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## JAC 12th board result released; Girls won in science, arts and commerce

### Zeenat Parveen in Inter Arts, Sneha in Science & Pratibha Saha in Commerce are state toppers

**Result declined due to change in pattern: Secretary in charge**



Secretary in-charge of the Education Department, Uma Shankar Singh said that the result has declined due to change in the examination pattern. He said that the results in Physics and Chemistry were not satisfactory.

**These districts are in the top five in science:**

- Koderma
- Latehar
- Chatra
- Jamtara
- Hazaribagh

**These five districts were top in commerce:**

- Latehar
- Koderma
- Simdega
- Pakur
- Khunti

**These districts are included in the top five in arts:**

- Simdega
- Khunti
- Koderma
- Gumla
- Hazaribagh

► **Science topper-** Sneha – Ursuline Inter College, Ranchi – 98.2%.  
 ► **Arts topper-** Zeenat Praveen – Government High School, Kanke – 94%.  
 ► **Commerce topper-** Pratibha Saha – Ursuline Inter College, Ranchi – 94.8%.

**DN ■ Ranchi**  
 Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) has released the result of Inter Board Examination (12th Board). Secretary in-charge of Education Department Uma Shankar Singh, present as the chief guest in the program, special guest and Director of Secondary Education Utkarsh Gupta and JAC President Anil Mahato jointly released the Inter Board result. This year 3 lakh 44 thousand candidates appeared for the 12th board examination. In these, 94,433 candidates appeared for Science, 25,907 for Commerce and 2,24,502 for Arts. Students can check their results on the official website of

JAC, jacresults.com, jac.jharkhand.gov.in.  
**Girls waved the flag**  
 94433 students had registered in Science. Out of these, 93805 students appeared in the examination. But only 68203 students have passed the examination. This includes 72.2 percent boys and 72.67 percent girls. 72.70 percent students have passed in first division. Talking about vocational, 508 candidates had registered. Of these, only 493 students appeared in the examination. Out of 493, 439 students i.e. 89.22 percent students have passed. Talking about commerce stream, 23235 (90.06 percent) students have passed. 93% of

these are girls. 61% candidates have passed in first division. A total of 25907 students had registered in Commerce. Out of these, only 25644 candidates appeared in the examination. 93.7 percent students have passed in Arts. In this, 83404 students have got first division.  
 A total of 2 lakh 24 thousand 502 students had registered in Arts. Out of these, only 2 lakh 6 thousand 685 students passed the examination. Girls have also won in arts.  
 Zeenat Parveen of Government Plus Two High School, Kanke became the state topper in Inter Arts. The second position was secured by Bahmani Dhan, a student of SS High School, Khunti. Deepali Kumari, a student of Ursuline Inter College, stood third.  
 Whereas, Sneha of Ursuline Inter College is the state topper in science. Ritika Kumari of Inter



Science College got the second position. Pankaj Kumar Sahu of Baijnath Jalan College secured the third position.  
 Pratibha Saha of Ursuline Inter College secured first position in Commerce. Riya Kumari of Ursuline Inter College secured the second position. Srishti Kumari of Ursuline Inter College secured the third position. This time a total of 3 lakh 44 thousand students appeared in the examination. Total students

included in Science were 94433. Out of these, 68203 passed. Of these, 72.70 percent have passed. Total students in Commerce 25907 appeared in the examination. Out of these, 23235 passed. 90.60% were successful. Of these, 61% are 1st division.  
 A total of 2 lakh 24 thousand 502 students had appeared in Arts. Out of these, 2 lakh 6 thousand 685 were successful. 93.7 percent students are successful, of these, 40.78 is 1st.

**Holiday Notice**  
 Dabang News office will remain closed on May 1, 2024 on the occasion of Labour Day. Hence the next issue will be available on 3rd May, 2024. (Happy Labour Day)  
 Heartily congratulations to all the readers, Hawker brothers, advertisers and other well wishers on the occasion of Labour Day.  
**Dabang News Family**

**In Shorts**  
**New Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi takes charge**  
**New Delhi:** Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi took charge as the 26th Chief of the Navy today, Tuesday, 30 April. The new Navy Chief was honored by giving a guard of honour. Along with this, Admiral R Hari Kumar, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, who was the Chief of the Navy, retired on April 30, 2024.

**24 nomination forms submitted in Jharkhand on Tuesday**  
**Ranchi:** Deputy Chief Electoral Officer Dr. Neha Arora gave information in a press conference regarding the Lok Sabha elections. In which a total of 24 nomination forms were submitted in Jharkhand on Tuesday. Nominations were made for three Lok Sabha seats of Jharkhand, Chatra, Koderma and Hazaribagh for the fifth phase. A nomination took place from Hazaribagh on Tuesday. Whereas 10 nomination forms were filled from Chatra on Tuesday. So far, nine candidates have filed nomination from Chatra. Whereas two candidates have filed nomination from Koderma. On Monday, 3 candidates filed their nominations for the fifth phase on Tuesday. So far four candidates have filed nomination from Koderma.

## India T20 World Cup Squad: Indian team announced for T20 World Cup 2024, Hardik Pandya vice-captain, KL Rahul out

**New Delhi**  
 BCCI has announced the Indian team for the T20 World Cup. Where Rohit Sharma has been given the command of the team while Hardik Pandya has been appointed as the vice-captain. Also, batsmen Rishabh Pant and Sanju Samson have been included in the team as wicket-keeper batsmen. Whereas KL Rahul has not got a chance. Whereas Rinku Singh, Shubman Gill, Khalil Ahmed and Avesh Khan have been kept as reserve players. Shivam Dubey has also got a chance in the team. Actually, before the announcement of the team, a meeting of selectors was held at ITC Narmada Hotel in Ahmedabad. Chief selector Ajit



Agarkar and BCCI secretary Jai Shah were also present in it. Team India was announced after the meeting.  
**Indian squad for T20 World Cup is as follows**  
 Rohit Sharma (captain), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Sanju Samson, Hardik Pandya (vice-captain), Shivam Dubey, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav,

Yuzvendra Chahal, Arshdeep Singh, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj. .  
 Before this, New Zealand, South Africa and England have also announced their squads. The command of the Kiwi team has been handed over to Kane Williamson, the captaincy of the South Africa team has been handed over to Aiden Markram and the command of England has been handed over to Jos Buttler.

## Severe heat wave alert in the state from today

### No respite from heat wave till May 3, chances of rain from May 5

**DN ■ Ranchi**  
 Heat wave will continue to wreak havoc in Ranchi-Jharkhand till May 3. The Meteorological Department has issued an alert regarding severe heat wave on May 1. The weather patterns will change from May 5th. There are chances of rain in the state on May 6 also. This will provide some relief to people. On Tuesday, there may be rain with thunder in some parts of East Singhbhum district within a few hours and there is also a possibility of thunderstorm.  
**Severe heat wave havoc on May 1**  
 The heat wave will continue to wreak havoc in the state till May 3. An alert of

severe heat wave has been issued on May 1. Severe heat wave conditions can be seen at some places in West Singhbhum, East Singhbhum, Seraikela-Kharsawan, Bokaro, Dhanbad, Deoghar, Jamtara, Dumka, Pakur, Godda and Sahibganj districts of Jharkhand. Heat wave conditions can be seen at some places in other districts Garhwa, Chatra, Palamu, Ranchi, Ramgarh and Khunti.  
**Weather patterns will change in Jharkhand from May 5**  
 The weather patterns in Jharkhand may change from May 5. There are chances of rain in the state on May 5 and 6. On May 5, there may be light rain in the north-eastern parts of the state (Devgarh, Dumka, Dhanbad, Giridih, Godda, Jamtara, Pakur and Sahibganj), while on May 6, there is a possibility of light rain with thunderstorm in the eastern parts of the state.

## KN Tripathi filed nomination from Chatra, Jharkhand CM Champai Soren on the spot

### CM Champai Soren said, India alliance will win all 14 seats

**DN ■ Chatra**  
 India Alliance candidate KN Tripathi filed nomination from Chatra on Tuesday for the Lok Sabha elections 2024. Before this, a public meeting was held in the ground in front of Chatra College. CM Champai Soren targeted NDA and said that NDA's account will not be opened in Jharkhand. India alliance will win all 14 Lok Sabha seats in the state. He appealed to ensure victory of KN Tripathi with huge votes.  
**Vote for the future of the country and children**  
 Candidate KN Tripathi, along



with some people from the public meeting organized before the nomination for Lok Sabha elections 2024, reached the Collectorate, where he filed his nomination before District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Ramesh Gholap. Candidate KN Tripathi said that BJP is busy for-

getting ten years of misgovernance. Before the announcement of elections, BJP has challenged the public by giving a slogan of 400 crosses.  
 The country is passing through a dangerous period. Vote for India Alliance for the future of the country and your children. During this, he appealed to vote in his favor. CM Champai Soren said, India alliance will win on all 14 seats.  
**India alliance will win all 14 Lok Sabha seats of Jharkhand: CM**  
 Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren on Tuesday addressed a public meeting organ-

ized in support of India Alliance candidate KN Tripathi from Chatra parliamentary seat.  
 He said that BJP is guaranteed to lie. India alliance will win all 14 Lok Sabha seats of Jharkhand. NDA account will not be opened. Even in Jharkhand Assembly elections 2019, BJP had given the slogan of crossing 65 seats, but the public restricted it to 25 seats only. The slogan of crossing 400 seats has been given in the Lok Sabha elections, but it will not be able to cross even 150 seats. He said that the crowd that reached the public meeting is showing victory.

**MP Sanjay Seth will file nomination on May 2**  
**Ranchi:** MP Sanjay Seth will file his nomination for Ranchi Lok Sabha seat on May 2. In this program, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, BJP State President former Chief Minister Babulal Marandi, AJSU Party State President Sudesh Mahato, Janata Dal United State President and MP Kheeru Mahato and many MPs, MLAs and all the officials of the state were also present. Will be present formally.  
 Before nomination, a public meeting will be held from 10:30 am, in which about 50 thousand workers from 6 assembly will participate. Sanjay Seth will leave from Morabadi Ground at 12:00 noon for the Deputy Commissioner's office for nomination. MP Seth has appealed to all the people of Ranchi to participate in the nomination.

## Why even before the elections? Supreme Court raised questions on the timing of Kejriwal's arrest; Answer sought from ED

**New Delhi:** Hearing Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's plea challenging his arrest by the ED, the Supreme Court on Tuesday questioned the timing of the arrest. He has sought answers from ED regarding the arrest of Kejriwal just before the general elections. ED has been asked to reply in this regard by Friday.  
 During the hearing, a bench of Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Dipankar Dutta told Additional



Solicitor General SV Raju, 'Liberty is very important, you cannot deny it. The last question is regarding the time of arrest, which he has told. Why the timing of the arrest, just before the general elections. The bench also asked Raju sev-

eral other questions and asked the ED to respond on the next date of hearing. The case is likely to be heard on Friday, with the two judges sitting in separate benches from Wednesday.  
**Singhvi presented Kejriwal's side**  
 Hearing in this case was held in the Supreme Court for the second consecutive day on Tuesday. Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi appeared in the court on behalf of Arvind Kejriwal. Let us tell you that

Kejriwal is challenging the Supreme Court against his arrest by ED in the money laundering case related to the alleged excise duty scam. He has been in jail in judicial custody since his arrest on March 21.  
 Earlier, during the proceedings held on Monday, the Supreme Court had raised questions over Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal not appearing before the ED despite repeated summons being issued by the ED to record his statement.

## Demand to contest Rahul Gandhi or Priyanka from Amethi, Congress workers demonstrated

**Lucknow:** The demand for Rahul Gandhi or Priyanka Gandhi to contest from Amethi (Lok Sabha Election 2024) is increasing. On Tuesday, Congress workers staged a protest at the Gauriganj office and demanded that Rahul or Priyanka contest the elections. Congress workers raised slogans of Amethi Mange Gandhi Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi Rahul Gandhi at the office. Congress workers are continuously demanding the Gandhi family to field candidates in Amethi.  
**Congress has maintained suspense**  
 It is noteworthy that Congress has not yet declared candidates from Amethi and Rae

Bareilly Lok Sabha Election 2024. Rahul Gandhi is contesting elections from Wayanad. But Priyanka Gandhi has not been declared a candidate from anywhere. Ever since the announcement of Lok Sabha elections, there has been speculation regarding the announcement of names of candidates for Amethi (Amethi Lok Sabha) and Rae Bareilly. Till a few days ago, there was talk of making Varun Gandhi contest from Amethi on Congress ticket. But now that has come to an end. Now there is speculation about Rahul Gandhi contesting from Amethi and Priyanka Gandhi contesting from Rae Bareilly.



## News In Brief

### POCSO Act accused sentenced to life imprisonment

**Chaibasa:** On Tuesday, in the court of Additional Sessions Judge I of Chaibasa Civil Court, accused Selay Biruwa has been sentenced to life imprisonment (till his last breath) and a fine of Rs 10,000/- (ten thousand) under Section 6 POCSO Act. It is known that on March 29, 2020, in Manjhari police station, under section 376(3) / 376(2)(k) / 506 IPC and 4 / 6 POCSO, accused Selay Biruwa village Sosopi, Police Station- Manjhari, District- West Singhbhum, Chaibasa. A case was registered against him for raping a minor girl.

### In view of heat and heat, classes 1 to 8 of KV Meghahatuburu closed

**Kiriburu:** Kendriya Vidyalaya Meghahatuburu and other schools have postponed all the classes from class 1 to 8 till further orders due to extreme heat and heat wave in the state of Jharkhand and as per the instructions of the Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of Jharkhand. Have given. Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya Meghahatuburu, Dr. Ashish Kumar has issued an order in this regard and issued necessary instructions for parents and students. He said that online classes will be organized from class 1 to 8. Classes from class 9 to 12 will be held from 7 am to 11:30 am. Prayer meetings or sports and other outdoor activities will not be conducted during the said period. All parents will make proper arrangements to bring their children to and from school on time.

### Will not pay tax on land and street lights in excess: Entrepreneurs

**Adityapur:** Basic structure of Adityapur industrial area has completely collapsed. Recently, after a request to the MLA and Chief Minister of the area, a tender for development schemes worth Rs 280 crore was also issued, but due to some reasons this tender has been postponed. The entrepreneurs expressed their anger regarding all these things in the 10th executive meeting of the entrepreneur organization Small Industries Association.

## Voter awareness program was organized on a large scale more than 70 thousand children parents took voter awareness oath in one da

DN ■ Ramgarh

Under the Lok Sabha General Election 2024, the date of voting for 14 Lok Sabha constituency Hazaribagh is fixed as 20 May 2024. During this period, to ensure 100 percent voting in Ramgarh district, on the instructions of District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Ramgarh Chandan Kumar, various voter awareness programs are being organized in a creative manner to make voters aware about exercising their franchise.

In this sequence, a large scale voter awareness program was organized by the district administration Ramgarh on Monday. Under the program, about 70291 children and parents took the voter awareness oath in a single day in various govern-



ment schools of all the blocks under Ramgarh district. During this, parents along with teachers were made aware about exercising their right to vote during the upcoming Lok Sabha General Elections 2024, while all the voters were urged to understand

the importance of their voting and to vote in the upcoming Lok Sabha General Elections 2024 without any fear, greed or intimidation. An appeal was made to exercise one's franchise without being influenced by anything.

## BJP's Vidyut Varan Mahato files nomination for Jamshedpur Lok Sabha

DN ■ Jamshedpur

MP Vidyut Varan Mahato filed his nomination on Tuesday to win from Jamshedpur seat for the third time. Union Ministers Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Arjun Munda were also present on the occasion. After this, in a rally organized in Jamshedpur, both the ministers appealed for victory of Vidyut. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said that before 2014, there was a UPA coalition government. Manmohan Singh was the PM. At this time two news were often read. One thing was that the condition of the country's economy was bad. Scams and scams were heard every day. There was a



possibility of the economy here collapsing at any time. Second, the country's borders were unsafe. There were frequent terrorist attacks and bomb blasts. When leaving home, family members would wish for their safe return. There used to be terrorist attacks on cities and temples (Akshardham etc.), the major centers of the country's economy, like Mumbai, Pune, Chennai. The then government used to just console or strongly condemn.

## Women's committee meeting concluded at Ekal Gramutthan Resource Center Karanjo new committee formed

DN ■ Chakradharpur

Under the chairmanship of Ekal Gramotthan Mahila Samiti Karanjo President Neetu Sahu, it started with Omkar at a hotel in Chakradharpur on Monday. 25 members of the committee were present in this meeting. In the program, the annual report was presented by Neetu Sahu and the outline of the program for the coming year was made. On the occasion of completion of 2 years of Mahila Samiti, the committee was reconstituted. In which the responsibilities of all the members were decided with unanimous consent. Which is as follows: President Neetu Sahu,



Vice President Vimla Prasad, Secretary Asha Bhagoria, Co-Secretary Meena Bhagoria, Treasurer Kanchan Chhabra, Co-Treasurer Dippy Kaur, Media Incharge Rakhi Sao, WEC Incharge S Pushpalatha, Anita Bhagoria, Monica Sao, Sushma Sao, Sunita Bhagoria, CTL in-charge Asha Sao, Mamta

## Court sentences life imprisonment with fine to accused of raping a minor

DN ■ Chaibasa

The court has sentenced him to life imprisonment (till his last breath) under the POCSO Act for raping a minor in Manjhari police station area of West Singhbhum district. Besides, a fine of Rs 10,000 has also been imposed. According to the information received regarding the incident, accused Selay Biruwa, resident of Sosopi village area of West Singhbhum district. Besides, a fine of Rs 10,000 has also been of Manjhari police station area of West Singhbhum district, had forcibly raped a minor on March 29,



2020. After the incident, the victim had filed a case against the accused in Manjhari police station. In the registered case, it was told that the victim had gone to the forest to bring firewood for the house. Later, after finding her alone in the forest, the accused threatened and raped the victim forcibly.

In the course of investigation, accused Selay Biruwa was arrested by Chaibasa Police and sent to judicial custody and after collecting all the evidence scientifically, the charge sheet was submitted in the court.

On the basis of which, in the course of trial of the said case, in POCSO case no. 18/2020, dated 30.04.2024, the court of Additional Sessions Judge-I, P. Singhbhum, Chaibasa sentenced the accused Selay Biruwa to life imprisonment under Section 06 POCSO (Till the last breath) and a fine of Rs 10,000/- (ten thousand) has been given.

## Condition of the parents deteriorated during the protest in KPS school

DN ■ Jamshedpur

School children and parents jointly staged a protest on Tuesday in protest against the failure of about 40 children despite re-test in Kerala Public School. The parent's condition deteriorated during the protest. He had become unconscious. The director of the school says in the entire episode that 40 children have passed during the re-test in the school. Also 40 have failed. Children who fail will not be passed by the school. Till now he has been passing everyone. The director said that if the child is caught cheating in school, he has been given zero marks. Slogans for the school management to



come to their senses in the dharna: The parents and children sitting in the dharna raised a lot of slogans against the school management. Slogans were raised saying school management should come to their senses and stop playing with the future of students. The children said that a re-test was taken and they were failed again. In such a situation, now he is not even getting admission in any other school. What will they do in such a situation Their future will be ruined.

## students of Kasturbagandhi Residential Girls School wrote post cards for their families and gave voter awareness messages

DN ■ Gumla

As part of the sweep activity, the students of Kasturbagandhi Girls High School of Vishunpur and Ghaghra block motivated their parents through post cards to vote on May 13, the voting day in the district. Earlier, the students of Kasturbagandhi Girls School of Sisai and Bharno also did the work of making their parents aware about voting through post cards. Mainly girl students of class 9th and 10th were included in the said program and all the girl students wrote post cards to their parents after which the students also took the



oath for voting. The students said that they will definitely motivate their parents and acquaintances to vote. Writing post cards and sending them to their families by the girl students living in the residential school undoubtedly worked to make their parents aware about voting through post cards. Mainly the girl students of class 9th and 10th were

included in the said program. And all the girl students wrote postcards to their parents. After this, the students said that they will definitely motivate their parents and acquaintances to vote. The girls living in residential schools writing postcards to their families and sending them will undoubtedly help their parents to vote. Within two days, about 400 girl students wrote postcards. The main role in making the said program successful was played by Firdaus Rajesh Kumar Poddar Sunil Kumar etc. of Sweep Koshang and awareness among the students while visiting the schools.

## Jharkhand in-charge Laxmikant Bajpai and Organization Minister Karmaveer Gumla arrived and held a special meeting with party workers

DN ■ Chsibasa

To ensure the victory of BJP candidate Sameer Oraon in Lohardaga Lok Sabha elections, Prime Minister Modi's election rally has been confirmed on 4th in front of Kulkeri More in Sisai, Sisai College. Where lakhs of BJP workers and BJP supporters will participate. Party's Jharkhand in-charge Laxmikant Vajpayee and Organization General Secretary Karmaveer Singh arrived today on 30-04-24 regarding the Prime Minister's rally. Where Jharkhand in-charge Laxmikant Vajpayee held a meeting with the workers at the election office Gumla. First



of all, Mr. Bajpayee started the meeting with the workers by paying floral tributes on the portrait of BJP's pioneers Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay and Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. In the meeting, Mr. Vajpayee started the meeting at Shakti Kendra. He explained the important role of Panna Pramukh in making the voting in favor

of BJP in the booth by making a plan, shared the golden period of BJP with the workers, BJP won only 2 seats and got 303 seats on the basis of national service. This has been possible only on the strength of the workers. They said Modi ji's rally in Lohardaga Lok Sabha will prove to be a milestone. Elections will be won on

the strength of workers and on the strength of people's love and trust. At the same time, the Organization General Secretary held a meeting with the core committee of Lohardaga Lok Sabha and the five assembly in-charges and asked the workers to send Modi ji's greetings to every house to make the organization a developed India right up to the booth level. Organization General Secretary Karmaveer Singh Modi's public meeting in Jharkhand will infuse energy among the workers. BJP alliance will win 14 Lok Sabha seats. In the meeting, State General Secretary Manoj, former Assembly Speaker.

## meeting was organized by Mandu Block Congress Committee

DN ■ Ramgarh

Mandu Block Congress Committee organized a meeting on Tuesday at the Block Office Mandu regarding the nomination of India Alliance candidate Jaiprakash Bhai Patel. This meeting was presided over by Mandu Block President Sagar Mahato and conducted by Block Secretary Anirudh Singh. In this meeting, Block President Sagar Mahato said in his address that this time Congress Party has made Dharti Putra its candidate in Hazaribagh Lok Sabha and our candidate is very comfortable and experienced and there is an atmosphere of joy among



the people in the entire Hazaribagh Lok Sabha and the late A true tribute will be paid only when we work towards building the Jharkhand of Teklal Mahato's dreams. In this meeting, it was unanimously decided that Mandu Block Congress Committee will ensure its participation in the nomination program tomorrow on 1st May. Mainly present in this program were

Jharkhand State Secretary Dharamraj Ram, Booty Tiwari, Jai Nath Mahato, Ashok Ganju, Vasant Kumar Mahato, Mohammad Mr. Alam, Guddu Verma, Abdul Jabbar, Fayda Hussain, Prabhakar Kumar, Sagir Ansari, Tulsi Mahato, Mahendra. Thakur, Sanjay Bedia, Dinu Ganju, Rajkumar Tudu, Pradeep Munda, Brahmadev Munda, Shiv Shankar.

## Mother and child injured due to electric shock child dies during treatment

DN ■ Chakradharpur

A mother and a child were seriously injured after being electrocuted on Monday afternoon in village Lailor under Jaraikeela police station area. They were admitted to Mamoharpur Community Health Center for treatment. The child died during treatment there. The mother of the injured dead girl is undergoing treatment in the hospital. The name of the deceased 2 year old girl is Revika Kimbo and mother's name is Rosyani Kimbo. According to the information received regarding the incident, the girl was playing at her house around 12 noon. There was a pedestal



fence. It was running. The girl touched the wire coming out of the joint wire of the fan. Due to which the girl got electrocuted and got seriously injured. The mother who came to save the girl also got electrocuted. Due to which both the mother and the child were seriously injured. The family members immediately admitted both the mother and the child to Manoharpur CHC Hospital for treatment.

## Blood donation camps will be organized in various blocks till May 11

DN ■ Gumla

To increase the percentage of voting in the upcoming Lok Sabha general elections 2024 in the district, a blood donation camp was started on Tuesday at Sadar Hospital Gumla under SVEEP cell. In the camp, District Sweep Nodal Officer cum Social Welfare Officer gave a message to the voters who came there to donate blood to participate enthusiastically in the voting to be held on May 13 in the district. Inaugurating the camp, Additional Chief Medical Officer Dr. Pramod Kumar Sinha said that just as every drop of blood is necessary for life,



in the same way every vote is important in a healthy democracy. District Sweep Nodal Officer and Additional Chief Medical Officer Appealed to the voters to strengthen the democracy and increase the voting percentage by voting in maximum numbers on the day of voting. The District Sweep Nodal Officer said that to increase the voting percentage and make the voters aware, the

sweep program will also be organized at the booth level. Various types of events are being organized under this. Blood donation camp is part of that programme. Told that those voters whose name is not in the voter list, they were appealed to fill Form 6 and submit it to the BLO or fill the form through online medium. About 30 people donated blood in today's blood donation camp.



Central medical team reaches Jharkhand in view of bird flu

Situation regarding flu is normal, there is no need to panic - Central Medical Team



DN ■ Ranchi

Due to H5N1 AVN influenza bird flu, the central medical team has reached Jharkhand. The central team also held an important meeting with the officials of Jharkhand. The current situation related to bird flu was discussed in the meeting. Various issues including AP Centre, Containment Zone, Culling, Cleaning, Sanitization were also reviewed.

Joint Commissioner of Animal Husbandry Department, Government of India said that the situation regarding bird flu is normal, there is no need to panic. The bird flu report of all the quarantined people has come negative. The ban on sale of chickens and eggs within a radius of 1 kilometer of the AP Center will continue. People can eat chicken and eggs in areas outside the centre.

Notification issued for the sixth phase of Lok Sabha elections, nomination till 6th May, scrutiny on 7th

■ Nomination will be held from 11 to 3 pm: Ranchi DC

DN ■ Ranchi

Notification has been issued for the sixth phase of Lok Sabha elections. District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar Sinha gave this information while talking to journalists on Monday. Told that nomination papers can be filed as soon as the notification for the sixth phase is issued. Candidates will be able to file nomination till May 6. The nomination papers will be scrutinized the next day on May 7. Two days after this, i.e. till 9th May, candidates will be able to withdraw their nominations. Along with this, the final list of candidates contesting the elections will be released. Voting will be held on May 25 and counting of votes will take place on June 4 in the Pandara Bazaar Committee premises.



The Deputy Commissioner said that the candidates can collect the nomination papers from room number 312 of Collectorate Block A. Nomination forms can be obtained from 10 am to 5 pm. Room number 202 located in Collectorate Block A has been made the room of the Returning Officer, where nomination papers can be presented before the

Returning Officer at the notified venue from 11 am to 3 pm.

While giving information about voters in Ranchi district, he said that till April 26, the total voters in Ranchi are 24 lakh 88 thousand 715, out of which 12 lakh 55 thousand 479 are male voters, while 12 lakh 33 thousand 168 are female voters. The number of third gender voters is 68.

Seizure of contraband and cash

After the model code of conduct came into effect in Ranchi parliamentary constituency, a total of banned items and cash worth Rs 1754.54 lakh have been seized till April 29.

From March 16, 2024 to April 29, 2024, six cases of violation of model code of conduct, 44 related to district Badar and two cases related to restraining order were registered. District Election Officer informed that weapons have been collected from 2161 license holders in the district. 12 licenses have been cancelled. 278 license holders have been exempted from storing weapons, while four have been impounded.

Said that all necessary preparations have been made by the election machinery for voting in the festival of democracy. To strengthen democracy and build the country, go to your booth and vote on 25th May.

CEO gave the task of distributing voter information slips among all the voters in Khunti by May 3

Expressed displeasure over the laxity of the soldiers and magistrate deployed at the check post

DN ■ Ranchi

Chief Electoral Officer, Jharkhand, Ravikumar on Tuesday took stock of the progress of election preparations in various polling stations and door-to-door distribution of voter information slips in Khunti district. He took information about the work done so far and being done by the BLO regarding the Lok Sabha elections. Instructions were given to bring progress in the work. Said that this time there is a provision of incentive for BLOs working in Lok Sabha elections. But, BLOs with poor performance or negligence in work will be deprived of this. He encouraged all the BLOs to do good work. Also asked to complete the election work on time.

The Chief Electoral Officer went to Pipra Toli Belahathi Road, Khunti and took information about the distribution of Voter Information Slips by BLOs among the voters.



Also inspected the forms filled by them. He met the BLOs at the polling stations located at Urban Primary Health Centre, Karra Road, Khunti district. Became aware of the updated status of works related to Lok Sabha elections. Apart from this, he inspected the polling stations located at CM School of Excellence (Girls), Khunti and Community Hall, Namkom. The Chief Electoral Officer took updated information about absent/shifted/death list, voter information slip, polling

station awareness group. Gave instructions to bring progress in the work. He directed to complete the distribution of voter information slips among all the voters by May 3. Also asked BLOs, supervisors and senior officials to speed up preparations for election work.

Before this, the Chief Electoral Officer conducted a surprise inspection of Kalamati check post in Khunti district.

Expressing displeasure over the laxity of the soldiers and magistrate deployed at the check post, he directed to keep a close watch on the movement of vehicles and conduct thorough checking of the vehicles. Said that any kind of negligence in vehicle checking work will not be tolerated. During the inspection by the Chief Electoral Officer, Khunti District Election Officer-cum DC Lokesh Mishra, Sub-Divisional Officer Aniket, Block Development Officer Jyoti Kumari etc. were also present.

CID arrested cyber criminal who duped NRI woman of Rs 43 lakhs

DN ■ Ranchi

CID has arrested a cyber criminal who cheated an NRI woman of Rs 43 lakh. On Tuesday, CID's cyber cell



took action and arrested Rahul, a resident of Giridih district, from Bokaro.

Giving information, Cyber Cell said that in this case the plaintiff, an NRI woman, called the ICICI call center number for help related to her demat account. When the call did not go through, he added +91 to the toll and called the number 8601231122. After this, cyber criminals called her from different fake numbers and in the name of help, the woman got access to the phone by installing the remote connection application Any Desk. Along with this, a total fraud of Rs 43 lakh was done by installing a customer service application.

According to the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal, a complaint has also been registered in the states of Maharashtra and Karnataka against the ICICI account number 331501504121 used by the arrested accused.

Congress candidate Yashaswini from Ranchi will file nomination on six dates

DN ■ Ranchi

India Alliance's Congress candidate from Ranchi Lok Sabha constituency, Yashaswini Sahay, will file nomination on May 6.



Leaders of Congress, JMM, RJD and Left parties will attend the nomination of Yashaswini. State Chief Minister Champai Soren will also be present in the nomination. Father and former Union Minister Subodh Kant Sahay has put in all his strength for Yashaswini's nomination. Preparations are going on at the party level also.

Congress candidate did public relations in civil court Yashaswini Sahay, Congress candidate from Ranchi Lok Sabha seat on behalf of India Alliance, did public relations in Ranchi Civil Court premises on Monday. On this occasion, Ms. Sahay was accompanied by her father and former Ranchi MP Subodhkant Sahay, Surendra Singh, Vinay Singha Dipu. Yashaswini Sahay went to the advocates' seats and sought their support and appealed to them to vote for Congress.

The 'adulteration' of Aman Sahu gang used to provide weapons to the perpetrators of the incident

ATS arrested two criminals with 50 bullets and a revolver

DN ■ Ranchi

Manvinder Singh alias Milawat of gangster Aman Sahu gang used to provide weapons before carrying out the incident. This has been disclosed by two criminals of the gang who were caught by ATS. The arrested criminals include the names of Maninder Kumar alias Milawat, resident of Kirigarha of Patratu police station area of Ramgarh district and Raja Ansari, resident of Jaynagar. Police have recovered one 8-round revolver, 43 bullets of .22, 7 bullets of 7.65 and 1 bullet of 7.62 from the criminals. On Tuesday, ATS SP Rishabh Kumar Jha told in the press conference that the police headquarters is working to take concrete action against organized criminal gangs and to trace the funding of these gangs, financial sources, hawala channel and property acquired from crime and criminals involved in such criminal acts. Jharkhand ATS is work-



ing continuously in the light of the instructions to arrest. On April 29, ATS had received secret information that criminals Raja Ansari and Maninder Kumar alias Milawat of gangster Aman Sahu gang had come to Patratu. On information, ATS team raided Patratu area of Ramgarh district and arrested both of them. Illegal weapons and cartridges have been recovered from Maninder Kumar alias Milawat. During the interrogation of Maninder Kumar alias Milawat, it has come to light that this gangster used to collect weapons and cartridges

used in crimes by the Aman Sahu gang. On the instructions of jailed criminals Chandan Sao and Aman Sahu, he used to provide weapons to the identified criminals and after committing the incident, the criminals used to return the weapons to him. ATS has registered an FIR against this in ATS police station (case no. 01/24) and has started further investigation. Case registered against Raja Ansari in many districts including Ranchi, Ramgarh Hazaribagh

Raja Ansari is a notorious criminal of Aman Sahu gang. Who has been involved in many incidents related to firing of Aman Sahu gang in the past. He has been jailed in many criminal incidents in the past also. Raja Ansari is an absconding accused of ATS police station (case no. 07/23). Cases are registered against Raja Ansari in various police stations of Ranchi, Ramgarh, Hazaribagh and Latehar districts.

Electricity department issued a new order against those who steal electricity

DN ■ Ranchi

Now action will be taken against those who steal electricity bills. Regarding this, Ankit Kumar, Junior Engineer of the Electricity Department, said that from the district headquarters to the blocks and villages, information is being received every day that many villagers are dying due to electrocution.

People are taking illegal connections

Engineer Ankit Kumar (Junior of Electricity Department) further explains that, farmers are stealing water lines from the fields without the orders of the Electricity Department and are providing water to the fields by making connections with bare wires available at low prices from shops outside. Due to which many people are dying every day due to electric shock due to cut wires.

Do not take illegal connection from the pole - request of electricity department



Regarding this, the department has decided to identify such people by running a campaign and take further action by registering an FIR against all of them. Further, he says that he has requested all the electricity consumers not to make illegal connections from the pole, if they do then strict action will be taken against all. Even while taking a valid connection, use good quality wire to avoid electrical accidents.

Life imprisonment to minor guilty of murdering friend

DN ■ Ranchi

The Juvenile Court has sentenced a minor accused of murdering a minor friend to life imprisonment. Also a fine of Rs 10,000 has been imposed on him. If he does not pay the fine amount, he will have to face additional punishment of 6 months. Let us tell you that on January 1, 2021, during the New Year celebrations, Sonu Toppo was murdered by crushing him with a stone. On January 2, 2021, in the morning, Sonu Toppo's body was found near the Celebration Banquet Hall in Karamtoli. To celebrate the New Year, Sonu was taken out



from his house by Ashish Toppo and Sumesh Lakra. Later everyone drank alcohol and Sonu Toppo was murdered. An FIR was lodged regarding the matter in Lalpur police station. Deceased Sonu Toppo was last seen with the accused. In view of this, Lalpur police had arrested the accused. 10 witnesses were presented for the prosecution. Whereas two witnesses were presented on behalf of the defence.

Life imprisonment to the murderer of wife who was becoming a hindrance in illicit relationship

DN ■ Ranchi

Ranchi Civil Court has sentenced husband Lalit Singh Purti, who was found guilty of murdering his wife who was becoming an obstacle in their love affair, to life imprisonment. Besides, the court has also imposed a fine of Rs 10,000. Earlier on Friday, the court of Additional Justice MC Jha had declared Lalit guilty. After which the hearing on the point of his punishment was held today on Tuesday. Let us tell you that this case was of Gonda police station area, where Lalit Singh Purti had murdered his wife on 7 March 2019. There was always dis-



pute between husband and wife regarding illicit relationship

Actually the accused husband had an illicit relationship with another woman. There were often disputes between husband and wife regarding this. On March 7, 2019, the dispute between the two escalated so much that the accused husband killed his wife. When the accused and the son of the

deceased got the information at 5.30 in the morning, he lodged an FIR at Gonda police station. The accused is in jail since his arrest. During the hearing of the case, the prosecution presented 7 witnesses. Whereas two witnesses were presented by the defense side. On the basis of appropriate evidence and witnesses of the prosecution, the court found Lalit guilty.

News In Brief

Hearing timings in DC court will change from May 3

Ranchi: The timing of the hearing in Ranchi DC Court has been changed by a few days. Hearing will be held in DC Court from 10 am onwards from 3rd May to 15th May. This change has been made regarding nomination for Lok Sabha elections. Information about the change in court timings has been given to the President and General Secretary of Ranchi District Bar Association. Let us tell you that Ranchi DC cum District Election Officer Rahul Kumar Sinha is busy in Lok Sabha election work since 11 am. Due to which the timing of hearing in DC court has been changed.

Sanjay Kumar becomes DTO of Lohardaga, notification issued



Ranchi: Transport Department has appointed Sanjay Kumar to the post of District Transport Officer of Lohardaga district. Notification has been issued in this regard. The Personnel Department had handed over the service of this officer of Jharkhand Administrative Service to the Transport Department on March 11 itself. Since then his posting was pending. Mr. Kumar was also given the power of mitigation under Section 200 of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988. This order has been issued after the consent of the Election Commission of India.



## News In Brief

**Congress candidate Anupama Singh will file nomination papers**

**Jorapokhar:** As soon as the notification for Dhanbad Lok Sabha elections was released, candidates from various parties have started filing nominations. Jharia Nagar Youth Congress President Rajeev Pandey has appealed to the people of Dhanbad Lok Sabha to make the nomination grand and memorable by reaching the Collectorate at Memco Mod in lakhs on Wednesday, May 1, for the nomination of Congress candidate Smt. Anupama Singh. He told that after the nomination of Mrs. Anupama Singh, a huge crowd will be addressed by the leaders of India Alliance at Golf Ground Dhanbad in the evening.

**Kinnar Kaushalyanand Giri will join Sunaina Kinnar's nomination on 3rd Dhanbad:**

Sunaina, the only transgender candidate from Dhanbad parliamentary constituency, will file her nomination for the Lok Sabha elections on May 3. She has also collected her nomination papers and will file her nomination on May 3. Kaushalya Nand Giri Kinnar, member of the Kinnar Welfare Board, who has the status of Minister of State of Uttar Pradesh and brand ambassador of Kinnar Akhara Sanatan Mahamandalshwar and Prayagraj Municipal Corporation, will participate in the nomination of Sunaina Kinnar.

**Vinod Singh of Hariom Seva Sanstha is helping poor girls in marriage**

**Tisra:** Vinod Singh is continuously cooperating to the best of his ability to help the needy people in every situation. Be it a poor girl's wedding, a needy person needing blood or helping poor small children in the hospital. Hariom Seva Sansthan and its members are continuously making efforts to work towards humanitarian work. Vinod Singh of the organization helped in the marriage of a poor girl in Manjhi Basti of Chandmari by giving a contribution of Rs 5000 and some ration. He blessed the happy life of the girl and performed human dharma.

## Grand event of first judo belt test

DN ■ Dhanbad

The first Judo Belt Gradation was organized in DAV Koyla Nagar. Dhanbad District Judo Association Secretary Pappu Kumar said that the belt test was taken as per the prescribed syllabus of Indian Judo Federation, in which 73 judokas selected from various schools and clubs of Dhanbad participated. The chief guest was NN Srivastava, Principal of DAV Koyla Nagar. Players from Rajkamal Saraswati Vidya Mandir, DAV Koyla Nagar, Dhanbad Public School Hirk Branch, Dhanbad Martial Arts Center etc. participated in the graduation.



As per the orders of Jharkhand Judo Association, Pappu Kumar Black Belt Sodan, Sudeep Chakraborty Black Belt Sodan, Aarti Kumari Black Belt Sodan and Rahul Sharma took the test of the players. The passed judokas included brown belt Palak Parma, Aarti Kumari, Neeraj Mandal, Rahul Kumar and

Shashank Shukla, blue belt red stripe Ranveer Thakur, Aditi Gupta, Sanjeev Kumar Bharti, Nikita Mandal, Aditya Gupta, green belt red stripe Piyush Kumar Singh, Lakshmi Kumari, Aditya Gupta, Ayush Kumar Singh, Shubham Kumar Yadav, Orange Belt in Red Stripe Tejas Singh, among yellow belt girls are Reyna

## SAIL demands opening of closed Jeetpur colliery soon

DN ■ Jorapokhar

On the issue of closure of the mine by DGMS after water leakage in the only underground mine of SAIL Company's Jeetpur Colliery, supporters of the United Front held a meeting in the colliery premises today and warned the management of fierce agitation if the mine is not opened immediately. After the meeting, Morcha Secretary Sachin Singh told journalists that there is high quality coal in Jeetpur. Due to the conspiracy of Tata management and negligence of DGMS, the mine has been closed after water leakage in Jeetpur mine. In view of the massive water leakage in the mine, he expressed fear of an accident like Bagdigi and Chasnala mines and demanded a case of treason against the Tata management. JMS Bacha faction leader Vikash Singh Tony said that after the closure of Tata's mine number 6/7, the Tata management deviated from the provision and stopped the pumping work in the mine, which is no less than treason. DGMS did not take the matter of stopping the pumping work seriously earlier and now they have closed the mine to save their neck.



## Suraj's body found drowned in the river after twelve hours

DN ■ Bhaunra

The body of Suraj Ravani, son of Anil Ravani, resident of Ghanudih Petrol Pump, Jharia, was seen floating in the water of Damodar River at a distance of about 60/70 feet from the incident site, about 12 hours later, on the second day of the incident. Police recovered the body and sent it to Dhanbad for postmortem. As soon as the dead body was found, there was an uproar among the relatives of deceased Suraj from Mohalbani to Ghanudih. The atmosphere became very sad due to shouting and screaming all around. People were consoling the



family of the deceased. It is known that after the death of his mother, Anil Ravani along with his son Suraj Ravani and his family members had come to Mukti Dham on the banks of Damodar river for the last rites of the dead body.

## Giridih cluster teachers meeting concluded

DN ■ Giridih

The meeting of Giridih Sankul was concluded today at Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir located in Barganda. The meeting was inaugurated by department head Omprakash Sinha, Principal Anand Kamal and Ram Ratan Maharshi by jointly lighting the lamp. Principals, teachers and didis of various schools running under the Barganda cluster participated in the meeting. Omprakash Sinha said that cluster structure is an important link for the development of schools. In the meeting, issues like educational, social, cultural development etc. of children were discussed and the main topics of the



package were decided. Ramratan Maharshi said that Acharya and Didi are the best means to increase the voting percentage in their area in the great festival of democracy. We are festive people. In the series of these festivals, the upcoming Lok Sabha elections are also in front of us in the form of a festival. We can hold small meetings and tell people the importance of voting. The real religion is

to do one's work honestly. In the present time, there is a duty for us too, in which we have to support the party with nationalist ideology again and this is possible only when we ourselves vote and inspire others to vote. Principal Jitan Pandit, Vinod Pandey, Pramod Kumar Gupta, media in-charge Rajendra Lal Baranwal and teachers and sisters of various schools were present on the occasion.

## Meeting concluded in favor of independent candidate Dr. Shatrughan Mandal



DN ■ Jorapokhar

A meeting was held under the leadership of Devnand Mandal to vote in favor of independent Araria Lok Sabha candidate Dr. Shatrughan Mandal. Vanchit Mukti Morcha's Bihar state president and Jharkhand in-charge Ramshish Chauhan was present in the meeting. Shri Chouhan said that till date people of our society have been voting on the call of political parties. This time, people of the deprived society should vote as per their heart, so that the deprived people can be uplifted. Political parties do not see the pain of the poor and the deprived. They only use the public. He said that after visiting Araria Lok Sabha constituency, he realized that the condition of the deprived people is still the same. If you want the upliftment and development of the downtrodden, then make your presence felt by political parties by casting their vote.

## Two killed after bus collides with truck from behind

More than a dozen passengers injured, two seriously

DN ■ Topchanchi

Early today morning, a Raj bus going from Babughat in Kolkata to Nawada in Bihar hit a truck from behind on the overbridge located at Kotaladda of the National Highway in Topchanchi police station area. In the incident, the bus driver died on the spot, while a passenger died during treatment. The injured passengers are being treated at SNMMCH in Dhanbad. The bus driver has been identified as Rajgir Kumar, a resident of Hajipur in Patna, while the deceased passenger has been identified as Vibhishan Mandal



from Bengal. Passengers told that the Raj bus was going from Babughat in Bihar. After feeding the passengers in Vardhaman, the bus driver was driving the bus at a very high speed. After the incident, everyone in the bus fell down. The bus was completely full of passengers. The driver's body remained stuck in the bus for a long time. Due to the force of the collision, the front part of the bus was completely damaged after entering the back of the truck. With the help of police and NH personnel, the dead driver was

taken out. Everyone in the bus was taken out. The seriously injured people have been sent to SNMMCH in Dhanbad for treatment. Topchanchi police reached the spot and started investigation. The second incident took place in Pavapur NH under Hariharpur police station area, where a goat-laden pickup van went out of control and overturned due to a tire blast. The driver and sub-driver suffered serious injuries in the accident. Both have been sent by ambulance to SNMMCH hospital in Dhanbad. The goat was going from Aurangabad in Bihar to Jharia in Dhanbad. After the incident, Hariharpur police has started investigation.

## The situation of the country will change with Congress's 5 justices and 25 guarantees: Satpal

DN ■ Dhanbad

Dhanbad District Congress spokesperson Satpal Singh Broka today gave detailed information about the five justices and twenty-five guarantees of the manifesto launched by All India Congress. He said that the situation of the country will change with five justices and twenty-five guarantees. This time the fight for Dhanbad Lok Sabha is not between BJP and Congress, but it is the fight of the common people, who want Anupama Singh to become the MP here. She is a young, experienced, bright and talented educated woman who has a vision for the develop-



ment of Dhanbad. For this, she is constantly reaching out to the public in the scorching heat to become aware of people's problems during public relations campaigns and is assuring that she will definitely solve the burning problems of Dhanbad with true heart and dedicated spirit. If she gets the blessings of the

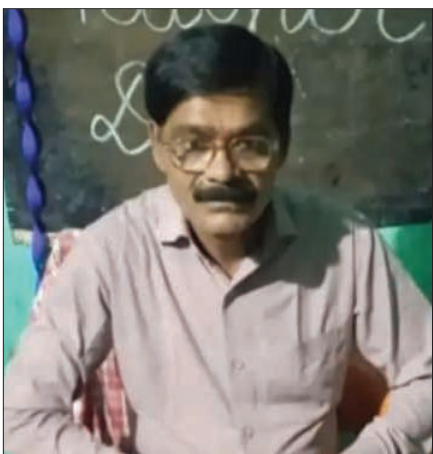
public, she will create a fear-free society, which reflects her thinking and working style. Mr. Broka said that if the Indian coalition government is formed, one lakh educated youth will get the right to apprenticeship, all thirty lakh vacant posts will be filled as per the calendar, new laws and policies will be

made to stop paper leaks, gig workers i.e. those of Zomato, Swiggy, etc. Online delivery boys will get better working rules and complete social security, a new startup fund of Rs 5 crore will be released for the youth, a woman from every poor family will get one lakh rupees every year i.e. approximately eight thousand three hundred rupees every month. There will be 50 percent women's reservation in the new jobs of the Central Government, Asha Mid Day Meal and Anganwadi workers will be given higher salary with double the government contribution.

## Wave of mourning due to the demise of educationist Prahlad Prasad

DN ■ Dhanbad

Senior teacher Prahlad Prasad, 55, cousin of Rashtriya Janata Shramik Sangh's Joint General Secretary Uday Sharma, died today during treatment at BM Birla Hospital in Kolkata. He was undergoing treatment for stomach infection for the past one week. He has left behind a large family. On his sudden demise, former minister Abo Devi, Development Council Secretary Sunil Singh, Rashtriya Janata Shramik Sangh General Secretary Awadesh Kumar have expressed deep condolences and heartfelt condolences. The leaders said that Shri Prasad's untimely demise is the end of an era for the education world. He was known as soft-spoken, well-mannered and an educationist. His demise has caused irreparable loss to the society. May God grant peace to the departed soul and patience to his loved ones in this hour of grief. Those who



expressed condolences included RJD East Metropolitan President Mansoor Alam, Garib Utthan Educational Foundation Secretary Praveen Kumar Vishwakarma, Carpenters Welfare Institute Secretary Ranjit Sharma, Sitaram Yadav, Ranjan Sharma, Prem Kishore Viplavi, Ravindra Verma, Madan Tanti and others.

## BJP candidate Dhullu Mahato filed nomination form

DN ■ Dhanbad

BJP candidate from Dhanbad Lok Sabha constituency cum Baghmara MLA Dhullu Mahato filed nomination papers. During this, many senior leaders including BJP State President Babul Marandi, MP PN Singh, MLA Raj Sinha were present. After the nomination, party candidates and senior leaders conducted a road show from Memco More to the Golf Ground and held a public meeting at the Golf Ground. It is known that Dhullu Mahato won from Baghmara assembly constituency in the year 2009 by a margin of 19,960 votes and was the MLA of Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (Prajatantrik) till 2014. Won the elections in 2014 by a margin of 29,623 votes and remained the MLA of Bharatiya Janata Party till 2019. In the 2019 assembly elections, he won the Bharatiya Janata Party ticket by only 824 votes.



## Excellent performance of Bibi Mahato Mahila College Madayidih in Inter examination



DN ■ Topchanchi

Principal Uttam Mahato and college teachers have congratulated the successful girl students. This year, out of total 236 girl students of Topchanchi block have brought glory to the entire block along with Binod Bihari Mahato Inter Women's College, Madayidih. Tundi MLA cum College Secretary Mathura Prasad Mahato,

1 and third. In the Faculty of Arts, two students stood first, Priya one stood second and one student stood third. In the Faculty of Commerce, Ansari Yasmin Anwar stood first with 345 marks, Zainab Parveen stood second with 341 marks and Rukhsar Begum stood third with 321 marks and brought glory to her school.



## Heart disease leading cause of death worldwide: Pooja

DN ■ Chas

Rotary Club Chas organized a workshop for CPR training and disaster management for the students of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan B.Ed College. On the occasion, the workshop was organized under the guidance of Dr. SP Verma and Dr. Nishant Verma. Pooja Vaid, President of Rotary Club, said that heart disease is the leading cause of death across the world. Pooja said that the incidence of heart attacks has increased among the youth but providing prompt and effective CPR increases the chances of survival of a person suffering from a heart attack. On this occasion, General Secretary of



the school, Vinay Singh said that many cases of saving lives of people by giving CPR have come to light. Instructor Dr. SP Verma said that by learning important skills, he hopes to create a safe society where people can help the needy people. Dr. Verma said that CPR is capable of restoring blood circulation and bringing oxygen inside the body. The workshop further aims to empower the individual

with life-saving skills and prepare the community to take immediate action during critical times. Dr Nishant Verma said that every person trained in CPR becomes a potential hero capable of making a deep impact on someone's life. Dr Nishant advised students to focus on keeping their hearts young and healthy. Secretary Dimple Karna Rotary Club is always ready to serve the suffering humanity.

## Legal action will be taken if a political party holds a meeting on the basis of caste religion and language : DC

DN ■ Bokaro

In the meeting of the Standing Committee to make the District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner aware about the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India for political parties in the Collectorate Auditorium, while giving information about the guidelines issued for various political parties, it was said that the Commission has not issued any Also, monitoring instructions have been received regarding the political party not to hold meetings on the basis of caste, religion and lan-



guage during campaign meetings. All concerned officers have been directed to ensure this. If this happens, a case of violation of code of conduct will be registered. Tax action will be taken. The District Election Officer said that with the release

of the notification, the nomination process has started, the last date of which is May 6. He told that at the time of filing nomination, only three vehicles of the candidate will be able to enter within the 100 meter radius of the elected official's office

cell, while only five persons including the candidate will be allowed to enter at the time of nomination. On the spot, Deputy Development Commissioner Sandeep Kumar Asst. Elected Officer SDO Om Prakash Gupta Verma Ji Ashok Kumar Deputy Election Officer Pratibha, District Public Relations Officer Saket Kumar Pandey, Officer-in-Charge Avinash Kumar Singh and representatives of various political parties, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, Indian National Congress, Communist Party of India, Rashtriya Janata Dal.

### News In Brief

A total of 12 people bought nomination forms in two days of nomination

**Bokaro:** With the release of the notification of Giridih Lok Sabha Constituency on Monday, the process of nomination started, however, on the first day, only nomination papers were purchased. No one filed the nomination form. District Election Officer, Elected Officer, Giridih Lok Sabha Parliamentary Constituency. Said that on the first day, 9 people and on the second day, three people bought the nomination form. The nomination form was bought from the District Nazarat branch. Among the buyers, Dhanbad district resident Dwarika Prasad, Mathura Prasad Mahato, Kalavati Devi, Muralidhar Yadav, Krishna Prasad Mahato.

### Judicial officer held a meeting with PLB

**Bokaro:** According to the program of Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority Ranchi and on the instructions of Principal District and Sessions Judge, President District Legal Services Authority Bokaro Anil Kumar Mishra, on Tuesday, Anuj Kumar, Secretary of District Legal Services Authority Bokaro, informed all the members of LADCS and the district In a meeting with the deputation PLV, they took stock of the work done in the month of April and were given necessary instructions for the work in the month of May.

### Excellent performance by the students of Mahavir Ji High School

**Bokaro:** In the result of class 12th examination conducted by Jharkhand Adi Vidya Parishad, the students of Mahavir Ji High School located in Bijolia of Chas block have shown excellent performance. In the Faculty of Arts, 303 out of 351 have passed, that is, 95% students have passed, in which 70 students have stood first. Category: 255 students have passed second class while five students have passed from third class whereas in Science Faculty, 88% students have passed in which 17 are from first class, 13 students are from second class. Thus, in the commerce stream, 92% students have been success.

## Death anniversary of Danveer Bhamashah completed



DN ■ Gomia

Death anniversary of donor Bhamashah was celebrated on Monday at Bhamashah Tailik Dharamshala, Gomia. First of all, the people present garlanded the photograph of donor Bhamashah. Then the people present threw light on the biography of Danveer Bhamashah. People said that during the Mughal period, Maharana Pratap was fighting with Akbar, at the same time Maharana Pratap was seen becoming financially weak in that fight, at the same time Bhamashah had donated all his property to Maharana Pratap. After this he was given the title of Danveer and from then onwards he came to be known as Danveer Bhamashah. On the occasion, Dharamshala Secretary Rajkumar Prasad along with Baldev Sao, Prayag Sao, Bipin Kumar, Raju Prasad, Ramchandra Prasad, Ramdev Prasad, Shankar Prasad, Bhola Sao, Yugal Prasad, Rakesh Kumar.

## Independent candidate Usha Singh filed nomination from Giridih Lok Sabha seat

DN ■ Gomia

Dr. Usha Singh has filed her nomination papers from Phusro N Giridih Lok Sabha constituency on Tuesday. Filled his nomination form in front of returning officer Vijaya Yadhav in Bokaro Deputy Commissioner office auditorium. Dr. Usha Singh, resident of Phusro, is a female doctor by profession. Dr. Usha Singh was the leader of BJP. After Giridih Lok Sabha seat went to AJSU Party, She announced to leave BJP and contest Lok Sabha elections from Giridih as an independent candidate. Talking to the media, Dr. Usha Singh



said that she still praises Narendra Modi. Narendra Modi has set a target of making India a developed India by 2047. But the way Giridih Lok Sabha MP has expected from Giridih area. This is the reason why She has

filed nomination as an independent candidate. If even Narendra Modi knows about the problem of Giridih, he will be heartbroken. Because the condition of migration collieries and the condition of DVC is very bad.

## Farewell given to four retirees in Kathara area



DN ■ Bermo

Four retired employees were bid farewell by organizing a ceremony in the GM office auditorium of CCL Kathara area on Wednesday. Chief guest of Kathara area, General Manager DK Gupta, SOP Jayant Kumar and labor representatives presented shawl, memento, quince to the retired employees. On the occasion, General Manager of Kathara area, DK Gupta said that every working person has to be relieved from service one day or the other. New workers have got to learn a lot from these retired workers. SOP Jayant Kumar was presiding while MT Surya Pratap Singh conducted the work on behalf of labor representative on the spot, Samsul Haq, PK Jaswal, Raju Swami, Kamod Prasad, Nizam Ansari, Anmol Murmur, Vicky Paswan, Khubali Mandal and Vicky as GM office personnel. Paswan Pradeep Yadav and others were present.

## Newly appointed judge Divesh Kumar Tripathi took charge

DN ■ Bokaro

Divesh Kumar Tripathi assumed charge as the newly appointed District Judge 6th Special POCSO Court of Bokaro on Tuesday. He has started operating his court from today. Mr. Kumar Tripathi assumed charge as the newly appointed District Judge on 7 August 2019. Mr. Tripathi is a resident of Delhi. Before this, Mr. Tripathi served as District Judge in Jamtara. Today in Bokaro Court, Mr. Tripathi was welcomed with a bouquet by Advocate Ranjit Giri, National Council Member



of the organization on behalf of the Indian Association of Layers. Advocate Dinesh Sharma, Shankar Prasad Mahato, Somnath, On assuming charge as District Judge in Bokaro, Atul Kumar Srishdithar Singh Vijay Kumar Omprakash Lal

Santosh Kumar Ankit Ojha Vanshika Sahay Sanjeet Singh Deepika Singh Hasnain Alam Fatak Chandra Singh Ranjan Kumar Mishra Nikhil Dey Indra Neil Chatterjee Kamal Kumar Sinha Sunil Chandak congratulated.

## Kathara becomes battlefield, participation of Washery Road Cell There was fierce kicking and punching in a mutual dispute, one injured

DN ■ Dam Kathara

On Monday, two parties of the same group clashed with each other in the Washery Road Sale regarding their participation in the illegal extortion going on in Kathara Washery of CCL, demanding their participation and share. Heavy kicking and punches were used in the dispute, due to which one person is reported to have been injured. It is said that after getting information about the incident of assault, Kathara OP in-charge Jitesh Kumar immediately reached the spot and took control of the situation and removed both the parties from the Kanta house. During this period,



road sales were completely disrupted for about two hours. Dozens of people from both sides reached Kathara OP regarding the incident and were accusing each other of assault. Till late evening, no appli-

cation has been given to the police from both the parties. According to the information received regarding the incident, there was a dispute between the two parties, in which earlier both the par-

ties had jointly agitated for participation in the road sale. Only after this did involvement in illegal recovery become possible. It is said that the organization got divided into two due to lack of proper distribution of funds given to the local rural displaced people through the road sale system. With the commencement of the road sale, a meeting between both the parties was going on in the washery complex on Monday to reach a mutual agreement. Meanwhile, the matter regarding share and partnership started gaining momentum and a fight broke out between the two parties.

## ESL STEEL LIMITED ORGANIZES INTER-CENTRE QUIZ COMPETITION TO INCULCATE AN APPETITE TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE AMONGST THE STUDENTS

- ▶▶ Quiz co-organised by ESL Steel Limited and its partner implementing agency Sarthak Sustainable Development Foundation with an objective to instil a sense of achievement and pride in the contestants
- ▶▶ Competition was organised between ESL-run Prerna Centres (Tutorial & Drawing) and Excel 30 Centre at Training Centre situated inside the Sijalgoribased ESL Steel Limited's Plant premises
- ▶▶ A vociferous crowd of around 100 people gathered to motivate the contestants including Students, Guardians, Parents, Siblings, Teachers and Local Dignitaries

DN ■ Bokaro

30th April, 2024: ESL Steel Limited, a Vedanta Group Company and a leading integrated steel producer in India, continues its unwavering commitment to societal and community development. ESL Steel Limited and all other Vedanta companies are famous for prioritizing the well-being of the communities where it is present. Today, with an objective to help children in their all-round personality development and to hone their knowledge apart from instilling a sense of achievement & pride amongst the contestants, especially those enrolled in various ESL Steel Limited's educational interventionist programmes like Project Prerna Centres (both Tutorial & Drawing) and Excel 30 Classes a Quiz Competition was organised. The Quiz Competition was organised by ESL Steel Limited alongwith its



implementing partner Sarthak Sustainable Development Foundation. The idea behind organising such programmes is to encourage students to look beyond their textual knowledge and establish a relationship between theory and application of what they have learned. ESL Steel Limited organises many such programmes including Science Exhibition, Art Shows, Quizzes, etc. These are interactive platforms where students are not only participating to take home a prize or get famous, but to gain knowledge, seek opportunities to excel beyond academics and secure their future. Also most of these activities also provide them with an opportunity to hone their teamwork skills. The Quiz Competition saw a great footfall of around 100 people including Students, Guardians, Teachers and Local Dignitaries who

came to motivate the contestants. The dignitaries including Shri Moin Ansari, Principal, MJM School, Bijulia; Shri Manoj Tiwari, Ex- Mukhiya, Chandaha panchayat and Shri Santu Roy, Upadhyash, Kisan Yuva Morcha were very appreciative of the fact that ESL Steel Limited alongwith its partner implementing agency had organised the quiz competition and were quite touched and even astonished to note the enthusiasm shown by the participating children even in this weather condition. "ESL Steel Limited always focuses on the holistic development and happiness of the communities around our plant. We strive to provide a platform for creativity and expression among our students. Initiatives like these further nurture talent, encourage team building endeavours, and fosters a vibrant learning environment that goes beyond academics," said Shri Ashish Ranjan, Head, CSR, ER & PR of ESL Steel Limited. "Throughout our history, in the present, and looking ahead to the future, ESL Steel Limited remains dedicated to supporting the community's well-being through ongoing CSR initiatives, demonstrating our commitment to fostering a happier and thriving community." Mr Rakesh Mishra, Deputy Head of CSR at ESL Steel Limited who was overseeing the whole Competition noticed that the confidence of the contestants didn't fritter with difficult questions or challenging scenarios. He also said that the spectators, who had come to bolster the confidence of their wards, saw their children didn't require any motivation and were also having fun at the extremely successful event.







NEWS BOX

75L illicit liquor seized in Fbd

Gurgaon: The excise department confiscated 10,500 litres of illicit liquor worth Rs 75 lakh, on Sunday and filed two cases in Faridabad. District election officer and deputy commissioner Vikram Singh along with police commissioner Rakesh Kumar Arya conducted a review meeting on Sunday to discuss and tackle smuggling of illegal liquor and GST evasion during the Lok Sabha elections.

The district election officer said the excise department has set up six checkpoints at various locations, including Mangar, Surajkund, Badarpur Border, Durga Builders, Basantpur, and Chhaysa. Deputy excise and taxation commissioner Anil Yadav reported that two cases were filed under the Excise Act after the department seized two trucks illegally transporting Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) from Gurgaon to Faridabad early on Sunday. Also, police confiscated 700 litres of illicit liquor at various locations in the city on Sunday. Prior to this latest seizure, the police had seized assets worth Rs 73 lakh, including Rs 21 lakh in cash and 8,447 litres of liquor in Faridabad, as part of the election-related enforcement since the model code of conduct came into effect on March 16.

We also published the following articles recently  
Anil Tuteja's jail remand extended by two days in liquor scam probe  
Anil Tuteja's judicial remand in the Rs 2000 crore liquor scam case extended by two days. He faces custody extension as the central agency seeks 14 days, with hearings conducted via video due to personnel shortage. 109528420

Drugs, liquor worth crores, 344 unlicensed arms seized since implementation of MCC in Haryana  
344 unlicensed arms, 633 cartridges seized in Haryana post Model Code of Conduct. Rs 23 crore drugs, liquor, cash recovered. CEO Anurag Agarwal mentioned 81,000 licensed weapons deposited. Vigil tightened on inter-state borders. Polling on May 25. Haryana has 10 Lok Sabha seats. 109583375

ED arrests ex-IAS officer in Rs 2000 crore liquor scam case  
Anil Tuteja arrested for Chhattisgarh liquor scam. ED alleges criminal syndicate profited Rs 2,161 crore. Bribery and illicit liquor sales involved top officials. Fresh inquiry opened post SC dismissal of previous case.

School vice-principal stabbed to death by her brother-in-law

Gurgaon. A 39-year-old woman – vice-principal at a private school – was stabbed to death by her brother-in-law at their house in Shivaji Park on Saturday night.

Nidhi Kaushik was attacked by Navneet in front of her 20-year-old son Aradhya, who tried to save her. Both Aradhya and Navneet suffered injuries in the scuffle and had to be hospitalised. Nidhi lived with her husband Naveen and Aradhya on the fourth floor of their building in Shivaji Park. Navneet, her brother-in-law, stayed on the third floor with his family. The first two floors housed Adarsh Public School, where Nidhi was the vice-principal. DCP (west) Karan Goel said Navneet was addicted to alcohol and had been released from a rehab centre a couple of months ago. The cops are trying to find out the motive behind the murder.

“Navneet is undergoing treatment at Safdarjung Hospital. He is not fit to give a statement now,” said inspector Sandeep Kumar of Shivaji Nagar police station. “Aradhya, who tried to save his mother, was treated for some wounds and discharged from hospital. His mother was declared dead on arrival at Medanta hospital.” Police said they received a call from Nidhi’s neighbours around 8.40pm on Saturday. Aradhya lodged a police complaint after being treated for his wounds. “I was on the second floor when I heard my mother cry for help. I rushed to the top floor, where the door to the terrace was latched from the other side,” Aradhya – a BBA student – mentioned in his complaint. “I went to the terrace of the adjacent building and jumped to our terrace from there. When I barged into my mother’s room, I saw my uncle attack her with a knife. I tried to stop him, but I was attacked too,” he added. Other members of the family intervened and took Nidhi to hospital. But she had died by then.

Nidhi’s husband Naveen works as a private firm employee and was not at home when she was attacked. “Her brother-in-law was so addicted to drinking that the family had to admit him to a de-addiction centre a few months ago. After his treatment, Navneet returned home two months ago. As of now, we are not yet aware of the murder motive. Other members of the family were on different floors when she was attacked,” DCP Goel said. As Navneet too suffered multiple wounds on the chest, police suspect he was either stabbed by Aradhya or his mother in self-defence.

A case was registered against Navneet under sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 302 (murder) of the IPC. Her body was handed over to her family after an autopsy.

Fire breaks out in leather factory, doused in 3 hours

Noida. A fire broke out at a leather manufacturing factory in Sector 65 of Noida early on Sunday morning. No casualties were reported in the incident, said a fire brigade official. As many as 15 fire tenders were deployed to douse the blaze that had engulfed three floors of the building. The firefighting operation lasted for three hours, an official said. “Firefighters encountered difficulty controlling the fire due to excessive smoke from the burned leather,” said Pradeep Kumar Chaubey, Gautam Budh Nagar’s chief fire officer. Chaubey added that the electricity department was asked to cut off power because a high-tension line passed over the building. The factory’s security guard had dialed the emergency number 112 to report that a fire had erupted on the third floor of the four-story building. “We were alerted about the fire around 5am. A team of firefighters rushed to the spot and found that the fire had also reached almost all the floors. Fifteen fire tenders were called to extinguish the fire,” said Rahul Gautam, fire station officer of Sector 58. Officials suspect a short circuit behind the fire. Three floors were completely gutted. “The fire was brought under control around 8:30am. Fortunately, it was extinguished before reaching,” said CFO Chaubey, adding that as it was the weekend, the factory was closed, and aside from the security guard, no one was present.

School bus staff who killed colleague held after 17yr chase

Gurgaon. Police last week arrested a 48-year-old school bus conductor, who had been on the run for 17 years, from Uttarakhand’s Bageshwar for allegedly bludgeoning to death a colleague with an iron rod. The conductor Kamal Singh Mehta was sent to judicial remand on Sunday. The case was filed in 2007, when Kamal was working as a bus conductor for Rishi Public School in Gurgaon’s Sector 31. At the time, he was living on the premises of the school campus along with colleagues Nagender Singh of Fatehpur, and Rakshapal of Raebareilly, UP. According to the complaint by another school staffer Dayaram, the incident took place in the early hours of Sept 13, 2007. Kamal allegedly attacked Nagender and Rakshapal with an iron rod over a “grudge”, Dayaram said. “When I went to sleep at 10pm on Sept 12, Nagender, Kamal and Rakshapal were consuming liquor on the school premises. After midnight, I heard some noise and came out of the room. I found Nagender leaning against the wall near the school’s main gate in an unconscious condition. He was bleeding. I saw Kamal and Rakshapal jumping over the compound



wall. I opened the gate and found Rakshapal lying outside the school, also with injuries. Kamal bore grudge against Nagender and Rakshapal about the usage of bathroom. He attacked them due to personal grudge and fled from the school,” Dayaram told police. Nagender succumbed to his injuries soon after, and Rakshapal was treated at a hospital. A case was filed at the Sector 40 station and Kamal was booked for murder under IPC Section 302. He had been on the run since, and police had made at least 15 attempts to arrest him over the years. A crime branch team under inspector Naveen Kumar of Sector 40 police station decided to send some cops to camp at Kamal’s hometown in Uttarakhand’s Devalchaura village earlier this month. The inspector said that

Kamal’s parents had died but his family members still lived there. “They might have known of his whereabouts, but they didn’t cooperate with the investigation. So, we activated our network of local informants,” the inspector said.

Police also started keeping track of call records of those who may be in touch with Kamal. “Our team was alerted that Kamal was living in a rented house in Bageshwar town with his wife and two children,” the inspector added. A four-member team headed by SI Sanjay Kumar of the crime branch went to Bageshwar on April 26 and detained Kamal from his house. He was produced before a court in the city on April 27 and sent to judicial remand.

Kamal, police said, confessed to killing Nagender. He told cops that he never went back to his hometown, anticipating that he could get caught there.

Instead, he went to Himachal Pradesh and worked as a cargo van driver in Nalagarh till 2016. “In 2016, he married a woman from Bageshwar and they now have two children. Kamal did not tell his wife about the crime he had committed in Gurgaon,” a crime branch officer said.

25.3 lakh voters in Ggn LS seat, an 18% rise from 2019

Gurgaon. Over 25.3 lakh people, among them 12.2 lakh women, will be eligible to vote in Gurgaon as the parliamentary constituency goes to polls on May 25. The constituency, which is Haryana’s largest by count of voters and includes nine assembly segments, will have 2,407 polling booths, 74 auxiliary booths and 86 others for voters from vulnerable sections, Gurgaon deputy commissioner said at a news conference on Sunday. The total number of eligible voters in Gurgaon – which includes assembly segments Gurgaon, Badshapur, Sohna, Pataudi, Bawal, Rewari, Nuh, Ferozepur Jhirka and Punhana – has gone up from 21.5 lakh in 2019 Lok Sabha election to 25.3 lakh this time, an increase of around 18%. The electoral roll for the coming poll shows that women account for 48.3% of the constituency’s voters. But the number of voters and other data could change after complete analysis of the electoral list in May, the DC added. In 2019, Gurgaon had 21,50,728 voters. The deputy commissioner said on Sunday that this Lok Sabha election will be the

first time that elderly people above 85 years old and those with disabilities more than 40% will be able to vote from their home. Yadav said that block-level officers will go to the houses of voters in this category and get a form submitted if they want to cast their ballot from their home. The voters will still have the option to go to a polling booth if they wish to. “The aim is to encourage maximum participation from senior citizens and persons with disabilities,” Yadav said. The Gurgaon parliamentary constituency has 35,559 voters above 85 years old, and 15,231 voters with more than 40% disability. The seat also has 78 transgender people, and 11,349 service voters. People working in essential services can vote through ballot papers and those on poll duty within the constituency can cast their ballots at the booth they are assigned. There are approximately 4,000 such voters in the constituency, Yadav said. Other preparations for May 25 polling include setting up “special booths”, the deputy commissioner said. Every assembly segment will have one booth each for differently abled people, pink

booth for women, and another that will be managed by youngsters below 30 years of age. The Gurgaon election is likely to be a two-corner fight between BJP and Congress. Five-time MP Rao Inderjit Singh, fielded by BJP to battle for a sixth term, is a strong favourite to win the seat. He was first elected to Parliament in 1998 on a Congress ticket, and switched over to BJP ahead of 2014 polls. Congress is yet to announce its Gurgaon candidate. The Dushyant Chautala-led JJP is also in the fray, and the former BJP ally has chosen Haryana rapper Rahul Yadav Fazilpuria as its candidate from the seat. In 2019, Rao Inderjit Singh scored a distant victory, polling 8.8 lakh votes over his nearest rival Capt Ajay Singh of the Congress, who got 4.9 lakh votes. Candidates can start filing their nominations from April 29, and can do so till May 6 (May 5 will be a holiday). Scrutiny of nomination papers will start on May 7 at 11am, and candidates can withdraw their nominations till 3pm on May 9. “The nomination process will be conducted with complete transparency, and responsibilities have been assigned to officials and

Planned two years ago, water tank to boost supply in DLF 2 still on paper

GURGAON. Residents of DLF 2 have expressed concerns over the lackadaisical attitude of MCG as they have been waiting for construction of an underground tank in J block for the past two years. Despite receiving necessary approvals and starting the tender process, the proposed underground tank remains on paper.

DLF 2 is home to over 5,000 families. Residents are facing an acute water shortage that is worsening with each passing day. Water supply has reduced to 10-15 minutes. Vikas Thapar, a governing council member of the RWA, said the population in the colony is around 35,000. “The current infrastructure, almost 30 years old, is struggling to meet the water needs. J block’s underground storage tank, which was planned, has not moved beyond the planning stage. The tendering process has been repeated several times, but only empty promises have been made,” he said. The existing water storage



capacity in P and L block tanks is 2,084 KL, and the overhead storage capacity is 681 KL. However, supply from GMDA is erratic, leading to water scarcity, they said. Residents said water pressure is low as well, and many families are forced to rely on water tankers to meet their daily requirements.

8Arun Batra, a resident of J block, said that the underground storage tank project has remained on paper for many years with no real progress despite repeated followups with DLF and MCG. “It is important that the authorities take immediate action to upgrade the infrastructure and ensure that residents of DLF 2 have access to adequate water supply,” he said.

Meanwhile, Nitya Mohan, the cluster head of DLF City said, “As per the approved sanctioned plan, adequate infrastructure has been developed to supply the requisite amount of water into the households.” When contacted, MCG executive engineer Sanjeev Kumar said, “I will get it checked.”

6 more weeks for Hry to set deadline for wetland notification

Gurgaon. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has granted an extension of weeks to the Haryana govt for filing an affidavit specifying the timeline for declaring Najafgarh Jheel as a transboundary wetland during a hearing. The counsel for NCT of Delhi had earlier informed the tribunal about its decision to declare the water body as a wetland on Dec 22, 2023. However, the Haryana govt sought more time to file the affidavit in the case which dates to 2014, when a Delhi-based NGO – Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage – filed an application in the NGT demanding the lake be declared a wetland and adequate steps be taken to conserve it.

“The Haryana wetland authority has

submitted that all the incumbent except member secretary of the authority have been reshuffled in March. The member secretary has been assigned parliamentary election duty in Sikkim since March 2024. Therefore, the meeting could not be convened, and the affidavit could not be filed. Having regard to the difficulty, which is expressed in the application for adjournment, the prayer is allowed and further six weeks are granted to the Haryana govt to file the affidavit,” stated chairperson Prakash Shrivastava and expert member A Senthil Vel in the order. The next hearing for the case is scheduled for July 30. Najafgarh Jheel, a significant water body located on the border of Delhi and Haryana, is a crucial habitat

for various species of birds and plays a vital role in maintaining the ecological balance of the region. Once notified as a wetland, Najafgarh Jheel will be protected from encroachment, pollution and other harmful activities. The state government will be required to prepare a management plan for the wetland, which will include measures for its conservation, restoration and sustainable use. The management plan will also involve the participation of local communities and stakeholders, ensuring their involvement in the conservation efforts. We also published the following articles recently: Vague, baseless: Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal hits back at ED in counter-affidavit; Kejriwal’s SC response criticizes arrest timing.

Fallen trees & branches spark concerns in many sectors

Noida/Greater Noida: Branches of an old and overgrown tree fell on three cars parked under it in Sector 27 on Saturday, damaging them completely.

In some parts of the city, including Arun Vihar, the lack of regular tree maintenance has led to overgrown branches that extend into homes and even cause damage to walls. This highlights the necessity for proper pruning and upkeep of trees in these neighborhoods. Likewise, sectors such as Xu 1, Delta 2, Gamma in Greater Noida also require tree pruning.

“Yesterday evening, several large branches of an old Gulmohar tree fell in front of E 260 in Sector 27. There were no injuries or loss of life. However, many more trees in E and F blocks of the sector have similar overgrown branches could pose a potential risk,” said Kanhaiya Lal Awana, RWA chairman of Sector 27. Subsequently, Awana complained about the issue to the district forest department and the Authority to cut the trees to avoid future mishaps and possible loss of life. The damaged cars had broken windshields, bonnets, and bumpers. Kavita Jamil, who is the vice-chairperson of the Arun Vihar Residents Welfare Association (AVRWA), has shared her concerns about the safety of residents due to over



100 trees in Arun Vihar that are posing a threat to lives and property. “The height of trees has now reached about 80 feet, and in some places, branches have entered toilets and caused damage to the wall. We request the Noida Authority’s horticulture department to conduct an inspection,” said Jamil. While residents of Sectors 48, 34, 71, 72, and more have also raised similar concerns, the

problem is also rampant in Greater Noida. Alok Nagar, the general secretary of RWA in Sector Delta 2, said that a tree had fallen and was blocking the sector road. However, the concerned authorities have not addressed the issue yet. Jeet Singh Sheoran, the general secretary of RWA in Sector Xu 1, has pointed out the same problem in his sector. Officials from the horticulture

department said that they will address the problem soon, as their staff have been busy with election duty.

We also published the following articles recently: BMC prunes 22,334 tree branches, appeal to citizens to move vehicles parked along roadsides; BMC pruned 22,334 branches, 1,13,534 trees need trimming. 433 problematic trees found, 386 removed. Challenges include vehicles hindering operations. Appeal for citizen cooperation in vehicle movement. 109509918

Fire breaks out at building in Noida Sector 65  
Noida’s leather company fire, attended by 15 units, led by CFO Pradeep Kumar, extinguished a short-circuit blaze with no casualties. ANI provided details. Fire broke out Sunday morning. Horticulture waste catches fire in sectors 50 & 117  
Fires due to horticulture waste in Meghdootam Park and Sector 117 highlight the fire threat from dry leaves in various city sectors. Residents face pollution and breathing issues. Guard averts mishap in Sector 117 fire.



## To recoup life while it's still throbbing

In August 2022, Salman Rushdie was almost killed for being "disingenuous". That was one of the reasons put forth by the writer's would-be assassin, who confessed to having read only two pages of 'The Satanic Verses'. Rushdie's fourth novel was also his most controversial. Published in 1988, it had sparked a fatwa, launched a thousand protests, triggered numerous killings (including that of the Japanese translator of the book) and compelled Rushdie to live under the shadow of death. Though he had anticipated an attack in the decade after the fatwa, it had somewhat receded until the murderous attack on his "last innocent evening" in upstate New York, where Rushdie was to ironically give a talk on the safety of writers. Death, or rather the nearness of it, is what Rushdie reflects on in his new book 'Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder'.

How do writers under the shadow of death confront it, grapple with it every day, and yet make meaning out of it and use it as material? Is death a battle to be fought and won, an inevitability to be made peace with, or a fear that haunts till the last living breath? Poet John Donne throws a gauntlet of irreverence at "proud" death, when he says, "Mighty and dreadful, for, thou art not so/ For, those, whom thou think'st, thou dost overthrow/ Die not, poor death, nor yet canst thou kill me."

If death made several failed encounters with Rushdie, it was an "imposing itinerant visitor" for Paul Kalanithi, the young neurosurgeon who faced it with equanimity and courage. Diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer at the age of 36, Kalanithi writes in his memoir 'When Breath Becomes Air', "I began to realise that coming face to face with my own mortality, in a sense, had changed nothing and everything." Nothing, because he knew someday he would have to die though he didn't know when. Everything, because now he knew it more acutely. There was also the more profound realisation that "even when I'm dying, until I actually die, I am still living". In the case of both Rushdie and Kalanithi, it is love and language that illuminate their lives in their darkest phases. Both harness the power of literature to recoup life while it's still throbbing. "Language was my knife," Rushdie ruminates in 'Knife', "the knife I could use to fight back" and a tool to reclaim his world, while Kalanithi, "searching for a vocabulary with which to make sense of death", found it in writing. "Words," he writes, "have a longevity I do not."

Christopher Hitchens, the literary world's best known contrarian, too, became that "finalist in the race for life" when he was diagnosed with esophageal cancer and reflects how he had been in denial for long. "But I can't see myself smiting my brow with shock or hear myself whining about how it's all so unfair: I have been taunting the Reaper into taking a free scythe in my direction and have now succumbed to something so predictable and banal that it bores even me," Hitchens writes in his memoir 'Mortality' that documents a very public dying.

"I have more than once in my time woken up feeling like death" is how Hitchens begins the book. He details his diagnosis as "a very gentle and firm deportation" into the land of malady, a land that he says is quite welcoming, where "everybody smiles encouragingly and there appears to be absolutely no racism" though the humour in this new country is "a touch feeble and repetitive" and the cuisine the worst of any destination. Then comes the rather numbing realisation that "I don't have a body, I am a body".

More pervasive though is the wry Hitchensian humour, when he describes how "the novelty of a diagnosis of malignant cancer has a tendency to wear off... even to become banal. One can become quite used to the spectre of the eternal Footman, like some lethal old bore lurking in the hallway at the end of the evening, hoping for the chance to have a word". Are life and death therefore two mutually exclusive or mutually constitutive binaries? Philosopher Jacques Derrida, mining for some understanding of this quandary from science, philosophy and psychoanalysis, argued that death must be considered neither as the opposite of life, nor as the truth or fulfilment of it, but rather as that which both limits life and makes it possible.

## Navy women script sailing history

Lt Cdr Dilna K (left) and Lt Cdr Roopa A during the flag-in ceremony of INSV Tarini.

Amid the hype and hoopla of the IPL, a significant sporting achievement has been relegated to the margins. On April 21, Lieutenant Commanders Dilna K and Roopa A, two Indian Navy officers, completed a historic transoceanic voyage on the Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini. In the process, they became the first Indian women to achieve the distinction of undertaking a transoceanic expedition in double-handed mode. The two travelled by sea, to Mauritius and back, propelling on wind power alone. They spent nearly two months on a small sailing vessel braving rough seas, strong winds, high waves, treacherous currents and much else that nature throws at you in the wilderness of oceans. While India has in its ocean sailing catalogue feats of solo sailing and sailing by a group of people (usually six), this is the first time it has been done double-handed — crewed by only two — over such a long distance. Dilna and Roopa will now prepare for their next big challenge. The Navy is preparing to flag off the 'Sagar Parikrama IV' expedition, a circumnavigation of the globe, on INSV Tarini, scheduled to commence in September.

Interestingly, both have an armed forces background — Dilna's father was in the Army while Roopa's served in the Air Force. Both were also actively involved in the NCC before joining the Navy and have led Navy's Republic Day marching contingents. Dilna is a commerce graduate who joined the Logistics branch in the Navy. She has also been a national-level shooter. Roopa has been a university rank holder in aeronautical engineering who joined the Navy's Armament Inspectorate branch. She is an active marathon runner. Both have logged an impressive 38,000 nautical miles of sailing under their belt.

Ever since they volunteered for 'Sagar Parikrama IV' in 2022, both women have made INSV Tarini their home. They often stay on the ship even when it is berthed alongside its home port in Goa and they are the ones who clean its decks and sweep its floors and do all the 'ship's husbandry' tasks. The Navy's Ocean Sailing Node in Goa gives them a full range of off-shore support, infrastructure and academic guidance. INS Mandovi acts as the mothership nurturing the vessel and the sailors, and the Indian Naval Sailing Association at Delhi handles the overall development of sailing in the Indian Navy.

The Navy has exhaustively trained these officers in all aspects of ocean sailing. Further, a full-fledged medical support team, which includes a psychologist



and sleep medicine specialist, monitors their health and medical fitness. Above all, they have an ace in the form of the legendary Abhilash Tomy, who joined them as a mentor in August 2023.

In praise of the sailors, Tomy says, "My job was tremendously reduced thanks to the willingness and effort that the women have put in... Personally, I think they have done well, especially in comparison to the other crew who have sailed the route. They have been safe and quite professional in dealing with

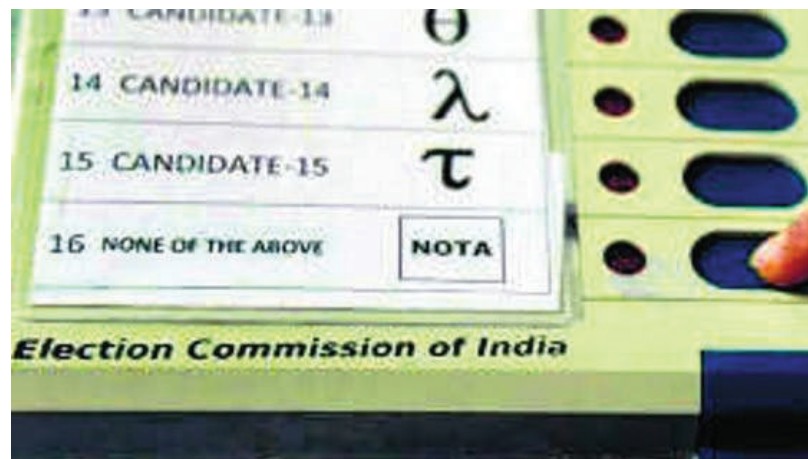
defects in the boat and navigating it, and have brought the boat back in an excellent state of preservation."

Quite fascinatingly, in Cowes, UK, on April 22, a sailing yacht appropriately called 'Maiden' won the McIntyre Ocean Globe Race, becoming the first all-women crew to win an around-the-world yacht race. The crew included two Indians who sailed in different legs. Lt Cdr Payal Gupta is a serving Navy officer and Dhanya Pilo is the daughter of a retired Navy officer. Their triumph needs a separate telling.

## Reviewing NOTA

Need to make it a potent option for voters

THE electoral no-show in Surat, where BJP candidate Mukesh Dalal was declared the winner unopposed, has reignited the debate on the NOTA (none of the above) option for the voters. The episode underscores the need for reforms to ensure that the fundamental right of citizens to choose their representatives is not violated or denied. The introduction of NOTA in 2013 on the directions of the Supreme Court was a landmark step aimed at empowering voters and holding political parties accountable. However, the Surat fiasco highlights the limitations of NOTA in its current form. Lacking teeth, it has repeatedly failed to influence the poll result. The latest outcome has raised questions about the integrity of the electoral process and the centrality of voters in a democratic exercise. Should a candidate be declared victorious without having faced any opposition? Should NOTA necessitate a repoll if it gets more votes



than any contestant? The apex court has issued a notice to the Election Commission of India (ECI) on a plea seeking a repoll in

constituencies where NOTA receives the majority of the votes. This calls for a re-evaluation of NOTA's role in the electoral process. While NOTA serves as a symbolic gesture of dissent — a negative vote — its true potential lies in catalysing systemic change and deterring parties from fielding unsuitable candidates. Countries like Indonesia mandate a repoll if NOTA emerges 'victorious', thus ensuring that citizens' dissatisfaction is addressed comprehensively. The ECI must explore ways to enhance NOTA's effectiveness, including considering proposals to annul the elections in constituencies where it bags the highest number of votes. This will compel political parties to nominate candidates with an unblemished reputation. Promoting NOTA — or the right to reject — as a 'fictional' nominee can make it a potent tool of democratic expression.

## A strong case for corrective advertisements

Patanjali Ayurved has finally issued an "unconditional public apology" for its disobedience of the directions and orders of the Supreme Court, through large advertisements, but is it enough

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The apex court will obviously deliberate on this issue at its next hearing, but for consumers, who have been misled for years, nothing short of a series of court-directed 'corrective advertisements' to set right the erroneous impressions created by the company's campaigns and advertisements will do. Consumers have a right to information and informed choice and it is imperative that Patanjali informs, through corrective advertisements, that it advertised its products despite knowing fully well that it was violating the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act and the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and also admits the misrepresentations. The prominence and duration of such advertisements should correspond to the original ones. Such advertisements would not only hold the company accountable for its misdeeds, but also send out a warning to all those businesses who unabashedly peddle lies and half-truths about their products and services, at the cost of consumers' health and safety. In fact, such misrepresentations strike at the very root of the citizen's fundamental right to life and flowing from it, right to health, safe food and drug. The concept of corrective advertisements may have its share of naysayers, particularly among businesses, but I have always been a strong votary of corrective advertisements as the most effective legal remedy for false and misleading advertisements. First, it cures the erroneous impression created by such advertisements in the minds of consumers. Second, if used effectively, it can be a very strong deterrent against misrepresentations because the perpetrator is forced

to invest heavily in advertisements that actually expose him and hold him accountable for misleading the public. Third, even when a false advertisement is pulled down, there is always a time lag between its appearance and its withdrawal, by which time it would have already conveyed the misinformation. It's for this reason that every law, regulation, irrespective of the sector, dealing with false and misleading advertisements should have a provision for corrective advertisement and it must be enforced extensively and effectively. I put particular emphasis on the enforcement because having successfully pushed for the corrective advertisement provision in the Consumer Protection Act as well as the Food Safety and Standards (Advertising and Claims) Regulations, I am extremely disappointed that most often, the provision is ignored. Even when applied by consumer courts, there is a lack of understanding of its objective and therefore, the corrective advertisement does not serve the intended purpose. One of the best examples of corrective advertisements can be found in the directions of a federal court in the United States in what is commonly known as the Civil Racketeering lawsuit against tobacco companies. Accordingly, in 2017, major tobacco companies had to issue corrective statements as full-page advertisements in at least 50 newspapers around the country once a



week for one year and also broadcast them as 30 and 45-second prime time shots on major TV networks. The corrective statements had to refer to the manipulation of cigarette design and composition to enhance nicotine delivery, adverse health effects of smoking, addictiveness of cigarette smoking and nicotine, absence of health benefits from smoking low tar, light, ultra-light, mild and natural cigarettes, and adverse health effects of exposure to secondhand smoking.

Patanjali's promotion of its drugs makes a strong case

for corrective advertisements because the company has constantly flouted laws with impunity and misled consumers for years. It cocked a snook at the enforcement authorities. It even tried that with the Supreme Court! The Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act prohibits advertising and promotion of any drug for the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment and prevention of any disease, disorder or condition specified in the Schedule of the Act. And the Schedule covers almost all diseases, including diabetes, high or low blood pressure, glaucoma, and goitre. Yet, Patanjali advertised drugs for these diseases consistently, despite notices from the Uttarakhanda licensing authority, following complaints.

The law also prohibits misleading advertisements, and many of its advertisements, forwarded by the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs to the Advertising Standards Council of India (on complaints from consumers), were found to be misleading. And such infractions have gone on for years.

In fact, Patanjali's belligerence also speaks very poorly of the enforcement agencies and calls for strict action against officials who failed to act suo motu, and also on complaints. It also calls for more transparency in the working of enforcement agencies and regular scrutiny of their work through independent agencies.



# Red alert issued for 4 states due to heatwave, temperature touches 45 degrees

**Government agencies have issued health warnings due to the intense heat in parts of the country, while the increasing temperature has put pressure on the power grids.**

**New Delhi:** The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for the states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Odisha for the next two to three days due to a heatwave. Parts of the country are already reeling under intense heat due to which government agencies have issued health warnings, while some states have suspended classes. In its latest weather bulletin issued on Monday night, the weather office said "intensely hot conditions" are expected in east India until Wednesday, while it will continue in the south peninsular region for the next five days. The IMD has also issued an orange alert for parts of Telangana, Karnataka and Sikkim. On Monday, a heatwave prevailed in parts of West Bengal, Gujarat, Bihar, Sikkim, Odisha, Jharkhand, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh's Kalaikunda and Kandala recorded a maximum temperature of 45.4 degrees Celsius, which was eight notches above normal, while it was 45 degrees Celsius in



the state's Nandyal city. Meanwhile, the third-highest temperature on Monday was 44.8 degrees Celsius recorded in Odisha's Baripada, followed by Sheikhpura in Bihar with the fourth-highest at 44 degrees Celsius. According to the IMD,

the areas under red alert could "develop heat illness and heatstroke", the PTI news agency reported. The weather office asked people to take "extreme precaution". Meanwhile, in areas under the orange alert, people could fall ill if exposed to the heat for a prolonged

period of time, or if they do heavy work while out in the scorching heat. In the next five days, Assam, Tripura, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Goa, Kerala and Karnataka are likely to witness high humidity, the weather office bulletin said. According to the IMD, this is the second heatwave in April as heatwave conditions have prevailed in Odisha since April 15 and in the Gangetic West Bengal since April 17. The Met Office has said four to eight heatwave days are expected in different parts of the country in April against a normal of one to three days. Ten to 20 heatwave days are expected against a normal of four to eight in the entire April-June period. The areas and regions predicted to witness a higher number of heatwave days are Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Maharashtra, Vidarbha, Marathwada, Bihar and Jharkhand. Some places may record more than 20 heatwave days. The intense heat could strain power grids and result in water shortages in parts of India.

## "Ready For Fight": Rajnath Singh On Buzz Over Rahul, Priyanka Gandhi Contest

**New Delhi:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh expressed confidence today that the BJP would score 80/80 in Uttar Pradesh, shrugging off any concern that low voting could be bad news for his party.

Rajnath Singh, who is the BJP candidate from Lucknow, also slammed what he called the opposition's 'politics of obfuscation' in an interview with NDTV on the campaign trail. "PM (Narendra Modi)'s popularity is unparalleled. He has raised India's stature in the world. The country wants him to be the Prime Minister. People trust Modi," the Defence Minister said.

The BJP will win all 80 seats in UP," he added. On the buzz about Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra both contesting from UP - in Amethi and Raebareilly - the BJP veteran remarked: "What's the delay then? Anyone can contest. We are ready for the fight." Mr Singh attributed the low voting percentage to the lack of enthusiasm among the opposition's voters. "Some of the low voting is because of the heat. Besides, everyone knows the BJP will return with a bumper majority and Modi will be PM. So those who vote for the opposition are not able to muster any enthusiasm," said Mr Singh, dismissing analyses that linked the low turnout in some parts of the country with disillusionment on the ground and anti-incumbency. Mr Singh hit out at the opposition for raising allegations of probe agency targeting, especially the incarceration of leaders like Arvind Kejriwal, in their Lok Sabha campaign. "If agencies are wrong, then anyone has the option of approaching courts. Why isn't the court granting them relief? Are courts under pressure too? The opposition should stop spreading lies."

Rajnath Singh is fighting for a third consecutive term from Lucknow, which will vote in the fifth phase of the Lok Sabha polls on May 20.

## 7 Maoists Killed In Encounter In Chhattisgarh, Many Weapons Recovered

**New Delhi:** At least seven Maoists, including two female members, have been killed in an ongoing encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district today, officials said. A huge quantity of weapons, including one AK 47, have also been recovered from the encounter site. The encounter between Maoists and a joint security team of the District Reserve Guard (DRG) and the Special Task Force (STF) broke out in a forest at around 6 am today, officials said.

The security personnel had left for a Maoist operation in Abujmahar of the Narayanpur and Kanker border area on Monday. An encounter took place between the police party and Maoists in the forest between village Tekmeta and Kakur. During the search of the incident site, the bodies of a total of seven Maoist cadres, including two female Maoists, were recovered and their identifications are underway," an official said. A huge quantity of arms and ammunition, including one AK 47, and items of daily use have been seized from the Maoist camp, the official said. Earlier this month, security forces killed 29 Maoists, including a senior rebel leader - Shankar Rao, on whom there was a bounty of ₹ 25 lakh - in a gunfight in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district. The encounter took place on April 16 in the Hapatola forest between Binagunda and Koronar villages in Chhotebethiya. This was the highest number of fatalities suffered by Maoists in a single encounter in the history of Chhattisgarh's fight against Left Wing Extremism.

### Amit Shah Warns Chhattisgarh Maoists

Union Home Minister Amit Shah last week issued a stern warning to Maoists in Chhattisgarh and asked them to surrender or else they will be rooted out from the state. Speaking at an election rally in Kanker town on April 22, the senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader said that in the last four months alone, about 90 Maoists have been killed in Chhattisgarh. While 123 Maoists were arrested, 250 others surrendered (during this period), he said. Elect (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi ji for a third term and the menace (of Maoists) will be rooted out from Chhattisgarh in two years," Mr Shah asserted.

## 2 ill after eating at Noida's McDonald's, Theobroma, action initiated

**The Food Safety and Drug Administration Department collected samples of palm oil, cheese and mayonnaise from McDonald's, while it also took a sample of the alleged stale pineapple cake from the Theobroma bakery.**



**New Delhi:** The Food Safety and Drug Administration (FSDA) Department has initiated action against a McDonald's outlet at Noida Sector 18 and a branch of the Theobroma bakery in Sector 104 following complaints that two customers "fell ill" after consuming food at the eateries. While one customer had fries and a burger at McDonald's, the second person consumed an allegedly stale pineapple

cake ordered from the Theobroma outlet. An ANI news agency report said the complaints were filed at the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's online Food Safety Connect Portal. Citing officials, the report said that a team of the FSDA in Gautam Buddh Nagar visited the McDonald's outlet in Noida Sector 18 to collect the samples upon receiving the complaint from the customer.

Speaking to ANI on Monday, Assistant Commissioner (Food) FDA, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Archana Dheeran said the team immediately action and samples of palm oil, cheese and mayonnaise were collected from the outlet. "The customer fell ill after consuming aloo tikki and french fries. We have taken action in this regard," she said, adding that the report of the samples was expected within 15 days to a month. Regarding the Theobroma bakery incident, Dheeran said that "we received a complaint that the customer fell ill after consuming a stale pineapple cake ordered from the outlet".

"The complainant also said that the icing of the cake was sour. We have taken a sample of the cake as well and sent it to the laboratory," she added.

The official informed that if the samples fail in the test report, a case is then registered against the accused outlet.

## India's Oil Import Bill Could Reach USD 101-104 Billion In 2024-25: Report

**New Delhi:** India's net oil import bill could widen to USD 101-104 billion in current fiscal from USD 96.1 billion in 2023-24 and any escalation in the Iran-Israel conflict could impart an upward pressure on the value of imports, ICRA said today. The domestic rating agency said based on its analysis, lower value of Russian oil imports is estimated to have led to savings of USD 7.9 billion in 11 months (April-February) of 2023-24, up from USD 5.1 billion in 2022-23. "With India's oil import dependency expected to remain high, if the discounts on purchases of Russian crude persist at the prevailing low levels, ICRA expects India's net oil import bill to widen to USD 101-104 billion in FY2025 from USD 96.1 billion in FY2024, assuming an average crude oil price of USD 85/bbl in the fiscal," ICRA said.

Additionally, any escalation in the Iran-

Israel conflict and an associated rise in crude oil prices could impart an upward pressure on the value of net oil imports in the current fiscal year, it added. As per ICRA's calculations, a USD 10/barrel uptick in the average



crude oil price for this fiscal pushes up the net oil imports by USD 12-13 billion during the year, thereby enlarging the current account deficit (CAD) by 0.3 per cent of

GDP. Accordingly, if the average crude oil price rises to USD 95/barrel in FY2025, then the CAD is likely to widen to 1.5 per cent of GDP from ICRA's current estimate of 1.2 per cent of GDP for 2024-25. CAD, which is the difference between value of India's imports and exports, is estimated at 0.8 per cent in 2023-24. India is more than 85 per cent dependent on imports for its needs of crude oil, which is converted into fuels such as petrol and diesel at refineries. ICRA said the value of India's imports of petroleum crude and products declined by 15.2 per cent YoY during April-February of last fiscal, even as volumes rose slightly in this period. This was supported by the fall in average global crude oil prices as well as savings from stepped up purchases of discounted Russian crude.

## Sandeshkhali survivor and BJP candidate Rekha Patra gets security cover

**New Delhi:** The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) gave the 'X-category' security protection to Rekha Patra, who led the protests against suspended Trinamool Congress leader Sheikh Shahjahan in West Bengal's Sandeshkhali. She is now the BJP candidate for the Basirhat Lok Sabha seat. Voting in Basirhat will take place on June 1, the last phase of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. Patra has been pitted against Trinamool Congress's Haji Nurul Islam, who was nominated after current MP and Bengali actor Nusrat Jahan was dropped.

Commandos from the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) will provide security for the



Sandeshkhali survivor. The Ministry decided to provide the 'X-category' security protection following an Intelligence Bureau (IB) report that indicated danger.

Besides Patra, five other BJP leaders were also given security cover by the MHA. The 'X-category' security cover was provided for Pranat Tudu, the party's candidate from Jhargram, as well as for Nirmal Saha from Bahrapur, Ashok Kandari from Jaynagar and Ashok Purkait from Mathurapur. Meanwhile, the Raiganj BJP candidate Karthik Paul was given the 'Y-category' security protection.

Since the announcement of Lok Sabha elections earlier this month, the MHA has provided security to more than two dozen BJP leaders in West Bengal. Currently, more than 100 BJP leaders have got security protection from the Central government. CISF commandos provide security to these leaders.

## India slams US media report linking RAW officer to Pannun plot: 'Irresponsible'

**India has slammed as "unwarranted" the Washington Post report alleging that a former RAW officer hired a hit team to target Khalistani terrorist Gurbat Singh Pannun in the US.**

**New Delhi:** India on Tuesday strongly rejected a report in the Washington Post alleging that a former Indian intelligence officer plotted to assassinate Khalistani terrorist Gurbat Singh Pannun on American soil. The report claimed that Vikram Yadav, a former officer with India's Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), hired a hit team to target Gurbat Singh Pannun, a designated terrorist by India who resides in the United

States. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal called the report "unwarranted and unsubstantiated."

Jaiswal stated that there is an ongoing investigation by a high-level committee established by the Indian government to address security concerns raised by the US regarding criminal and terrorist networks. "Speculative and irresponsible comments on it are not helpful," he added.

This comes after tensions flared in November 2022 when the Financial Times reported that the US had thwarted a plot to kill Pannun and issued a warning a subsequent indictment filed in a Manhattan court named Indian national Nikhil Gupta as a conspirator who allegedly collaborated with an unnamed Indian official, referred to as "CC-1," in the plot. The Washington Post identified

"CC-1" as Vikram Yadav. India has consistently denied these accusations, calling them "contrary to government policy." A high-level inquiry committee was formed in November 2023



to investigate the allegations. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said earlier this month that India's national security interests are involved in its investigation into the alleged involvement of a

government official in the assassination plot aimed at Pannun. The Washington Post reported that the Biden administration has refrained from making charges against Vikram Yadav.

Meanwhile, the White House said that it expects the Indian government to take accountability based on the outcome of the investigation. "This is a serious matter and we're taking that very, very seriously. The Government of India has been very clear with us that they are taking this seriously and will investigate," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said. "We expect accountability from the government based on that. But we are going to continue to raise our concerns. That's not going to stop. We're going to continue to raise our concerns directly, with the Indian government," she added.





# Skin care regime for a beautiful skin

Rains could be synonymous with romance and reason to rejoice for some. But for others, it could be the harbinger of maladies, diseases, bad-hair days and dull skin. Try these skincare tips this monsoon for healthy and beautiful skin.

**Happy feet** An important area to look after during monsoons is the feet, say specialists. "Especially in between the toes - it is susceptible to fungal as well as bacterial infection because of direct contact with contaminated rain water," says dermatologist Dr Jamuna Pai. One should try and keep the feet dry at all times. Aesthetician Ritu Tanwar says, "The best way to properly clean your feet is by immersing them in lukewarm water with a few drops of antiseptic for 10 minutes. Then, scrub lightly with an

anti-bacterial soap and thoroughly dry your feet and apply a moisturising cream."

**Happy hands** Tisha Khurana, a beauty consultant, says, "Like any other body part, hands should also be kept clean during monsoons. Soak your hands in warm water for 15 minutes. The water should contain few drops of a liquid hand-wash and some fresh lemon juice. Complete this routine by applying a nail cream. Avoid pushing the cuticles, as nail fungal infections are very common in monsoons. Cuticle oil must be applied as cuticles become very dry."

**Care for your hair** Dr Sandeep Sattur, hair restorative surgeon,

says, "Wash your scalp frequently with PH-balanced mild shampoos." The idea is to cleanse the scalp gently without causing damage.

**Use sunscreen always** Dermatologists say our faces can get fairly oily because of humidity and we should use cleansers effective for this condition. Dr Desai cautions, "Always use a sunscreen as UV rays penetrate even through clouds."

**QUICKTIPS**

- Wash your face two to three times a day with a mixture of green gram powder and channa powder (equal proportion) made into a paste with water. - Make a paste of papaya, honey and milk. Apply it on your face, leave for 15 minutes and then wash off. - A paste of neem leaves mixed with honey can be used as a face pack. Remove the pack before it dries up on your skin. - Use a mixture of honey and curd for body massage before shower.

## Renew Beauty regime for monsoon

- Visit a spa or salon once in a while to rejuvenate. Here are a few tips:
- Get funky with your hair colour this monsoon. Get an ombre look or highlight your hair with full head highlights or colour stripping treatments.
  - Brighten up your gloomy day with vibrant nail art in bold colours.
  - During monsoon, the hair becomes limp and loses its sheen. Also, tame your tresses with an oil massage.
  - Keep your make-up to a bare minimum. Humidity and frequent downpours can accelerate oil-secretion, so, using non-greasy and light make-up provides a clean matte finish. Also, always opt for waterproof brands.
  - Some home remedies can also come in handy:
  - Papaya works as a great

- de-tanner; curd clears blemishes; aloe vera soothes the skin; and lavender boosts rejuvenation.
- To eliminate roughness, try this - take some almond paste, mix this with some milk to make a smooth and thick paste. You can also mix almond oil with milk cream to make a winter face pack. Apply the pack to get a smooth and flawless skin.

The monsoon season poses a challenge for many to look tip-top all the time, but you can ease your woes by following some tips for your hair and skin.

## Are you using the right foundation for your skin?

A woman's vanity box is empty without a foundation which acts as a base for makeup. However, since there are many varieties of foundations which are available in the market, that come in different formulations — cream, mousse or dry ones — you need to know the one that matches your skin tone and suits your skin texture the best.

**Understand your skin**

**Normal skin**

- Even complexion.
- The surface of the skin is neither too oily nor too dry.
- Lotion-based foundations are best-suited.

**Oily skin**

- The face will have an all over shine.
- Prone to pimple and can easily develop pigmentation near the cheeks.
- Water-based foundations are advised for those who have oily skin. They last longer and do not make the face look greasy.

**Dry skin**

- The face can feel dry and parched, at times.
- Cream-based liquid foundations are advisable.
- Compact-based foundations are a no-no.

Select one based on your skin tone

**Dusky**

- A sheer foundation and a good concealer are musts for creating the illusion for a perfect skin.
- While applying foundation, your aim should be for a lighter coverage.
- Add a drop of water to the foundation to blend well.
- Dab compact after the foundation is applied. This will give the skin sheen and will not make it look too heavy.
- Avoid applying too much of compact powder. And dust off all the excess.
- Liquid foundation is the best one for women with a dusky complexion. Also, it is very important to keep in mind that the shade of the foundation should be very close to that of the skin tone, to avoid looking pale white.

**Wheatish**

- Choose a concealer and foundation which have yellow pigments.
- Earthy shades go very well with those who have wheatish

- complexion.
- Never use a foundation which has a pinkish tone, this will make your skin look grey.
- Apply a compact after the foundation to lend a smooth surface to your skin.
- Fair**
- Determine whether your fairness is rosy pink or yellowish.
- Select warmer tones for an even



- Should be applied with the help of a powder brush. The bristles should be dense.
- Mineral foundation**
- Ideal for all skin types, except oily. It is specially suited for those with sensitive skin or Rosacea.
- Lends a matte finish look.
- Has a light to medium coverage.
- Evens out the skin tone, moisturises, protects and absorbs the excess oil.
- Use a brush to buff it on.
- Tinted moisturising foundation**
- Ideal for normal and dry skin.
- It is well-suited for those who need extra hydration and just a touch of colour to pull it off.
- Lends a sheer to light coverage.
- Lightly evens out the skin tone, giving a nude or a natural look.
- What you must keep in mind
- Minimal application of foundation is not only good for your skin but it also does not make you look cakey.
- However, while choosing a foundation, make sure that you sample it under natural light.
- While trying out the foundation in a store, always apply it on your jawline and not on your wrists or hands to check for the seamless blend.
- Give your musical instruments some TLC
- Always return the instrument to its protective case when not being played.
- Don't leave your musical instrument where it can be knocked or sat on by people or animals.
- Take care to store musical instruments in a place of even temperature.
- Clean your musical instrument with in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Make sure your musical instrument has an annual check-up with your retailer.
- If a wind instrument is supposed to be assembled before its usage, then ensure that all joints are cleaned before they are assembled. Apply grease in very small proportions on corks if required.
- Have your instrument professionally valued at least once every three years. Then make sure you review your insurance policy to ensure your sums insured are up to date.





## NEWS BOX

## Spinners need variation to survive: Kumar Kartikeya amid run-fests in IPL 2024

New Delhi. MI bowler revealed the strategy for the spinners to survive the carnage being carried out by the batters in the ongoing edition of IPL 2024. He reckoned that spinners needed to have variations to get the batter of batters. This season of the cash-rich league has witnessed 29 200-plus runs being scored in 43 matches. While talking to the media ahead of MI's clash against LSG at the Ekana Stadium, Lucknow on April 30, Kartikeya reckoned that seeing the latest trends of the league, where 200-plus runs are being scored and chased at ease, the spinners need to bring variations in their bowling. He pointed out that the pitches have not been offering any help to the bowlers and hence, the onus comes on them to put their skills to the test.

"I have been seeing that in this season of IPL, 200-plus runs are being scored and also being chased down easily. For spinners, if you have a variation, you have an extra weapon in your arsenal. I feel that variation should be there. As there is no help for the spinners on the wicket, not even bowlers, then it becomes important to add more variation for the spinners. That is the only way to survive," Kartikeya said in the pre-match press conference. The likes of Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal have found some success in the tournament because of the variation they brought while bowling. These 2 have been the only spinners in the race for the Purple Cap, with the list being dominated by the pacers. Kartikeya also suggested that it is important to keep things simple to reap benefits against the batters. He also gave the example of KKR bowler Sunil Narine and his bowling against DC. "I saw the match and the areas in which Sunil Narine bowled, no matter how good the wicket is, no matter how much help there is for the batters or the bowlers, if you won't bowl in the good areas. He kept it simple and reaped benefits. Hence, we also try to do the same. The simpler you keep, the more benefits you will get. If we complicate it more that a lot of runs are being scored, then we are creating problems for ourselves. If we keep it simple, it is easier," Kartikeya added.

## T20 World Cup squad: Should Indian selectors get swayed by IPL form

New Delhi. There is a super selector in each one of us as cricket fans and every IPL whenever we see young players dazzle, that guy wakes up as we try to convince ourselves and others that those performers should be picked for India. As this year's IPL precedes a marquee global competition like the T20 World Cup, there is a familiar clamour building up to pick may be an Ashutosh Sharma or a Shashank Singh as finishers, as they have engineered a couple of stunning heists for Punjab Kings.

In the IPL, some of the Indian batters do not face four or five quality international bowlers for their full quota. Also, the wickets in the Caribbean and America, may not be as flat as they are in the IPL and may require batting skills and not just hitting skills as we are currently witnessing in the IPL. India's matches are all going to be day games to suit the broadcast timings for an Indian audience which means dew won't be a factor and the wickets may offer some grip for the spinners and clearing one's front leg and depositing the ball into the stands may not be so easy. May be, we will see lower scores and there may be place for someone who plays the role of a traditional sheet anchor. Also, players shining for their franchises in certain positions may not get to bat at that position for the national team as India already have proven performers in those roles. Abhishek Sharma (SRH) and Ruturaj Gaikwad (CSK), who have done well as openers, are competing against Rohit Sharma and Yashasvi Jaiswal. At No.3 and No.4, India have players who answer to the name of Virat Kohli and Suryakumar Yadav. In two back-to-back T20 World Cups, the selectors paid a heavy price of going for a couple of IPL performers. In 2021, when the event was held in the UAE, they opted for Varun Chakravarty, who had a great season for KKR, but was ineffective in the same conditions for India when he played in the World Cup.

## Hardik Pandya explains 'art of finishing' matches with foodie analogy

New Delhi. Hardik Pandya hasn't had a memorable time since his return to the cricket field after recovering from an ankle injury he suffered during the ODI World Cup last year. Neither his bowling nor his batting has clicked amid furore over his appointment as the Mumbai Indians' captain, replacing Rohit Sharma.

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While the MI captaincy debate has largely settled despite the five-time IPL champions' indifferent show so far this season, Hardik now waits to know his fate as far as India's T20 World Cup squad is announced as he leads MI in their next IPL match against Lucknow Super Giants on Tuesday. Ahead of the game, in the 'Captains Speak' segment on Star Sports, the allrounder made an interesting comment on the 'art of finishing' matches, using an analogy related to food.

"If you go to a fancy restaurant and they present you something, the taste might be amazing; but if they don't add the finishing touch (to presentation), it does not add to the charm to the dish, no matter how good it is.

## 'Hurt' KKR proud of strong comeback: Vaibhav Arora emotional after win vs DC

← **KKR bowling unit made a tremendous comeback in the Indian Premier League. After getting thrashed for 262 against DC a few nights back, KKR bowlers choked DC to a 153-run total in Kolkata.**

Kolkata KKR bowlers staged a tremendous comeback in the Indian Premier League. After getting smashed by Punjab in their previous fixture, KKR bowlers restricted DC to just 153 runs. Vaibhav Arora and Varun Chakravarty spoke to the IPL website after their win against DC and revealed that the team was really hurt after conceding 262 runs against Punjab in their previous game. KKR bowlers put in an incredible shift in the first innings against DC playing a crucial role in the side's 7-wicket win in the IPL at Eden Gardens. Vaibhav said that KKR showed incredible mettle to make a comeback after the PBKS



game. "We were hurt. We were very much hurt after we lost to PBKS while defending 261 runs. These things happen in cricket and what matters is how you come back from a loss like that," Vaibhav Arora said after the

match. KKR mystery spinner Varun Chakravarty spoke about the trend of high scoring games in the IPL and how the bowling unit have been left unprepared for the assault that they are facing in the

majority of the matches.

"This season has definitely taken all the bowling units by a storm. The amount of runs that are being scored, the size of the boundaries, all those things have been playing a part," Varun Chakravarty said in a video on the IPL website.

Last game against PBKS few shots that Baisrow hit, any other ground, it would have gone to someone's hand," Chakravarty further added. Chakravarty was named the player of the match for his 3-wicket spell. KKR pacer Vaibhav Arora was also proud of how the pacers set up the game for the rest of the bowlers in the first innings of the match. "It was quite a satisfying game because we restricted the other team to 150, something that has not been happening in the tournament too often. I was able to execute my role of getting wickets in the powerplay, which made me very happy in today's game," Vaibhav concluded. KKR are currently in the 2nd spot in the points table with 12 points from 9 games.

## Angkrish Raghuvanshi gets valuable tips from Ricky Ponting after KKR vs DC

New Delhi. KKR's young batter Angkrish Raghuvanshi received some valuable batting lessons from Ricky Ponting after KKR's match against DC at the Eden Gardens, Kolkata on April 29, Monday. IPL has always been seen as a platform where youngsters get an opportunity to interact with international stars and learn some valuable cricket tips. KKR registered a thumping win over DC by 7 wickets to climb to the 2nd spot in the points table. The official social media of IPL shared a special video on their social media handle featuring Ponting and Angkrish. DC team's head coach Ponting took out some time to give some priceless input to the 18-year-old batter. Ponting shared his batting tips as they worked on Angkrish's pull-shot. Australia's 2-time World Cup winning captain and one of the greatest batters of his era, Ponting did not shy away from passing on his knowledge of the game to Angkrish. The youngsters look to make the



most out of the opportunity they get while interacting with coaches and players of opposing teams. While they do get to work with world-class coaches within their own team, the newbies ensure they also interact with the opposing team after the match.

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Raghuvanshi has strengthened his position at the No. 3 position for KKR after Nitish Rana suffered an injury. On his debut for KKR, Angkrish played a gem of an innings, where he scored 54 runs in 27 balls in Vizag. The 18-year-old was roped in by KKR during the IPL 2024 auction at the base price of Rs 20 Lakh. He became the 2nd youngest player in the KKR team to hit a half-century after Shubman Gill. His performance was also praised by KKR team's co-owner Shah Rukh Khan, who stood to applaud the young batter. In IPL 2024, Angkrish managed to score 118 runs at a strike rate of 161.64 at an average of 23.60. He stepped into the limelight with his performance in the 2022 Under-19 World Cup, where the batter accumulated a total of 278 runs in only 6 innings to finish as the leading run-scorer in the tournament.

## LSG tease Mayank Yadav's return with latest social media post

← **IPL 2024: LSG have teased the much-anticipated return of Mayank Yadav ahead of their clash against MI. The speedster was declared fit and would be expected to return for the team in Lucknow on April 30.**

New Delhi. LSG have teased the much-anticipated return of speedster Mayank Yadav in their latest social media post. Lucknow's bowling coach, Mome Morkel, had informed that Mayank is fit and available for the match against MI at the Ekana Stadium, Lucknow on April 30, Tuesday. The fast bowler had missed out on LSG's last 5 games and will be expected to make a return to the side. The official social media handle of the LSG franchise posted a special video featuring Mayank where he is



roaring. The video had background music from the Tamil movie, Vikram Vedha's popular track Karuppu Vellai. The caption in the video had a timer emoji on it. This could mean that the clock is ticking for Mayank's comeback. The new Indian fast-bowling sensation made headlines for his fierce speed. Mayank made his debut against PBKS and scalped 3 wickets in his very first outing to win the Player of the Match award. However, what caught everyone's attention

was Mayank's speed. The bowler was continuously clocking over 150 kph in his 4 overs. He went on to bowl the then-fastest delivery of IPL 2024 at 155.8 kmph. The youngster went on to break his own record in the very next match by bowling at a scorching speed of 156.7 kmph. He turned out to be LSG's hero yet again as he picked 3 wickets against RCB and won back-to-back Player of the Match awards. WHY MAYANK MISSED LAST 5 MATCHES FOR LSG?

During LSG's match against GT, the gun bowler managed to bowl only one over, where he conceded 13 runs. He walked off the field during the match, and later it was revealed that he had experienced soreness in his lower abdominal area. Morkel, while speaking to the media ahead of LSG vs MI, gave a much-needed update on Mayank's fitness. "Mayank Yadav is fit. He has passed all his fitness tests. We are excited to have him back in the squad and in the potential playing 12 tomorrow," Morkel said in the pre-match press conference.

## Shah Rukh Khan's son AbRam puts cake on Birthday boy Andre Russell

← **IPL 2024: Shah Rukh Khan's son AbRam took part in the birthday celebrations of Andre Russell. In an adorable manner, AbRam put chocolate cake on Russell with his fingers.**

New Delhi. The KKR team had double the reason to celebrate on Monday, 29 April at the Eden Gardens. After the team registered a thumping win over DC, KKR side celebrated Andre Russell's 36th birthday. It was a joyful night for the Kolkata team as they celebrated the special day of the legendary West Indies

player. The celebrations doubled up as the team was joined by team's co-owner Shah Rukh Khan and his son AbRam Khan in the dressing room. The official social media handle of the Kolkata-based franchise shared a special video of the birthday party. What caught everyone's attention was AbRam's adorable gesture of putting cake on Russell's face. In a super cute manner, AbRam took the chocolate cake's frosting and smeared it on Russell with an infectious smile on his face. Bollywood Superstar Shah Rukh also hugged Russell and wished him Happy Birthday as the duo posed for pictures together. In the video, Russell had specifically mentioned earlier that he did not want the cake to be smothered on his hair. However, his West Indies and KKR teammate, Sunil Narine, did the complete



opposite. He had a separate cake altogether, especially for Russell's hair, which was smeared all over his head. He was also smothered with cake all over his face as the Knights enjoyed the birthday bash.

**WHEN ABRAM STOLE LIMELIGHT DURING KKR VS DC**

AbRam had accompanied his father, Shah Rukh, for the match against DC at the Eden Garden Stadium on April 29, Monday. The

father-son duo cheered for KKR as they registered a comfortable win by 7 wickets against DC.

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Shah Rukh's adorable son stole all the limelight during the match for his cute antics and reactions. Junior Khan also followed his dad's lead for the victory lap after the match. The franchise completed their home stretch of 5 matches. KKR will return for the last home game against MI on May 11. KKR will be travelling to Mumbai to face the 5-time champions at the Wankhede Stadium on May 3, Friday.

The Knights are keeping up in the race to the playoffs as they stand in the 2nd spot in points table with 6 wins in 9 matches, which include losses in 3 matches.

## Injured Anmol Kharb in tears as India lose to host China in Uber Cup

New Delhi. India qualified for the quarter-finals of the Uber Cup in the second spot of Group A after losing to China 5-0 on Tuesday. The young Indian women's team were not able to match the host's experience and guile on Court 1 in Chengdu.

India had rested Ashmita Chaliha on Tuesday and started with Isharani Baruah. Baruah was not able to give a winning start to the tie and lost her match in straight games 21-12, 21-10 to Chen Yu Fei. The first doubles pairing of Priya Konjebam and Shruti Mishra also lost in straight games to Chen Qing Chen and Jia Yi Fan 21-13, 21-12. The promising Anmol Kharb was up next but she was bested by Han



Yue in the first game - 21-4. In the second game of the tie, Kharb rolled her ankle and was seen in agonising pain. Tears rolled down her eyes as she was helped off the court, forcing her to retire hurt from the fixture.

There was not much left in the game after India lost the first three matches. The second doubles pairing of Simran Singhi and Ritika Thaker lost in straight games to Liu Sheng Shu and Tan Ning. Possibly the most impressive show came from the 15-year-old Tanvi Sharma, who was playing the final tie of the match. After losing 21-7 to Wang Zhi Yi, Sharma brought her cool head to the game and tried to dictate terms against a much higher ranked player. Sharma even led for a little bit in the first half of the second game but eventually lost 21-16.

INDIA'S WIN VS SINGAPORE AND CANADA

Indian women's team had assured themselves of quarterfinal spot in the BWF Thomas and Uber Cup 2024 with a dominating 4-1 win over Singapore in their Group A clash in Chengdu, China, on Sunday, 28 April. The young squad, which had defeated Canada 4-1 in their group opener, came back after Yeo Jia Min got the better of Ashmita Chaliha 21-15, 21-18 in the first singles. The Asian champions had registered a winning start to their Uber Cup campaign thanks to a spirited display by their young squad.



# Katrina Kaif

Says Rajneeti, ZNMD Played A Big Role In Her Career: 'I'd Call Them Moments In My Life'

Even after more than 21 years in Bollywood, Katrina Kaif feels she still has a long way to go and more to achieve. Currently, she's busy trying to work with her favorite directors. Recently, she got to work with Sriram Raghavan for the first time on their film Merry Christmas, which was released earlier this year. The film, also featuring Tamil actor Vijay Sethupathy, was based on Frédéric Dard's French novel Le Montecharge (Bird in a Cage). Speaking to Variety, Katrina expressed her love for the book, praising its tender, poetic, and mysterious qualities, reminiscent of Hitchcock, and its mix of drama, mystery, and murder presented in a unique way. Praising Raghavan, she said that his characters on screen have a realness and depth to them. "There's a certain rawness and realness to the characters in his films when you watch them on screen. They're very flawed, they're very imperfect, but



there's like a tangible, humane quality about them. They feel very real, like I've seen this person or I know this person. He has a certain grip on having something relatable to what he depicts on screen, even though sometimes the situations are so outlandish, but yet the characters are so you can feel you can understand what they're going through, and you relate to their emotions," she said. However, Merry Christmas isn't the

only movie she's proud of. Katrina Kaif also mentioned a few titles that played a big role in her career. These include Namaste London (2007), Welcome (2007), Singh Is King (2008), New York (2009), Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani (2009), Rajneeti (2010), and Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara (2011). She also said she doesn't just see them as movies but like top moments in her life. "I wouldn't call them films, I would call them moments in my life. They were surrounded by an entire emotion, an entire feeling. It wasn't just playing a character and going home, it seeped into my life at that time, the film would become my entire life. That film, that crew, that moment, that environment would become my whole life. I'd be consumed and then the film would release and there would be a moment of emptiness and loss. And then you would go on to the next one. These are all incredible moments for me as an actor, as a performer," added Katrina.

Aamir Khan To Have A Cameo Appearance As Don For Imran Khan's Comeback Film Happy Patel: Report



After a hiatus of almost 9 years, Bollywood actor Imran Khan is all set to make his comeback in cinema. The actor is all set to star in a comedy venture produced by his maternal uncle Aamir Khan's production house. However, Buzz says that Aamir will also be starring in the film. According to a report by peepingmoon.com Aamir Khan will be making a brief cameo appearance in the movie. Reportedly, Aamir will be playing the role of Don, which will add more thrill to the plot. If these reports are true, this will mark Aamir and Imran's first on-screen appearance in a film together. The upcoming film is said to be a satirical spy comedy based on the popular American film series, Austin Powers. A source close to the production house revealed, "It's a spy film with a dash of comic touch and explores an untapped and brand new terrain in Bollywood cinema. Imran will be playing a secret agent in this film, alongside Vir Das, who is also directing, writing, and co-producing it. This is a fun entertainer packed with comedy, action, drama, and lots of twists, much like their highly acclaimed black comedy, Delhi Belly." Described as a laughter-filled riot, the film embraces a blend of familiar elements and a unique, refreshing setting that harks back to Imran's past works. According to an industry insider, filming has already begun in Goa for this eagerly anticipated movie. The source revealed, "Imran has finally locked in his comeback project, nearly eight months after he hinted at the possibility of returning to movies last year. He will star in and play Happy Patel in a quirky comedy produced by Aamir Khan Productions. The film is a laugh-riot and is set in a familiar yet uniquely fresh world, reminiscent of Imran's previous works. Shooting has already commenced in Goa.

Actress Kranti Redkar Shares She Lost 5 Kg In 10 Days



Actress Kranti Redkar is one of the popular actresses in the Marathi cinema. She often shares pictures and videos that set the internet on fire. Recently, she dropped a video and shared about losing 5 kg in 10 days. The video is now gaining traction on social media. In the viral video, the actress is seen taking a weight loss challenge. She wore a traditional ensemble as she recorded a video for her fans. Keeping it minimal, she wore perfectly drawn eyebrows, bindi, mascara-laden eyelashes, and a brown lip shade. In the video, she was also seen pairing her outfit with a pair of exquisite earrings.

So far, the video has garnered over 7,59,000 views and is still increasing. Several social media users have commented on the video. One user wrote, "We don't want to name anyone else, we want what we have". Another user added, "You look very beautiful". "Don't lose weight for anyone," wrote one person. Some time back, she posted a similar video sharing a quick way to lose weight. The clip generated a huge noise on the internet. In the video, Kranti revealed the secret to losing two and a half kilos in a short period. She jokingly suggested, "I lost two and a half to three kilos in the last one and a half weeks. Now, how did I do it? What's the secret? Well, there's no secret. It's quite simple. Just apply white nail polish on your right hand. If it's a gel and a bit pricier, even better."

Kranti Redkar is well-known for her performances in films such as Gangaajal, Shikshanachya Aaicha Gho and Majha Navra Tujhi Bayko. Her notable projects also include movies like Karaar, Rocky, Baalaa, Murder Mestri and Yudh. Astitvachi Ladai. She made her directorial debut with Kaakan in 2015.

Kranti Redkar, who is married to IPS officer Sameer Wankhede, became a mother to twins named Zyda and Ziya a few years after their wedding. During a challenging time when Sameer faced criticism from Maharashtra politicians for his role in the narcotics case involving Shah Rukh Khan's son, Aryan Khan, on a Mumbai cruise, Kranti remained supportive of her husband.

# Ranveer Singh

Teams Up With Prasanth Varma For A Mythological Thriller 'Rakshas'



Ranveer Singh is gearing up to team up with 'Hanuman' director Prasanth Varma for his upcoming film. Buzz is that the film that he has signed is set against the backdrop of Indian mythology and that the film has been tentatively titled Rakshas. Reportedly, Ranveer's character will also have shades of negative forces in the film. A source close to the development informed Pinkvilla that "it's a part of the Prasanth Varma Cinematic Universe, where the director is introducing several characters before bringing them all together in the finale. Ranveer is blown away by the vision and long-term plans that his director has for the universe and is excited to embark on the journey of Rakshas soon." Reportedly, the script and the pre-visualisation of the film have been in place, and the makers are now figuring out the timelines of the shoot. The source added, "Ranveer has met Prasanth Varma and the team multiple times over the last few weeks and has already done a pooja for the film on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti in Hyderabad. Rakshas is positioned as a historical drama unfolding in the pre-independence era, enriched with mythological elements. Ranveer's role in the film is rumoured to embody a complex character with shades of negativity and darkness. While the specifics of his character arc remain undisclosed, the narrative promises to delve into the realm of Indian mythology.

Ranveer Singh is also slated to appear in Rohit Shetty's 'Singham Again', featuring an ensemble cast including Deepika Padukone, Ajay Devgn, Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff, and Kareena Kapoor Khan. Additionally, he is involved in Farhan Akhtar's 'Don 3'. Last year, Farhan Akhtar unveiled Ranveer Singh as the new Don in the teaser for Don 3: The Final Chapter. The teaser included Ranveer's voiceover, resonating with the awakening of a lion: "Sher jo so raha hain woh jagega kab, puchte hai yeh sab. Unse keh do phir jaag utha hoon main, aur phir samne jald aane ko."

