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## India and China grab eyeballs at BRICS

PTI ■ KAZAN

In their first structured bilateral talks in nearly five years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping on Wednesday agreed that India and China can have a "peaceful and stable" relationship by displaying maturity and mutual respect, and endorsed the pact on the resolution of the dragging eastern Ladakh border row. In the meeting, Modi underscored the importance of properly handling differences and disputes and not allowing them to disturb peace and tranquillity. In a post on X, Modi said, "India-China relations are important for the people of our countries, and for regional and global peace and stability." "Mutual trust, mutual respect and mutual sensitivity will guide bilateral relations," he said.



Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said at a media briefing that the two leaders noted that the special representatives on the India-China boundary question have a critical role to play in the resolution of the issue and for the maintenance of peace and tranquillity in border areas. Modi and Xi instructed the special representatives to meet at an early date and continue their efforts, he said. "We hope to schedule the next meeting of Special Representatives at an appropriate date," he said. The foreign secretary said Modi and Xi reviewed the state of bilateral relations from a strategic and long-term perspective and they were of the view that stable ties between the two countries will have a positive impact on regional and global peace and prosperity. Both Modi and Xi stressed that

with maturity and wisdom, and by showing mutual respect, India and China can have a peaceful and stable relationship, Misri said. He said restoration of peace and tranquillity in border areas will create space for returning towards the path of normalisation of ties. Officials will now take the next steps to discuss enhancing strategic communication and stabilising bilateral relations by utilising official dialogue mechanisms, he said. "Welcoming the recent agreement for complete disengagement and resolution of issues that arose in 2020 in the India-China border areas, Prime Minister Modi underscored the importance of properly handling differences and disputes and not allowing them to disturb peace and tranquillity," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement.



## Supreme Court raps Centre taking the bite out of CAQM Act: SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday pulled up the Centre for making the environment protection law "toothless", and said the provision under the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act of 2021 (CAQM Act) which deals with the penalty for stubble burning was not being implemented. The Bench also made its displeasure known on the nominal fine of Rs.2500 for violators. The Bench of Justices Abhay S Oka, Ahsanuddin Amanullah and Augustine George Masih said the CAQM Act was enacted without creating required machinery for implementing the provision to curb air pollution. The Bench slammed the State of Punjab for collecting a nominal fine of Rs. 2,500 each from errant farmers, which in turn said the amount was fixed by the CAQM. "Giving license to violate by paying such nominal amount. That's incredible. How much less amount? We will tell you very frankly that you are giving a signal to violators that nothing will be done against them. This has been for the past three years," observed the Bench. "Time has come to remind the Union of India, and both the States (Punjab, Haryana) that there is a fundamental right subsisting with the citizen to live in a pollution free environment. These are matters of blatant violation of fundamental rights under Article 21. Government has to answer its own self as to how it is going to protect the citizens' right to live with dignity and

## NDMC doubles parking fee

**NEW DELHI:** In a move to discourage private vehicles amid deteriorating air pollution, the parking charges in Delhi have been doubled by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) on Wednesday. The plan is aimed at controlling vehicular pollution, a significant contributor to the city pollution. The increased parking fee for off road parking in light of the statutory directions issued by Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP - II) is now ₹40 for cars from ₹20, ₹20 for scooters from ₹10 and ₹300 for buses to ₹150. On the other hand, for indoor sites, the fees include ₹20 for cars from ₹10 and ₹10 for scooters to ₹5. The National Capital's AQI on Wednesday was in the 'very poor' category at 364 according to Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) with three areas in Delhi crossing the 400 mark including Jahangirpuri recording an aqi of 416, Anand Vihar recording 413 aqi and Vivek Vihar recording 407 AQI. This litigation is not adversarial and is only litigation for us to ensure that citizens rights to live with dignity and clean environment are upheld," said the Court, pointing out a series of lapses in the enforcement and less penalty provisions in the Laws and Rules.



## Crying over split wood?

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court saying he was unaware of the requirement to take the court's permission for the felling of trees on the road proposed in the Ridge area, which is part of the Aravalli range, for widening the approach to the under-construction Central Armed Police Forces Institute of Medical Sciences (CAPFIMS) during his visit to the site on February 3. Saxena said he came to know in June 2024 about the cutting of 642 trees in February without the court's nod when it heard a contempt petition against the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and directed its vice chairman Subhashish Panda to apprise the LG about it in his capacity as the chairman of the Capital's land-owning agency. The DDA comes under the Lieutenant Governor. Saxena called the tree felling an unfortunate event and said there was no act of omission or commission on the part of Panda. He requested Panda be discharged from the contempt proceedings. Saxena said departmental as well as criminal action has been initiated against an executive and two assistant engineers for directing a contractor to fell trees "on their own accord". The Lt. Gov said, that on February 3, upon reaching the hospital site and pursuant to a visual inspection, he asked the officers present at the spot to expedite the work towards the completion of the project.

## Yogi-Bhagwat script new strategy

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ MATHURA

In a meeting that could have far-reaching implications for Uttar Pradesh's political landscape, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath held a two-and-a-half-hour closed-door discussion in Mathura late on Tuesday night. This is their first significant interaction since the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, sparking widespread political speculation as the state prepares for crucial by-elections on nine Assembly seats. According to sources familiar with the discussions, the meeting was not limited to by-election preparations.



Instead, the dialogue extended to strategising for the 2027 Uttar Pradesh assembly elections. Bhagwat reportedly stressed the need for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to balance its traditional Hindutva agenda with a renewed focus on developmental needs and showcasing tangible progress must become central to the campaign, a source close to the developments revealed. This strategic shift comes as the BJP faces a formidable challenge from the alliance between the Samajwadi Party (SP) and Congress, now operating under the INDIA Bloc coalition banner. The meeting's timing is significant, considering past speculations about tensions between the RSS and the BJP's top leadership. About four months ago, Bhagwat and Yogi were both present in Gorakhpur for nearly 26 hours, yet they did not meet despite being just 12 kilometres apart.

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## Odisha braces for cyclone Dana

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

As cyclone 'Dana' barrels toward the Odisha coast, threatening to impact nearly half the state's population, the government is racing against time to execute a massive evacuation plan aimed at relocating around 10 lakh people in 14 districts to safety. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) on Wednesday said the cyclone is likely to make landfall between Bhitarkanika National Park and Dhamra port, around 70 km away, early Friday. It said the landfall process will start from the night of October 24 and will continue till the morning of October 25. The maximum speed during the landfall process is likely to be around 120 kmph, IMD DG Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said. He said landfall is mostly a slow process which usually takes around 5-6 hours. "Therefore, heavy rainfall, wind and storm surge will reach the peak during the landfall time which is between October 24 night and October 25 morning," he added. According to the latest IMD bulletin, the cyclone moved northwards with a speed of 13 kmph and lay centred about 490 km southeast of Paradip (Odisha), 520 km south-southeast of Dhamra (Odisha) and 570 km southeast of Sagar Island (West Bengal). During the landfall, a tidal surge of up to two metres is expected, with the cyclone reaching



An Indian Coast Guard official during preparations ahead of the landfall of Cyclone Dana

the coast at a wind velocity of 120 km/h, Umashankar Das, senior scientist at the regional meteorological centre in Bhubaneswar, said. Das warned that low-lying areas in Kendrapara, Bhadrak, and Balasore districts are likely to be inundated and recommended that the government evacuate residents from these regions. To facilitate this, 288 rescue teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF), and Fire Services have been deployed, with additional personnel requested from the NDRF. The government has identified 14 districts at risk, with the coastal areas facing high winds and inland regions expected to receive heavy to extremely heavy rainfall.

## Government blasts X, Meta over threat posts

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As unabated bomb threat messages continued to both domestic and international flights for the past eight days, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has blasted on the social media platform X (formerly known as Twitter) and slammed Meta for their roles in facilitating the spread of these hoaxes. According to sources, the government expressed frustration over the X platforms' lack of control, warning that X's inaction could amount to "abetting crime". In a virtual meeting chaired by Joint Secretary, IT, Sanket S Bhondeve with representatives of airlines and social media platforms such as X and Meta, the IT Ministry officials said the situation amounts to "X abetting crime" and questioned its representatives on the steps taken to stop such alarming rumours from spreading. In the meeting, ministry officials questioned the representatives of the social media entities and questioned them on the steps taken to stop such alarming rumours from spreading, sources said.

## Priyanka Gandhi debuts in politics, net worth in crores

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI/WAYANAD

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra commenced her electoral journey on Wednesday from Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency by filing her nomination papers for the by-election necessitated by the resignation of Rahul Gandhi, her brother who is also the Leader of the Opposition. Husband Robert Vadra, son Rehan Vadra, mother Sonia Gandhi and a host of Congress leaders including the Chief Ministers of party-ruled Karnataka and Telangana were present at Kalpetta Civil Station while Priyanka Gandhi filed the nomination. The occasion marked the formal entry of son Rehan Vadra into politics to continue the legacy of the Gandhi clan in the hierarchy of Indian National Congress. Priyanka has moveable properties worth ₹4.25 crore and immovable properties worth ₹7.74 crore. According to the affidavit submitted by Priyanka Gandhi Vadra to the chief returning officer on Wednesday, the immovable properties owned by her include the palatial house at Shimla in Himachal Pradesh,



Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi with party leader and candidate from Wayanad constituency Priyanka Gandhi Vadra during a roadshow before filing her nomination for the upcoming Lok Sabha bypoll, in Wayanad, Kerala, Wednesday

valued at ₹5.64 crore. In addition to the Shimla property, she owns gold and silver jewellery worth ₹1.16 crore and ₹29 lakh respectively. The Congress leader also owns 3.778 acres of agriculture land at Village Sultanpur in Mehrauli (jointly owned with brother Rahul Gandhi). This land has a market value of ₹7.74 crore. While Priyanka owns agricultural properties and residential property, Robert Vadra has no such properties registered against him. But he has commercial land/buildings which command a market value of ₹27.64 crore. He had invested ₹3.62 crore in these properties spread across Gurugram and Noida. Robert Vadra also owns shares and investments worth ₹38 crore in companies, mutual investments and LIC policies. According to Priyanka, the Income Tax Department has initiated proceedings against her for assessment year 2012-13 and passed reassessment order raising demand of ₹15.75 lakh. Currently an appeal is pending before the Commissioner of Income Tax. Assessment Proceedings have been initiated against her husband for assessment years from 2010 to 2021 and appeals are pending with the CIT.



## Ray of hope for Gurugram's groaning traffic

### Plan underway to link Dwarka, Delhi-Mumbai expressways via Southern Peripheral Road

BY PARVESH SHARMA

A day after *The Pioneer* highlighted the traffic crisis in the millennium city of Gurugram, the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) and the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) have shared that they are working on a plan to link the Dwarka and Delhi-Mumbai expressways via Southern Peripheral Road near Vatika Chowk. The focus of this initiative is to alleviate traffic congestion and facilitate smoother movement across the city including the Delhi-Jaipur Expressway. The development authority officials are looking for viable solutions to connect the Southern Peripheral Road (SPR) with the Sohna elevated road also known as National Highway 248A

component of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway. To tackle traffic congestion in the city, the Gurugram district administration has identified 18 spots on the city roads which have reported heavy traffic movement and congestion. The officials have asked traffic police and other departments to take correctional steps in this regard. The proposal includes the construction of ramps at Vatika Chowk, enabling commuters to transition seamlessly between the elevated road, the SPR, and the Dwarka Expressway. To resolve the traffic mess several meetings between GMDA and NHAI officials have taken place, with the chairman of NHAI endorsing the proposal. Speaking to *The Pioneer* GMDA Chief Executive Officer A. Shreenivas said: "We are working on providing



connectivity between Dwarka and Delhi-Mumbai expressways. We have already had talks with NHAI officials and in-principle approval has already been granted." While discussions previously considered a cloverleaf-like structure at Vatika Chowk, this idea was shelved due to spatial limitations. An NHAI official confirmed the ongoing discussions, highlighting that concrete plans are yet to be finalised. "It is still in the initial stage of discussion and nothing concrete has been worked on," the official added. Presently, the Dwarka Expressway links to SPR via a cloverleaf on NH-48 near Kherki Daula. However, SPR lacks a direct connection with the Sohna elevated corridor.

Commuters from SPR face either left turns at Vatika Chowk with U-turns at Subhash Chowk to access the elevated road or right turns towards Badshahpur Chowk, resulting in congestion and detours. Similarly, those utilising the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway from the Jaipur side exit the elevated road near Bhondsi for SPR access. Residents have voiced their concerns, emphasising the need for a comprehensive approach during the planning stages. Apart from this, the development authority is the plan to construct flyovers at two critical traffic hotspots: Dadi Sati Chowk on Southern Peripheral Road (SPR) near Sector 71/74 and Ambedkar Chowk from Hero Honda Chowk to Umang Bhardwaj Chowk near Sector 10.



FILE PHOTO



# Dr. Ajoy connects with voters, promises solutions to key issues

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR



Congress candidate Dr. Ajoy Kumar continued his Jan Sampark Abhiyan on Wednesday, receiving widespread support from residents in areas such as Bhuiyandih, Burmamines, Jamco, and Birsanagar. Engaging directly with the people, Dr. Kumar discussed their ongoing problems and proposed permanent solutions, which struck a chord with the community. Many locals expressed their trust in Dr. Kumar and pledged their support for his campaign.

During his interactions, Dr. Ajoy Kumar highlighted the dismal state of civic amenities in Jamshepur's eastern settlements, pointing to years of neglect under past administrations. "People have suffered under 30 years of misrule," he said. "They live in fear, and their basic needs are ignored. It's time for a permanent solution to these longstanding issues."

Dr. Kumar stressed his

commitment to addressing key concerns such as health, education, and employment. He outlined his plan to form a commission to resolve the critical issue of ownership rights, which he identified as a state-wide problem. For the city's large population of organized and unorganized workers, he promised to establish an ESIC hospital to ensure access to proper healthcare. In education, Dr. Kumar vowed to upgrade government schools into Chief Minister Model Schools, where CBSE curriculum would be introduced to

improve the quality of education. "Providing health, education, and employment opportunities are my top priorities," he stated, emphasizing that his focus would be on sustainable development.

Dr. Kumar also urged voters to reflect on their future, asking if they were ready to break free from "the terror of one family" and envision a safer, more developed Jamshepur. With increasing support for his agenda, Dr. Ajoy Kumar's campaign is gathering momentum as the election approaches.

## Bokaro MLA honoured by Sr Leader Dr. Prakash Singh

PNS : BOKARO

Bokaro MLA and BJP candidate Biranchi Narayan was given a grand welcome by senior BJP leader Dr. Prakash Singh and his tribal supporters at Birsa Ashram, Bokaro Naya More. The event celebrated Narayan's nomination as the BJP candidate for the third consecutive time from the Bokaro Assembly constituency.



Tribal community members greeted him with traditional drums, mandars, and dances, while Dr. Prakash Singh honored the MLA with garlands, a silver crown, a sword, and ceremonial attire. Tribal leaders pledged their support, vowing to ensure Narayan's victory and help form a BJP-led government under Babul Marandi to eliminate fear, hunger, and corruption in the state.

In his speech, Biranchi Narayan criticized the Hemant Soren government

for its appeasement policies, which he claimed have led to a decline in the tribal population of Jharkhand. He raised concerns about changing demographics in the Santhal and Kolhan regions due to "land jihad" and accused the state government of misusing funds allocated for the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

Narayan highlighted his contributions, including con-

necting villages in Bokaro with roads and providing electricity, and promised continued development to make Bokaro the most advanced region in Jharkhand.

Key attendees included Ram Lal Soren, Hira Lal Hansda, Suresh Hansda, Raja Ram Hembram, Bheem Manjhi, Sanjay Tyagi, Manoj Singh, Awadhesh Yadav, and Neeraj Pandey.

## Rs 71.97 lakh recovered from vehicle in Dhanbad

PNS : DHANBAD

Dhanbad police have recovered Rs 71 lakh 97 thousand rupees from the c Toyota Innova Crysta car number JH 10 BY 9655, which was entering Dhanbad from Bokaro, while checking at Dhanbad-Bokaro inter district check post located at Telmacho on Wednesday early morning at around 3

am. The checking was going on during the directive of Election commission for holding free and fair elections in Dhanbad. District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Madhavi Mishra said that the amount recovered from Telmacho and , till now the district administration has recovered cash worth more than Rs. 1 crore 25 lakh. He said that

the objective of the district administration is to conduct fair and peaceful elections. For this, there are 63 static surveillance teams, 18 video surveillance teams, 12 video viewing teams, 63 flying squad teams, 22 accounting teams and 12 assistant expenditure observers in the district. Every activity is being closely monitored by the team, she said.

## LoP Amar Bauri posts video of JMM luring voters

PNS : GARHWA

A Video of distributing sarees, bags and liquor with photos of Chief Minister and Minister in Ramkanda goes viral, in social media. MLA Amar Bauri posted the video on Twitter Video of distributing liquor along with bags and sarees with photos of Chief Minister and Minister Mithlesh Kumar Thakur in Upartola of Ramkanda block headquarters went viral on social media.

When a person from the village opened the bag given to a voter, he found a small liquor bottle and a saree in it. The picture of Jharkhand Chief Minister, Minister Mithlesh Kumar Thakur and the party's election symbol were printed on the bag.

Chandankiyari BJP MLA Amar Kumar Bauri has shared this video on his



x(Twitter) account. It is written there that JMM is distributing liquor and sarees due to lack of trust in its work. As per its conduct, JMM has started a dirty game. The people of Jharkhand will give a befitting reply to it.

## Former DIG Rajiv Ranjan Singh resigns from BJP

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

The wave of resignations from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Jharkhand, triggered by dissatisfaction with the recently released candidate list for the upcoming assembly elections, shows no signs of slowing down. Former IPS officer and BJP leader Rajiv Ranjan Singh has become the latest to step down, joining a growing number of party leaders expressing frustration over the party's candidate selection process. Singh, who had been a key figure in the Jamshepur West Assembly constituency for the BJP, announced his resignation from the party's primary membership during a press conference on Wednesday. In his resignation letter, addressed to BJP state president Babul Marandi, Singh cited his disappointment with not being given a ticket for the elections. He had joined the BJP just a year and a half ago, hoping to serve his constituency under the party's banner. The former DIG did not hold back in his criticism of the party's internal processes. He accused the BJP of allowing nepotism to dominate its ticket distribution, a move he said runs contrary to the party's principles and the values of the Sangh. Singh remarked that this deviation from the BJP's stated policies had forced him to resign.

## Miscreants open fire at Gramin Bank in Garhwa

NITYANAND DUBEY : GARHWA

Three unknown criminals who came with the intention of looting Jharkhand Rajya Gramin Bank located in Bilaspur of Shri Banshidhar Nagar opened fire in the bank. Bank manager Jitendra Singh Meena narrowly escaped the firing. The bullet pierced the cooler in the bank manager's chamber and hit

the wall. After the bullet hit, the cooler started making a loud noise. Then the criminals fled.

Local villager Chandan Kumar said that he had come to deposit money. Around 2:48 pm, three people came wearing masks. One person stood near the gate of the bank. While two people warned all the customers to sit in one place as soon as they entered the bank.

### Format C-7

(for political parties to publish in the newspapers, social media platforms & website of the party)

Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates.

(As per the Election Commission of India's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition (C) no. 2192 of 2018 in WP(C) no. 536 of 2011)

Name of Political Party : **BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY**

\*Name of the Election : **ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS TO VIDHAN SABHA 2024**

Name of State : **JHARKHAND**

(1) Name of the Constituency – **AC no.81 Bhawanathpur**  
Name of the Candidate – **Shri Bhanu Pratap Shahi**

Sl. No.		
1.	Criminal antecedents	
a.	Nature of the Offences	u/s 120(B) IPC, u/s 9/13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of PC Act 120(B),420, 467, 468, 471 of IPC, u/s 13(2) R/w 13(1)(c) and 13(1)(d) of PC Act u/s 3/4 under PMLA 2002 147, 149, 341, 323, 332, 353, 188, 269, 270 of IPC & u/s 5, 51 of Disaster Management Act u/s 191(2)(3), 190, 115(2), 117(2), 109, 121(1), 125, 132, 324(2), 351, 352, 61(2) of BNS u/s 143, 144, 145, 151, 186, 188, 353 of IPC & 51 of Disaster Management Act 188 IPC & 130 RP Act 152 BNS & 3(1)(r) of SCST Act u/s 223, 189(2), 171 BNS & 127 RP Act u/s 189, 223, 171 BNS, 127 RP Act
b.	Case no.	RC- 5A/2010 AHD(R) RC-11A/ 2009 AHD(R) ECIR 02/PAT/09 AD(D) Lalpur PS Case No. 251/2021 Lalpur PS Case No. 203/2024 Ramna PS Case No.- 34/2022 Ramna PS Case No.- 54/2024 Ramna PS Case No.- 96/2024 Dhurwa PS Case No.- 0143/24 Kharandhi PS Case No.- 82/24
c.	Name of the court	RC- 5A/2010 AHD(R), Shri Prabhat Kumar Sharma, AJC XVIII Cum Spl Judge CBI, PMLA Ranchi. RC-11A/ 2009 AHD(R), Shri Prabhat Kumar Sharma, AJC XVIII Cum Spl Judge CBI, PMLA Ranchi ECIR 02/PAT/09 AD(D) Shri Prabhat Kumar Sharma, AJC XVIII Cum Spl Judge CBI, PMLA Ranchi Lalpur PS Case No. 251/2021, Shri Sarthak Sharma, JMFC Ranchi Cum Spl JM, MP/MLA Court Ranchi Lalpur PS Case No. 203/2024 Shri Sarthak Sharma, JMFC Ranchi Cum Spl JM, MP/MLA Court Ranchi Ramna PS Case No.- 34/2022, Shri Sailendra Kumar Napit, JMFC Nagar Untari Ramna PS Case No.- 54/2024 Shri Sailendra Kumar Napit, JMFC Nagar Untari Ramna PS Case No.- 96/2024 Shri Sailendra Kumar Napit, JMFC Nagar Untari Dhurwa PS Case No.- 0143/24 Shri Sailendra Kumar Napit, JMFC Nagar Untari Kharandhi PS Case No.- 82/24 Shri Sailendra Kumar Napit, JMFC Nagar Untari
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Yes in SI No.1,2,3, and No in SI No.4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10.
e.	Date of conviction, if any	No
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	No
g.	Any other information required to be given	NA
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	Shri Bhanu Pratap Shahi is a dedicated individual with deep understanding and relentless efforts in social service. They have built strong relationships, earned trust, and achieved significant positive changes in the community, making them the best choice to represent the constituency.
3.	Reason as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as as candidate (not more than 100 words)	The Party has carefully chosen the current candidate as the most qualified to represent the constituency, believing in their skills and dedication to serve the people and uphold BJP values. With confidence in their ability to bring about positive change, the party stands by its decision to field this candidate for the betterment of the constituency.

Name of the Constituency – **AC 80**

Name of the Candidate – **Shri Bhanu Pratap Shahi** and so on

\*In the case of election to Council of States or States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of Constituency.

*Manoj Kumar Singh*  
Office Bearer of the Political Party  
Manoj Kumar Singh  
State - General Secretary  
BJP Jharkhand  
Name and Designation



# JMM fields Mahua Maji from Ranchi against BJP's CP Singh

## RJD names 6 candidates, JMM releases two lists of 36 candidates

PNS : RANCHI

Ruling party JMM on Wednesday released the second list of candidates for the upcoming Jharkhand assembly elections, fielding Rajya Sabha MP Mahua Maji from the Ranchi seat. Maji, who was elected to the Rajya Sabha in June 2022, has previously held roles as chairperson of the Jharkhand State Commission for Women and president of JMM's women's wing. However, this is for the third time that Maji will try her luck from the Ranchi Assembly seat.

Maji had contested the Ranchi assembly seat in 2014 and 2019 but was defeated both times by BJP incumbent CP Singh. Singh won in 2019 with a margin of 5,904 votes and by a much larger margin of 58,863 votes in 2014.

Singh is a six time MLA



from Ranchi constituency, but looking at the narrow margin of win in the 2019 polls JMM has again tried its luck with Maji.

Earlier, on Tuesday Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) released the first list of candidates for Jharkhand Assembly



Elections. JMM has released the names of 35 candidates, while RJD has released the names of six candidates. Most of the names announced by JMM are sitting MLAs or relatives of JMM MPs who had represented the seat earlier.

Chief Minister and Executive President of JMM Hemant Soren will contest

from Barhet seat while Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahto has been given ticket from Nala constituency. Kalpana Soren will fight from Gandy seat.

The five ministers, who have been renominated, include Basant Soren, the chief minister's brother, from Dumka. JMM has also fielded Jagat Majhi and Alok Soren, sons of Lok Sabha members Joba Majhi and Nalin Soren, who were legislators before getting elected to Parliament's lower House. The two will contest the Manoharpur and Shikaripara seats. From Tamar, JMM has given ticket to sitting MLA Vikash Munda, similarly from Behragora the JMM has fielded incumbent Samir Mohanty. From Ghatshila the party has bestowed faith upon Ramdas Soren who was made minister a few months back. From Chaibasa the party has fielded Dipak Birua

while from Jugsalai the party has given a ticket to sitting MLA Mangal Kalandi against AJSU party Ramchandra Sahis. From the prestigious Silli seat the party has given ticket to Amit Mahto who will contest against sitting MLA and AJSU party president Sudesh Mahto.

The JMM has also fielded former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) legislator Kedar Hazra from Jamua and ex-AJSU Party lawmaker Umakant Rajak. It announced its candidates hours after Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav said the constituents of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) have arrived at a consensus on the sharing of seats in Jharkhand.

The RJD too has released the list of candidates for six seats. State RJD Chief Sanjay Kumar Singh Yadav has been given ticket from

Hussainabad constituency and former Minister Suresh Paswan will contest from Deoghar seat. This time the Party has not given a ticket to Satyanand Bhokta, who is minister in the Hemant Soren cabinet. The RJD has given tickets to his daughter-in-law from Chatra constituency. In the seat sharing formula of I.N.D.I.A block, 70 seats were given to Jharkhand Mukti Morcha and Congress, while 11 seats were given to RJD and CPI-M. Congress has released the name of 21 candidates. The CPI-ML has not yet officially released the name of party candidates.

Assembly elections in Jharkhand are being held in two phases. The first phase of polling will take place on 13th November, while the second phase is on 20th November. Counting of votes will be taken up on 23rd November.

# CEO seeks cooperation of political parties in model code implementation

PNS : RANCHI

Chief Electoral Officer, Jharkhand, K. Ravi Kumar has said that all the recognized political parties should provide the list of vehicles for their star campaigners in the assembly elections and store it with them. He said that the list of vehicles used by the star campaigners should also be made available. He was holding a meeting with the representatives of all the recognized political parties in the Election House today.

Kumar said that the political parties should provide detailed information about the guidelines of the Model Code of Conduct to their candidates and workers. Cooperation is expected from all political parties in clean, fair and peaceful voting. He said that along with nomination, the candidates should ensure compliance with the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India while calculating the expenditure incurred in campaigning. In the meeting, Kumar learned about any kind of problem or doubt faced by all the recognized political parties in the assembly elections.



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 \*Name of the Election : **ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS TO VIDHAN SABHA 2024**  
 Name of State : **JHARKHAND**

(1) Name of the Constituency – **AC 64 Hatia**  
 Name of the Candidate – **Shri Navin Jaiswal**

Sl. No.	Criminal antecedents	
1	Criminal antecedents	
a	Nature of the Offences	Protest Against State Government, Section 191(2)(3)/190/115(2)/117(2)/109/121(1)/125/132/324(2)/351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS u/s 147, 148, 188, 109, 353, 332, 427 and 323 of IPC u/s 147, 149, 341, 323, 332, 353, 188, 269, 270 of IPC & section 51 Disaster Management Act u/s 406 IPC
b	Case no.	Lalpur PS Case No 203/24 Dhurwa PS Case No 107/2023 Lalpur PS Case No 251/2021 Complaint Case No 3096/2017
c	Name of the court	Lalpur PS Case No 203/24 ; Shri Sarthak Sharma JMFC, Ranchi Dhurwa PS Case No 107/2023 ; Shri Sarthak Sharma JMFC, Ranchi Lalpur PS Case No 251/2021 ; Shri Sarthak Sharma JMFC, Ranchi Complaint Case No 3096/2017 ; Sri Acchat Srivastava JMFC, Ranchi
d	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Lalpur PS Case No 203/24 ; NO Dhurwa PS Case No 107/2023 ; NO Lalpur PS Case No 251/2021 ; NO Complaint Case No 3096/2017 ; NO
e	Date of conviction, if any	NO
f	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NO
g	Any other information required to be given	NO
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	Shri Navin Jaiswal is a dedicated individual with deep understanding and relentless efforts in social service. They have built strong relationships, earned trust, and achieved significant positive changes in the community, making them the best choice to represent the constituency.
3.	Reason as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as as candidate (not more than 100 words)	As a dedicated party worker, he had an edge over other individuals, considering the fact that whatever charges were alleged in the FIR has no substance and were purely with a vindictive approach and personal vendetta being waged by his political opponents. That the concerned 04 cases are registered with reason of waging public protest and the party believes that there will be no adverse outcome against the alleged accused.

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(1) Name of the Constituency – **AC 14 Sarath**  
 Name of the Candidate – **Shri Randhir Kumar Singh**

Sl. No.	Criminal antecedents	
1.	Criminal antecedents	
a.	Nature of the Offences	Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty u/s Section 224,225,143,353,341 IPC Offence of Theft & Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty, U/s 353, 379, 313, 34 IPC & 13(1)(B) IE Act Protest Against State Government, Protest Against State Government Section 191(2)(3)/190/115(2)/117(2)/109/121(1)/125/132/324(2)/351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS
b.	Case no.	Deoghar Town PS Case No 363/2010 Chitra PS Case No 34/2022 Lalpur PS Case No 203/24
c.	Name of the court	Deoghar Town PS Case No 363/2010 ; SDJM, Dumka Lalpur PS Case No 203/24 ; Sri Sarthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi.
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	YES IN Deoghar Town PS Case No 363/2010 Chitra PS Case No 34/2022 ; NO Lalpur PS Case No 203/24 ; NO
e.	Date of conviction, if any	NO
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NO
g.	Any other information required to be given	NO
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	Randhir Kumar Singh is a highly dedicated individual who has tirelessly devoted their time and efforts to social service in the constituency for many years. They have a deep understanding of the needs and challenges of the people and have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all members of the community. They have built strong relationships with the voters, establishing a genuine and positive rapport with them, and have earned their trust and respect. Their unwavering commitment to the betterment of the community is reflected in their track record of achievements and the numerous positive changes they have brought about. We are confident that they are the best choice to represent the constituency and will continue to serve the people with passion, dedication, and integrity.
3.	Reason as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as as candidate (not more than 100 words)	As a dedicated party worker, he had an edge over other individuals, considering the fact that whatever charges were alleged in the FIR had no substance and were purely with a vindictive approach and personal vendetta being waged by his political opponents. The concerned 3 cases are registered with reason of waging public protest and the party believes that there will be no adverse outcome against the alleged accused.

Name of the Constituency – **AC14 ; Sarath**  
 Name of the Candidate – **Shri Randhir Kumar Singh** and so on  
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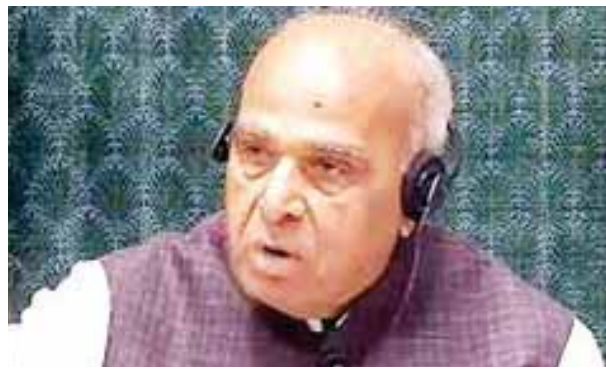
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# MP Jagdambika Pal defies opposition allegations, Ready to Resign if wrong

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI/LUCKNOW

Lok Sabha MP Jagdambika Pal, who heads the Parliamentary panel on Waqf bill, on Wednesday rejected the opposition's allegations that he violated norms by going public about TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee smashing a glass bottle and hurling it at the chair during a meeting of the panel. He also asserted he was ready to resign if opposition members say he did not allow them to speak at the meeting.



Pal, who heads the House pending investigation for what they called "unprecedented violence" during a meeting of the joint parliamentary panel on the Waqf bill. The letter signed by Nishikant Dubey, Aparajita Sarangi and Abhijit Gangopadhyay also sought an investigation into the matter by the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee to consider rescinding Banerjee's membership from the Lower House. Amid a heated exchange of

words with Gangopadhyay during the meeting on Tuesday, Banerjee smashed a glass bottle and allegedly threw it towards the panel's chairperson Jagdambika Pal. DMK member A Raja and AAP member Sanjay Singh had alleged that Pal violated rules of procedure for conduct of Parliamentary Committee meetings, which are conducted in-camera. "I have always adhered to rules of parliamentary procedure and upheld the dignity of the House," Pal said.

He said as the chairman of the Joint Committee on Waqf (Amendment) Bill, he made a statement on the incident of violence during the meeting of the panel on Tuesday involving Banerjee and the subsequent action against him. The panel's meeting hit the headlines after Banerjee smashed a glass bottle and threw it allegedly towards the Chair following a heated argument with BJP member Abhijit Gangopadhyay. Banerjee ended up cutting his own fingers and was administered first aid. The panel decided to suspend the Trinamool member for one day from the committee proceedings. Pal said he has already informed the Lok Sabha Speaker about the incident. Sources said Banerjee expressed regret for smashing the bottle and claimed that he never meant to throw it towards Pal, while still accusing him of "biased" behaviour.

# SEBI chairperson to face Parliament's Public Accounts Committee amid controversy

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

SEBI chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch is scheduled to appear before the Parliament's Public Accounts Committee on Thursday, expected to be a stormy meeting following a senior BJP member's accusation that political motivations are guiding the actions of the panel's chairman and Congress MP KC Venugopal. The meeting's agenda includes oral evidence of representatives of the Finance Ministry and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) as part of the committee's decision to go for the "performance review of regulatory bodies established by Act of Parliament". While the committee's decision to include the performance review of regulatory bodies established by legislation in its agenda invited no protest, Venugopal's move to call



Buch raised hackles of the ruling party members as she has been at the centre of a political row ignited by US firm Hindenburg's allegations against her. The short-seller company's accusation of conflict of interest against Buch was seized by the Congress to seek her ouster and to attack the government, rendering political dimensions to the panel's missive to her to appear before it. BJP MP Nishikant Dubey, a

member of the panel, wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla against Venugopal, accusing the senior Congress leader of raking up non-existent issues to defame the central government and destabilise the country's financial structure and economy. Accusing Venugopal of "unconstitutional and disdainful" conduct, Dubey claimed that political motivations were guiding the committee's chairperson after the Congress was "compelled"

by voters to sit in the opposition benches following the Lok Sabha polls. Claiming that unverified allegations by a foreign company like Hindenburg against Buch were part of such a campaign, he alleged that the "India Chapter" of this toolkit has become active. "This time also, unverified allegations have been levelled against the SEBI Chief by a foreign entity viz., Hindenburg Research, which is notorious for targeting business houses, important functionaries and financial institutions of the country," Dubey told Birla, urging the Speaker to restrain Venugopal. Parliamentarians from the BJP and its allies are in a majority in the committee, and they are likely to vehemently oppose any move by opposition members to raise issues that they believe are outside the panel's remit.

# JP Nadda hail renewable of corridor agreement as 'significant step' for Sardar community



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

BJP national president J P Nadda on Wednesday said the renewal of the agreement between India and Pakistan on the Sri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor is "significant step"

towards honouring the spiritual aspirations of the Sikh community. The ministry of external affairs on Tuesday announced that India and Pakistan have renewed the agreement on Sri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor for the next five years. In view of the continued requests of the pilgrims regarding the removal of USD 20 service charge levied by Pakistan per pilgrim per visit, India has once again urged Pakistan not to levy any fee or charges on the pilgrims, the ministry said in a statement. In a social media post, Nadda wrote, "In a significant step towards honouring the spiritual aspirations of our

Sikh brothers and sisters, the Modi government has extended the agreement on the Sri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor for an additional five years." "Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, our government has prioritized initiatives that celebrate and promote our nation's vibrant cultural and religious heritage," the Union minister said. This "extension" of agreement not only reflects the Modi government's commitment to enhancing spiritual journeys but also ensures that devotees can visit Sri Kartarpur Sahib "with the dignity they deserve", he added.

# Cyclone Dana alert in West Bengal and Odisha

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

As Cyclone Dana is forecast to make landfall on October 24-25 along the coasts of West Bengal and Odisha, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Region (North-East) has implemented a series of preventive measures to safeguard lives and property at sea, defence ministry said here on Wednesday. Giving details, officials said the ICG is closely monitoring the situation and has taken proactive steps to ensure preparedness for dealing with any emergency arising from the cyclone's impact. The ICG has tasked ships, aircraft and Remote Operating Stations at West Bengal and Odisha to broadcast regular weather warnings and safety advisories to fishermen and



mariners. These alerts are being transmitted continuously to all fishing vessels, urging them to return to shore immediately and seek safe shelter. The ICG has mobilised its vessels and aircraft, positioning them strategically to respond swiftly to any emergency situation at sea. Additionally, ICG personnel are working in coordination with local administrations and disaster management

authorities to ensure a coordinated and effective response. Fishing communities along the coastline have been informed through various channels, including village heads, to avoid venturing into the sea until the cyclone passes. The ICG is on high alert, with its dedicated disaster relief teams and assets ready to provide assistance, rescue and relief operations.

# Government to celebrate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 150th birth anniversary

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The government will commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel with a two-year-long nationwide programme from 2024 to 2026 to honour his monumental contribution to the country, Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced on Wednesday. He said Sardar Patel's enduring legacy as the visionary behind the establishment of one of the world's most robust democracies and his pivotal role in unifying India from Kashmir to Lakshadweep remains indelible.

"To honour his monumental contributions, the government of India, under the leadership of PM Shri @narendramodi ji, will commemorate his 150th birth anniversary with a two-year-long nationwide celebration from 2024 to 2026," Shah wrote in a social media post. The home minister said this celebration will serve as a testament to his remarkable achievements and the spirit of unity that he epitomised. Patel was born on October 31, 1875, at Nadiad in Gujarat. As part of the celebrations, various programmes are organised across the country, recalling Sardar Patel's contribution to unify India.

# Districts will named after Lord Rama or Krishna if BJP wins assembly election: Assam CM

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ MEDININAGAR / JHARKHAND

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday said Hussainabad sub-division in Jharkhand's Palamu district will be made a district if the BJP comes to power after the assembly elections, and it will be named after Lord Ram or Krishna. Sarma, also the BJP's Jharkhand election co-in-charge, said that driving out infiltrators from the state



would be the priority of the party. "Hussainabad will be made a district for sure after BJP comes to power in the state. It will be named after Lord Ram or Krishna," he said. Sarma said Hussainabad will be designated as a separate district in the first cabinet meeting of the new government. The Assam Chief Minister was addressing an election rally at Japla's Karpoori ground seeking votes for

Hussainabad assembly candidate Kamlesh Singh. Singh, who was Jharkhand's sole Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) legislator, joined the BJP on October 4. Designating Hussainabad a separate district has been a demand of Singh for a long time. He withdrew his support from the Hemant Soren-led government on November 1 last year claiming that his demand was not fulfilled. At the poll meeting, Sarma

alleged that Jharkhand's demography is changing due to Bangladeshi infiltrators but the ruling JMM is silent over the issue since they are its vote bank. "Driving out infiltrators is BJP's priority. We will implement the National Register of Citizens (NRC) to drive out Bangladesh infiltrators from Jharkhand," he said. He claimed that the Hindu population is declining in Jharkhand's Santhal Pargana

region, while the population of Bangladesh infiltrators is rising. "They are entering Jharkhand through Santhal Pargana and spreading across the state. Gradually, Jharkhand will face the same situation what Assam is facing today," Sarma said. He claimed that the Muslim population in Assam was not even 20 per cent in 1951, which now increased to 45 per cent due to Bangladeshi infiltrators.

# Australia named 'Country of nation' at 55th IFFI in Goa

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on Wednesday announced that Australia has been nominated as the "Country of Focus" at the 55th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) to be held in Goa from November 20 to 28. The "Country of Focus" segment at IFFI will feature a curated selection of seven Australian films, showcasing the country's rich storytelling traditions as well as indigenous and contemporary narratives. The announcement follows the recent signing of an Audio Visual Co-production Treaty between the two nations, which aims to boost co-productions by offering incentives to filmmakers from both countries. "This collaboration will not only promote cultural exchange but also open new avenues for filmmakers in India and Australia to work together on innovative cinematic projects," the ministry said in a statement.

Additionally, Australia will participate in the Film Bazaar, the market event held alongside IFFI. A delegation, including representatives from Screen Australia, State Screen Commissions, and Ausfilm, will showcase opportunities for collaboration, with a special focus on promoting Australia as a filming destination. Up to six Australian producers will attend Film Bazaar, supported by funding from their government, to explore co-production opportunities. The event will also host an "Australian Co-production Day" to facilitate networking between filmmakers from both countries. One of the highlights of the 2024 Film Bazaar will be the Australian project "Home Before Night" that has been selected as an official entry in the Co-Production Market. A dedicated panel discussion on co-production opportunities between India and Australia is also part of the Knowledge Series at the event.

# Ministry of Panchayati Raj launches weather forecast service for Gram Panchayat

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj will on Thursday launch a weather forecast service for gram panchayats which will provide them with localised daily weather forecasts for five days and enhance disaster preparedness, an official statement said.



Gram Panchayat Level Weather Forecasting, which will be launched in collaboration with the India Meteorological Department (IMD), will also allow gram panchayats to check hourly weather forecasts and directly benefit farmers and villagers across the country, said the statement issued by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj on Wednesday. Panchayati Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh Lalan and Minister of State for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences (Independent Charge) Jitendra Singh will be present at the launch. "As part of the government's 100 Days Agenda, this initiative strengthens grassroots governance and promotes sustainable agricultural practices, making rural populations more climate-resilient and better

equipped to tackle environmental challenges," the statement said. This is the first time that localised weather forecasts will be available at the gram panchayat level, supported by the IMD's expanded sensor coverage. The forecasts will be disseminated through the ministry's digital platforms: e-GramSwaraj, Meri Panchayat app, and Gram Manchitra. "These tools will also strengthen disaster preparedness and infrastructure planning. Furthermore, SMS alerts will be sent to panchayat representatives regarding extreme weather events like cyclones and heavy rainfall, ensuring immediate action to protect lives, crops, and property. This endeavour is a

# HC seeks action against police officials over Badlapur sexual assault case

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Wednesday asked the Maharashtra government about action taken against the erring police officials for lapses in lodging an FIR and probing the alleged sexual assault on two minor girls at a school in Badlapur area of Thane district. A division bench of Justices Revati Mohite Dere and Prithviraj Chavan noted that departmental inquiry has been set up against the errant Badlapur police officials.

Advocate General Birendra Saraf told the court that as per the departmental inquiry, charges of dereliction of duty have been found against one officer. "A report has been forwarded to the commissioner of police for necessary action," Saraf said. Two girls - aged four and five - were sexually abused inside the toilet of the school in Badlapur by a male attendant in August. While the case was being inquired by the Badlapur police, the Maharashtra government set up a Special Investigation

Team (SIT) for a probe into the case following a public outcry over serious lapses in the police investigation. The HC took suo motu (on its own) cognisance of the (sexual assault) incident and has been supervising the probe into it. The bench on Wednesday posted the matter for further hearing after six weeks. "On the next date, we shall be informed about the action taken against the erring officers attached to Badlapur police station," the court said.

# Omar in New Delhi to meet PM Modi, HM Shah J and K CM expected to call on Modi on his arrival from BRICS summit

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Wednesday arrived in New Delhi ahead of his maiden meeting with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union Home Minister Amit Shah after taking charge. Omar is expected to call on the Prime Minister on his arrival from the BRICS summit in Kazan, Russia while he is expected to call on the Home Minister late Wednesday evening.



During his meeting with the Prime Minister Omar is likely to submit a resolution passed by his cabinet seeking restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. Though the office of Chief Minister remained tight lipped over the agenda of Chief Minister's visit to New Delhi but the political grapevine suggested Omar is headed to New Delhi to formally submit a resolution seeking restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir in its original form. Omar is also likely to meet a

few other central ministers seeking their support to push the ongoing vital developmental projects in the region. Omar is likely to take up the issue of 'uninterrupted' power supply during the peak winter season with the Union minister. Before heading to New Delhi Omar attended a series of meetings with the administrative secretaries of various departments and took stock of the ongoing developmental projects and the availability of power supply.



# BJP attacks TMC MP Kalyan for 'unparliamentary' conduct

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Bengal BJP has vehemently attacked senior Trinamool Congress MP Kalyan Banerjee for his "below par demonour" as a Member of Parliament. Banerjee got a sliced finger from a broken glass bottle during a reported tiff during a parliamentary committee meeting between him and saffron MP and former Calcutta High Court Justice Abhijeet Gangopadhyay, sources said.

While Banerjee would not comment on what transpired during the meeting citing parliamentary "rules" Justice Gangopadhyay said, "like always Kalyan has been rude to me today also and broken glass bottle and a cut in his fingers will tell it all ... the abusive language he uses is unbecoming of a parliamentarian."

Earlier he had said that "a persons demenor and verbal conduct always tells his upbringing and lessons one gets from one's parents."

While the TMC leadership maintained a measured silence particularly at a time when it has been on the back foot in the wake of the mass upheaval post Kolkata lady doctor rape and murder case, the BJP lapped up the opportunity to mount a scathing attack on the TMC and Banerjee



"We severely condemn Kalyan Banerjee's conduct as a parliamentarian as also his party leadership's silent approval what he has done in the parliamentary committee," said TMC MLA Shankar Ghosh adding when a parliamentary committee member of Banerjee's seniority "does some act it cannot be said that he has done it in a fit of rage ... more so because he is a senior advocate."

He said that the words often used by Kalyan Banerjee's and "his conduct towards people is a proof enough of the fact that

his party endorses his behavior and the culture which the TMC expects its men and leaders to follow... where a party's top leadership acts criminally and where its topmost leadership approves of criminal activities inside hospitals and educational institutions one can easily understand why Bengal is languishing in every respect today and why the law and order situation in this State is the worse in the country."

According to sources the tussle ensued when Banerjee allegedly tried to speak out of turn but was stopped from

speaking as he had already spoken thrice. An enraged MP then picked up a glass bottle, broke it and hurled it away, sources said.

The meeting was o the Centre's new laws on Waqf properties. Reacting on the issue BJP leaders said that the "Bengal ruled by the TMC is the one State where maximum has corruption has taken place around the Waqf properties ... and during the elections the same TMC tries to generate a general fear among the Muslims and win the elections despite cheating them of their property."

# Ayodhya gears up for Diwali celebrations with record-breaking display of 35 lakh diyas

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

This year, Ayodhya is set to break yet another world record during its grand Diwali celebrations. The city will light 25 lakh diyas (earthen lamps) simultaneously on the banks of the Sarayu River at Ram Ki Paidi, and an additional 10 lakh diyas will illuminate other areas of Ayodhya, bringing the total to a staggering 35 lakh.

The celebrations will feature the presence of Governor Anandiben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who will perform rituals in honor of Lord Ram, Goddess Sita, and Lord Lakshman. Additionally, a symbolic coronation ceremony of Lord Ram will be conducted, marking the spiritual and cultural significance of the event.

In 2018, 3.01 lakh diyas were lit, followed by 4.04 lakh in 2019, 6.06 lakh in 2020, 9.41 lakh in 2021, 15.76 lakh in 2022, and 22.23 lakh in 2023, setting new records each year.

Tourism Officer Rajendra Prasad Yadav stated that this year, a world record will once again be set by lighting 35 lakh diyas during the Deepotsav celebrations. Besides, a record will be set for the Maha Aarti of the Sarayu river where 1100 people will perform aarti.

"The department has completed all necessary preparations for the event. The selection of participants for the aarti has almost been finalized, with names being chosen in collaboration with prominent saints and mahants, as well as some schools and respected members of the community," the official told this reporter.

The tourism officer further mentioned that those performing the aarti will have a prescribed dress code, which is still under discussion. However, there is a strong consideration for yellow and saffron-colored attire.



Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh during a review meeting on the preparations for the Diwali festival mentioned that the Tourism and Culture Department, in coordination with local authorities, will host cultural programs from October 28 to 30 at various locations in Ayodhya, showcasing episodes from the Ramayana. Both Indian and international artists will perform, enhancing the cultural richness of the festivities.

As part of the celebration, ten large cultural stages are being constructed to depict scenes reminiscent of the Treta Yuga using advanced technology. The main event will take place on October 30, featuring performances at Ram Path, Ram Katha Park, Ram Ki Paidi, and along the banks of the Sarayu River. The highlight will be a mobile procession depicting episodes from the Ramayana, featuring 30 artists. A special helicopter arrival will symbolically recreate Lord

Ram, Sita, and Lakshman's descent at the Ram Katha Park helipad, representing their arrival by the Pushpak Viman.

Minister Jaiveer Singh announced that during the event, the Tourism Department's app and a coffee table book will be launched. The celebrations will also include Ram Leela performances by artists from Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia, and Nepal.

Additionally, 250 local artists will participate in a grand procession featuring traditional folk dances such as Faruwahi, Avadhi Loknritya, Bhamarsia, Tharu, Dewari, Dhobia, Rai, Dhediya, Mayur dance, and various tribal dances.

"The vibrant and culturally rich Diwali celebrations in Ayodhya aim to offer a blend of tradition, spirituality, and international cultural exchange, while setting a new benchmark with the mass lighting of diyas," the minister said.

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Name of the Candidate – **AC 37 Chandankiyari (SC)**

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b.	Case no.	Lalpur PS Case No 203/24
c.	Name of the court	Lalpur PS Case No 203/24; Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi.
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO
e.	Date of conviction, if any	NO
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NO
g.	Any other information required to be given	NO
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	Shri Amar Kumar Bauri is a dedicated individual with deep understanding and relentless efforts in social service. They have built strong relationships, earned trust, and achieved significant positive changes in the community, making them the best choice to represent the constituency.
3.	Reason as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as as candidate (not more than 100 words)	As a dedicated party worker, he had an edge over other individuals, considering the fact that whatever charges were alleged in the FIR has no substance and were purely with a vindictive approach and personal vendetta being waged by his political opponents. That the concerned 01 cases are registered with reason of waging public protest and the party believes that there will be no adverse outcome against the alleged accused.

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Name of the Candidate – **AC 37 Chandankiyari (SC)** and so on  
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(As per the Election Commission of India's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition (C) no. 2192 of 2018 in WP(C) no. 536 of 2011)

Name of Political Party : **BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY**  
\*Name of the Election : **ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS TO VIDHAN SABHA 2024**  
Name of State : **JHARKHAND**  
(1) Name of the Constituency – **Khunti(ST)-AC- 60**  
Name of the Candidate – **Shri NILKANTH SINGH MUNDA**

1.	Criminal antecedents	
a.	Nature of the Offences	Protest Against State Government, Section 191(2)(3)/190/115(2)/117(2)/109/121(1)/125/132/324(2)/351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS
b.	Case no.	Lalpur P.S. Case No. 203/24
c.	Name of the court	Lalpur PS Case No 203/24 ; Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi.
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	No
e.	Date of conviction, if any	-NA-
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	-NA-
g.	Any other information required to be given	Hon'ble Ranchi High Court Vide order, Dated- 01.10.2024 has ordered no coercive step
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	Shri Nilkanth Singh Munda is a dedicated individual with deep understanding and relentless efforts in social service. They have built strong relationships, earned trust, and achieved significant positive changes in the community, making them the best choice to represent the constituency.
3.	Reason as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as as candidate (not more than 100 words)	As a dedicated party worker, he had an edge over other individuals, considering the fact that whatever charges were alleged in the FIR has no substance and were purely with a vindictive approach and personal vendetta being waged by his political opponents. That the concerned 01 case are registered with reason of waging public protest and the party believes that there will be no adverse outcome against the alleged accused.

Name of the Constituency – **AC-60- Khunti (ST)**  
Name of the Candidate – **Shri NILKANTH SINGH MUNDA** and so on  
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PAPER WITH PASSION

## A diplomatic push for peace

During his visit to Russia for BRICS Summit, Prime Minister Modi once again roots for peace

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Kazan to discuss wide ranging issues. The meeting highlighted India's continued advocacy for peaceful resolutions to conflicts, particularly the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. The BRICS summit brought together leaders from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa to discuss global issues and solidify their collective stance on a multipolar world order. During the meeting, PM Modi reaffirmed India's position on the Russia-Ukraine conflict, stressing the importance of dialogue and peaceful solutions. This stance underscores India's diplomatic approach of engaging with both Russia and Ukraine while maintaining its strategic autonomy. PM Modi's message comes at a critical time when Russia is advancing on the battlefield in eastern Ukraine, and global powers are grappling with the conflict's wider implications. Modi's call for peace aligns with India's broader foreign policy, which seeks to mediate and foster dialogue without aligning explicitly with any one bloc. This Summit marks a significant milestone for BRICS, as the addition of five new members, set to be formalised through the 'Kazan Declaration' at the conclusion of the Summit, reflects the growing importance of the bloc as an alternative forum in the shifting global power structure and a multipolar world order.



No wonder Russia has touted the BRICS Summit as a diplomatic victory, countering Western attempts to isolate Moscow over the Ukraine conflict. For India, this Summit was also an opportunity to reinforce India's pivotal role in BRICS as it continues to advocate for multipolarity and global governance reforms. India and

Russia's relationship has been characterised as a 'special and privileged strategic partnership,' a sentiment echoed by President Putin, who noted that the bilateral ties continue to actively develop. While the Ukraine conflict has strained Russia's relations with the West, India has maintained a pragmatic approach by continuing to engage with Russia on economic and strategic matters. Notably, India has emerged as a significant purchaser of Russian oil, much to the disapproval of Western countries that are attempting to limit Russia's trade capabilities. India's stance has remained clear: its foreign policy decisions, including energy procurement, will prioritise its national interest, particularly in securing affordable resources for its citizens. The United States remains concerned over Russia's diplomatic manoeuvres amid the ongoing Ukraine conflict. Modi's visit to Russia for the BRICS Summit and his meeting with Putin emphasised India's role as a mediator advocating for peaceful conflict resolution. The strengthening of the BRICS bloc and the deepening of the India-Russia partnership signify broader shifts in global dynamics toward a multipolar world. As India navigates this evolving landscape, its policy of non-alignment and focus on strategic autonomy will be crucial in maintaining balanced relations with all major powers, while advocating for peace and stability.

### PICTALK



Women colour earthen lamps at a roadside shop ahead of the Diwali festival, in Jaipur

# Israel challenges the UN ahead of UN Day



SANTOSH MATHEW

Israel's unprecedented declaration of UN Secretary-General António Guterres as persona non grata has challenged the very foundations of global diplomacy

The United Nations was not created to take mankind to heaven, but to save humanity from hell. These words from Dag Hammarskjöld, the second Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN), resonate with renewed urgency today. As the world observes United Nations Day on October 24, the occasion is marked by an unprecedented diplomatic crisis that raises critical questions about the future of global cooperation. Israel's recent declaration of current UN Secretary-General António Guterres as persona non grata has sent shockwaves through international diplomacy, challenging the very principles the UN was founded to uphold. The persona non grata designation, meaning a foreign official is no longer welcome, effectively bars Guterres from entering Israeli territory.

This decision stems from his comments about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, which were meant to emphasise the need for aid and peace. However, many Israeli officials viewed his remarks as biased against Israel, sparking tensions that led to this extraordinary response. As the world pauses to honour the UN's efforts in fostering peace and multilateral dialogue, this incident serves as a stark reminder of the difficulties faced by diplomacy in an increasingly polarised world. Established in 1945 following the devastation of World War II, the UN was created to maintain peace, promote human rights, and foster global cooperation. United Nations Day is intended to celebrate these ideals and the achievements of the world's largest international organisation. Yet, as we commemorate the UN's 79th anniversary, Israel's declaration of Guterres as persona non grata stands in sharp contrast to the spirit of multilateralism. The move not only represents a significant rebuke of Guterres' leadership but also challenges the UN's ability to act as an impartial mediator in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, one of the world's longest-standing disputes. The UN has often faced criticism



for its perceived bias or ineffectiveness, especially in conflict zones. Israel's frustrations with the organisation are longstanding, rooted in concerns about what it perceives as an undue focus on its policies while other nations escape similar scrutiny. The exclusion of Guterres from Israel, however, marks a dramatic escalation in this discontent. It signals a rejection not just of the Secretary-General's leadership but of the UN's role in mediating peace, setting a troubling precedent for the organisation's future involvement in the region. The concept of persona non grata has been wielded as a powerful diplomatic tool throughout history. Declaring someone unwelcome goes beyond a personal rebuke; it conveys a nation's stance on international relations. Past examples include the expulsion of Russian diplomats from various European countries amid political tensions, or Venezuela's Hugo Chávez being declared persona non grata by Colombia. However, Israel's designation of the UN's top diplomat is an extraordinary and rare occurrence, symbolising a low point in the relationship between Israel and the international community. For Israel, Guterres' remarks on the Gaza crisis were viewed as an affront to its right to self-defense, adding to long-standing grievances over perceived



THE CONCEPT OF PERSONA NON GRATA HAS BEEN WIELDED AS A POWERFUL DIPLOMATIC TOOL THROUGHOUT HISTORY. DECLARING SOMEONE UNWELCOME GOES BEYOND A PERSONAL REBUKE; IT CONVEYS A NATION'S STANCE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

bias at international forums. Israeli officials, including the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, quickly accused Guterres of undermining their security by portraying Israel's military actions as disproportionate. This stance reflects broader frustrations with international organisations, which some Israelis feel have not adequately acknowledged the complexities of their national security concerns. While the declaration is a decision made by Israel, its implications extend far beyond its borders. Human rights organisations and diplomatic circles have reacted swiftly to the move. Amnesty International, for instance, condemned the decision, arguing that it undermines the principles of diplomacy and the UN's mission to foster dialogue. Critics assert that Guterres, in his capacity as Secretary-General, was fulfilling his duty by highlighting the humanitarian situation in Gaza, and his exclusion from Israel sets a dangerous precedent. This incident highlights a growing trend of nations rejecting external criticism, even when it comes from humanitarian or impartial voices. The result could be a world where diplomacy no longer seeks common ground but instead shuts out dissent. The exclusion of Guterres

reflects not only a national stance but a broader global trend of rising nationalism and isolationism. Across the world, countries are increasingly resistant to international oversight or critique, a shift that threatens the very role of the UN as a mediator and peacekeeper. As we observe UN Day, the importance of this moment cannot be overstated. The UN's mission to save humanity from conflict, as Hammarskjöld envisioned, is more critical than ever. The exclusion of Guterres exposes a fragile global order where the organisation's ability to mediate and foster peace is increasingly questioned. Israel's actions are not only a national response to perceived bias but also resonate with broader concerns about the fairness and effectiveness of international institutions in addressing security issues. Despite these challenges, the current diplomatic crisis could serve as a turning point for global diplomacy. As we mark United Nations Day, Guterres' designation as persona non grata by Israel is a stark reminder of the challenges facing diplomacy today. Yet, in the midst of this crisis lies an opportunity. This mission remains as vital now as it was when the UN was founded nearly eight decades ago. (The writer is an associate professor; views are personal)

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### DEMOCRACY OVER RELIGION

Madam — This refers to the editorial 'Path to Democracy'. Growth and stability could be achieved only under a vibrant democracy with liberty for all forces to make their productive contributions and point out the misdeeds and mistakes of the rulers for due corrections. In Bangladesh, things are taking a swing from one extreme to the next. In the name of restoring democracy, rabidly communal fundamentalists are taking centre stage. The people should understand that religion is an innate affair and allowing it to dominate political affairs can cause only hurdles to revive the economy and care for the people.

History is clear that wherever religion plays a dominant role, liberty and development suffer. Even after 7 decades, Pakistan is still lingering around its basic issues. India, which was developing in many fields, is on a retrograde path with communal forces trying to dominate the affairs, leaving 81 crore poor people to manage their lives with 5 kg of free rice, unemployment reaching its heights, untamed inflation and a minuscule section allowed to amass the wealth of the nation. Therefore, the people of Bangladesh should be careful in keeping religion away from politics and focus on development failing which the country may have to join the band of Afghans and Pakistan.

A G Rajmohan | Anantapur

#### TERROR STRIKES GANDERBAL

Madam — Apropos to the article 'Dastardly Act', October 22. The Ganderbal terror attack, which claimed the lives of a doctor and six labourers at a tunnel construction site, leaves no room for doubt that Pakistan will persist with its nefarious policy of bleeding India and J and K in particular with a thousand cuts. It is no coincidence that the terror attack has taken place in Ganderbal, the constituency of J and K's new CM Omar Abdullah. Clearly, Pakistan-backed terror groups are sending the unmistakable message - after targeting the Jammu region in recent

## De-escalating border tensions



The efforts of India and China for the purpose of military de-escalation are welcome. At this critical moment, when both the nations have been facing critical tension around the Line of Actual Control and surrounding areas, including Depsang and

Demchok, such efforts of engagement and de-escalation are worth appreciating. Although the timing is a bit dramatic because PM Modi is in Russia for the purpose of an official visit to attend the BRICS summit, with probable estimation to meet President Xi Jinping with PM Modi on the sidelines of the summit. The announcement from the side of Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri with respect to military personnel disengagement and patrolling personnel arrangements is particularly welcoming that India's hard efforts are now ripening fruits and cooperation with China will help India to manage the bilateral rivalry and assist in strengthening ties between the two.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

months - that the remarkably peaceful polls in the UT could not have taken place without the Pakistani military establishment's tacit agreement. The attempt to disrupt an infrastructure project is aimed not just at stalling development in the valley and scaring away migrant labourers and tourists who have a crucial role in boosting J and K's economy, it is also to demonstrate that no one in Kashmir is fully safe. Clearly, Pakistan's Army chief, Gen Asim Munir, has a second message to his own government in response to former PM Nawaz Sharif telling visiting Indian journalists last week, "We have lost the last 75 years, and it is important we don't lose the next 75." Which is, that hosting an Indian foreign minister on Pakistani soil is all very well, but the Army cannot be kept out of any conversation with India.

N Sadhasiva Reddy | Washington

#### FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Madam — The picture of the freshly-made 'diyas' or 'earthen lamps' ahead of the Deepavali festival, which is just days away, was a visual delight. ("Pic Talk" October

22). The word 'Deepavali' is derived from the Sanskrit fusion word 'Deepavali', which is formed from 'dipa' (light) and 'avali' (series or row). It thus means a 'row or series of lights', which illuminates the country with its brilliance and dazzles all with joy. Illuminating homes with lights is the expression of obedience to the heavens for the attainment of health, wealth, knowledge, peace, and prosperity. While the electric illumination looks stunning, there is no comparison to the age-old diyas. In fact, the advantage of lighting diya lamps is that they are biodegradable, cost-effective, and a feast to our eyes. The festival of Diwali is a lot more than just bursting firecrackers, which, in fact, pose serious health hazards given the significant relationship between air pollution and respiratory infections. In comparison, diyas serve the purpose of purifying the environment by getting rid of negativity and creating positive vibes.

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## Kerachakka unpaved road to development

It is home to 80 tribal families struggling for basic infrastructure. With impassable road access to education, healthcare and essential services remains a distant dream

Kerachakka village, located about 50 kilometres from the district headquarters of Sarangarh-Bilaigarh in Chhattisgarh, is struggling with a lack of basic infrastructure.

Home to 80 families, primarily from the Khairwar and Bariha tribal communities, the village is accessible only through a broken, unpaved road. During the monsoon, this road becomes nearly impassable, cutting the village off from the outside world. This affects not only transportation but also children's access to education. Sunil Lal Chauhan, the head teacher of the local government primary school, explains that while 23 children are enrolled, only a few attend school during the rainy season. The road conditions are simply too poor, making the journey unsafe, especially for adolescent girls whose education suffers the most. Chauhan adds that with only one teacher, who is also burdened with administrative tasks, the school struggles to provide the attention



the children need. The broader issue is compounded by the migration of families in search of employment, disrupting children's schooling for extended periods. Resident Badri Prasad highlights another challenge: ineffective local governance.

Though the village falls under Gram Panchayat Gardih, meetings are rarely held, and the Panchayat office is often closed. Essential services like ration distribution happen only once a month, which creates difficulties for the villagers. Badri Prasad emphasises that due to the village's dis-

tance from the district headquarters, Kerachakka has been left behind in the development process. Poor road connectivity remains a major barrier, preventing growth and access to opportunities. Rameshwar Prasad Kurre, a local social worker, points out that the village's rocky terrain limits agricultural opportunities. Most families own small plots of land that barely yield enough to sustain them. Consequently, many villagers migrate during the off-season in search of work, which has a particularly harsh impact on

women and adolescent girls. Malnutrition is rampant, with women and girls often being the first to suffer when resources are scarce. While pregnant women and young children receive some nutritional support from the Anganwadi centre, this does not extend to other women, leaving them vulnerable. Recent government initiatives, however, offer hope. The Union Cabinet has approved Rs 70,000 crore for rural road development under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for 2024-29, and the Chhattisgarh government has allocated Rs17,529 crore in its 2024-25 budget for village roads. These investments aim to improve infrastructure, create employment opportunities, and reduce migration. Better roads could be the first step in bringing Kerachakka and similar villages into the fold of progress, ensuring they are no longer left behind in the race for development.

(The author is a grassroots worker from Ajmer, Rajasthan; Views expressed are personal)



CHOTU SINGH RAWAT





## FIRST COLUMN

## ENCOUNTERING THE DIVINE

From answering prayers to reducing life's hardships, the divine remains ever-present



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

With the internet and social media, we are constantly being reminded about the wealthiest, the most powerful, very famous, the prettiest, etc. Have you imagined meeting any of these personalities except to see them in print or in a video? What about God, who owns everything there is, is omnipotent, is omniscient, is omnipresent and a whole lot more, about which I will write in this article?

God is not only omnipresent but available to us 24x7. Yes, God cannot be seen in person except to the very best of devotees like Sant Tulsidas, but can be seen in Deity forms and in nice photos everywhere. God even manifests in His murti forms like He had in His Rama Lalla form in Ayodhya.

How is Lord helping us by His activities? He listens to all our prayers, and He must respond to them, they being spiritual activities. However, the response will be appropriate at a time chosen by God. Mostly, it won't be as prayed for, because most of the prayers are for material gains, which are undeserved. For example, a student prays for good marks even though he doesn't deserve them. God will give something as God can never be a debtor. Then, God is ever ready to guide us, as He guided Arjuna by preaching the instructions of the Bhagavad-Geeta. Few pray for guidance but those who do really benefit, because direction is all important. It determines where we will end up. God gives intuitions, uses mediums to convey, etc. God even instructs directly His devotees as He instructed Arjuna.



The third important help God provides is to get us out of troubles, we get into due to our past faulty karmaphalas (results of acts). God does not stop them from coming because that will make the 'Karmaphala Principle' ineffective; God only makes them less painful. Continuing about God's bounties, God empowers us in various ways. For example, a scientist is deep into looking for a solution, which will benefit humanity, and he deserves getting credit for it due to past pious karmaphalas. God gives him the intuition, because God is the only source. We cannot invent or create anything new. All big or important acts are done by God only; He makes the deserving among us 'nimitta' (instruments), just as He used Arjuna to kill the biggest warriors of the Kaurava army (11.33)

God is especially partial to welfare workers, because it suits His Creation. He has promised that doers of welfare acts will not end up badly. (6.40) What this means is that such persons will not suffer a painful death. God goes a step further for His advanced devotees; He does miracles for them. Meerabai was given poison to drink because she chose Lord Krishna as her worshipable Deity. What did the Lord do? He made poison ineffective. How did Lord Krishna save Arjuna - His devotee and friend (4.3), who had sworn to enter fire, if he could not kill Jayadrath before sunset? As soon as Jayadrath came out of hiding Arjuna's imminent death, Lord brought the sunlight back. This allowed Arjuna to kill Jayadrath before sunset.

I can go on regarding what all God does and can do for us if we link with Him. And He has made approaching Him very easy. What is so difficult to have 'darshan' of God in His Deity form in a temple? What about chanting God's names? Is it so difficult? It may appear childish but this is the way it has been designed to gain God's favour. Someone may say why is it so easy to get so much cash out of an ATM? Because this is the way it has been designed.

(The writer is a spiritual teacher; views are personal)

## AI's impact shines in Nobel Prizes



B K SINGH

David Baker, Demis Hassabis and others have harnessed AI to revolutionise medicine and nanotechnology, ushering in a new era of scientific breakthroughs



This year's Physics and Chemistry both Nobel prizes are linked to Artificial Intelligence. While Physics laureates applied principles and tools of Physics namely atomic spin and Boltzmann's machine to create structures that can store, reconstruct and discover properties in data for artificial neural networks to enable powerful computers to mimic human memory and learning, Chemistry laureates worked on computational protein design that advanced protein structure predictions. In all living creatures, proteins are essential for cell functions. David Baker, a 62-year-old Professor at the University of Washington, Seattle succeeded in building an entirely new kind of Protein, that is known as life's building blocks and comprises 20 different amino acids. Since 2003, he and his research group have created several imaginative proteins that can be used in pharmaceuticals, vaccines, tiny sensors and nanomaterials. He was awarded half the prize money for the 2024 Chemistry Nobel Prize.

In 2020 David Hassabis and John Jumper both Britons aged 49 years and 39 years respectively presented AlphaFold2, an AI model that predicted the structure of Proteins from amino acid sequences. Two Britons were awarded this year's remaining half of the prize. AI model AlphaFold2 has opened ways to predict proteins and has already been used by researchers to predict nearly 200 million proteins. Research has also advanced in understanding antibiotic resistance and creating enzymes that have the potential to decompose plastics. Proteins are molecular machines of our lives making up a significant portion of bodies i.e. muscles, enzymes, hormones, hair, blood and cartilage.

Proteins' shape determines their function. Different shapes can be folded in numerous ways to arrive at the resultant shapes of protein. Incorrectly folded protein may lead to improper functioning and can be the reason for Alzheimer's, cystic fibrosis, and diabetes. As protein's shape is solely based on amino acid sequence, these can manoeuvre into specific shapes duly minimising inter-atomic repulsions among the atoms of amino acids.

In the new era of machine learning laure-



THE SCIENTIFIC AND ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES HAVE EXPRESSED CONFUSION OVER HOW MACHINE LEARNING AND ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORKS CAN BE ALIGNED WITH THE TRADITIONAL BOUNDARIES OF PHYSICS

ates have solved the problem by using a large database of experimentally obtained protein structures to train AI and allowed it to learn the principles of folding. The result was AlphaFold2 which predicted three-dimensional structures of proteins. A new nanomaterial was developed in 2016 where up to 120 proteins were spontaneously linked together. In 2021 nanoparticles with protein were developed that were found to imitate the influenza virus which will further help in developing a vaccine for influenza. Vaccines for livestock using the technology have already been successful. Some of the other developments are the proteins that function as molecular rotors and also the geometrically shaped proteins that can change their shape under external influences.

Such geometrically shaped proteins which are impacted by external influences are quite useful in producing tiny sensors. Many new possibilities for the use of protein in nanotechnology are useful to develop new tools for precise control and manipulation of elements at the nanoscale. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of molecules has been studied and researchers have found how specially modified diamond flakes can be used as nanoscale magnetic field detectors. These tiny sensors can elucidate the structure of a single organic molecule.

With nanoscale MRI researchers may one day directly image proteins. A 91-year-old Professor at Princeton University, USA John Hopfield and a 76-year-old Professor at University of Toronto, Canada have been awarded this year's Nobel Prize in Physics. Hopfield created associative memory for storing and recreating images.

Like the structure of the brain, the artificial neural network was created where the brain's neurons were

represented by nodes and each of these nodes having different values. A neural network as a system is inspired by how the human brain works, it does the same with data. It takes in information, processes it and makes decisions, learning from experience. Neural network utilises Physics that describes characteristics of any material due to its atomic spin, which makes each atom a tiny magnet. Hopfield described the network as energy in the spin system as in Physics and is trained by finding values for connections between the nodes such that saved images have low energy. When it is fed with incomplete/ distorted images it works through the nodes and updates the values for each in such a way that the energy of the network falls.

The overall state of his network i.e. energy is calculated using a formula that uses all values of the nodes and all strengths of connections between them. When the minimum energy is attained, the corresponding saved image is most like the imperfect image fed in the network. Further improvements have made it possible to save more pictures and to differentiate between them even when they are quite similar.

Using the Hopfield network, Hinton found the Boltzmann machine using tools from statistical Physics - a new network that can learn to recognise a characteristic element in the given data. Researchers use the tool from statistical mechanics to look at the collective behaviour of a large number of particles to determine large-scale microscopic properties like temperature, pressure and magnetisation. There are different energy states in the model and the material is more likely to exist in the lowest energy state. Boltzmann distribution explains how likely the given state is. It describes the probability of a system being in a particular state -

solid, liquid or gas - based on its energy and temperature. Hinton used the tool to solve computing problems in neural networks. Hinton added hidden layers to neural networks allowing machines to analyse data in more sophisticated ways.

The machine is trained by feeding it with examples that are most likely to arise when it is run. Boltzmann machine can also classify images or create new examples on the pattern it was trained. A trained Boltzmann machine can recognise a familiar trait in information it has not previously seen. Hinton has further developed this work which led to the current explosive development of machine learning. "The laureates' work has already been of greatest benefit. In Physics we use artificial neural networks in vast range of areas, such as developing new materials with specific properties." Says Ellen Moons, chair of the Nobel Committee for Physics.

The scientific and academic communities have expressed confusion over how machine learning and artificial neural networks can be aligned with the traditional boundaries of Physics. Nevertheless, the work of Hopfield and Hinton is having a profound impact on the digital age, even if its classification within the Physics domain remains contested.

The laureates' contribution is the brain behind medical imaging systems that detect cancer faster than doctors. Scientists are inventing more and more applications of machine learning and advanced studies in Physics like processing data to discover Higgs particles, searching for exoplanets, and reducing noise in the measurement of gravitational waves from colliding black holes.

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## Nobel Prize snub of Rosalind Lee sparks debate on fairness of the system

## The exclusion of Rosalind Lee has reignited discussions about the fairness of scientific recognition

The recent announcement of the Nobel Prize snubbing Rosalind Lee of Nobel Prize who was the first author of the paper that was considered for this year's Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, while considering her co-worker and husband, Victor Ambros, the corresponding author of the paper for the coveted prize, has reignited discussions about fairness, recognition, and the implications of such decisions on science.

Traditionally, scientific papers list authors in an order that reflects the perceived contribution to the work. The first author typically plays a significant role in conducting the research and writing the paper. In



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contrast, the last author often represents the senior scientist or principal investigator who guided the research. Middle authors usually contribute in specific areas but are not as heavily involved as the first or last author. This system has fostered a hierarchy in academia that rewards a select few. At the same time, many essential team members go unacknowledged, ultimately

skewing career advancement, compensation, and visibility in the scientific community. We still follow this flawed authorship order in most recruitments, funding agencies, promotions, awards, and recognitions. Even for awarding doctoral degrees, our universities follow this order of authorship. It often overlooks a person's intellectual knowledge and technical skills needed for the study. This bias creates an environment where specific contributors, though not in prominent author positions, have a diminished chance of recognition and growth, potentially leading to a loss of morale and an outflow of valuable talent from academia and research fields.

Many talented and skilled youngsters are not getting good positions because of this flawed protocol in research and academic institutions. In today's world, science cannot be done in isolation. Most of today's research involves interdisciplinary work collaborating with one or more institutions, and each person involved may contribute to its success. Projects like the Human Genome Project or the Large Hadron Collider involve the contributions of hundreds of scientists from varied institutions across the globe. Even in our national institutions, outsourcing certain works has become a norm. In that scenario, even the



company that does the work has to be credited, though they may charge for it. The importance of each contributor extends beyond the experimenters. Data analysts, statisticians, field researchers, technicians, and other support staff often carry out substantial portions of the work. While their names might not always

appear on a paper, they enable discoveries and innovations by ensuring the research is feasible, accurate and applicable. In such a framework, reducing credit to a first-author or corresponding author model grossly underestimates the collective effort, leading to unfair career advantages for select individuals over others

equally deserving. A system that values equal contribution offers a fairer foundation for hiring, promotions, and awards. This shift would ensure that positions of responsibility and recognition are not limited to those with the resources or negotiating power to secure lead author positions. Moreover, equal credit distribution could improve diversity in science. This approach could also boost diversity by supporting women, early-career researchers, and marginalised groups who are often in middle-author roles due to limited mentorship and systemic inequities, giving them a better chance at securing resources and opportunities. Critics may argue that equal

weightage could lead to confusion over who contributed most to a particular study, possibly complicating the evaluation process. To address this, journals should strictly include only those who actively contributed to the study, ending practices of "gift authorship" to the department or the head of the institution. Science thrives on collaboration and equal weightage for all authors in jobs and awards, including consideration for the Nobel Prize, which promotes a culture of inclusivity, fairness, and shared achievement.

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# Israel says it killed Hezbollah official expected to be group's next leader

**AP ■ BEIRUT**  
 Israel said Tuesday that one of its airstrikes outside Beirut earlier in the month killed a Hezbollah official widely expected to have replaced the militant group's longtime leader, who was killed by an Israeli airstrike in September.  
 There was no immediate confirmation from Hezbollah about the fate of Hashem Safieddine, a powerful cleric who was expected to succeed Hassan Nasrallah, one of the group's founders.  
 Safieddine was killed in early October in a strike that also killed 25 other Hezbollah leaders, according to Israel, whose airstrikes in southern Lebanon in recent months have killed many of Hezbollah's top leaders, leaving the group in disarray. Last week, Israel killed the top leader of Hamas, Yahya Sinwar, during a battle in Gaza.  
 US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said during a trip to Israel that leaders there should "capitalize" on Sinwar's death as an opportunity to end the war in Gaza and secure the release of hostages taken during the deadly Hamas attack that started the war. Blinken also stressed the need for Israel to do more to help increase the flow of humanitarian aid to Palestinians.  
 Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office called his

meeting with Blinken, which lasted more than two hours, "friendly and productive."  
 The Beirut suburb where Safieddine was killed was pummeled by fresh airstrikes Tuesday, including one that levelled a building Israel said housed Hezbollah facilities. The collapse sent smoke and debris flying into the air a few hundred meters (yards) from where a spokesperson for Hezbollah had just briefed journalists about a weekend drone attack that damaged Netanyahu's house.  
 Tuesday's airstrikes came 40 minutes after Israel issued an evacuation warning for two buildings in the area that it said were used by Hezbollah. The Hezbollah news conference nearby was cut short, and an Associated Press photographer captured an image of an Israeli bomb heading toward the building moments before it was destroyed. There were no immediate reports of casualties.  
 Hezbollah's chief spokesperson, Mohammed Afif, said the group was behind the Saturday drone attack on Netanyahu's home in the coastal town of Caesarea. Israel has said neither the prime minister nor his wife were home at the time.  
 Blinken's meetings with Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders was part of his 11th visit to the region since the

outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war. He landed hours after Hezbollah launched a barrage of rockets into central Israel, setting off air raid sirens in populated areas and at its international airport, but causing no apparent damage or injuries. Hospitals in Lebanon fear being targeted by Israel.  
 An Israeli airstrike late Monday in Beirut destroyed several buildings across the street from the country's largest public hospital, killing 18 people and wounding at least 60 others. The Israeli military said it struck a Hezbollah target, without elaborating, and said that it hadn't targeted the hospital itself.  
 AP reporters visited the Rafik Hariri University Hospital on Tuesday. They saw broken windows in the hospital's pharmacy and dialysis center, which was full of patients at the time.  
 Staff at another Beirut hospital feared it would be targeted after Israel alleged that Hezbollah had stashed hundreds of millions of dollars in cash and gold in its basement, without providing evidence.  
 The director of the Sahel General Hospital denied the allegations and invited journalists to visit the hospital and its two underground floors on Tuesday. AP reporters saw no sign of militants or anything out of the ordinary.

# Sri Lanka east coast on alert for possible anti-Israeli threat

**PTI ■ COLOMBO**  
 Security has been beefed up in the east-Sern coast surfing resort of Arugam Bay following information about a possible attack against foreign tourists, especially Israelis, in the area, police said on Wednesday.  
 "There has been information on an attack targeting Israelis - a building where they are located," police spokesman deputy inspector general Nihal Thalduwa told reporters.  
 The security net is focused on the Arugam Bay and Pottuvil area. Local media reports said that around 500 police officials and Special Task Force personnel have been deployed in the Arugam Bay tourist area.  
 Sri Lanka's Muslim minority groups have condemned the wars in Gaza and Lebanon by holding continuous anti-Israel protests.  
 Several posts have appeared in social media calling for boycott of Israeli businesses in the east coast.  
 Police action was prompted by a security and a travel alert by the US Embassy in Colombo. A statement said the embassy had received credible information about an attack targeting the Arugam Bay. "US citizens are strongly urged to avoid the Arugam Bay Area until further notice," it said. The Embassy of Russia too followed suit with a warning to its tourists.  
 "The embassy asks Russian citizens to remain vigilant and avoid large crowds," it said.  
 The police vowed to accord protection to all foreign nationals. "Because of the war in Ukraine and tension in the middle east, the police work in coordination with intelligence services to ensure the safety of tourists," Thalduwa said.  
 The police have set up a hotline for tourists to alert authorities on any suspicious activities.

# US Defence Secretary confirms N Korea sent troops to Russia

**AP ■ SEOUL**  
 US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin said there is evidence that North Korea has sent troops to Russia on Monday, and South Korea's spy chief told lawmakers that 3,000 North Korean troops are in the country receiving training on drones and other equipment before being deployed to battlefields in Ukraine.  
 Austin told reporters Wednesday

"What exactly they are doing? Left to be seen. These are things that we need to sort out," according to a video posted by the Washington Post. If the troops join the war in Ukraine on Russia's side, it will be "a very, very serious issue," Austin said, adding it would have an impact in Europe and in the Indo-Pacific region.  
 South Korean intelligence first publicized reports that the Russian navy had taken 1,500 North Korean special warfare troops to Russia last

week, while Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky had earlier said his government had intelligence that 10,000 North Korea soldiers were being prepared to join the invading Russian forces.  
 The US and NATO had not previously formally confirmed North Korea's reported troop dispatch, but have warned of the danger of such a development if true. Russia and North Korea have so far denied the troop movements.

# Turkish aerospace company attacked, says Min

**AP ■ ANKARA**  
 Turkey's interior minister said an attack on the premises of the Turkish aerospace and defense company TUSAS on Wednesday left a number of people dead or injured. Ali Yerlikaya did not provide further details on the attack on Turkish Aerospace Industries Inc., in the outskirts of the capital, Ankara.  
 "Unfortunately, we have martyrs and injured people following the attack," Yerlikaya said on X. It was not clear who may be behind the attack. Kurdish militants, the Islamic State group and leftist extremists have carried out attacks in the country in the past.  
 Private NTV television said a group assailants arrived at an entry to the complex inside a taxi during a changing of the security personnel. At least one of the assailants detonated a bomb, while other attackers managed to enter the complex. NTV said gunfire at the site was continuing and that some personnel at the complex may have been taken hostage.  
 Helicopters were seen flying above the premises, the station reported. Earlier, media reports said an explosion followed by gunfire was heard at the complex. Security forces, ambulances and fire fighters were dispatched to the site, NTV television reported.  
 Employees at the company were taken to a safe area. Haber Turk television reported.

# Starmer downplays Labour workers backing Harris

**PTI ■ LONDON**  
 British Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Wednesday sought to downplay Labour Party workers heading to the US to campaign for Kamala Harris in the US presidential race after her opponent Donald Trump accused the UK's governing party of "blatant foreign interference".  
 The row was triggered by a now-deleted social media post by Labour's head of operations, Sofia Patel, calling on party colleagues to join her group on a campaign tour to the battleground states in the American election on November 5.  
 The post triggered a backlash from the Republicans in America. However, under US law foreign nationals can legally volunteer in an election campaign in an

unpaid capacity. "The Labour Party has volunteers. [they] have gone over pretty much every election," said Starmer who is en route to the Pacific island country of Samoa for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).  
 "They're doing it in their spare time. They're doing it as volunteers. They're staying I think with other volunteers over there," Starmer told reporters while responding to a question.  
 "We had a good, constructive discussion and, of course, as prime minister of the United Kingdom I will work with whoever the American people elect as their president in the elections, which are very close now," he said in response to concerns around UK-US ties if Trump was elected.

**Format C-7**  
**(for political parties to publish in the newspapers, social media platforms & website of the party)**

Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates.  
 (As per the Election Commission of India's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition (C) no. 2192 of 2018 in WP(C) no. 536 of 2011)

Name of Political Party : **BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY**  
 \*Name of the Election : **ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS TO VIDHAN SABHA 2024**  
 Name of State : **JHARKHAND**

(1) Name of the Constituency – **AC-76 Daltonganj**  
 Name of the Candidate – **Shri Alok Kumar Chaurasiya**

1.	Criminal antecedents	
a.	Nature of the Offences	Protest Against State Government, Section 191(2)(3)/190/115(2)/117(2)/109/121(1)/125/132/324(2)/351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS
b.	Case no.	Lalpur PS Case No 203/24
c.	Name of the court	Lalpur PS Case No 203/24; Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi.
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO
e.	Date of conviction, if any	NO
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NO
g.	Any other information required to be given	NO
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	Shri Alok Kumar Chaurasiya is a dedicated individual with deep understanding and relentless efforts in social service. They have built strong relationships, earned trust, and achieved significant positive changes in the community, making them the best choice to represent the constituency.
3.	Reason as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as as candidate (not more than 100 words)	As a dedicated party worker, he had an edge over other individuals, considering the fact that whatever charges were alleged in the FIR has no substance and were purely with a vindictive approach and personal vendetta being waged by his political opponents. That the concerned 01 cases are registered with reason of waging public protest and the party believes that there will be no adverse outcome against the alleged accused.

Name of the Constituency – **76 Daltonganj**  
 Name of the Candidate – **Shri Alok Kumar Chaurasiya** and so on  
 \*In the case of election to Council of States or States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of Constituency.

*Manoj Kumar Singh*  
 Office Bearer of the Political Party  
 Manoj Kumar Singh  
 State - General Secretary  
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(1) Name of the Constituency – **AC 20 Barkatha**  
 Name of the Candidate – **Shri Amit Kumar Yadav**

Sl.No.		
1.	Criminal antecedents	
a.	Nature of the Offences	u/s 2 of Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971
b.	Case no.	Jainagar PS Case No 173/2022
c.	Name of the court	SDJM Koderma
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO
e.	Date of conviction, if any	NO
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NO
g.	Any other information required to be given	NO
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	Shri Amit Kumar Yadav is a highly dedicated individual who has tirelessly devoted their time and efforts to social service in the constituency for many years. They have a deep understanding of the needs and challenges of the people and have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all members of the community. They have built strong relationships with the voters, establishing a genuine and positive rapport with them, and have earned their trust and respect. Their unwavering commitment to the betterment of the community is reflected in their track record of achievements and the numerous positive changes they have brought about. We are confident that they are the best choice to represent the constituency and will continue to serve the people with passion, dedication, and integrity.
3.	Reason as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as as candidate (not more than 100 words)	As a dedicated party worker, he had an edge over other individuals, considering the fact that whatever charges were alleged in the FIR has no substance and were purely with a vindictive approach and personal vendetta being waged by his political opponents. That the concerned case is registered with reason of waging public protest and the party believes that there will be no adverse outcome against the alleged accused.

Name of the Constituency – **AC 20 Barkatha**  
 Name of the Candidate – **Shri Amit Kumar Yadav** and so on  
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# Sikh woman found dead inside walk-in oven in Canada Walmart

PTI ■ OTTAWA

A 19-year-old Sikh woman was found dead inside a walk-in oven of the Walmart store's bakery department in Canada's Halifax city, according to media reports.

Halifax Regional Police (HRP) said they were called to a sudden death at the Walmart at 6990 Mumford Road around 9:30 pm on Saturday.

According to police, the woman, who has not been identified, was employed at the store. Her body was found in a walk-in oven, police said.

The Maritime Sikh Society confirmed to CTV News that she was a member of their community.

"It's very sad for us, for her family as well, because she came for a better future and she lost her life," said Anmolpreet Singh, with the Maritime Sikh Society.

She had recently moved to Canada from India, The Globe and Mail newspaper said.



The store has remained closed since Saturday night while the investigation is ongoing.

HRP Constable Martin Cromwell said police were aware of online speculation about the woman's cause of death.

"The investigation is complex," said Cromwell.

"We understand the public is involved, and we just wanted to encourage the public to be patient with our investigation and be mindful that there are family members and coworkers involved."

Cromwell said Halifax police were coor-

inating with the appropriate agencies to help with the investigation.

"We urge the public to be mindful of sharing speculative information on social media," HRP said in a statement on Tuesday.

A spokeswoman for the province's labour department said a stop-work order has been issued for the bakery and "one piece of equipment" at the Walmart store.

"It is important to note that the investigation has not yet reached a point where the cause and manner of death have been confirmed," HRP said.

Nova Scotia's medical examiner is working to determine the cause of death, and the province's Department of Health and Safety is taking part in the investigation.

Walk-in ovens, also referred to as cabinet or batch ovens, allow for curing, drying or baking in batches using wheeled racks or carts. They are often found in large-volume bakeries in places such as supermarkets.

# Imran's wife granted bail

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

A Pakistani court on Wednesday granted bail to Bushra Bibi, the wife of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan, in the Toshakhana corruption case involving the alleged illegal sale of state gifts, nearly nine months after she was arrested.

The 50-year-old former first lady's bail plea was accepted against Rs 1 million surety bonds during the hearing conducted by Islamabad High Court judge Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb, Geo News reported.

The court's decision provides relief to Bibi, who was arrested after a court on January 31 convicted and sentenced the couple to 14 years in jail in a corruption case.

During the hearing, Justice Aurangzeb questioned the Federal Investigation Agency's (FIA) investigative officer about the necessity of further interrogation of Bibi, who is Khan's third wife and a spiritual healer. The officer confirmed that no additional investigation was required, after which the judge granted bail.

The court further referenced similar practices in other countries, noting that the British Prime Minister had also taken gifts home, citing regulations. The Express Tribune newspaper newspaper reported. The Toshakhana case involves allegations of corruption against Khan, the founder of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party and his wife related to the sale of gifts received from foreign dignitaries.

# Hungary's Orban claims EU seeks to topple his govt

AP ■ BUDAPEST

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban claimed in a speech on Wednesday that the European Union seeks to topple his government and install a puppet regime in the Central European country, an escalation of open hostility toward the bloc by the member considered Russia's closest ally.

Speaking before thousands of supporters in Budapest, Orban was marking Hungary's national holiday commemorating a 1956 armed uprising against Soviet repression that began in the capital and spread across the country before being crushed by the Red Army.

Orban has often used the holiday, which looms large in Hungarians' memory as a freedom fight against foreign domination, to draw parallels between past occupying forces like the Soviet Union and Ottoman Empire and the EU today.

"Independent Hungarian politics are unacceptable to Brussels," Orban told the crowd, referring to the EU headquarters in Belgium.

"That is why they announced in Brussels that they will get rid of Hungary's national government. They also announced that they wanted to hang a Brussels puppet government around the country's neck."

Orban gave no evidence to support his claims. There was no

immediate public reaction from Brussels.

"Do we bow to foreign will, this time to the will of Brussels, or do we resist it?" Orban continued. "I propose that our answer be as clear and unambiguous as it was in 1956."

The EU has withheld billions in financial support from Hungary over its alleged breaches of rule of law, while



with other EU leaders by arguing for an immediate cease-fire and peace talks in Ukraine, leading critics to suggest that he is advocating for Russian interests and turning his back on his EU and NATO partners.

"The Brussels bureaucrats have led the West into a hopeless war," said Orban, who is widely seen as Russian President Vladimir Putin's closest ally in the EU. "In their minds, dizzy with the hope of victory, this war is the war of the West against Russia ... Now they want to openly push the entire European Union into the war in Ukraine."

He claimed, without providing evidence, that the EU plans to allow Ukrainian soldiers to station in Hungary after a future victory "to guarantee the security of the whole of Europe." He added: "We Hungarians would wake up one morning to find that Slavic soldiers from the east were again stationed on the territory of Hungary. We do not want that, but the pressure from Brussels is getting stronger every day."

Orban's speech came at a particularly difficult time for his right-wing populist government, which has gone through a dip in support amid a sputtering economy, a series of scandals and the emergence of a popular new opposition challenger, Peter Magyar and his Tisza party.

# Consulting all on president's removal: B'desh's interim govt

PTI ■ DHAKA

Bangladesh's interim government on Wednesday said it is "consulting all stakeholders" to decide the fate of President Mohammed Shahabuddin, as authorities beefed up security around his residence in the wake of protests demanding his removal over comments that raised questions on prime minister Sheikh Hasina's resignation. Several hundred protesters on Tuesday tried to storm Bangabhaban, the president's official residence, demanding the resignation of Shahabuddin, who in an interview with Bangla daily Manab Zamin last week said that he did not have any documentary evidence of Hasina resigning as prime minister before leaving the country on August 5.

"The interim government has not made any decision regarding the removal of President Mohammed Shahabuddin from office," Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus' Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam was quoted as saying by the Daily Star newspaper.

The interim cabinet is likely to discuss the issue this week, according to the media reports. "We will inform you of any

developments regarding the matter," Shafiqul told reporters following a meeting between Chief Adviser Yunus and a delegation from Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) at the state guesthouse, Jamuna on Wednesday.

Following the attempted breach at the presidential palace late last night and violent clashes with police, authorities imposed a strict security lockdown to prevent further incidents.

"We have increased the security of Bangabhaban," Shafiqul told reporters. In a separate interaction with reporters, Information Adviser Nahid Islam said a decision regarding President Shahabuddin can be reached through political consensus and national unity, rather than following legal or constitutional procedures. "There is no need to stage a demonstration in front of Bangabhaban and elsewhere. We got the message of the people and a decision has to be taken through discussion," he was quoted as saying by the newspaper.

The interim government, Islam said, "is consulting all stakeholders, and a decision may be forthcoming after discussion in this regard... Whether the president will remain in office or not is not currently a legal or consti-

tutional question. It is a political decision. To take the decision, we are prioritising stability, security and discipline in the state."

Meanwhile, barbed wire fencing was installed alongside barricades at the main gate of Bangabhaban, while APBN (Armed Police Battalion), BGB (Border Guard Bangladesh), police, and army personnel have been deployed in armed positions around the area. Armoured Personnel Carriers (APCs), water cannons, and riot control vehicles have also been readied in case the protests escalate further, the newspaper

reported.

However, tensions remained high as protests continued to surge, with various groups demonstrating outside Bangabhaban since Tuesday. A robust four-layer security cordon was established along the main road leading to Bangabhaban, bolstered by a three-layer barbed wire fence to deter unauthorised access.

Nobel laureate Yunus, 84, became Bangladesh's interim government's Chief Adviser on August 8 after Prime Minister Hasina fled to India on August 5 amidst student-led mass protests.

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MM-204 Bid Identification No. DD-NEN-41/P/IN/KZP-2024-25 Dd.09.10.2024

1	Name of the work	Re-tender for construction of Pathway, Footpath & Drainage under the theme North East Panorama at Nandankanankan Zoological Park for the year 2024-2025
2	No. of works	1(one) no.
3	Date of availability of bid document in the portal	19.10.2024
4	Class of Contractor	'A' and 'B' Class contractors
5	Last date for receipt of bids in the portal	28.10.2024 up to 10.00 A.M.
6	Date of opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)	29.10.2024 at 11.00 A.M.
7	Name & Address of Officer Inviting Tender (OIT)	Deputy Director, Nandankanankan Zoological Park, P.O. Barang, Dist- Khorda, Pin-754005.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal <https://tenderodisha.gov.in>. Deputy Director Nandankanankan Zoological Park OIPR-080701100192425

**STORES E-PROCUREMENT**

**Tender Notice No.: S/66/011/24-25; Dated: 21-10-2024.** E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works:-

**SN. 1: Tender No. NJ245079; Closing/ Opening Date: 11-11-2024**

**Brief Description & Qty:** Governor for 4500 HP (With inbuilt Surge Suppression device & female connector to PL No.16340140) As per Drg.No.40056145 [ PL No. 16340036]; Consignee:- SSE/D/Siliguri Jn.,NFR; Qty: 02 Nos.

**SN. 2: Tender No. KT245065A; Closing/ Opening Date: 21-11-2024**

**Brief Description & Qty:** Supply, Design and manufacture of passenger Escalators on Railway platforms over Katihar Division as per RDSO's specification No.- RDSO/PE/SPEC/TL/0095 (Rev'3')-2019.(Escalators vertical height of 6 meter or a per site requirement). Including packing & forwarding, Freight to Destination and Insurance charges. 2) Erection, testing & commissioning of passenger Escalator for vertical height of 6 mtr. or as per site requirement, complete with all associated accessories and safety device etc. as per RDSO's Specification No.- RDSO/PE/SPEC/TL/0095 (REV'3') 2019 or latest and STR No.- RDSO/2017/EM/STR/0002 (Rev'1')-2019 or latest. Cost includes free maintenance of Two years during warranty of passenger Escalators as per RDSO Spec. Erection work includes minor civil Engineering work. Make Johnson Lifts/Bhavani Elevators/L T Elevator or Similar; (1) Consignee:- DEE/Katihar, NFR;(2) Consignee:- SSE/IP/Malda Town, NFR. (3) Consignee:- SSE/IP/Katihar, NFR; Qty: 10 Nos.

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**Equinox India**

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(formerly Indiabulls Real Estate Limited)

**Statement of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2024**

Sl. No.	Particulars	3 months ended 30 Sept.2024 (Unaudited)	Preceding 3 months ended 30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	Corresponding 3 months ended 30 Sept.2023 (Unaudited)	Year to date figures for current period ended 30 Sept.2024 (Unaudited)	Year to date figures for previous period ended 30 Sept.2023 (Unaudited)	Previous year ended 31 March 2024 (Audited)
1	Total Income from operations	2,874.1	4,033.9	1,082.6	6,908.0	3,173.6	4,687.5
2	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period (before Tax, Minority interest and Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	337.9	(224.0)	(163.8)	113.9	(643.5)	(3,937.2)
3	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period before Tax and Minority Interest (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	337.9	(224.0)	(163.8)	113.9	(6,934.2)	(10,227.9)
4	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period after Tax and Minority Interest (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	242.7	(282.4)	(182.3)	(39.7)	(6,975.7)	(10,383.5)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the year/period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the year/period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	242.6	(91.4)	266.5	151.2	(6,110.7)	(9,072.0)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,271.7	1,288.7	1,082.2	1,271.7	1,082.2	1,082.2
7	Earnings per Share (of ₹ 2/- each)						
	- Basic (Amount in ₹)	0.38	(0.49)	(0.34)	(0.07)	(12.90)	(19.20)
	- Diluted (Amount in ₹)	0.35	(0.49)	(0.34)	(0.07)	(12.90)	(19.20)

**Notes to the consolidated financial results:**

1. The above consolidated results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 23 October 2024. These financial results have been subjected to limited review by the statutory auditors of the Company.

**Equinox India Developments Limited**  
(formerly Indiabulls Real Estate Limited)

**Statement of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2024**

Sl. No.	Particulars	3 months ended 30 Sept.2024 (Unaudited)	Preceding 3 months ended 30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	Corresponding 3 months ended 30 Sept.2023 (Unaudited)	Year to date figures for current period ended 30 Sept.2024 (Unaudited)	Year to date figures for previous period ended 30 Sept.2023 (Unaudited)	Previous year ended 31 March 2024 (Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	74.7	86.7	96.7	161.4	194.7	802.1
2	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(117.6)	(120.4)	(84.8)	(238.0)	(62.4)	31.1
3	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(117.6)	(120.4)	(84.8)	(238.0)	(62.4)	(35,798.3)
4	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(110.4)	(121.0)	(85.1)	(231.4)	(62.9)	(35,802.3)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the year/period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(110.4)	70.0	363.9	(40.4)	802.3	(34,482.5)
6	Earnings per Share (of ₹ 2/- each)						
	- Basic (Amount in ₹)	(0.17)	(0.21)	(0.16)	(0.38)	(0.12)	(66.17)
	- Diluted (Amount in ₹)	(0.17)	(0.21)	(0.16)	(0.38)	(0.12)	(66.17)
7	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of ₹ 2 per equity share)	1,271.70	1,288.70	1,082.20	1,271.70	1,082.20	1,082.20
8	Other equity						31,839.90

**Notes to the standalone financial results:**

1. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 23 October 2024. These financial results have been subjected to limited review by the statutory auditors of the Company.

2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the Company's website (<https://equinoxindia.com>) and on the website of BSE (<https://www.bseindia.com>) and NSE (<https://www.nseindia.com>).

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**For and on behalf of the Board of Directors**

Sachin Shah  
Executive Director

Place: Mumbai Date : 23 October 2024

# Hong Kong bars WhatsApp, Google Drive from govt computers

AP ■ HONG KONG

The Hong Kong government is barring most civil servants from using popular apps like WhatsApp, WeChat and Google Drive on their work computers due to potential security risks.

The latest IT security guidelines from the Digital Policy Office have many civil servants complaining about added inconvenience. Government workers will be allowed to use the services from personal devices at work, and can get exceptions to the ban with approval from a manager. Information technology experts said companies have adopted similar policies due to increasing risks of data leaks and cybersecurity challenges. Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, said on a radio program Tuesday that the ban is needed as hacking is becoming a more serious problem. He said the governments of the United States and China have also adopted stringent measures for their internal computer systems.

A civil servant surnamed Lee, who requested anonymity because she was not authorized to speak to the media, said her office often uses cloud storage services to exchange large files with vendors outside the government. On Wednesday, the office said in a Facebook post that the policy aims to prevent potentially malicious links and attachments from bypassing security measures through encrypted messages. It suggested affected departments seek substitutes, such as allocating designated computers for using such services but cutting these devices' connections with internal systems.

**THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS**

CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Nitin Kumar S/O Suresh Tyagi R/O House No.-414, Khasra No.-146, First Floor, Near PNB Bank, Village-Burari Delhi-110084, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nitin Tyagi.**

PD(880)C

**My name is Rajesh and the birth date 13.4.1973 is incorrect. My correct name is Rajesh Kumar and the date of birth is 8.10.1972, which is correct. I want to be known and recognized by this name in the future. Rajesh Kumar, son of late Shri Madan Pal Singh, resident of Nita Nandpur Nanglia, Post Raghunathpur, District Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh.**

PD(879)C

**I, Susheel Kumar S/o Shri Ram Dev Yadav resident of E-23, Saraswati Vihar, Khora Colony, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201309 do hereby declare that my name Sushil Kumar Yadav mentioned in my daughter school record & birth certificate record.that my name Susheel Kumar mentioned in my adhaar card. that I request to change my name Sushil Kumar Yadav to Susheel Kumar for daughter school record.**

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**LOST & FOUND**

**I, RITA Paul D/o A S Sethi Have Lost Original Sale Deed, Builder Buyer Agreement, Allotment Letter, Possession Letter Of Property No. P-8/1, DLF Phase-2, Gurgaon, Haryana. Finder Please Contact: 9717172501**

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# States should regulate industrial alcohol, not centre: SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

In an 8:1 majority ruling, the Supreme Court on Wednesday overturned a seven-judge bench verdict and held that States have regulatory power over production, manufacture and supply of industrial alcohol. In 1997, the seven-judge bench ruled that the Centre had the regulatory power over the production of industrial alcohol. The case was referred to the nine-judge bench in 2010. Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, who wrote the latest judgment for himself and seven other judges, said the Centre lacks the regulatory power. Justice B V Nagarathna on the nine-judge SC bench dissented with the majority verdict. Industrial alcohol is not meant for human consumption. While Entry 8 in the State List under the 7th Schedule of the Constitution gives the states the power to legislate on the



manufacture, possession, transport, purchase and sale of "intoxicating liquors", Entry 52 of the Union List and Entry 33 of the Concurrent List mention industries whose control was "declared by Parliament by law to be expedient in public interest". While both parliament and

state legislatures can enact laws on the subjects mentioned in the Concurrent List, a central law will have primacy over the state law. The nine-judge Constitution bench was hearing a batch of petitions after a seven-judge Constitution bench ruled against the State Governments.

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian entertainment industry suffered a staggering loss of Rs 22,400 crore in 2023 due to piracy, according to a report released on Wednesday, that advocated for stronger regulations and collaborative efforts to effectively mitigate piracy risks. According to "The Rob Report" by EY and the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), 51 per cent of media consumers in India access content from pirated sources, with streaming services being the most significant contributor at 63 per cent. "The size of India's piracy economy was Rs 22,400 crore in 2023, ranking fourth against the segment-wise revenue generated by India's Media and Entertainment industry. "Of this, Rs 13,700 crore was generated from pirated content from movie theatres while Rs 8,700 crore was generated from OTT platforms' content. The potential GST losses of up to

Rs 4,300 crore were estimated to have been incurred," it said. Piracy refers to the unauthorized copying, distribution, or use of copyrighted material, which can include music, movies, software, and other forms of intellectual property. It is considered a form of theft because it infringes on the rights of the original creators and can lead to significant financial losses for them. Rohit Jain, Chairman of IAMA's Digital Entertainment Committee, emphasised the urgent need for collective action among stakeholders. "The rapid growth of digital entertainment in India is undeniable, with filmed entertainment expected to reach Rs 14,600 crore by 2026. However, this potential is severely threatened by rampant piracy. It is imperative for all stakeholders --government bodies, industry players, and consumers--to unite in combating this issue," he said. Viewers cited high subscription fees, the unavailability of desired



content, and the hassle of managing multiple subscriptions as primary reasons for indulging in pirated content. The report said that piracy is particularly prevalent among younger audiences aged 19 to 34, with women favouring OTT shows, while men gravitate towards classic films. Interestingly, 64 per cent of those who access pirated content expressed willingness to switch to authorised

channels if offered for free, despite advertisement interruptions, revealing the need for content providers to rethink their pricing models and accessibility strategies. Around 70 per cent of pirated content consumers claimed that they did not wish to purchase any OTT subscriptions, the report said. Mukul Shrivastava, Partner and Forensic M&E Leader, EY Forensic and Integrity Services, pointed out that

existing measures against piracy have been insufficient, and advocated for stronger regulations and collaborative efforts across the industry to effectively mitigate piracy risks. "Leveraging technology to combat the creation and distribution of pirated content will also be critical. This will ensure that original creators are able to protect their intellectual property and monetize what is rightfully theirs," Shrivastava said. The report also revealed that piracy is more prevalent in Tier II cities compared to Tier I cities. "Limited means of watching authorised content, easy access to pirated content, a lack of awareness about the perils of piracy, income disparity and inaccessible theatres are some of the reasons for this contrast. Tier I users typically access pirated content to watch old films while those from Tier II cities watch illegitimate versions of recently launched films, once again showcasing the unwillingness to pay for tickets," it said.

# India remains world's largest growing economy: IMF

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

India remains the largest growing economy in the world, a senior official from the International Monetary

Fund said, observing that the country's macroeconomic fundamentals are good. "India is said to remain the largest growing economy in the world. We project growth

at seven per cent in FY24-25, supported by recovery in rural consumption, as there have been favourable harvests. Inflation is expected to decline to 4.4 per

cent in FY24-25, despite some volatility as food prices normalize," Krishna Srinivasan, Director for the IMF Asia Pacific Department, told PTI in an

interview on Tuesday. In terms of other fundamentals, he said, "despite elections, the fiscal consolidation remains on track. Reserve position is

pretty good. Macro fundamentals, generally speaking, for India are good". He suggested that the country's reform priorities post-elections need to be in

three areas. "One is, there's an issue about creating jobs in India and so on. In that context, I think implementing the labour codes, which were

approved in 2019-2020, are important because they will allow the labour markets to be flexible while giving social protection to workers," he said.

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*Name of the Election	: ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS TO VIDHAN SABHA 2024	
Name of State	: JHARKHAND	
(1) Name of the Constituency	– AC 79 Hussainabad	
Name of the Candidate	– Sri Kamlesh Kumar Singh	
1. Criminal antecedents		
a. Nature of the Offences	Money Laundering & Acquiring Assets Disappropriation to known source of income, PMLA section 3, 4 u/s 109 AHD, 13(2) r/w 13 (1)(e) of PCA	
b. Case no.	ECIR/02/Pat/09 RCO5 (A) 2010 AHD Ranchi,	
c. Name of the court	Shri PK Sharma Shri PK Sharma	
d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	ECIR/02/Pat/09 ; YES RCO5 (A) 2010 AHD Ranchi ; YES	
e. Date of conviction, if any	NO	
f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	NO	
g. Any other information required to be given	NO	
2. The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	Shri Kamlesh Kumar Singh is a highly dedicated individual who has tirelessly devoted their time and efforts to social service in the constituency for many years. They have a deep understanding of the needs and challenges of the people and have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all members of the community. They have built strong relationships with the voters, establishing a genuine and positive rapport with them, and have earned their trust and respect. Their unwavering commitment to the betterment of the community is reflected in their track record of achievements and the numerous positive changes they have brought about. We are confident that they are the best choice to represent the constituency and will continue to serve the people with passion, dedication, and integrity.	
3. Reason as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as as candidate (not more than 100 words)	As a dedicated party worker, he had an edge over other individuals, considering the fact that whatever charges were alleged in the FIR has no substance and were purely with a vindictive approach and personal vendetta being waged by his political opponents. That the concerned 02 cases are registered with reason of waging public protest and the party believes that there will be no adverse outcome against the alleged accused.	

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Name of State	: JHARKHAND	
(1) Name of the Constituency	– AC 18 Mahagama	
Name of the Candidate	– Shri Ashok Kumar Bhagat	
1. Criminal antecedents		
a. Nature of the Offences	u/s 500, 501 & 504 IPC u/s 143, 186, 283, 290, 291, 353 IPC	
b. Case no.	GR No 672/2021 G.R No 894/2009	
c. Name of the court	Shri Satish Kr Munda, JMFC Godda SDJM Dumka	
d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	GR No 672/2021 ; YES G.R No 894/2009 ; NO	
e. Date of conviction, if any	NO	
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# VERY BAD DECISION TO EXCLUDE BADMINTON FROM CWG: CHIRAG



**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Former world No.1 doubles shuttler Chirag Shetty termed the exclusion of badminton from the 2026 Commonwealth Games curriculum a wrong decision, and questioned how the organisers could do away with the most popular sport in the event.

The 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games on Tuesday unveiled a heavily scaled-down roster, excluding hockey, shooting, cricket, badminton and wrestling from the curriculum, a move which will severely hurt India's medal prospects at the quadrennial event.

"I think it's a very bad decision, to be honest. I can say for badminton, I think it's the most watched sport. It's definitely one of the most watched sports in the Commonwealth Games," said Chirag, who along with partner Satwiksairaj Rankireddy is the 2022 Birmingham CWG men's doubles champions, besides being the mixed team gold medallist at Gold Coast in 2018.

He said the popularity of the sport in CWG could be gauged from the fact that virtually all badminton competitions are played in front of a packed house. "I've been part of two editions at the Gold Coast and at the Birmingham editions. It's very difficult to get a seat for any of the rounds. I think it's definitely a very bad decision for the badminton community in general."

"I hope they (CWG organisers) will look into it and probably change it. As a part of the badminton community, we are disappointed. We were definitely looking forward to defend our title."

The World Championship bronze medallist added that the national sports federations and the government should take up the issue with the top-most authority in the CWG. "As far as boycotting the event goes, I think it's in the hand of the government and associations to decide. I think it has to go at the highest place. I think the higher bodies have to be decisive and take it up to the higher authorities."

"Not just for badminton, even hockey, wrestling, I think all the sports which India does well at are being removed. I think it's definitely important that we fight for it."

# Marina Machans look to turn tide against FC Goa



**PTI ■ CHENNAI**

An in-form Chennaiyin FC will aim to leverage their home advantage as they look to snap a three-match losing streak against a struggling FC Goa in the Indian Super League here on Thursday.

With just one win from five matches, FC Goa under India head coach Manolo Marquez have slipped to ninth in the standings, their poorest start since 2016.

Defensively, Goa have struggled, leaking the joint second-most goals (10) alongside NorthEast United FC.

Owen Coyle's Chennaiyin FC on the other hand have secured two wins from four matches to occupy sixth place in the table.

They boast of a dynamic frontline, their defence has proven resilient, having conceded only five goals this season as they are chasing their best ever start with a third win in five matches.

However, they will need to be wary of FC Goa's head coach Manolo Marquez, who has an impressive record against Chennaiyin, with six wins and two draws in nine encounters.

In their last seven ISL fixtures, the Gaurs have six wins including three on the trot. Coyle on the other hand has a lower average of 0.9 points per game against Goa than against any other ISL team.

Goa also have the edge in terms of head to head record. The two teams have met 26 times, with Goa winning 15 and scoring 54 goals, making them the most successful side against Chennaiyin in terms of wins and goals.

Chennaiyin on the other hand secured nine victories, with two matches ending in draws. Chennaiyin will look to Lukas Brambilla to lead their attack as he seeks his first goal despite creating 11 goal-scoring chances.

FC Goa's Armando Sadiku has been a force to reckon with, showcasing his pace, linking ability, and powerful striking.

Ahead of the match, Coyle emphasised the club's distinct approach to squad building and praised his team's fighting spirit.

"We have a different model compared to the bigger clubs. We have shown that we can be competitive, and we are trying to build something here. It's not about a quick fix. It's about having players who can serve the club for years to come," Coyle said.

Marquez is focused on taking it one game at a time, expressing disappointment over their 1-2 loss against Mumbai City FC. He however encouraged his players to remain confident.

"Footballing experience teaches us to tackle any situation. The simple part is to win one game and then start all over again for the next. In my opinion, we shouldn't have lost the last match," Marquez said.

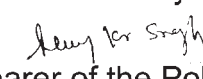
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Name of State : **JHARKHAND**  
(1) Name of the Constituency – **AC 59 ; Torpa (ST)**  
Name of the Candidate – **Shri Koche Munda**

1.	Criminal antecedents	
a.	Nature of the Offences	Protest Against State Government, Section 191(2)(3)/190/115(2)/117(2)/109/121(1)/125/132/324 (2)/351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS
b.	Case no.	Lalpur PS Case No 203/24
c.	Name of the court	Lalpur PS Case No 203/24 ; Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi.
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO
e.	Date of conviction, if any	NO
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NO
g.	Any other information required to be given	NO
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	Shri Koche Munda is a dedicated individual with deep understanding and relentless efforts in social service. They have built strong relationships, earned trust, and achieved significant positive changes in the community, making them the best choice to represent the constituency.
3.	Reason as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as as candidate (not more than 100 words)	As a dedicated party worker, he had an edge over other individuals, considering the fact that whatever charges were alleged in the FIR has no substance and were purely with a vindictive approach and personal vendetta being waged by his political opponents. That the concerned 01 case is registered with reason of waging public protest and the party believes that there will be no adverse outcome against the alleged accused.

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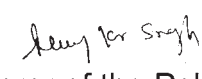
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Name of the Candidate – **Smt. Pushpa Devi Bhuiyan**

1.	Criminal antecedents	
a.	Nature of the Offences	Protest Against State Government, Section 191(2)(3)/190/115(2)/117(2)/109/121(1)/125/132/324 (2)/351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS
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2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	Smt. Pushpa Devi Bhuiyan is a dedicated individual with deep understanding and relentless efforts in social service. They have built strong relationships, earned trust, and achieved significant positive changes in the community, making them the best choice to represent the constituency.
3.	Reason as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as as candidate (not more than 100 words)	As a dedicated party worker, she had an edge over other individuals, considering the fact that whatever charges were alleged in the FIR has no substance and were purely with a vindictive approach and personal vendetta being waged by her political opponents. That total 1 concerned cases is pending and protested, and the FIR is registered with reason of waging public protest, and the party believes that there will be no adverse outcome against the alleged accused.

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# INDIA EYE RIGHT SELECTION CALLS TO COUNTER NEW ZEALAND

PTI ■ PUNE

Jolted by an unexpected loss on home turf, star-heavy India will look for right balance in the line-up to counter-attack against a spunky New Zealand in the crucial second Test beginning here on Thursday. After being shot out for an embarrassing 46 in the first innings at Bengaluru, India's resolute show in the second innings could not prevent an eight-wicket pounding which saw the top-ranked team in the World Test Championship table dropping points even though it continues to hold the top spot. Winning the next two Tests will be first priority for Rohit Sharma and his men before they hit the Australian shores for a five-Test affair next month. With India in a spot of bother, focus has undeniably been on the nature of the pitch here at the MCA Stadium here. It does not have grass cover and is composed of black soil to negate the bounce which New Zealand extracted in Bengaluru. India's free-flowing batters cut a sorry figure when William O'Rourke and the seasoned duo of Matt Henry and Tim Southee served a wake up call which no one saw coming on a pace-friendly track that was admittedly misread by Rohit despite overcast conditions. Preparing a rank turner could be one way out of the mire but it has backfired on India twice in the past.

Australia hammered them by a monumental 333 runs here eight years ago while the same team handed a nine-wicket defeat to them in Indore last year. With Shubman Gill priming for a comeback, one among KL Rahul and Sarfaraz Khan will have to make way. Coach Gautam Gambhir has expressed his desire to give the latter a long rope but Sarfaraz has made a strong case with his second innings 150 in Bengaluru. One could say a big score for each of the two seniors, Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, is around the corner. The latter, especially, would be keen to draw from his 254 not out here in 2019-20, which paved the way for an innings and 137-run thrashing of South Africa. By his own lofty standards, Yashviji Jaiswal endured twin failures in the Bengaluru Test and the young batter looked to iron out his flaws when he had multiple stints in the nets. As much as the Indian camp values Rahul's credentials in Test cricket, the right-handed batter hasn't looked his best and runs haven't come off his bat on a consistent basis. The Karnataka batter is locked in the fight for a spot against a red-hot Sarfaraz, who followed his 222 not out in the Irani Cup for Mumbai with a superlative 150 in Bengaluru, helping India fight against all odds. Rishabh Pant kept wickets for a short period towards end of India's training session on Tuesday but it



remains to be seen if he is 100 per cent fit to endure match workload. India's perennial problem of plenty also goes along with ensuring their players are adequately rested as well as primed for future challenges, but on these counts it is unlikely that Jasprit Bumrah will get some time off given a series-leveling win is much-needed here. However, with Mohammed Siraj enduring a "wickets-drought" as assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate put it, there could be a possibility of Akash Deep coming back into the fold. He too had a long batting stint in the nets here on Tuesday. Ravichandran Ashwin will look to make the most of what will be on offer over the next five days, with Ravindra Jadeja in tow. The addition of Washington Sundar, who can spin the ball away from New Zealand's southpaws in captain Tom Latham, Devon Conway and the immensely talented Rachin Ravindra, would also bolster India's batting. On their part, New Zealand have done fairly well given the absence of Kane Williamson from two of the three Tests on this tour. Will Young appeared resolute in the middle-order which features Ravindra's brilliance. New Zealand will, however, expect more off Daryl Mitchell and Tom Blundell's bats and at the same time want the others to try and emulate Southee's feats in the first innings of the opening Test.

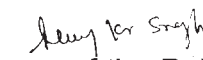
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 \*Name of the Election : **ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS TO VIDHAN SABHA 2024**  
 Name of State : **JHARKHAND**  
 (1) Name of the Constituency – **AC 69 Bishnupur (ST)**  
 Name of the Candidate – **Shri Samir Oraon**

1.	Criminal antecedents	
a.	Nature of the Offences	In a public protest against the state Government, registered u/s 147, 148, 188, 109, 353, 332, 427, 323 of IPC
b.	Case no.	Dhurwa PS Case No 107/2023
c.	Name of the court	Shri Sarthak Sharma, SPI JMFC MP/MLA Civil Court, Ranchi
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO
e.	Date of conviction, if any	NA
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NA
g.	Any other information required to be given	NA
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	Shri Samir Oraon is a highly dedicated individual who has tirelessly devoted their time and efforts to social service in the constituency for many years. They have a deep understanding of the needs and challenges of the people and have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all members of the community. They have built strong relationships with the voters, establishing a genuine and positive rapport with them, and have earned their trust and respect. Their unwavering commitment to the betterment of the community is reflected in their track record of achievements and the numerous positive changes they have brought about. We are confident that they are the best choice to represent the constituency and will continue to serve the people with passion, dedication, and integrity.
3.	Reason as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as as candidate (not more than 100 words)	As a dedicated party worker, he had an edge over other individuals, considering the fact that whatever charges were alleged in the FIR has no substance and were purely with a vindictive approach and personal vendetta being waged by his political opponents. That the concerned case is registered with reason of waging public protest and the party believes that there will be no adverse outcome against the alleged accused.

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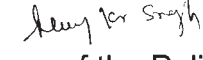
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 Name of State : **JHARKHAND**  
 (1) Name of the Constituency – **Bishrampur - 77**  
 Name of the Candidate – **Shri Ramchandra Chandravansi**

1.	Criminal antecedents	
a.	Nature of the Offences	Protest Against State Government, Section 191(2)(3)/190/115(2)/117(2)/109/121(1)/125/132/324(2)/351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS
b.	Case no.	Lalpur PS Case No 203/24
c.	Name of the court	Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court ,at Ranchi.
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO
e.	Date of conviction, if any	NO
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NO
g.	Any other information required to be given	NO
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	Shri Ramchandra Chandravansi is a dedicated individual with deep understanding and relentless efforts in social service. They have built strong relationships, earned trust, and achieved significant positive changes in the community, making them the best choice to represent the constituency.
3.	Reason as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as as candidate (not more than 100 words)	The Bharatiya Janata Party is dedicated to selecting the most qualified candidate who can best represent the hopes and desires of the people of the constituency. After extensive consideration and evaluation of all potential candidates, the current candidate was selected as the most suitable choice. The party firmly believes that this candidate has the necessary skills, experience, and dedication to best serve the people of the constituency and represent the values of the BJP. We are confident that this candidate has the ability to bring about positive change and progress for the constituency and will work tirelessly to meet the needs of the people. Therefore, we stand by our decision to field this candidate, who we believe is the best choice to represent the BJP and the people of the constituency.

Name of the Constituency – **Bishrampur 77**  
 Name of the Candidate – **Shri Ramchandra Chandravansi** and so on  
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