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Kiren Rijiju reacts to Rahul Gandhi's claims of 'vote theft'

New Delhi. Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday said that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi should accept responsibility for his repeated electoral defeats instead of targeting institutions. His comments came a day after Gandhi accused Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar of protecting "vote stealers" and claimed that the names of Congress voters were being systematically removed from the electoral rolls in Karnataka. The

Election Commission dismissed the allegations as "false and baseless" and said that votes cannot be deleted without due process. "If you repeatedly lose elections, you should admit your weaknesses and the failure of your leadership. But instead, you start blaming institutions. Is this the right way?" Rijiju said on the sidelines of a FICCI FLO event here. Rijiju said, "Rahul Gandhi cannot target or divert attention from any other institution to hide his electoral failures. People will not accept such attempts." The minister claimed that the Congress leader's comments often reflect "anti-India propaganda."

Rijiju said, "Whatever narrative Pakistan creates, Rahul Gandhi and his company spread the same narrative in India. For many years, what Rahul Gandhi and his company have been saying has been found to be used by anti-India groups elements Pakistan." At the event, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader also expressed his views on the functioning Parliament.

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Jharkhand has immense potential for industrial expansion- CM Hemant Soren

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Jharkhand Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Chief Minister Hemant Soren, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Anil Chauhan and Union Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth on Friday attended the inauguration ceremony of the "East Tech Symposium 2025" (Defence Expo) at the Veer Tana Bhagat Indoor Stadium, Khelgaon, Ranchi.

The event, organised by the Ministry of Defence, brought together defence experts, industrial houses, technical institutions, and MSMEs from across the country.

Speaking at the event, Chief Minister Hemant Soren described the day as historic for Jharkhand, noting that the symposium adds a new dimension to defence sector. Our government is



the defence sector. He expressed confidence that the objectives of the event would be successfully achieved.

contributed "Jharkhand has immensely to the country. The state also holds vast potential for the expansion of industries linked to the

committed to extending full cooperation to the Centre to make India selfreliant in defence," the Chief Minister said.

He pointed out that Jharkhand is rich in raw materials used in defence manufacturing, including uranium, and has long been home to major industrial institutions.

Soren cited the Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) in Ranchi, which has played a crucial role in the production of satellite and nuclear components. Expressing concern over its present condition, he said it was painful to see such a significant institution not performing up to expectations. The Chief Minister stressed the need for closer coordination between the Centre and the state to strengthen industries.

"By working together, new dimensions can be added to defence-linked industries. It is a matter of pride that the Chief of Defence Staff and other senior defence officials are here with us today. Their initiatives in the MSME sector are also a positive step. The state government assures full support to the defence sector,"

Soren added.

Following the inaugural session, Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Chief Minister Hemant Soren, CDS General Anil Chauhan, and Union MoS Defence Sanjay Seth, along with senior defence ministry officials, toured the Defence Expo.

The exhibition featured defence experts, industrial houses, technical institutions, and representatives from small and medium enterprises from across the country.

On the occasion, Jharkhand Chief Secretary Alka Tiwari, Eastern Command Chief Lt. General Ramchandra Tiwari, Command Air Officer Commandingin-Chief Surat Singh, senior officials of the Ministry of Defence, and other prominent guests.

Defence modernisation, better training of soldiers and equipment upgrades our top priority: Rajnath

Agency

New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday interacted with the brave veterans and the families of the fallen heroes of the 1965 war at an event organised by the Army at South Block, New Delhi, to commemorate the diamond jubilee of India's victory over Pakistan.

According to an official release from the Ministry of Defence, in his address, Singh paid glowing tributes to the bravehearts who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty 60 years ago and ensured that India emerged victorious.

"Pakistan thought it could frighten us through infiltration, guerrilla tactics and surprise attacks, Indian soldier serves the motherland with the feeling that the sovereignty and integrity of the nation will never be compromised at any cost," the Defence Minister said.

Singh highlighted the unmatched bravery and patriotism displayed by the Indian sol-



He made special mention of the indomitable spirit and valour of Param Vir Chakra awardee He also credited the then Prime but little did it know that every Company Quarter Master Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri for Havildar Abdul Hamid, who laid his "strong-willed leadership" down his life while destroying numerous enemy tanks under a relentless barrage of machine gun and tank fire during the Battle of Asal Uttar.

> "Our brave Abdul Hamid taught us that bravery is not about the size of the weapon, it is about the

teaches us that even in the most difficult circumstances, the combination of courage, restraint and patriotism can make the impossible possible," the Defence Minister said.

during the war and uniting the country.

"No war is fought only on the battlefield; victory in war is the result of the collective resolve of the entire nation. During that time in 1965, India managed to face the uncertainty and challenges, also due to the strongwilled leadership of Lal Bahadur Shastri. He not only provided decisive political leadership but also raised the morale of the entire nation to greater heights. Even under adverse circumstances, we displayed unity and won the war."

Defence Minister Singh reiterated the government's unwavering resolve towards the dignity and welfare of the serving soldiers, veterans and the families of the fallen heroes, terming it as "top priority". "Our resolve of defence modernisation, better training of soldiers and equipment upgrades are aimed to ensure that the forces never face a lack of resources," he said.

The event was attended by Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Western Command Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar, General Officer Commanding Delhi Area Lt Gen Bhavnish Kumar, other senior serving officers, decorated veterans, gallantry awardees and family members of 1965 war

ABVP secures decisive victory in Delhi University **Students' union Elections**



Agency

New Delhi: The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) has registered a commanding win in the Delhi Students' University union (DUSU) elections capturing three of the four central panel seats. Congress-affiliated National Students' union of India (NSUI) managed to secure a single seat. The electoral battle was primarily contested between these two student wings, with ABVP emerging as the clear favorite among the student body. A total of 60,272 students cast their votes out of 1,53,100 registered voters, resulting in a voter turnout of 39.36 percent. The election results for

the key positions are as follows: President: Aryan Mann from ABVP emerged vic-

torious. Vice-President: Rahul Jhansola of NSUI won

the seat. Secretary: ABVP's Kunal Chaudhary was declared

the winner. Joint Secretary: Deepika

Jha from ABVP clinched the position. Reacting to the victory,

the newly elected Secretary and ABVP leader, Kunal Chaudhary, said, "I am feeling elated. I want to thank every student of Delhi University who voted and supported

ABVP's victory in Delhi University polls a triumph of nationalism: Babulal Marandi

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Jharkhand BJP president Babulal Marandi hailed the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad's (ABVP) performance in the Delhi University Students' Union elections, calling it a victory for nationalist ideology.

Congratulating the winning

candidates, Marandi said that securing three out of four posts, including the president's position, reflects the strong support of the nation's youth for nationalist ideas.

He noted that ABVP is the only student organisation that works with the guiding principles of knowledge, character, and unity, while envisioning an academic community that promotes Indian values alongside educational reforms.

Marandi added that ABVP's year-round programmes and organisational activities have transformed student power into national power. He also extended his best wishes to all ABVP office-bearers and youth associated with the organisation.



CM inspected the Defence Expo

DB Reporter

Ranchi: On this occasion, Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Chief Minister Hemant Soren, and other dignitaries, along with officials from the Ministry of Defense, visited the Defense Expo. Defense



experts, industrial organizations, technical institutions, and individuals from small and medium-sized enterprises from across the country participated in the expo. Several defense equipments were major attraction at the expo. Displays included equipment such as kamikaze drones, 360 artillery, and agricultural drones. These displays piqued the interest of military personnel and officers.

EU proposes new strategic agenda to raise bilateral relations with India to higher level

Agency

New Delhi: The European Commission (EC) has outlined a 'New Strategic EU-India Agenda' to deepen, broaden and better coordinate cooperation, bilateral enhance prosperity and security for both partners and help tackle major global challenges. "Now is the time to focus on reliable partners and double down on partnerships rooted in shared interests and guided by common values. With our new EU-India strategy, we are taking our relationship to the next level," Commission European



Leyen said . The EC adopted a Joint Communication outlining the 'New Strategic EU-India Agenda' marking a significant milestone in EU-India relations. This initiative was announced by President von der Leyen in her Political Guidelines for 2024-2029.

She said the two sides will cooperate in advancing trade,

investment and talent mobility, strengthening joint economic security, advancing the clean transition and driving innovation together, deepening industrial cooperation in Defence.

"Europe is already India's biggest trading partner and we are committed to finalising our Free Trade Agreement

by the end of the year. Europe is open for business. And we are ready to invest in our shared future with India," she said.Kaja Kallas, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission, said "India is one of the most important players in the world today and a natural partner for the European Union. There are many areas where our interests, strengths and political will align. Boosting our collaboration which we are proposing today - will benefit the security and prosperity of citizens and

businesses on both sides. There are areas where we disagree. Ultimately our partnership is about defending a rules-based international order. Our negotiations will address these challenges.

The Joint Communication identifies five areas of shared interest and complementary strengths, building on existing ties while addressing areas that present potential for increased engagement. Amid shifting geopolitical realities, closer EU-India relations are increasingly vital for strengthening economic growth and security and diversifying supply

chains in response to today's uncertain global order.

Beyond the bilateral dimension, the new strategic agenda highlights EU-India joint engagement on global issues and with third partners, reflecting India's growing global influence, according to the Joint Communication.

It also identifies significant untapped potential in trade and investment, outlining strategies to strengthen commercial ties, particularly finalising the ongoing negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA). It proposes reinforcing supply chains while promoting critical

emerging technologies and engagement on digital issues, with particular attention to strengthening economic security within the Trade and Technology Council (TTC). The new strategy also proposes deepening tech cooperation, including a potential EU-India Startup partnership, and invites India to associate with Horizon Europe programme. It suggests ambitious initiatives for decarbonisation and the clean transition, such as intensifying cooperation on renewables, developing green hydrogen capabilities and expanding green finance.



President Ursula von der



DPO Engages with Villagers Over Land Acquisition for Beautification of Megalithic Site

Barkagaon, Hazaribagh: District Planning Officer (DPO) Pankaj Tiwari conducted an inspection of the world-renowned Megalithic site at Pankri Barwadih, which has been declared a tourist destination. The visit was aimed at discussing the beautification and development plans for the site. During the inspection, the DPO held detailed discussions with local villagers and community

representatives regarding

the protection and beauti-



fication of the site. He emphasized the importance of preserving ownership rights while ensuring that local residents benefit from the develop-

"I want to ensure that your ownership of the land remains intact and that future generations gain employment oppor-

tunities from this project," said Tiwari during the meeting.

In response, the villagers stated that the land in question is privately owned (raivati land) and expressed willingness to consider land measurement and acquisition only if proper compensation, rehabilitation, employment assurances are provided.

Present at the meeting

were Mukhia Bimla Devi, JMM Block President and contractor Sanjay Singh, Mukhia Representative Rajkumar Sahu, and several villagers including Dubhan Sahu, Hiramain Sahu, Santosh Kumar Sahu, Tileshwar Kumar, Nirmal Kumar, and others.

Amit Sahu Honoured for Exemplary

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: Amit Sahu was recently honoured for completing a commendable and impactful three-year tenure as Regional Vice President of the Federation of Jharkhand Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FJCCI). The recognition was conferred during an electoral event organized under the aegis of the FJCCI.

The felicitation was conducted in the presence of former FJCCI presidents Manoi Naredi and Kishore Mantri. Dr. Abhishek Ramadin, a renowned physician from Ranchi and currently a member of the FJCCI executive committee, presented Sahu with a bouquet and a traditional shawl as a mark of appreciation. Speaking on the occasion, Amit Sahu expressed his gratitude and said,



"Over the past three years, I have fulfilled my responsibilities with dedication and commitment. I have continuously worked towards addressing the issues faced by the industrial and business communities in our region and will continue to do so in the future. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all office bearers of the FJCCI for this honour and sup-

Indian Bank Receives Rajbhasha Kirti Award at Hindi Diwas Celebration in Gandhinagar

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Indian Bank, one of the leading public sector banks of the country, has been honoured with the Third Prize of the Rajbhasha Kirti Award for the year 2024-25 at the Hindi Diwas Celebration, organised during the 5th All India Rajbhasha Conference 2025 held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Indian Bank has received this award for the second consecutive year in recognition of its "outstanding performance in the field of Rajbhasha implementation".

The award was presented on the first day of the two-day 5th All India Rajbhasha Conference at the Mahatma Mandir Convention & Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar, by Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and Rajya Sabha MP Dr. Dinesh Sharma. On behalf of Indian Bank, Manoj Kumar Das, General Manager, Official Language Department, Corporate



Office, received the award.

Apart from this, the coordinator of Official Language Implementation Committee (Bank), Ranchi, Indian Bank, Zonal Office Ranchi was also awarded in the "Commendable Category" under the Narakaas Rajbhasha Samman on 15 September for the remarkable performance of the Official Language Policy of the Union in its area of work.

This award was received by Rajesh Kumar Singh, Assistant General Manager, Official Language Department and Om Prakash Verma, Member Secretary and Senior Manager, NARAKAS at the Corporate Office of Indian Bank. This honour demonstrates the Bank's strong commitment to the successful implementation of the Official Language Policy and the promotion of Hindi in banking operations. Indian Bank remains dedicated to providing banking services across the country with the spirit of "Customer Service in the Customer's Language.

Massive Strategy Meeting Held in Ramgarh Ahead of 'Rail Roko' Protest by Kudmi Community

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: Ahead of the largescale 'Rail Teka - Dahr Cheka' agitation scheduled for September 20, the Kudmi community of Ramgarh district held a strategic meeting at Kudmi Kumba, Kankebar, under the guidance of the Central Committee of Adivasi Kudmi Samaj. The meeting focused on mobilizing support and organizing logistics for the peaceful rail blockade protest aimed at demanding inclusion of the Kudmi community in the Scheduled Tribes (ST) list. Representatives from across the district, including men, women, and youth, participated in the meeting. A resolution was passed to block all train routes at Barkakana Junction on September 20, with over one lakh Kudmi people expected to take part in what is

Former Vice-Chairman of Ramgarh Municipal Council, Manoj Kumar Mahato, stated that the community has been systemati-

being termed a historic protest.



cally neglected for over 75 years despite having cultural, dietary, and traditional similarities with other Scheduled Tribes. He emphasized that the protest is a constitutional and peaceful effort, with no intention to harm any other tribal group.

Former Ramgarh Zila Parishad Chairperson Brahmadev Mahato highlighted the mass displacement of Kudmi people due to projects by CCL, BCCL, ECL, and various state institutions. "Our ancestral lands have been acquired for development, but we have been left behind," he said.

District Councillor Hemlal Mahato added that Kudmi communities across Jharkhand, Odisha, and West Bengal are united in their demand for tribal recognition and will participate in the peaceful 'Rail Roko' protest to submit a memorandum to the central and state governments.

Adikarmyogi Abhiyan Resonates with Tribal Culture in Babhni Village

DB Reporter

Hazaribagh: As part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for tribal empowerment and responsive governance Adikarmyogi Abhiyan reached Babhni village under Dhadha Panchayat in Ichak Block on Friday. A special Responsive Governance Program was organized, blending governance with deep-rooted tribal

The event began with a traditional welcome of officials and public representatives through drums, nagaras, and mandars. Block Development Officer (BDO) Santosh Kumar honored the village head of the Manjhi community with a garland, recognizing their cultural importance.

traditions.

A visual layout of the village was prepared, and



residents' issues were listed for developmental planning. BDO Santosh Kumar highlighted various welfare schemes initiated in memory of freedom fighter Birsa Munda, assuring residents that the benefits would reach them effectively. Mukhia Sunita Devi encouraged villagers to openly voice their concerns. In response, local residents including Ramsahay Manjhi, Beshulal Manjhi, Chunnu Manjhi, Babulal Manjhi (from Banka Tola) and Mahadev Manjhi, Mahesh Manjhi, Dhani

Manjhi, Shivalal Tudu, Pramila Hansda, Lalita Devi, and Sunita Hemram (from Lukuiya Tola) demanded construction of PCC roads, culverts, irrigation canals, drainage systems, and fencing around the Sarna Sthal. Among the key officials present were Junior Engineer Arun Kumar (PHED), BAO Vinod Kumar Ravi, Welfare Officer Indushekhar, and others including committee member Dwarika Turi, social worker Dayanand Kumar, and representatives from pension, forest, and rural engineering depart-

Deputy Commissioner Addresses Public Grievances, Directs Prompt Action **DB** Reporter

Hazaribagh: Under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Shashi Prakash Singh, a public grievance redressal session (Janata Darbar) was held on Friday at the district collectorate office. A large number of villagers attended with their applica-

tions and complaints. The Deputy Commissioner attentively listened to each complaint and instructed concerned officials to ensure prompt and sensitive resolution of issues. The grievances primarily involved pension approvals post-retirement, ration card corrections, housing, supply chain issues, land disputes, family conflicts, employment, and

various government schemes. **Key Issues and Directives:**

>> Sardar Charanjit Singh from Chouparan police station area complained about obstruction of access routes and illegal occupation of purchased land. The Deputy Commissioner immediately directed the SDM of Barhi to take swift



action.

Residents of Gandhi Maidan, Matwari locality raised concerns over illegal construction blocking their pathways. The Deputy Commissioner ordered the Municipal Commissioner to investigate and submit a report.

▶ Rahul Kumar Gupta from Badkagaon police station requested case dismissal; the Deputy Commissioner instructed the Additional Collector to take neces-

Santosh Kumar Mandal from Barkatta police station followed up on a previously submitted land-related application. The Deputy Commissioner instructed the Barhi LRDC to expedite action via telephonic communication.

▶ A retired teacher sought assistance regarding pending pension claims. The Deputy Commissioner called the District Education Officer and directed submission of a report within 24

hours and immediate resolution of all hurdles to ensure timely pension disbursal. He emphasized that no retired pensioner should be unfairly denied benefits, warning of administrative action if negligence occurs. The Deputy Commissioner reiterated the administration's commitment to efficient and timely grievance redressal, urging all officials to prioritize public complaints and resolve them within stipulated time frames.

MP Manish Jaiswal's Initiative Brings New Identity to Hazaribagh and Ramgarh's Faith

Hazaribagh: A major development has been set in motion for Hazaribagh and Ramgarh districts as the Central Government has taken cognizance of a significant issue raised by Hazaribagh MP Manish Jaiswal in Parliament. Following his strong advocacy under Rule 377, the government has initiated the process to develop the Maa Chhinnamastika Temple complex into a grand religious tourism corridor.

The Center has now requested the Jharkhand government to submit a Detailed Project Report



(DPR) and other essential documents for this ambitious project. MP Manish Jaiswal expressed

his happiness over this progress, stating that this initiative will not only elevate the religious significance and faith associated with Maa Chhinnamastika Temple but also boost tourism in the region, creating new employment opportunities for locals.

The Central Government has assured full financial and technical support once the state submits the proposal. "This is not just a project but a commitment to usher in a new era of faith, culture, and development for Hazaribagh and Ramgarh," said Jaiswal. He further added that every effort will be made to ensure the corridor takes shape at the earliest.

MLA Mamta Devi Meets DDC to Demand Home Guard Recruitment in Ramgarh

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: A delegation of local youths, led by Ramgarh MLA Mamta Devi, met with Deputy Development Commissioner (DDC) Ashish Agrawal to press for the long-pending recruitment of Home Guards in the district.

During the meeting, MLA Mamta Devi highlighted the growing frustration among thousands of unemployed youth in the region who have been waiting for job opportunities. She stated that the recruitment of Home



Guards would not only provide much-needed employment but also strengthen the district's security framework.

The MLA submitted a formal memorandum to the DDC, urging the administration to expedite the recruitment process without further delay.In response, DDC Ashish Agrawal assured

the delegation that the matter would be taken up on a priority basis and forwarded to the concerned department for necessary action.

The youth present at the meeting expressed gratitude to Mamta Devi for raising their concerns and voiced hope that the recruitment process would commence soon.

Dr. Irfan Ansari Emerges as Hero, Saves 23 Girls from Fire Tragedy in Jamtara

DB Reporter

Jamtara: A sudden fire caused by a short circuit broke out this evening at Kasturba Gandhi Girls' Residential School in Narayanpur, leading to smoke inhalation and health issues for 23 students. The girls were immediately admitted to



Community Health the Center (CHC) Narayanpur.

Upon receiving the news, Jharkhand Health Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari canceled all his engagements and rushed to the hospital. His arrival brought calm to the chaotic scene, with hospital staff springing into swift action to provide urgent treatment. Within a short time, all the

girls' conditions stabilized. Speaking to the media, Dr. Ansari assured that all the girls are now safe and healthy. He added that if necessary, they would be referred to bigger hospitals. The minister comforted parents by promising full government support and aid.

Dr. Ansari explained that the incident was caused by heavy rain and a lightning strike but praised the prompt response of Narayanpur's healthcare workers and volunteers for preventing a major tragedy. He thanked the media for quickly disseminating the information.

Kodarma SP Holds Monthly Crime

During a hospital inspection, Dr. Ansari instructed authorities to ensure adequate funding and resources for the health department and emphasized zero tolerance for negligence. His swift action in saving 23 young lives has made him a celebrated figure throughout Jharkhand today.

Pension Restored for Elderly Woman Following Deputy Commissioner's Intervention

DB Reporter

Dhanbad: Deputy Commissioner District Magistrate Aditya Ranjan held a public grievance hearing today, where an elderly woman from Jodapokhar shared that her pension, which she had been receiving since 2002, was suddenly stopped in

Upon taking swift action, Deputy Commissioner's investigation revealed that she had been mistakenly declared deceased in 2019, which led to the suspension of her pen-The Deputy Commissioner instructed Social Security



for the quick resolution.

During the hearing, complaints related to illegal land occupation, BPL enrollment, auota obstruction of access roads, delayed compensation for land acquisiher pension payments were promptly resumed. tion, fraudulent land The elderly woman encroachments, housing expressed her gratitude scheme allotments, and parking disputes in apartments were also received.

Deputy Commissioner assured citizens that resolving their issues remains a top priority and directed officials to address all complaints transparently and within the stipulated timeframe.

Review Meeting, Issues Key Directives DB Reporter Kodarma: Under the chairmanship Superintendent of Police

2025 festival. Detailed discussions were held with all police heads on measures taken to ensure public safety during the celebrations, and several directives were issued accordingly.

The SP instructed all police stations and outposts to expedite the execution of pending warrants and seizure orders and ensure the arrest of absconding accused persons. A thorough review of cases reported in August 2025 was conducted, with special emphasis on clearing cases pending for over three years by submitting final charge sheets promptly.

Police supervisors were directed to oversee unresolved cases and submit supervisory notes within a week. Officers and staff posted at police stations

and outposts were ordered to remain stationed at their assigned locations.

Traffic management was also discussed extensivelv. with instructions to between coordinate Tilaiya and Kodarma police stations to maintain smooth traffic flow. Strict action against traffic violations such as drunk driving, overspeeding, and non-compliance with traffic rules was emphasized.

SP Singh ordered the use of FSL teams for lifting, packing, and sampling in cases involving sentences over seven years.

Jute Craft Training Boosts W omen's Skills in Hazaribagh



DB Reporter

Hazaribagh: Under the auspices of the Chief Minister's Small and Cottage Industries Development Board, the Jan Jagran Kendra, Hazaribagh is conducting a 25-day Jute Craft Skill Enhancement Training program at Basariya village in Barhi block. The approach aims to make training, running from September 9 to October 3, 2025, recently witnessed the distribution of toolkits and machines to participants.

The primary objective of the program is to empower rural women and youth by providing advanced training in jute craft techniques and designs, enabling them to create sustainable self-employment and livelihood opportunities. The dis-

tributed toolkits include modern jute crafting tools along with printing

stitching

and jute

machines. Participants are being trained in practical aspects of jute product designing, manufacturing, quality improvement, packaging, and marketing. This holistic trainees self-reliant and help them market their products effectively in both local and national markets.

The event was attended by key dignitaries including District Entrepreneur Coordinator of the Chief Minister's Board, Shri Shresh Tripathi; Director of Jan Jagran Kendra, Trainers Mohammad Ahsan and Jainul; and Barhi among others.

Overflowing Drainage at Medical College Raises

Concern; Municipal Commissioner Promises SwiftAction

DB Reporter

Hazaribagh: A serious sanitation issue has emerged in Hazaribagh Municipal Corporation area, where overflowing drains from Indrapuri Chowk to the Divisional Sadar Hospital are creating unsanitary conditions outside the Hazaribagh Medical College and Hospital.On Friday, MP Media Representative Ranjan Chaudhary met with Municipal Commissioner Yogendra Prasad to address the highlighted how dirty



odor and an unhygienic environment. Patients, doctors, and healthcare workers are being forced to wade through the dirty water, which poses serious health risks-especially for already ailing patients.Recognizing the gravity of the issue, Chaudhary urged the Commissioner not only growing concern. He to immediately clean the drains in front of the hosat the hospital's main comprehensive sanitation already underway.

efforts in other parts of the city such as Gola Road. He also emphasized the need for proper fogging operations to curb the spread of mosquito-borne diseases like dengue. Municipal Commissioner Yogendra Prasad assured immediate action. He promised that the hospital-area drains would be cleaned by the next day and confirmed that city-wide drain water is stagnating pital but also to ensure sanitation drives are

(SP) Anudeep Singh, the

monthly crime review

meeting was held on

September 19, 2025, at

Kodarma. The meeting

was attended by the Sub-

Divisional Police Officer

(SDPO), Deputy SP

(Headquarters), officers

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Domchanch circles, and

all police station and out-

post in-charges from the

The meeting began with a

review of the security

preparations for the

upcoming Durga Puja

district.

Preparations in Full Swing for Ravan Dahan in Ramgarh; Committee Seeks Administrative Support

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: Preparations are underway for the grand Ravan Dahan event to be organized by the Ramgarh Cant. Dussehra Committee at the local football ground Mahadashami (Dussehra). In view of maintaining law and order and ensuring public safety during the event, Committee President Deepak Sonkar and General Secretary Satyajit Choudhary met Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO) Anurag Tiwari on September 19 and submitted a formal request for necessary administrative arrangements. Providing further details,

President Deepak Sonkar mittee has also arranged said that artisans from for a grand fireworks dis-Bengal have arrived with play. Skilled pyrotechnitheir team and have

begun work on creating effigies of Ravan, Kumbhkaran, Meghnath. This year's effigies are expected to be especially eye-catching, as the committee has engaged the same team of artisans known for their work at the renowned Morabadi Dussehra celebrations. In addition to the control and security effigy burning, the com- measures.

cians from Bengal have been brought in to handle the fireworks, which promise to be a major attraction of the event. The committee is working diligently to ensure the success and safety of the celebrations and has called upon district officials to provide necessary support in terms of crowd

Nayak Football Tournament Kicks Off in Huduwa, Barkagaon

DB Reporter

Barkagaon, Hazaribagh: The Nayak Football Tournament was inaugurated with great enthusiasm in Huduwa village under Chepakala Panchayat, Barkagaon block. The opening ceremony was led by Block Mukhia Sangh President and



Representative

Kumar, Mukhia and AJSU Party Central Secretary Aniket Nayak, AJSU Central Member Sandeep Kushwaha, and former Mukhia Bhikhan Mahato. The dignitaries introduced themselves to the players and ceremonially kicked off the tournament.

Chief coordinator Aniket Nayak informed that 16 teams from nearby areas are participating in the tournament. The inaugural match was played between ST Brothers Jariara and Birsa Munda Club Hazaribagh, in which ST Brothers emerged victorious

with a 1-0 win.

Following the match, the organizing team welcomed guests with garlands and bouquets. Addressing the players and spectators, Ranjit Kumar emphasized the role of sports in fostering unity and brotherhood among villages.

Vishwakarma Puja Celebrated with Great Enthusiasm at Radha Govind University

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: The Faculty of Engineering and Technology at Radha Govind University celebrated Vishwakarma Puja with great zeal and devotion. The ceremony began with the traditional worship of Lord Vishwakarma, the divine architect, along with rituals for all machines and tools used in the institution - a unique tradition associated with this festival.

The puja, aarti, and havan were conducted by Acharya Mukesh Kumar Pandey amid the chanting of Vedic mantras. Present on the occasion were the university's Chancellor B.N. Sahu, Secretary Priyanka Kumari, Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi, Registrar Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kumar Mandal, Finance Officer Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Controller of Examinations Prof. Ashok Kumar, and



Management Committee Member Ajay Kumar. Chancellor B.N. Sahu conveyed his best wishes to all and emphasized that Vishwakarma Puja is not just for artisans and laborers, but for everyone who contributes to society through hard work and creativity. Secretary Privanka Kumari remarked that with the blessings of Lord Vishwakarma, the university's machines and equipment function smoothly, making the day especially significant for the institution.

On the following day, a havan, aarti, and community meal (Khichdi Bhandara) were organized. The event concluded with a grand procession and immersion of the idol of Lord Vishwakarma, accompanied by music and dance. The celebrations were successfully organized under the leadership of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology. Faculty members, department heads, students, and staff participated enthusiastically.

Swachhata Pakhwada Observance at DVC KTPS



DB Reporter Koderma: As part of Swachhata Pakhwada the theme "Swachhata Hi Seva", DVC KTPS organized a Swachhata Rally from Administrative Building to the Main Gate Four Lane, KTPS.The rally was anchored by Sukhmoy Nayak, DGM (HR) and witnessed enthusiastic participation from senior executives and officials including Dr. Paramveer Kumar,

Sri Neeraj Kumar, Sri Deepak Gupta, Ashish Kumar, Sanjay Khujur, Sri D.K. Dhirendra, Dr. Arun Pramanik, Sri Ashwini Kumar, Sri Bipin Das, Sri Santosh Kumar, Sri Daniel Burh, Sri Sandeep Kumar & Team..The rally highlighted the collective responsibility towards cleanliness, hygiene, and sustainable environmental practices, in alignment with the nationwide Swachhata Abhiyan.

National PR Conclave-2025 to be held in Ranchi, poster launched



DB Reporter

Ranchi: Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) is soon hosting a major event. National PR Conclave 2025 will be held on October 8th and 9th at Headquarters, Darbhanga House, Ranchi. The official poster for the conclave was launched on Friday. CCL Director (Human Resources) Harsh Nath Mishra, Chief Vigilance Officer Pankaj Kumar, Technical Secretary Ashok Kumar, CC & PR Department Head Alok Kumar, and Department Manager Mayank

Kashyap were present on the occasion.

This is the first time the National PR Conclave is being held in Jharkhand. This time, the theme of the conclave "Redefining Relations: The Journey from Information to Participation in the Digital Age."The event will feature prominent leaders, experts, and veterans from across the country who will share their views.

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the challenges, opportunities, and new strategies for public relations in the digital age.

Insult to armed forces': BJP reacts to Sam Pitroda's 'Pakistan' remark

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Friday launched a scathing Gandhi family over Sam Pitroda's "Pakistan feels like home" remark, calling it an "insult to the armed forces".

BJP leader Pradeep Bhandhari called the remarks "anti-national" and alleged that Pitroda made the remarks on the behest of Sonia and Rahul Gandhi.

Can a patriot ever say that terror state Pakistan is like a home to them? But, a close aide of Rahul Gandhi, who decides the Gandhi family's strategy, who has a 30-yearlong relationship with Gandhi family,... says that he feels at home in Pakistan. Congress

said at a press conference.

Bhandari called the attack on Congress and the remarks an "insult" to the armed forces and said that Rahul Gandhi and Congress call Pakistan home and "Insult the sovereignty of India".

"This is an insult to our soldiers and 140 crore Indians. If this statement is not anti-national, then what is

ISI Agent Shaid Afridi called Rahul Gandhi his idol a few days ago, and now Rahul's close aide says Pakistan is like a home to him. Some time ago, Rahul Gandhi said that he wants to fight the Indian

They call Pakistan their leadership is making Sam home and insult the sover-



eignty of India," he added.

Sam Pitroda, in an interview, said India should prioritise its neighbours, offering support and cooperation despite challenges like violence and terrorism.

"Our foreign policy, according to me, must first

focus on our neighbourhood. Can we really substantially improve relationships with our neighbours? They are all small. They all need help. They are all going through difficult times, and there's no need to fight," said Sam

Assam lost one of its favourite sons CM mourns singer Zubeen Garg's death

New Delhi, Agency: Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday reacted to the tragic passing of singer Zubeen Garg, saying Assam lost "one of its favourite sons". Most popularly known for the song 'Ya Ali', Zubeen Garg died in Singapore, reportedly while taking part in a scuba diving activity.

Reacting to the singer's

death, Himanta Biswa Sarma wrote on X: "Today Assam lost one of its favourite sons. I am in a loss of words to describe what Zubeen meant for Assam. He has gone too early, this was not an age to go". Zubeen Garg, 52, was a household name across the country, especially in Assam where



he rose to fame in the 90s. The Chief Minister also heaped praise on the singer's craft, calling his skills

"He has left a void that will never be filled. Our future generations will remember him as a stalwart of Assam's culture, and his works will inspire many more talented artists in the days and years to come," Sarma further wrote.

Yasin Malik was fed biryani at PM house': BJP after Kash miri separatist's explosive claim on Manmohan Singh

New Delhi, Agency: The BJP launched a sharp attack on the erstwhile Congress-led government after an explosive claim linked to former PM Manmohan Singh by Kashmiri separatist Yasin Malik. Union Minister Pralhad Joshi on Friday claimed that Malik shook hands with Manmohan Singh, earlier visited the Prime Minister's residence and "was fed biryani" there.

The BJP leader's comments came after Yasin Malik told the Delhi High Court that former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had thanked him for taking the time and effort to meet Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) founder Hafiz Saeed in Pakistan.

They (Former PM Manmohan Singh) had handshakes with Yasin Malik... They had come into contact even earlier... What was their approach?" Pralhad Joshi asked, further adding, "Earlier, he (Malik) used to go to the Prime



Minister's residence and he was fed biryani... That's why people despise

Pralhad Joshi also drew parallels between the approach of the Congressled government and the current NDA-led government towards tackling terrorism.

"Why has terrorist activity decreased in the country today Because our approach is very clear. We don't tolerate this nonsense, even if they are based in Pakistan or anywhere... So, as the Prime Minister, the Home Minister, and the in the affidavit.

Defence Minister have repeatedly said, 'Ghus ke Marenge'," Joshi told reporters. In an affidavit submitted to the Delhi

High Court, Yasin Malik made some big claims, including being thanked by Manmohan Singh for meeting Hafiz Saeed in Pakistan.

Malik stated that in 2006 he travelled to Pakistan at a specific request to meet Hafiz Saeed and other militants. He added that upon returning to India, he briefed Manmohan Singh about the visit.

He [Manmohan Singh] conveyed his gratitude to me for my efforts, time, patience and dedication. But as luck would have it, this meeting of mine with

Saeed and other militant leaders of Pakistan which was initiated and executed only on the request of special director IB VK Joshi, was portrayed in a different context against me," Yasin Malik wrote

Don't portray one village as entire Himachal': Kangana Ranaut's appe al to influencers, media

New Delhi, Agency: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Kangana Ranaut on Friday urged media outlets and social media influencers to exercise restraint while reporting on flood damages in



Himachal Pradesh The Mandi MP was interacting with media when she cautioned against portraying localised destruction as widespread, she said, "I request the Influencers and media to exercise restraint while reporting. If an incident happens in one village, it should not be portrayed as if the entire Himachal is affected. Improvements being made should also be highlighted," news agency PTI reported.

Kangana Ranaut also added that the tourism industry has been severely hit. "Tourism has been affected not just in Manali but across Himachal Pradesh. Everyone associated

with the hospitality industry is impacted.

After SEBI clears Adani of allegations, 'Puja' wishes to TMC MP Mahua Moitra from official

New Delhi, Agency: A sharp exchange unfolded between Trinamool Congress lawmaker Mahua Moitra and Adani Group CFO Jugeshinder Robbie Singh, following the clearance of Adani Group of Hindenburg Research-related charges by the Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in early 2023.

Following reports that the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had cleared the Adani Group of Hindenburg of regulatory misconduct charges, TMC MP Moitra tweeted on X (formerly Twitter) with a pointed comment.

cleared @SEBI_India @AdaniOnline of all charges? Really? Never expected it," she posted, laced with



sarcasm. But the Adani camp's response came quickly-although not in the manner one might have anticipated. Adani Group CFO Jugeshinder'

'Wish you joyous and happy Puja festivities, Honourable MP," he replied to Moitra's social media post.

The curt, almost tongue-in-cheek reply made news for its low-key demeanour, contrasting with the intensity of the political comment.

Moitra, a strong critic of the Adani Group and its perceived close relationship with the central government, raised flags in Parliament and on public forums earlier regarding the conglomerate's purported irregularities, especially after the Hindenburg Research report.

The SEBI clean chit follows months of scrutiny after the dramatic Hindenburg Research report in early 2023, which accused Adani Group of stock manipulation and accounting fraud, claims the join the exercises and rejected group forcefully rejected.

Russia backs India's military ties amid EU warning: 'WhenwillWest understand absurdity

New Delhi, Agency: Russia has accused Western countries of attempting to pressure India over its participation in the ongoing 'Zapad' joint military drills with Belarus, dismissing European concerns as "unfounded" and 'deliberately contrived.'

Russian foreign ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said Moscow valued New Delhi's decision to criticism from the European Union and NATO allies. Zakharova asked when will West "finally understand the futility and indeed, the absurdity of trying to dictate terms to sovereign states."

This comes as a 65-member contingent of Indian armed forces participated in the Zapad exercise in Belarus, prompting a strong reaction from European Union's foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas. She cautioned that New Delhi's purchases of Russian oil and military engagement with Moscow could hinder the bloc's push to deepen ties with New Delhi.

Russia defends India's par-

ticipation

Siding with India over rising concerns from the west, Zakharova said, "The solid of foundation Russian-Indian 'specially privileged strategic partnership' rests on mutual respect, equality, consideration of each other's interests, and very importantly our shared aspiration to promote a unifynon-confrontational ing,



agenda on the international RT India quoted stage," Russia's spokeswoman as say-

Zakharova stressed that India-Russia cooperation, particularly in defence, was never directed against third countries. "In terms of military and military-technical cooperation, which has deeprooted traditions, it has never been aimed against third countries," she said.

"Its highest purpose is to ensure national security, strengthen international stability, and safeguard peace," Zakharova added.

We welcome New Delhi's participation in Russian-Belarusian exercises. Any so-called concerns expressed from outside are unfounded and deliberately contrived. Essentially, this represents yet another attempt to exert pressure on our Indian friends, to discourage them from cooperating and engaging with Russia,' Zakharova said, RT India reported.

Family members of Telangana youth shot dead in US, demand fair probe

Family members of 32-yearold Mohammad Nizamuddin from Telangana, who was shot dead by Santa Clara police in California in the US on September 3, alleged on Friday demanded a fair inquiry by the US and Indian governments.

Nizamuddin, a resident of Ramaiah Bowli area in Mahbubnagar town, was shot dead by the Santa Clara police during an altercation with his roommate on September 3.

We received the information from the California police about my son's death only on Thursday. We were told his mortal remains are at some hospital in Santa Clara. I do not know the actual reasons why police shot him dead," Nizamuddin's father

New Delhi, Agency: Mohammad Husamuddin, a retired teacher, told media persons.

Husamuddin claimed that inquiries with his friends in the US that it was Nizamuddin who had called the police for help when he was being attacked by roommates. How come the Santa Clara Police claim his son as an attacker?" he asked. According to his family

members, Nizamuddin went to the US during December 2015 to pursue Masters in Computer Science from Institute Florida Technology. After completing his studies, he joined Virginia **Employment Commission** during 2017 and later worked for SOCH Company from September 2018 to April 2021.



"He was staying in Richmond, Virginia. Later, he got a job in Google Company (EPAM Systems) and was staying in company provided accommodation, Husamuddin said.

Syed Furqan Ahmed, a close friend of Nizamuddin said the latter was a calm and

quiet person, besides being a very religious person.

"Nearly two weeks before he was shot dead by the Santa Clara police, he had written a blog on LinkedIn about how he was being harassed in a racist manner," Ahmed said. He added that Nizamuddin wrote about not getting his salary on time.

The company where he was working had removed him from job recently and also engaged a detective -Eric Thomas – to watch all his movements," he said.

Ahmed also pointed out that there was no possibility of any clash between the roommates as the accommodation and maintenance was provided by the company where Nizamuddin was working till recently.

Editorial

If there is malnutrition then who is healthy?

There was a flood of well-wishes and congratulations. It was Prime Minister Modi's birthday. It was also heartening to note that he had celebrated 75 years of life. He is undoubtedly the most popular Prime Minister of his era. He has transformed the course and direction of Indian politics. Prime Minister Modi also holds a global role. Those who glorified the Prime Minister on this special occasion, recounting stories of his journey from a poor childhood to the nation's supreme leader, may have been compelled by this compulsion and commitment. Indeed, Prime Minister Modi broke the traditional mold of government and made many unprecedented decisions, setting new paradigms. Every Prime Minister has been entrusted with such decisions and actions, and therefore, in some ways, he has been considered a "visionary." How one interprets them is another matter. However, Prime Minister Modi had chosen the slogan for his birthday: "Healthy Women, Strong Families." Government advertisements to this effect were also published in the media. The Prime Minister called for proper health checkups for mothers, sisters, and daughters. Millions of such mega health camps are being run across the country until October 2nd. Testing, medication, and treatment will all be free. The Prime Minister has considered women more important than the government treasury. While the initiative and intention are undoubtedly noble and communitybased, some findings from the National Family Health Survey worry us and would sting Prime Minister Modi if these figures were presented to him. Malnutrition remains a social, economic, and class-based problem. According to the National Family Health Survey, 57% of women aged 15-49 in the country suffer from anemia (anemia or hemoglobin deficiency). Approximately 36% of children under 5 years of age are stunted, over 32% are underweight, and 19.3% are physically and mentally challenged. Approximately 74% of the population lacks access to a healthy, nutritious diet. Malnutrition rates are higher in areas with high poverty rates. The Indian government had set a goal of making the country malnutrition-free by 2022.

The confusion in Manipur and the arrival of the PM

The Khado community lives in the southern hills of Manipur. This community is considered large in terms of the hills. Initially, this community was called Kuki. Later, the term Kuki was expanded by including several other smaller communities within the Khado. Anthropologists constantly try to establish a common origin for the communities living in Myanmar's Chin region, the Mizos of Mizoram, also known as 'Zo', and the communities of Manipur whose own identities are now slowly emerging. Much of this type of literature is also published in European languages. The largest hill community in the southern hills is called Khado. The largest hill community in the northern hills is called Tankhul...

Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri

Manipur has been in turmoil for some time. There is a dispute between the Meitei community living in the valleys of Manipur and the people of approximately thirty to forty hill communities living in the southern hills of Manipur. The hill communities have blocked the entry of the plains Meitei community into the hills, and the plains Meitei community is preventing the hill communities from entering the valleys. This has led to significant bloodshed. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Manipur and addressed two public meetings there. The meeting for the plains was held in Imphal, and the meeting for the hills was held at the Churachandpur district headquarters. The Prime Minister also announced the launch of several development projects, which were met with enthusiasm among the local population. However, to understand Modi's visit, it is important to understand this dispute. The northern region of India is called the Himalayan region. This region has two types of geography: valleys and mountain ranges. Those living in the valleys are called plains dwellers, and those living on mountain ranges are called hill dwellers. This division isn't unique to India, but it exists worldwide. However, the basis of this division is geography. The psychology of plains and mountains also differs to some



extent. Therefore, the second division is psychological. The geographical division is visible, while the psychological division is not visible, but can be experienced in practice. This does not mean that the psychology of

both is opposed to each other. Being separate and being hostile are two different concepts. This entire northern region of the Himalayas is divided geographically into the Northeast and Northwest. Both the Northeast and Northwest have valleys and mountains. Therefore, both regions are largely inhabited by plains and hill people. In this sense, the division of population is also based on plains and hills. In ancient texts, Northeast India is also known as Kirat Pradesh. Due to their Mongol-like appearance, the mountain people were also called Kirat. Kirat includes all the hill people of the Northeast, similarly, Northwest India is also called Sapta Sindhu. However, not all the hill people living in Northeast India belong to the same community, just as not all the hill people living in Himachal Pradesh belong to the same community. They belong to various communities, such as Kinnar, Bhot, Lahule, Gaddi, Gujjar, etc. Similarly, the hill people in the Northeast are divided into hundreds of communities. For example, the Adi, Nishi, Nokte, Sherdukpen, Garo, Khasi, Jaintia, Tripuri, Jamatia, Devvarman, Chang, Khado, Tankhul, Paite, and Gangte, among others. The list goes on for hundreds. However, one thing must be kept in mind: when a person from the plains calls a person living in the mountains a Pahadi, they do so not merely out of a geographical context; they harbor either a sense of pity or contempt for the

hill dwellers. This is often the case among people living in the plains of Assam toward the hill people. This sentiment, in addition to geography, is the cause of many problems between the people living in the plains and the hills. The biggest problem caused by geography is a practi-

Given this background, we will limit our discussion to Manipur. Therefore, we must consider Manipur's geography. Suppose there were a conflict between two communities living in the mountains of Manipur, the Khado and the Khamleng, the Khamleng could certainly block the Khado's entry and exit routes into the mountains. If there were a conflict between the Meitei and the Khado, they could block all access routes for each other. The situation could be like a pigeon in a cage. The people living in the plains of Manipur are called Meitei. Additionally, some Muslims also live in the plains, having migrated from Bengal. They are called Pangals. Furthermore, there are approximately fifty-five communities living in the mountains of Manipur. These fifty-five communities are also divided geographically into two groups. There are approximately forty communities living in the southern hills, whom the British rulers collectively called Kukis, and approximately fourteen communities living in the northern hills, whom the British began to call Nagas.

e state is at the crossroads development and destruction

Sikandar Bansal

The definition of development needs to change. Instead of wide roads and high dams, we must focus on sustainable development policies. Controlling tourism, limiting the number of visitors, judicious use of local resources, emphasizing small and alternative energy sources, and protecting forests are all essential steps. Himachal must choose the right path between development and destruction. If the natural balance is disrupted solely for immediate economic gain, future generations will have neither lush forests, clean rivers, nor safe mountains. Therefore, the biggest question today is: do we want four-lane roads and power projects, or a safe, balanced Himachal...

Himachal Pradesh today stands at a juncture where a profound conflict between the rapid pace of development and nature's resilience is evident. The increasing number of disasters in recent years—landslides, floods, cloudbursts, and road collapses—poses a grave warning for this hilly state. The question arises: does Himachal

roads and power projects, or trolled mining. When hundreds should we redefine our needs of trees are felled and mounand priorities from an environmental perspective? Himachal Pradesh's total population, according to the 2011 census, is approximately 6.86 million, and it is estimated to reach 7.5 million by 2025. Although and billions of rupees in losses small in size, the state is highly in districts like Shimla, Mandi, attractive for tourism. Every year, millions of tourists visit road and power projects in its valleys, rivers, lakes, and Himachal is certainly driven by religious sites. In 2024-25, approximately 19.9 million tourists visited Himachal Pradesh, including approximately 62,000 foreign tourists. This number is nearly two and a half times the state's population.

In such a situation, it's natural to question: can the land of Himachal bear the weight of such massive human movement and construction? The reality is that Himachal's geological structure is extremely fragile. soil and rocks here are unsta- of fisheries, declining groundexacerbated by large-scale road earthquakes are all consewidening, tunnel construction, quences of these projects.

truly need large-scale four-lane power projects, and uncontains are machine-cut to create wide roads, massive landslides occur. The disasters of 2023 and 2024 provided a vivid example of this, with hundreds of people suffering disasters and Kinnaur. The demand for To promote tourism, the government considers four-lane projects a symbol of development. Similarly, large power projects are set up here to meet national energy needs. But are these projects beneficial to Himachal's local community and environment? Himachal already has over 170 hydropower projects, and dozens more are under construction. These generate electricity, but they have profound impacts on the

ects have increased tourism, the ly, it's natural for the earth to annual increase in vehicles and passengers has put enormous pressure on the state's fragile infrastructure.

Environmentalists' warnings Anil Joshi, a renowned environmentalist working

for development. tourism and energy production. spell disaster for future generations." This is why, when we choose between urban amenities and environmental imbal- If the natural balance is disance, we must consider what rupted solely for immediate secures our future. Tourism is economic gain, future generaundoubtedly the backbone of Himachal's economy, but forests, clean rivers, nor safe expanding it recklessly is selfdefeating. The projected arrival important question today is of nearly 20 million tourists in whether we want four-lane 2024-25 indicates that the roads and power projects, or a state's natural boundaries are safe, balanced, and disasternow under strain. Crowded free Himachal. In considering roads, mountains of garbage, this, we must adopt the same The Himalayan region is geo- local ecology and society. water and electricity shortages, vision that Mahatma Gandhi logically relatively new, so the Changes in river flow, depletion and environmental crises proclaimed: "The earth can sattogether reveal the true nature isfy everyone's need, but not ble. This instability is further water levels, and frequent of Himachal. The state's total everyone's greed." This is the population is around 7.5 mil- message the land of Himachal is lion, and when three times that giving today.

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Lalit Modi's brother arrested in rape case: Woman alleges exploitation and blackmailing since 2019; lawyer says FIR filed to extort money

Police arrested businessman Sameer Modi, brother of former Indian Premier League (IPL) chairman Lalit Modi, from Delhi airport on Thursday evening. A woman has accused him of repeated rape, blackmailing, and cheating since 2019.

The woman filed an FIR at the New Friends Colony police station in Delhi on September 10. A look-out circular (LOC) was subsequently issued against the businessman. He was taken into custody on Thursday after returning from a business trip to Europe. A Delhi court has remanded Sameer to one-day police custo

Meanwhile, Sameer's lawyer claimed that the allegations against the businessman are false. Advocate Simran Singh said in a statement, "The FIR is based on false and fabrifiled to extort money from Sameer Modi."

Woman alleges she was threatened with murder if she revealed the rape. According to the police, the woman alleges the businessman approached her in 2019 on the pretext of offering her a career opportunity in the fashion and lifestyle industry. December 2019, Sameer called her to his residence in New Friends Colony and raped her.

The woman said the businessman raped her repeatedly, assaulted her, and blackmailed her with false promises of marriage.

She knew Samir Modi was already married. She claimed she and her family were threatened with death if she disclosed the rape.

Sameer used his influence to lawyers claimed that the 8th and 13th, alleging extor-



silence her by intimidating her and giving her false assur-

Sameer Modi's lawyers claim the woman demanded Rs 50 crore.Meanwhile, a The woman alleged that statement issued by Samir's

woman had been in a relationship with Samir Modi since

According to the claim, Samir Modi filed complaints against the woman with different police officers on August

Sameer's lawyers claimed they had WhatsApp chats between the businessman and the woman, in which she demanded ?50 crore. They accused the Delhi Police of making a hasty arrest without verifying the facts.

Sameer was previously embroiled in a dispute over his father's property. According to Samir Modi's LinkedIn profile, he is the Managing Director of Modi Enterprises, the founder of Modi Care Foundation and Colorbar.

Cosmetics Pvt Ltd. Lalit Modi is the President of Modi Enterprises.

This isn't the first time Samir Modi has been embroiled in controversy. He has previously been embroiled in numerous controversies. He previously engaged in a dispute over his father, KK Modi's

?11,000 crore (approximately \$1.5 billion) estate. This legal battle between Samir Modi, his mother, Bina Modi, and his siblings has been ongoing for years.

The case is currently being heard in court. Furthermore, last year, Samir Modi filed a complaint with the Delhi Police, alleging that his mother's personal security officer assaulted him during a board meeting at Godfrey Phillips India.

Samir Modi alleged that the attack was part of a conspiracy to remove him from the company's board. However, his mother denied these allega-

Samir was removed from the company's board in August 2024. Samir is the youngest of three siblings, including fugitive businessman Lalit Modi and Charu Modi.

Aamar Pujo, Aamar Starbucks: Starbucks Introduces Pujo-inspired festive menu

Customers to get 50% off on second food item during celebrations

Ranchi, Agency: Star bucks India has rolled out its first-ever Pujo-inspired menu under the campaign "Aamar Pujo, Aamar Starbucks", blending blending Bengal's festive flavours with the brand's coffee expertise. The limited-edition menu will be available 20th September across select outlets in Kolkata, Guwahati, Siliguri, Gangtok, Bhubaneswar, Jamshedpur, Patna and Ranchi, as well as on deliv- food, Starbucks has intro- crafted with regional influ-

The festive spread reimagines familiar dishes with a modern twist. The menu includes Chingri Turnover, Bhetki Bhaja Sandwich, Aloo Poshto Burger, Kasundi Chicken Burger and Dhakai Chicken Wrap. Sweet indulgences such as Mihidhana Brulee and Kalakand Pie bring traditional Bengali mithai into the coffeehouse experience.



duced Chocolate Foam Cold Brew and Jaggery To complement the Cloud Latte, beverages

Adding to the cheer, customers can avail 50% off on the second food item, making it easier to share festive treats with friends and fam-

Maheshwari, Mitali Head of Product and Marketing, Tata Starbucks, said the initiative aims to make Starbucks stores a welcoming "third place" where people gather, connect and celebrate Pujo moments.

OPPO India brings Grand Festive Sale across its portfolio; 10 Lakh Mega Prize for 10 lucky customers

Ranchi, Agency: Ushering cashbacks, attractive exchange in the festive cheer, OPPO India has announced the return of its biggest festive sale for customers in India: 'Pay o, Worry o, Win ?10

From 19th September to 31st October, customers can explore and avail exciting offers on OPPO devices, including the latest launches - the F31 Series and the Reno14 Series, across retail stores, the OPPO e-store, Flipkart, and Amazon.

shoppers a host of exclusive bene- Festive Bonanza is a heartfelt gesfits, including zero down pay- ture to thank them for their conment, interest-free EMIs, instant tinued trust in the brand.

schemes and a chance to win latest OPPO devices along with cash prizes of 10 Lakh or ?1 Lakh. Commenting on the occasion,

Patnaik, Head - PR and Communications, OPPO India, said, "With the onset of the festive season, we at OPPO are geared up to make it truly special and celebratory for our valued customers in India.

Our users are at the heart of The OPPO festive sale offers everything we do, and the Grand

SEBI is still reviewing more than a dozen allegations against Adani Group

New Delhi, Agency: The Securities and Exchange Board of India is still looking into more than a dozen allegations against Adani Group, Reuters reported on Friday, citing sources. That, after SEBI cleared Gautam Adani-led conglomerate of some allegations in the Adani-Hindenburg case.

Some of the investigations into allegations against the Adani Group had been closed and no further action would be taken, sources said, but "there are at least over a dozen cases still pending for final orders". Those cases included allegations that Adani Enterprises Ltd., Adani Ports Ltd., Adani Energy Ltd. and Adani Power Ltd. had wrongfully categorised certain shareholders as public, the sources said. These Adani Group companies had in their latest financial statements said that SEBI was looking into the wrongful categorisation allegations.

In April, Reuters had reported that around 30 Adani Group enti-



these regulatory charges. Adani-

Hindenburg Case

On Thursday, SEBI dismissed two allegations-one of stock manipulation and the other on non-disclosure of related-party transactions—made two years by now-defunct US-based short seller Hindenburg Research.

The Adani Group has regularly dismissed all the allegations as baseless.

It hailed the SEBI orders on Thursday but did not immediately respond on Reuters' queries on Friday. SEBI's communications department did not immediately ties have applied to settle some of respond to requests for comment.

Relief for Vodafone Idea as Supreme Court agrees to hear plea on AGR demand

New Delhi, Agency: Supreme Court has agreed to hear a fresh plea of Vodafone Idea Ltd. to quash the government's AGR demands for the period until 2016-17.

Vodafone Idea's share price surged as much as 12.35% on the news, even as the benchmark S&P BSE Sensex traded 0.6% lower.

On Friday, a Supreme Court bench of Chief Justice B.R. Gavai and Justices K. Vinod Chandran and N.V. Anjaria fixed the plea for consideration on next Friday, 26 September, after taking note of submissions of senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi appearing for Vodafone Idea and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta who represented



Government of India. "We will keep it on

Friday," Gavai said. September, Vodafone Idea filed a fresh plea seeking a direction to Department

Telecommunications "comprehensively re-assess Idea and Bharti Airtel Ltd. the and reconcile all AGR dues for the rectification of

for the period up to FY 2016-17 following the 'Deduction Verification Guidelines', dated 3 February 2020.

Earlier this year, the Supreme Court had refused to review its 2021 order that to rejected pleas of Vodafone

alleged errors in calculation of adjusted gross revenue dues payable by them. The telecom companies had argued that arithmetical errors in the calculation should be rectified as there were cases of duplication of

In September 2020, the Supreme Court fixed a time frame of 10 years for telecom

struggling to pay?93,520 crore of AGR dues to clear their outstanding amount to the government. Telecom operators should make the payment of 10% of the total dues, as demanded by the DoT, by 31 March 2021 and the rest in annual instalments from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2031.

Sales of the iPhone 17 series began, with a huge crowd of customers gathering at the Apple Store

New Delhi, Agency: There's no shortage of Apple iPhone enthusiasts in India. Sales of the iPhone

17 series began nationwide on Friday. Apple's latest smartphones, the iPhone 17, iPhone 17 Pro, iPhone 17 Pro Max, and the new iPhone Air, are in high demand. People are desperate to buy the iPhone 17. Long queues have been seen outside Apple stores in New

for 149,900. All models have a base 256GB storage. Key features include a 48MP chip, camera, A19



ProMotion display. Pre-orders open on Amazon, Flipkart, their money. The iPhone 17 began on September 12th, but crowds began gathering as soon as Apple stores opened at 8 a.m. today. In addition to Apple stores, sales are also open on Amazon, Flipkart, Reliance Digital, and Croma.

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Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Pune since midnight. People are lining up to enter Apple BKC (Mumbai) and Apple Saket (Delhi). The Apple Hebbal store, which opened in Bengaluru's Mall of Asia, has seen a significant crowd eager to purchase the latest Apple devices. Customers are also purchasing the Apple Watch and AirPods, along with the Apple 17.

Those interested in the Apple iPhone 17 series are waiting for their turn with

starts at 82,900, while the iPhone Air is available for 119,900.

The Pro model is available for 134,900, and the Pro Max for 149,900. All models have a base 256GB storage. Key features include a 48MP camera, A19 chip, and ProMotion display. Pre-orders began on September 12th, but crowds began gathering as soon as Apple stores opened at 8 a.m. today. In addition to Apple stores, sales are also open on Amazon, Flipkart, Reliance Digital, and Croma.

Why junk food is fuelling PCOS in pre-teen girls, doctor reveals

ovary syndrome (PCOS) is the most frequent endocrine disease in pre-menopausal women, with an estimated 15–20% prevalence is seen all over the globe. It is accompanied by irregular menses, hirsutism, acne, infertility, and elevated risk of type 2 dia-

We spoke with Dr Archana Dhawan Bajaj, Gynaecologist and IVF Specialist at Nurture, who broke down how the rapid growth of fast food culture in India is fueling PCOS in young girls. She said that the explosion of fast-food outlets and unhealthy eating habits among teenagers is

New Delhi: Polycystic leading to the growth of hormonal imbalance and menstrual disturbances.

The bigger impact of junk

Globally, obesity among women has climbed to 26%, and among adolescent girls, to 18%. A higher BMI is strongly linked with metabolic and gynaecological issues, including PCOS. According to Dr Bajaj, "Junk food slows down metabolism, increases unhealthy weight gain, and triggers hormonal imbalances, creating the perfect conditions

Junk food and menstrual health

for PCOS to develop."

Studies examining junk



girls have found strong links strual problems. Excessive foods lowers the body's calo-

rie-burning capacity, disrupts insulin sensitivity, and fuels obesity. This combination creates hormonal disturbances that directly affect menstruation and reproductive health.

Early habits with longterm consequences

Inappropriate food behaviours formed during adolescence often persist into adulthood. Dr Bajaj explained, "Obesity, endometrial defects, and hormonal imbalances make it harder for women with PCOS to conceive, and they also face higher risks of early miscarriage. The foundation for these complications often begins with poor diet choices in teenage years."



Can air purifiers really protect you from lung cancer? Doctor explains the facts

New Delhi:Lung cancer is the leading 99% of airborne pollutants such as PM2.5, cause of cancer deaths across the world, and several factors contribute to this. One of them is air pollution. Air pollution is one of the leading environmental risk factors for lung cancer, especially due to prolonged exposure to fine particulate matter (PM2.5), nitrogen dioxide, and other toxic pollutants.The World Health Organisation (WHO) classifies these particles as carcinogenic, and several studies also show that even non-smokers in highly polluted cities face a significantly higher risk of developing lung cancer. Since most people spend the majority of their time indoors, the quality of indoor air plays a crucial role in long-term lung health. Read on as Dr Ramana Gogi, Principal Consultant, Medical Oncology at CK Birla Hospital, Gurugram, explains whether air purifiers really protect you from lung cancer.

How Do Air Purifiers Work Against

Indoor Air Pollution?

Air purifiers, particularly those equipped with HEPA (High-Efficiency Particulate Air) filters, are designed to capture up to

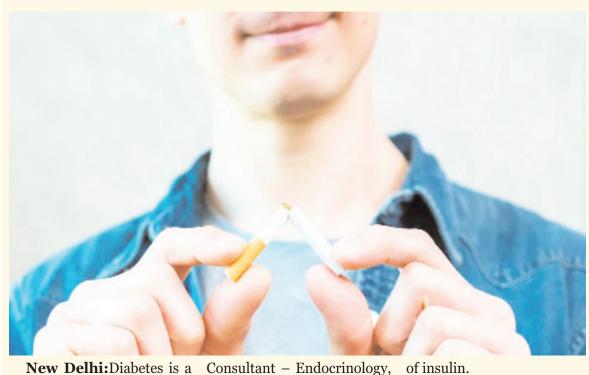
dust, pollen, and smoke. Many advanced models also use activated carbon filters to absorb volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which are linked to respiratory irritation and may contribute to cancer risk. Research indicates that consistent use of air purifiers can lower indoor PM2.5 levels by 50-80%, directly reducing exposure to carcinogenic pollutants and easing the burden on the lungs.

Can Air Purifiers Really Reduce Lung Cancer Risk?

Dr Gogi said, "While this reduction is promising, it's important to note that air purifiers do not completely eliminate the risk of lung cancer. Outdoor exposure, occupational hazards, second-hand smoke, and genetic predispositions are also significant factors.

Also, the effectiveness of an air purifier depends on the size of the room, the quality of the filter, and whether the device is used continuously. Poor-quality purifiers or those that generate ozone can even cause respiratory irritation instead of protecting against it.

Can quitting smoking reverse diabetes risk? Doctor reveals the truth



New Delhi:Diabetes is a Consultant – Endocrinology, long-term metabolic disorder that interferes with how the body metabolises glucose. In the disease, either the pancreas does not make enough insulin or the body is unable to use it adequately. In time, excess blood sugar harms organs and risks serious complications like heart disease, kidney failure, and blindness.

Type 2 diabetes is the most prevalent type, and it accounts for over 95% of cases globally. It affects millions of lives, becoming one of the most significant global health issues. While type 1 diabetes is hereditary and occurs in early life, type 2 diabetes is influenced more by lifestyle. We spoke to Dr blood sugar, sometimes your body can begin to Sandeep Kharb,

These are similar to the symp-

toms of seasonal flu, which

makes diagnosis tricky with-

require medical attention

Severe signs that may

out testing.

Asian Hospital, to know what is possible. How smoking raises the

risk of diabetes

As per Dr Sandeep Kharb, "Smokers are 30% to 40% more likely to develop type 2 diabetes than non-smokers." He elaborates that cigarette kidney damage, blindness, chemicals harm cells, cause and poor circulation that inflammation, and lower the body's ability to control blood sugar properly.

Nicotine and insulin resistance

Sr necessitating increased doses heal," he says.

Increased risk of complications

The act of smoking itself worsens diabetes complications. "People with diabetes who smoke are more likely to face cardiovascular problems, high blood pressure,

can even lead to amputations," Dr Kharb warns. Can quitting smoking

reverse diabetes? Dr Kharb clarifies that

Nicotine directly lowers quitting smoking cannot the body's insulin usage, fre-reverse diabetes once it quently increasing the glu- develops, but it does make cose level. It makes it more the condition easier to difficult for diabetes patients manage. "The sooner you who smoke to manage their stop smoking, the faster

H3N2 test in Delhi: Which diagnostic test is used to confirm it and where to get it done

New Delhi: The cases of viruses, it mutates over time, H₃N₂ flu have been reported in Delhi and other NCR cities. A recent survey said that nearly 69% of households in Delhi-NCR have reported at least one member down with flulike illness this month. While flu is common during seasonal changes and monsoon, the surge in cases this year has given rise to several questions.

From symptoms to testing and more, here are some answers to common questions related to the H3N2 flu.

What is H₃N₂ influenza and how is it spreading in

H₃N₂ virus explained: subtype of influenza A

H₃N₂ is a subtype of the influenza A virus, which is usually linked to seasonal flu outbreaks. Like other flu

which makes people vulnerable even if they have had the flu in the past.

Why Delhi is reporting more cases this season

Delhi has seen a rise in H₃N₂ cases this season due to fluctuating weather, high air pollution, and lower immunity. Crowded public spaces and increased travel and social gatherings also contribute to the spread.

How the flu spreads from one person to another

The virus spreads primarily through droplets released when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. It can also spread via contaminated surfaces if people touch their mouth, nose, or eyes afterward.



H₃N₂ flu infection?

Common flu-like symptoms to watch out for

Most people infected with the virus report fever, cough, throat, body aches, or worsening cough might be signs of complications such as pneumonia and can require and COVID-19 tests urgent medical care. How long do H3N2 symptoms usually last Symptoms of H₃N₂ flu

sistent chest pain, dizziness,

usually last 5–7 days, though cough and fatigue may linger for up to two weeks.

H₃N₂ test name: Which diagnostic test is used to confirm it?

H₃N₂ RT-PCR test: the gold standard

The RT-PCR test is considered the most accurate method to detect H₃N₂, identifying viral RNA in throat or

nasal swabs. Rapid influenza diagnostic

tests (RIDTs) These tests provide results

Difficulty breathing, per- within 15-30 minutes, but stent chest pain, dizziness, they are less sensitive than

RT-PCR. Difference between H3N2

While both use RT-PCR, COVID-19 tests detect SARS-CoV-2, whereas H3N2-specific RT-PCR targets influenza A subtypes.

Where can you get tested for H₃N₂ in Delhi?

Government hospitals offering H₃N₂ tests

Several Delhi government hospitals, including AIIMS and Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital (LNJP), provide influenza testing at subsidised rates.

Private labs and testing centres in Delhi

Accredited private diagnostic centres also offer H3N2 RT-PCR and RIDTs.

Salman Khan returns to Mumbai after shooting in Ladakh, spotted in a clean-shaven look



Bollywood actor Salman Khan recently traveled to Ladakh for the shoot of his upcoming film Battle of Galwan. When he returned to Mumbai on Thursday, his look appeared completely different. Pictures of this new look quickly went viral on social

On Thursday, Salman Khan was spotted exiting Terminal 2 of Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport. During this time, he was seen in a clean-shaven look, which surprised fans on social media. He wore denim with a black T-shirt, complet-ing his look with a black jacket and a cap.

Earlier, when Salman was in Mumbai, he was spotted 🛭 with a moustache for his film's | look. Seeing him clean-shaven 🛭 now left fans shocked, since he is expected to sport a mous-tache again in Battle of Galwan, after the Dabangg franchise. When Salman first shared his look from the film, it had gone viral instantly.

At that time, Salman posted a BTS picture from the film set on Instagram, where he was seen peeking from behind a clapperboard while giving the first take for a scene. In the film, Salman plays the role of an army officer, for which he underwent intense training.

Battle of Galwan is based on the 2020 clash between India and China at the border, where 20 Indian soldiers were martyred, and China also faced



Kajol looked stunning in a black dress, said – choosing clothes should be easy

spotlight for her new show Too Much with Kajol and Twinkle. On Tuesday, the actress shared a few pictures on social media in which she looked extremely stylish.In the photos posted on Instagram, Kajol is seen wearing a black dress. She kept her look minimal with light makeup and a ponytail. Her confidence shines through clearly in the pictures.

Along with the photos, Kajol captioned, "Sometimes emotions

Actress Kajol is currently in the can be complicated, but choosing clothes should be simple. This beautiful black dress boosts my confidence more than any compliment ever could."In the first picture, the actress is seen posing with a slight smile while looking into the camera. In the second one, she poses stylishly while gazing to the side. In the rest, Kajol strikes different poses for the shoot. Kajol and Twinkle will soon be seen hosting the new show Too Much with Kajol and Twinkle. Its trailer has already

been released. The show will feature several Bollywood celebrities, including Salman Khan, Aamir Khan, Akshay Kumar, Alia Bhatt, Varun Dhawan, Karan Johar, Kriti Sanon, Vicky Kaushal, Govinda, and Janhvi Kapoor. The show is set to premiere on September 25 on Prime Video. Talking about Kajol's upcoming projects, she will reprise her role as Noyonika Sengupta in the second season of the courtroom drama The Trial: Pyaar, Kanoon, Dhoka.

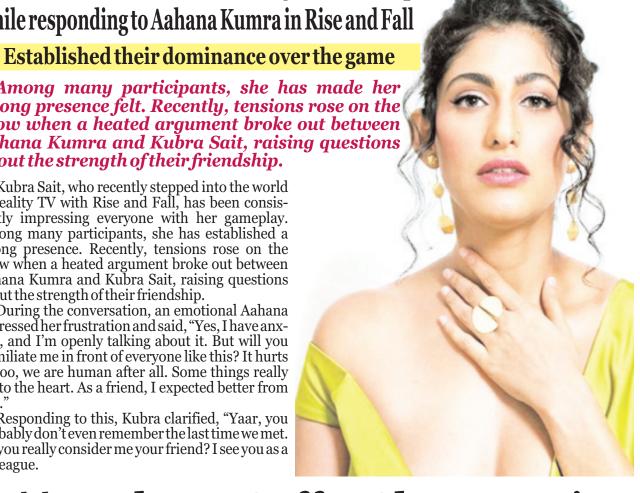
Kubra Sait redefined the meaning of friendship while responding to Aahana Kumra in Rise and Fall

Among many participants, she has made her strong presence felt. Recently, tensions rose on the show when a heated argument broke out between Aahana Kumra and Kubra Sait, raising questions about the strength of their friendship.

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During the conversation, an emotional Aahana expressed her frustration and said, "Yes, I have anxiety, and I'm openly talking about it. But will you humiliate me in front of everyone like this? It hurts us too, we are human after all. Some things really get to the heart. As a friend, I expected better from

Responding to this, Kubra clarified, "Yaar, you probably don't even remember the last time we met. Do you really consider me your friend? I see you as a colleague.



Bash: Friends, Fun, and Lots of Laughter

After winning everyone's hearts as Dr. Gargi in Gram Chikataysalaya Season 1, Akansha Ranjan Kapoor is celebrating her birthday weekend with full joy and excitement. This time, she planned an intimate yet fun getaway with her close friends. The party vibe is all about chilling, laughter, and lots of fun.

Akansha says, "This birthday had to be more joyful than grand. The best thing is to spend the day with the people who make you laugh the most. For this weekend getsunshine, music, and endless laughter."On the work front too, Akansha Ranjan Kapoor

Akanksha's Birthday When a Coffee Shop Meeting Turned Sanaya Irani into an Actress



In the TV world, there are some artists whose simplicity and innocence win the hearts of audiences. Sanaya Irani is one such actress, known for her roles as Gunjan (Miley Jab Hum Tum) and Khushi (Iss Pyaar Ko Kya Naam Doon?).

Her success wasn't the result of a big plan but rather an unexpected encounter and a twist of fate. It's the story of how a meeting in a coffee shop transformed a model into a popular actress. Sanaya once shared this in an interview.

Born on 17 September 1983, Sanaya began her career as a model. At that time, she was struggling to make a name for herself in the modeling industry. One day, while she was sitting in a Mumbai café with her friends, a well-known director noticed her. He approached her and said he wanted to cast her in one of his films.

At first, Sanaya was shocked, as she had never even thought about acting. Still, she agreed to audition. During the audition, she was given an emotional scene that required her to cry. Sanaya tried her best but couldn't cry. Disheartened, she went back home, thinking the opportuni-

away, I'm looking forward to ty had slipped away. But the director liked her innocence and honest personality. He reached out to her again and gave her another chance. This time, instead of a crying scene, she was asked to perform a simple scene, which she did beautifully.

What many don't know is that Sanaya did not get that film, but the experience opened a

new path for her. The director encouraged her to pursue acting further.

From Alia Bhatt to Nikita Dutta Bollywood Divas and Their Pearl Elegance

Pearls have always symbolized grace, opulence, and simplicity. Bollywood's leading ladies have once again proved that this timeless jewel can never go out of fashion. From classic chokers to layered strands, each actress has embraced the pearl necklace trend in her own unique style.

Alia Bhatt: Alia exuded regal charm in a black velvet saree paired with layered pearl strands around her neck. The pearls added a royal auratoherlook, whileherbold red lips provided a striking contrast. She proved that pearls remain the most classic element of any woman's jewelrybox.

Janhvi Kapoor: Dressed in an ivory embroidered saree, Janhvi drew all eyes with cas-



cading layered pearl necklaces draped over her blouse. The pearls added delicacy to her ensemble while maintaining her bold and glamorous vibe. With open hair and modern

sophisticated. Nushrratt Bharuccha: Nushrratt displayed regal elegance in a beige, intricately

pearls can be both sensual and

detailed outfit. She paired it with a bold pearl choker accented with gemstones at the center. The pearls softened her structured look while adding a royal touch, turning

minimalism into grand style.
Nikita Dutta: Nikita elevated simplicity with a sleek black dress paired with a triple-stranded pearl choker and oversized pearl studs. The clean design beautifully highlighted her neckline, giving her a modern, chic vibe. Her look proved that pearls can infuse femininity and charm even into the most minimal outfits.

Mrunal Thakur: Mrunal revived old-world beauty in a voluminous floral gown styled with a chunky pearl necklace and matching studs.

Actor and humanitarian Sonu Sood becomes a strong voice for the nation's farmers and honest traders

Actor and social worker Sonu Sood has once again proven why he is admired across the country. Beyond the glamour of cinema, Sonu Sood continues to stand firmly with the backbone of India — our farmers and small business owners - who earn their livelihood with honesty and hard

Recently, he highlighted the story of Suresh Giri, a simple farmer who runs his shop on a tractor and sells chilies with complete honesty. By supporting hardworking people like him, Sonu Sood also raised an important issue opposing gutkha (chewing tobacco). According to him, health, dignity, and honesty should always come first in business. By saying "no" to gutkha and "yes" to honest earnings, he set an example for his millions of followers, writing in his caption: "Say no to gutkha."

