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Supreme Court will give order on Kejriwal's interim bail on May 10



New Delhi: The Supreme Court will give its order on May 10 regarding the interim bail of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, arrested in a money laundering case related to the alleged excise policy scam. Justice Sanjiv Khanna, who headed the bench hearing Kejriwal's plea against the arrest, said, we will pass the interim order (on interim bail) on Friday.

Sam Pitroda resigns from the post of Indian Overseas Congress President



New Delhi: Overseas Congress President Sam Pitroda resigned from his post on Wednesday. Congress has accepted the resignation of Sam Pitroda with immediate effect. Recently, Congress was attacked by the ruling BJP including Prime Minister Narendra Modi because of Sam Pitroda's comments. The Congress President has accepted his resignation.

More than 70 domestic and international flights of Air India Express cancelled



New Delhi: Air India Express airline has canceled more than 70 flights. More than 70 international and domestic flights had to be canceled from Tuesday night to Wednesday morning due to the airline going on mass leave by its senior crew members. "A section of our cabin crew reported ill at the last minute last night," a spokesperson for the Tata Group-owned airline company said in a statement. "After this, some flights were delayed and some were cancelled." The airline has apologized to the people for this in the statement.

CM Champai in action, approval for departmental action against seven state service officers

Three officers Ravindra Kumar Singh, Ravi Shankar and Mukund Das have retired



DN ■ Ranchi

Chief Minister Champai Soren has given approval to initiate departmental proceedings against seven officers of the State Administrative Service. Of these, three officers Ravindra Kumar Singh, Ravi Shankar and Mukund Das have retired. Retired IAS officer Kamal John Lakra has been made the investigating officer against these officers.

What is the matter?

These seven officers are accused of committing irregularities on dif-

ferent matters during their posting period. The DCs of the districts where these officers were posted had prepared Form A and sent a report to the government, in the prima facie investigation of which the allegations were found to be proved. After this the entire matter was sent to the CM. After the approval of CM, the Personnel

Department has issued its order.

Departmental action will be taken against these officers

Ravindra Kumar Singh (retired) then Land Acquisition Officer Chatra, Jaideep Tigga then District Manager, State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation, West Singhbhum, Ravi Shankar (retired) then Joint Secretary, Mukund Das (retired) BDO Gumla, Jitendra Kumar Dev, then Sub-Divisional Officer Pakur, Sandeep Bakshi, Lakhi Ram Baske, the then Special Land Acquisition Officer Mango.

The people of Jharkhand have now become aware: CM Champai

Amidst the election campaign, CM Champai was seen discussing elections over tea with ministers Banna Gupta and Satyanand Bhokta at a dhaba

OBC reservation and Sarna Dharma code stop Raj Bhavan, yet tribals come to ask for votes: Champai Soren



Ranchi: CM Champai Soren has taken a dig at BJP by saying that OBC reservation and Adavisi Sarna Code stops Raj Bhavan. Still, BJP leaders come to Jharkhand to seek votes from the tribals. Actually, CM Champai was taking a jibe at PM Modi's recent visit to Jharkhand. He further said,

election campaign, CM Champai was seen discussing elections over tea with ministers Banna Gupta and Satyanand Bhokta at a dhaba. The people of Jharkhand have now become aware. He knows well who can protect his interests. Who is just trying to make political gains in his name? Those who target our water, forests and land with the help of laws like Forest Conservation Amendment Act will get a befitting reply in these elections. Said, BJP itself has also realized this. That is why now these people have forgotten the slogan of

crossing 400. The people of Jharkhand are with us CM said on Rahul Gandhi's mega rally organized in Gumla, the birthplace of brave martyr Telanga Khadiya, that it has given an indication of the storm blowing in favor of the India alliance in the state and the country. The people of Jharkhand are with us in this campaign to protect the democratic rights of the generations who saved the democracy of the country. The people here, moving beyond mere words, are supporting a government and parties which are arranging pension, ration, clothes, housing and better education for their children.

Temperature decreased due to rain, temperature dropped by 4 degrees, it may rain even today

DN ■ Ranchi

It rained in many districts of the state in the last 24 hours. The weather has become pleasant with rain. Where people have got relief from the scorching heat. According to the Meteorological Center, the maximum rainfall of 38.5 mm was recorded in Ramgarh during the last 24 hours. Along with this, 26.2 mm rainfall was recorded in Bokaro, 22.5 in Chatra, 25.5 in Hazaribagh, 15.5 in Simdega, 3.5 in Seraikela Kharsawan and Lohardaga, four mm in Pakur. At the same time, drizzle with strong winds was recorded in some districts including Ranchi. Talking about the temperature, there has been a decrease in the temperature due to the change in the weather in the last two days. A decrease of four to five degrees has been recorded in the maximum temperature.

According to the Meteorological Center, the average maximum temperature of the state is likely to be 36 degrees till May 9.

According to the Meteorological Center, there is a possibility of rain in the north-eastern, cen-



tral and southern parts of the state on May 8 and 9. There is a possibility of rain in Deoghar, Dumka, Jamtara, Dhanbad, Pakur, Godda, Sahebganj, East and West Singhbhum, Ranchi, Bokaro, Gumla, Khunti. Due to rain, the temperature of the state will drop by 6 degrees. The average maximum temperature of the state is likely to be 34 degrees till May 9.

Talking about Ranchi, there is a possibility of rain here from May 9 to May 11. During this period, along with being cloudy, information about sunshine in some parts has also been given. Information about rain and thundering has been given in the afternoon.

Lalu ji's son is not afraid! Our God was born in jail - Tejashwi Yadav in Palamu

DN ■ Palamu

Former Deputy CM of Bihar Tejashwi Yadav recited the speech of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his meeting and said that he talks about the issue, not Modi. In fact, Tejashwi Yadav and VIP party supremo Mukesh Sahni addressed election rallies in Bhavnathpur and Chhatarpur of Palamu Lok Sabha constituency.

While narrating the Prime Minister's speech in Chhatarpur, Palamu, Tejashwi Yadav said that only lies have been told in the country. If his government is formed, one crore youth in the country will be given government jobs, women will be given 8 thousand rupees per month. The price of gas cylinder will be fixed.

Lalu ji's Son is not to be feared!

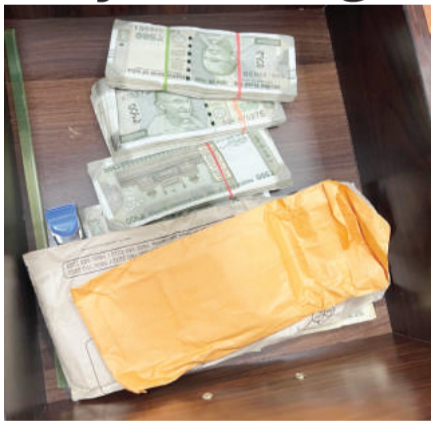
Tejashwi Yadav said that today the opponents are being sued. Hemant Soren, Arvind Kejriwal were sent to jail. Many



cases were filed against him. He said that there is no fear of lawsuits. When Lalu ji is not afraid, Lalu ji's son will be afraid! Who is afraid of jail? Our God was born in jail.

While announcing, Tejashwi Yadav said that let me tell you something, Tejashwi Yadav played the recorded speech of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for about three minutes. Tejashwi Yadav said that there is a conspiracy to change the Constitution of the country, as long as he is alive no one has the power to change the Constitution of the country.

ED recovered Rs 2 lakh in cash from Sanjeev Lal's government chamber



DN ■ Ranchi

Ranchi: After seizing crores of rupees during the raid on the premises of Rural Development Department Minister Alamgir Alam and government OSD Sanjeev Lal on May 6, the ED team has again taken major action on Wednesday. The ED team reached Project Bhawan around 2:15 pm on Wednesday afternoon. Where Minister Alamgir Alam's Deputy Secretary Sanjeev Kumar Lal searched the government chamber located at Project Bhawan and interrogated some people and after four hours at around 6.15 pm the ED team left.

The ED team searched the documents of the office of the Minister's Deputy Secretary Sanjeev Lal. During this period, other office personnel were not allowed to go out. The interrogation took place in a closed room. ED Deputy Director Kapil Raj also reached Project Bhawan and left



from there after some time. According to information received from sources, about Rs 2 lakh cash has been found in the drawer of Sanjeev Lal's office located in Project Bhawan. Many documents have also been seized by the ED team.

Let us tell you that an office of the Rural Development Department is in Project Bhawan, where the ministers sit. While the second office is in APP Building. Departmental secretaries and other officers and employees work in this office. This action of ED has created panic in the administrative department as well as in the political circles. Because this is happening for the first time that the ED team has entered the government ministry.

Let us tell you that during the raid on May 6, about Rs 10 lakh was recovered from the house of Minister Alamgir Alam's OSD Sanjeev Lal. And Rs 32.20 crore from his servant's house. Were recovered. On the same day, Rs 2.93 crore was recovered from the hideout of a person associated with Nexus. Also met.

The next day of this action i.e. on 7th May, ED also raided many places. At present, ED has taken Sanjeev Lal and his servant Jahangir Alam on remand.

Karnataka Police summons JP Nadda, Amit Malviya

Bangalore: Karnataka Police has summoned BJP national president JP Nadda and party member Amit Malviya to High Grounds police station in Bengaluru. Police have asked him to appear in connection with a tweet posted by Karnataka BJP. The tweet allegedly targeted the SC/ST community. "For the purpose of investigation of the said case, you are directed to appear before the investigating officer at High Grounds Police Station at 11 am within 7 days of receipt of this notice," the summons said.

Earlier on Tuesday, the police had directed social media platform X to remove the animated video shared by the BJP state unit. Now the police has sent this notice at a time when the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) has demanded the Election Commission to take action against JP Nadda and other BJP leaders for alleged violation of the Model Code of Conduct.

AstraZeneca recalls Covishield vaccine from the market amid allegations of serious side effects

New Delhi: There is news of giant pharma company AstraZeneca withdrawing all the corona vaccines from the market. This also includes the Covishield vaccine manufactured in India. Know that Covishield is currently in the headlines, because it had admitted in the UK High Court that the corona vaccine made by it can have serious side effects like blood clotting.

The company said that the vaccine is being removed from the

market for commercial reasons. AstraZeneca said on Tuesday that it was withdrawing the vaccine globally. However, the pharma giant says that the vaccine is being removed from the market due to commercial reasons. The corona vaccine manufactured by AstraZeneca was made in India under the name of Covishield. The Telegraph on Tuesday quoted the company as saying that the vaccine is no longer being manufactured or supplied. The company has argued that it has taken this

decision at a time when side effects have emerged due to vaccination. The company said that this is a complete coincidence. The reason for removing the vaccine from the market is something else. However, the company has refused to say much on this. According to the information, the application to withdraw the vaccine from the market was made on March 5, which became effective on May 7. Complaints of blood clotting and low platelet counts in a person sick due to vaccine

TTS - Thrombosis due to thrombocytopenia syndrome was reported from AstraZeneca's corona vaccine. Also, the rare side effects of AstraZeneca's vaccine named Vaxjavia, supplied to many countries including the UK, are also under investigation. There have been complaints of blood clotting and low platelet counts in people suffering from this vaccine. During the court proceedings in February this year, it was accepted by the company that there is a possibility of TTS after vaccination.

News In Brief

Amidst the scorching heat rain brought relief as well as trouble

Chandil: A tree fell on an auto parked on the roadside amid strong wind accompanied by rain on Tuesday evening in Fadlogowda, the border area of Chandil block. The auto owner suffered loss due to a tree falling on the auto. According to the information, many bikes and cars have also been damaged due to falling trees. After the heavy rain in the subdivision area late on Tuesday evening, people have got relief from the scorching heat along with scorching sun. On one hand, people got relief from the heat due to rain accompanied by strong wind, on the other hand, rain and strong wind also brought trouble for the people.

Ramgarh: Police rescued a person who had fallen into a 70 feet ditch and came out of the valley

On Wednesday, the police has rescued a person who fell from a 70 feet ditch and has been sent to the hospital. He is undergoing treatment at Medanta Hospital. The police have rescued him from a 70 feet ditch and have set an example. This work was completed under the supervision of SI Santosh Kumar of Ramgarh Police. It is said that the person is a resident of Ranchi who went out of control on his Jawa motorcycle and went into the ditch. The motorcycle was taken out of the ditch by the police. Ramgarh Police personnel were also included in this rescue team.

Thief caught red handed while stealing in quarter

Jamshedpur: A thief who had entered a quarter in Bhakti Nagar under Burmahines police station of Jamshedpur was caught red-handed. During this, there was a scuffle but the thief was caught and handed over to the police. The incident occurred at 3 pm on Wednesday. According to the information received, Hemant Nag, resident of quarter number L4/65, had gone to the market for some work. Meanwhile, people in the neighborhood informed that three-four youths had entered his house and were trying to break the grill and take it away.

BJP workers sought support from people

DN ■ Lohardaga

BJP workers, under the leadership of Shri Shyamsundar Mahato, Rohit Sharma, Pankaj Sahu, Mukesh Srivastava alias Debit, held a villagers' union meeting on 13 May 2024 in Amba Bagicha of Bargaon Panchayat South in Sisai block of Lok Sabha constituency. An appeal was made to the public to strengthen the hand of Prime Minister Modi by making Lohardaga Lok Sabha candidate Shri Sameer Oraon victorious with full votes by pressing the button on the lotus flower, Zilla Parishad President and BJP Mahila Morcha were the chief

In a massive police raid against Naxalites 790 detonators were recovered from the bunker and destroyed

DN ■ Chaibasa

A continuous campaign is being conducted against Naxalites in West Singhbhum district. During the operation, police personnel recovered non-electric detonators - 340 pieces and electric detonators - 10 pieces, total - 350 pieces from the forest near Vangram Rajabasa, border area of Goikera-Tonto police station. Giving information about this, Superintendent of Police Ashutosh Shekhar said that Police had received information that top leaders of the banned CPI Maoist Naxalite organization



Misir Besra, Anmol, Mochhu, Chaman, Kande, Ajay Mahato, Sagen Angriya, Ashwin along with their squad members were roaming in Kolhan area for subversive activities. In the light of which, a team of Chaibasa Police, Cobra 209 BN, 203 BN, 205 BN, Jharkhand Jaguar and CRPF 60 BN, 197 BN,

157 BN, 174 BN, 193 BN, 134 BN, 26 BN, 190 BN, 11 BN A joint campaign team has been formed and the campaign is being conducted continuously. In this sequence, from October 10, 2023, a joint campaign will be conducted in the border areas of village Kuida, Chhota Kuida, Maradiri, Meralgada, Hathiburu, Tilayabeda Boypaisang, Katamba, Bayhatu, Boroy, Lemsadih under Goikera police station. And it has been started in the border areas of village Husipi, Rajabasa, Tumbahaka, Regada, Patatorab,

Goburu, Luiya under Tonto police station. He told that during the operation against Naxalites, non-electric detonators - 340 pieces and electric detonators - 10 pieces, total - 350 pieces were recovered from the forest near Vangram Rajabasa, border area of Goikera-Tonto police station. Which is being disposed of at the same place with the help of Bomb Disposal Squad (BDDS) from security point of view. Also, many materials have been recovered from a total of 03 (three) Naxal bunker dumps.

SST FST team caught Rs 46 lakh in checking operation at Bankheta check post of Ramgarh



DN ■ Ramgarh

SST FST team was formed by Ramgarh district administration to conduct the Lok Sabha elections in a fair and peaceful manner. In this regard, Rs 46 lakh in cash was seized by the SST FST team during a checking operation at Bankheta check post in Ramgarh on Wednesday. It is said that this money has been recovered from Innova car and this money has been recovered from the car of Ranchi businessman Rakesh Kumar Singh. On this occasion, State Tax Officer of Expenditure Cell Ziaul Haq, Anita Felsa, AEO Sanjay Kujur and the team of SST FST were mainly present on this occasion.

I have been roaming around Mandu Achal for 1 year motion work is not happening: Roshan Kumar Sultania

DN ■ Ramgarh

Area of Ramgarh district has always been in the headlines and every day people visit the area regarding their problems and work related to the area and there are many such cases in the area which are pending for years. In the last month, an example of corruption was seen on which The team of Anti Corruption Bureau had arrested the employee of Ramgarh Sadar circle for taking bribe, yet there has been no improvement in the circle. While talking to the press about the problems being faced in Mandu region, Roshan Kumar Sultania said that he has been circling Mandu



region for the last one year. I am tired after coming to Mandu region. In Mandu zonal office, the work of motion of our account number three, plot number 197 has been stalled for 1 year. Many times I submit papers for motion and they disappear. Sometimes I get rejected and I feel very upset. There is no one to listen to us. My motion work is not getting done. He said that the land of

Indi alliance candidate Joba Majhi launched public relations campaign

Votes sought in Chakradharpur Municipal Council area

DN ■ Chakradharpur

Chakradharpur Joba Majhi, candidate of India Grand Alliance from Singhbhum Lok Sabha constituency, conducted a public relations campaign in Ward No. 1 of Chakradharpur Municipal Council area on Wednesday morning. During this, while addressing the villagers, he said that this Lok Sabha election is very important for protecting the existence of tribals and indigenous people. Reiterating the point of saving the Constitution and democracy, he said that we can save it only by voting.



During this, the villagers informed the candidate Joba Majhi about the problems of the settlement, on which Joba Majhi said that after the elections, the Basti will come again and will take initiative towards solving the problems.

Former Municipal Council Chairman KD Sah, former Ward Councillor Dinesh Jena, Chittaranjan Hembrom, Munda Budhu Gagrai, Krishna Mukhi, Ravi Mandal, Ved Prakash Das etc were present on the occasion.

Villagers suspect that this type of incident occurred due to the absence of a parapet in the said well

60 year old man died due to drowning in a well

DN ■ Gumla

A 60-year-old man has died due to drowning in a well in Beti Patratoli of Ghaghra police station area. The deceased has been identified as Tijwa Oraon. According to the information, the deceased's daughter-in-law Sarita Devi told that her father-in-law had gone to Jugnu Toli, located about one and a half kilometers away from the house, as a guest on Monday evening, from where he was returning home on Tuesday evening. During this time, I was coming to my home from the farm side by adopting the shortcut route. Meanwhile, the well situ-



ated at a place called Bandu Karcha which is below the GS level, when seen from a distance, it does not appear that there is a well at that place, where Tijwa Died due to drowning. On Wednesday morning, when the people of the village went to the said place for grazing cattle, they saw that a dead body was floating in the well, after which the news

spread in the village, the family members also reached the spot and after seeing the dead body, identified it as Tijwa. After which the incident was informed to Ghaghra Police. After receiving the information, Ghaghra Police Sub Inspector Vikas Kumar reached the spot with his team, recovered the body and sent it to Gumla for postmortem.

Special hash tag campaign was launched thousands of voters joined the campaign

DN ■ Gumla

For the Lok Sabha elections 2024, under the instructions of the State Election Commission and the guidance of District Election Commission cum Deputy Commissioner Karan Satyarthi, with the aim of increasing the voting percentage, a special social media hashtag campaign was organized across the district on 7th May. Went. As part of the sweep activity in the district, this social media campaign was organized on May 7 from 6 to 8 pm, in which about 3000 voters from across the district participated in the campaign. To make the activities related to Booth



Awareness Guruf successful by Palash-JSLPS Gumla, street plays, door to door by Sakhi Mandal members/cadres and personnel in all the booths of Gumla district using hashtags in their nearby polling stations. Awareness campaigns were conducted through tours, checking of voter slips, rallies etc., as well as signature cam-

aigns and taking selfies at selfie points with slogans like "Festival of elections, pride of the country" on various social media platforms like YouTube, Instagram and X. More than 500 posts were made on Ratri Chaupal, Mehndi, Rangoli etc. competitions were also organized by the members of Sakhi Mandal to increase awareness about voting. In this event, a total of more than 2000 didis participated in various booths from across the district. Similarly, the personnel of the District Social Welfare Department, all the teachers, personnel and technical work personnel of the Education Department and

all the personnel of the CSC Center also participated in this event. Participated enthusiastically in the campaign, and made this social media campaign successful. Yesterday, on 7th May, an Election May Evening was witnessed across the district, in which thousands of voters came together to celebrate the election festival with great enthusiasm. District Sweep Nodal Officer Aarti Kumari, District Sweep Incharge Officer Alina Das, DPM JSLPS Shailendra Jarika, District Education Officer cum Education Superintendent Noor Alam Khan, District Information and Science Officer.

Congress party meeting was held in Sevata Panchayat of Mandu block

DN ■ Ramgarh

A meeting was held at the residence of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee State Secretary CP Santan regarding the Lok Sabha elections in Sevata Panchayat of Mandu block. In this meeting, mainly the committee was discussed at four booths of Sevata Panchayat and a resolution was taken to ensure victory of India Alliance candidate Jaiprakash Bhai Patel by huge votes at all the four booths. In this meeting, Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee State Secretary CP Santan, Mandu Block President Sagar Mahato, Block Secretary Anirudh



Singh, Block Secretary Mahendra Thakur, Part I Division President Prabhat Kumar, Amit Singh, Gopal Ram, Saurav Kumar, Kundan were present as chief guests in this meeting. Kumar, Ankit Kumar, Prem Singh, Ranjit Kumar Singh, Nishchil Kumar Singh, T.Dev, Amit Pandey, Devlal Yadav, Rajendra Yadav, Sudhir, Manish, Prabhat Kumar were present.

Prabhat Mahato's re-capture in Seraikela Bar Association elections

DN ■ Seraikela

Counting of votes for the Seraikela Bar Association elections started late in the evening. Prabhat Kumar Mahato, the candidate for the post of President and outgoing President cum candidate, became the President for the second consecutive time by defeating his nearest rival Subodh Chandra Hazra by 32 votes. President Prabhat Kumar got 105 votes while Subodh Hazra got 73 votes, while Kedar Aggarwal won the post of Vice President by defeating his nearest rival Om Prakash by six votes. On the post of Secretary, Devashish Jyotishi has



retained the post by scoring a hat-trick and his nearest rival Arun Kumar Singh got 48 votes. Defeated by vote. Voting started at 7:30 am on Tuesday and continued till 12:30 pm. Ajit Kumar Das, Assistant Election Officer Pranab Singhdev and DD Mishra were present as election officers. State Bar Council Vice President Rajesh Kumar Shukla and member Anil Kumar

Mahato were present in the election. Assistant Election Officer Pranav Kumar Singhdev said that after the completion of voting, counting started at 2 o'clock as per the scheduled time. Out of 205 voters, 181 voters exercised their franchise in the elections. Chief Election Officer Ajit Kumar Das said that in the post of Joint Secretary Administrative, Jalesh Kavi has defeated.

Union Finance Minister will come to Ranchi today, will participate in the program of the Chamber Interactive meeting organized by the Chamber in the presence of Union Finance Minister on the topic of 'Better Jharkhand'

DN ■ Ranchi

In view of the investment possibilities in Eastern India, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will be present as the chief guest in the interactive meeting being organized by the Federation of Jharkhand Chamber of Commerce and Industries. The interactive meeting will be organized on May 9 from 11 am to 2 pm at Hotel Radiance Blu.

Review meeting at Chamber Bhawan regarding preparations for the program

Regarding the preparations for the program, a joint review meeting of the Executive Committee and former presidents was held under the chairmanship of Chairman Kishore Mantri in Chamber Bhawan. From the arrival of the Minister at the airport to reviewing the preparations for proper arrangements at the venue,



work responsibilities were handed over to the members. Chamber President Kishore Mantri said that dialogue between the Finance Minister and stakeholders will create a possibility of gaining momentum in industrial activities in the state and will encourage entrepreneurs. The meeting will be conducted as per the existing code of conduct. Former Chief Minister of Jharkhand Babulal Marandi will also be present in the interactive meeting.

Six smugglers arrested with 32 kg ganja from Hatia railway station

DN ■ Ranchi

Six smugglers have been arrested with 32 kg of ganja from Hatia railway station. PPF, Flying Squad and GRP jointly conducted the checking operation. In this sequence, it was seen that 6 persons were sitting in a suspicious condition near the escalator with four trolley bags and one big size bag. After which he was detained at Hatia station. When they were searched, 32 kg of ganja was recovered from them. The estimated value of the recovered ganja is Rs 16 lakh.



Ganja was taken from one state to another and sold

When interrogated, the arrested smugglers told that they used to transport ganja from one state to another and sell it. Smugglers told that they reached Rourkela on May 4, where Iqbal Khan provided them ganja. Ganja was to be taken from Rourkela to Kanpur and sold. The smugglers who were arrested include Dular Chandra Ram, Bablu Kumar Yadav, Nikhil Kumar Yadav, Hemant Mitra, Bineet Kumar and Iqbal Khan.

Classes of 9th have started, five lakh students of 8th are waiting for the results

DN ■ Ranchi

Classes of class 9th have started in the state but the result of class 8th board has not been released yet. Class VIII board examination was held on 16 March. Schools were asked to upload the internal assessment scores by April 6. The examination was conducted by Jharkhand Academic Council. More than five lakh students had appeared in the examination. The new academic session also started in government schools from May 2, but the results could not be released. Due to this, enrollment of students is also being affected. Due to the result not being released, students are not getting the



school leaving certificate. Due to this they are not able to take enrollment in other schools. While the results of class 8th board have not been released yet in the government schools of the state, classes of class 9th had started in the CBSE schools in the first week of April. The process of taking weekly tests has also started in schools. Class 8th result is likely to be released by May 15. Summer vacation is proposed in schools

'I will miss contesting elections, stay the conviction', petition of former CM Madhu Koda, accused in coal scam

DN ■ Ranchi

Former Jharkhand CM Madhu Koda has now moved the Delhi High Court and requested the court to stay his conviction, otherwise he will miss the opportunity to contest the elections. Madhu Koda is an accused in the coal scam and has approached the court to seek a stay on his conviction in the case in order to contest the elections. In her petition, Madhu Koda has said, 'Assembly elections can be held in Jharkhand in November 2024. The petitioner has previously been Chief Minister, MP and MLA several times. If his conviction is not stayed, he will miss out on contesting these elections.'



During the hearing on this petition on Wednesday, CBI opposed Madhu Koda's petition. The CBI had earlier rejected a

similar petition with reasons. After hearing both the sides, Delhi High Court issued notice in this matter and listed the matter for next hearing on August 13, 2024. Earlier in 2017, the Delhi court had convicted him under sections of corruption and criminal activities. He was sentenced to three years in jail and a fine of Rs 5 lakh was also imposed.

After this, in the year 2018, Madhu Koda got bail and his fine was stayed. However, later in the year 2020, the Delhi High Court had rejected the petition seeking stay on his conviction. Now after four years, Koda has once again approached the Delhi High Court with the desire to contest the assembly elections in Jharkhand. Koda has also said in his petition that his criminal appeal is pending since 2017. Four years have passed since the order given by the court in May 2020 but the case has not yet been listed for hearing.



People upset due to power cut in Ranchi due to increase in electricity load



DN ■ Ranchi

These days people are very troubled due to electricity problem in the capital Ranchi. In many localities there is no electricity from morning till evening, while in many localities electricity remains missing till late night. The residents of the city have lodged complaints with the electricity department

several times regarding the problem of frequent power cuts. But there has been no improvement in the situation.

PK Srivastava, senior officer of the electricity department, says that due to bad weather for the last several days, tree branches have fallen on electric wires at many places in the district. Due to which electricity is cut for several hours from security point of view.

He said that currently 350 MW electricity is being sent to Ranchi district. But due to the scorching heat, the load of the entire district is increasing day by day. People are using resources like ACs, cool-

Senior official of the electricity department, CM Sharma, says that Ranchi is getting adequate electricity. But the main reason for the problem of power cut is that underground water pipelines are being laid at many places in the capital. Telephone wires are also being laid at many places. Therefore, during under wiring, the earthing wire gets cut inside the ground. Due to this the problem of power cut persists.

He told that after the wire is cut, the concerned contractors do not even inform the electricity department. Due to which electricity problem persists for many hours. He said that if the contractors give timely information, the electricity department will get the electricity repaired immediately by its employees and people will not have to face the problems of power cuts.

ers and fans extensively. In such a situation, it is natural for the electricity load to increase.

Let us tell you that apart from urban areas, the situation is not very good in rural areas of Ranchi district also. In order to provide complete electricity to the increasing resources in summer, people

in rural areas are also facing the problem of power cuts for hours. In case of power cut problem, the control room number has also been issued by the electricity department. Whose mobile number is 94311 35682. People can give information about power cut by calling this number.

Hurt by gangrape, BAU student commits suicide by hanging herself, two people held responsible for her death

First suicide note

Anand Minj, whose mobile number is XXX87. His call came on March 6, 2024. When I went to him, he humiliated me a lot. He made a joke in front of my friends by making a conference call. Since that day I have cried a lot. Don't want to cry anymore. Get him punished. Sorry, please forgive me if you can.

Second suicide note

The reason for our suicide is Anand Minj and Arvind Kindo, who are residents of Kathitand. On the night of March 6, 2024, they coaxed me and took me inside Kokar Chowk and gang-raped me there. I will not be able to live suffocated. Now that's why we're leaving. Sorry everyone...! Sorry mother...! Everything has been captured in the CCTV camera.

DN ■ Ranchi

A 25-year-old student, resident of Kishunpur, Buti, committed suicide by hanging herself in her house on the night of May 5. Before committing suicide, the girl had also written two suicide notes. In this she has told that on March 6, her friends had gang-raped her in Kokar. Since then she was living a life of suffocation. In the sui-

icide note, he has mentioned the names of Anand Minj and Arvind Kindo, residents of Kathitand, Ratu. According to the girl, she was lured and called to Kokar that day, where she was gang-raped. The girl was a second year student of the Forestry Department at the Agricultural University, Kanke. Sadar Police has handed over the body of the student to the family

High Court Justice took cognizance of suicide

Jharkhand High Court judge cum Jhalsa executive president Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad has taken cognizance of the suicide of a 25-year-old BAU student traumatized by gangrape. He has ordered the District Legal Services Authority, Ranchi, to immediately meet the victim's family and provide necessary assistance.

On the instructions of Jhalsa, Chief Justice Diwakar Pandey of Ranchi Civil Court ordered the DALSA Secretary to immediately form a team and provide legal assistance to the victim's family. Pro-bono advocate Mamta Srivastava has been appointed by Ranchi Civil Court and the process of compensation has been taken forward under the Dalsa Jharkhand Victims Compensation Act.

Here, the mother of the deceased has filed an application regarding this in Ranchi Sadar police station. According to the family, the student went to sleep in her room after having dinner on the night of May 5. That day, he refused to let his sister sleep with him and locked the door from inside. When the door did not open till late on the morning of May 6, the family

members feared something untoward. After this the door was pushed open. The family members saw that the body of the student was hanging from the noose. As soon as the information about the incident was received, the police of Sadar police station reached the spot. Police have recovered the mobile phone of the deceased and both the suicide notes written by her from her house.

PM Shri School: Schools can register for Phase III till May 15

DN ■ Ranchi

The Central Government has started the process of selection of schools for the third phase under the 'PM Shri' scheme. As per the instructions of the Centre, Jharkhand Education Project has sent a letter to all the districts in this regard. Before this, the two-stage process of selection of schools has been completed. For the third phase, schools have been asked to register by May 15.

A total of 568 schools are to be selected from the state. Out of these, the process of selection of 325 schools has been completed. In the letter sent by the project, it has been said that the remaining schools are to be built from the urban body area. Information about the criteria required for school selection has also been made available to the districts.

Under the scheme, the selected schools will be developed as model schools under the National Education Policy-2020. For the development of infrastructure, Rs 2 crore will be given to these schools in the next five years. 60 percent of the amount



of the scheme will be given by the central government, while 40 percent will be given by the state government. Other schools will also be built on the basis of these schools.

Essential criteria for school selection

For selection of schools, it is necessary that the school has its own permanent building, there should be arrangements for fire safety, drinking water, toilet, hand washing, electricity supply, library in the school. School enrollment should be above the state average. Apart from this, there should be an obstacle free path to reach the school.

Webcasting through 4D cameras of all polling stations in Lok Sabha Elections 2024

Vehicles carrying EVMs will be monitored through GPS tracking

► Free the vehicles engaged in polling work by paying for them and free them from polling work for the time being.

DN ■ Ranchi

In the Lok Sabha elections 2024, webcasting will be done through 4D cameras at all polling stations. This webcasting is to be monitored at the level of Chief Election Office, District Election Officer office along with Election Commission of India. This time, the feed will be monitored from different levels both inside and outside the polling station. These things were said by the Chief Electoral Officer. Ravi Kumar said. On Wednesday, he was reviewing the ongoing election related preparations in the districts through video conferencing with



the nodal officers of the cell formed for webcasting, GPS tracking and vehicle management in all the districts at Nirvachan Sadan. He said that the vehicles engaged in polling work should be freed from polling work by making timely payment for them. Officials of all the districts should establish mutual coordination in the man-

agement of vehicles. In case of any doubt, take a decision after consulting the vehicle management cell formed at the headquarters. He said that in the management of vehicles, keep in mind that public transport should also operate smoothly on the election day. He reviewed the vehicle management regarding the work being done in the districts on

the issues of drivers' allowance, advance payment to petrol pump owners, advance payment to vehicle owners etc. Also directed to provide complete information about all these on VMS portal.

The Chief Electoral Officer directed to monitor the EVMs by installing GPS in the vehicles carrying them to various polling stations for voting and to remove the GPS only after the EVMs are maintained in the storage room.

Additional Chief Electoral Officer Sandeep Singh, Joint Transport Commissioner Praveen Kumar Prakash along with officials and personnel of webcasting, GPS tracking and vehicle management cell formed at the headquarters and district level were present in the meeting.

News In Brief

Yashaswini Sahay met morning walkers, sought support



Ranchi: Ranchi's Congress candidate Yashaswini Sahay met morning walkers at Morhabadi Maidan on Wednesday morning. Asked for blessings from him. Appealed to the citizens who walk early in the morning to support the Congress. During this, former Union Minister Subodh Kant Sahay was also present.

After Morhabadi Maidan, Yashaswini Sahay and former Union Minister Subodh Kant Sahay reached Kishoreganj under Ranchi Municipal Corporation Ward No. 28. Here he participated in public relations campaign and padayatra.

Rs 129.68cr allocated for the salaries of 10 thousand clerks & watchmen of Jharkhand

Ranchi: Funds have been allocated for the salaries of the watchmen and security personnel who keep the police updated about all the activities in the rural areas. An amount of Rs 129.68 crore has been allocated by the Home Jail and Disaster Management Department for the salaries of watchmen and dafadars in the financial year 2024-25. There are 10,000 chowkidars and 200 dafadars in Jharkhand.

Each Chowkidar monitors 10 villages under one police station. Each watchman gets a salary of Rs 20,000.

News In Brief

PM Modi will come to Giridih on May 16, will hold election rally in Birni

Giridih: Lok Sabha elections are going on in the country. Political temperatures are high regarding the elections. In this series, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will reach Giridih on May 16 and address the election rally in Birni. There is enthusiasm among the leaders of BJP and its allies regarding the arrival of PM Modi. The workers are appealing to the people of the area to reach the PM's election rally in maximum numbers. District MP representative Dinesh Yadav said that the PM will address the people of Koderma, Giridih and Hazaribagh Lok Sabha constituencies from the pesham of Birni, the land of Koderma. He said that the workers are excited about the PM's meeting and thousands of voters will reach Peshma to listen to PM Modi. He was told that on May 16, PM Modi will reach the meeting venue at 9 am and address the people.

One woman died, two injured due to fall

Putki: One woman died and two women were injured due to lightning last evening in Upper Dhora located at Loyabad Coke Plant. All three women of the same family were going towards the Kanchan football ground near the locality for defecation when there was a strong thunder and lightning, which hit all three. In this incident, Lal Mohan Paswan's wife got badly burnt and two other injured are Ishwar Paswan and Dinesh Paswan's wife.

Devotees gathered in Raksha Kali Puja

Dhanbad: Kali Puja was organized last night at Maa Raksha Kali Temple located in Rampur. Devotees duly worshiped Goddess Raksha Kali and prayed for happiness and prosperity in the family. Before this, in the afternoon, the devotees kept fast, took bath in the pond and river and came to the court of Maa Kali and paid obeisance. Prasad was distributed after the puja. Grand electrical decorations were done in the temple for the puja festival.

BDO inspected the intermediate strong room

DN ■ Dhanbad

As per the instructions of District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Dhanbad, today Balliapur Block Development Officer Rajesh Kumar Sinha inspected the intermediate strong room identified under Balliapur block for the Lok Sabha general elections. In this sequence, after inspecting the rooms of the identified Intermediate Strong Rooms in Urdu Middle School, Singiyatand, Upgraded Middle School, Modi, Upgraded High School, Karmatand, Upgraded Middle School, Chandkuiya, he instructed the concerned Principal to clean and white wash the room. Compliance with all SOPs as per manual will be ensured in the intermediate strong room. The AMF facilities in all the intermediate strong rooms were also inspected. The school principals



present during the visit were instructed to provide all the necessary facilities on time and inform the office. Apart from this, after holding a meeting with the concerned Panchayat Secretary and BLO, Supervisor, instructions were given to the concerned Panchayat Secretary, BLO, Supervisor to

provide all the assured minimum facilities in the identified Vulnerable Polling Stations 277, 278 and 303. Besides, instructions were given to continuously meet voters and conduct awareness programs in well-established polling centres. Headmasters of the respective schools were present in today's visit.

Expenditure observer visited Bokaro and Chandankiyari assembly constituencies

DN ■ Dhanbad

The Expenditure Monitoring Cell located in Bokaro was inspected and reviewed today by Anand Kumar, deputation expenditure observer for Bokaro and Chandankiyari assembly constituency under Dhanbad Lok Sabha constituency. The expenditure observer examined the records related to the work done so far by the audit team of Bokaro and Chandankiyari assembly constituency under Dhanbad Lok

Sabha constituency and audited all types of expenses related to the election campaign being done through campaign, meeting, rally and procession. Instructed to provide daily reports. During this, Expenditure Anand Kumar directed to keep a close watch on all types of activities by the video surveillance team and video viewing team in addition to the static investigation team and flying squad team formed by the expenditure monitoring cell.

Ayush Foundation will organize online drawing competition

DN ■ Dhanbad

On the occasion of Mother's Day, Ayush Foundation Dhanbad will organize online drawing competition. The competition is divided into 5 different age groups. All the participants will be honored with e-certificates and three winners from all categories will be honored with certificates and prizes in the felicitation ceremony. Foundation Vice President Artist Ganesh Sharma said that if someone's painting is liked by the jury, he will be given a special prize. To participate in the competition, complete information along with painting will have to be uploaded in the Google Form. The last date for submitting paintings is 10th May at 11 pm. The above information has been shared by Secretary Arpita Aggarwal with the media.



Colliery PO siege against discrimination in transfer and rehabilitation

DN ■ Bhowra

Despite the implementation of the code of conduct, workers and affected people today protested against the transfer of about 20 employees from various departments of Bhanura South and North Colliery to the Four Patch Outsourcing Project and discrimination in rehabilitation of people of number 12 affected by landslide. During this, there was a heated argument between the management and the leaders of RCMS. Central Vice President of the union, Kalicharan Yadav said that without consulting the



union representatives, the management suddenly transferred 20 workers, which is a clear violation of the election code of conduct. The management is discriminating in the rehabilitation of people affected by landslide number 12, due to which there is anger among the people. PO BK Pandey said that the transfer will be postponed till the elections. Workers will

be transferred on the suggestion of union leaders. He said that the rehabilitation of people of number 12 is in the final stages. The remaining people will soon be settled at a safe place. Apart from the PO, KC Yadav, Rajkishore Singh, Prem Tiwari, Munna Yadav, Sadhu Paswan, Shriram Gupta etc. were involved in the talks.

Bridge on Usri river on Barganda-Sirsia road is ready

DN ■ Giridih



The large population of the city, who has been waiting for a long time for the bridge, will start getting the benefits of the new bridge on the Usri river on the Barganda-Sirsia road from next month. The contractor has completed the construction of the bridge. Construction of connecting road is going on on both sides of the bridge. It will be inaugurated and made operational as soon as the Model Code of Conduct is completed in the next one month. The work of construction of connecting roads on both sides of this bridge, built at a cost of about Rs 6.57 crore, is in the final stage. Contractor personnel say that the bridge construction has been completed. After the construction of the connecting road, as soon as the cleaning and painting work is completed, the bridge will be handed over to the department and approval for its inauguration will be given.

Putki Chamber organized voter awareness rally



DN ■ Putki

Voter awareness campaign was conducted by Putki Chamber of Commerce under the leadership of President Heera Sharma from Putki Chamber office today. The rally that started from Putki Colliery Gate went till Putki Police Station Mor and again ended at Putki Mor. In the rally, the Chamber members

appealed for 100 per cent voting by raising the slogan "First voting then refreshments". Putki Chamber President Hira Sharma, General Secretary Murtaza Ansari, Executive President Shahrukh Khan, Raju Ansari, Kedar Barnwal, Sunil Soni, Bablu Barnwal, Sanjay Rajak, Niranjana Sharma, Hukum Chandra Agarwal and other members were present in the campaign.

Five day training organized for BCCL officers

DN ■ Dhanbad

A five-day executive development program sponsored by the Department of Management, Studies and Industrial Engineering, IIT/ISM, Dhanbad has been launched. The program was inaugurated by Professor JK Patnaik, Acting Director, IIT/ISM in the presence of many dignitaries besides the participating BCCL officials. Addressing the officials of 12 different regions and headquarters of BCCL who participated in the program, Professor Patnaik said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's focus is on net zero emissions by 2070. Coal is considered a dirty source of energy. Therefore, only a small number of new mining related projects are likely to be financed. In such a situation, it is mandatory for coal companies to find new sources of finance for new projects. Professor Patnaik said that the training being given here is very important in this context, as it



will help in finding alternative sources of funding for the projects. He said that the sessions scheduled during the training will be conducted in two-way communication system, through which the participants, besides learning the theoretical aspects, will also share their field experience with the trainers and other trainees. This is a step towards training the top and middle management of Bharat Coking Coal Limited with the latest developments in the field of EDP project and financial management. It aims to expose the participants to the latest developments in the field of coal mining and project management and learn practical applications with state-of-the-art

project and simulation software. Around 20 participants from BCCL at Senior Manager, Manager and Deputy Manager level are participating in the 5 day training. The Department has earlier organized such programs for all the coal companies like ECL, CCL, NCL, WCL, SECL, Coal India, NHPC, Tata Steel etc. Professor Rashmi Singh highlighted the importance of effective project management with latest cutting-edge software in the coal mining sector. He stressed that the productive efficiency of the coal mining sector can be increased only by such capacity building programs for the officials working in the sector. Professor Sandeep Mandal highlighted the content of the programme. Professor Sagar Pal, Dean R&D, spoke about the research and development activities of the institute. Professor RM Bhattacharya, Dean IIRAA, briefed on security and regulatory issues.

ASISC zonal quiz competition concluded in Carmel School

DN ■ Jorapokhar

ASISC Zonal Quiz Competition was organized today in the auditorium of Carmel School, Digwadih. The competition was inaugurated with remembrance of God and lighting of the lamp by the school's Vice Principal Sister Prisca D'Mello, Primary Coordinator Sister Sushila Lakra and BIT Sindri team members Syed Adnan Ahmed, Shivangi Kumari, Yuvika Gupta, Aaqib Aftab. The competition was conducted by Som Chakraborty and Sharmistha Chakraborty. Twenty-six students from thirteen schools took part



in the competition. The quiz competition was divided into six rounds. Vice Principal Sister Piska Dmelo wished all the participants good luck for the competition. Team leader Syed Adnan Ahmed said that participation in any competition is important for the student. He motivated

the teams to work harder in the future. In the competition, Dinobili School CTPS Chandrapur stood first and Dinobili School CMRI Dhanbad stood second. The school securing first position was selected at the regional level. All the sisters and teachers were present on the occasion.

Archita of Dinobili School Mathan brought glory to the world

DN ■ Maithan



In the ICSE board examination results of Dinobili School, Archita Sahu, daughter of class 10th Maithan, has brought glory to Maithan and her parents by securing 95.60 percent marks and becoming the fourth topper in the entire school. Best wishes are being given through various mediums. Archita lives with her family in Anand Nagar. She has given credit for her

achievement to herself, tuition teachers, school teachers and her parents. Archita's father Amarnath Sahu is a businessman by profession, while her mother Mrs. Archana Sahu is an ordinary housewife. Archita told that she will study further from Commerce Faculty along with preparing for Chartered Accountant and will work harder and try to become the first school topper.

Snacks distributed among suffering children on International Thalassemia Day

DN ■ Giridih

On the occasion of International Thalassemia Day, the team of Shrey Club distributed chocolates, biscuits and snacks among the children suffering from Thalassemia who came to Giridih Sadar Hospital. For this work, active club members Avneesh Sinha, Vishal Kumar and Ejaz Ahmed of Rakt Adhikosh cooperated and provided material and distributed it among the children. It is known that there are more than 150 children suffering from thalassemia in Giridih, who require one to two units of blood every



month. Shrey Club along with different organizations has been continuously donating blood for these children for 20 years, so that the lives of these children can be saved. Today all the children who came to Giridih Sadar Hospital

got blood from the blood center. After distribution of snacks, Shrey Club Secretary Ramesh Yadav appealed to the people of Giridih to keep donating blood voluntarily, so that the life of these children continues.

Second randomization of polling personnel took place in NIC room



DN ■ Bokaro

Yes, the second randomization of polling personnel was done in the presence of General Observer Arun Mahesh Babu and elected officials in the NIC room located in the Superintendent of Police office premises, in which the names of the presiding officer, P1, P2 and P3 polling personnel were included. On the occasion, Deputy Development Commissioner Sandeep Kumar, Assistant Elected Officer Gomia Mohammad Mumtaz Ansari,

Assistant Elected Officer SDO Om Prakash Gupta, SDO Bermo Ashok Kumar, Assistant Elected Officer Chandankyari Prabhass Dutt, District Informatics Officer Dhananjay Kumar Nodal Officer Shalini Khal Ko etc. were present among the notables. Voting is to be held in the area on 25th, in which a total of 6860 male polling personnel and 198 female polling personnel have been deployed, this includes the presiding officer, polling personnel and reserve.

CCL's DT visited Dhori area said to fulfill production target



DN ■ Phusro

CCL Technical Director Harish Duhan inspected the AADOCM (AMLO) project of Dhori area on Wednesday. While giving necessary directions to the General Manager, PO, he said that the target of coal production should be met on time. Mr. Duhan discussed in detail the project expansion, production capacity etc. DT said that CCL is moving towards the coal production target. The company has been getting support from the government, local displaced people, labor representatives and all the stakeholders. He took detailed information on coal production, dispatch, mine expansion, environment clearance and land related issues. Also asked to fulfill the coal production target of the area at all costs. He said that whatever resources will be required for this.

Biennial elections of Shri Jain Shwetambar Terapanthi Sabha Bokaro concluded unanimously

DN ■ Bokaro

According to the instructions of the National Jain Shwetambar Terapanthi Mahasabha Kolkata, the biennial election 2024-2026 of Shri Jain Shwetambar Terapanthi Sabha Bokaro, Haryana was conducted unanimously in which Vinod Chopra was unanimously nominated as the new President of the Sabha. Giving information, President cum Election Officer of Jain Milan All the election work was completed under the supervision of Sanjay Vaid. On this occasion, the outgoing President Shantilal Lodha handed over his charge to the newly elected President



and offered good wishes and support for his better work. Before this, the Secretary of the Assembly, Prakash Kothari expressed his gratitude for the previous term. The accounts were placed before the members of the assembly and passed by the local assembly. The new committee of newly elected

president Vinod Chopra will be expanded within a week in the meeting. Shantilal Lodha Prakash Kothari Manak Chhalani Jaichand Banthia Anand Kothari Bajrang Lal Chaurdia Pramod Chaurdia Subhash Jain Sushil Vadh, Suresh Bothra, Abhay Begwani, Saurabh Lodha etc were present.

Excellent performance of BSL teams in Sale Management and Business Quiz

DN ■ Bokaro

In the finals of SAIL's Management and Business Quiz competition, the teams of Bokaro Steel Plant have once again achieved the honor of winning the prize by performing excellently. According to the given information, the business quiz of SAIL officials was competent in the finals of the competition held recently in Burnpur. The team of Bokaro Steel Plant's Senior Manager Shubham Verma and Management Hot Strip Mail Rahul Ranjan Panda won the second runner up award. Apart from this, Durga Prasad and Nayan



Chakraborty of Bokaro Steel Plant won the second runner up award in the business quiz of SAIL employees organized under the name Samartha. The team of Bokaro Steel Plant has brought glory to Bokaro Steel Plant by win-

ning the first prize. The winning team was honored by BP Singh Director In-charge Durgapur and Iesco Steel Plant. Senior officials of Bokaro Steel Plant also congratulated both the award winning teams on their achievement.

General observers inspected the dispatch center and receiving counting center

DN ■ Bokaro

General Observer of Giridih Parliamentary Lok Sabha constituency, Arun Mahesh Babu and General Observer of Dhanbad Parliamentary Lok Sabha constituency, Anoop Khagi inspected the Bokaro Ispat Senior Secondary High School Dispatch Center located in Sector 8. On the spot, senior officials of the Election Cell along with district elected officials and Deputy Development Commissioner Sandeep Kumar, assistant elected officials of all the assembly constituencies were present. On this occasion, General Observer Arun



Mahesh Babu of Giridih area and Anup Kheri of Dhanbad took information from the elected officials regarding the preparation plan made for the commissioning of electronic voting machine VVPAT in the dispatch center. General observers also took stock of the material warehouse operated in the

dispatch centre. Both the officers expressed satisfaction over the availability of necessary materials like medical kit, food items etc. along with necessary materials for successful polling operator in the packets being prepared for the polling personnel. Both the officials also inspected the warehouse receiv-

ing center and counting center located at the market committee, where the District Election Officer gave detailed information regarding the receiving center and counting center. On the spot, they also inspected the building marked for counting of postal ballots. On the occasion, Deputy Development Commissioner Sandeep Kumar, Additional Collector of DPLR Ma Mohammad Mumtaz Ansari, Sub-Divisional Officer Om Prakash Gupta, Prabhass Dutt, Media Nodal Officer Saket Kumar Pandey, Safiq Alam and others were present.

Nomination forms of seven candidates from Giridih Lok Sabha constituency canceled



DN ■ Bokaro

Nominations of the candidates for the Giridih Lok Sabha elections were scrutinized in which a total of 25 candidates had filed the nomination forms. Of these, the nominations of seven candidates were found ineligible and their nominations were canceled. Now 18 candidates are left in the fray. Giving information DC Vijaya Jadhav, the elected official of Giridih Lok Sabha parliamentary constituency,

said that yesterday 25 candidates had filed nomination forms. During scrutiny, nomination forms of seven candidates were canceled due to errors. The date of withdrawal of names of the candidates is May 9. According to the information, whose nomination forms have been canceled, their names are Dhiren Madak Narayan Giri, Imam Shafi, Rakesh Roshan Ghosh, Raja Haq Jairam Mahato, Tulsi Mahato's nomination has been cancelled.

There should be no boycott of voting anywhere make voters aware about voting: Observer

DN ■ Bokaro

Progress of election related work was reviewed under the chairmanship of General Observer Arun Mahesh Babu in the Collectorate Auditorium. Police Observer Mohit Chawal and Expenditure Observer Arjun Lal Jat were present on the occasion. The General Observer received information from the Nodal Officers, senior nodal officers of all cells. Before this, the elected officials, District Election Officer, gave detailed information to the observers regarding the preparation of Giridih Parliamentary Lok Sabha constituency. During the review, these people expressed satisfaction on the preparation of the district. They said that the preparation is good, it has to be improved in future too. In the review, Giridih The elected official of the Parliamentary Lok Sabha constituency gave information to the General Observer Police Examiner regarding the boundaries of the parliamentary constituency, district boundaries, Indian states and their districts, inter-provincial boundaries, assembly constituencies, 136 intermediate strong rooms created for the successful conduct of voting in Scrum. Information was given regarding the number of polling stations, women polling stations, purdah nashi polling stations, vulnerable polling stations and critical polling.

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha has been the voice of the displaced indigenous people and the poor : Mantu

DN ■ Bokaro

Addressing the villagers, Bokaro Metropolitan President of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha Mantu Yadav said that the party has been becoming the voice of the poor along with the displaced natives. He said that if the NDA candidate wins this time, the displaced village will become history. He said that if the Bokaro Steel Plant If the children want to study in the schools, then the Indian alliance will have to pay more attention. He said that in the last 15 years, the BJP representatives together closed all the schools and also closed the health centers. Mr. Yadav said that the displaced people did not get misled by anyone. If planning is required in the plant, if development work is to be done in the village, then appropriate decision will have to be taken at the time of elections. Chief Rajni Devi Shyam Kevat Santosh Manjhi Birbal



Hansda Budha Manjhi Babulal Hansda Chhotu Soren Rajesh Kevat Subhash Chaudhary Sanjay Mishra Ajay Hembram Mithun Mandal Ashok Ambaram Sohan Murmu Raju Singh, Pradeep Mandal, Firoz Ansari,

Arjun Mahato, Sadanand Gop Vinod Mahato, Saurabh Bhatt, Lalmohan Hembram, Jogendra Soren, Parmeshwar Manjhi, Sanjay Shah, Shambhu Gupta, Ekta Devi etc. were present.

National Service Scheme Unit KB College will adopt Bermo village

DN ■ Jarangdih



As per the instructions of Principal Lakshmi Narayan, Dr. Prabhakar Kumar, Program Officer of National Service Scheme Unit, started the adoption exercise by visiting the villages nearby the college, for this many villages like Armon, Gandey, Bargadda, Borio South, Bhalongaria Basti, Railway Colony. Got acquainted with the real situation by visiting places like Kathara, Uparghat Kuri etc. Along with studies, students will actively contribute to the development of the society. Program Officer Dr. Prabhakar Kumar said that in the adoption village, work will be done on issues like literacy, health, environment, child rights protection, cleanliness and economic self-reliance, gender discrimination, girl education, removal of social evils.

Regional Welfare Committee meeting regarding solution of labor problems

DN ■ Bermo

A meeting of the Regional Welfare Committee was organized regarding various labor problems including improving the conditions of various labor colonies in CCL Kathara area and improving the office. DK Gupta presided, operation and vote of thanks was done by Surya Pratap Singh. Apart from various department heads, representatives of various trade unions were also present in the meeting. Regarding the solution of various problems raised by the Regional Welfare Committee organized in



the General Manager Auditorium, General Manager DK Gupta said that if the union continues to draw the attention of the management towards the labor problems as well as the shortcomings in the production productivity of the area, then it will definitely happen. Kathara region will reach its gold-

News In Brief

18 candidates will contest elections in Giridih Lok Sabha constituency

Bokaro: After the cancellation of nomination of seven candidates from Giridih Lok Sabha constituency, there will be an election battle between 18 candidates in which Kamal Prasad Chandra Prakash Chaudhary, NDA candidate Mathura Prasad Mahato, India Alliance candidate Mohammad Annual Ansari Pappu Kumar Nishad Pramod Ram Shivji Prasad Subhash Kumar Thakur Dnyaneshwar. Prasad Usha Devi Usha Singh Kalavati Devi Jairam Kumar Mahato Dwarika Prasad Lal Ms Pooja Kumari Rameshwar Dusadh Sunita Tudu Subodh Kumar Yadav will contest from Giridih Lok Sabha constituency.

Manch will celebrate the birth anniversary of Maharana Pratap

Bokaro City: Akhilesh Kumar Singh, media in-charge and general secretary of Maharana Pratap Vichar Manch, has informed that on Thursday, the birth anniversary celebration of Maharana Pratap has been organized at the Veer Kunwar Singh statue site complex located in Sector 4, in which officials of Aam Janta Manch, members of the society, People from every community will participate in large numbers. Apart from this, the presence of vocal people from other social organizations and leaders dedicated to social values, freedom and struggle is also expected.

Expenditure Hearing Cell operated in the State Tax Commissioner's Office was inspected

Bokaro City: Observer Anand Kumar inspected the Expenditure Research Cell operated in the State Tax Commissioner's Office. He examined the records related to the work done so far by the Assembly Bar Audit Team and the election campaign being carried out through Prachar Sabha, Rally, Procession, Wedding. Instructed to audit the expenditure and provide daily report. Observer of Dhanbad Parliamentary Lok Sabha constituency, Shri Kumar inspected the MCMC cell and media center located at Soochana Bhawan.

News In Brief

DC-SP held a meeting with sector officials regarding Lok Sabha elections

Medininagar : Voting for Palamu Lok Sabha is scheduled on 13th May. In this regard, District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Shashi Ranjan and Superintendent of Police Rishma Ramesan held a meeting with the sector officials and sector police officers deputed in the elections on Wednesday in the Town Hall. He took information from the sector officers one by one from all the blocks about the updated status of the number of booths falling under their jurisdiction, the location of the booths, the distance of the booths from the intermediate strong room etc.

Poor man's house destroyed in storm appeal for help from the region

Chatra: The house of Sharda Kumari Pandey, husband of Satish Kumar Pandey, resident of Pahara under Gidhaur block, was blown away and destroyed by a sudden storm on Tuesday evening. The woman's entire family has become homeless due to the demolition of the house. The woman is extremely poor and has no other living facilities. The woman has applied to Circle Officer Rakesh Sahay seeking help regarding the benefits available under disaster management. The woman says that along with two small children, she also has elderly mother-in-law and father-in-law. While the woman's husband stays outside and works as a labourer. By which one earns one's livelihood. In such a situation, at present the woman is forced to live in someone else's house with other family members.

Bull dies after being hit by lightning

Chatra: Last evening, during the rain accompanied by a storm, the bull of Ghanshyam Dangi, resident of Gidhaur block headquarters, died after being hit by lightning. In this regard, the victim Kiyani has filed a written application in the police station. It is said that late last evening there was a storm and rain along with thunder and the cattle were tied under a Peepal tree near the house.

India Alliance candidate KN Tripathi conducted public relations campaign in dozens of villages

Said that Modi government is snatching away the land of tribals and giving it to a few industrialists

DN ■ Chatra

On Wednesday, Congress candidate from India Alliance KN Tripathi conducted a public contact campaign by visiting dozens of villages in Tandwa block area. During the public relations campaign, Mr. Tripathi visited the block's Raxi, Bukru, Lembua, Padampur, Chepa, Roll, Rahmat Nagar, Mishraul, Teliadih, Khadhaiya, Sanha, Urda, Khailha, Vrinda, Serndag, Udsu, Raham, Kamta, Gonda, Badgaon. He met the people in villages like Dahu, Bahera, Kalyanpur,



Upkapani, Saradu, Koyad, Soparam etc. and appealed to vote in his favor by handprint. During public relations, Shri Tripathi attended the public meeting organized in Suiyatand. Where the people of tribal and Sarna community welcomed him warmly. While addressing the public meeting, he said that this election is an election

to save democracy and the Constitution along with the reservation provided by the Constitution to Dalits, Tribals and Backward Classes. Youth are the future, women should vote with respect. He said that the BJP government at the Center considers the tribal community as forest dwellers and the Modi government wants to snatch away the water, forest land of the tribals and give it to a few industrialists. He further said that all the representatives elected from Chatra Lok Sabha remained mute spectators.

These people could not even bring their share of money for the development of Chatra. During the field visit, former MLA Yogendra Nath Baitha, RJD District President Naval Kishore Yadav, JMM leader Manoj Chandra, Twenty Point Block President cum ZIP member Subhash Yadav, Deputy Chief Jitendra Singh, Neeraj Tiwari, Chandradev Sahu, Dularchand Sahu, Chief Subesh Ram, Mahavir Sahu, Mo. Aashiq, Sugan Sahu, Sharda Devi, Sunita Devi, Manju Devi etc.

PM Modi has become the need of the country: Pushpa Devi



DN ■ Palamu

MLA Pushpa Devi on Tuesday launched a public relations campaign in favor of BJP candidate VD Ram in Madwa village of Naudiha market. During this time he talked to hundreds of women. On the occasion, Pushpa Devi said that Modi government is continuously working for the poor. Today the situation is such that Narendra Modi has become the need of the country. Be it about our culture, faith or development, no one can stand before Modi ji. The women of the village assured that we are all a family for Modi ji who has given us a life of respect, free ration, LPG gas and housing. On this occasion, Chhatrapur Mahila Morcha Sarita Devi, Komal Devi, Muni Devi, Kalavati Devi, Manjari Devi, Moni Kumari, Sanjana Kumari, Anita Devi, Kunu Devi, Anjana Devi, Manjari Devi, Savita Devi, Sunayana Devi, Chandrika Devi, Kalavati Devi.

India alliance meeting concluded in Satbarwa

DN ■ Medininagar

Manika MLA Ramchandra Singh held a meeting with the workers of India Alliance to make RJD's Manta Bhuiyan from Palamu and Congress candidate KN Tripathi from Chatra victorious. Addressing the workers, Manika MLA Ramchandra Singh said that India alliance is winning Palamu and Chatra seats with a huge majority. All of you should go door to door and tell people that if India alliance government is formed, women will get Rs 1 lakh every year and people will get government jobs. Farmers will get loan



waiver, farmers will get their rights, there will be proper arrangements for education and health. BJP wants to destroy the rights of the poor and downtrodden. There are two Lok Sabha constituencies in Satbarwa block, Palamu and

New Culture Society launched voter awareness campaign

DN ■ Palamu

Nai Sanskriti Society on Wednesday organized a voter awareness campaign program with placards related to voter awareness in various squares and intersections of the city of Medininagar. Along with this, advice to follow traffic rules and wear helmet was also given through these placards. Vishal Kumar, President of the organization conducting the program, said that voting is the biggest festival of democracy. It is the time when we fulfill our responsibilities towards our nation. In such a situation, it becomes the responsibility of all of us to



increase the percentage of voting. With this thought in mind, under the banner of Nai Sanskriti Society, we all have made this program and we will go not only to various squares and intersections of the city but also to villages, hamlets and everywhere else and will try our best to increase the percentage of voting. Vice President of the organization, Ashok Kumar Pandey

said that there is a surge of enthusiasm and energy within all of us to increase the percentage of voting, we all make a haven to celebrate this festival of democracy in a grand manner and encourage all the people to vote. Definitely recommending it. Manager of Nai Sanskriti Society, Chanda Kumari, said that not only today but till 13th, we will continue this program by going to all the villages and localities and conduct voter awareness program and communicate to the people why voting is important. On the said occasion, the organization's President Vishal Kumar, Vice President Ashok

Biggest secret of success is to remain sincerely engaged in one's objective: First Deputy Mayor

DN ■ Palamu

Under the Path Sabha program under the Municipal Board, a meeting was organized at Medininagar Shakti Kendra Abadganj and Federation of Business Organization Belvatika Medininagar. In which the business organization informed the popular MP candidate Mr. V.D. Ram ji about their problems. He talked about all possible cooperation and assured that the way he has been supporting the respected public and businessmen, he will not let them suffer in future also. Clean and clear environment will remain. On this occasion, the first Deputy Mayor said that he has



always stood with the respected people in every happiness and sorrow and will continue to stand like this in the future as well. He praised the work done in the interest of the country and the achievements that our country has achieved in the respectable Prime Minister Shri Narendra. Discussed the role of Modi ji and talked about making the popular MP Shri V.D. Ram ji victorious with huge votes.

Demand for extortion of Rs 5 lakh from textile businessman warning of shooting if not paid

DN ■ Medininagar

Businessman Ritesh Kumar Anand alias Raja Gupta, resident of Chhatrapur near Thakurbari temple under Chhatrapur Nagar Panchayat of Palamu district, has received death threats. The case of shooting of Khatin resident Santosh Gupta had not yet cooled down when another businessman was being threatened with death. This threat has been given over the phone by an unknown person. Businessman Ritesh told on Tuesday that he had been threatened over the phone and demanded extortion of Rs 5 lakh. If not given, a warning has been given



that they will be shot by evening. For this matter, an application has been filed in Chhatrapur police station and the police station in-charge has pleaded for his life and property. Ritesh Kumar Anand, a textile businessman of Thakurbari temple bus stand, has accused his family members of getting threats. In the application, he has told that on May 6, 2024, at 9.35 am, an extortion demand of Rs 5 lakh was made by an unknown person on his mobile number

7992344513 from mobile number 8864077366. If he did not give, he was threatened with death. He has written that on May 5, there was a dispute between aunt Suman Gupta and her husband Santosh Kumar Gupta over a land dispute. Pleading for their safety, they have said that these people can kill us at any time, hence they have requested the police station in-charge to conduct a quick investigation and take action against the culprits. In this matter, the station in-charge said that an application has been received in this regard. Has been directed for investigation.

BJP MLA reached Mayurhand with PM program gave responsibility to workers

DN ■ Chatra

Simaria BJP MLA Kisun Kumar Das reached Mayurhand block on Wednesday to make Prime Minister Narendra Modi's program organized at Simaria-Murve ground on May 11 a success. During this, a meeting of BJP workers was held under the chairmanship of Mandal President Mahendra Nayak. In which, after in-depth discussions on making the program successful, the outline for participating in the program was prepared with the Shakti Kendras and Panchayat in-charges, coordinators, booth presidents and block in-charges of ten Panchayats. In the meeting, mainly Simaria MLA inspired the workers and gave slogan of Simaria Chalo in large numbers and called for making the program successful. This time he raised the slogan of 'Chaar Hund Paar' among the workers. He talked about giving victory



to BJP candidate Kalicharan Singh by five lakh votes. In the meeting, the workers also resolved to make the BJP candidate win by five lakh votes. For this, Shakti Kendra in-charge coordinators and booth presidents took the responsibility of going to every house and taking the voters to the booth for 100 percent voting

and conducting the voting. A large number of party workers including Mandal Election Supervisor Rasik Shiromani, Basant Narayan Singh, former MLA candidate Sujit Bharti, MLA representatives Anil Singh, Pintu Singh, Parmanand Singh, Nityanand Singh and Aditya Singh were present in the meeting.

Insulting Chandravanshi will cost heavily to Manoj Tiwari: Vikas alias Vicky Chandravanshi

DN ■ Palamu

District President of All India Chandravanshi Kshatriya Mahasabha, Vikas Chandravanshi, opposed the statement of Manoj Tiwari and said that some candidates living in the name of Modi ji are making unrestrained statements today. Today's statement of Delhi MP Manoj Tiwari is not appropriate for all of us. Insulting any caste is not right. If you are sitting on the chair today, then look behind you at your existence. You used to be a dancer and have forgotten your existence. Today it is Modi that you are alive and your existence is left of Hindu and



Brahmin society. Look at all the Today Manoj Tiwari has forgotten all the brahmins who were insulted in the temple, the words he has used today, insulting any caste while being in such a big party and not considering the chair and especially while holding the post of MP of a city like Delhi. Such statements are not right for Manoj Tiwari.

You are an MP, your speech should be dignified, you should take the entire society along with you, only then you can stay in politics for a long time, but on the contrary, you have created a problem for yourself by targeting a particular society. I am definitely in support of you. I would urge the people of my community in the parliamentary constituency to boycott you. We have never insulted any Brahmin or any other caste. You have always given respect to other castes from time to time. Such statement of yours is not only personal but also a loss to the party.

Body of unknown person found near Kajri railway station

DN ■ Medininagar



On Wednesday, the police recovered the body of an unknown person near Kajri railway station of Padwa police station area. According to the information, on Wednesday morning, someone informed the police of Padwa police station that an unknown person was found dead near Kajri railway station. The dead body is lying. As soon as the information about the incident was received, the police of Padwa police station reached the spot, took the body into their custody and sent it to Medininagar Sadar Hospital for post-mortem. The police have requested the general public that if anyone gets information about the family members of this unknown person, then inform the police about it. After this incident, the police has also started identifying the unknown person.

Traffic in-charge launched vehicle checking campaign

DN ■ Medininagar

On the instructions of Palamu SP Rishma Ramesan, an intensive vehicle checking campaign was conducted near Six Muhan Chowk under the leadership of traffic in-charge Samal Ahmed. During the vehicle checking campaign, the traffic in-charge stopped all the two-wheeler and four-wheeler vehicles and checked them thoroughly. In the course of vehicle checking, 23 motorcycles without helmets and triple loaded were seized and kept in the city police station for security. After this, all the vehi-



cles have been sent to the DTO office for challan by the traffic in-charge. A fine of Rs 23,000 thousand has been collected from the vehicles caught without helmets and with triple load. Traffic in-charge Samal Ahmed, present on the occasion,

said that every day people are advised to wear helmets and drive two-wheelers with triple load. Is prohibited from. Even after that, people are not ready to accept it. He said that the aim of the police is not to issue challans, but to make the drivers aware of the traffic rules. Because mostly it has been seen that more accidents are happening due to not wearing helmet, not wearing seat belt and using phone while driving. On this, the traffic police made the drivers aware and challans were also issued to the people violating the law.

News In Brief

Ten computers and other equipment stolen from school

Khusruppur: Late on Monday night, thieves broke the lock of the computer room of the upgraded Higher Secondary School Jagmalbigha in the police station area and stole ten computers and other equipment. The incident of theft in the school created a stir in the area. The incident came to light after the school opened on Tuesday. Higher secondary school is run in the middle school located at Jagmalbigha. Principal in-charge of the middle school, Lucky Sahi, has lodged an FIR in the local police station regarding the incident. It is being told that he has said in the FIR that a night watchman has been deployed for the security of the school. He denied having any knowledge regarding the incident. It is being told that the thieves have stolen ten computers, desktop, CPU, ten headphone sets, twenty internet cables, projector, laser printer, external speaker, wavecom and other items. The estimated value of the stolen goods is estimated to be around Rs five lakh. The police is busy investigating the matter. It is noteworthy that when the police station incharge was called to confirm the matter, his mobile was found switched off. Other police personnel present in the police station refused to tell anything about this matter.

Fire broke out in a room of the examination department

Bhagalpur: A fire broke out in a room of the examination department of TMBU at around 3 pm on Tuesday, due to which the documents kept in the room were burnt to ashes. There was an atmosphere of panic when information about the fire was received. To further extinguish it, someone started filling buckets of water and spraying it, while someone started trying to control the fire with a fire extinguisher. After this the fire was controlled. Controller of Examinations Dr. Anand Kumar Jha said that the fire broke out in the semi-finished toilet on the upper floor of the examination department where garbage and waste paper were kept.

Big action by Bihar STF, 3 arrested with AK-47 in Muzaffarpur, suspected to be linked to Chhotu Rana gang

DN ■ Muzaffarpur

A big arms smuggling gang has been exposed in Muzaffarpur. Here, a joint team of Bihar Special Task Force (STF) and Muzaffarpur Police took action and arrested three people. Separate parts of banned weapon AK 47 assault rifle, 5 cartridges and three mobile phones have been recovered from them. All the criminals have been caught from different places. The arrested accused are suspected to be linked to the notorious Chhotu Rana gang. Weapons were brought from Assam-Nagaland. Police interrogation of the arrested people revealed that a big syndicate was being pre-



pared to smuggle AK 47 assault rifles into Bihar. This gang used to import deadly weapon AK 47 from areas like Dimapur and Nagaland of Assam. For smuggling, they used to divide the weapons into many parts and transport them through trains

and other vehicles. When there was demand, these parts were assembled and given the shape of a rifle. This is done to avoid the police.

Three people were arrested In this case, SSP Rakesh Kumar said that first Vikas Kumar, res-

ident of Pakhraura village of Jaitpur police station area, was arrested from Muzaffarpur railway station. The butt and lens of AK 47 were recovered from him. After this, on the basis of information received during the interrogation of Vikas,

Satyam Kumar, resident of Anjan Peer Ward number four of Vaishali, was arrested along with other parts of AK 47. After this, Anish was arrested from Muzaffarpur itself along with other parts of AK 47.

Suspected of being associated with Chhotu Rana gang Police suspect that this gang is linked to the notorious Chhotu Rana gang. Which is very active in Muzaffarpur and Vaishali areas. Cases of many serious crimes including murder, robbery are registered against this gang. It is being told that last year he had spread panic by firing in a restaurant in Sadar police station area of Muzaffarpur. Since then

Bihar STF was busy searching for him.

Police investigation continues

This arrest is being considered a big success for Bihar STF. Police hope that these three arrests will provide important information about Chhotu Rana's gang. The police is also trying to find out how many weapons this gang has smuggled so far and to whom these weapons have been sold. Police say that currently the investigation is going on and soon there may be more revelations in this case. Besides, raids are also being conducted to arrest absconding Chhotu Rana.

SM College: Farewell given to B.Com Part Three girl students

DN ■ Bhagalpur

Junior gave a farewell party to the students of B.Com Part Three of Commerce Department on Tuesday in the auditorium of SM College. Principal in-charge of the college, Dr. Mukesh Kumar Singh said that the time of farewell is very memorable. He wished for a bright future for the girl students. On this occasion, Dr. Deepak Kumar Dinkar said that arrival and departure is the eternal truth of life and the universal law of nature. Commerce students never remain unemployed. They get employment everywhere. The program was also addressed by Dr. Himanshu Shekhar, Dr. Chandan Kumar, Dr. Nidhi etc. Shadiya Kudrat, Ritika, Khushi Mishra, Aastha Sinha, Anjali Sinha, Vibha Bharti, Sakshi Singh etc. were present on this occasion.

Farewell to Part Three students in Marwari College Junior students of Hindi Department of Marwari College bid farewell to the students of Part Three on Tuesday. In-charge Principal Prof. Shiv Prasad Yadav wished the students a bright future. Prof. Brajbhushan Tiwari, Prof. Pratibha Rajhans, Dr. Alok Ranjan, Simran Bharti also addressed the program. On this occasion, Lakshmi, Sonali and Muskaan presented beautiful dance and music. Piyush Raj recited poetry. Khushi moderated the stage.

Took gold loan of Rs 2 lakh from bank for son's education, miscreants looted it

DN ■ Patna

Miscreants looted the money from a woman who was carrying two lakh rupees as a pledge of gold in the bank for her son's education. Two snatchers riding a bike snatched the bag from the hand of a woman going home with her son and fled away. The incident took place in Shri Guru Gobind Singh Path of Chowk police station area. Victim Kavita Singh, wife of Rajesh Singh, resident of Gujari Bazaar Manas Path Mohalla of Khajekalan police station area, told that on Tuesday afternoon she had taken a gold loan of Rs 2 lakh from the Patna City branch

of PNB located at Chowk Guru Gobind Singh Path. The snatcher wearing a helmet ran away towards Mangal Talab. The victim and the son accompanying her also raised an alarm, while the woman protested and dragged her some distance. Before people could understand anything, the criminal fled through the streets. The woman told that money had been withdrawn for her son's education and enrollment in engineering. Apart from the two lakh rupees withdrawn from the bank, seven hundred rupees, bank passbook, check book, Aadhaar card and other documents were also

found in the bag. Victim Kavita Singh told that she had taken a loan of Rs 2 lakh by mortgaging her jewelry in the bank for her son's education. She had left the bank with four bundles of Rs 500 in her bag to go home. She crossed the road and moved some distance, when the miscreants snatched the money. The son chased the miscreants on the bike, but was unsuccessful. People remained spectators. Police Station Head Shashi Kumar Rana said that a suspicious youth was seen talking on a mobile phone in the bank. Police is investigating the matter.

Arrangements for live webcasting will be made at half the booths in Patna Sahib and Patliputra

DN ■ Patna

There will be arrangements for live webcasting at 50 percent polling stations on June 1, the day of voting in Patna Sahib and Patliputra Lok Sabha constituencies. Also, voting activities will be monitored through drones. Para military forces will be deployed in Diara area. There will be boat patrolling in the rivers. DM Sir Kapil Ashok gave this information in the press conference regarding the preparations for the elections in Patna Sahib and Patliputra when the nomination process starts from Tuesday. He said that there will be arrangements for drinking water, sheds, waiting rooms, medical teams etc. at 4290 booths in both the Lok Sabha constituencies. Voters will be allowed to go to the booth in private vehicles.

Extensive security arrangements in 388 at-risk tolls The DM said that 388 at-risk hamlets have been identified in both the Lok Sabha constituencies, in which elaborate security arrangements have been made for people to vote. Raja Kumar alias Raja Yadav of Naubagh of Masaurhi police station will remain lodged in CCA jail.



There was chaos due to fire in Patna Museum premises, fire brigade team was busy in controlling the fire

DN ■ Patna

Another incident of arson has come to light in the capital Patna. On Wednesday, a fire broke out in a part of the Patna Museum in the capital, creating an atmosphere of chaos. This fire broke out in the old Patna Museum. As soon as information about the fire was received, the fire brigade team reached the spot and started efforts to control the fire. Firemen kept trying to control the fire by breaking the glass of the museum building. There is no information about any casualties. The items of the museum were burnt to ashes in this arson.

Fire broke out in the old museum premises

A sudden fire broke out in the Patna Museum located in the Kotwali police station area of the capital on Wednesday. According to the infor-



mation received, the fire broke out in the rear part of the old museum. This incident of arson created a situation of chaos on the spot. As soon as information about the fire was received, the fire department team reached the spot with fire engines. Firefighters started trying to control the fire by breaking the glass of the building. Due to the fire, the said place was filled with smoke.

Officials spoke on the cause of the fire

The officer present at the spot said that efforts to control the fire are

going on. After receiving the information, the fire department team has arrived and is busy extinguishing the fire. He said that the reason for the fire has not been revealed yet. There is a possibility that the fire may have started due to short circuit. The matter will be investigated. He said that no one was injured. The goods kept inside must have been destroyed due to the fire.

The incidents of arson are not stopping in Patna

It is noteworthy that the incidents of arson in Patna are not stopping. Recently, there was a huge fire in the slum in front of Bamboo Ghat and there was chaos. The entire area was shaken by the explosion of more than half a dozen gas cylinders one after the other. Even before this, the incident of arson has caused devastation in Patna.

Voter Awareness League from 10th, 85 teams ready, field illuminated with 37 light towers

DN ■ Patna

So far, 85 teams have agreed to participate in the Voter Awareness League organized by Patna Municipal Corporation from May 10 to make voters aware. Efforts are also going on to involve the district administration, police administration and children's team. If it is successful then the number of teams can also go up to 88. There will be one team from all 75 wards and one team from all six zones. One team each will consist of personnel from the headquarters, engineering branch and smart city. There will also be a team of media. The matches will be held in the newly constructed stadium at ghat number 93 which has been illuminated with 37 light towers.

Boundary built on all sides at a distance of 45 meters from the pitch

A cemented pitch has been made in the middle of the newly constructed stadium. The boundary of the field has been made on all sides at a distance of 45 meters from



the pitch. Due to excess sand in the field, it is being made to sit by pouring water on it. Light towers have been built every six meters around the field. In each tower, six bulbs of 200 watts each have been installed at the front and one bulb of 200 watts at the back. Due to this the ground is illuminated with milky light.

All matches will be knockout

The teams will be divided into two parts and one team from both the groups will face each other. Every match will be a knockout and the winning teams will enter the second round. The winning team will reach the third round and then the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final round. Every match will be of 10-10 overs.

Big blow to Anant Singh from Patna High Court, bail plea rejected

DN ■ Patna

Mokama's former MLA Bahubali Anant Singh, who recently came out of jail on parole, has suffered a big shock. Patna High Court has rejected the regular bail petition filed by Anant Singh. A single bench of Justice NK Pandey has passed this order. The court has given this order in view of the criminal history of Anant Singh.

Actually this whole matter is of Secretariat police station. In which the lower court, while hearing the case number 54/2015, had sentenced Anant Singh to 10 years rigorous imprisonment under Section 25 (1-A), 26 (2) / 35 of the Arms Act. Along with this, the court had also imposed a fine of Rs 20 thousand in this case under Section 25 (1-A) / 35 of the Arms Act.

In this case, a petition was filed in the High Court on behalf of Anant Singh for regular bail. Senior advocate PN Shahi presented arguments on behalf of the petitioner. Advocate Ajay Kumar Mishra presented the state government's side before the court. The next hearing of this case will be on July 4, 2024.

Anant Singh has come out of jail on 15 days parole

Let us tell you that Anant Singh came out of Beur jail of Patna on Sunday (5th May) on 15 days parole. This parole has been given to Anant Singh for the distribution of ancestral land. As soon as he came out of jail, Anant Singh was given a grand welcome by his supporters



and flowers were showered on him from JCB. After coming out of jail, Anant Singh announced the victory of JDU candidate Lalan Singh from Munger Lok Sabha on behalf of NDA. Anant Singh has been MLA from Mokama six times. At present his wife Nai Devi is the MLA from Mokama. Mokama assembly constituency comes under Munger Lok Sabha. In such a situation, it is being said that Lalan Singh may benefit in Munger due to Anant Singh coming out of jail.

Students are worried due to lack of admission in nearby schools

DN ■ Bhagalpur

On Tuesday, eighth pass students and their parents from different villages of the district reached the DEO office and surrounded it. The DEO was not in the office at the time of the siege, hence the students and parents argued with the Education Department personnel and raised slogans. The students sat on the ground in front of the main office of the Education Department and blocked the gate for five minutes, but after being explained by the DIET staff, they again reached the Education Department office and started raising slogans. The students said that they had recently applied for permission to enroll in a nearby school in the ninth grade. They were called on Tuesday, but after coming here, no information is being given regarding the nomination.

When DEO did not come, students reached DM office

Even after waiting for the DEO at the Education Department office for about two hours, when he did not arrive, the students reached the DM office on foot shouting slogans. They were stopped at the main gate in front of the DM office. Then ADM Law and Order came to talk to them, but after some time the students again reached the main gate of the District Magistrate's office and started shouting slogans and sat at the gate.



Multipronged strategy a must to curb data poisoning

DATA is a powerful weapon. It is a treasure trove of information. While data has been a driving force for civilisation in the 21st century, there has been an ever-growing trend of data reliance. In fact, data is the lifeblood of a marvel of the contemporary world — artificial intelligence (AI).

However, the training data of the AI models has become the Achilles' heel of this wonderful transformative technology. Tay, Microsoft's Twitter chatbot, is an early example of this. Tay's introduction on Twitter in 2016 was intended to aid in the development of her conversational abilities through human interactions. Tay was created to mimic a teenage girl but was removed from the platform within 24 hours for expressing racist, misogynistic and Nazi-loving ideas that she had picked up from other Twitter users. Tay is an early illustration of the potential dangers associated with training data issues. It is possible that a model's training data gets contaminated. A covert saboteur with significant ramifications has surfaced in the recent past: data poisoning. Adversaries can introduce biases, errors or unique vulnerabilities into the training dataset of an AI tool by adding, removing or altering certain data points. These vulnerabilities get manifested when the compromised model makes predictions or choices. An AI tool's output may thus become erroneous, discriminating or unsuitable if its dataset has been changed or distorted in any manner.

In the realm of AI innovation, data can play the role of a Trojan horse. Consider, for instance, that an AI model has been taught to identify suspicious emails or unusual behaviour on a corporate network. Successful data poisoning may make it possible for ransomware or phishing attempts to evade detection and get past spam and email filters. Similarly, accidents may arise from AI system errors in self-driving cars. Financial models distorted by biased data, medical algorithms misinterpreting distorted test results and facial recognition systems powered by biased datasets that greatly enhance the likelihood of falsely accusing members of a certain racial group of crimes are all at risk. These examples show how data poisoning can penetrate and skew the fundamentals of AI systems, leading to severe financial losses, reputational harm and moral ambiguities that undermine faith in technology. Scholars are debating the nature of various types of data poisoning and potential countermeasures. According to Google research from July last year on various types of threats to AI systems, an attacker only needs to control 0.01 per cent of a dataset to poison a model. And because the datasets being used usually contain millions of samples, it is difficult to identify this kind of attack.

Data poisoning as a defensive strategy is also garnering a lot of attention. Users are downloading Nightshade and Glaze, two freeware software programmes from the University of Chicago. While Glaze is a defensive tool that individual artists can use to defend themselves against style-mimicking attacks, Nightshade is an offensive tool that can be used to disrupt AI models that scrape their images as part of training data without permission. The University of Chicago's press department refers to Nightshade as the 'poison pill' because it modifies an image's pixels in a way that causes mayhem for computer vision while leaving the image intact for human eyes. By contaminating the practice data and by making some of the outputs of image-generating AI models useless — dogs turning into cats, cars turning into houses, and so on — Nightshade could harm subsequent generations of these models.

Trouble-torn Manipur needs an out-of-the-box solution

THE security situation in Manipur has become even worse a year after violence broke out. The only way out is for the principal stakeholders to come together and thrash out a way for immediate course correction. One must put into perspective three recent incidents in the state. Miscreants triggered an IED blast on a bridge on National Highway-2 in Kangpokpi district on April 24. The bridge connects Imphal with Nagaland's Dimapur. The highway is a major lifeline of the state and its severance has led to the stranding of over 100 trucks carrying essential supplies for the people of Manipur.

Two CRPF personnel were killed in an attack at Naranseina in Bishnupur district on April 27. A camp of the India Reserve Battalion (IRB) was located about 200 metres from the area where the CRPF men were billeted. The IRB personnel were primarily from the Meitei community. The CRPF personnel were reportedly in the process of vacating the camp and only a platoon had been left behind.

It is possible that the attackers wanted to target the Meitei members of the IRB; as the attack was carried out in the dead of night, they mistook the CRPF camp for the IRB one.

However, the target could actually have been the CRPF — a throwback to the United Liberation Front of Assam's (ULFA) modus operandi during the mid-1990s, when the insurgent group went on a spree of killing Hindi-speaking people of Assam. The ULFA was keen to attract the attention of New Delhi, which it was successful in doing. A slew of MPs from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar had descended on Assam to provide succour to their Hindi-speaking brethren. There was (and continues to be) a section of people among the Assamese population who are against outsiders setting up shop in that state. With regard to the Naranseina incident, lawlessness in Manipur has gone so deep that there are elements which are beginning to feel that New Delhi needs to be taught a lesson. It is important to note that Central paramilitary forces such as the CRPF and the BSF had not been targeted in the past.

The finger of suspicion for the IED explosion on the bridge and the attack on the CRPF camp was mainly pointed at Kuki militants. However, it could well have been anybody. In a state that has been careening out of control since May 3, 2023, almost every group has become militarised.

The third incident pertains to anarchy continuing under political patronage. Meira Paibis waylaid an Army Casspir vehicle after the column had



apprehended cadres of the Arambai Tenggol with illegal weapons. Hundreds of Meira Paibis surrounded the Casspir and were berating the soldiers. If the Army men had lost their composure, there could have been a bloodbath.

Assam has ushered in an era of peace as a result of well-honed teamwork. It is recommended that a Unified Command Structure (UCS) — as was the case in Assam — must be immediately formed for Manipur, Nagaland and south Arunachal Pradesh. It should be under the overall command of the General Officer Commanding of the Rangapahar-based 3 Corps. There must be one clear voice (naturally after due consultations) that should focus on strategy and ways and means for peace and normalcy to return.

Manipur is a house divided. The state police force is almost dysfunctional. It has abdicated its responsibility to a radical militia organisation which brooks no opposition. A DSP was picked up by the Arambai Tenggol, forcing some cops to lay down their arms. At this juncture, the police need leadership. Unfortunately, it is not going to emerge from within the force. The power over it has to be vested in a firm leader with strong organisational backing, such as the General Officer Commanding of 3 Corps. The Assam Rifles is doing a tremendous job, but it is being accused unjustly of being partisan. Residents of the Manipur valley had asked for its removal. The Armed Forces Special Powers

Act has been removed from many areas in Manipur, and one has witnessed the acts that non-state actors are perpetrating in the state. The Assam Rifles is already under the operational command of 3 Corps. But making it a part of the UCS would not only permit it to calibrate its operational moves with the Army, the Manipur Police and the Central paramilitary forces, but allow it greater manoeuvrability by way of robust intelligence gathering in consonance with other end users in the UCS. It is due to the overlapping issues that Manipur, Nagaland and south Arunachal are being clubbed. For instance, one cannot divorce the problem of valley-based insurgent groups' entry into Manipur with the help of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland-Isak-Muivah (NSCN-IM) from the manner in which the game will play out after the carving out of separate administrative zones. Similarly, the subterfuges in Tirap, Changlang and Longding districts of south Arunachal have to be seen in light of the support that the NSCN(IM) is receiving from the Eastern Naga National Government. The Indian state and its Army are powerful entities. They can face any challenge. The only step that New Delhi needs to take at this critical juncture is to empower its forces. The Army is capable of achieving the impossible. Manipur would be irrevocably lost if the present imbroglio is allowed to continue.

LAC standoff

Extinguish the suffocating fumes in Nuh

A resolution of the India-China border row remains elusive, even as the two countries have been locked in a military standoff along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh for the past four years. During this period, there have been 21 rounds of military commander-level talks and 29 meetings of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs. The two sides have done well to complete the disengagement process at several friction points, but the deadlock over the Depsang plateau persists.

In an interview last week, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the talks were progressing well. He expressed optimism that there would be a positive outcome. However, recent meetings have not witnessed any breakthrough; both countries have only reiterated their commitment to maintaining peace and tranquillity on the ground and keeping the lines of communication open.



Beijing's troop buildup and infrastructure development along the LAC have not helped matters. This has left India with no option but to augment its military presence in the

border areas and develop infrastructure at a rapid pace in order to catch up with the Chinese. Even as the situation has remained stable but sensitive, as described by Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande, the shadow of the Galwan clash of June 2020 continues to loom large, keeping Indian and Chinese troops on their toes. Progress on the diplomatic front has been stymied by the inadequacy of the interaction between PM Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping in recent years. Modi last visited China in 2018, while Xi has not travelled to India since the Mamallapuram summit of October 2019. The Chinese President also chose to skip the G20 summit hosted by New Delhi last year. The political leadership of the two nations needs to proactively engage with each other to reduce the trust deficit. This holds the key to resolving the border dispute and ending the prolonged standoff.

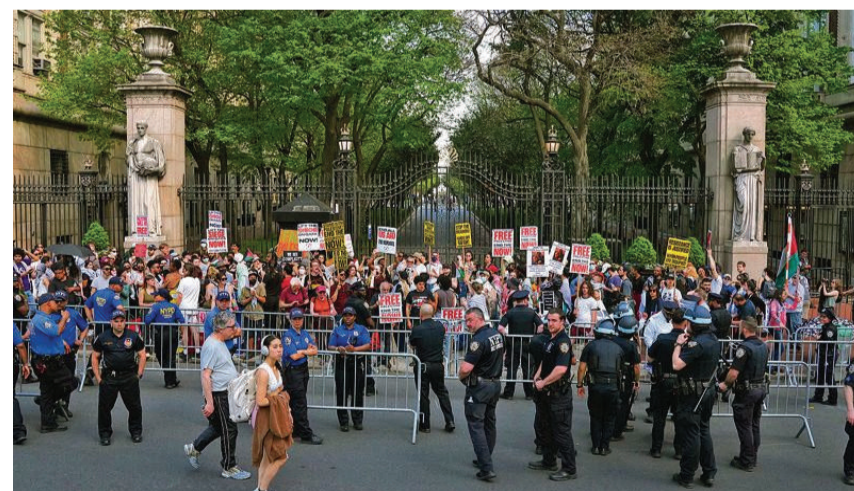
An overreaction to student protests

Prestigious American universities have floundered in dealing with the situation

THE growing intensity of pro-Palestine protests by students in the US has led to an aggressive crackdown by administrators and the police in the form of arrests, suspensions and class cancellations. The demonstrators, who set up encampments in over 120 universities and colleges across the US, have been galvanised by the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and have called on their institutions to divest from Israeli firms. However, some Jewish students have called the protesters anti-Semitic and expressed concern about their safety. In the election year, politicians have stepped in to term the protests 'anti-Semitic' and demanded a crackdown. The protests are against the policies of the Israeli government, but somehow it is made out that they are against the Jewish community. In India, it is easy to understand the difference, but in the West, with its terrible history of murderous anti-Semitism, public opinion is often manipulated on the issue by the powerful Jewish lobby in the US.

The protests reflect that young Americans are more likely to oppose Israel's actions than the older ones. A Gallup survey in March found that 55 per cent of the Americans disapproved of the Israeli military action in Gaza, with 63 per cent of them in the age group of 18-34. Student protests can be sometimes immature, are always impassioned and often over the top. Indeed, students and protests often go hand in hand and are a hallmark of a flourishing democracy. But American adults, from the President downwards, seem to be failing their country. President Biden, under pressure from the left wing of the Democrats, has backed the students' right to protest, "but not the right to cause chaos". American students have a six-decade-old tradition of protest. They were at the forefront of the anti-segregation movement in the 1950s and 1960s; they protested Free Speech limitations in Berkeley in 1964, thereafter the

Vietnam War, apartheid in South Africa and so on. The scale of destruction unleashed on Gaza as retribution for the Hamas terrorist attack of October 7 has been wildly disproportionate. There has been little evidence that Israel has sought to apply discriminate force in its battle with the Hamas. Even its mentor, the US, has raised the issue of its humanitarian conduct with Israel. The International Criminal Court has been conducting hearings on the Israeli actions in Gaza. Separately, the International Court of Justice is hearing a case filed by South Africa, alleging Israel's violation of the international law by committing and failing to prevent genocidal acts. The US has a certain vanity about its traditions of free speech and expression, but when push comes to shove, there is a tendency to overreact. And this is what seems to have happened on many campuses. College and university administrators have not handled the issues very competently. The University of Southern California, for example, cancelled a valedictory speech by a top student who happened to be a Muslim girl, leading to an uprising that prompted the university president to call the police. The University of California, Los Angeles, had adopted a liberal approach and allowed an encampment, but summons by a Republican-led congressional committee probably panicked it into calling the police, who came in along with a group of non-student counter-protesters, triggering violence. Prestigious universities like Harvard, Columbia and Indiana have floundered in dealing with the protests and have hastily called in the police to tackle the situation. Some non-student provocateurs from the right and the left have promoted violence, but even the New York Police Department acknowledged that the protests had been non-violent. In many instances, the



students have been joined by faculty members, who have criticised their administrators for mishandling the protests. While US colleges and universities like Brown University, Northwestern University and the University of Minnesota have brokered deals with the students, others like University of California (Berkeley) and Wesleyan College have allowed protest encampments.

The allegation of anti-Semitism in colleges has been taken up by the right wing in Congress. Acrimonious hearings by a House Committee have put college administrators on the back foot and forced some of them to resign. Two weeks ago, the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, Mike Johnson, himself descended on Columbia University and met Jewish students. At a press conference there, he called on the president of the university, Minouche Shafik, to resign and suggested that the National Guard be

summoned to deal with the demonstrations.

More than two dozen Republican senators signed a letter calling on Biden to restore order to the campuses by using federal laws against "the outbreak of anti-Semitic, pro-terrorist mobs". Such labelling of protesters, most of whom have been motivated by the humanitarian concerns arising out of the deaths of around 35,000 Palestinians, more than half of them children, indicates the moral vacuum in the hearts of many contemporary American politicians. Johnson has probably forgotten history in suggesting a militarised response to deal with peaceful protests. In 1970, the Ohio National Guard fired at and killed four unarmed students and wounded nine who were protesting against the Vietnam War at Kent State University. There is, of course, the irony of someone like Johnson calling for a 'law and order' crackdown, considering his support to the January 6, 2021, insurrection which attempted to violently overturn the results of the 2020 American elections.

In a recent column, Edward Luce, US commentator for Financial Times, noted that while student protests could be "foolishness — or worse", it was American adults "who are making the biggest dunces of themselves". They are, he lamented, displaying "traits of hysteria and dogmatism they deplore in the young".

How Haryana Numbers Stack Up, And How Chautala Family Math May Hold The Key

Chandigarh: In the middle of the Lok Sabha election, dramatic developments have reduced the BJP-led state government to a minority in Haryana Assembly. The Congress is now racing against time to make the most of the situation and cobble together the numbers required to topple the Nayab Singh Saini government months before state polls.

Behind the crisis is the decision of three Independent MLAs to switch from the BJP camp to the Congress side last evening. MLAs Sombir Sangwan (Dadri), Randhir Singh Gollen (Pundri) and Dharampal Gonder (Nilokheri) announced their decision to withdraw support to the BJP government at a press meet in Rohtak yesterday. They were accompanied by Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, Congress's Bhopinder Singh Hooda, and state Congress chief Udai Bhan. Addressing the media, Mr Hooda said, "The government should resign. President's rule should be imposed in the state and elections held. This is an anti-people government."

Chief Minister Saini, who took over the top post just about two months back, had a guarded response. "When I heard about it, I knew that moment the

Congress is trying to fulfil their wishes. Everyone has a wish. But the people know. They know the Congress has got nothing to do with the wishes of people, but is only focused on fulfilling their wishes," he said. The Chief Minister did not elaborate on how the BJP plans to counter the threat to its government. In a significant remark, Haryana Speaker Gian Chand Gupta has said a majority test had earlier been conducted on the demand of Mr Hooda and there is no need to conduct another for six months. The Nayab Singh Saini government cleared a trust vote soon after he took over in March.

The JJP Factor

Adding a twist to the Haryana political upheaval, the BJP's former ally Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) has offered support to the Congress. JJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala has said the government has lost the trust of the people. "We will support a move to bring down the government. The Congress has to decide if it will make a move or not," he said. This comes less than two months after the BJP parted ways with JJP, which has 10 MLAs, and cobbled together enough numbers

to cross the majority mark.

How The Numbers Stack Up

The 90-seat Haryana Assembly currently has 88 members. This means the majority mark is 45. The BJP has 40 MLAs of its own and is supported by three out of 6 Independent MLAs. This makes it 43, two short of the magic figure. The Congress has 30 legislators and three Independents now support it. If the JJP backs it, the Congress will have the support of 43 MLAs. This leaves two MLAs -- one from Haryana Lokhit Party and the other from INLD.

The Chautala Family Factor

An interesting subplot playing out amid the Haryana government crisis is linked to the Chautala clan that once dominated the state's political landscape before a string of poll setbacks, convictions and a split reduced INLD to a one-man party in the Assembly. Currently, INLD general secretary Abhay Chautala is the party's lone MLA in the Assembly. Now that the JJP, led by Mr Chautala's estranged nephew Dushyant Chautala has offered support to the Congress, the question is will Abhay Chautala remain on the same side or join ranks with BJP.



Maldivian Foreign Minister Moosa Zameer to visit India on Thursday

New Delhi: Maldivian Foreign Minister Moosa Zameer will visit India on May 9, in the first high-level trip from Male after the Maldives' pro-China president Mohamed Muizzu assumed office six months ago. Announcing Zameer's visit, the Ministry of External Affairs said it is expected to lend further momentum to the bilateral cooperation. The ties between the two countries came under severe strain in view of Muizzu insisting on withdrawal of Indian military personnel operating three military platforms in the island nation.

India has already withdrawn most of its military personnel. President Muizzu had set May 10 as the deadline for withdrawal of the Indian military troops from his country. "Moosa Zameer, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives, will be in India on an official visit on May 9," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Tuesday. It said Zameer will meet External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar for discussions on bilateral and regional issues of mutual interest. "The Maldives is India's key maritime neighbour in the Indian Ocean Region and Foreign Minister Zameer's visit is expected to lend further momentum to the bilateral cooperation between the two countries," the MEA said in a statement.

The Maldivian foreign ministry said Zameer will hold talks with Jaishankar focusing on "deepening and expanding the longstanding" Maldives-India partnership.

"This is Foreign Minister Zameer's first official visit to India since assuming office," it said.

Live-In Relation Still A "Stigma" In Indian Culture: Chhattisgarh High Court

New Delhi: The Chhattisgarh High Court has said that the live-in relationship is an "imported" philosophy contrary to the general expectations of Indian tenets and that it is still considered a "stigma" in the Indian culture.

While dismissing a man's appeal for custody of a child born from a live-in relationship, a bench of Justice Goutam Bhaduri and Justice Sanjay S Agrawal recently observed that such a relationship is preferred over marriage because it provides a "convenient escape when things fail to work between partners." "The security, social acceptance, progress, and stability which the institution of marriage provides to a person is never provided by live-in relationship," the bench noted.

"The close inspection of society shows that the institution of marriage no longer controls the people as it did in the past due to the cultural influence of the western countries and this significant shift and apathy towards matrimonial duties has probably given rise to the concept of live-in relationship," the High Court said.

The petitioner, Abdul Hameed Siddiqui, a resident of Chhattisgarh's Dantewada, had sought custody of a child born from his live-in relationship with Kavita Gupta.

Both were in a relationship for three years and got married in 2021 without conversion. A Dantewada family court had turned down his plea in 2023, following which he moved to the High Court. He claimed that in August 2023, Ms Gupta had moved with the child to her parent's home, after which he moved to the court seeking the child's custody. Mr Siddiqui's lawyer said that both parties performed marriage under the Special Marriage Act, 1954, and since he is governed by the Mahomedan law, he is allowed to perform a second marriage and that his marriage with Ms Gupta was legal.

It was also contended that he would be the natural guardian of the child born out of such marriage, and was entitled to custody of the ward. Mr Gupta, however, claimed that a second marriage was not permissible in the facts of the case as his first wife was alive. Her counsel argued that Mr Siddiqui could not claim to be a legal guardian for a child born out of such a relationship. The bench observed that the provisions relating to more than one marriage of a Muslim man under their personal law "cannot be invoked before any Court of law unless and until the same is pleaded and proved".

AstraZeneca withdraws Covid vaccine globally: What happens in India?

New Delhi: Pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca has announced the global withdrawal of its Covid-19 vaccine, Vaxzevria, citing a surplus of newer vaccine options as the primary reason.

The company has voluntarily withdrawn the "marketing authorization" for the vaccine within the European Union, and similar applications are expected to be made in other countries where the vaccine was approved. The decision comes amidst ongoing legal battles faced by AstraZeneca over allegations that its vaccine, developed in collaboration with the University of Oxford, led to fatalities and severe injuries, including Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS).

However, the company has maintained that the withdrawal is not linked to the court case or its admission of TTS side effects, but rather due to commercial



reasons and a decline in demand. As multiple, variant Covid-19 vaccines have since been developed, there is a surplus of available updated vaccines," AstraZeneca said in a statement, adding that this had led to a decline in demand for Vaxzevria, which is no longer being manufactured or supplied.

WHAT HAPPENS IN INDIA?

The vaccine, known as Covishield in India and other low- and middle-income countries, was developed by

AstraZeneca and Oxford University in response to the coronavirus pandemic in 2020. It played a crucial role in the global vaccination effort, with independent estimates suggesting that over 6.5 million lives were saved in the first year of its use alone.

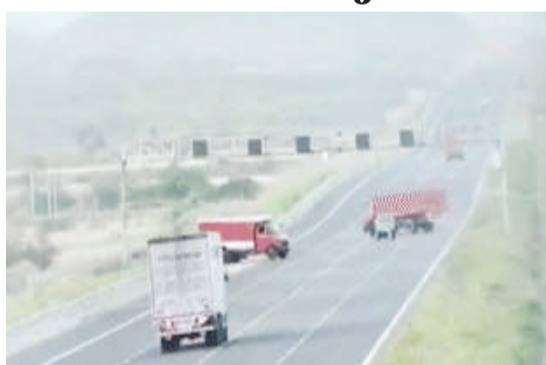
While AstraZeneca has voluntarily withdrawn the marketing authorization for Vaxzevria in the European Union, similar applications are expected to be made in other countries, including India, where the vaccine was manufactured and distributed by the Serum Institute of India (SII) under a license. Sources within the Health Ministry told India Today that the Indian government has not purchased any Covid-19 vaccines in the last two years, and there is no indication of purchasing any more vaccines in the near future.

6 dead after car ploughs into truck taking wrong U-turn on Rajasthan highway

New Delhi: Six people of the same family were killed after their car ploughed into a truck taking a wrong U-turn on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway in Rajasthan. Two children were also injured in the accident and the truck's driver is absconding. The accident, which took place on Sunday near the Banas river bridge in Sawai Madhopur district, was captured by CCTV, which showed negligence on the truck driver's part.

In the footage, the car is seen travelling behind the truck. Suddenly, the truck took a U-turn, and as a result, the car travelling at high speed ploughed into it. The driver fled from the spot before the police reached the spot and seized the truck.

The victims were identified as Manish



Sharma, Anita Sharma, Satish Sharma, Poonam, Santosh and Kailash. They were heading from Sikar district to the Trinetra Ganesh temple in Ranthambore.

Meanwhile, Additional SP Dinesh Kumar said the two injured children were referred to Jaipur and are reportedly stable, the PTI news agency

reported. He also said the accused driver was identified via the CCTV footage and efforts are on to arrest him.

Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma and his Deputy Diya Kumari offered condolences. "The news of the death of 6 civilians in a horrific road accident that took place on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway in Baunli police station area of Sawai Madhopur district is extremely sad," he tweeted in Hindi.

"The concerned officials have been instructed to provide all possible help to the affected people.

"Also taking to the microblogging site, Diya Kumari said, "Sad news was received about the death of six people in a horrific road accident in the Baunli police station area of Sawai Madhopur." "I wish the injured a speedy recovery," she added.

Chief Justice Shares He Was Caned In Class 5 And Why He Can't Forget It

Speaking at a seminar on Saturday, he recalled when he was caned at school for a small mistake.

New Delhi: While corporal punishment is now looked down upon as a cruel method to discipline children, it was very much a reality for generations that did their schooling decades ago. For Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, it wasn't different either.

Speaking at a seminar on Saturday, he recalled when he was caned at school for a small mistake. "How you treat children has

a deep impact on their minds throughout their life...I will never forget that day in school. I was not a juvenile delinquent when my hands were caned. I was learning craft and didn't bring the right sized needles to class for the assignment," he said. The Chief Justice, who was then in Class 5, said the way people treat children leaves a lasting impact on their minds. "I still remember that I requested my teacher to cane my bum and not my hand," he added. Out of shame, he could not tell his parents and had to hide his injured right palm for 10 days. "The physical wound healed, but left an everlasting imprint on the mind and soul. It is still with me when I do my work. The impact of such travesty on children is so deep," said the CJ.

The Chief Justice of India shared the incident while speaking at the National Symposium on Juvenile Justice organised by the Supreme Court of Nepal in

Kathmandu. While discussing juvenile justice, we need to recognise the vulnerabilities and unique needs of children embroiled in legal disputes and ensure that our justice systems respond



with compassion, rehabilitation and opportunities for reintegration into society, said CJ Chandrachud.

He said it is important to understand the multifaceted nature of adolescence and its interrelationship with various dimensions

of the society. At the seminar, the CJ also mentioned a petition filed in the Supreme Court demanding the termination of pregnancy of a minor rape survivor. He also talked about the challenges faced by

India's juvenile justice system. A major challenge is inadequate infrastructure and resources, especially in rural areas, which has led to overcrowded and substandard juvenile detention centres, due to which providing proper support to juvenile delinquents and efforts to provide rehabilitation may be hindered, he said.

Social realities must also be considered as many children are pushed into criminal activities by gangs, the CJ said, adding that adolescents with disabilities are also vulnerable - as is seen how visually impaired children are exploited for begging by criminal syndicates in India.

86 Air India Express Flights Cancelled As Crew Goes On "Mass Sick Leave"

New Delhi: At least 86 Air India Express flights were cancelled after the cabin crew members went on a "mass sick leave", official sources said on Wednesday. The international and domestic flights were cancelled after about 300 senior cabin crew members reported sick at the last minute and switched off their mobile phones.

The Air India Express management is currently trying to reach out to the crew, who are protesting against the new employment term at the Tata Group-owned airline, sources said. "A section of our cabin crew has reported sick at the last minute, starting last night, resulting in flight delays and cancellations. While we are engaging with the crew to understand the reasons behind these occurrences, our teams are actively addressing this issue to minimise any inconvenience caused to our guests as a result," an Air India Express spokesperson said.

We sincerely apologise to our guests for this unexpected disruption and emphasise that this situation does not reflect the standard of service we strive to provide," the spokesperson added. Guests impacted by cancellations will be offered a full refund or complimentary rescheduling to another date, the airline said. Several passengers took to their social media accounts and complained about the sudden cancellations of their flights. They said that they had "no information" about the cancellations. A "very disappointed" passenger on X said he had reached the airport when he was informed that his flight was cancelled.

"We apologise for any inconvenience. Please be informed that your flight has been cancelled due to operational reasons," Air India Express said in response to his post.

Why Air India Express Crew Is Protesting

According to sources, the crew at the Air India Express, a subsidiary of Air India, has alleged that there was a lack of equality in the treatment of the staff after the merger with Tata Group. They claim that some staff members were offered lower job positions despite clearing interviews. The crew has also alleged that the key parts of the compensation package have been modified or removed and that the airline management is shutting down the dissenting voices, sources said.

The airline is currently also in the process of merging AIX Connect (formerly AirAsia India) with itself. The crisis at Air India Express comes a month after Tata Group full-service carrier Vistara witnessed cancellations due to pilot woes. Discontentment had simmered among pilots at Vistara, which is in the process of getting merged with Air India, following the new contracts wherein there were concerns on rosters for pilots operating flights and a component of their salary packages.

NEWS BOX

Trump's V-P hopeful killed her dog, now says Biden's pet should be shot too

South Dakota governor Kristi Noem, already under fire for killing her family's 14-month-old dog and boasting about it, on Sunday took aim at another family's pet: Commander, Prez Joe Biden's bite-prone German shepherd. Appearing on CBS, Noem, a Republican, suggested that Commander, who was banished from the White House last fall after bloodying a number of Secret Service agents, should also have been put down.

"Joe Biden's dog has attacked 24 Secret Service people," she said. "So, how many people is enough people to be attacked and dangerously hurt before you make a decision on a dog?" Commander was sent to an undisclosed location after the Secret Service recorded 24 biting episodes. Noem, who had been widely seen as a contender to be ex-prez Trump's running mate, wrote in her new memoir about a female wire-haired pointer named Cricket that she had hoped to use to hunt pheasant on her ranch. She said the dog proved "untrainable", "dangerous to anyone she came in contact with" and "less than worthless" as a hunting dog - so she shot her in a gravel pit. "I hated that dog," she wrote.

Australia: China fighter released flares in our helicopter's path



MELBOURNE. Australia has protested to Beijing that a Chinese fighter jet endangered an Australian navy helicopter with flares in international waters, officials said Monday. The incident occurred on Saturday as the Australian air warfare destroyer HMAS Hobart was enforcing UN Security Council sanctions against North Korea in international waters in the Yellow Sea, the defence department said.

A Chinese Chengdu J-10 fighter jet released flares in the flight path of an Australian navy Seahawk deployed from the Hobart 300 metres in front of the helicopter and 60 metres above, defence minister Richard Marles said. "This was an incident which was both unsafe and unprofessional," Marles told Nine News television. "We will not be deterred from engaging in lawful activities and activities which are there to enforce UN sanctions in respect of North Korea," Marles added.

There were no injuries or damage, the defence department said, adding the Australian government expressed concerns to the Chinese govt. There was no immediate comment from Beijing on Monday.

Boeing capsule heads to ISS today in 1st crewed flight



CAPE CANAVERAL. Boeing Co's new Starliner astronaut capsule is poised for launch of its long-delayed inaugural crewed test flight to the International Space Station, two years after its first voyage without humans to the orbital laboratory.

The gumdrop-shaped CST-100 Starliner with two astronauts aboard was due for liftoff at 10.34pm (8.04am IST Tuesday) from Nasa's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, carried atop an Atlas V rocket furnished by the Boeing-Lockheed Martin joint venture United Launch Alliance (ULA). Riding aboard the Starliner, designed to carry up to seven crew members, are veteran Nasa astronauts Barry "Butch" Wilmore, 61, a retired US navy captain, and Sunita "Sunni" Williams, 58, a former navy aviator and test pilot. They have logged a combined 500 days in space over the course of two missions each to the space station. Wilmore is the designated commander for flight, with Williams in the pilot seat.

Although Starliner is designed to fly autonomously, the crew can assume control of the spacecraft if necessary, and the test flight calls for Wilmore and Williams to practice maneuvering the vehicle manually. If all goes as planned, the capsule will arrive at the space station after a flight of about 26 hours and dock with ISS early Wednesday. Wilmore and Williams are expected to remain at the space station for about a week before riding the Starliner back to Earth for a parachute and airbag-assisted landing in the US - a first for crewed Nasa missions. The Starliner will give Nasa its first alternative to sending astronauts to low-Earth orbit from US soil since Elon Musk's SpaceX began doing so in 2020.

FAA to investigate after Boeing says workers in South Carolina falsified 787 inspection records

SEATTLE: The Federal Aviation Administration said Monday it has opened an investigation into Boeing after the beleaguered company reported that workers at a South Carolina plant falsified inspection records on certain 787 planes. Boeing said its engineers have determined that misconduct did not create "an immediate safety of flight issue". In an email to Boeing's South Carolina employees on April 29, Scott Stocker, who leads the 787 program, said a worker observed an "irregularity" in a required test of the wing-to-body joint and reported it to his manager.

"After receiving the report, we quickly reviewed the matter and learned that several people had been violating Company policies by not performing a required test, but recording the work as having been completed," Stocker wrote. Boeing notified the FAA and is taking "swift and serious corrective action with multiple teammates," Stocker said.

No planes have been taken out of service, but having to perform the test out of order on planes will slow the delivery of jets still being built at the final assembly plant

in North Charleston, South Carolina. Boeing must also create a plan to address planes that are already flying, the FAA said.

The 787 is a two-aisle plane that debuted in 2011 and is used mostly for long international flights. "The company voluntarily informed us in April that it may not have completed required inspections to confirm adequate bonding and grounding where the wings join the fuselage on certain 787 Dreamliner airplanes," the agency said in a written statement. "The FAA is investigating whether Boeing completed the inspections and whether company employees may have falsified aircraft records." The company has been under intense pressure since a door plug blew out of a Boeing 737 Max during an Alaska Airlines flight in January, leaving a



gaping hole in the plane. The accident halted progress that Boeing seemed to be making while recovering from two deadly crashes of Max jets in 2018 and 2019. Those crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia, which killed 346 people, are back in the spotlight, too. The families of some of the victims have pushed the

Justice Department to revive a criminal fraud charge against the company by determining that Boeing's continued lapses violated the terms of a 2021 deferred prosecution agreement.

In April, a Boeing whistleblower, Sam Salehpour, testified at a congressional hearing that the company had taken manufacturing shortcuts to turn out 787s as quickly as possible; his allegations were not directly related to those the company disclosed to the FAA last month. The company rejected Salehpour's claims.

In his email, Stocker praised the worker who came forward to report what he saw: "I wanted to personally thank and commend that teammate for doing the right thing. It's critical that every one of us speak up when we see something that may not look right, or that needs attention."

US company fined \$650,000 for hiring children to clean meatpacking plants

World A Tennessee-based sanitation company has agreed to pay more than half a million dollars after a federal investigation found it illegally hired at least two dozen children to clean dangerous meat processing facilities in Iowa and Virginia. The US Department of Labor announced on Monday that Fayette Janitorial Service LLC entered into a consent judgment, in which the company agrees to nearly \$650,000 in civil penalties and the court-ordered mandate that it no longer employs minors. The February filing indicated federal investigators believed at least four children had still been working at one Iowa slaughterhouse as of Dec. 12.

US law prohibits companies from employing people younger than 18 to work in meat processing plants because of the hazards. The Labor Department alleged that Fayette used 15 underage workers at a Perdue Farms plant in Accomac, Virginia, and at least nine at Seaboard Triumph Foods in Sioux City, Iowa. The work included



sanitizing dangerous equipment like head splitters, jaw pullers and meat bandsaws in hazardous conditions where animals are killed and rendered.

One 14-year-old was severely injured while cleaning the drumstick packing line belt at the plant in Virginia, the investigation alleged.

Perdue Farms and Seaboard Triumph Foods said in February they terminated their contracts with Fayette.

The agreement stipulates that Fayette will hire a third-party consultant to monitor the company's compliance with child labor laws for at least three

years, as well as to facilitate training. The company must also establish a hotline for individuals to report concerns about child labor abuses.

A spokesperson for Fayette told The Associated Press in February that the company was cooperating with the investigation and has a "zero-tolerance policy for minor labor." The Labor Department has called attention to a growing list of child labor violations across the country, including the fatal mangling of a 16-year-old working at a Mississippi poultry plant, the death of a 16-year-old after an accident at a sawmill in Wisconsin, and last year's report of more than 100 children illegally employed by Packers Sanitation Services Inc., or PSSI, across 13 meatpacking plants. PSSI paid over \$1.5 million in civil penalties.

The Labor Department's latest statistics indicate the number of children being employed illegally in the US has increased 88% since 2019.

Pakistan SC suspends Peshawar HC order denying reserved seats to Imran-backed party

ISLAMABAD. Pakistan's Supreme Court suspended on Monday a high court verdict that a political party aligned with candidates backed by incarcerated former prime minister Imran Khan was not eligible for reserved seats for women and minorities in the national and provincial legislatures.

Since the Khan-led Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) was barred by the top court from contesting the Feb 8 elections under its traditional electoral symbol of a cricket bat on technical grounds, the party had subsequently struck an alliance with another party, Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC), in an attempt to secure reserved seats in parliament.

Under Pakistan's election rules, political parties are allotted reserved seats — (there are 60 for women and 10 for minorities in the National Assembly)

— in proportion to the number of parliamentary seats they win in the election. This completes the NA's total strength of 336 seats.

In March, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) had ruled that SIC was



not eligible for reserved seats and decided to distribute the seats among other parliamentary parties, with the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and the Pakistan

Peoples Party (PPP) becoming major beneficiaries. The verdict was rejected by PTI as unconstitutional and the alliance had filed a plea against the electoral watchdog's decision in the Peshawar HC, but it rejected the appeal.

In response, SIC moved the Supreme Court last month urging it to allot the party the reserved seats in the national and provincial assemblies and set aside the Peshawar HC ruling. Accepting SIC's appeal for a hearing, the apex court clarified that the Peshawar HC order upholding ECP's decision was suspended to the extent of the remaining reserved seats distributed among other parties.

After losing the extra reserved seats, PM Shehbaz Sharif's coalition government had lost its two-thirds majority in the National Assembly.

In male-dominated China, women create secret nooks to voice their power

SHANGHAI. In bars tucked away in alleys and at salons and bookstores around Shanghai, women are debating their place in a country where men make the laws. Some wore wedding gowns to take public vows of commitment to themselves. Others gathered to watch films made by women about women. The bookish flocked to female bookshops to read titles like "The Woman Destroyed" and "Living a Feminist Life". Women in Shanghai, and some of China's other biggest cities, are negotiating the fragile terms of public expression at a politically precarious moment. China's ruling Communist Party has identified feminism as a threat to its authority. Female rights activists have been jailed. Concerns about harassment and violence against women are ignored or outright silenced. Prez Xi Jinping has diminished the role of women at work and in public office. There are no female members of Xi's inner circle or the Politburo, the executive policymaking body. He has invoked more traditional roles for women, as caretakers and mothers, in planning a new "childbearing culture" to address a



shrinking population. But groups of women around China are quietly reclaiming their own identities. Many are from a generation that grew up with more freedom than their mothers.

Women in Shanghai, profoundly shaken by Covid lockdown in 2022, are being driven by a need to build community. "I think everyone living in this city seems to have reached this stage that they want to

explore more about the power of women," said Du Wen, the founder of Her, a bar that hosts salon discussions. Frustrated by the increasingly narrow understanding of women by the public, Nong He, a film student, held a screening of documentaries about women by female Chinese directors. "I think we should have a broader space for women to create," she said. At quietly advertised events, women question misogynistic tropes in Chinese culture. "Why are lonely ghosts always female?" one woman recently asked, referring to Chinese literature's depiction of homeless women after death. "They share tips for beginners to feminism," said Tang Shuang, the owner of Paper Moon, which sells books by female authors. Anxiety about attracting the wrong kind of attention is always present. When Tang opened her store, she placed a sign in the door describing it as a feminist bookstore that welcomed all genders. "But my friend warned me to take it out because I could cause trouble by using the word feminism." There is always the possibility that officials will crack down. "They never tell you clearly what is forbidden," she said.

Israel pushes on with Rafah offensive hours after Hamas accepts truce deal

Israel has commenced its planned military offensive in Rafah hours after Hamas accepted an agreement brokered by Egypt and Qatar for a ceasefire in Gaza aimed at ending the seven-month war. The Jewish nation said the Palestinian militant group's terms did not meet its "core demands" and planned to continue further negotiations on a truce agreement.

On Tuesday morning, the Israel Defense Forces announced that it was "conducting targeted strikes against Hamas terror targets in eastern Rafah".

The Associated Press said in a report, citing Palestinian and Egyptian officials, that Israeli tanks entered Rafah, the last Hamas stronghold in Gaza, reaching as close as 200 metres from the border with Egypt. In a statement on Monday, Hamas announced that it had accepted the deal and the group's chief, Ismail Haniyeh, informed the two mediating nations of its agreement. However, the office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the deal fell short of the country's demands, and would send a delegation to meet the negotiators in an effort to reach an agreement, Reuters news agency reported.

On Monday, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) issued evacuation orders to some 1 lakh residents of eastern Rafah after it struck the city in retaliation for a Hamas rocket attack on the Kerem Shalom border crossing. Israeli authorities said that three of its soldiers were killed in the Hamas attack, while Palestinian officials announced that the counter-attack in Rafah led to the death of 19 people, including a baby.

Here are the latest developments: Israeli forces reiterated its appeal to Palestinians to evacuate Rafah as strikes continue to pound the city. IDF spokesman Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said "we also call upon those staying in specific areas which we have communicated and defined through every means - radio, media, internet, and flyers to leave", the BBC reported.

In response to the Israeli offensive, the armed wing of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad said its militants launched rockets towards southern Israel from Gaza and targeted "Sderot, Nir Am, and settlements in the Gaza envelope", reports AFP. The "Gaza envelope" refers to a zone of southern Israel close to the enclave. A senior Hamas official, speaking to AFP, said Israel must now decide whether it accepts or "obstructs" a truce after seven months of war.

Hamas member Taher Al-Nono told Reuters the truce proposal met the group's demands for reconstruction efforts in Gaza, return of displaced Palestinians and a swap of Israeli hostages for Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails.

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Missing for decades, Maradona's rediscovered Golden Ball trophy set to be auctioned in Paris

Paris. Diego Maradona's Golden Ball trophy from the 1986 World Cup has resurfaced. The award, which had been missing for decades, will be auctioned in Paris next month, the Aguttes house said Tuesday. Maradona, who died in 2020 at age 60, was awarded the trophy for his scintillating play at the tournament, where he captained Argentina in its 3-2 win over West Germany in the final in Mexico City. Before that, he scored the controversial "Hand of God" goal and the "Goal of the Century" in a 2-1 win over England in the quarterfinals.

The auction house said it expects the trophy "to fetch millions due to its uniqueness." Maradona received the award - given to the tournament's best player - at a ceremony at the Lido cabaret on the Champs-Élysées in 1986. It subsequently disappeared, giving rise to rumors. Some say it was lost during a wild poker game, or sold to pay off debts, Aguttes said.

Others said Maradona had stored it in a safe in a Naples bank that was robbed by local gangsters in 1989, when he played in the Italian league. According to the story told by a reformed member of the mafia, the trophy was then melted down into gold pieces. "A



far-fetched theory, given that it was made of a gold-copper alloy," Aguttes said in its auction catalogue.

Aguttes said the trophy reappeared in 2016 among other lots that were acquired from a private collection at auction in Paris. "It was thoroughly investigated and authenticated as Diego Maradona's Adidas Golden Ball trophy," Aguttes said. The "Hand of God" goal came when Maradona punched the ball into England's net for his team's opener. Maradona was also a magician with the ball at his feet and four minutes later, he weaved through England's midfield and defense and then past goalkeeper Peter Shilton for what FIFA later declared the greatest goal in World Cup history.

"To say that this World Cup had it all would be an understatement ... it was also, and above all, the tournament where Diego Maradona really showed the world what he could do with his feet, and even with his hands," said François Thierry, a sports expert at Aguttes. Bidders will be asked to deposit 150,000 euros (\$161,000) to participate in the June 6 auction.

LSG not worried about SRH's batting, focused on winning: Lucknow coach S Sriram

New Delhi. LSG assistant coach Sridharan Sriram said that his team was not worried about SRH's in-form batting but focused on winning games as the race for the IPL 2024 playoff intensifies. Both SRH and LSG teams are currently locked in at 12 points from 11 games, with Hyderabad making the top four cut based on a slightly superior net run rate of -0.065 compared to Lucknow's -0.371. The Sunrisers find themselves in fierce competition for the top four spots with KKR (16), RR (16) and CSK (12) and DC (12) stationed above them on the points table. The winner of the match will leap into the playoff race. "I think in general, spinners have had a tough time in this tournament. Wickets have been so good and the scores have been high," he said on Tuesday after heavy rains forced cancellation of his team's training schedule. But, I think given our spinners, Ravi Bishnoi has bowled really well in the last couple of games. Krunal



Pandya has been very good throughout, so I think we don't really have reasons to worry about it," Sriram said.

Sriram highlighted the importance of moving on from the crushing 98-run defeat against the Knight Riders. "Some games you are going to win big, some games you are going to lose. And, there are going to be tight games. So, in a 14-game competition, I think you take every win and loss in the same way," he said. "Just learn and move on. Pressure is the same for everyone. It is how we deal with it on the given day." "I think we have got experienced enough players to deal with it. One game at a time, one venue at a time. Three away games are definitely challenging, but we are up for the challenge," Sriram said. After 12 points in 11 games, the Super Giants remain in contention for a playoff spot, but the requirement to maintain a high net run rate adds no additional pressure, according to Sriram. "I think we have got to focus on winning. The net run rate will take care of itself if we win. So, I don't think there has been any chat around net run rate. It is about how we beat the opposition and that is what matters on a given day," Sriram said.

DC vs RR: Sanju Samson fined by BCCI over argument with umpires after controversial dismissal

Sanju Samson has been fined 30% of his match fees for his dissent against the third umpire's judgement after being ruled out (caught) in the 56th match of the ongoing 17th edition of the Indian Premier League.

New Delhi RR captain Sanju Samson was fined 30% of his match fees after a heated on-field argument with the umpires following his controversial dismissal during the IPL 2024 match against DC on Tuesday. Sanju Samson's seemingly disputed dismissal sparked widespread outrage on social media. Samson was caught by Shai Hope at the long-off boundary while batting magnificently on 84; the side angle revealed Hope's foot perilously close to the boundary line, with many assuming he also touched the rope. However, there was no conclusive evidence to support the claim, prompting the TV umpire to rule the RR skipper out.



"Mr Sanju Samson, Captain, Rajasthan Royals has been fined 30 per cent of his match fees for breaching the IPL Code of Conduct during Match 56 of the TATA Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 against Delhi Capitals at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi on May 07, 2024. "Samson committed a Level 1 offence under Article 2.8 of the IPL's Code of

Conduct. He admitted to the offence and accepted the Match Referee's sanction. For Level 1 breaches of the Code of Conduct, the Match Referee's decision is final and binding," the BCCI's statement read. DC earned a hard-fought 20-run win over Royals to technically stay alive in the IPL play-offs race as home spinners Axar Patel and

Kuldeep Yadav played a key role in the team's victory in the must-win contest Tuesday. Yet again, it was Jake Fraser-McGurk (50) and Abhishek Porel's (65) coruscating display of power-hitting that took DC to a challenging 221 for eight.

Chasing a stiff target to secure their place in the play-offs, the Royals were going strong but once skipper Sanju Samson (86 off 46 balls) was dismissed in the 16th over, their innings lost momentum. They ended up at 201 for 8. Wrist spinner Kuldeep (2/25 in 4 overs) and left-arm spinner Axar (1/25 in 3 overs) exhibited impressive control over line and length that did put brakes on Royals' scoring rate in the middle overs. The two bowlers gave away just 50 runs in their combined seven overs. After Tuesday's win, Delhi Capitals moved to fifth place with 12 points -- the same as three other teams -- but even if they win their remaining two contests, it will be difficult for them to make the knockout stage as the teams placed above them have better chances of logging 18 points. DC can have a maximum of 16 points.

Brian Lara warns India: Sometimes when you have superstars, you forget to plan

New Delhi. Legendary West Indies batter Brian Lara has warned India and head coach Rahul Dravid ahead of the T20 World Cup 2024. Lara has said that India should not rely too much on their superstars and instead have a plan for the ICC tournament. India have not won the T20 World Cup since the inaugural edition (2007). This time around Rohit Sharma's team India would hope to turn their fortunes around in the tournament which is being jointly hosted by USA and West Indies.

Speaking to PTI after the selection of the India squad for the global tournament, Lara felt that the Indian team was missing a few youngsters, but said that there was nothing wrong with trusting experience in a big tournament. "Sometimes when you have a team with a lot of superstars, you forget the plan and you believe that the superstars can do it. They just have to turn up. Sometimes you may feel, as a coach, intimidated, telling Sir Vivian Richards or Virat Kohli, you know exactly what you expect of



them," Lara said in an interaction with PTI editors at its headquarters which was facilitated by Star Sports. Obviously when you have such great players, you want to stick to that experience because you feel that they can do it and there's nothing wrong with it," he said referring to Kohli and Rohit. Lara said given the big names that make the Indian squad, Dravid will have his hands full on the planning front. The legendary cricketer said that the team under

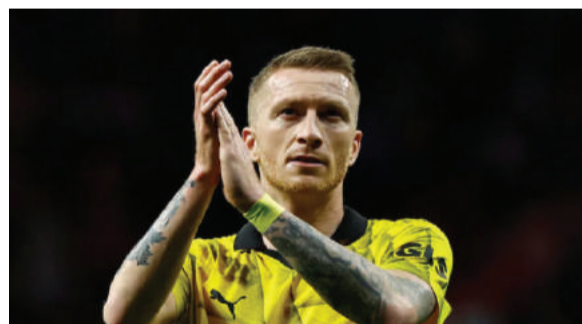
Rohit Sharma could go the distance in this edition. "You've got a lot of exciting young players coming out and you also have that sort of conundrum. India have gone with a team that has experience. My advice, and it's not my criticism, it's my advice, to Rahul Dravid is to make sure and have a plan," Lara stated. "The team is capable of winning the World Cup. Yes, it's a team that have maybe a couple of youngsters missing because of the situation. But I still believe that if they plan properly, India could win the World Cup," Lara concluded.

INDIA'S T20 World Cup Squad

Batters: Rohit Sharma (captain), Virat Kohli, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Suryakumar Yadav. Wicketkeepers: Rishabh Pant, Sanju Samson. All-rounders: Hardik Pandya (vice-captain), Shivam Dube, Axar Patel, Ravindra Jadeja. Bowlers: Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh, Mohammed Siraj.

Champions League: Marco Reus relishes return to Wembley at end of his Dortmund career

New Delhi. Borussia Dortmund veteran Marco Reus said "nobody expected us to make it" after his team defeated Paris Saint-Germain on Tuesday to advance to the Champions League final at Wembley. Dortmund will return to the site of the 2013 Champions League final, where Jurgen Klopp's team lost to German rivals Bayern Munich. Dortmund won this year's semi-final second leg 1-0 at the Parc des Princes courtesy of a header by Mats Hummels, who also played for Dortmund in the 2013 final. BVB advanced 2-0 on aggregate, having won the first leg with the same result. The 34-year-old, who joined Dortmund in 2012 after spending a decade as a youth player, will leave after the season with two German Cups but neither Bundesliga nor Champions League titles. "Indescribable. After more than 10 years, I am in the final with Borussia again," said Reus, who came on as a substitute on Tuesday. "Ousmane (Dembele) and Achraf



(Hakimi) brought a tremendous amount of pace and we suffered a lot." "How we won the game, no one will ask tomorrow. Shots against the post won't matter tomorrow. What counts is that Borussia Dortmund is in the final again. Nobody expected this. It's just incredible." "Despite relying on some help from the goal frame, Dortmund's defensive duo of Hummels and Nico Schlotterbeck effectively contained PSG's star forward Kylian Mbappe. The

showdown at Wembley on June 1 will mark Dortmund's third appearance in a Champions League final, having clinched the title in 1997. Dortmund, currently positioned fifth in the Bundesliga with two matches remaining in what's been a turbulent season, secured a victory courtesy of a Mats Hummels header, despite PSG's unfortunate four encounters hit the woodwork. Their next challenge awaits against either 14-time champions Real Madrid or Bayern Munich, who will face off at the Bernabeu after a 2-2 draw in the first leg, in the June 1 finale at Wembley. A potential rematch looms with Bayern as Thomas Tuchel's squad prepares to face Real Madrid in the other semi-final clash this Wednesday. In the initial leg, Bayern and Real played to a 2-2 draw. Dortmund found themselves fortunate in both semi-final encounters, particularly with PSG striking the woodwork six times, four of which occurred on Tuesday.

CSK part of my life, really hard to leave early: Matheesha Pathirana

IPL 2024: Sri Lanka and CSK's young pace sensation Matheesha Pathirana spoke about his journey with the team in IPL 2024 as he had to leave the tournament midway due to a hamstring injury.

New Delhi Sri Lanka and CSK's young pace sensation Matheesha Pathirana's journey came to an abrupt end in the Indian Premier League 2024 as he got ruled out of the tournament due to a hamstring injury. In a video shared by CSK's social media handles, Pathirana bid an emotional good bye to the team as he reflected on the learnings from the season.

Notably, the 21-year-old was the second-highest wicket-taker of the season for CSK with 13 wickets to his name from six innings at an average of 13 and an economy of 7.68. Reflecting on the season, the right-arm

speedster spoke about his learnings from the season, especially from the former captain MS Dhoni.

"It was really good season for me. I played six matches and got 13 wickets. I think I bowled really well and got one Man of the Match award also. I have to learn a lot of things from everywhere. So, in this season also, I learnt a lot of things from the coaching staff and not only coaching staff, the seniors like Mahi Bhai and all of them. So, I learnt a lot of things," said Pathirana in the special video shared by CSK. Pathirana picked up 3 for 31 in his second game against DC and followed it up with a match-winning spell of 4/28 in four overs against MI, which also fetched him the Player of the Match award. Further speaking about the franchise, the young seamer revealed that it was hard for him to leave this early as he considers the team to be a part of his life.

CSK was the part of my life now: Pathirana "Yeah, really, it's hard to leave early from this kind of franchise because CSK was the part of my life now. I love this franchise but



anyway I have to leave this early. So, it's very hard but I hope to see you next year also but we'll see. I got a lot of love from my fans, CSK fans, so really I want to give that love back to them. Really, I love those kind of fans and keep supporting us and for me also. Thank you very much," he

added. Meanwhile, CSK finds itself in the third spot on the points table with six wins from 11 matches having 12 points to their name. They will next take on GT on 10th May and will be eager to win all of their remaining three fixtures for smooth qualification to the playoffs.



DC coach Pravin Amre lauds 'impressive' Abhishek Porel: He is special

New Delhi. sDC youngster Abhishek Porel scored his maiden fifty in the Indian Premier League. Barring against RR on 7 May at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, Porel provided DC with a solid start. Porel hit 65 off just 36 balls and set up the base for DC's massive 221-run target. DC assistant coach Praveen Amre lauded the effort of the youngster after the game.

Known as a finisher in the domestic arena, Porel has been extensively used as a top-order batter by DC after his incredible cameo of 10-ball 32*. In that game, Porel came out to bat at No. 9 and took the attack to the PBKS bowlers after DC suffered a horrible batting failure. Since then, Porel has notched up some good performances and has scored 267 runs

from 12 matches at a strike-rate of 158.

"The first game against Punjab he did not even know till the 18th over that he will be playing a game, and he delivered a 9-ball 30 which was awesome. You know it is always good to see an Indian batsman perform. We were impressed with him in the nets and he has shown that against the new ball he bats very well. So we thought to give him the opportunity to bat up the order. He played a special innings today," DC assistant coach Praveen Amre said after the match.

"Warner is still not a hundred per cent fit and that's why we sent Porel up the order," Amre further added.

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On the day, DC managed to keep away an incredible blitz from Sanju Samson and managed to win by 20 runs. The win kept DC alive in the Indian Premier League playoffs race. DC currently have 12 points from 12 matches and are in the 5th spot in the league table.

Ananya Panday

Is Back For Call Me Bae Shoot, Says 'Can't Wait To Show You Guys'; See Here



Ananya Panday is all set to make her OTT debut with the web series Call Me Bae. She has already started shooting and often shares glimpses from the set. Today also it was no different day as Ananya shared another photo from the set. In the comedy series, Varun Dhawan will also be seen. This is for the first time they will be working together. Taking to her Instagram stories, Ananya shared a photo of her vanity with 'Bae' written on it. "Look who's back, Can't wait to show you guys," read the caption. For her OTT debut, Ananya Panday will be seen essaying the role of a fashionista. The storyline revolves around a billionaire fashionista who, following a scandalous controversy, is disowned by her ultra-rich family and navigates life independently. Last year, in March the first poster of the same was shared. Prime Video revealed that the actress has kick-started the shoot of the series. The caption read, "Hey, hey baes, there's a new fashionista in town who is here to stay and definitely slay all the way. Call Me Bae New Series, Now Filming."

Before the poster of the upcoming series was unveiled, Prime Video shared the first glimpse of the show in a hilarious video featuring Ananya and Varun Dhawan. The caption read, "Pakki khabar hai guys, Ananya Panday is the new fashionista in the primeverse! Watch this first glimpse and stay tuned. Call Me Bae New Series, Now Filming!" The video opens with Varun greeting the viewers by introducing himself as "Prime Bae". He continues by saying, "Today I'm going to reveal Amazon Prime's new show, Call Me Bae!" Next, we see Ananya in the background talking to the stylist and claiming that Call Me Bae is her show, "where I play a total fashion expert just like moi." Apart from this, Ananya is currently in the news for her rumoured breakup with Aditya Roy Kapur. A close friend of the two actors told the Bombay Times that, "That they broke up almost a month ago. They were going quite well, and the breakup came as a shock to all of us. They are cordial with each other. Ananya is trying to move on; of course, there's hurt. She is spending time with her new furry friend. Aditya is also trying to deal with the situation maturely."



Ranveer Singh DELETES Wedding Pics With Deepika Padukone Ahead of Baby's Birth? Here's What We Know



Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone's wedding pics have disappeared from the Simmba actor's Instagram account. On Tuesday, fans noticed that Ranveer, who is expecting his first baby with Deepika, had taken down the couple's wedding pictures from his account. Fans of the couple, often called DeepVeer, would remember that they shared a series of heartwarming photos from their two weddings in November 2018. The couple held two ceremonies to honour Deepika's Konkani and Ranveer's Sindhi roots. Over five years on, the photos are no longer a part of his Instagram grid. It isn't clear if he's removed or archived the photos. Ranveer has 133 posts on his Instagram account, with the first post dating back to January 2023, when he was promoting a sportswear brand. Meanwhile, Deepika has retained the photos on her grid. Ranveer still has other recent photos with Deepika on his timeline.

The sudden social media move comes amid Ranveer and Deepika's babymoon trip. In a photo believed to be from a recent vacation, Deepika is seen on the stairs of an airplane. She's dressed in a comfortable brown overall, best suited for maternity wear, and sporting sunglasses. Ranveer, clad in casual all-white attire, follows closely behind her. A baby bump is also noticeable. On Reddit, fans took to the comments section and blessed the couple.

On the work front, Deepika is currently shooting for Singham Again. While on set, Deepika recently posed with the junior artists working with her. Her pregnancy glow caught everyone's attention in the photo. Deepika, who is expecting her first baby with Ranveer Singh in September 2024, is working through her pregnancy. In Singham Again, she will be playing the role of a ruthless police officer. Recently, a junior artist who worked with Deepika dropped a selfie on Instagram with the actress. She also shared a sketch she made for Deepika and a bouquet of flowers with a note that read, "To our hero, Lady Singham". Ranveer will also be seen in Singham Again, reprising his role as Simmba. The actor is also expected to start filming for Don 3 this year.

When Amitabh Bachchan Pushed Shatrughan Sinha's Car



Shatrughan Sinha was considered a bankable action hero from the early 80s to mid 90s. He was miles ahead of Amitabh Bachchan in terms of stardom and fame during his peak years. However, this never created a rift between these superstars as they still share an unbroken friendship bond. The duo worked together in numerous films like Kaala Patthar, Dostana, Naseeb, Shaan, Raaste Ka Patthar and others. Amitabh Bachchan continued his journey in the entertainment industry while Shatrughan Sinha decided to stay away from films to join politics. Once, Amitabh Bachchan and Shatrughan Sinha appeared on a popular TV chat show. They shared a few stories of their friendship on the show. Among many, the one which attracted the attention of the viewers was one in which Amitabh Bachchan pushed the car of Shatrughan Sinha. The duo participated in Sajid Khan's chat show where they recalled funny incidents of their friendship and life. Big B said that Shatrughan Sinha used to have a car in which he along with others used to go watch movies. The Deewar actor also made fun of Shatrughan Sinha's car. Shahenshah of Bollywood, Amitabh Bachchan further said that once all of them were going to watch a movie by sitting in Shatrughan Sinha's car, but his 'Khatara' car broke down before reaching halfway. Even at that time, the actor who made everyone 'Silence' enjoyed the same status as his friends. Big B had said that the actor would sit in the car while everyone else had to push the car. Everyone present there burst out laughing after hearing these secrets of their best friend. Whereas Shatrughan Sinha himself turned red with embarrassment while laughing.

Kareena Kapoor

Turns Poo From K3G For Ibrahim Ali Khan, Says 'Tumhara Koi Haq Nahi Ki Tum Itne Handsome Lago'

Ibrahim Ali Khan has been setting the internet on fire ever since he made his debut on Instagram. Recently, Ibrahim shared photos with F1 racer Charles Leclerc at the Miami Grand Prix which went viral on social media. The Instagram post also caught the attention of Kareena Kapoor Khan and her comment on the post has also gone viral. Kareena took to the comments section and wrote, "Tumhara koi haq nahin banta ke tum itne handsome lago." Kareena's fans were happy to see her recreate the iconic dialogue of her character Poo from Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham. Her comment went viral on Reddit. Fans flocked to the microblogging site to express their appreciation. One person wrote, "This is really cute." Another added, "Love their family dynamics!" One fan commented, "Aww... I find it cute." Another added, "Step-mom love. It's actually nice she has such a good relationship." Ibrahim Ali Khan made his Instagram debut on April 30 and dropped stunning photos for a new campaign. Ibrahim's debut featured the to-be actor surrounded by his grandfather and father's legacy, dressed in royal tones.

Even then, Kareena's comment went viral. Kareena dropped a comment under his photo and wrote, "Welcome to @pumaindia Iggy ?? let's shoot together soon? @iakpataudi. Ibrahim's Instagram debut came ahead of his much-awaited Bollywood debut and generated quite a buzz among his fans. He will soon enter Bollywood with Sarzameen, a film from Dharma Productions that also features Kajol and Prithviraj Sukumaran. Kayoze Irani, the son of Boman Irani, is the director of the movie.

In addition, he is working on a romantic comedy called Naadaniyaan, in which Khushi Kapoor, the daughter of Boney Kapoor and Sridevi, will also be starring. The film promises to be a delightful treat for audiences. With the backing of Dharma Productions, known for its impeccable storytelling and entertaining narratives, anticipation is soaring high for this project. A source had told Pinkvilla earlier, "It's one of those romantic comedies that Hindi Cinema is known for. However, Karan and co. feel that the palette of narrative fits better for the OTT than the big screen. It's planned and will be executed as an OTT original. Ibrahim Ali Khan has also been in the news for the past few months due to his relationship with Palak Tiwari, the daughter of television actress Shweta Tiwari. They are frequently seen visiting their friends' parties and going on movie outings. The alleged couple has not yet disclosed their relationship.

