



Navratri 2025 day 3: Maa ChandraGhanta Mantra
Om Devi ChandraGhantayai Namah I

Maa ChandraGhanta, Whose 'Name' Means "The One Who Has A Half-Moon Shaped Like A Bell" Is The Third Divine Form Of Maa Durga.Maa ChandraGhanta Symbolizes fearlessness and courage. She Is Depicted With Her Third Eye Always Open, Symbolizing Her Perpetual Readiness For battle against evil.

BRIEF NEWS

Heavy rains kill 10 in Kolkata

Kolkata. Heavy rains in Kolkata, West Bengal, have killed at least 10 people, disrupting normal life and disrupting rail, road, and air services. The West Bengal government has declared early Durga Puja holidays for government schools and advised people to stay indoors. Sources said the deaths were caused by electrocution after coming into contact with fallen electric poles or broken wires. Sources said the city experienced heavy rain for five hours continuously since Monday midnight, possibly the result of a cloudburst, and continued intermittently until this afternoon. This flooded the city and affected almost all roads, as well as transportation to neighboring districts.

CM approves promotion of 118 officers of Secretariat Service, orders soon

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Chief Minister Hemant Soren has approved the promotion of Assistant Branch Officers to the position of Branch Officer. This decision will promote 118 officers. This includes approximately 88 from the 2016 batch, five from the 2013 batch, and 25 officers promoted from UDC to ASO. These officers will not be transferred after their promotions. They will remain in their current positions. The Personnel Department had previously recommended the

President confers Dada Saheb Phalke Award on Mohanlal, Shah Rukh Khan, Vikrant Massey, Rani Mukerji get Best Actor Awards

Agency

New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu today conferred the Dada Saheb Phalke Award 2023, on the iconic Malayalam actor Mohanlal, fondly known as Lalettan in recognition of his extraordinary contribution to the Indian cinema.

Actors Shah Rukh Khan and Vikrant Massey shared the Best Actor Award for their outstanding performances in the films 'Jawan' and '12th Fail', respectively. Rani Mukerji was awarded the Best Actress Award for her performance in the movie Mrs. Chatterjee V/s Norway.



The Awards were presented at the 71st National Film Awards at a ceremony held at the Vigyan Bhawan here. The award for the Best Feature Film was presented to 12th Fail (Hindi) directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra. Sudipto Sen was conferred with the Best Direction for

The Kerala Story. Prasantanu Mohapatra was given the Best Cinematography award for The Kerela Story. Karan Johar's Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahaani won the Best Feature Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment and Sam Bahadur was awarded the Best Film Promoting

National, Social Values. Vijayaraghavan and Muthupettai Somu Bhaskar were given the National Film Award for Best Actor in a Supporting Role for their performances in Pookkaalam (Malayalam) and Parking (Tamil), respectively, while Urvashi and Janki Bodiwala

were honoured with the Best Actress award in a Supporting Role for their performances in Ullozhukku (Malayalam) and Vash (Gujarati), respectively. The award for the Best Documentary was presented to God Vulture and Human (English, Hindi and Telugu) directed by Rishiraj Agarwal; films Mo Bou, Mo Gaan (Odia) and Lentina Ao - A Light on the Eastern Horizon (English) presented the Best Biographical / Historical Reconstruction / Compilation Film award; Mau: The Spirit Dreams of Cheraw (Mizo) received the National Film Award in the Best Non-Feature Film category.

The President presented the Best Non-Feature Film to Flowering Man (Hindi) directed by Soumyajit Ghosh Dastidar; Bhargav Jagtap, Shrinivas Pokale and Treesha Thosar were conferred with the Best Child Artist award for the Marathi film Naal 2. Vaibhavi Merchant was awarded the Best Choreography for the song 'Dhindhora Baje Re' from the movie Rocky aur Rani Kii Prem Kahani and Shilpa Rao received the Best Female Playback Singer Award for her melodious performance in the song 'Chaliya' from the film Jawan.

At UNGA, Trump criticises United Nations, calls India and China 'primary funders' of Russia's war in Ukraine

Agency

New York: President Donald Trump on Tuesday criticised the United Nations, saying it's "empty words and empty words don't solve wars". Addressing the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Session in New York, his first since 2020, Trump said that he ended seven wars, including India and Pakistan in a period of just seven months, something that, according to the US President, should have been the work of the United Nations. "I ended seven wars... No president or prime minister, and for that matter, no other country has ever done anything close to that. I did it in just seven months. It's never happened before. I'm very honoured to have done it. It's too bad that I had to do these things instead of the United Nations



doing them," he said. The US President said that the UN did not even try to help in any of the wars he mentioned. "I ended seven wars, dealt with the leaders of each and every one of these countries, and never even received a phone call from the United Nations offering to help in finalising the deal," he said. On a lighter note, the US President said that all he got from the UN was an escalator that stopped right in the middle and a teleprompter that didn't work. "All I got from the United

Nations was an escalator that, on the way up, stopped right in the middle," If the First Lady wasn't in great shape, she would have fallen, but she's in great shape. We're both in good shape. And then a teleprompter that didn't work. These are the 2 things I got from the United Nations..., " he said. Trump further questioned the purpose of the United Nations if the global organisation is not living up to its potential. "They weren't there. I thought of it really after the fact, not during these

negotiations, which were not easy. That being the case, what is the purpose of the United Nations? The UN has such tremendous potential. It has such tremendous potential but it's not even coming close to living up to that potential, for the most part..., " he added. From the global stage, Trump also launched a scathing attack on India and China, accusing the two nations of funding Russia's war in Ukraine. However, he also criticised NATO countries for their energy trade with Russia. "China and India are the primary funders of the ongoing war by continuing to purchase Russian oil. But inexcusably, even NATO countries have not cut off much Russian energy and Russian energy products, which, as you know, I found out about two weeks ago, and I wasn't happy.

ED raids 9 locations across Ranchi, Delhi, in land scam



DB Reporter

Ranchi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday carried out raids at six locations in Ranchi and three in Delhi linked to Kamlesh Kumar Singh in a major land scam case. During the raids, the agency seized ₹25 lakh in cash, along with bank accounts, documents related to land transactions, and digital devices. The raids targeted properties connected to BK Singh of Kanke Resort, Durga Developers, and their associates, who have been identified as key figures in manipulating land records in collusion with government officials. Earlier investigations had marked BK Singh as the ringleader of the land racket in Kanke, while Kamlesh Kumar Singh and others were identified as his associates. In a previous raid at Kamlesh Kumar Singh's residence, cash worth ₹1 crore and rifle ammunition were also recovered. According to sources, ED officials carried out searches at Kanke Resort, Sukhdev Nagar

on Ratu Road, and several sites in Kadru, meticulously examining land documents and digital records. Durga Developers, established in December 1997 with a share capital of ₹50 lakh and headed by Managing Director Anil Kumar Jha along with family members as directors, was also included in the raids. The raids form part of the ED's ongoing money laundering probe into land dealings in the Kanke block. On July 10, 2024, the ED had already verified disputed land in Chama Mouza of Kanke, which included CNT and government land. During that exercise, the agency had examined land records at Kanke Resort and the Kanke Circle Office and recorded statements from local residents regarding the disputed property. This latest round of raids marks a continuation of the ED's crackdown on alleged manipulation of land records and financial irregularities by individuals linked to Kamlesh Kumar Singh and his associates.

Hemant Soren govt issues 1,556 job letters in 9 months: Pratul

DB Reporter

Ranchi, The Hemant Soren-led government has issued 1,556 appointment letters in the past nine months, according to figures highlighted by BJP state spokesperson Pratul Shahdeo. This represents just 0.15% of the alliance's pre-election target of providing one million government jobs within five years. During the 2024 assembly elections, the JMM-Congress-RJD alliance had pledged to create 10 lakh jobs for youth in Jharkhand. Their manifesto also stated that a detailed roadmap for recruitment would be released within the first six months of forming the government. So far, no such roadmap has been made public. Of the 1,556 appointments made,



the majority are in the Education Department, including positions such as assistant teachers, lab assistants, and municipal services. BJP spokesperson Pratul Shahdeo

described the progress as slow compared to the target. Pratul also pointed out that during his earlier tenure, Chief Minister Hemant Soren had promised 2.5 lakh jobs, but no clear report has been shared with the public on that commitment. He added that while the Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) declared 342 candidates successful in exams held over several years, they have yet to receive appointment letters, with no official explanation given. Millions of young people in the state continue to await government employment opportunities. The BJP has said it will keep raising the issue and pressing the government for accountability. The Hemant Soren government has not yet responded to the criticism.

Jharkhand women resonate at Saras Aajeevika Mela - turnover of over Rs 25 lakh

Traditional art and cuisine won hearts

DB Reporter

New Delhi/ Ranchi: Rural women from Jharkhand left a strong impression at the Saras Livelihood Fair in New Delhi, turning their skills, art and enterprise into national recognition. Over 18 days at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium, seven stalls under Jharkhand's Palash and Adiva brands generated sales worth more than ₹25 lakh, while Jharkhandi cuisine secured third prize at the national level. Rural Development Minister Deepika Pandey Singh attended the fair on Monday to encourage the women and celebrate their achievements, calling them "an



inspiration for self-reliance and innovation." Jharkhand's homegrown brand Palash drew crowds with both food and non-food products. From ragi laddus, pure honey and black wheat flour to hand-made soaps and lemongrass oil, Palash showcased the diversity of rural women's entrepreneurship. The stalls collectively

clocked sales of over ₹25 lakh, with visitors praising both the quality and authenticity of the products. "The Saras Mela is not just about sales, it's about recognition," Singh said during her visit. "Palash reflects the hard work and determination of women who are shaping Jharkhand's identity at the national level."

For many women, the fair opened new doors. Soni Devi from Godda district, who weaves tassar silk sarees and dupattas through her Sakhi Mandal, earned more than ₹3 lakh in sales. She described the event as both a business opportunity and a learning exchange with women from across India. Adiva, the state brand launched in 2021 to revive traditional tribal jewellery, became one of the most visited stalls at the fair. From earrings priced at ₹200 to silver ornaments worth up to ₹6,000, the handcrafted pieces drew admiration from Delhi's youth and families alike.

Ayushman Bharat scheme completes 7 years, PM Modi

DB Reporter

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday congratulated the Ayushman Bharat scheme on its completion of seven years in a post on the social media platform X. PM Modi wrote, 'Today we celebrate the completion of seven years of Ayushman Bharat' Referring to the scheme in his post, Prime Minister Modi said, "Today we celebrate seven years of Ayushman Bharat. This was an initiative that focused on ensuring high quality and affordable healthcare for people while anticipating future needs." "Thanks to this, India is witnessing a revolution in public healthcare. It has ensured financial security and dignity.



India has demonstrated how scale, compassion, and technology can further human empowerment," he said. Apart from this, the Central Government also mentioned this scheme on its 'My Gov India' account on social media platform X.



Essay and Painting Competition Organized Under CCL Vigilance Awareness Campaign

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: As part of the Vigilance Awareness Campaign 2025, being observed from August 18 to November 16, and the "Swachhotsav" initiative from September 17 to October 2, Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) organized an essay and painting competition at Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Rajrappa Project, on September 23.

The competition, conducted under the aegis of CCL Rajrappa, was held for the students of the school, with two key themes: "Illegal Mining" and "Cleanliness." Students participated with great



enthusiasm, creatively expressing their thoughts and concerns on the environmental and social consequences of illegal mining, as well as the significance of cleanliness in society. Through their essays and artwork, the stu-

dents conveyed a strong message - that illegal mining is detrimental to the nation and that cleanliness forms the foundation of a healthy and prosperous society. Addressing the students, CSR Nodal Officer Mr. Ashish Jha

emphasized the need to stand united against social evils like illegal mining and encouraged the students to embrace values of honesty and transparency in their lives.

On this occasion, the Principal of the school, Mr. Umesh Prasad, remarked that such competitions not only raise awareness among students but also inspire them to think deeply about issues of social relevance. The event was successfully coordinated with the efforts of faculty members including Dr. Gayatri Kumari, Mr. Mithilesh Kumar Khanna, Mr. Dev Kumar, Mr. Shashi Kant, and Ms. Shammi Raj.

Awareness Programme on ABMS ISO: 37001 at DVC KTPS

DB Reporter

Koderma : An Awareness Building Programme on ABMS ISO: 37001 was organised for DVC Executives at the Conference Hall, DVC KTPS, on 23rd September 2025. The training was conducted by M/s Allied Boston, with a focus on Anti-Bribery Management Systems (ABMS) and its importance in promoting transparency, accountability, and integrity within organisational practices. A total of 50 Executives from KTPS, THPS, and TSC Zone Hazaribag actively participated in this one-day



training programme. The sessions were delivered by Mr. Rajeev Gupta, an IIT graduate in Electrical Engineering, with over 40 years of industry experience and 30 years of expertise in third-party certifications and management systems training. His professional expertise spans Anti-Bribery, Integrated Management Systems,

ABMS, Social Accountability, MDD, SLCP, Higg Index, and Six Sigma Master Black Belt. He retired as Director - Design Integrity Assurance. The event was successfully coordinated by Sri Pankaj Kumar Jha, DGM/PVO, DVC KTPS, ensuring its smooth conduct and successful completion.

Four Arrested in Attempted Robbery at JC Jewellers in Ramgarh

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: In a major breakthrough, Ramgarh Police arrested four members of an inter-state criminal gang involved in an attempted robbery at JC Jewellers, located near Golpar, Ramgarh, on September 7. The arrests were announced during a press conference held by Superintendent of Police (SP) Ajay Kumar on September 23.

Following the failed heist attempt, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) was formed under the leadership of Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Parmeshwar Prasad. The SIT analyzed over 1,000 CCTV footages and conducted raids at multiple locations based on technical surveillance.

Acting on a tip-off, the SIT raided a secluded area in Gobardaha where gang members were allegedly planning another robbery in Bokaro. While attempting to flee, four suspects were apprehended, and one escaped on a motorcycle. The arrested individuals were iden-



tified as:

1. Rupesh Vishwakarma alias Pankaj (Garhwa, Jharkhand)
 2. Dheeraj Mishra (Buxar, Bihar)
 3. Rahul Yadav (Aurangabad, Bihar)
 4. Saurabh Ram alias Chhotu alias Shekhar (Palamu, Jharkhand)
- Police recovered:
- "2 country-made pistols, 2 desi kattas, 21 live rounds
 - "3 motorcycles, 1 scooty, 9 mobile phones
 - "Fake Aadhaar & PAN cards, debit card, knife, stripper cutter, SIM cards, and dongle
- SP Ajay Kumar stated that this

gang has been active in jewellery and bank heists across Jharkhand and Bihar for over 15 years, and was previously involved in high-profile crimes including:

- "A ₹1.47 crore cash and ₹3 crore gold loot in Koderma (2021)
- "A ₹40 lakh jewellery heist in Aurangabad (2018)
- "The murder of District Councillor Vaid Prakash Singh in Ranchi (2021)

All accused have prior criminal records and were residing in Ramgarh on rent to plan their operations. A separate FIR has been registered under Arms Act and relevant sections of the BNS-2023.

Pharmacovigilance Week Celebrated at Radha Govind University with Rally and Awareness Activities

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: Radha Govind University, Ramgarh, Jharkhand, in collaboration with the Department of Pharmacy and Radha Govind Pharmacy College, organized a series of events to mark Pharmacovigilance Week. The highlight was an awareness rally, where a large number of students participated to spread information about Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) and the importance of drug safety among the general public. The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries including Chancellor B.N. Sah, Secretary Priyanka Kumari, Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi, Registrar Prof.



(Dr.) Nirmal Kumar Mandal, Finance Officer Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Controller of Examinations Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar, Managing Committee Member Ajay Kumar, and Principal Sai Prakash Panigrahi, along with faculty members. Throughout the week, a variety of programs were conducted, including sensitization training sessions, logo and slogan competitions, a street play (nukkad natak), and

a kabaddi tournament. These events aimed to raise awareness about drug safety and enhance student engagement in community health education. A poster presentation competition was also held on the theme of Adverse Drug Reactions, where students created informative and creative posters encouraging the public to promptly report any adverse drug effects to healthcare providers.

Chancellor B.N. Sah emphasized the critical role of pharmacovigilance in ensuring patient safety and promoting public health. Secretary Priyanka Kumari appreciated the active participation of students and noted its significance in building awareness about medication safety in society. Faculty members including Jayita Roy, Surjeet Barman, Arup Goswami, Jharna Palei, Shambhu Prasad Singh, and others played key roles in organizing the events. The week-long celebration not only provided valuable academic exposure to students but also served as a meaningful initiative towards promoting health awareness in the community.

Tata Duroreceives 'Brands of India 2025' Recognition for Sustainable Innovation

DB Reporter

Jamshedpur: Tata Duro, a flagship product of Tata Steel's Industrial By-Products Management Division (IBMD), has been honoured with the prestigious 'Brands of India 2025' award for its strong brand identity, product excellence, and contribution to sustainable development. Tata Duro (Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag) is a CII-GreenPro certified branded product that is widely used in major infrastructure and construction projects across India. Developed from blast furnace slag, this high-quality downstream product represents Tata Steel's commitment to environmentally responsible and future-ready construction materials. The award was presented on September 21 at a ceremony held at



ITC Maratha, Mumbai, organized by The Herald Global and BARC Asia. The award was received on behalf of Tata Steel by Amit Ranjan, Chief of Marketing & Sales, IBMD, and Amit Kumar Mahato, Head - Marketing & Sales Planning, IBMD. Tata Duro plays a crucial role in supporting green construction initiatives and has been used in several high-profile national projects such as the Vrindavan Chandrodaya Temple, the Ganga River Bridge in Patna, and the Baitarani Power Plant in

Odisha. It is also extensively used in national highway construction and regional infrastructure development. Tata Steel has received widespread recognition for its leadership in promoting sustainability through large-scale by-product and waste management. Tata Duro exemplifies the company's drive to transform industrial waste into high-value, eco-friendly building materials, further solidifying its position as a pioneer in green construction solutions in India.

BJP Ramgarh Organizes Photo Exhibition Celebrating 75 Years of PM Modi's Journey

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: As part of the ongoing Seva Pakhwada, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Ramgarh District Committee organized a photo exhibition on September 23 near Subhash Chowk Durga Mandir, showcasing the 75-year life journey of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The program was held under the leadership of District President Praveen Mehta, and inaugurated jointly by Barkagaon MLA and senior BJP leader Roshan



Lal Chaudhary and Mehta. The exhibition, themed "Seva Hi Sankalp - Nation First," aimed to highlight the inspirational milestones of PM Modi's life - from grassroots activism to becoming India's foremost global leader.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Roshan Lal Chaudhary emphasized that India's global standing has significantly improved due to Prime Minister Modi's proactive diplomacy. He noted that over 50 international visits have helped India expand its influence,

strengthen regional partnerships under the "Neighbourhood First" and "Act East" policies, and emerge as a first responder in times of global crisis. "Under Modi's leadership, India has established itself as a global friend, always ready to support others in need," he said. District President Praveen Mehta added that from September 17 (PM Modi's birthday) to October 2 (birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur

Shastri), various activities are being conducted. "This exhibition and intellectual seminar are part of our efforts to reflect on PM Modi's journey, which serves as a beacon of inspiration for today's youth," he stated. The event was conducted by District General Secretary Vijay Jaiswal, with a vote of thanks by Vice President Rajendra Kushwaha. Several senior BJP leaders, office-bearers, and grassroots workers were present in large numbers.

Swachhata Pakhwada Observance at DVC KTPS

Koderma/DB Reporter : As part of Swachhata Pakhwada being observed at DVC KTPS with the theme "Swachhata Hi Sewa", a Rally-cum-Cleanliness Drive was organized by DVC KTPS CSR at 10+2 High School, Kanko, under the catchment area of DVC KTPS. The students, along with their teachers, actively participated in the rally, raised slogans on the theme "Swachhata Hi Sewa", and also took part in cleaning the surroundings of the school. Md.Mehboob Alam, Principal, actively participated and coordinated well with Shri D.K. Dharendra, Shri Sanjay Kujur, and Shri Shankar Rana. The event was successfully coordinated by Sri Anupam Tiwari, Assistant Manager (HR), under the able guidance of Sri Sukhmoy Nayak, DGM (HR).



Ramgarh MLA Mamta Devi Meets JAC Chairman, Discusses Education Reforms

DB Reporter

Ramgarh: Ramgarh MLA Mamta Devi recently met with the Chairman of the Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC), Dr. Natwa Hansda, to discuss key educational issues affecting students in the region. During the meeting, the MLA raised important concerns regarding academic progress, transparency in examination results, and the need to ensure quality education for all students. She emphasized that improving the education system is a top priority of the government and stressed the need for



concrete steps to be taken in this direction. Dr. Hansda assured the legislator that all necessary measures will be taken to safeguard student interests and that efforts are underway to further enhance the quality of education

across the state. MLA Mamta Devi stated that education is the foundation of both societal and state development. She also highlighted the urgent need to improve infrastructure and basic facilities in

schools across Ramgarh district and ensure that students receive timely benefits of various educational schemes. Also present at the meeting was Sudhir Manglesh, President of the Block-Level Twenty Point Programme Implementation Committee (Dulmi Block), District Spokesperson, and Media Chairman. The meeting reflected a proactive approach towards strengthening the educational framework in Jharkhand, with a focus on accountability, student welfare, and long-term development of the academic environment.

Sit & Draw Competition under Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 at DVC KTPS

DB Reporter

Koderma : As part of Swachhata Pakhwada 2025, being observed at DVC KTPS with the theme "Swachhata Hi Sewa", a Sit & Draw Competition was organised on 23rd September 2025 at 11:30 AM in the Inspection Bungalow, KTPS. The competition was open to the wards of DVC employees and CISF personnel. More than 40 enthusiastic children participated in the event. To encourage creativity across age groups, the participants were



divided into two categories: Group I: Nursery to Class V Group II: Class VI to Class XII The objective of the programme was to inculcate the values of cleanliness and hygiene in young

minds and to inspire them to contribute towards building a clean, green, and progressive tomorrow. The Event was well coordinated by Smt Dipinti Jaiswal Manager-HR under the able leadership of Sri Sukhmoy Nayak DGM-HR.

102nd Birth Anniversary of Binod Bihari Mahato Celebrated with Cultural Fervour

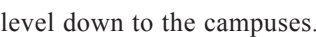
nized as "Equinox Point," attracts scholars, students, and sky watchers annually. Educators including Ram Lakhan Mahto (Principal, GDM Girls High School), Prem Kumar Rana, and Tribhuvan have urged authorities to conserve and beautify the site. Locals stressed that this is not just a heritage of Barkagaon but a national treasure, deserving protection and promotion for future generations.

ent as special guests. The event began with a ceremonial lamp lighting. Students showcased the rich cultural heritage of Jharkhand through traditional performances. MP Choudhary praised Binod Babu's immense contribution to the state, especially in the field of education. He stated that Binod Babu inspired people to fight for their rights through education. The MP also expressed concern over the deteriorating condition of government schools, citing a shortage of teachers and infrastructure, and noted the closure.

Faculty members, including assistant professors and lecturers, assured the parents that all educators remain committed to supporting and guiding the students in every possible way to help them achieve academic excellence. The program was conducted under the supervision of Indu Kumari

Jha, In-Charge of the Teacher-Parent Coordination Cell. Also present on the occasion were Assistant Professor Mohammad Parvez Akhtar, Dr. Ashok Ram, Lecturer Murari Kumar Dubey, Supriya Barman, Babuchand Prasad, Varun Kumar, and other faculty members.

He further warned that any institution that failed to commemorate the death anniversary would be considered anti-Jharkhand and accused of disrespecting one of the state's revered icons. The party's student wing and the AJSU Party, he said, will boycott such institutions, demand action from the university against negligent management or principals, and if ignored, launch an agitation from the university.



The statement reflects AJSU's commitment to preserving and promoting the memory of Jharkhand's founding leaders and ensuring their rightful place in the state's educational and cultural narrative.

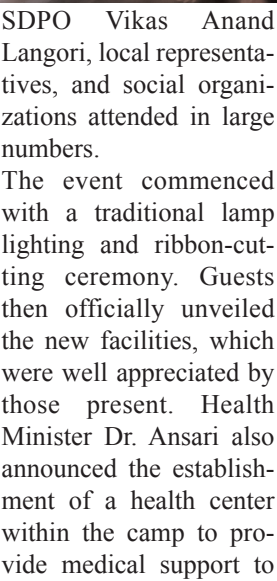
Jaynagar and Markacho, flagged off by Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Annapurna Devi. Also present as the guest of honor was Barkatha MLA Amit Yadav.

Students raised powerful slogans like "Say no to drugs, yes to life," "Drugs destroy, life restores," and "End addiction, build the nation," drawing public attention to the dangers of substance abuse.

Ichak: In preparation for the upcoming Sharadiya Durga Puja, a community meeting was held at Chhawani Akhara, organized by the residents of Gunja village. During the meeting, it was unanimously decided to celebrate the festival in a peaceful and harmonious environment. A Durga Puja committee was constituted, with Baleshwar Prasad Mehta elected as President and Kishore

Prasad Mehta appointed as Patron. Other key office bearers include Niranjan Mehta as Vice President, Kaushal Kumar Mehta as Secretary, and Dwarka Mehta as Treasurer. Several local residents, including Naresh Mehta, Sadan Prasad Mehta, Surendra Kumar Mehta, Jeetu Yadav, and others, were appointed as members of the organizing committee.

Jamtara: A grand ceremony was held on Tuesday at the 1st Battalion India Reserve Battalion (IRB) Police Camp, Jhuluwa, to inaugurate the newly constructed CPC canteen building, parade ground shed, and temple shed. The entire camp was filled with enthusiasm and joy during the event. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Health Minister Dr. Irfaan Ansari as the chief guest, along with special guests Uday Shankar Singh. District officials including Deputy Commissioner Ravindra Anand, Superintendent of Police Rajkumar Mehta,



the police personnel. This announcement was met with great applause from the jawans. Officials praised the development, emphasizing that these facilities would significantly improve the daily lives and operational efficiency of the police force. The event highlighted the collaborative efforts of the administration, political leaders, and the community, setting an example for other police camps across the state.

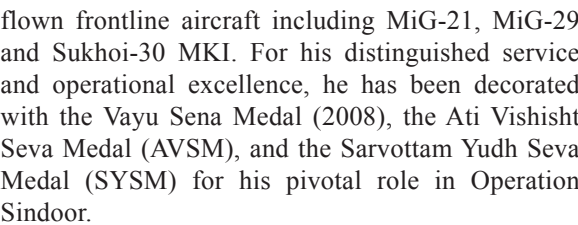
ent in large numbers to cheer the players. In football, Pramod Kumar gave the Admin team an early lead with a goal in the opening minute. Although Mukesh Kumar equalized for the Academic team in the 10th minute, Pramod completed his hat-trick soon after. AFO Saurab Sarkar also scored for the Admin team. Academic

team's Dr. Nitesh converted a penalty in the final minutes to close the gap. Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Gaurav Shukla's spirited participation was a highlight for many. In volleyball, the Academic team dominated with a 2-0 win. Despite strong defense and powerful smashes by Registrar Dr. Munish Govind, the Academic

team, led by Dr. Gaurav Shukla's strategic play, sealed the victory. The event showcased the true essence of sportsmanship-beyond wins and losses-fostering teamwork, fitness, and leadership. The success of the matches was made possible by the efforts of the Sports Committee and numerous faculty and staff members.

Koderma : Air Marshal Sri Awadhesh Kumar Bharti, an illustrious alumnus of Sainik School Tilaiya and one of the finest officers of the Indian Air Force, visited the Tilaiya Hydel Power Station to refresh his cherished school-day memories. Air Marshal Sri A K Bharti, who played a vital role as Director General of Air Operations in "Operation Sindoor", was accorded a warm welcome along with his better half by Sri Manoj Kumar Thakur, CGM & HOP. The visit became a journey down memory lane, blending the legacy of the Indian Air Force with the heritage of DVC's first Hydel Station. It was indeed an honour for DVC to host him and to be inspired by his remarkable journey—from the banks of the Barakar River to the boundless skies.

Commissioned into the Fighter Stream of the Indian Air Force on 13th June 1987, Air Marshal Bharti has



Koderma: A Class 7 student of Upgraded High School, Yogidih (Markacho block) has accused a computer teacher of molestation. The alleged incident occurred on

September 16, after school hours, when the girl was alone in the classroom due to illness. According to the school principal Munna Singh, teacher Anul Haq was sent to check on the student. The next day being a

holiday for Vishwakarma Puja, the matter came to light on September 18, when the student informed the principal, saying she had delayed reporting due to her father's absence.



In Morena, Hindu children are being illegally taught religious education in madrasas

Bhopal, Agency: In Madrasa Moin (Gopalpur Hall, Keshav Colony) in Morena district of Madhya Pradesh, even today five Hindu children are receiving education in religion, that is, Islam. At Madrasa Rahim Urdu Primary (Islampura), eight Hindu children receive religious education.

The number of Hindu children in Madrasa Anjuman Islamia Alia (Purana Jaura) is 24. After questioning the children studying in these Madrasas, it became clear that the Maulvis there impart religious education along with modern education.

More emphasis is being given to the children on the teachings of Quran Majeed, Hadith and Talimul Islam. Despite these obvious facts, the School Education Department remains blindfolded and deaf. The

Education Department is not only ignoring but also flouting the order issued by Dr. Mohan Yadav's government a year ago.

A detailed and factual report from Morena district, Madhya Pradesh, reveals that 2,514 children study in the district's 55 recognized madrasas. Of these, 1,958 are Muslim, while 556 are Hindu. The number of children studying in unrecognized madrasas is different. Due to the negligible fees, even Hindus send their children there. According to the rules, they should only be provided with modern education. However, flouting the rules, Hindu children, along with Muslim children, are also being taught the religion (Din), i.e., Islam, and Islamic customs.

All this continues even though in August last year,



the School Education Department issued an order clearly warning that if fraudulent names of non-Muslim or Muslim students are found among the students studying in madrasas, or if religious education is imparted to children without the permission of their parents, then the recognition of such madrasas will be cancelled and their financial aid will be stopped. For this, the state government

studying there.

The instructions stated that action should be taken against madrasas where non-Muslim children are found studying. Even more concerning is that School Education Minister Uday Pratap Singh himself stated, "Hindu children will not be allowed to study in madrasas in the state. If this is found to be happening, action will be taken based on violation of rules."

Meanwhile, the then-Chairman of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), Priyank Kanoongo, also stated, "Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has assured that no Hindu child in Madhya Pradesh will receive education in a madrasa. We have no doubt about his intentions. The Commission is writing to the Madhya Pradesh govern-

ment to request that any Hindu child studying in a madrasa be sent to us with a consent letter from their parents under Article 28 (3) of the Constitution.

The state has yet to submit any information regarding this matter to the NCPCR. The fact is that the number of Hindu children studying in madrasas across the state has not decreased. Even more shocking is that while previously only Muslims operated madrasas, now Hindu names are also appearing among the madrasa operators. This is being done to exploit the concessions provided in the name of education.

The Child Protection Commission has expressed its objection. Meanwhile, the biggest objection has come from the Madhya Pradesh Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).

5,320 villages in Maharashtra hit by floods, over 35 people airlifted

Mumbai, Agency: Due to torrential rains and water overflowing from reservoirs in 30 districts of Maharashtra, 5,320 villages were affected by floods on Tuesday. Many people were surrounded by floodwaters. More than 35 people were airlifted in Beed this morning. Relief and rescue operations are underway. While the Deputy Chief Ministers reviewed the flood situation, the Chief Minister has directed the local administration to coordinate and take necessary steps.

Disaster management sources said on Tuesday that heavy rains have wreaked havoc in Marathwada, including Jalgaon, Ahilyanagar, and Solapur districts. A total of 8 people have died due to floods in Marathwada. Of these, three died in Latur, one in Dharashiv, two in Beed, and one in Nanded.

A total of 150 animals, both large and small, were killed in Marathwada. These include five in Sambhajanagar district, 15 in Jalna, six in Parbhani district, six in Hingoli, nine in Nanded



district, 63 in Beed district, seven in Latur district, and 21 in Dharashiv district.

Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar reviewed the flood situation today and ordered the administration to take immediate action and airlift people from affected areas.

Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has called the district collectors of Beed, Dharashiv, Latur, Parbhani, and Hingoli to review the situation.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has asked the local administration to take necessary steps in coordination with the State Water Resources Department. A statement issued by the Chief Minister's Office said, "The Chief Minister is closely monitoring the situation."

Caracal and ICOMM to manufacture 200 sniper rifles for CRPF



New Delhi, Agency: Caracal and ICOMM Tele Limited, part of the Age Group, will jointly supply 200 CSR-338 sniper rifles to the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). Caracal is a leading designer and manufacturer of small arms. ICOMM Tele Limited is a group company of Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited (MEIL).

Under the contract, the sniper rifles will be manufactured and shipped from the ICOMM Caracal Small Arms Complex in Hyderabad.

The complex was inaugurated in April this year. The complex is a locally manufactured facility that will cater to the needs of the Indian Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces, and global exporters.

Delivery of the first CSR 338 sniper rifles manufactured in India is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2025. The CSR 338 is a bolt-action sniper rifle.

Chambered in .338 Lapua Magnum, the CSR 338 features a 27-inch barrel, a 10-round magazine, both magazine release and safety mechanisms, a two-stage adjustable precision trigger, and a four-position, telescopic, foldable stock.

Hamad Alameri, CEO of Caracal, said, "With this launch, we are furthering our partnership with ICOMM and reinforcing our commitment to Prime Minister Modi's Make in India initiative.

This historic transfer of small arms technology is a significant milestone in UAE-India defense cooperation.

Jyoti, who came to Delhi from Amritsar during Navratri, was welcomed at Khatu Shyam Temple

New Delhi, Agency: The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Tuesday welcomed with great pomp the Jyoti brought from Maharishi Valmiki Dham in Amritsar to be installed at the Khatu Shyam Temple in Delhi on Navratri. In this sequence, a campaign to install the Ramayana form will also begin on October 6.

Vishwa Hindu Parishad International President Alok Kumar, Regional Organization Minister Mukesh Khandekar, Delhi State President Kapil Khanna, and National President Ghanshyam Gupta Javeri were present on this occasion.



VHP President Alok Kumar said that he himself came with the devotees who brought the Jyoti from Amritsar, and that the Jyoti will remain installed in the temple throughout Navratri.

Regional Organization Minister Khandekar said that Lord Ram worked within the limits of dignity, and we should also follow the same path.

Kapil Khanna said that this Jyoti is being installed in many temples in Delhi, uniting the entire Hindu community.

Ghanshyam Gupta stated that the entire Hindu community participated in the establishment of Valmiki Dham.

VHP and Keshavpuram Department Minister Sumit stated that a special campaign to establish the Ramayana shrine will also begin on October 6th.

Five people died due to electrocution amid heavy overnight rain, disrupting normal life

Kolkata, Agency: Five people died due to electrocution in different areas on Tuesday morning, following heavy overnight rain in Kolkata and surrounding areas. The continuous downpour since Monday night disrupted normal life and submerged roads in many areas. Rail and metro traffic was also affected due to flooded tracks.

According to reports, a cyclist died in Netaji Nagar. He was a fruit seller and was riding his bicycle in the waterlogged area on Tuesday morning. He suddenly lost his balance and touched a road-



side electric pole, dying on the spot. His body remained submerged for a considerable time, and a short circuit in the area prevented firefighters from entering. In response to the situation, CESC was immediately informed to cut off power.

Similarly, three people

died due to electrocution in Kalikapur, Ballygunge Place in Gariahat, and Biniapukur. Meanwhile, Jitendra Singh (60) was electrocuted around 5:30 a.m.

in the Ekbalpur police station area. He was immediately rushed to SSKM Hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

Union Minister of State for Education, Sukanta Majumdar, expressed his deep condolences over the incident. He wrote on social media that he was deeply saddened by the numerous electrocution deaths in Kolkata and surrounding areas.

It is important to break the misconceptions about processed food: Chirag

New Delhi, Agency: Union Food Processing Industries Minister Chirag Paswan said that the negative perception about processed food in Indian families is completely wrong and needs to be changed. It is often assumed that any food item that is processed will be harmful to health, whereas the reality is that the purpose of processing is to add value and improve quality.



Paswan said in a press conference here on Tuesday that food processing can also help in increasing the income of farmers and it also plays an important role in reducing post-harvest losses. He clarified that processing does not mean that any food item has become unhealthy. Today, there are many "ready-to-eat" and "ready-to-cook" products whose quality is not only inferior to home-cooked food, but also superior.

He said that his ministry has also released a booklet on this subject to provide accurate information to the public and dispel misconceptions. Whenever information related to any process, especially food processing, reach-

es the public, it should be based on scientific facts.

Paswan said that a committee has been formed to draft regulations regarding rumors spreading on social media regarding processed food. While the right to freedom of expression cannot directly prohibit anyone, it is important to stop the spread of misinformation. He said that deliberate misleading propaganda is being spread in this sector, creating fear among the public. If this misconception persists, it will impact the potential growth of the food processing industry in India. The ministry's efforts are to provide accurate information to the public through positive publicity and scientific facts.

Editorial

Consumption conundrum: On the Indian economy's predicament

The government's push this year to spur consumption in the economy is a much-needed policy re-prioritisation at a time when several other engines of growth are either flagging or plateauing. The economy is a composite of household consumption, private investment, government expenditure and net exports. Of these, only government expenditure has witnessed robust growth over the past few years, thanks to the Modi government's infrastructure push. It has also made available interest-free loans to States to do the same. However, as Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has indicated in the last two Union Budgets, even though the Centre will increase its capital expenditure, it will not be at the blistering rate of 30%-35% that the early post-COVID-19 pandemic years saw. The government has other developmental and defence priorities that need funds too. It is time for the private sector to step up its investments. Private investment has grown, but not nearly at the rate needed to move India from 6%-6.5% growth to the more than 8% needed to meet the targets. Given that industrial capacity utilisation has not crossed 80% since March 2011, the only way to induce more private investment is to increase demand substantially. Net exports, especially merchandise, are struggling due to the global uncertainty around trade, and the U.S.'s 50% tariffs imposed on Indian imports. That is, demand from abroad is petering out, which leaves household consumption to do the heavy lifting.

There are two ways to encourage people to spend — increasing their incomes and lowering prices. The GST rate reforms, with effect from September 22, are a significant step in executing the latter. According to a study published by FICCI, more than three-fourths of rural monthly expenditure will attract either nil or 5% GST rates. This was previously 56%. For urban Indians, this proportion has been increased from half to two-thirds. On the income side, the government tried to put more money in people's pockets by reducing income-tax rates in Budget 2025. This was a welcome and necessary step, although it is not enough to encourage a change in spending behaviour.

Say it with Signs



The UN General Assembly has designated September 23 as the International Day of Sign Languages, celebrating an important opportunity to raise awareness about the vital role of sign language in advocating for the human rights of those who are hearing-impaired. This special day highlights how sign language helps forge connections, remove communication barriers, and foster a more inclusive society. It's a wonderful reminder to respect and celebrate the hearing-impaired communities and recognise their valuable contributions. Hearing impairment affects 430 million individuals worldwide and is projected to reach 700 million by the year 2050. In India, approximately 63 million people are substantially affected. Sign language use is crucial for this population; however, fewer than 300 certified trainers are available.

Increased awareness and policy initiatives are required to promote its application in educational settings and public life. Sign language is a rich, visual communication system used by hearing-impaired communities worldwide, employing hand gestures, facial expressions, and body movements to convey meaning. Unlike universal languages, each region or country has its own unique sign language, such as American Sign Language (ASL) or Indian Sign Language (ISL)-each with its own distinct grammar and syntax. This natural language allows for complex communication and is not simply a coded version of spoken language but rather a comprehensive lin-

guistic system understood through sight rather than sound. Tata Steel, in a landmark move towards fostering a more inclusive workplace, has introduced Indian Sign Language (ISL) interpretation in its MD Online, the monthly live address by T V Narendran, CEO and Managing Director. This initiative ensures that employees with hearing impairments can now access real-time updates and leadership messages, marking a significant shift in how accessibility is being integrated into the Company's internal communication systems.

This milestone reveals the long-standing efforts of Tata Steel Foundation (TSF), the CSR arm of Tata Steel, through Sabal, which works to empower people with disabilities (PwDs) across Jharkhand and Odisha. Sabal has consistently focused on inclusive education, accessible infrastructure, community sensitisation, and livelihood generation for PwDs. TSF is strategically advancing the adoption of Indian Sign Language (ISL) by directly engaging with People with Hearing Impairments, equipping them with industry-relevant skills, and facilitating pathways to sustainable employment.

Initiatives such as ISL-enabled computer training, advanced digital literacy programmes, and placement linkages with partners like Sodexo (TATA Motors Canteen Services) are helping beneficiaries strengthen their professional competencies, increase their financial independence, and participate in the workforce with dig-

nity and confidence. At the same time, the Foundation is investing in institutional capacity building to create long-term enablers of inclusion. Through targeted ISL training and structured orientations with institutions such as Carmel Bal School, Sunlight NGO, and SIDD, educators, non-profits, and community organisations are being equipped with the expertise to engage more effectively with persons with disabilities. This approach ensures that inclusive practices are not only adopted but also embedded across education and social development networks. On a systemic level, TSF is fostering an ecosystem of awareness and acceptance by integrating ISL across its organisational and community programmes in Jamshedpur, Noamundi, and Joda. Awareness initiatives such as ISL-integrated mental health and well-being sessions, alongside orientation workshops for employees, stakeholders, and grassroots groups, are dismantling communication barriers and cultivating inclusive mindsets.

Collectively, these initiatives position ISL as a cornerstone of the Foundation's inclusion agenda and reaffirm its commitment to promoting equity, accessibility, and sustainable social impact across its areas of operation. At the same time, by making strategic communication more accessible, Tata Steel has shown that inclusion is not just a secondary initiative - it is at the heart of the Company's values and leadership.

Banu Mushtaq: Mysore Dussehra a political attack on Hindu faith

India's greatest identity is its cultural diversity and religious tolerance. A tradition of coexistence has existed here for centuries. However, Karnataka has once again exemplified how appeasement politics, exploiting this tradition, has weakened Indian society from within. A recent incident can be seen during the Mysore Dussehra festival in Karnataka.

Dr. Mayank Chaturvedi

Navratri began on Monday, September 22, 2025. This was a time when Kalash installation and worship of the Goddess were taking place in temples across the country. However, on the same day, in Congress-ruled Karnataka, something was happening that hurt the faith of millions of Hindus. Mysore's world-famous Dussehra festival, which begins at the Goddess Chamundeshwari Temple, was this time hosted by a Muslim writer named Banu Mushtaq. She entered the temple, offered flowers to the idol of the goddess, and formally initiated the ritual.

At first glance, this may appear to be an attempt at inclusiveness and religious harmony, but in reality, it is a direct attack on Hindu faith. Banu Mushtaq not only comes from an Islamic background, but has repeatedly criticized goddess worship as superstition in public forums. In her previous statements, she has repeatedly denied the god-

dess's power, stating that true power comes not from an idol but from the formless (Allah). This could be interpreted as a direct attack on Hindu goddess worship.

Furthermore, she has also questioned the Kannada language and culture. The Kannada-speaking community has long taken pride in associating the language with Goddess Saraswati. However, Banu Mushtaq states that language is merely a medium of communication, having nothing to do with the goddess. It is a misguided notion to consider it a gift from Goddess Saraswati. This statement not only hurts the deep faith of Kannada speakers but also insults every Hindu who worships Goddess Saraswati in their native languages. Furthermore, he also stated that the worship of gods and goddesses divides society, and that equality is possible only when people rise above idols and believe in one God. This viewpoint is entirely in line with Islamic monotheism, which rejects polytheism. Clearly, making

someone who holds views that negate the spirit of a festival like Dussehra the chief guest is not an insult to the sentiments of Hindu society.

His views on women's empowerment are also controversial. He stated that women's power comes not from Goddess Durga or Chamundeshwari, but from education and rights. At first glance, this appears to be a progressive idea, but when presented as a rejection of goddess worship, it reflects a mindset bent on rejecting traditional beliefs. The irony is that she has always avoided raising questions on women's rights within Islam, but never misses an opportunity to put the Sanatan tradition in the dock.

Now the question arises: why was such a woman appointed the chief guest at a festival like Dussehra? The answer is clear: this is part of the politics of appeasement. The Congress government is demonstrating that it represents the minority community. Through Banu Mushtaq, the government is

clearly stating that it can do whatever it wants, that it will sit at the center of majority traditions and do whatever it wants, and no one can do anything to it. In reality, this is not merely an attempt at religious neutrality, but a disregard and insult to majority beliefs.

When this entire matter was challenged in court, the court dismissed the petition, calling it a "government event." The question is: is an Agamic ritual, which has been going on for centuries, merely a government event? Then, the government intervenes in every major event and temple. Will the government intervene in any event that the government wishes to do, and Hindus will simply be onlookers?

This controversy is apparently about a single event, but it has far-reaching implications. This sends the message that Hindu festivals and traditions have become commodities for political bargaining. This poses a serious threat to society's cultural identity. If Hindu society doesn't become vigilant today,

tomorrow its temples, traditions, and beliefs will be completely transformed into political laboratories. This begs the question: is this the first time the Congress party has attacked Hindu faith? Absolutely not. The past is replete with hundreds of examples where Hindu traditions have been denigrated for Muslim appeasement. But the question is, who gives the Congress this opportunity again and again? The answer is clear: the same Hindu public, who forget their faith and identity while voting and later lament their neglect. Today, introspection is needed. Will we stand up to protect our traditions or be content with expressing outrage on social media? Will we leave our festivals and rituals to the interpretation of a government or court, or will we protect their dignity ourselves? This incident reminds us that temples, rituals, and traditions are not the property of any government or individual. They are a cultural heritage passed down through the ages, the protection of which rests with society itself.

Full list of items falling under the new GST tax slab, these items have become cheaper

New Delhi, Agency: The Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates implemented from September 22nd under the next-gen GST reforms have significantly benefited the lower and middle-class groups. The new rates have been implemented on everything from soap to small cars, dry fruits to air conditioners. The GST Council has simplified the new GST structure by creating two slabs of 5% and 18%. Additionally, a new 40% slab has been introduced for "luxury" or "impure" goods. Some items will now attract zero% GST. All rates except the 40% slab have become effective from September 22nd. Let us know how much GST consumers will have to pay on which items.

Items under 0% GST

The GST Council has included stationary items under the 0% GST ambit, including exercise books, notebooks, erasers, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, pastels, maps, charts, and globes. Among food items, Ultra-High Temperature (UHT) milk will also attract 0% GST. Furthermore, 33 life-saving drugs will attract 0% GST. Some of these drugs include asciminib, mepolizumab, daratumumab, teclistamab, amivantamab, alectinib, etc.

Items under 5% GST slab

The list of items under the 5% GST slab includes everyday food items such as condensed milk, butter, ghee, dairy fats and spreads, cheese, Brazil nuts, almonds, pistachios, dates, figs, dried mangoes, and citrus fruits. Beedi leaves, Indian catechu, tallow oil,



crude glycerol, and vegetable wax are some of the other items on which the GST rate has been reduced to 5%. Food items such as pasta, noodles, cornflakes, pastries, and cakes have also been included in the 5% GST slab. Among healthcare items, thermometers, medical-grade oxygen, diagnostic kits and reagents, glucometers, and test strips have been placed in this GST slab, down from the previous 12 or 18% GST. Everyday items such as face powder, hair oil, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth powder, and shaving cream will also see a reduction in prices. Items falling under the 18% GST slab include petrol and petrol hybrid LPG, CNG cars (1200 cc and not exceeding

4000 mm), diesel and diesel hybrid cars (1500 cc and not exceeding 4000 mm). Three-wheelers, motorcycles (350 cc and less), and motor vehicles for the transport of goods are also in the 18% tax slab. Furthermore, GST on electronic equipment, including air conditioners, televisions larger than 32 inches, monitors, and projectors, has been reduced from 28% to 18%.

Items falling in the 40% GST slab

The GST Council has created a separate 40% GST slab for luxury goods, which includes pan masala, sugar-sweetened/flavored aerated beverages, carbonated fruit beverages, tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, vapes), and luxury cars (with engine capacity greater than

1200 cc for petrol cars and 1500 cc for diesel cars). This also includes motorcycles with engine capacity greater than 350 cc, boats, private vessels, and aircraft for private use.

Meaning of GST Rates:

In India, the GST rate refers to the percentage tax levied on the sale of goods or services. Therefore, the GST rate is applicable under the CGST, SGST, and IGST Acts. The CGST and SGST rates will be half of the IGST rate. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs issued a statement titled "GST Savings Festival! Consumers Beware!", asking, "Are you not benefiting from the next-gen GST reforms?" Call NCH 1915 immediately or register a complaint on WhatsApp number 8800001915 and ensure your savings.

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation added 21.04 lakh new members in July

New Delhi, Agency: The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) added a net 21.04 lakh members in the month of July. This is a year-on-year increase of 5.55%. EPFO added a net 9.79 lakh new members in July 2025. These include 5.98 lakh youth in the age group of 18-25, which constitutes 61.06% of the total new subscribers. The net payroll addition in this category was 9.13 lakh.

Ministry of Labour and Employment data shows that EPFO members are preferring to maintain their social security by transferring the balance in their EPF account instead of final settlement.



According to the data, around 16.43 lakh old members who had left their jobs earlier have rejoined EPFO in July. This represents a year-on-year growth of 12.12 percent. In July, 2.80 lakh new

women members joined, bringing the total female net payroll growth to approximately 4.42 lakh. This represents a 0.17 percent year-on-year growth, reflecting the growing diversity in the workforce.

A state-wise analysis of payroll data shows that the top five states/union territories recorded a growth of approximately 60.85 percent in total payroll, adding approximately 12.80 lakh net payroll payments during July.

Maharashtra led the states with a net payroll growth of 20.47 percent during July.

According to the ministry, these EPFO payroll data are provisional, as the process of updating employee records is ongoing. The Employees' Provident Fund Organization has been releasing these figures on a monthly basis since September 2017.

Seshasai Technologies IPO opens for subscription, company raises Rs 243 crore from anchor investors



New Delhi, Agency: The Rs 813.07 crore IPO of Seshasai Technologies, a company providing payment solutions to the banking, financial services and insurance industry, opened for subscription today. 1.13 crore new shares worth Rs 480 crore are being issued under the IPO. Along

with this, 78.74 lakh shares worth Rs 333.07 crore will also be sold through the offer for sale window. Bids can be made in this IPO till September 25. The price band for bidding in the IPO has been fixed at Rs 402 to Rs 423 per share, while the lot size is 35 shares.

MotoRush Big Billion Days Sale 2025 Highlights

Ranchi, Agency : Motorola, a global leader in mobile technology and India's leading AI smartphone brand, is bringing disruptive prices on its most powerful and stylish lineup with the #BigBillionMotoRush during Flipkart's Big Billion Days Sale 2025.

From the world's most immersive AI-powered motorola edge 60 PRO and motorola edge 60 FUSION to bestselling moto g series smartphones, and the iconic motorola razr 60 series, Motorola is set to redefine festive shopping this season.

The sale goes live today on Flipkart from 00:00 hrs. All devices will be available at attractive Big Billion Days prices throughout the sale period. motorola edge 60 PRO

Starting this Big Billion Days with the ultimate premium AI smartphone deal, the motorola edge 60 PRO 8+256GB variant, originally priced at

29,999, is now available at a net effective price of just 24,999*, making it a flagship disruptor at an unbeatable value.

The edge 60 PRO debuts the segment's only Pantone™ validated triple 50MP camera system with motoAI, including a Sony LYTIA 700C main camera, 50MP ultrawide + macro, 10MP telephoto with 3X optical & 50X AI Super Zoom, and a 50MP selfie camera. Capture Professional-grade photos and 4K videos with AI-driven stabilization, AI Photo Enhancer, and Google Photos tools such as AI Magic Eraser.

Complementing its photography prowess is the world's most durable 6.7" 1.5K True Colour Quad-Curved display with 4500nits peak brightness, HDR10+, and Gorilla Glass 7i. Powered by MediaTek Dimensity 8350 Extreme with upto 16GB LPDDR5X RAM and upto 512GB UFS

4.0 storage, the device delivers next-level AI performance and gaming. Its massive 6000mAh battery with 90W TurboPower™ charging, 15W wireless charging, and DXOMARK #1 Gold Battery score ensures true flagship endurance.

Built for the toughest conditions, it comes with IP68/IP69 Protection and MIL-810H military-grade durability. Motorola edge60 Pro is available in 4 stunning Pantone colors along with premium finishes – PANTONE Dazzling Blue (fabric finish), PANTONE Walnut (wood finish) and PANTONE Shadow and PANTONE Sparkling Grape (vegan leather) and it stands out as true.

Looks+ Performance Camera Champion. The festive pricing for other variants includes 28,999* (12+256GB), originally priced at 33,999, and 32,999* (16+512GB), originally priced at 37,999.

Samsung Launches Galaxy S25 FE and Galaxy Buds3 FE

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Samsung has launched the new Galaxy S25 FE smartphone and Galaxy Buds3 FE in India. These smartphones are equipped with a personalized AI experience and AI-powered photography and editing tools. A long-lasting 4900mAh battery, a rugged Armor Aluminum frame, and a large vapor chamber deliver smooth gaming performance. The 6.7-inch Dynamic AMOLED 2X display and 120Hz refresh rate provide users with a stunning and immersive visual experience. Galaxy AI is further enhanced in the Galaxy S25 FE with One UI 8 and multi-modal AI agents. Users can



now combine voice, touch, and visual input, making everyday tasks easier and faster. It features smart features like Gemini Live, the Now Bar, and Google's Circle to Search, which enhance conversations,

increase productivity, and simplify everyday tasks. Uniquely, all these features automatically adjust to your habits and needs. Additionally, new security protections keep your data and personal information

safe.

The Galaxy S25 FE delivers a premium camera experience with its ProVisual Engine and AI-based features. Its new 12MP front camera delivers clearer and sharper selfies. The Nightography feature enhances night photos. The Galaxy Buds3 FE is a perfect blend of Galaxy AI, powerful audio technology, and the iconic Blade design. It gives users a seamless experience of the Galaxy ecosystem and the opportunity to enjoy a better lifestyle and wellness. Features include advanced active noise canceling, improved call quality, longer battery life, and comfort.

Crompton Redefines Durability And Reliability In Submersible Pumps with The Launch Of The DURA Series

Ranchi, Agency : When it comes to water supply, consumers look for solutions they can trust – especially for high-value, long-term investments like submersible pumps. Recognizing this, Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Ltd., India's trusted name in consumer electricals, has introduced the DURA Series Submersible Pumps (3W, 4W, and 4VO series).

With over 80 years of expertise, the new range is built to ensure durability and reliability, while supporting diverse needs from household water supply and agriculture to industrial use.

For households, farms, and industries alike, submersible

pumps are critical yet often challenging to maintain. Breakdowns not only disrupt routines but also bring the added expense and effort of installation and removal.

This is why customers value pumps that last longer, demand minimal servicing, and deliver consistent performance over the years. Widely used across residential and industrial applications, submersible pumps are designed to be fully submerged in water, with a hermetically sealed motor close-coupled to the pump – ensuring efficiency, quiet operation, and no need for priming. Yet these benefits truly matter only when the pump is durable enough to endure years of use.

India's first foreign defence manufacturing setup, TAS to manufacture wheeled armoured platforms in Morocco

New Delhi, Agency: Tata Advanced Systems (TAS), a Tata Group company, is starting a defence manufacturing company in the African country Morocco. Wheeled Armoured Platform (WHAP) will be manufactured in this defence manufacturing company of TAS being started in Morocco. This is the first time India is going to set up a defence manufacturing facility on foreign soil. It is being claimed that by setting up a defence manufacturing facility in Morocco, India has moved ahead from Make in India in the defence sector and has taken a step towards Make for the World.

According to information provided in this regard, the Wheeled Armored Platform (WHAP) that the company, which is starting production in Berrechid, Morocco, will be jointly designed by the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and Tata Advanced

A vibrant, stylized illustration of the Hindu goddess Durga. She is depicted with multiple arms, holding various weapons including a trident (trishula) and a sword. She wears a crown and jewelry, and is seated on a lion. The background is a warm, golden glow with hanging lamps.



Peak age for football players: Ballon d'Or winners reveal changing trends

New Delhi, Agency: Every sport wrestles with the same question with each of its passing generation: when is a player at their absolute best? Well, football is not an exception to this query. From managers calculating contract extensions to scouts evaluating transfer targets, understanding the peak performance windows drives billion-dollar decisions. Few datasets would give us the peek into elite football excellence than the Ballon d'Or, awarded annually since 1956 to the world's best player.

The analysis of every winner from Stanley Matthews to Ousmane Dembélé reveals patterns that challenge conventional wisdom about when footballers truly peak.

The historical baseline Since 1956, Ballon d'Or winners have averaged 27.4 years old, with a median around 27. This figure has long aligned with sports science research suggesting that elite performers reach their optimal blend of physical capabilities and tactical intelligence in their mid-

to-late twenties. The traditional pattern shows clear categories -

Early prodigies: Players like Ronaldo Nazário, Michael Owen represent 15% of the winners, who achieved the feat in their early 20s

Vast Majority: Nearly two thirds of the winners belong this

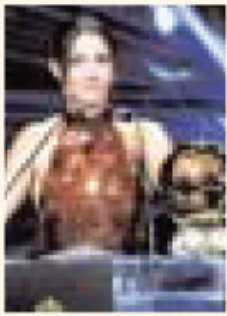
group, who claimed their first Ballon d'Or between ages 24-29, from Johan Cruyff's peak years to the prime of most modern legends

Veteran winners: This comprises the smallest group of winners. Players ageing over 30 getting the honor is a rarity with Stanley Matthews' 41 year old wonder standing as a remarkable

Cristiano Ronaldo beaten by Barcelona midfielder Aitana Bonmati; Lionel Messi's massive record under threat

New Delhi, Agency:Aitana Bonmati has etched her name into football immortality. She has become the first woman to win three consecutive Women's Ballon d'Or awards following the latest addition at Monday's ceremony in Paris. The Barcelona and Spain midfielder claimed the 2025 honor, adding to her victories in 2023 and 2024. This officially makes her the most decorated player in Women's Ballon d'Or history.

Historic achievement in context The 27-year-old's achievement places her in exclusive company among football's greatest individual performers. While Cristiano Ronaldo never managed three consecutive Ballon d'Ors, Lionel Messi remains the gold standard with four straight wins from 2009-2012.



PGTI suspends country's 17 top golfers, suspension sparks outrage

New Delhi, Agency: The Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) has suspended 17 professional golfers for participating in the Indian Golf Premier League (IGPL) Invitational Tournament at Jaypee Greens, Greater Noida, between September 17 and September 19.

The suspension list includes some of the most prominent names in Indian golf. Bhullar, one of India's most successful golfers, has represented the country at the Olympic Games and is a multiple-time Asian Tour winner. His suspension, alongside players such as Aman Raj, Harendra Gupta, Karandeep Kochhar and Sachin Baisoya, has led to distress across the golfing communi-



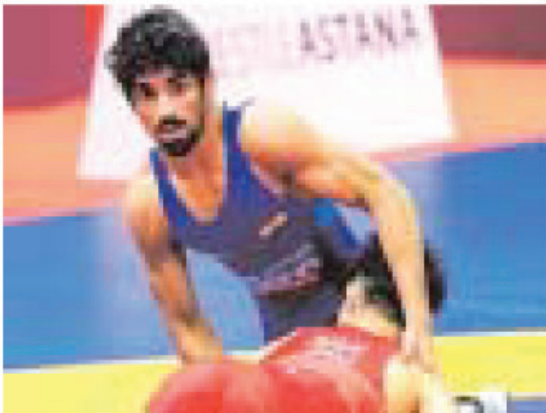
ty. Players are now considering approaching the judiciary to restore fairness and uniformity within PGTI. There have already been two cases filed by players before the Delhi High Court, the most recent being one by Ranjeet

Singh and Kapil Kumar. The move has drawn severe criticism as the players were not even part of the entry or waiting list of the Chennai Open conducted by PGTI on the same dates. Being outside the Chennai Open entry list, the players par-

ticipated in the IGPL event. However, the Disciplinary Action Committee (DAC) of PGTI, comprising five members, issued show cause notices and simultaneously passed suspension orders. It was reported by players that the DAC had overreached its authority, as it has no power to issue interim suspension orders prior to the completion of a full enquiry.

Players expressed that they have been unfairly targeted by PGTI for participating in IGPL tournaments, whereas many players, including members of the Governing Body and members of the DAC themselves, also participated in a tournament held in Pune on the same dates as the PGTI Tournament Next Gen.

WFI issues show-cause notice to Aman Sehrawat for missing weight at World Championships



New Delhi, Agency:The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) on Monday issued a show-cause notice to Paris Olympics bronze medallist Aman Sehrawat for failing to make weight at the World Championships.

Aman was one of the strong medal contenders in the men's freestyle 57kg but weighed 1.7kg more the permissible limit on the day of competition, leading to his disqualification.

The WFI also did not appreciate the fact that there were four coaches in Zagreb but they could not keep track of the weight management, and showcased them also.

"This is not acceptable. We must find reasons behind it. In less than two months two of our good wrestlers got disqualified, we need to look into it, that's why we have issued a show cause notice to Aman," said a WFI official.

Chief coach Jagminder Singh, Vinod, Virender and Narender, who were with the freestyle wrestlers, will also have to provide an explanation.

"There were 10 wrestlers and four coaches. They should have kept track of this issue. They were there 15 days before competition. It was their responsibility as well. So they will also have to explain," added the official. The WFI has also decided, on an experimental basis, to do away with the weight tolerance system during the selection trials. Usually a 2kg weight tolerance is given to all competitors.

India's Speed Skating World Championships 2025 contingent returns with historic haul of three golds, two bronze

New Delhi, Agency: The Indian contingent that made history at the recently concluded Speed Skating World Championships in China returned to a warm welcome at the Delhi Airport on Tuesday. The team bagged a record-breaking total of three gold medals and two bronze, marking India's most successful outing at the global event to date.

Senior skater Anandkumar Velkumar led the charge with a sensa-

tional performance, becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal at the World Championships in the senior men's 1,000 m sprint, clocking a time of 1:24.924. He followed up with another gold in the men's marathon event, and also secured a bronze medal in the 500 m sprint, bringing his personal tally to three medals at the event.

According to the official website of World Skate, the global governing body for



roller sports, Anandkumar's achievements mark a historic milestone for India in a

sport traditionally dominated by European and East Asian countries.

India's medal count was further boosted by the junior athletes. Krish Sharma struck gold in the junior men's 1,000 m sprint, while Anish Raj claimed a bronze in the junior men's one-lap sprint event, taking the overall tally to three golds and two bronze medals. The championships were held from September 13 to 21 in China.

Roundglass Hockey Academy, Naval Tata Hockey Academy join SAI Sonipat in knockout phase

Jalandhar, Agency: The penultimate matchday of the league phase of the second edition of the Punjab Hockey League (U 21) saw Roundglass Hockey Academy and Naval Tata Hockey Academy confirm their places in the knockout stage, joining table toppers SAI Sonipat.

While RGHA registered a convincing 5-1 win over SDAT Hockey Academy, Naval Tata sealed qualification despite losing to SGPC Hockey Academy in a dramatic shootout after a 10-goal thriller. PIS Surjit Hockey Academy also boosted their chances for the knockout with

a strong win, while SAI Sonipat cemented their top spot with another dominant performance.

In the opening game of day 13, here at the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium, Roundglass Hockey Academy defeated SDAT Hockey Academy 5-1. After a goalless first half, RGHA exploded in the third quarter with four goals in quick succession.

Amandeep opened the scoring in the 31st minute from a penalty corner before Jobanpreet Singh doubled the lead a minute later. Captain Gursewak Singh and Sukhmanpreet Singh extended

the advantage, making it 4-0 heading into the final quarter. SDAT pulled one back through captain S. Krishnan in the 48th minute, but Amandeep restored the cushion almost immediately with his second goal. Anurag added a late strike for SDAT, but RGHA had already done enough to secure the three points and their knockout berth.

The second match produced the most drama of the day, with SGPC Hockey Academy defeating Naval Tata Hockey Academy 5-4 in a shootout after a thrilling 5-5 draw. SGPC's Shershubjit Singh netted twice, while cap-



tain Sukhdev Singh, Harwinder Singh, and Kamaljeet Singh chipped in with a goal each. For Naval Tata, Ashish Tani Puri scored a brace, alongside goals from Patras Hassa, Mohit Nayak, and Anish Dungdung. Both teams collected a point, with Naval Tata moving to 24 points from 13 matches to seal qualification, while SGPC, with 16 points, including a bonus point for a shootout win, remains in contention for the final knockout spot. PIS Surjit Hockey Academy secured a commanding 5-1 win over Ghumanhera Risers Hockey Academy.