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Disengagement complete at LAC

RAHUL DATTA ■ NEW DELHI

Troop disengagement process at two friction points in Depsang Valley and Demchok at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh is complete. Patrolling by India and China will commence soon as agreed upon between the two countries. The two sides will exchange sweets on Thursday on the occasion of Diwali. Giving this information here on Wednesday, sources said the local commanders of the level of Brigadier from both the sides will continue their talks. The two officials will decide upon patrolling modalities in the two areas, they said. India on October 21 announced that the two countries have reached an agreement on patrolling. Sources said that verification post-disengagement is in progress and patrolling



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modalities are to be decided between ground commanders. On October 25, sources here said the disengagement process was likely to get completed by October 28-29. The agreement framework was signed first at the diplomatic level and then military-level talks took place, they had said, adding the nitty-gritty of the agreement was worked on during the Corps Commander-level talks which was signed last week. Adhering to agreements between the two sides, Indian troops then

end the over four-year standoff. Ties between the two Asian countries had nosedived following a fierce clash in the Galwan Valley in June 2020 that marked the most serious military conflict between the two sides in decades. Sources earlier said the areas and patrolling status were expected to be moved back to pre-April 2020 level. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on October 21 had said in New Delhi the agreement was finalised following negotiations over the past several weeks and that it would lead to a resolution of the issues that arose in 2020. On October 23, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping endorsed the agreement on patrolling and disengagement along the LAC in eastern Ladakh during their bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Kazan in Russia.

Delhi's 'Anywhere Registration Policy' will end touts' careers!

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi government has approved a policy titled 'Anywhere Registration Policy', with this the sale and purchase of properties in the National Capital can be registered at any sub-registrar's office. The move will help the thousands who have to visit Sub-Registrar Offices, at different locations, and is also aimed at curbing corruption and harassment. Under the policy, buyers can now take an online appointment at any of the 22 Sub-Registrar Offices, across the National Capital for their property registration. They do not have to physically visit any sub-registrar office to register the sale/purchase deed of their properties. The policy will save people from long queues for property registration, thus promoting transparency to help curb corruption. Traditionally, to buy or sell property in Delhi, people need to visit a designated Sub-Registrar Office. Whether it's a property transaction or registering the property through other means, one has to go to the Sub-Registrar Office. However, this process often led to challenges, including long waiting lines and delays in booking appointments at certain offices, while others remained underutilised. All Sub-Registrars in Delhi will now function as joint sub-registrars and their jurisdiction will cover the entirety of Delhi. The new registration software, National Generic Document Registration System, now allows people to upload the necessary documents required for the registration of sale deeds, power of attorney and wills from the comfort of their homes, make payment and take appointments at the sub-registrar office to complete the remaining formalities. "So, anyone residing in Delhi can make an online appointment for property registration at any of the 22



Sub-Registrar Offices in Delhi," said a sub registrar official. According to an estimate, nearly 2,000 documents of 28 different categories are registered at 22 Sub-Registrar offices on a given working day. Some offices get 50 applications and there are a few which receive up to 150 documents in a day. In 2022, 1.25 lakh documents were registered at the offices of the sub registrar. While Janakpuri, Kashmere Gate, Model Town and Pitampura are among the most-crowded offices, Sarojini Nagar, Preet Vihar and Defence Colony witness the least number of applicants. The Delhi government recently appointed joint sub-registrars at six of its most crowded offices to ease the rush. Explaining this, Delhi Chief Minister Atishi said that the 'Anywhere Registration' policy is being introduced to resolve these problems. "Under this policy, anyone seeking property registration can go to any sub-registrar office in Delhi. Residents will no longer be limited to just one designated office for property registration," Atishi added. The government has received a number of complaints and suggestions to improve the functioning of the sub registrar office which is one of the major departments to contribute to the state's financial health.



Why did Punjab cops give 'studio' to Lawrence?

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ CHANDIGARH

In a scathing remark, the Punjab and Haryana High Court said that police officers in Punjab provided a studio-like facility to gangster Lawrence Bishnoi to facilitate his interview with a news channel. A Bench of Justices Anupinder Singh Grewal and Lapita Banerji made the remark while hearing a suo motu matter related to inmates' use of mobile phones within jail premises. The High Court ordered further probe, rejecting the report of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) and directed the Director General of Police (DGP) to file an affidavit in this regard. "The police officers allowed the criminal to use electronic devices and provided a studio like facility to conduct the interview which tends to glorify crime with the potential to facilitate other crimes including extortion by the criminal and his associates. Involvement of the police officers may suggest receipt of illegal gratification from the criminal or his associates and constitute offences under Prevention of Corruption Act. Therefore, the case requires further investigation," the Court said in an order dated October 28. The Bench made the remarks while questioning the SIT's decision to file a cancellation report in a case related to the interview given by Bishnoi.

Rash and drunk drivers may lose their licences soon

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

In a bid to tackle problems regarding road safety and discourage habitual offenders, the Delhi Traffic Police has written to the Secretary of the Delhi Transport Department to cancel the driving licences of owners of vehicles, which have had three violations relating to dangerous driving and drink and driving or more than five relating to normal challans. This comes in the light of a recently released Delhi road crash report of 2023, which revealed that a pedestrian or



a motorist travelling on the roads of the National Capital are among the most prone to road fatalities as data reveals

that they constitute 43 and 38 per cent of such casualties respectively. "In 2023, 622 pedestrians died in 618 fatal crashes caused by all types of vehicles as compared to 629 pedestrian deaths in 2022. The maximum pedestrian casualties were caused due to car, jeep and taxis which have increased to 76 this year compared to 69 in 2022," the report read. It also revealed that two-wheeler riders have emerged as second most fatal crash-prone victims. "The above figure shows 538 fatal crashes of two-wheelers in 2023 as

compared to 539 in 2022. These two-wheelers were the worst hit by Heavy Vehicles (HTVs) (89) followed by Car/Jeep/Taxis (66) in 2023," it stated. According to the report, prepared by the traffic police and released by Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora, the number of deaths in road crashes has however decreased from 1,264 in 2022 to 1257 in 2023 despite the increase in the number of vehicle registrations. Moreover, the number of drivers booked under traffic violation has increased from 4,38,052 in 2022 to 6,39,097 in the Year 2023.

LIGHTS, PEACE PROSPERITY



A view of the Saryu river on Deepawali eve

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SIT to probe tusker deaths

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ UMARIA (MADHYA PRADESH)

Three more elephants have died in the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (BTR) in Madhya Pradesh's Umaria district, taking the toll to seven, while the condition of three other tuskers was serious, a forest official said on Wednesday. The elephants have died. They were part of the herd of 13 pachyderms, he informed. The condition of three other jumbos was serious and they were being treated, while the BTR teams were monitoring the movement of remaining elephants that were part of the herd, he said. The exact cause

will be known after the autopsy. Four wild elephants were found dead in the BTR on Tuesday while four others, part of the same herd of 13 tuskers, were found ill during routine patrolling, officials earlier said. Verma on Wednesday said so far seven elephants have died. They were part of the herd of 13 pachyderms, he informed. The condition of three other jumbos was serious and they were being treated, while the BTR teams were monitoring the movement of remaining elephants that were part of the herd, he said.



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Bomb Threat Assessment Committee set up

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Amid the multiple hoax bomb threat messages to airlines, the Ministry of Civil Aviation, along with security agencies, has come up with new protocols and guidelines to evaluate bomb threats on Indian airlines, especially those emerging via pseudonymous social media accounts. The guidelines are structured to more effectively distinguish between credible threats and hoaxes. As per the new protocols, the Bomb Threat Assessment Committee (BTAC) will establish the identity of the person or organisation making the threat, check their credentials to see if they belong to a terrorist or proscribed outfit, and ascertain the motive and specific socio-economic and political situation within the country or around the globe that could be linked to the threat.



When brake lights lit up peak traffic chaos

Serpentine snarls were witnessed across the National Capital on Diwali eve

BY SAUMYA SHUKLA

The festival of lights is here, and for thousands of commuters it also means the brake lights of the scores of vehicles in front of them. It was difficult to enumerate the number and location of these serpentine traffic snarls that were witnessed across the National Capital on the eve of Diwali. The roads were jammed, the pavements had been taken over as shops set up display counters outside, and inside buyers stood six rows deep waiting for their turns. Many others made a beeline for malls, to grab just the perfect gifts to make the festival of lights a memorable affair for their loved ones, creating significant delays and inconvenience to commuters. Even as traffic police made arrangements to minimise inconvenience to commuters, social media was rife with tales of commuting woes. Videos on social media showed long lines of vehicles stuck in traffic in Laxmi Nagar, Chirag Dilli, Kashmiri Gate, Kamla Nagar, Lajpat Nagar, Sarojini Market, Karol Bagh, Sarai Kale Khan and several other parts of Delhi.



Expressing frustration over the significant jams against the Delhi Traffic Police, a commuter said, "Please deploy your teams on the roads. There is not a single traffic police available on roads in Delhi despite heavy festive rush. From Sheikh Sarai flyover to Moolchand flyover, traffic is choked." Another commuter travelling around the Laxmi Nagar area said, "Delhi is experiencing significant traffic congestion due to the festive season, causing delays for commuters. A big reason has also been the mismanagement of traffic despite authorities knowing well in advance that such a situation will arise." The other massive congestion reported at Dhaura Kuan, Khajuri Khas, Model Town, Sadar Bazar, Rohtak Road, Kishan Ganj, Chandni Chowk, Connaught Place, Mangolpuri, Rajouri Garden and Najafgarh. "Nangloi-Najafgarh road is seeing very heavy traffic and no traffic police are available here. I am stuck for the last hour. Should we enjoy Diwali by sitting in our cars?" Commuters took to X saying the traffic was heavy at several places including Badarpur flyover, CV Raman Marg, Punjabi Bagh,

Mehrauli Badarpur Road, Taimur Nagar-Maharani Bagh Road, Ashram and Yamuna Vihar. This situation remains despite the Delhi Police saying that they have made elaborate arrangements for smooth flow of traffic. A senior traffic police officer said they have intensified checking on the road. "We have deployed personnel on bikes to check the encroachment on busy roads which could lead to traffic congestion in the area. People who are coming to the markets are also informed that they should park their vehicles at designated places," it said. "The personnel have loud speakers on their bikes to make the flow of traffic smooth. Non-destined vehicles are not being allowed to enter the national capital. Continuous anti-encroachment drives are also being carried out in the crowded places," the officer said. In view of the festive season, the Delhi Metro also stated that it will introduce additional 60 trips on Tuesday and Wednesday in a bid to enhance commuter convenience and ease congestion. There are around 4,000 daily Metro trips.



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Vote fearlessly: District officials assure security in vulnerable Mango areas

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

Ahead of the upcoming elections, District Election Officer Ananya Mittal and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kishore Kaushal visited the vulnerable areas of Ulidih and Pardih in Mango to encourage voter participation in a secure and transparent environment. They interacted with residents, urging them to vote without any fear, pressure, or undue influence, reinforcing the district administration's commitment to a fair electoral

process. During the visit, Mittal and Kaushal met with voters at polling booths located at Adivasi Jan Kalyan High School, Ulidih, and Madhya Vidyalaya, Pardih. Emphasizing the significance of each vote, Mittal stated, "This is a festival of democracy; every vote counts towards strengthening it. Come forward with enthusiasm, along with your family and neighbors, and vote without falling prey to any form of pressure or temptation." Mittal encouraged a full turnout, calling for a



100% voter participation rate in the upcoming elections. The SSP assured voters that robust security measures will be in place at all polling stations, especially in sensitive areas. He encouraged residents to report any threats or inducements to local police, including the station in-charge or Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), with the assurance that immediate action would be taken against offenders. "Adequate security forces will be deployed to ensure a fear-free environment," he affirmed.

Mittal informed that voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on November 13, with all arrangements in place for a smooth process. To ensure no eligible voter is left out, Mittal and the local Booth Level Officers (BLOs) verified voter lists and checked that voter slips were being distributed door-to-door. Voters who have not received their slips were instructed to call the 1950 helpline or reach out directly to their BLO. Voters without a voter ID card can still participate using one of 12 approved

identification alternatives, including a driver's license, passport, government-issued ID cards, photo passbooks, PAN card, MNREGA job card, health insurance smart card, and Aadhaar card. District Transport Officer Dhananjay, District Public Relations Officer Panchanan Oraon, DSPs Bhola Prasad Singh and Vachandev Kujur, and local police officials were also present during the visit, offering additional reassurances to residents in Mango's sensitive areas, fostering confidence for a peaceful and participative election day.

17 candidates in fray for Lohardaga constituency

VINOD PRASAD : LOHARDAGA

Returning Officer, 72-Lohardaga (ST) Assembly Constituency-cum-Sub-Divisional Officer, Amit Kumar told the press that Wednesday was the last day of withdrawal of nomination by the candidates under the Assembly General Election, 2024, in which no candidate withdrew his name. He said that a total of 18 people had filed nominations to appear as candidates in the elections, out of which the nomination of one candidate was rejected after scrutiny due to incomplete filling. In this way, now a total of 17 candidates will be able to participate in this election. The Sub-Divisional Officer said that the candidates can do their campaigning through loudspeakers till 48 hours before the election date of 13 November 2024.

Candidates will not be able to campaign through loudspeakers from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am. The election symbol has been allotted among all the



17 candidates. These include 03 from national and state level political parties, 06 from registered political parties and 08 from other candidates. Election symbols were also allotted. In which Neeru Shanti Bhagat, AJSU Party-Banana, Yashpal Bhagat, Bahujan Samaj Party-Elephant, Rameshwar Oraon, Indian National Congress-Hand, Anil Kumar Bhagat-Handi, Avadhesh Oraon Hockey and Ball, Kishore Oraon Scissors, Pawan Tigga Apple, Bihari Bhagat. Fruit Basket, Rajpati

Devi Cupboard, Birendra Oraon Bat, Brij Mohan Oraon, Harmonium, Ramesh Oraon Air Conditioner, Rajesh Lohra Batsman, Rameshwar Lohra Ring, Santosh Bhagat Battery Torch, Saniya Oraon Auto-Rickshaw, Soma Oraon football player has been found. On this occasion, Assistant Returning Officer, 72-Lohardaga (ST) Assembly Constituency-cum-Circle Officer Kisko Ajay Kumar, District Public Relations Officer Shivanandan Badaik and others were present.

Delinking of goods train bogeys affects train movement in Latehar

PNS : DALTONGANJ

Trains and rolling stocks of goods trains continue to have one mishap or the other. It is unstoppable. Railway sources said it's two trains collide from behind on the same track or trains - passenger or goods trains just derail or bump off the tracks etc. Here a bizarre episode happened in Latehar district last night only where a goods train got halved the most odd way. A long haul of 116 (58+58=116) empty rolling stocks (read wagon) of a goods train suffered a breakage to centre buffer coupler between Hehegara and Chhipadohar railway station under the Dhanbad division of the east central railway last night. The Up line breakage to the long haul goods

train saw a 2 hour delay in the running of Ranchi Delhi Garib Rath and Ranchi Sasaram intercity express train. Garib Rath was detained at the Latehar railway station for nearly one hour. Similarly intercity express train was detained at Hehegara railway station for more than 2 hours. As last night was the Dhanteras night passengers got fidgety to the inordinate delay in the running of these two trains. The 116 rolling stocks got divided into two parts of the goods train. The front engine of this long haul went with just 6 rolling stocks while the remaining 110 rolling stocks left behind following the breakage to the centre buffer coupler moved with the middle engine.

Garhwa DC issues show cause to six polling personnel

NITYANAND DUBEY : GARHWA

Garhwa DC Shekhar Jamuar has sought explanation from 6 personnel who were absent from their work responsibilities at the inter-state check post and their honorarium/salary has been suspended. The Deputy Commissioner informed the Nodal Officer of Inter-State Check Post, Garhwa, that supervision was done through web casting and telephone from 6:00 am to 7:45 am on 29 October 2024. In the course of supervision, 6 personnel working at various check posts were found absent from election work responsibilities, which is against the guidelines of the Election Commission of India. This act is indicative of disregard of government order, arbitrariness and gross indiscipline. The DEO has given strict direction to provide his explanation within 24 hours. He has said why punitive action should not be taken against you for this act in the light of the provision of the ECI. The honorarium/salary of these 6 personnel has also been suspended till further orders. District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Shekhar Jamuar has said that negligence related to the execution of work and absence from work/responsibility for Assembly Elections 2024 will not be tolerated.

Insult to Sikh religious leaders unacceptable: Dr. Ajoy

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

Congress candidate Dr. Ajoy Kumar has demanded the immediate dismissal of a BJP Union Minister, following recent remarks made by the minister that allegedly insulted Sikh religious leaders. Addressing a gathering and later releasing a press statement on Wednesday, Dr. Ajoy condemned the BJP's approach, accusing the party of repeatedly indulging in divisive politics.

"BJP's history shows a pattern of disrespect towards various communities, and it has not refrained from targeting the Sikh community either," said Dr. Ajoy, pointing out that during the farmers' protests, members of the Sikh community were labeled as terrorists by certain BJP leaders. "The Sikh community has always been at the forefront of defending the country, and no one has the right to disrespect any religion. India is a secular nation that upholds respect for all religions, and this is the essence of our country," he added. Dr. Ajoy further expressed concern over the recent



assault of a Sikh youth allegedly by the sons of a BJP leader. "It is appalling to see BJP's aggression towards ordinary Sikh citizens. Election results aren't even out yet, and BJP leaders are already displaying this behavior. Imagine what could happen if they win," he cautioned. Urging Jharkhand's residents to choose wisely, Dr. Ajoy appealed, "The people must decide: do they want an atmosphere of lawlessness, or a safe and progressive Jharkhand?"

Vigilance Awareness Week begins at NML Headquarters



PNS : RANCHI

Vigilance Awareness Week was inaugurated at NTPC Mining Limited (NML) Headquarters, Ranchi, on October 28, 2024. The Vigilance Commission has designated this year's observance from October 28 to November 3, 2024, with the theme: "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity."

On this occasion, Animesh Jain, CEO, NML & RED (Coal Mining), led the integrity pledge ceremony in the presence of department heads and senior officials. Employees participated enthusiastically and were encouraged to take the pledge by visiting the Central

Vigilance Commission's website.

A variety of activities have been planned for the week, including essay and slogan competitions (in both Hindi and English) for employees and their families. Painting competition for school children will be organized to raise awareness. Banners and posters, both digital and physical, have been prominently displayed across key locations to promote the event. Employee participation in Vigilance Awareness Week aims to raise awareness among stakeholders, foster collective efforts against corruption, and strengthen the commitment to building a vigilant and transparent nation.

Interesting electoral battle in Jharia and Tundi seats Strap: Father-son, sister-in-laws in fray

PANKAJ : DHANBAD

The last day for nominations on Wednesday here in Dhanbad surprises many as in two cases father son duo are in fray for the same assembly segments.

The 2024 assembly election is really special as a new trend is being seen in Tundi and Jharia assembly constituencies of Dhanbad district as father and son will face each other. In Tundi, JMM candidate Mathura Prasad Mahato will be facing his son Dinesh Mahato, on Jharia seat Rustam Ansari is all set to face his son Saddam alias Banti Hussain. In Tundi assembly, Dinesh Mahato, who is an independent candidate has filed nomination against JMM candidate Mathura Prasad Mahato, while on Jharia seat, father Rustam Ansari has filed nomination as JJKM candidate faces independent candidate son Saddam. What is the reason behind the nomination of sons against the fathers would be clear with time.

Jharia assembly constituency has another interesting battle. As seen in 2019 this election there will be an electoral battle between cousin sister-in-laws this time too.

After 1977, Surya Dev Singh was MLA from Jharia four successive times. After his death, his wife Kunti Singh was MLA twice and his son Sanjeev once. Surya Dev Singh's brother Bachcha Singh also became a minister in Jharkhand after becoming MLA from Jharia. Currently, Purnima Neeraj Singh daughter in law of one of the four brothers of Surya Deo Singh is MLA. Contesting Jharia on Congress ticket happens to be wife of former deputy mayor Neeraj Singh, cousin brother of Sanjeev. In 2019 also, there was an electoral battle between sister-in-laws in which Purnima Neeraj Singh got 79,786 votes while Ragini Singh lost the election. Now both once again are in fray.

DAV students visit Bokaro Airport on an Educational Tour

R SHARMA : BOKARO

In a unique initiative to foster curiosity and real-world learning, Class 5 students from DAV Public School, Sector-4, recently embarked on an educational visit to Bokaro Airport. The students, bubbling with questions, were warmly received by airport officials, who offered engaging insights into the workings of an airport.

Throughout the tour, officials answered a wide array of questions from the students, covering topics from the circular design of the runway to the process of receiving signals for flights. They shared details on the types of fuel used, methods pilots employ to navigate challenges, and the impact of wind direction on flights, bringing the world of aviation to life for the young visitors.

School Principal Sarbendu Shekhar Kar commented on the visit's significance, stating, "School education reaches its fullest potential when it nurtures curiosity. Empowering students to ask questions, explore concepts analytically, and build confidence is the true aim of these educational trips."

The successful coordination of the visit was made possible with significant efforts from school staff members Priyanka Sharma, Kavita Kumari, Purnima Singh, Punita Pathak, B.K. Sinha, Kalyani, and Punam. Their dedicated planning and support ensured a smooth experience, allowing students to make the most of this enriching opportunity. Principal Kar extended his appreciation to both the school staff and airport officials for making the trip a meaningful success.

(For political party to publish in webs)te, newspapers, TV) Declaration about criminal antecedents of candidates set up by the party

Format C-2

(As per the judgement dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civ)I) No. 536 01 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name of political party : **Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)**
 Name of Election : **Jharkhand State Assembly**
 Name of State/ UT : **Jharkhand**

I Ramdas Soren (name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

Sl. No.	2. Name of Constituency	3. Name of candidate	4. (A) Pending criminal cases		5. (B) Details about case of conviction		
			Name of Court, case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & dates of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment Imposed
	45 - Ghatsila (ST)	Rarndas Soren	Court of J.M. Class Jarnshedpur	147/353/504/506/280/291/283 of IPC The case is relating to show black flag to Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi hence the FIR	NA	NA	NA
	45 - Ghatsila (ST)	Ramdas Soren	Court of Supriya Rani Tigga, J.M. cum Special I Court MP/MLA at Chaibasa	171)188/34 of IPC The case is relating violation of model code of conduct,	NA	NA	NA

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

Note:-

- The particulars regarding criminal case pending against the candidate shall be in bold letters.
- The matter in newspapers shall be published in font size of at least 12.
- The above information shall be published State wise for each State / UT.
- If a candidate is contesting an election on the ticket of a particular party, he / she is required to inform the party about the criminal cases pending against him / her.
- The political party shall be obliged to put up on its website the information pertaining to candidates having criminal antecedents.
- The Political Party shall submit a report about publishing of declaration regarding criminal cases in Format C to Chief Electoral Officer of the State within 30 days of declaration of result of the election concerned.

More candidates contesting polls than 2019 Assembly elections: CEO

Illegal goods and cash worth Rs 121.14 crore seized



CEO K Ravi Kumar during a press conference in Ranchi Wednesday. PNS

Chief Electoral Officer K Ravi Kumar said that this time more candidates are in the fray than the 2019 assembly elections. The Election Commission has sufficient EVMs for these increased candidates. Apart from this, preparations are complete for clean, fair and

found to be correct. He was addressing a press conference at Nirvachan Sadan, Dhurva on Wednesday.

Kumar informed that a total of 22 FIRs have been registered so far for violation of the Model Code of Conduct. The process of action on it is underway. He informed that since the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct in the state, illegal goods and cash worth Rs 121.14 crore have been seized. The maximum seizure has been made by the state police. Among the districts with seizures of more than one crore, Khunti district is at the top with Rs 3.03 crore. While Giridih is second with Rs 2.80 crore and East Singhbhum district is third with Rs 1.97 crore.

Meanwhile, the CEO said that all the recognized political parties should follow the Model Code of Conduct and campaign during the Assembly elections. He said that the guidelines of the Model Code of Conduct should be made known not

only to the candidates but also to their workers and their compliance should be ensured. He was holding a meeting with the representatives of recognized political parties in the Election House on Wednesday.

Kumar said that apart from the voter ID card, 12 other identity cards have been identified by the Election Commission of India, by showing which the voters can exercise their franchise if their name is in the voter list. These 12 alternative photo identity cards include Aadhaar card, MNREGA job card, driving license, PAN card, Indian passport, pension documents with photo, photo identity card issued to employees by the Central, State Government, PSU, Public Limited Companies, photo passbook issued by banks, post offices, smart card issued by RGI under the National Population Register. health insurance smart card issued under the scheme of the Ministry of Labor, official

identity card issued to MPs, MLAs, MLCs and Unique Disability ID issued to Divyaangians by the Ministry of Social Justice, Government of India.

While informing all the recognized political parties about this, Mr. Kumar said that they should also spread awareness about it at their level, so that no voter is deprived of his right to vote due to lack of awareness. Cooperation is expected from all political parties in clean, fair and peaceful voting.

In the meeting, Kumar learned about the problems or doubts faced by all the recognized political parties in the assembly elections. After that, following the guidelines of the Election Commission of India, information regarding its resolution was also provided.

On this occasion, Additional Chief Electoral Officer Dr. Neha Arora, OSD Geeta Choubey and representatives of all recognized political parties were present.

Vigilance Awareness Week at CMPDI



CMPDI on 30.10.2024 organised Nukkad Natak in Ranchi as part of Vigilance Awareness Week, 2024 to propagate the message of integrity among the masses. CMPDI is observing Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 from 28.10.2024 to 03.11.2024 with the theme, "Culture of Integrity for Nations Prosperity". On 29.10.2024, CMPDI has organised Walkathon and Gram Sabha at Ranchi and Brahmanbil village, Kosala, Odisha respectively to sensitize people regarding the menace of corruption. CMPDI is organising various in-house and outreach programs like Quiz, speech, essay and drawing competitions, Walkathon and Nukkad Natak, Gram Sabha etc., from 28.10.2023 to 03.11.2023 across CMPDI and its Regional Institutes located in various states to spread awareness regarding Integrity and corruption in public life to employees and citizens.

Diwali Celebration at SBPS

The students of Sarala Birla Public School, Ranchi celebrated Diwali, the festival of lights with great joy and gusto. The school organized a plethora of Inter-house activities for the students. The students participated in the Diya Decoration activity. They decorated the diyas using colours, beads, laces, etc. exhibiting their creativity. The students also participated in Inter-House Rangoli Making, Tech Rangoli, Flower Arrangement and Salad Arrangement Competitions. For the Rangoli competition, students prepared beautiful and attractive rangolis using vibrant colours spreading the festive vibes. The students also created innovative Tech rangoli demonstrating their technical prowess. For Flower Arrangement Competition, the students used a wide variety of flowers and arranged them beautifully into various kinds of bouquets.



Diwali celebrations at FMPS

First Mark Public School organized a Diya Kalash Toran Banao and Decorate Competition on 29/10/2024 among the children of class Play Group to Class VIII. In which the children gave a very beautiful look to the Diya Kalash and Toran gate with their thinking and understanding with various materials like thermocol glass bangles, matchsticks, stars, threads, paper etc. and celebrated the festival of Diwali with great pomp. School Director Kalpana Soren said that such events help in giving a new direction to the talent of children and open more options for them to move forward in life. Arts have a special place in India since ancient times. School administrator Pramod Kumar said that such competitions are organized to enhance the hidden talent in children.



Sarma promises strict action against Bangladeshi intruders

Himanta Biswa Sarma also expressed concern over Irfan Ansari insulting BJP leader Sita Soren

PNS : RANCHI

Assam Chief Minister and State BJP election co-in-charge Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday addressed a public meeting in Baharagora, where he attacked the Hemant government and said that the present government is providing settlement to Bangladeshi intruders in the state every day. These intruders marry the tribal daughters of the state and grab their lands and become chiefs. Politics in Jharkhand is going into the hands of intruders, but the JMM government neither says nor does anything against the intruders. He said that thousands and lakhs of intruders have entered Santhal Pargana and have completely shaken the social environment there.

Himanta said that our goal is that if the BJP government is formed in Jharkhand, then all the Muslims who are coming from Bangladesh and settling here, occupying the lands of the tribals and snatching their rights, will be kicked out through the law. He said that our India is not for intruders. This state is not for intruders. He said that the number of Hindus and tribals in Jharkhand is decreasing. The matter is also in the Jharkhand High Court. The central government filed an affidavit that infiltrators are coming to the madrasa, the Aadhar card of the infiltrators is made there. In this way, infiltrators come and settle in Jharkhand. But the current JMM-Congress government does not say anything on the infiltration issue.

Himanta Biswa Sarma also expressed concern over Irfan Ansari insulting BJP leader Sita Soren. He said that Congress leader and minister Irfan Ansari used abusive language against Sita Soren. Sita Soren is the sister-in-law of Chief Minister Hemant Soren, but even after this Hemant Soren does not send Irfan Ansari to jail, because he knows that if any action is taken against Irfan, his infiltrators will get angry. He said that infiltration is



Jharkhand Assembly election co-in-charge Himanta Biswa Sarma addresses a poll rally in Baharagora on Wednesday. PNS

happening in Jharkhand today, madrasas are being built. But Durga Puja and Ram Navami processions are prohibited. When our Hindu brothers try to take out tableaux, the Hemant government puts them in jail.

Regarding the breach of promise, he said that JMM had promised in 2019 that it will give five lakh jobs to the youth. No youth got a job. He said that if a youth does not get a job, can his mother remain calm? But in the Hemant government, the CGL exam paper is sold for 20 lakh 30 lakh rupees. Can a poor man's son buy the exam paper by paying 20 lakh?

Hemant Soren did nothing for five years. Now he is talking about Maiya Samman Yojana. Started giving 1 thousand rupees to women 3 months before the election. The Hemant government has stopped the pension of maternal grandfather, grandmother, grandfather-grandmother. They have created a fight between the daughter-in-law and mother in the house. Fights are being created by cutting the pension of one and putting money in the account of the other. Today the old mother waits for the pension money, when will the money come. By cutting the money of the same old mother, the Hemant government has started the Maiya Yojana. He said that I have vowed that if the BJP government is formed in Jharkhand, Rs 2100 will be deposited in the accounts of women. I will not go to

Guwahati until Rs 2100 of Gogo Didi Yojana does not come into the accounts of women. He said that when BJP announced to give 2100 rupees to women, Hemant Soren said that we will give 2500 rupees from the month of December. But he is the CM now, so why is he not giving it. The people of Jharkhand have come to know that Hemant Soren did not fulfill even a single promise he made. Hemant Soren had promised to give a gold coin for the marriage of girls, but did anyone get it? Today Hemant Soren and Kalpana Soren are in a relationship. Both are busy with their own work, no one knows. The condition of the state has become such that the poor are not getting anything. Neither gold coin, nor pension nor job. The Assam CM said that today my wife says that take me into politics too, so I said that only one person from the BJP family will do politics. Nepotism does not work here. But in the Hemant government, these infiltrators and their families are important.

He said that a mother wants to see her son and daughter working. It does not matter to a mother whether you give her 1000 rupees or not. He said that the youth asked for jobs from the JMM-Congress government for five years, but Hemant Soren did not give jobs to anyone, even if he gave some 100-200 jobs, he gave them after taking a bribe of 50 lakh rupees.

Rs 1.14 crore cash recovered from city based school

PNS : RANCHI

Ranchi police carried out a search at GD Goenka School in the city on Wednesday, where they uncovered Rs 1.14 crore in cash. The flying squad seized the money along with three bottles of illegal foreign liquor from a cupboard belonging to the school's Deputy Principal. Ranchi SSP Chandan Kumar Sinha stated that the operation thwarted an attempt to use the money to influence votes in Ranchi. Both SSP Sinha and Deputy Commissioner Varun Ranjan shared details during a joint press conference.

Police also discovered two suspicious mobile phones at the scene. A case has been registered at the Namkum police station, although no arrests have been made so far. SSP Sinha mentioned that the seized cash could have been used to manipulate the upcoming assembly elections. Investigations are ongoing to determine how the money ended up at the school.

The cash was confiscated in the presence of the school operator, Madan Singh. Meanwhile, Jharkhand's Chief Electoral Officer, K Ravi Kumar, reported that 22 FIRs have been filed so far for violations of the Model Code of Conduct.

Since the code came into effect, authorities have seized illegal goods and cash worth Rs 121.14 crore, with the majority of seizures conducted by the state police. Among the districts with the highest recoveries, Khunti tops the list with Rs 3.03 crore, followed by Giridih with Rs 2.80 crore.

Indian Bank ALLAHABAD	Zonal Office Ranchi 4th Floor, SPG Mart, Bahu Bazar, Old H.B. Road Ranchi, Jharkhand - 834001	AUCTION NOTICE FOR GOLD ORNAMENTS				
The borrower(s) whose details are provided in the table herein below, in particular, and the public in general, are hereby informed that the below mentioned Loan account is overdue, and the borrower account holder has not responded to/ Complied with the communications and notices send by Indian Bank (the "Bank"- requesting the Borrower to clear his/ her/ their dues as per the documents in respect of the below mentioned loan signed/ accepted by the borrower (such documents, collectively "Loan Agreement") and therefore defaulted in terms thereof. The bank has in exercise of its rights as a pledge, decided to enforce the pledge and therefore hold a public auction of the gold ornaments pledged to the Bank as security for the Loan for the purpose of selling the same and realizing/ recovering the dues owed by the borrower to the Bank. Kindly refer the below auctions schedule. In the event the auction of any pledged security cannot be conducted or concluded on the date mentioned below, Bank reserves the right to conduct or proceed with the said auction on any subsequent date.						
Branch	Auction Date	Account No.	Borrower's Name	Total Dues	Place of Auction	Reserve Price
Harmu Colony	16.11.2024	58004143354	Stephen Kachhap	41,644.00	At Branch premises	57,029.40
The auction shall be conducted on an "As is Where is" and "As is What is" basis and the Bank is not making and shall not make any representations or warranties as regards the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments. It shall be the sole and absolute responsibility of the potential purchasers to examine, at their sole cost and expense, and at the branch set out herein above, the gold ornaments whether with or without expert advice 45 minutes prior to the time stipulated for the conduct of the auction. All bids shall be subject to such minimum reserve price as the Bank may deem fit to fix in this regard. The auction process and the Sale (if any) pursuant to such auction shall be subject to such further terms and conditions as the Bank may at its sole discretion deem fit to impose. If the Borrower(s) mentioned above pays the amount due to the bank in terms of the Loan agreement in his individual Loan account in full before the auction as mentioned above, the pledged ornaments securing the said loan may be withdrawn by the Bank from the said auction without any further notice. Please note that it is the absolute discretionary power of the undersigned authorized officer of the Bank, either to postpone or to cancel the auction proceedings without prior notice and without assigning any reason therefore and to reject any or all the bids or offers without assigning any reason for the same.						
Date: 30.10.2024						Sd/- Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

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Name of Political Party : **JHARKHAND MUKTI MORCHA (J.M.M.)**

Name of Election : **JHARKHAND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2024**

Name of State /UT : **JHARKHAND**

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Sl. No.	Name of constituency	Name of candidate	(A) Pending criminal Cases	(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences			
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			A.C.J.M. NAGAR UNTARI DHURKI P.S. CASE No. 371 2024 F.F. AWATIED	Sec. 188, 143, 171 I.P.C. VOIATION OF ORDER OF PUBLIC SER VANT 2 VOIATION OF MORAL RULE OF CODE OF CONDUCT	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
			Sri S.N. KUJUR J.M. NAGAR UNTARI HARIHARPUR P.S CASE No. 78/2024 F.F. AWAITED	Disturbance in voting Right 2 violation of moral Rule of code of conduct Sec. 171 (C) 188 I.P.C. 2 134 R.P. Act	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

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NABARD Jharkhand adds to the festivities of artisans of Godda

PNS : RANCHI

In an initiative to promote and support local artisans, the Chief General Manager (CGM) of NABARD (National Bank for Rural and Agriculture Development) Jharkhand RO has gifted exquisite hand-painted and handcrafted Tassar Silk ties from Godda to corporate heads across the country. The ties adorned with intricate designs are a product of the Livelihood and Enterprise Development Programme (LEDP) sanctioned by NABARD Jharkhand Regional Office to Ganesh Peace Foundation- an NGO working with tassar silk value chain stakeholders in the district of Godda in Jharkhand. The program has empowered artisans to diversify

their craft beyond the traditional Tasaar Sarees and has also enabled them to create a variety of market-driven products including sarees, stoles and ties. The LEDP initiative has played a pivotal role in building their capacities, improving product quality and it has also enhanced their income levels. The intervention underscores NABARD's commitment to rural development and also highlights the organisation's role in preserving traditional crafts and enhancing the livelihood of artisans, fostering sustainable development and empowering local artisans. "By supporting their craftsmanship, we are not only preserving traditional arts but also contributing to their socio-economic upliftment," said SK Jahagirdar, Chief General Manager NABARD Jharkhand RO.

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Name of Political Party: **Bharatiya Janata Party**

* Name of Election : **General Election To Vidhan Sabha 2024**

Name of State/ UT : **Jharkhand**

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1.	Bishrampur (AC 77)	Ramchandra Chandravanshi	Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi, Lalpur PS Case No 203/24, Charges Not Framed	u/s- 191(2)(3)/190/115 (2)/117(2)/109/121 (1)/125/132/324(2)/ 351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS & Protest Against State Government,	NA	NA	NA

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1.	Barkatha (AC 20)	Shri Amit Kumar Yadav	SDJM Koderma Jainagar PS Case No 173/2022 & Charges Not Framed	u/s 2 of Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 & Disrespect to the Indian National Flag or the Constitution of India	NA	NA	NA

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Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & ors. Vs. Union of India Anr.)

Name and address of Candidate:- **Samir Oraon, Bishunpur Karamtoli, Po+ PS- Bishunpur,**

Distt.-Gumla.

Name of Political Party: - **Bhartiya Janta party**

Name of Constituency: - **69 – Bishunpur (S.T.)**

I, Samir Oraon, (name of candidate), a candidate for the abovementioned election declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

(A) Pending criminal cases

Sl No.	Name of Court	Case No. and dated	Status of case(s)	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)
1	MP MLA Spl. Court, Ranchi	Dhurwa P.S. - 107/2023 Dated- 11/04/2023	Pending	u/s – 147,148,188, 109, 232, 353, 332, 427 of IPC. Public Protest

Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

Sl No.	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment imposed
NA	NA	NA	NA

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1.	Majhgaon (ST) (AC 53)	Shri Barkuwar Gagrai	Sri Rishi Kumar J.M. 1st Class, MP/MLA Court, DPS Case No. 20/2012 Charges Framed G.R. Case No. 198/2021 &	u/s 174(9) of Railway Act & Railway Agitation	MP/MLA Court, Case No. DPS 20/2012 G.R & 31/06/2022	Railway Agitation, u/s 174(9) of Railway Act & 1 Year	1 Year

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(राजनीतिक दल द्वारा वेबसाइट, समाचार पत्रों, टीवी में प्रकाशित करने हेतु)

पार्टी द्वारा खड़े किए गए अभ्यर्थियों के आपराधिक पूर्वकृत के बारे में घोषणा

(2011 की रिट याचिका (सिविल) नंबर 536 में माननीय सर्वोच्च न्यायालय के दिनांक 25 सितम्बर, 2018 के निर्णय के अनुसार (पब्लिक इंटरैस्ट फाउंडेशन और ऑर्स बनाम भारत संघ एवं एएनआर)

नाम और राजनीतिक दल: झारखण्ड मुक्ति मोर्चा

निर्वाचन का नाम: विधानसभा निर्वाचन 2024

राज्य/केन्द्र शासित प्रदेश का नाम: झारखण्ड

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क्र. सं.	निर्वाचन क्षेत्र का नाम	अभ्यर्थी का नाम	(A) लंबित आपराधिक प्रकरण		(B) दंडनीय अपराध का दोषसिद्ध प्रकरणों के सम्बंध में विवरण		
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1	80, गढ़वा	मिथिलेश कुमार ठाकुर	1. एम.पी.एम. एल.ए. स्पेशल कोर्ट, पलामू डालटनगंज जी. आर. नं० 2683/21 अंतिम रिपोर्ट पर सुनवाई 2. मुख्य न्यायिक दण्डाधिकारी गढ़वा थाना काण्ड सं० 248/2024 अंतिम रिपोर्ट पर सुनवाई	171 (H) भा.द.वि. एवं 127 (A) आर.पी. एक्ट 133 आर.पी. एक्ट एवं 188 भा.द.वि	X	X	X

राज्य परिषद के निर्वाचन या विधायकों द्वारा विधान परिषद के निर्वाचन की स्थिति में, निर्वाचन क्षेत्र के नाम के स्थान पर संबंधित निर्वाचन का उल्लेख करें।

टीप:

- अभ्यर्थी के विरुद्ध लंबित आपराधिक मामलों का विवरण मोटे अक्षरों में होगा।
- समाचार पत्रों में यह मामला कम से कम 12 फॉन्ट आकार में प्रकाशित किया जाएगा।
- उपरोक्त जानकारी प्रत्येक राज्य/केन्द्र शासित प्रदेश के लिए राज्यवार प्रकाशित की जाएगी।
- यदि को अभ्यर्थी किसी विशेष पार्टी के टिकट पर निर्वाचन लड़ रहा है, तो उसे अपने खिलाफ लंबित आपराधिक प्रकरणों के बारे में पार्टी को सूचित करना आवश्यक है।
- राजनीतिक दल अपनी वेबसाइट पर आपराधिक पृष्ठभूमि वाले अभ्यर्थियों से संबंधित जानकारी डालने के लिए बाध्य होगा।
- राजनीतिक दल आपराधिक मामलों के बारे में घोषणा के प्रकाशन के बारे में एक रिपोर्ट प्रारूप C5 में संबंधित निर्वाचन के परिणाम की घोषणा के 30 दिनों के भीतर राज्य के मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी को प्रस्तुत करेगा।

रिटर्निंग ऑफिसर का कार्यालय

निर्वाचन क्षेत्र का नाम: 80, गढ़वा

राज्य का नाम: झारखण्ड

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1.	Barhi AC 21	Manoj Kumar Yadav	ACJM Ranchi, Ormanjhi PS Case No 148/2022 ;, Charges framed , YES GR 1422/2023	u/s 147, 341, 323, 325, 427, 504,506 IPC & Protest Against the State	NA	NA	NA
2.			SDJM ; Barhi Barhi PS Case No 12/2023 ; ; Charges Not Framed	u/s- 341,342,323,504,506,34, IPC & Wrongful Restraint	NA	NA	NA
3.			SDJM, Barhi PS Case No 334/2024, Charges Not Framed	u/s 191(2), 191(3), 190, 109, 352, 333, 324(4), 351(3), 74, 126(2), 351(2), 127(2), 303(2), 126, 127, 117(2) BNS & Offences Relating to Rioting	NA	NA	NA
4.			CJM, Chouparan PS Case No 241/2024, Charges Not Framed	u/s- 191(2)/191(3)/190/1 26/127/117(2)/109/7 4/324(4)/303(2)/352/351(2) of BNS & Offences Relating to Rioting	NA	NA	NA
5.			CJM Chouparan PS Case No 242/2024 , Charge Not Framed	u/s- 191(2)/191(3)/190/1 26(2)/127(2)/303(2)/109/352/351(2) BNS & Offences Relating to Rioting	NA	NA	NA
6.			CJM Chouparan PS Case No 243/2024 , Charges Not Framed	u/s 191(2)/191(3)/190/1 26(2)/324(2)/351(2)B NS &Offences Relating to Rioting	NA	NA	NA
7.			CJM Chouparan PS Case No 244/2024, Charges Not Framed	u/s 191(2)/191(3)/190/3 33/324(4)/351(3)/74/ 352 BNS & Offences Relating to Rioting	NA	NA	NA
8.			CJM, Chouparan PS Case No 245/2024 Charges Not Framed	u/s191(2)/191(3)/190/109/352 BNS & Offences Relating to Rioting	NA	NA	NA
9.			CJM, Chouparan PS Case No 251/2024 Charges Not Framed	u/s 191(2)/191(3)/190/1 26(2)/115(2)/109/35 2/351(2) BNS & u/s 3(2) SC/ST Act & Offences Relating to Rioting	NA	NA	NA
10.			CJM Chouparan PS Case No 259/2024, Charges Not Framed	308(4)/352/351(2) BNS & Culpable Homicide	NA	NA	NA
11.			CJM Chouparan PS Case No 260/2024, Charges Not Framed	u/s- 308(4)/352/351(2), 3(2) of BNS & Culpable Homicide	NA	NA	NA
12.			CJM, Katkamdag PS Case No 218/2021, Charges Not Framed	u/s 504/506 IPC & Criminal Intimidation	NA	NA	NA

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1.	Bhawnathpur (AC 81)	Shri Bhanu Pratap Shahi	Shri Prabhat Kumar Sharma, AJC XVIII Cum Spl Judge CBI, PMLA Ranchi, ; RC-5A/2010 AHD(R), Charges are framed.	u/s 120(B) IPC, u/s 9/13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of PC Act & Criminal Conspiracy	NA	NA	NA
2.			Shri Prabhat Kumar Sharma, AJC XVIII Cum Spl Judge CBI, PMLA Ranchi, RC-11A/ 2009 AHD(R), Charges are framed.	120(B),420, 467, 468, 471 of IPC, u/s 13(2) R/w 13(1)(c) and 13(1)(d) of PC Act & Criminal Conspiracy	NA	NA	NA
3.			Shri Prabhat Kumar Sharma, AJC XVIII Cum Spl Judge CBI, PMLA Ranchi, ECIR02/PAT/09 AD(D) Charges are framed.	u/s 3/4 under PMLA, 2002 & Offences Relating to Money Laundering	NA	NA	NA
4.			Shri Sarthak Sharma, JMFC Ranchi Cum Spl JM, MP/MLA Court Ranchi, Lalpur PS Case No. 251/2021, Charges Not Framed	147, 149, 341, 323, 332, 353, 188, 269, 270 of IPC & u/s 5, 51 of Disaster Management Act & Offences Relating to Rioting	NA	NA	NA
5.			Shri Sarthak Sharma, JMFC Ranchi Cum Spl JM, MP/MLA Court Ranchi, Lalpur PS Case No. 203/2024 Charges Not Framed	u/s 191(2)(3), 190, 115(2), 117(2), 109, 121(1), 125, 132, 324(2), 351, 352, 61(2) of BNS & Giving False Evidence	NA	NA	NA
6.			Shri Sailendra Kumar Napit, JMFC Nagar Untari, Ramna PS Case No.- 34/2022, Charges Not Framed	u/s 143, 144, 145, 151, 186, 188, 353 of IPC & 51 of Disaster Management Act & Unlawful Assembly	NA	NA	NA
7.			Shri Sailendra Kumar Napit, JMFC Nagar Untari, Ramna PS Case No.- 54/2024 Charges Not Framed	188 IPC & 130 RP Act & Disobedience of Public Servant	NA	NA	NA
8.			Shri Sailendra Kumar Napit, JMFC Nagar Untari Ramna PS Case No.- 96/2024, Charges Not Framed	152 BNS & 3(1)(r) of SCST Act & Offences Against the State	NA	NA	NA
9.			Shri Sailendra Kumar Napit, JMFC Nagar Untari, Ramna PS Case No.- 0143/24, Charges Not Framed	u/s 223, 189(2), 171 BNS & 127 RP Act & Unlawful Assembly	NA	NA	NA
10.			Shri Sailendra Kumar Napit, JMFC Nagar Untari, Kharandhi PS Case No.- 82/24 Charges Not Framed	u/s 189, 223, 171 BNS, 127 RP Act & Unlawful Assembly	NA	NA	NA

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PAPER WITH PASSION

Traffic mayhem

On the eve of Diwali, Delhiites found themselves stranded for hours as traffic jams clogged major roads

Diwali is the biggest festival in Delhi. It is awaited eagerly by one and all. While the festivities galore it is also during this time, the Delhiites suffer the most; high pollution levels and traffic jams dampen the festive spirit. On the eve of Diwali, thousands of commuters in Delhi found themselves trapped in an unending traffic nightmare. With the festive season in full swing, the city's roads, particularly around popular market areas, became scenes of frustration as vehicles moved at a snail's pace, leaving commuters stranded for hours. Despite pre-announced traffic measures by Delhi Police, congestion overwhelmed key roads, with frustrated citizens questioning the effectiveness of traffic management efforts. Heavy traffic jams were reported across several areas, including the DND flyway, Ashram Marg, and Sarai Kale Khan, stretching into congested points such as Karol Bagh, Taimur Nagar-Maharani Bagh Road, Punjabi Bagh, and Badarpur Mehrauli Road. As the festive rush built up on



Dhanteras, shoppers headed to market areas in droves. Many took to social media to share images and videos of the gridlocked streets, sparking discussions about the city's recurring traffic woes. In a bid to curb the chaos, Delhi Police had announced intensified road checks, anti-encroachment drives and measures aimed at keeping traffic flowing smoothly. Additionally, non-essential vehicles were restricted from entering the capital, and shoppers were instructed to park only in designated areas.

Despite these efforts, the measures seemed insufficient against the overwhelming crowd of festival shoppers. Sarojini Nagar, Sadar Bazar, and Khan

Market saw an enormous influx, leaving shop owners struggling to manage both security and traffic. In some areas, the traffic snarls dampened the Diwali spirit. Ironically, the unexpected security measures, intended to reduce congestion, left sections of the market unusually empty on Dhanteras. As commuters endured bumper-to-bumper delays, voices of discontent grew louder and many people vent their spleen on social media. With Diwali celebrations continuing, these issues are likely to persist. Despite attempts to bolster security and traffic regulation, the administration's efforts seem to have fallen way short, leaving commuters to bear the brunt of another chaotic festive season on Delhi's streets. The traffic jams reflect poorly on the administrations capability to handle it. No denying that more cars are on the roads and given the limited capacity of roads, traffic jams cannot be completely eliminated. But having said that it is also true that the preparedness to deal with such a scenario were inadequate. At places there was no traffic police personnel to control the traffic and many signal lights reportedly did not work. We actively campaigned to bring this issue to the attention of relevant departments through a series of reports well in advance, right before the festive season began. Yet, as always, complacency prevailed.

PICTALK



Artists dance on the Rampath ahead of Deepotsav celebrations, in Ayodhya

'Trophyisation' of weapon platforms

In the propaganda war, the symbolic power of "trophy" weapons extends far beyond the battlefield, reshaping the narratives of geopolitical rivalries



BHOPINDER SINGH

If Ukrainians made a public spectacle of captured Russian weaponry, the Russians did likewise in flaunting captured Western military hardware, from the American M1 Abrams tank, German Leopard tank or the British Husky tactical support vehicle etc., in a public park. The symbolism supports the Russian narrative that the 'West/NATO is attacking Russia, and yet the Russians are triumphing. However, the ground truth is more complex as the Russians had invaded Ukraine and the war status is a stalemate at best, as the envisaged '10-day operation' has gone on for over a year and a half. Such displays are common across militaries, and they understandably do not sit well with the other side.

Now, the Chinese have got riled over similar symbolism as the US Navy plans to exhibit a warplane, albeit of its own, that harks back to the 2001 Hainan Island incident that involved a midair collision of a Signal Intelligence aircraft i.e., EP-3E Aries II of the UN Navy, and a Chinese Air Force F-8 fighter plane. Flying over the tense and disputed South China Seas, the US plane had taken off from its Kadena Air Base in Japan and was intercepted by two F-8 fighters midway between the Hainan Islands and Paracel Islands. Whilst making aggressive passes, one of the Chinese fighter planes collided with the American plane and the Chinese fighter plane broke.

The Chinese fighter pilot's body was never recovered. The damaged American plane along with its 24 crew members made an emergency landing at China's Hainan Airbase without authorization and its crew were detained. There was a counterclaim by the Chinese that the American plane had deliberately hit the Chinese fighter plane, but it was never substantiated, even though the Chinese had the data from the flight recorders of both planes. 10 days of hectic diplomatic parleys ensued with each side blaming the other for provocation and unreasonable conduct.



China insisted on the illegality of the American plane's presence claiming the region to be part of its exclusive economic zone as per the United Nations Convention on the Law of Sea (UNCLOS)—whereas the Americans claimed patrolling rights under its right of Freedom of Navigation. But embarrassing delays in securing the release of American crew were publicly distracting from the more pressing foreign policy issue of launching the 'War on Terror' for the then US President, George Bush, in Afghanistan, following 9/11.

A due 'letter of the two sorries' (for the death of the Chinese fighter pilot and unauthorized landing) from the American side led the same to be conveniently interpreted as a 'letter of apology' by the Chinese media, and the same led to the release of American crew and the return of the disassembled aircraft. 23 years later, the Americans are bringing back the same plane i.e., EP-3E Aries II, at its Pima Air & Space Museum in Tucson, Arizona, for public display. The 'trophyisation' will be accompanied by a backstory explaining its significance in a historic incident that was fraught with risks of further escalation, for public consumption. The Chinese fear an American



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narrative of 'capitulation' that paints the Chinese reaction in a dim light, even though it had the American plane and its 24 crew members, on its soil. As a riled Chinese social media commentator reacted, "It is not 2001. Wake up! It's 2024" — as if to suggest that the Chinese PLA was no minnow any longer, and it would give a befitting reply.

The unofficial mouthpiece of the Chinese regime i.e., Global Times, captured the reactionary mood in China, "Chinese people saw the incident as a painful memory for the nation and the reported plan to display the US warplane at a sensitive moment when China-US relations are delicate and face uncertainties, is like 'rubbing salt into the wound' and reflects an unfriendly stance by the US toward China".

However, the situation in the choppy South China Seas has not changed much with the Chinese belligerence continuing and growing by the day, and with the Americans still conducting reconnaissance air sorties and naval exercises to counter the same. Countries like Taiwan, Japan and most recently Philippines, are in the direct line of competing territorial claims, against China. Symbolism with the conceptualisation of con-

cepts like QUAD (Quadrilateral of Sino-wary, Japan, US, Australia and India) or Naval Exercises are part of vital international optics and narrative building. In a dictatorial country like China where propaganda has been elevated to a fine art, Beijing understands the power of public perception, hence its discomfort with the re-positing of the Hainan incident, entailing the return of EP-3E Aries II in public imagination.

The Chinese pipedream would like the new US exhibit to include, "calls from China and other countries worldwide to end US reconnaissance operations near their borders", but as the most encroaching, expansionist, and coercive neighbour — it would know better than to expect the American exhibit to be kind towards China's propaganda position. With many famous defections of fighter pilots towards 'enemy' countries (especially from China to Taiwan), the 'trophyisation' of weapon platforms is an old hat, and in that context, the thin-skinned and hyper-reaction by the Chinese recently is churlish.

(The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. The views expressed are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Revisit West Asia policy



The editorial on the looming war clouds in West Asia (Oct 28) should resonate more deeply with India than with other nations, given India's critical stakes in the region. For decades, attacks and counterattacks in West Asia have been common, but the current wave of violent escalations and genocides on both sides has far-reaching implications globally. India, in par-

ticular, faces a dilemma. The current administration leans ideologically toward supporting Israel, despite India's historical support for the Palestinian cause. Additionally, India benefits from affordable crude oil sourced from Russia, although these savings are primarily enjoyed by select private players in the oil sector rather than reaching the public. However, as tensions intensify, potentially drawing in the US and Russia, nations worldwide may find themselves compelled to align with one side. This situation could pressure the government to prioritize ideological support for Israel or risk trade disruptions that could affect India's economic stability—already challenged by an unfavorable trade balance. India, surrounded by a region of strained relations, cannot afford isolation in such turbulent times. It is essential for prudence to prevail.

AG Rajmohan | Anantpur

them easy targets.

These foreign-based numbers make tracing the criminals more challenging. While the Digital India initiative launched in 2015 has successfully propelled the nation toward digital empowerment, it has also exposed more citizens to cybercrime. This calls for increased caution, particularly among the elderly and those less familiar with digital technology. Only by staying vigilant can we protect ourselves from these evolving digital threats.

Yash Pal Ralhan | Jalandhar

RISING CASES OF STROKES AMONG YOUNG

Madam — Countries worldwide are making significant investments to position themselves at the forefront of the semiconductor industry, with India setting aside \$11 billion and considering an additional \$5-10 billion.

These are sizable figures, particularly when compared to the relatively lower investment in labor-intensive industries like leather and handicrafts. But what is the government's ultimate goal with such a massive investment? Is it to establish a base

The benefits and reality of organic food choices

From freshly harvested crops to packaged foods, the organic label now commands a premium price; is it for real or just a sales gimmick



RACHNA LAKHPATRI

In recent years, a remarkable trend has emerged, with organic products now prominently displayed on supermarket shelves and featured on packaging across the board. It encompasses everything from freshly harvested crops to essential packaged goods. And, given that the organic brand will cost significantly more, people are questioning if it is worth it. Organic foods offer health, aetiology, and environmental benefits. This type of food is promoted as a more wholesome and righteous option. The concept is straightforward: reduce pesticide use, eliminate synthetic fertilisers, and avoid genetically modified organisms. For numerous individuals, opting for cleaner and more organically cultivated produce justifies the expense. And yet, aren't we, in our way, being chipped away at our true worth as customers?



Years ago, before the rise of industrial farming, vegetables like ladyfingers (okra) were a lot less predictable. We often found worms inside, an unpleasant but

natural reminder of the environment in which they grew. These "flaws" assured us that the produce was authentic, untouched by synthetic chemicals. Fast forward to today, and the produce is picture-perfect, but the trade-off has been significant. Our vegetables, once vibrant and full of flavour, are now coated in pesticides that strip them of their natural essence. We've all noticed it: the tomatoes don't taste like they used to, and a bell pepper is just... bland. With the essence of fresh vegetables fading from our experience, many sought refuge in the convenience of pre-packaged meals.

The appeal and taste of fast food or packaged snacks overshadow the presence of vegetables offered alongside them. It's hardly unexpected that many individuals find themselves torn between the less appealing, time-consuming superfoods and the quicker, more delicious meal alternatives. Yet, what is the price to pay? Here's the point: it's not about flavour or ease—it's about well-being. Even minimal exposure to pesticides has been linked to a variety of health issues, including hormone disruption and neurological complications. As time passes, these substances may build up within the human body, and despite increasingly stringent regulations, the long-term consequences remain largely unclear. This justifies the higher price tag, reinforcing the value of organic foods. Is the price: it's not about flavour or ease—it's about well-being.

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Equally, it promises a reduction in synthetic chemicals and the adoption of more sustainable farming practices. Additionally, organic farming enhances biodiversity and soil health—both essential for the future of our planet. Is this a worthwhile investment? It hinges on what you value most. Choosing organic is a positive move towards minimising chemical exposure and fostering sustainable practices. However, to truly enhance the flavour of your meals, seeking out local farmers and fresh produce that hasn't undergone excessive processing or long-distance transport could be a more effective solution to that issue.

Embracing organic choices transcends mere financial considerations; it represents a commitment to your well-being, an enhancement of your culinary experience, and a forward-thinking approach to the future of our food systems. (The writer is a motivator and a freelance journalist; views expressed are personal)

POPULATION CENSUS 2025

Madam — Regarding 'Population Census Takes Off in 2025' (Oct 29), the census is far more than a political activity; it's a strategic framework for development as India progresses toward becoming a superpower. The proposed 31 questions for the census should encompass aspects such as the agricultural workforce, tribal and coastal populations, elderly and infirm populations, women's education and economic standing, the skilled youth workforce, informal sector engagement, child mortality rates, school and college enrollment, residents abroad, border-area inhabitants, those who have traveled or hold properties abroad, and OCI and NRI populations in India. The upcoming election delimitation should ensure fair population representation per constituency for MPs and MLAs.

Although caste census isn't constitutionally mandated, it is often used as a political tool that risks dividing society along caste lines. The lack of exact figures on castes among Hindus and Muslims and the absence of official caste records make the legitimacy of caste data contentious, often resulting in disputes and litigation. Furthermore, with the prevalence of inter-caste marriages, the caste census appears increasingly outdated.

Vinod Johri | Delhi

DIGITAL FRAUD

Madam — When a Prime Minister warns citizens about digital fraud, it underscores the gravity of this issue and its deep infiltration at the grassroots level. According to available data, Indian citizens lost around ₹120 crores to digital fraud in the first quarter of 2024 alone—a conservative estimate, as many cases go unreported due to fear of police harassment or lack of awareness. The methods used by fraudsters vary widely and evolve constantly. A common tactic involves scammers posing as relatives to extract bank details, often from numbers originating abroad. This is particularly prevalent in Punjab, where many have relatives overseas, making



FIRST COLUMN

WHERE DO WE GO WRONG?

It is essential to recognise the diverse spiritual paths that humanity traverses



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

I am referring to our relationship with God. To understand this properly, clarity must be there about different classes of men. There are two main ones. The first one is of majority. In this, there are five types. Many do not know God, those who are living in the wilderness, and do have not much connection with civilization. The next are those, who are aware but have no opinion about God. They take a neutral stance in this matter. They are called agnostics. The next level is of those, who are aware of God, but are too lazy to have anything to do with Him, i.e., they don't do any spiritual practices to develop a link with God. The fourth category is of those, who are envious of God. Why is God superior to us, why should we take His shelter, why does He control everything, etc.? And the last category is atheists, who forcefully deny God's existence. Now I come to those, who have faith in God and His instructions, but are of different levels. The first level is of those who do some spiritual practices as rituals. For example, someone has a murti of Lord Krishna in his home, which he has placed on a shelf. He lights an 'agarbatti' every morning after bath and places it near the murti. Someone else may be chanting Gayatri Mantra three times a day. Or someone maybe worshipping Suryadeva every morning with water. These are very nice activities and bring benefits, which are limited in extent. The worshiper has certain material desires, which he is keen on. He is superior to an ordinary man carrying out his material activities in pur-



suit of material goals like wealth, power, fame, etc. The next level is those who do some rituals and also have some faith in the Lord's instructions, as given in bonafide spiritual texts like the Bhagavad-Geeta. But they restrict themselves for two reasons what they can get from God. They don't do more to please God and become deserving, but displease God by their lusty, greedy, angry, hateful, etc. activities. Is this intelligent?

They end up gaining some material benefits for the spiritual acts done, and also punishments for bad acts done. They don't cancel out, i.e., both come to fruition. The next level of faith is better. They do rituals and try to gain purity in action through their minds, senses, and words. This helps them enhance their mode of goodness. They reap many benefits as a consequence. (The Bhagavad-Geeta 14.6) Then, comes the next level, who can be called devotees. They desire to please God in addition to their senses, minds and bodies. They have faith in God's instructions, i.e., try to act accordingly. But they also don't go far enough. This happens due to many reasons like fault in nature (svabhava) and not great 'sanskars' (cultural training).

They only come to a stage described by Lord Krishna. (6.41) Now we come to the highest level of devotees; he is helplessly attracted towards God due to practice done in the previous life. He transcends the ritualistic part of the Vedas. (6.44) Let us, therefore, not go wrong. We should stop ourselves from denying the existence of God staying neutral or being feeble about connecting with God. We have so much to gain even if we are not thinking of gaining liberation. God has so much to offer like opulence of all six kinds including success.

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

India's shift toward competency-based hiring



DINESH SOOD

The focus on competency over credentials promises not only to improve employability but also to foster a more inclusive workforce



India is moving towards skills-based hiring over degrees, marking a significant shift in the job market. Companies increasingly adopt competency-based hiring practices, focusing on practical skills and inclusivity rather than traditional degrees. This change is influenced by the growing importance of industry-relevant competencies in today's digitised business landscape. IBM India is a notable example of this trend, as it has implemented a 'skills-first' policy, where a college degree is no longer a prerequisite for recruitment. Similarly, companies like TCS, Infosys, and Wipro are also shifting towards skills-based hiring, investing heavily in training programs in the digital economy.

This shift has broad implications for India's education sector, prompting universities and educational institutions to incorporate more industry-relevant training and competency-based curricula. Many Indian universities are partnering with businesses to offer specialized training in artificial intelligence, data analytics, cyber security, and beauty and wellness.

Recently, Medhavi University collaborated with Orane International, a pioneer global institute in beauty-wellness. Such collaborations aim to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and industry requirements, ensuring graduates are job-ready from day one. Reports have shown that such partnerships have significantly increased employability in specialized fields, highlighting the importance of aligning education with industry needs. Competency-based hiring is revolutionising university education and professional development in India. In today's technology-driven economy, continuous learning and upskilling are crucial for career advancement. Companies like IBM, TCS, and Infosys



THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THAT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IS CRITICAL TO NATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH. AS REFLECTED IN THE 2024 EDUCATION BUDGET, SIGNIFICANT FUNDING HAS BEEN DIRECTED TOWARDS DIGITAL PROJECTS TO PREPARE YOUNG INDIANS FOR A DIGITAL FUTURE

heavily invest in training programs on the digital economy. These programs often include online courses, certifications, and micro-credentials, enabling employees to acquire new skills efficiently.

The Indian government recognizes that skills development is critical to national performance and economic growth. As reflected in the 2024 education budget, significant funding has been directed towards digital projects to prepare young Indians for a digital future.

Over the next five years, approximately 2 million young people will receive skills training. Additionally, 1,000 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) will be modernized, with updated course content tailored to industry needs.

This government support is crucial for India's ambition to remain a talent hub. India stands at a critical juncture in its economic journey, with immense potential for growth but facing a significant challenge in bridging the unemployment-employability gap. As the world's fifth-largest economy, India's vision for "Viksit Bharat" by 2047 hinges on effectively skilling its youth to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving job market.

The Union Budget 2024-25 has highlighted this priority, allocating substantial funds for education, employment, and skilling initiatives. However, the task ahead is daunting, with nearly 73% of workers aged 15-59 years lacking formal or informal vocational training. A multi-pronged

approach is essential to harnessing India's demographic dividend and fueling economic growth. This includes bolstering institutional support, strengthening industry-academia connections, and leveraging innovative financing solutions like impact bonds. As India navigates this crucial phase, the success of its skill development efforts will play a pivotal role in shaping the nation's future and realizing its economic potential. Competency-based hiring transforms the job market and creates opportunities for diverse groups often excluded.

In India, many individuals seeking to re-enter the workforce—often in remote or part-time roles—benefit from this approach. During the pandemic, many women took online courses in digital marketing, content creation, and I.T. services while balancing home responsibilities. This shift towards skills-based hiring opens doors for a more inclusive and diverse workforce and paints an optimistic picture of the future of employment in India, full of opportunities and potential for growth.

India's thriving start-up culture is a testament to the adaptability and practical experience valued in skills-based hiring. Startups, often operating with limited resources, place less emphasis on educational background and more on the skills and potential of their employees.

As a result, startups are setting the pace in adopting skills-based hiring practices, inspiring more giant corporations to follow suit

and revolutionise the job market. Their innovative approach to hiring is not only inspiring but also a sign of the changing times in the Indian job market. Transitioning to skills-based hiring comes with challenges, including the need for accurate and unbiased skills assessments.

Traditional hiring, reliant on academic qualifications, is relatively straightforward. In contrast, evaluating practical skills requires sophisticated testing and assessment techniques. Additionally, companies must train their H.R. teams to recognize and nurture talent based on skills rather than credentials.

Acknowledging these challenges is the first step towards overcoming them, and it prepares us for the future of hiring. By acknowledging these challenges, we can better prepare for the future of hiring and ensure a more effective and inclusive job market.

Despite these challenges, the benefits of competency-based hiring are evident. Companies can access a broader and more diverse talent pool by focusing on skills, including individuals overlooked by traditional hiring processes. This approach helps fill critical skills gaps and fosters a more inclusive and innovative workforce.

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Reviving Bihar's libraries: Bridging the gap between tradition and technology

A well-conceived hybrid model could revitalise Bihar's libraries, providing a space where traditional and digital learning coexist

In today's era of rapid digital transformation, libraries in Bihar and across India are facing a critical challenge: how to remain relevant in a world increasingly dominated by digital content and online resources. Historically, libraries have been pillars of knowledge and learning, preserving history, culture, science, and philosophy for generations. However, with the rise of the internet, mobile technology, and social media, the traditional role of libraries is being questioned, especially in rural areas and smaller towns. The digital revolution has reshaped the way people, especially the youth, consume information. Where libraries were once the sole custodians of knowledge, the



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Internet now offers instant access to vast amounts of data. E-books, online courses, and educational videos are available at the click of a button, challenging the need for physical spaces to access information. While this shift has opened new avenues for learning, it has also contributed to the neglect and decline of public libraries, particularly in states like Bihar. Bihar's once-thriving

library culture has dramatically deteriorated. Where there were once 540 public libraries in the state during the 1950s, only 51 remain today, according to a 2022 report from the Bihar Library Committee.

Entire districts, including Arwal, Kaimur, Banka, Sheohar, Kishanganj, and Sheikhpura, now have no public libraries at all—neither in rural areas nor in urban centres. The closure of these institutions reflects a deeper cultural shift, where reading and communal learning spaces are no longer central to the lives of many. Muzaffarpur, highlights the concerning reality of the fading library tradition. Its few remaining libraries, such as

the Gandhi Smriti Library and Nav Yuvak Samiti Trust Library, are either poorly resourced or neglected. In a city of this size, there isn't a single well-functioning library that caters to literature lovers or cultural enthusiasts, leaving little hope for their counterparts in rural areas. Yet, as the world embraces digital transformation, the role of libraries must evolve rather than disappear. The challenge lies not in replacing libraries but in reimagining them as hybrid spaces—integrating digital resources with the physical charm and purpose of traditional libraries. Libraries, with their rich legacy of providing knowledge, can be transformed into community hubs that offer more than just



books. They can become centres for digital literacy, e-learning, and skill development, especially in areas where access to the internet and technology is still a challenge. In this context, Vinay, a social worker from Muzaffarpur, suggests a forward-thinking solution: modernizing libraries to meet the needs of the current generation. Libraries should be equipped with computers, internet access, and resources

for career counselling and education. "We need to reconnect young people, who are lost in the virtual world, with the world of books," he explains. Libraries can offer both—the serenity and richness of traditional books and the practicality and excitement of digital resources. This transformation would not only make libraries more accessible but also relevant to today's youth, who are accustomed to

consuming knowledge digi-

tally. The success of such an initiative would depend on concerted efforts by local leaders, communities, and governments. For instance, establishing a digital library in every Panchayat would bridge the urban-rural divide, bringing digital literacy to the forefront while preserving the cultural and intellectual heritage libraries represent. Panchayat representatives and village intellectuals can play a critical role in promoting the use of these modernized libraries, ensuring that the younger generation has access to both digital and physical forms of knowledge. The ongoing digital revolution has created an urgent need to rethink the purpose and structure of

libraries. The Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library in Patna, one of the few libraries still thriving in Bihar, is a testament to the potential of such institutions. However, unless libraries across the state are modernized to embrace digital tools and resources, their future seems uncertain.

The decline of libraries in Bihar isn't just about the closure of physical spaces—it reflects the broader societal changes driven by technology. But rather than view this as the end of the library's role, it should be seen as an opportunity to redefine its importance in a digital-first world. (The writer is an educator in Muzaffarpur Bihar; views are personal. Charkha Features)

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1.	Bishnupur (ST) (AC 69)	Shri Samir Oraon	Shri Sarthak Sharma, SPI JMFC MP/MLA Civil Court, Ranchi Dhurwa PS Case No 107/2023 & Charges Not Framed	u/s 147, 148, 188, 109, 353, 332, 427, 323 of IPC & In a public protest against the state Government	NA	NA	NA

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1.	Daltonganj (AC 76)	Shri Alok Kumar Chourasia	Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranch Lalpur PS Case No 203/24; i & Charges Not Framed	u/s- 191(2)(3)/190/115 (2)/117(2)/109/121 (1)/125/132/324(2)/3 51(2)/352/61(2) of BNS & Protest Against State Government, Criminal Intimidation	NA	NA	NA

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1.	Ranchi AC 63	Shri Chandreshwar Prasad Singh	Sri Sarthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi Lalpur PS Case No 203/24; & Charges not Framed	u/s- 191(2)(3)/190/115 (2)/117(2)/109/121 (1)/125/132/324 (2)/351(2)/352/61 (2) of BNS & Protest Against State Government	NA	NA	NA
2.			Shri Sarthak Sharma Spl JMFC MP/MLA Civil Court Ranchi ; Dhurwa P.S. Case No. 107/2023 ; Charges Not Framed	u/s-147, 148, 188, 109, 353, 332, 427 and 323 of the Indian Penal Code & Protest Against State Government	NA	NA	NA

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1.	Khunti(ST) AC 60	Shri Nilkanth Singh Munda	Sri Sarthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi ; Lalpur PS Case No 203/24 ; Charges Not Framed	u/s- 191(2)(3)/190/115 (2)/117(2)/109/121 (1)/125/132/324(2)/3 51(2)/352/61(2) of BNS & Protest Against State Government.	NA	NA	NA

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S Korean military says the North appears poised to conduct nuclear, ICBM tests

AP ■ SEOUL
South Korea's military intelligence agency told lawmakers Wednesday that North Korea has likely completed preparations for its seventh nuclear test and appears to be preparing to test a long-range missile capable of reaching the United States. In a closed-door hearing, the agency also said some advance units of

North Korean troops sent to Russia may have arrived at battlefronts as the forces prepare to move to the Kursk region, where Russia has struggled to push back a Ukrainian incursion, according to two lawmakers who attended the meeting. Earlier this month, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol told The Associated Press that he expects North

Korea to stage major provocations like nuclear and intercontinental ballistic missile tests around the US election to dial up pressure on Washington and its allies. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has also flaunted his military nuclear programme in recent months, testing various missile systems and disclosing a secretive facility for producing weapons-grade uranium in September.

The agency believes that North Korea has finished preparations to conduct a nuclear test at its testing ground in the northeastern town of Punggye-ri, with the detonation likely to be carried out at tunnel No. 3, said Lee Seong-kweun, one of the lawmakers who attended the hearing. North Korea conducted its sixth and last nuclear test in 2017.

UK budget proposes US\$ 50b in tax hikes

AP ■ LONDON
British Treasury chief Rachel Reeves told lawmakers Wednesday that taxes will rise by 40 billion pounds (USD 52 billion) in order to plug a hole in the public finances and investment projects to boost growth. In the Labour Party's first budget since returning to power earlier this year for the first time in 14 years, Reeves said she will use the money to "invest, invest, invest" and get the economy growing. Reeves said the tax increases

are needed because of the economic "black hole" left by the previous Conservative government. "I am restoring stability to our public finances and rebuilding our public services," she said. The centre-left party was elected July 4 after promising to banish years of turmoil and scandal under Conservative governments, get Britain's economy growing and restore frayed public services. The budget could set the tone for the length of the current parliament, which runs until 2029, and the party's ability to

win a second term at the next election. Reeves pledged to put "more pounds in people's pockets," give a much-needed financial boost to public services, such as schools and hospitals, and get the economy growing. All this has to be done within the confines of stretched public finances, which the government has said are in a much worse state than thought when it was elected in July. Prime Minister Keir Starmer has warned that the budget will reflect "the harsh light of fiscal reality" but that there

will no return to the austerity that marked the early years of the previous Conservative government after it was first elected in 2010. Reeves argued that higher taxes and limited public spending increases are needed to "fix the foundations" of an economy that it argues has been undermined by 14 years of Conservative government. The Conservatives say they left an economy that was growing, albeit modestly, with lower levels of debt and a smaller deficit than many other Group of Seven wealthy nations.

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1.	Saraikela (ST) (AC 51)	Shri Champai Soren	Old Court of CJM, Seraikela New Court of SDJM Sadar cum SPL Judge, Chaibasa Old GR Case No. 436/93(5) New GR Case No. 861/21 Court of SDJM Sadar cum SPL Judge, Chaibasa, Charges Not Framed	IPC 120B, 201, Explosive Substance Act 4/5/6 & Criminal Conspiracy & Attempt to cause explosion	NA	NA	NA

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	AC 78 Chhatarpur (SC)	Smt. Pushpa Devi Bhuiyan	Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi ; Lalpur PS Case No 203/24 ; Charges Not Framed	u/s- 191(2)(3)/190/115(2)/117(2)/109/121(1)/125/132/324(2)/351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS & Protest Against State Government.	NA	NA	NA

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1.	Jagannathpur AC - 54 (ST)	Smt. Geeta Kora	Sri Manoj Kumar Indiar, SPL Judge Economic Offence, at Ranchi Complaint Case No 2/2012; Charges Not Framed	276cc of, IT Act Wilfully fails to furnish in due time the return of income which she is required to furnish.	NA	NA	NA
2.			Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi Lalpur PS Case No 203/24; Charges Not Framed	u/s 191(2)(3)/190/115(2)/117(2)/109/121(1)/125/132/324(2)/351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS Protest Against State Government, Section	NA	NA	NA

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1.	Hussainabad (AC-79)	Shri. Kamlesh Kumar Singh	Shri PK Sharma, ECIR/02/Pat/09, Charges Framed	PMLA section 3, 4 Money Laundering & Acquiring Assets Disappropriation to known source of income ,	NA	NA	NA
2.			Shri PK Sharma, RCO5 (A) 2010 AHD Ranchi, Charges Framed	u/s 109 AHD, 13(2) r/w 13 (1)(e) of PCA & Criminal Misconduct	NA	NA	NA

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Petrol, diesel commission hiked; no change in prices

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Commission paid to petrol pump dealers on sale of petrol and diesel has been hiked without change in retail price but rates will go down in several places in states such as Odisha, Chhattisgarh, and Himachal Pradesh on account of intrastate freight rationalisation.

Commission on sale of petrol has been hiked by 65 paise a litre and that on diesel by 44 paise per litre. Alongside, the state-owned firms also rationalised intrastate tariffs which could lead to a reduction in rates of up to Rs 4.5 a litre in some parts.

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) -- the state-owned market leader -- on October 29 wrote to dealers informing of an increase in dealer margin for all categories.

"Considering the hardship of retail outlets selling less than Rs 170 per kilolitre per month, special care has been taken to alleviate the same," it said. "You will be entitled to an upward revision of dealer margin of



approximately Rs 0.65 per litre for petrol and Rs 0.44 a litre of diesel." This is the first revision in commission paid to dealers in nearly eight years. All the three state fuel retailers -- IOC, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) -- took to X to announce the revision in dealers' commission. "IndianOil is pleased to announce a revision in the dealer margins (effective from 30th October 2024), following the resolution of a pending litigation. This will have no additional impact on the Retail Selling Price of products," IOC said in a post on X. BPCL in a post said the revised

commission will be effective October 30. This would be "at no additional cost to consumers".

"On the auspicious occasion of Deepawali, HPCL is happy to announce revision in dealer commission effective 30th October 2024. This will have no additional impact on the Retail Selling Price of Petrol & Diesel," HPCL said. "Thru this revision, HPCL aims to strengthen the ability of our dealer network in delivering superior customer experience and enhanced service standards for millions of customers who visit our Retail Outlets on a daily basis."

The revision, it said, also aims at delivering happiness to all the committed staff employed at retail outlets and their families. Dealers commission was last revised on October 5, 2016 when it was raised to Rs 1,868.14 per kilolitre, plus 0.875 per cent of produce billable price on petrol and Rs 1,389.35 per kl plus 0.28 per cent of product billable price on diesel. This has now gone up to Rs 0.65 per litre on petrol and Rs 0.44 a litre on diesel.

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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)

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

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.	Hazaribagh AC 25	Shri Pradeep Prasad;	Miss Anushka Jain, JMFC, Complaint Case No 3850/2019 Charges Framed	u/s 138 NI Act & Cheque Bounce
				NA
				NA
2.			Miss Anushka Jain, JMFC, Complaint Case No 3190/2022 Charges Framed	u/s 138 NI Act & Cheque Bounce
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1.	Hatia (AC 64)	Shri Navin Jaiswal	Shri Sarthak Sharma JMFC, Ranchi ; Lalpur PS Case No 203/24 ; Charges Not Framed	u/s- 191(2)(3)/190/115(2) /117(2)/109/121(1)/ 125/132/324(2)/351 (2)/352/61(2) of BNS & Protest Against State Government
				NA
				NA
2.			Shri Sarthak Sharma JMFC, Ranchi ; Dhurwa PS Case No 107/2023 ; Charges Not Framed	u/s 147, 148, 188, 109, 353, 332, 427 and 323 of IPC & Protest Against the State.
				NA
				NA
3.			Shri Sarthak Sharma JMFC, Ranchi ; Lalpur PS Case No 251/2021 ; Charges Not Framed	u/s 147, 149, 341, 323, 332, 353, 188, 269, 270 of IPC & section 51 Disaster Management Act & Offences Affecting Public Health
				NA
				NA
4.			Sri Acchat Srivastava JMFC, Ranchi, Complaint Case No 3096/2017, Charges Not Framed	u/s 406 IPC & Criminal Breach of Trust
				NA
				NA

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Alcaraz and Tsitsipas reach 3rd round at Paris Masters but Rublev loses temper and match

AP ■ PARIS
Carlos Alcaraz overcame some rusty moments on his serve to beat Nicolas Jarry 7-5, 6-1 and reach the third round of the Paris Masters. The second-seeded Spaniard was troubled by Jarry's strong forehand at times. The Chilean broke his serve in the ninth game and held for 5-5. But Jarry double-faulted in his next service game to lose the first set. "It was a little bit complicated, really happy to get through the first set," Alcaraz said. "I have to get used to the speed of the court. It's really fast for me." Alcaraz saved a break point in the third game of the second set with an ace and broke for a 4-1 lead with a crisp forehand winner. Serving for the match, Alcaraz saved another break point with an ace to make it deuce and won the next two points, clinching victory when the erratic Jarry's two-handed backhand clipped the net and went out. "He's a really dangerous player on these courts," the 21-year-old Alcaraz said. "I'm super happy to win here."

The four-time Grand Slam champion is looking for his fifth title of the year and next plays either 15th-seeded Ugo Humbert or American qualifier Marcos Giron. "It's been a great year so far," said Alcaraz, who won major titles at the French Open and Wimbledon. Tenth-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece beat Alejandro Tabilo 6-3, 6-4 to stay in contention to reach the season-ending ATP Finals for the top eight players. It is being held in Turin, Italy, next month. Seventh-seeded Casper Ruud of Norway, a three-time Grand Slam runner-up, started well before losing 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-4 to unseeded Australian Jordan Thompson. In an earlier second-round match, sixth-seeded Andrey Rublev lost two tiebreakers and his temper as his hopes of qualifying for the Finals took a hit. Rublev lost 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5) to Francisco Cerundolo and was so frustrated at one point in the second set that he smashed his racket against his left knee at least seven times in succession and made it bleed. The Russian player held the



eight and final qualifying place in the race for the Finals and could be overtaken by rivals. U.S. Open runner-up Taylor Fritz became the fifth player to qualify for the Finals. The big-serving American reached the season-ending tournament for the second time in three years. The indoor event takes place from Nov. 10-17. Fritz joined U.S. Open champion Jannik Sinner, Alcaraz, Alexander Zverev and Daniil Medvedev in the field. Sinner pulled out of the Paris Masters on Monday, citing a virus. The Italian player is guaranteed to finish the year as No. 1. He was the second high-profile player to pull out following seven-time champion Novak Djokovic. In remaining first-round play, Holger Rune - who beat Djokovic in the 2022 final - advanced with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Matteo Arnaldi. No. 9 seed Alex de Minaur beat Mariano Navone 7-5, 6-1 to stay in outside contention for Turin, while No. 12 Hubert Hurkacz lost 6-1, 6-3 to Alex Michelsen. U.S. Open semifinalist Jack Draper won 7-5, 6-2 against Jiri Lehecka; American Ben Shelton beat Corentin Moutet 6-3, 6-7 (8), 6-3, and Frenchman

Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard hit 28 aces in defeating U.S. Open semifinalist Frances Tiafoe 6-7 (5), 7-6 (4), 6-3. Fresh from his title in Basel, Mpetshi Perricard next plays Karen Khachanov and will look to add to his 512 aces. Frenchman Arthur Fils also progressed by edging Croatian Marin Cilic 7-6 (5), 6-4 and next faces Jan-Lennard Struff. But veteran Richard Gasquet, who plans to retire after next year's French Open, lost 6-3, 6-4 to Zizou Bergs.

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2			Spl Court, MP/MLA ; Manatu PS Case No 34/2014 ; Charges Framed	u/s 171E, 171F IPC & u/s 41(6) MV Act & Punishment for Undue Influence & Relating to Registration of MV.	NA	NA	NA
3			Spl Court, MP/MLA ; Panki PS Case No 148/2019 ; Charges Framed	u/s 188 IPC & 171 RPA & Disobedience of Public Servant	NA	NA	NA
4			CJM, Palamu ; Daltonganj PS Case No 266/2024 ; Charges Not Framed	u/s 126(2), 127(2), 115(2), 329(4), 74, 302(2), 352, 351(2), 3(5) of BNS & Wrongful Restraint	NA	NA	NA
5			Shri PK Sharma, AJC-cum-spl Judge CBI, Ranchi, Rc 11A/2014R, Charges Framed	u/s 120(b), r/w sections 420, 468, 471, 7 of IPC & Section 13 PC Act & Criminal Conspiracy	NA	NA	NA
6			Dhurwa PS Case No 99/2012, Jharkhand High Court, Appeal	u/s 302, 201, 34 of IPC & Offences Affecting the Human Body	NA	NA	NA
7			Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi ; Lalpur PS Case No 203/2024 ; Charges Not Framed	u/s 191(2)(3) /190/ 115(2)/ 117(2)/ 109/ 121(1)/125/132/324(2)/351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS & Related to Rioting	NA	NA	NA
8			Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi ; Dhurwa PS Case No 107/2024 ; Charges Not Framed	u/s 147, 148, 188, 351, 427 of IPC & Protest Against the State Government	NA	NA	NA

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2.			ADJ, Garhwa, Garhwa PS Case no. 415/2021; Charges framed	u/s 188,269, 270, 353 of IPC and U/s 51 of DM Act. & Offences Relating to Public Servant	NA	NA	NA
3.			CJM Garhwa Complaint case no.292/2022,, Charges Not Framed	u/s 500 of IPC & Defamation	NA	NA	NA
4.			CJM Garhwa, Garhwa PS Case no. 541/2024; Charges Not Framed	u/s 223, 292, 196 of IPC & Using evidence known to be false.	NA	NA	NA
5.			JMFC-1, Ranchi, Lalpur PS Case no. 203/2024; Charges Not Framed	u/s 191(2)(3), 190, 115(2), 117(2), 109, 121, 125, 132, 324(2), 351(2), 352, 61(2) of BNS & Giving False Evidence	NA	NA	NA
6.			Special Judge CBI, Ranchi,RC 14A/09(R), Charges Not Framed	U/s 120 (B),420, 467, 468, 471 of IPC read with U/s 31 (d) of PC Act & Criminal Conspiracy	NA	NA	NA
7.			Special Judge CBI, RC1A/10 (R), Ranchi, Charges Not Framed	U/s 120(B), 420, 467, 468, 471 of IPC and 13(2), 13 (1)(d) of PC Act & Criminal Conspiracy	NA	NA	NA

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EASWARAN, NITISH REDDY, PRASIDH TO BE UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY

PTI ■ MACKAY (AUSTRALIA)
The outings of Abhimanyu Easwaran, Nitish Kumar Reddy and Prasidh Krishna will be the primary focal points of India A's four-day match against their Australian counterparts, starting here on Thursday. Easwaran, Nitish and Prasidh have been included in India's squad for the five-Test Border-Gavaskar Trophy series, beginning on November 22, and the thinktank will be eager to know how they fare in Australian conditions. Easwaran's performance will, however, have far more significance as the 29-year-old opener could potentially replace Rohit Sharma's replacement if the captain skips a match or two against Australia for personal reasons. Easwaran, who is also the vice-captain of India A here, is a vastly experienced campaigner having played 99 First-Class matches to score 7638 runs with 27 hundreds and 29 fifties. He has also been part of the India squad in the past but what inspires confidence is his recent form in First-Class

matches. The right-hander struck 157 and 116 for India B in the Duleep Trophy before making a 191 against Mumbai for Rest of India in the Irani Trophy and made another hundred in his final red-ball game before flying out to Australia - an unbeaten 127 against Uttar Pradesh in the Ranji Trophy. So, he has the body of work to feel in fine fettle ahead of the match against Australia A, though the conditions here will be vastly different from what he has experienced so far this season in India. On the other hand, Nitish does not boast of such impressive First-Class numbers, as he has been drafted into squad for his perceived ability as a pace-bowling all-rounder and, even in that, batting is his stronger suit. In the Duleep Trophy earlier this year, Nitish made two ducks with a highest of 40 in five matches while grabbing just two wickets. But the selectors have backed him ahead of senior names such as Shardul Thakur, who has resumed playing domestic matches after recovering from an injury.



So, this will be a good opportunity for the selectors to check how the Andhra man measures up to a very capable Australia A side that includes the likes of Camrean Bancroft, Marcus Harris, Michael Neser, Cooper Connolly and Scott Boland. Prasidh is a late addition to the India A squad in place of initially picked up Yash Dayal, and the Karnataka pacer needs to find some rhythm here. Since his return from injury, Prasidh has picked up just seven wickets in as many innings across Duleep Trophy, Irani Cup and Ranji Trophy. But the selectors seemed to have been influenced by the theoretical advantage his height brings in on the Australian decks. Prasidh can use this opportunity to keep himself ready if he gets a call-up to the first eleven as the third seamer behind Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj or if the management wants to rest one of the frontline pacers as part of workload management during the tour. Other than this aforementioned troika, the likes of skipper Rituraj Gaikwad, top-order batter B

Sai Sudharsan, pacers Yash Dayal and Navdeep Saini and middle-order batter Devdutt Padikkal can look forward to churn out some good efforts to keep themselves on the periphery of selection in case of an eventuality in the senior side. Ishan Kishan, the wicketkeeper batter, too will be eager to make the most of this chance after a finding his favour back with the powers that be. **TEAMS (FROM):**
India A: Rituraj Gaikwad (capt), Abhimanyu Easwaran (vice-capt), Devdutt Padikkal, Sai Sudharsan, B Indrajith, Abishek Porel (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Mukesh Kumar, Ricky Bhui, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Manav Suthar, Navdeep Saini, Khaleel Ahmed, Tanush Kotian, Prasidh Krishna.
Australia A: Nathan McSweeney (c), Cameron Bancroft, Scott Boland, Jordan Buckingham, Cooper Connolly, Ollie Davies, Brendan Doggett, Marcus Harris, Sam Konstas, Nathan McAndrew, Michael Neser, Todd Murphy, Fergus O'Neill, Jimmy Peirson, Josh Philippe, Corey Rocchiccioli, Beau Webster.

Need to be patient with Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, says Nayar

PTI ■ MUMBAI
India's assistant coach Abhishek Nayar on Wednesday insisted that they do not ask for tailor-made pitches in Tests and also backed out-of-form legends Virat Kohli and skipper Rohit Sharma, saying that they must be given "space and time to come back". After suffering their first-ever Test series loss at home in 12 years, India will strive to salvage their pride when they clash with New Zealand in the third and final Test from Friday.



Playing on a track that assisted spinners, India lost the Pune Test by 113 runs. It is being speculated that the pitch at Wankhede Stadium here could again favour the spinners. Nayar refuted suggestions that turning tracks are being made at the behest of the team. "I wish we could curate pitches, but we don't. The curators do. Whatever we're provided with, we go on and play (whether) that'd be a pitch that seemed or a pitch that turned. We don't try and get conditions according to what we want," Nayar said on eve of the final Test. Both Rohit and Kohli are woefully out of form, and that has impacted team's performance. Nayar said there is nothing wrong with the modern-day greats and all they need is just a bit of time and backing. "I've seen nothing but love for them all over. When a top player, when someone who's been through the journey, goes through a lull, a lot of times it's about giving them their space and trusting that they will come back. They will put in the work," he said. "Everyone's worked really hard, everyone wants to do well, whether you're Virat Kohli or Rohit Sharma or even someone as young as Shubman Gill. The effort is there." "Sometimes, sometimes you've got to be a little patient, even with the greatest of players,

and they can have tough times. I'm pretty sure sooner rather than later, we'll have more to praise about Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma and everyone else as well," he said. Nayar said it would be "harsh" to say the current Indian batters do not play spin as well as those in the past. "That's a bit of a harsh statement. When you're trying to achieve something, there's always going to be a time when you take a certain dip because you're trying to play cricket in a different way and you're trying to push yourself out of the comfort zone," he said. "Sometimes the results don't go your way, but if you're patient enough and when that upward curve hits the team and hits an individual, then your purple patch lasts for really long. "We're hoping that the transition that we're trying to have in terms of the mindset and the approach of the players in Team India, (given) that we're facing this dip now, but once we start hitting the upward curve, it'll be a long curve." Nayar said the dressing room atmosphere hasn't changed over the last two matches. "There are going to be times when you don't do so well. When India lost the World Cup (final) in India, that was a low point in Indian cricket for everyone..." "In the same breath, a couple

(eight) of months later, we were world champions. Coming back is always a great journey. That's how stories and legacies are made. "Hopefully we can be part of creating something as special as that in the future, but the atmosphere is great. Still a lot of jokes and bubbly cricketers in the dressing room. You'll see our (training) sessions (are) filled with fun and nothing has changed. India have collapsed thrice so far in the series, starting with 46 all-out for lowest Test innings total at home in Bengaluru. After that, India made 156 in the first essay of Pune Test and crumbled to 245 all-out from 81/1. Nayar refused to read much into it and said, "I wouldn't call it a collapse, when you lose wickets in a bunch or when we pick wickets in a bunch - like we did in the last game as well, where we got seven wickets in 51 runs - I think that tends to happen in this game of cricket." "Sometimes it is the mindset. It may not be perceived from outside as trying to be aggressive or trying to have intent, but intent is not necessarily swinging at the ball. Intent is more about your approach towards the ball. "Is it worrying? Well, the only way we look at it is how we can get out of it. That's our thought process (and) mindset."

India still have wood on New Zealand while playing on turning wickets: Ajaz Patel

PTI ■ MUMBAI
A first ever series loss at home to New Zealand notwithstanding, India still have the "wood on us" while playing on turning wickets, said Kiwis spinner Ajaz Patel here on Wednesday. New Zealand have outplayed India on all fronts in their backyard so far in the three-Test series, particularly in the spin department as they head into the third and final match starting here on Friday with an unassailable lead of 2-0. While New Zealand hammered India in a rain-truncated opening Test at Bengaluru by eight wickets, exposing their shortcomings on a challenging pitch at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, the world No 2 side was given a taste of its own medicine on a spin-friendly track in Pune in the second Test, which the hosts lost by 113 runs. Ahead of the final Test at the Wankhede Stadium, another spin-friendly track is in making despite the struggles of the Indian batters. Patel hoped that New Zealand, who have an opportunity to inflict a 3-0 whitewash on India, would need to continue to make all the right moves despite the hosts being more adept in playing on such tracks. "India still have the wood on us when it comes to playing on turning wickets, and traditionally, the Indian batters have done well in turning surfaces," Patel told the media after New Zealand's training session. "Obviously, they haven't had maybe as much success as they would have liked in this series so far but they're certainly an opposition that are very, very skilled and not the easiest to come up against." "Their skill set is very vast and for us as a spin group, especially it's about being able to control what we can control and making sure that we can apply pressure for long

periods of time and making sure that we're delivering the best balls on a given surface," he added. New Zealand's accuracy and recentness in attack, both with the bat and the ball, has been the feature of their first-ever series win in India and Patel acknowledged that the visitors will need to stick to the basics. "It is really about continuing to challenge them. As a batter it's not easy out there when you're facing a ball that's turning as much, and so it's about us making sure we put the balls in good areas for long periods of time," he said. "On the flip side, India have got phenomenal spinners so our batters are trying to do the opposite and they're trying to create opportunities to score runs," he added. Patel, who created history here three years ago by claiming 10/119 to become only the third spinner in Test cricket to take all 10 wickets



in an innings, said the pitch for the upcoming contest looked different from the one before. "Being back in Mumbai is always quite special and it's a place I call home as well. Having the opportunity to play out here again is quite special. To be honest, after my 10-wicket haul, I wasn't sure

whether I'd get another opportunity to play out here again throughout my career," he said. "To be honest with you my memory is very poor so I don't exactly remember the surface that well but one thing I do remember was it looked a lot drier to start with," he added.

Patel, who had to play second fiddle to fellow left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner in the Pune Test, said he was happy to keep exerting pressure on India from the other end. "It's (about) looking at what roles you're playing for the team when it comes to a bowling perspective," he said. "Mitch (Santner) was bowling exceptionally well from the other end so for me it was really important that from my end while I'm still trying to take wickets, I'm also performing the holding role and trying to restrict as many runs as possible so that pressure doesn't come back on us. "The way Mitch was bowling, there was no real need for me to try too many things. It was about trying to keep it as simple as possible. Once again, going into a new surface and a new game that may completely flip again," he said.

Retirement thought hit me after we lost to India in T20 WC: Matthew Wade

PTI ■ MELBOURNE
Former Australia wicketkeeper-batter Matthew Wade has revealed that his team's defeat to India in the T20 World Cup earlier this year was probably the moment that ended his career as it was the first time that the thought of retirement crossed his mind. India, led by skipper Rohit Sharma's superb 41-ball 92, defeated the Aussies by 24 runs in a crucial Group 1 Super Eight match at St Lucia

to book a semifinal berth and eventually went on to bag the title. "It (the thought about retirement) probably hit home after we lost against India. That was when I really sat down and reflected that that was probably the end of my career. That was an emotional moment," Wade, who announced his retirement from international cricket on Tuesday, told cricket.com.au. Wade, who generally batted down the order in T20 Internationals, said the arrival



of Josh Inglis as a wicketkeeper who could bat top of the order too influenced his decision. "The time was right for 'Ingo' (Josh Inglis) to come in. You can see what he's done in the last (few months) that he's

been in the team as the No.1 keeper. He was certainly ready to come in and take that role. "They're looking for maybe someone who can bat more top to middle order now as well and that suits him really well." The Tasmanian also said he is unlikely to participate in the upcoming IPL mega auction as it will be tough to make himself available for the entire duration of the event. Wade has been a part of Gujarat Titans over the last two seasons.

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