding to follow them. However, this feature requires you to be signed in with your Google account.

Previous updates to Discover

Google has been steadily improving the Discover experience for users. Just last month (August 2025), it introduced the option to set preferred sources for search results, helping users avoid clickbait and stick to trusted websites. The addition of Instagram and YouTube Shorts further strengthens Discover's role as a one-stop hub for personalised news and entertainment.

With these new changes, Google Discover is no longer just about news and articles — it is slowly turning into a personalised space where you can track your favourite creators, publishers, and even social media updates, all in one feed. For Indian users, this means less app-switching and more relevant, time-saving content at your fingertips.

BSNL and Department of Post join hands for SIM sales, mobile recharges

New Delhi: On Wednesday, the Department of Posts (DoP) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to expand BSNL's mobile connectivity across the country. According to an official release, the postal department will use its vast network of over 1.65 lakh post offices to sell BSNL SIM cards and offer mobile recharge services nationwide. The extensive reach of India Post, which extends to almost every village and town, will provide a crucial last-mile channel for BSNL to increase its presence in both urban and rural areas.



To make services more accessible and affordable

The initiative aims to make BSNL's telecom services more accessible and affordable, especially for people in remote areas who often face limited connectivity. By turning post offices into service points, the partnership seeks to close the digital divide, provide mobile services to rural households, and support the broader goals of Digital

India, financial inclusion, and socio-economic development.

A proof of concept was successfully implemented in Assam, showing that the model is scalable for a nationwide rollout. Through this partnership, post offices will serve as points of sale for BSNL, handling SIM sales and recharges. BSNL will supply SIM cards and provide training, while the DoP will onboard new customers and manage transactions in a secure and standardised way.

BSNL Rs 199 plan

BSNL recently introduced

a new plan priced at less than Rs 200, offering 2GB of daily data. The company announced the details on its official X handle, emphasising that its offering is significantly more affordable than comparable plans from private providers, which often cost nearly double. The plan also includes unlimited calling and free SMS.

BSNL's new Rs 199 plan provides a total of 60GB of data over its 30-day validity, with a daily limit of 2GB. Available in all telecom circles nationwide, the plan also includes unlimited calling—with free national roaming—and 100 free SMS per day.

Vodafone Idea partners with TCS to unlock new capabilities in customer experience

New Delhi:Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), India's largest IT services company, has been chosen by Vodafone Idea to transform its business support system. According to a press release issued on Thursday, the five-year partnership will utilise an AI-driven, future-ready platform to unlock new capabilities in customer experience.

The platform will focus on intelligence, automation, personalisation, and accelerating the launch of new products and services. While the size of the deal was not disclosed, the release stated, "Tata Consultancy Services has partnered with Vodafone Idea to transform their business support system through an

AI-driven and future-ready platform".

Vodafone Idea will use TCS' flagship products

The transformation will be anchored on TCS' flagship products, TCS HOBS and TCS TwinX. As the release explained, "TCS HOBS will provide the digital backbone for business support systems, driving agility, stability, and seamless integration across customer touchpoints. TCS TwinX will complement this with AI/ML-powered intelligence and scenario simulation, helping Vodafone Idea to enhance service responsiveness and deliver personalized interactions".

By combining these two products, the unified platform aims to improve service deliv-



ery, ensure resilient performance, and offer the flexibility to quickly adapt to changing

customer needs.

Jagbir Singh, Chief Technology Officer at

Vodafone Idea, stated, "By modernizing our BSS platform forms embedded with AI-

driven innovation, we are setting a new standard to deliver faster, smarter, and more personalized digital experiences".

Ujjwal Mathur, President and Country Head - India Business at TCS, noted that this transformation program builds on a 15-year relationship with Vodafone Idea. "This initiative marks a pivotal step in driving AI-led transformation of Vi's core business support system," Mathur said.

Meanwhile, on September 3, 2025, Vodafone Idea (Vi) launched its 5G services in Indore, making it the first city in Madhya Pradesh to receive Vi 5G. This rollout followed the company's entry into West Bengal just a week earlier, with the launch of its 5G services in Siliguri on August 25, 2025.

Top-ranked players from each team ahead of Women's World Cup

New Delhi, Agency: With the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 just around the corner, starting in less than two weeks, let's take a look at the top-ranked players from each nation in the ICC Women's Rankings, as the stage is set for thrilling action in India and Sri Lanka, as per the ICC website.

Batter: Smriti Mandhana (ICC Ranking 1)- Ranked the best batter in the format, Smriti Mandhana has been an indispensable force for India at the top of the order with over 100 ODI appearances. As Harmanpreet Kaur's deputy, she is always in the captain's ear, providing her invaluable input on the field.

With 559 runs across 16 games in two Women's World Cups so far, the left-hand batter will be looking to etch her presence for India once again as they aim to lift the coveted trophy on home soil for the first time.

Bowler: Deepti Sharma (7)- About to play in her third World Cup, Deepti Sharma, India's stylish

all-rounder in the format, has been an integral part of the team's plans leading up to the tournament. The right-arm spinner has struck 14 times for India in as many outings in the 50-over event and will be looking to add more at home.

All-Rounder: Deepti Sharma (4)- In addition to her antics with the ball, Sharma has also been rock-solid with the bat, coming in clutch down the order when the team needs her experience, proving so with 278 runs coming across the World Cups in 2017 and 2022.

AUSTRALIA

Batter: Ellyse Perry (ICC Ranking 4)- An all-time great of the format, 34-year-old Ellyse Perry will be playing in her fifth World Cup and will become the first Australian women's cricketer to take part in five World Cups.

Perry has smashed 673 runs from 25 World Cup games at an astonishing 56.08 average, in addition to snapping 31 wickets with the ball.

Bowler: Ash Gardner (2) - Ash



Gardner's rise for Australia as one of their leading bowlers is evident from her brilliant numbers with the ball, striking 101 times in just 77 games in the 50-over format with her spin wizardry.

With 18 wickets from 15 games across the 2017 and 2022 editions,

the 28-year-old will also be playing in her third World Cup as Australia look to retain their crown.

All-Rounder: Ash Gardner (1)- Gardner's contributions for Australia don't just stop with the ball, as she has also been an improvised batter in the middle order, contributing some valuable runs when her side needed it.

Her record with the bat in World Cups reads 134 runs in two campaigns, with a best score of 48*, which came off merely 18 balls, against neighbouring rivals New Zealand in 2022.

BANGLADESH

Batter: Nigar Sultana Joty (ICC Ranking 27)- Bangladesh's skipper, Nigar Sultana, has scored over 1,300 ODI runs, leads the side for the second consecutive time in World Cups and remains their batting anchor.

Bowler: Nahida Akter (9) - The left-arm spinner has quickly risen into the world's top 10 with 69 wickets in 54 ODIs. She took five wickets in Bangladesh's 2022 World Cup

campaign and will lead their spin attack.

All-Rounder: Marufa Akter (32)- A promising 20-year-old, Marufa Akter has already made an impact with her pace and is seen as Bangladesh's future star with the ball.

ENGLAND

Batter: Nat Sciver-Brunt (ICC Ranking 2)-Having taken over as England's all-format captain and currently one of the world's premier ODI batters, Nat Sciver-Brunt boasts 4092 ODI runs at a sizzling average of 46.50 at the top of the order.

Sciver-Brunt has a stunning 805 runs in just 18 matches in World Cups, with four hundreds, including a valiant 148* against Australia in a losing cause in the final in 2022.

Bowler: Sophie Ecclestone (1) - The world's No. 1-ranked bowler, Sophie Ecclestone, has struck 125 times in just 75 ODIs at a superb 19.79 bowling average with her left-arm spin.

Fifty Days to go for centenary: Hockey India one of the favourites in Asia Cup India prepares to celebrate the greatest milestone in India's sporting history Afghanistan head coach Jonathan Trott

New Delhi, Agency: Calling for Pan-India celebrations to mark the centenary of Indian hockey - a journey which began in 1925 when the first national sports body was formed, Hockey India has launched the 50-day countdown which will culminate in special celebrations on November 7 this year.

While the actual details of the celebrations will be revealed in due course, Hockey India delved into the sport's incredible history underlined by the eight Olympic Gold medals - maximum won by any country in the sport till date and also the maximum number of medals in any discipline won by India at the Olympics, as per a press release from Hockey India.

Speaking about the significance of hockey contribution that outlined the country's immense potential on a global stage even before Independence, Gurbux Singh, the oldest living legend of the sport who has won Olympic Gold for India in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, expressed, "The first hockey tournament held in India was the Beighton Cup in 1895. The National.

Hockey Association was formed in 1925, and India won the Olympic Gold in 1928, just three years after the body was established. From then on, India won gold in 1932, 1936 and if the Games was held in 1940 and 1944 if not for WWII, we would have won two more gold medals. It was the Dhyanchand era, and we



totally dominated the world."

Gurbux also pointed out that Britain did not field a hockey team until 1948 for the fear of, 'losing to India'. "Hockey not only contributed to India's sporting history but also to nationalism. The team's performance was important to bring in a sense of oneness as a nation. The British fielded a hockey team only in 1948 because they feared losing to India when they ruled us. And to beat them in their own backyard after we won Independence was one of the greatest moments in Indian history," Gurbux explained.

The legend also recollected how Ali Dara was flown in for the final in the Berlin Olympics to strengthen the squad. "Germany (a club side with most of their national team players) had beaten India in practice matches. When we were pitted against them in the final, Dara was flown in for that match. One must also understand, back then the federation didn't have the money.

Dubai, Agency: Afghanistan men's cricket team head coach Jonathan Trott praised the Indian team, stating they are one of the favourites in the ongoing T20 Asia Cup.

While speaking to agency, Jonathan Trott said, "Every team that India puts out nowadays always has a very good side. Asia Cup in these conditions, we saw them in the Champions Trophy here 50 over. It would be foolish not to say they are one of the favourites."

India started their Asia Cup campaign on a high note, winning both their group stage matches against the UAE and Pakistan. They secured convincing victories, defeating the UAE by nine wickets and Pakistan by seven wickets, batting second in both encounters.

Trott also lauded Indian skipper Suryakumar Yadav and believes the captaincy role has added extra responsibility to his shoulders.

"I think Suryakumar



Yadav is a fantastic player, obviously, as he's captain now. So it's an extra added responsibility, so I look forward to seeing how he goes with that leadership role," he added.

Afghanistan all-rounder Gulbadin Naib heaped praise on Team India, calling them the best side in Asia as well as the world. Having shared the dressing room with Indian players in the Indian Premier League (IPL), Naib said he has always enjoyed learning from them.

"India is the best team in Asia and in the world, you get to learn a lot from these boys," Naib told agency.

Prime Minister Modi's 75th birthday marked with grand kho kho celebration in Ahmedabad

New Delhi, Agency: In a remarkable tribute to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 75th birthday, a record 152 Kho Kho teams gathered at the Sanskardham Campus in Godhavi, Ahmedabad, to participate in the Khele Sanand Sports League. The Taluk-level.

competition, which commenced on Wednesday, turned into a festive celebration of indigenous sport, with hundreds of young athletes showcasing their.

talent in one of India's oldest and fastest traditional games, as per a release from the Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI).

A total of 91 girls' teams and 61 boys' teams in the under-14 category



are competing in the league, which will continue through March next year, bringing months of spirited contests and fostering grassroots sporting culture.

The grand opening ceremony was graced by two icons of Indian Kho Kho, invited as Chief Guests to inspire young athletes of the indigenous game.

Neeraj Chopra, Arshad Nadeem crash out of World Athletics Championships final

New Delhi, Agency: India versus Pakistan rivalry post Pahalgam failed to kick off at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo as both the reigning Olympic Champion Arshad Nadeem and defending World Champion Neeraj Chopra were eliminated from the javelin final on Thursday.

Nadeem registered two foul throws in his quota of four, registering a best throw of 82.75 metres to finish tenth in the final.

Neeraj finished eighth after registering a foul throw in the penultimate round of the final. His best throw of 84.03 metres came in his second attempt.

Chopra was outperformed by debutant compatriot Sachin Yadav who logged a personal best performance to

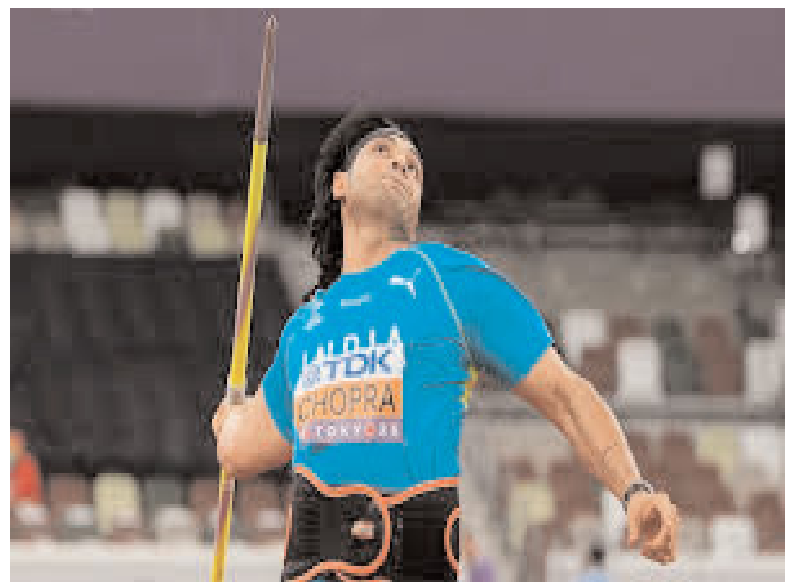
finish a creditable fourth.

Yadav's best throw of 86.27m, which came in the very first attempt, was a personal best performance and he bested not just Chopra but also German star Julian Weber (86.11m), and Nadeem among others.

The gold went to Keshorn Walcott (88.16m) of Trinidad and Tobago, followed Grenada's Anderson Peters (87.38m) and Curtis Thompson (86.67m).

The tournament rules stipulate that the 12-man field starts to thin from the third round where the last two in the rankings get eliminated after every attempt.

The fans were looking forward as to how Chopra and Nadeem would behave on the track and field, coming days after the handshake contro-



versy where the Indian cricket team refused a customary handshake with the Pakistan team after their convincing seven-wicket win last Sunday.

The relationship between these two javelin stars have

always been respectful, but post Pahalgam attack, that warmth was lost.

At the Doha Diamond League Neeraj had confessed that the tensions between the nations did change the nature

of their friendship.

"I want to clarify that I do not have a particularly strong relationship with Nadeem. We were never really close friends but because of the current situation, things will not be the same as they were. Having said that, if someone speaks to me with respect, I always respond," Neeraj had said then.

Arshad responded by saying he supports his Army. "I don't want to make any comments about Neeraj because of the ongoing conflict with India. I come from a village, and I will only say that my family and I will always stand with our Army," he said.

'Arshad is our child too'

However, things were never this frosty between them. Neeraj's mother Saroj Devi called Arshad his son

after he pipped Neeraj for the gold medal at last year's Paris Olympics.

"We are very happy with the silver, the one who got gold is also our child and the one who got silver is also our child. All are athletes, all work hard. Nadeem is also good, he plays well. There is no difference between Neeraj and Nadeem. We got gold and silver, there is no difference for us," she had told the reporters after the javelin final.

A year later Neeraj was heavily criticised for extending the invitation to Arshad in the aftermath of Pahalgam attack for the inaugural Neeraj.

Chopra Classic in May this year. The Tokyo Olympics gold medallist had to issue a statement amidst online abuse.

