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JIO PLATFORMS LIMITED

(TO BE LISTED ON THE MAIN BOARD OF BSE AND NSE)

Jio Platforms Limited was incorporated on November 15, 2019, at Ahmedabad, Gujarat, as a public company limited by shares under the Companies Act, 2013, pursuant to a certificate of incorporation issued by the Registrar of Companies, Central Registration Centre. For further details, see "History and Certain Corporate Matters" on page 249 of the red herring prospectus dated October 14, 2026 ("RHP").

Corporate Identity Number: U72900GJ2019PLC110816

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OUR PROMOTER: RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LIMITED

INITIAL PUBLIC OFFER OF UP TO 270,000,000 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹10 EACH ("EQUITY SHARES") OF JIO PLATFORMS LIMITED ("THE COMPANY" OR "ISSUER") FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹ [●] PER EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A SECURITIES PREMIUM OF ₹ [●] PER EQUITY SHARE) ("ISSUE PRICE") AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ [●] MILLION (THE "ISSUE"). THE ISSUE INCLUDES A RESERVATION OF UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 10 EACH FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹ [●] EACH, AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 5,000 MILLION (CONSTITUTING UP TO [●]% OF THE ISSUE), FOR SUBSCRIPTION BY ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES ("EMPLOYEE RESERVATION PORTION") AND A RESERVATION OF UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 10 EACH FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹ [●] EACH, AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 25,000 MILLION (CONSTITUTING UP TO [●]% OF THE ISSUE), FOR SUBSCRIPTION BY ELIGIBLE RIL SHAREHOLDERS ("RIL SHAREHOLDERS RESERVATION PORTION"). THE ISSUE LESS THE EMPLOYEE RESERVATION PORTION AND THE RIL SHAREHOLDERS RESERVATION PORTION IS HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "NET ISSUE". THE ISSUE AND THE NET ISSUE SHALL CONSTITUTE [●]% AND [●]% OF THE POST-ISSUE PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY, RESPECTIVELY. THE COMPANY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BRLMs, IS OFFERING A DISCOUNT OF ₹ 54 PER EQUITY SHARE OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 10 EACH TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES BIDDING IN THE EMPLOYEE RESERVATION PORTION ("EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT")

PRICE BAND: ₹ 1,065 TO ₹ 1,119 PER EQUITY SHARE OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 10 EACH.

THE FLOOR PRICE IS 106.50 TIMES THE FACE VALUE OF THE EQUITY SHARES AND THE CAP PRICE IS 111.90 TIMES THE FACE VALUE OF THE EQUITY SHARES.

BIDS CAN BE MADE FOR A MINIMUM OF 12 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 10 EACH AND IN MULTIPLES OF 12 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 10 EACH THEREAFTER

THE PRICE TO EARNING RATIO ("P/E") BASED ON DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE ("EPS") FOR FISCAL 2026 FOR THE COMPANY AT THE LOWER END OF THE PRICE BAND IS 31.71 TIMES, AND AT THE UPPER END OF THE PRICE BAND IS 33.31 TIMES, AS COMPARED TO THE AVERAGE INDUSTRY PEER GROUP P/E RATIO OF 22.35 TIMES FOR FISCAL 2026.

A DISCOUNT OF ₹ 54 PER EQUITY SHARE IS BEING OFFERED TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES BIDDING IN THE EMPLOYEE RESERVATION PORTION

BID/ISSUE PERIOD

BID/ISSUE OPENS TODAY

BID/ISSUE CLOSES ON⁽¹⁾: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

(1) UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 7:00 p.m. IST on the Bid/ Issue Closing Date.

Jio Platforms Limited, is a technology platform, built on proprietary digital technology and pan-India digital connectivity as its foundational layer, driving digital transformation in India. Our Material Subsidiary, Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, served 533.3 million customers in India as of June 30, 2026.

THE ISSUE IS BEING MADE THROUGH THE BOOK BUILDING PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 6(1) OF THE SEBI ICDR REGULATIONS.

THE EQUITY SHARES OF OUR COMPANY WILL BE LISTED ON THE MAIN BOARD OF THE STOCK EXCHANGES. NSE IS THE DESIGNATED STOCK EXCHANGE.

QIB PORTION: NOT MORE THAN 50% OF THE NET ISSUE | NON-INSTITUTIONAL PORTION: NOT LESS THAN 15% OF THE NET ISSUE | RETAIL PORTION: NOT LESS THAN 35% OF THE NET ISSUE

EMPLOYEE RESERVATION PORTION: UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 10 EACH AT A PRICE OF ₹ [●] PER EQUITY SHARE AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 5,000 MILLION

RIL SHAREHOLDERS RESERVATION PORTION: UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 10 EACH AT A PRICE OF ₹ [●] PER EQUITY SHARE AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 25,000 MILLION

The details of the Fresh Issue and the post Issue market capitalization of the Company, each at the Floor Price and the Cap Price, are given below:

ISSUE SIZE AND MARKET CAPITALIZATION

Particulars	At Floor Price of ₹ 1,065 per Equity Share		At Cap Price of ₹ 1,119 per Equity Share	
	Up to no. of Equity Shares of face value of ₹ 10 each	Up to Amount (In ₹ Million)	Up to no. of Equity Shares of face value of ₹ 10 each	Up to Amount (In ₹ Million)
Fresh Issue	270,000,000	287,282.94 [^]	270,000,000	301,876.48 [^]
Post Issue Market Capitalisation	9,209,030,830	9,807,617.83	9,209,030,830	10,304,905.50

[^] Considers the impact of Employee Discount of ₹ 54 per Equity Share

IN MAKING AN INVESTMENT DECISION, POTENTIAL INVESTORS MUST RELY ONLY ON THE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE RED HERRING PROSPECTUS AND THE TERMS OF THE ISSUE, INCLUDING THE RISKS INVOLVED AND NOT RELY ON ANY OTHER EXTERNAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUE AVAILABLE IN ANY MANNER. IN RELATION TO PRICE BAND, POTENTIAL INVESTORS SHOULD ONLY REFER TO THE PRE-ISSUE AND PRICE BAND ADVERTISEMENT DATED OCTOBER 14, 2026, AND SHOULD NOT RELY ON ANY MEDIA ARTICLES / REPORTS IN RELATION TO THE COMPANY AS THESE ARE NOT ENDORSED, PUBLISHED OR CONFIRMED EITHER BY THE COMPANY OR THE BOOK RUNNING LEAD MANAGERS TO THE ISSUE ("BRLMs").

In accordance with the recommendations of the Committee of Independent Directors of our Company, pursuant to their resolution dated October 14, 2026, the above Price Band is justified based on quantitative factors /KPIs disclosed in the 'Basis for Issue Price' section on page 126 of the RHP vis-à-vis the weighted average cost of acquisition ("WACA") of primary issuances / secondary transactions as disclosed in 'Basis for Issue Price' section on page 126 of the RHP and provided below in the advertisement and other relevant factors.

RISK TO INVESTORS

For details refer to the section titled "Risk Factors" section on page 30 of the RHP.

- Risk relating to telecommunication license and spectrum:** The unified licence for providing telecom services held by Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited ("RJIL") across circles in India is due for renewal in October 2033. Further, the spectrum held by RJIL is valid for a period of 20 years with the majority of the spectrum expiring between 2041 and 2042. Any inability to maintain or renew such licences or to successfully bid for any spectrum required for our operations, could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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2. **Dependence on Reliance Industries Limited, Reliance Retail Limited and other Reliance Group entities:** The Company and its subsidiaries have entered into various non-exclusive agreements with the Promoter, Reliance Retail Limited, a subsidiary of the Promoter and other Reliance Group entities for certain key aspects of the business. Disruption of these arrangements could significantly impact our business, financial condition and results of operations. The following table provides an overview of our significant transactions with the Promoter, Reliance Retail Limited and Sanmina-SCI India Private Limited, for the periods/Fiscals indicated.

Particulars	Parent ⁽¹⁾ / fellow subsidiary / joint venture of the Parent	Three months ended June 30,		Fiscal		
		2026	2025	2026	2025	2024
		(in ₹ million, unless otherwise indicated)				
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment and Other Intangible Assets	Parent ⁽¹⁾ (A)	19,440	14,237	39,040	37,099	62,246
	As a percentage of Cash Capex (B = A/ U)	46.46%	11.82%	11.42%	8.38%	11.63%
	Reliance Retail Limited (C)	750	2,352	5,867	14,720	9,458
	As a percentage of Cash Capex (D = C/ U)	1.79%	1.95%	1.72%	3.33%	1.77%
	Sanmina-SCI India Private Limited (E)	414	192	5,339	5,190	1,107
	As a percentage of Cash Capex (F = E/ U)	0.99%	0.16%	1.56%	1.17%	0.21%
Revenue from Operations	Parent ⁽¹⁾ (G)	9,322	7,972	36,442	35,997	35,449
	As a percentage of Revenue from Operations (H = G/ V)	2.38%	2.28%	2.48%	2.81%	3.24%
	Reliance Retail Limited (I)	3,001	4,279	16,374	10,416	7,244
	As a percentage of Revenue from Operations (J = I/ V)	0.77%	1.22%	1.11%	0.81%	0.66%
Revenue Received in Advance ⁽²⁾	Reliance Retail Limited	292,480	271,663	1,129,351	1,023,958	890,587
Professional Fees	Parent ⁽¹⁾ (K)	5,797	7,520	26,254	29,614	23,364
	As a percentage of Total Expenses (L = K/ W)	1.95%	2.88%	2.40%	3.14%	2.87%
	Reliance Retail Limited (M)	1,082	3,232	7,671	6,730	4,601
	As a percentage of Total Expenses (N = M/ W)	0.36%	1.24%	0.70%	0.71%	0.57%
Network Operating Expenses	Parent ⁽¹⁾ (O)	3,131	4,312	18,761	15,807	15,388
	As a percentage of Total Expenses (P = O/ W)	1.05%	1.65%	1.71%	1.68%	1.89%
Selling and Distribution Expenses	Parent ⁽¹⁾ (Q)	-	-	-	6,299	9,449
	As a percentage of Total Expenses (R = Q/ W)	-	-	-	0.67%	1.16%
	Reliance Retail Limited (S)	10,527	11,858	43,551	35,158	30,008
	As a percentage of Total Expenses (T = S/ W)	3.54%	4.54%	3.98%	3.73%	3.69%
Cash Capex ⁽³⁾ (U)		41,838	120,481	341,843	442,680	535,096
Revenue from Operations (V)		391,729	350,323	1,468,853	1,282,184	1,095,581
Total Expenses (W)		297,708	261,350	1,094,060	942,057	813,674

- Notes:
- ⁽¹⁾ Parent, in this table, means the Promoter.
- ⁽²⁾ Recharge vouchers sold to Reliance Retail Limited are accounted as ‘Advance against services’ which is disclosed as a related party transaction under the head ‘Revenue received in advance’. When Reliance Retail Limited or its distributor/ sub-distributor further sells the vouchers to our customers by way of recharge to the digital connectivity services, RJIL recognises such transfer as ‘Deferred revenue’ and thereafter, based on the type of tariff plan, it is accounted as operating revenues in the profit & loss account. In light of the above, revenue received in advance has not been presented as a percentage of revenue from operations.
- ⁽³⁾ Cash Capex refers to the cash outflow towards expenditure for property, plant and equipment, spectrum and other intangible assets less proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment and other intangible assets.

3. **Dependency on Reliance Retail Limited for distribution of prepaid connectivity services:** RJIL has a master distribution agreement and a master collection agreement with RRL. RRL is the sole distributor of our pre-paid connectivity services. Our revenue from pre-paid connectivity services constituted 76.37%, 77.88%, 77.08%, 78.57% and 79.35% of our consolidated Revenue from Operations for the three months period ended June 30, 2026, June 30, 2025 and Fiscals 2026, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Any disruption in this relationship or distribution channel could adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations. The following table provides the details of the Revenue Received in Advance attributed to the above arrangement with RRL:

Particulars	Three months ended / As of June 30		Fiscal / As of March 31		
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2024
	(in ₹ millions)				
Revenue Received in Advance	292,480	271,663	1,129,351	1,023,958	890,587

4. **Dependency on RJIL that contributes significantly to our Revenue from Operations, EBITDA and PAT and KPIs relating to digital connectivity services:** RJIL contributed significantly to our Revenue from Operations, EBITDA and PAT in periods / Fiscals as indicated below:

Fiscals / period	RJIL's revenue from operations (in ₹ million)	% of our consolidated Revenue from Operations	RJIL's EBITDA (in ₹ million)	% of our consolidated EBITDA	RJIL's profit after tax (in ₹ million)	% of our consolidated PAT
Three months ended June 30, 2026	342,121	87.34%	195,904	93.89%	71,669	92.31%
Three months ended June 30, 2025	308,821	88.15%	173,013	95.40%	67,110	94.39%
Fiscal 2026	1,288,714	87.74%	723,544	94.88%	281,732	93.76%
Fiscal 2025	1,141,413	89.02%	612,334	95.42%	247,948	94.97%
Fiscal 2024	1,001,194	91.38%	528,784	96.21%	204,656	95.53%

Note: The financial information of RJIL provided above is on a standalone basis.

- Any material adverse impact on the business, financial conditions or results of operations of RJIL would have a corresponding material adverse impact on our consolidated business, financial condition and results of operations. Further, while we operate as a technology platform, our key operational indicators ("KPIs") are primarily pertaining to our digital connectivity services provided by RJIL and do not reflect the technology platform specific metrics. Our competitors may perform more favourably on certain operational or financial KPIs, which could affect our competitive position. For details of comparison of the KPIs of our Company with listed peers, see “Basis for Issue Price - Comparison of KPIs with Listed Industry Peers” on page 135 of the RHP.
5. **Network, Infrastructure and Service Disruption Risk:** The uninterrupted performance, reliability and availability of our network, passive infrastructure, technology, products and services are critical to our operations and our ability to consistently deliver our digital services. Any disruption to our network, passive infrastructure and technology could impair our ability to ensure consistent performance and deliver uninterrupted customer experience, which could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations, and could lead to increased churn in our customer base.
6. **Risk related to Technology change:** The connectivity industry is subject to rapid and continuous technological change, and our connectivity infrastructure faces the risk of technological obsolescence. If we are unable to respond to changes in technologies, including for instance, more competitive satellite-based broadband services and the evolving demands of our customers, we may face technological obsolescence, which would have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.
7. **Risk relating to negative publicity of 'Jio' Brand:** The “Jio” trademark is owned by the Promoter, and we do not control the use of this trademark by other companies in the Reliance Group. Negative publicity arising from actions outside its control, inability to protect intellectual property or infringement claims could have a material adverse impact on our reputation, business, financial condition and results of operations.
8. **Dependency on a limited group of passive infrastructure service providers:** We rely on a limited set of passive infrastructure service providers for our operations. For instance, of the 360,537 Network Towers used by us for our operations, 174,451 Network Towers are owned by Summit Digital Infrastructure Limited, as of June 30, 2026. Additionally, as of June 30, 2026, we rely on Jio Digital

Fibre Private Limited, for substantially all our optic fibre network requirements (approximately 98%), aside from the last mile fibre network which is owned by RJIL. Any disruption in the availability of these passive infrastructure assets could have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

9. **Cybersecurity, Data Privacy and Information Security Risk:** Our systems, platforms, network infrastructure, and the services provided by our Promoter and third-party technology partners are exposed to cybersecurity threats, security breaches, operational disruptions, and other technology-related risks. Any such incident or disruption could impair our operations, compromise data security, increase costs, expose us to regulatory and legal liabilities, and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, and reputation.

10. **Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) and Machine Learning (“ML”) Technologies Related Risk:** We rely on AI and ML technologies across our operations, including for network automation through our proprietary JioBrain platform, customer engagement and service delivery. The deployment of AI and ML technologies across our operations may not yield the desired results. Further, reliance on AI/ML technologies may expose us to inherent risks pertaining to algorithmic bias and model errors leading to inaccurate or biased outputs, which may cause reputational harm and adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

11. Our Price/Earning (P/E) ratio based on diluted EPS for Financial Year 2026 at the upper end of the price band is 33.31 as compared to the average industry peer group P/E ratio of 22.35, as of October 13, 2026.

12. Weighted Average Return on Average Net Worth for Financial Year ended 2026, 2025 and 2024 is 9.04%. Return on Average Net Worth for the three months ended June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2025 is 2.30% and 2.31% respectively (unannualized).

13. Weighted average cost of acquisition of all Equity Shares transacted in one year, 18 months and three years preceding the date of the RHP:

Period	Weighted average cost of Acquisition (in ₹)	Cap Price is ‘X’ times the weighted average cost of acquisition [#]	Range of acquisition price per Equity Shares: lowest price - highest price (in ₹)
Last one year / 18 months/ 3 years	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

[#]As certified by D T S & Associates LLP, Chartered Accountants (FRN 142412W/W100595), by way of their certificate dated October 14, 2026, (UDIN 26136433YFEPPE7981).

Note: No Equity Shares were transacted in the last one year, 18 months and three years preceding the date of the Red Herring Prospectus.

14. The 19 BRLMs associated with the Issue have handled 160 public issues in the past three years, out of which 46 issues have closed below the issue price on the listing date

Book Running Lead Managers	Total public issues	Issues closed below issue price listing date
Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited*	-	-
Morgan Stanley India Company Private Limited*	-	-
BofA Securities India Limited*	-	-
Axis Capital Limited*	2	-
BNP Paribas*	-	-
Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited*	-	-
CLSA India Private Limited*	-	-
DAM Capital Advisors Limited*	8	2
Goldman Sachs (India) Securities Private Limited*	-	-
HDFC Bank Limited*	-	-
HSBC Securities and Capital Markets (India) Private Limited*	-	-
ICICI Securities Limited*	5	2
IIFL Capital Services Limited (formerly known as IIFL Securities Limited) *	5	1
Jefferies India Private Limited*	-	-
JM Financial Limited*	3	-
J.P. Morgan India Private Limited*	-	-
SBI Capital Markets Limited*	6	4
UBS Securities India Private Limited*	-	-
360 ONE WAM Limited*	-	-
Common issues handled by the BRLMs	131	37
TOTAL	160	46

* Issues handled where there were no common BRLMs

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS

- 1. The Company has not undertaken any pre-IPO placement from the date of filing the DRHP till date.
- 2. The Promoter and the Promoter Group have not undertaken any transaction of Equity Shares aggregating up to 1% or more of the paid-up equity share capital of the Company from the date of filing the DRHP till date.
- 3. For the pre-issue and post-issue equity shareholding of the Promoter, Promoter Group and top 10 public Shareholders, refer to the section titled 'Capital Structure' on page 99 of the RHP.

BASIS FOR ISSUE PRICE



(You may scan the QR code for accessing the website of Kotak Mahindra Capital Company)

(The "Basis for Issue Price" section on page no. 126 of the RHP has been updated with the above price band. Please refer to the websites of the BRLMs: <https://investmentbank.kotak.com>, <https://www.morganstanley.com/india>, <https://business.bofa.com/bofasindia>, www.axiscapital.co.in, www.bnpparibas.co.in, www.citigroup.com/global/about-us/global-presence/india/regulatory-disclosures-investment-banking, www.india.clsa.com, www.damcapital.in, www.goldmansachs.com, www.hdfc.bank.in, www.business.hsbc.co.in, www.icicisecurities.com, www.iiflcapital.com, www.jefferies.com, www.jmfi.com, www.jpmlpl.com, www.sbiicaps.com, www.ubs.com/indiaoffers and www.360.one for the "Basis for Issue Price" section updated with the above price band)

AN INDICATIVE TIMETABLE IN RESPECT OF THE ISSUE IS SET OUT BELOW:

Submission of Bids (other than Bids from Anchor Investors)

Particulars	Time
Bid/ Issue Period (except the Bid/ Issue Closing Date)	
Submission and revision in Bids	Only between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Indian Standard Time ("IST"))
Bid/ Issue Closing Date*	
Submission of electronic applications (Online ASBA through 3-in-1 accounts) – For RILs, other than QIBs and Non-Institutional Investors, Eligible Employees Bidding in Employee Reservation Portion and Eligible RIL Shareholders Bidding in RIL Shareholders Reservation Portion	Only between 9:00 a.m. and up to 7:00 p.m. IST
Submission of electronic applications (Bank ASBA through online channels like internet banking, mobile banking and Syndicate UPI ASBA applications where Bid Amount is up to ₹ 500,000)	Only between 9:00 a.m. and up to 7:00 p.m. IST
Submission of electronic applications (Syndicate Non-Retail, Non-Individual applications for bids beyond ₹ 500,000)	Only between 9:00 a.m. and up to 7:00 p.m. IST
Submission of physical applications (Bank ASBA)	Only between 9:00 a.m. and up to 1:00 p.m. IST
Submission of physical applications (Syndicate Non-Retail, Non-Individual applications of QIBs and Non-Institutional Investors where Bid Amount is more than ₹ 500,000)	Only between 9:00 a.m. and up to 1:00 p.m. IST
Modification/ Revision/ cancellation of Bids	
Upward revision of Bids by QIBs and Non-Institutional Investors categories*	Only between 9:00 a.m. and up to 7:00 p.m. IST on Bid/ Issue Closing Date
Upward or downward revision of Bids or cancellation of Bids by RILs, Eligible Employees Bidding in the Employee Reservation Portion and Eligible RIL Shareholders Bidding in RIL Shareholders Reservation Portion	Only between 9:00 a.m. and up to 7:00 p.m. IST on Bid/ Issue Closing Date

* UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 7:00 p.m. IST on the Bid/ Issue Closing Date.
QIBs and Non-Institutional Investors can neither revise their bids downwards nor cancel/ withdraw their Bids.

BID/ISSUE PERIOD

Event	Indicative Date
Anchor Investor Bidding	Monday, October 19, 2026
Bid/Issue Opens on	Wednesday, October 21, 2026
Bid/Issue Closes on	Friday, October 23, 2026
Finalization of Basis of Allotment with the Designated Stock Exchange	On or about Monday, October 26, 2026
Initiation of refunds (if any, for Anchor Investors) / unblocking of funds from ASBA Account*	On or about Tuesday, October 27, 2026
Credit of Equity Shares to dematerialized accounts of Allottees	On or about Tuesday, October 27, 2026
Commencement of trading of the Equity Shares on the Stock Exchanges	On or about Wednesday, October 28, 2026

*In case of (i) any delay in unblocking of amounts in the ASBA Accounts (including amounts blocked through the UPI Mechanism) for cancelled / withdrawn / deleted ASBA Forms, the Bidder shall be compensated at a uniform rate of ₹ 100 per day or 15% per annum of the Bid Amount, whichever is higher from the date on which the request for cancellation/ withdrawal/ deletion is placed in the Stock Exchanges bidding platform until the date on which the amounts are unblocked; (ii) any blocking of multiple amounts for the same ASBA Form (for amounts blocked through the UPI Mechanism), the Bidder shall be compensated at a uniform rate ₹ 100 per day or 15% per annum of the total cumulative blocked amount except the original application amount, whichever is higher from the date on which such multiple amounts were blocked till the date of actual unblock; (iii) any blocking of amounts more than the Bid Amount, the Bidder shall be compensated at a uniform rate of ₹ 100 per day or 15% per annum of the difference in amount, whichever is higher from the date on which such excess amounts were blocked till the date of actual unblock; (iv) any delay in unblocking of non-allotted/ partially allotted Bids, exceeding two Working Days from the Bid/ Issue Closing Date, the Bidder shall be compensated at a uniform rate of ₹ 100 per day or 15% per annum of the Bid Amount, whichever is higher for the entire duration of delay exceeding two Working Days from the Bid/ Issue Closing Date by the SCSB responsible for causing such delay in unblocking. The BRLMs shall, in their sole discretion, identify and fix the liability on such intermediary or entity responsible for such delay in unblocking. The post Issue BRLMs shall be liable for compensating the Bidder at a uniform rate of ₹100 per day or 15% per annum of the Bid Amount, whichever is higher from the date of receipt of the investor grievances until the date on which the blocked amounts are unblocked. The Bidder shall be compensated in the manner specified in the ICDR Master Circular, and the SEBI RTA Master Circular, which for the avoidance of doubt, shall be deemed to be incorporated in the deemed agreement of the Company with the SCSBs, to the extent applicable.

THE EQUITY SHARES OF OUR COMPANY WILL BE LISTED ON THE MAIN BOARD PLATFORMS OF BSE AND NSE

In case of any revision in the Price Band, the Bid/ Issue Period will be extended by at least three additional Working Days after such revision in the Price Band, subject to the Bid/ Issue Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. In cases of force majeure, banking strike or similar unforeseen circumstances, our Company in consultation with the BRLMs, may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the Bid/ Issue Period for a minimum of one Working Day, subject to the Bid/ Issue Period not exceeding 10 Working Days in compliance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations. Any revision in the Price Band and the revised Bid/ Issue Period, if applicable, shall be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchanges, by issuing a public notice, and also by indicating the change on the respective websites of the BRLMs and at the terminals of the Syndicate Members and by intimation to the Self-Certified Syndicate Banks ("SCSBs"), other Designated Intermediaries and the Sponsor Bank(s), as applicable. However, in case of revision in the Price Band, the Bid Lot shall remain the same.

The Issue is being made through the Book Building Process, in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the SCRR read with Regulation 31 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations and in compliance with Regulation 6(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, wherein not more than 50% of the Net Issue shall be allocated on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs") ("QIB Portion"), provided that our Company, in consultation with the Book Running Lead Managers may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations ("Anchor Investor Portion"), and 40% of such Anchor Investor Portion shall be reserved as under: (i) 33.33% for domestic Mutual Funds, and (ii) 6.67% for Life Insurance Companies and Pension Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from domestic Mutual Funds, Life Insurance Companies and Pension Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price. In the event of under-subscription, or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance Equity Shares shall be added to the QIB Portion ("Net QIB Portion"). Further, 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis only to Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Issue Price, and the remainder of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIBs, including Mutual Funds subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Issue Price. However, if the aggregate demand from Mutual Funds is less than 5% of the Net QIB Portion, the balance Equity Shares available for allocation in the Mutual Fund Portion will be added to the remaining Net QIB Portion for proportionate allocation to all QIBs. Further, not less than 15% of the Net Issue shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Bidders and not less than 35% of the Net Issue shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders ("RIBs") in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Issue Price. One-third of the Non-Institutional Portion shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Bidders with a Bid size of more than ₹ 200,000 and up to ₹ 1,000,000 and two-thirds of the Non-Institutional Portion shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Bidders with a Bid size of more than ₹ 1,000,000 provided that under subscription in either of these two sub-categories of the Non-Institutional Portion may be allocated to Non-Institutional Bidders in the other sub-category of Non-Institutional Portion in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Issue Price. Further, Equity Shares will be allocated on a proportionate basis to Eligible Employees Bidding in the Employee Reservation Portion, and Eligible Shareholders Bidding in the RIL Shareholders Reservation Portion subject to valid Bids received from them at or above the Issue Price. All potential Bidders (except Anchor Investors) are mandatorily required to participate in the Issue through the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("ASBA") process by providing details of their respective ASBA accounts and UPI ID in case of UPI Bidders, as applicable, pursuant to which their corresponding Bid Amount will be blocked by the Self-Certified Syndicate Banks ("SCSBs") or by the Sponsor Bank(s) under the UPI Mechanism, as the case may be, to the extent of the respective Bid Amounts. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Issue through the ASBA process. For details, see "Issue Procedure" beginning on page 534 of the RHP.

Bidders/ Applicants should ensure that DP ID, PAN, Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI Mechanism) are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form. The DP ID, PAN and Client ID provided in the Bid cum Application Form should match with the DP ID, PAN, Client ID available in the Depository database, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/ Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active. Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of the PAN, DP ID, Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI Mechanism) as provided in the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder/Applicant may be deemed to have authorised the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Issue, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidder/Applicant as available on the records of the depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for giving Allotment Advice or unblocking of ASBA Account or for other correspondence(s) related to the Issue. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders/Applicants' sole risk. Investors must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with the CBDT notification dated February 13, 2020 and press release dated June 25, 2021, read with press release dated September 17, 2021 and CBDT circular no.7 of 2022, dated March 30, 2022 read with press release dated March 28, 2023 and any subsequent press releases in this regard.

Contents of the Memorandum of Association of our Company as regards its objects: For information on the main objects of our Company, please see the section "History and Certain Corporate Matters" on page 249 of the RHP. The Memorandum of Association of our Company is a material document for inspection in relation to the Issue. For further details, please see the section titled "Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection" on page 577 of the RHP.

Liability of the members of our Company: Limited by shares.

Amount of share capital of our Company and capital structure: As on the date of the RHP, the authorised share capital of our Company is ₹1,900,000,000,000 divided into 10,000,000,000 Equity Shares of face value of ₹10 each and 180,000,000,000 preference shares of face value of ₹10 each. The issued, subscribed and paid-up Equity share capital of our Company is ₹89,390,308,300 divided into 8,939,030,830 Equity Shares of face value of ₹10 each. For more details of the capital structure of the Company, see "Capital Structure" beginning on page 99 of the RHP.

Names of the initial signatories to the Memorandum of Association of the Company and the Number of Equity Shares Subscribed by them: The initial signatories to the Memorandum of Association of the Company is Reliance Industries Limited (including one Equity Share each allotted to six individuals as nominees of RIL) (10,000 Equity Shares of face value of ₹10 each). For more details of the share capital history of our Company please see "Capital Structure" beginning on page 99 of the RHP.

Listing: The Equity Shares offered through the RHP are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges. Our Company has received "in-principle" approvals from BSE and NSE for the listing of the Equity Shares pursuant to their letters each dated July 7, 2026. For the purposes of the Issue, the Designated Stock Exchange shall be NSE. A signed copy of the RHP and the Prospectus has been and shall be delivered to the RoC as applicable, in accordance with Sections 26(4) and 32 of the Companies Act, 2013. For details of the material contracts and documents available for inspection from the date of the Red Herring Prospectus up to the Bid/ Issue Closing Date, see "Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection" beginning on page 577 of the RHP.

Disclaimer clause of the SEBI: SEBI only gives its observations on the Issue documents and this does not constitute approval of either the Issue or the specified securities stated in the Issue document. The investors are advised to refer to page 488 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of SEBI.

Disclaimer clause of NSE (Designated Stock Exchange): It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by NSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the RHP has been cleared or approved by NSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the RHP. The investors are advised to refer to page 493 of the RHP for the full text of the Disclaimer Clause of NSE.

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General risk: Investments in equity and equity-related securities involve a degree of risk and investors should not invest any funds in the Issue unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their entire investment. Investors are advised to read the risk factors carefully before taking an investment decision in the Issue. For taking an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of our Company and the Issue, including the risks involved. The Equity Shares in the Issue have not been recommended or approved by SEBI, nor does SEBI guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the contents of the RHP. Specific attention of the investors is invited to "Risk Factors" beginning on page 30 of the RHP

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Investors may contact the Company Secretary or Compliance Officer or the Registrar to the Issue in case of any pre-issue or post-issue related grievances including non-receipt of letters of Allotment, non-credit of Allotted Equity Shares in the respective beneficiary account, non-receipt of refund orders or non-receipt of funds by electronic mode, etc. For all issue related queries and for redressal of complaints, investors may also write to the BRLMs.					

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Raipur



Roads deteriorate
within three years of
BJP rule.

Vandana Rajput
Cong Spokesperson

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AVAILABILITY OF THE RHP:

Investors are advised to refer to the RHP and the section titled **"Risk Factors"** on page 30 of the RHP, before applying in the Issue. A copy of the RHP is made available on website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, and on the website of the Company at <https://www.jio.com>, and on the websites of the BRLMs, i.e. Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited – <https://investmentbank.kotak.com>; Morgan Stanley India Company Private Limited – <https://www.morganstanley.com/india>; BofA Securities India Limited – <https://business.bofa.com/bofa/india>; Axis Capital Limited – www.axiscapital.co.in; BNP Paribas – www.bnpparibas.co.in; Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited – www.citigroup.com/global/about-us/global-presence/india/regulatory-disclosures-investment-banking; CLSA India Private Limited – www.india.clsa.com; DAM Capital Advisors Limited – www.damcapital.in; Goldman Sachs (India) Securities Private Limited – www.goldmansachs.com; HDFC Bank Limited – www.hdfc.bank.in; HSBC Securities and Capital Markets (India) Private Limited – www.business.hsbc.co.in; ICICI Securities Limited – www.icicisecurities.com; IIFL Capital Services Limited – www.iiflcapital.com; Jefferies India Private Limited – www.jefferies.com; JM Financial Limited – www.jmfl.com; J.P. Morgan India Private Limited – www.jpmi.com; SBI Capital Markets Limited – www.sbicaps.com; UBS Securities India Private Limited – www.ubs.com/indiaoffers; 360 ONE WAM Limited – www.360.one;

AVAILABILITY OF THE ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS:

A copy of the abridged prospectus is made available on the website of the Company, the BRLMs and the Registrar to the Issue at <https://www.jio.com/platforms/>; Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited – <https://investmentbank.kotak.com>; Morgan Stanley India Company Private Limited – <https://www.morganstanley.com/india>; BofA Securities India Limited – <https://business.bofa.com/bofa/india>; Axis Capital Limited – www.axiscapital.co.in; BNP Paribas – www.bnpparibas.co.in; Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited – www.citigroup.com/global/about-us/global-presence/india/regulatory-disclosures-investment-banking; CLSA India Private Limited – www.india.clsa.com; DAM Capital Advisors Limited – www.damcapital.in; Goldman Sachs (India) Securities Private Limited – www.goldmansachs.com; HDFC Bank Limited – www.hdfc.bank.in; HSBC Securities and Capital Markets (India) Private Limited – www.business.hsbc.co.in; ICICI Securities Limited – www.icicisecurities.com; IIFL Capital Services Limited – www.iiflcapital.com; Jefferies India Private Limited – www.jefferies.com; JM Financial Limited – www.jmfl.com; J.P. Morgan India Private Limited – www.jpmi.com; SBI Capital Markets Limited – www.sbicaps.com; UBS Securities India Private Limited – www.ubs.com/indiaoffers; 360 ONE WAM Limited – www.360.one; Registrar to the Issue, KFin Technologies Limited – www.kfintech.com, respectively.

AVAILABILITY OF BID CUM APPLICATION FORMS:

Bid cum Application Forms can be obtained from the Registered and Corporate Office of JIO PLATFORMS LIMITED, Tel: +91 22 7967 0000; BRLMs: Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited, Telephone: +91 22 4336 0000; Morgan Stanley India Company Private Limited, Telephone: +91 22 6118 1000; BofA Securities India Limited, Telephone: +91 22 6632 8000; Axis Capital Limited, Telephone: +91 22 4325 2183; BNP Paribas, Telephone: +91 22 3370 4000; Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited, Telephone: +91 22 6175 9999; CLSA India Private Limited, Telephone: +91 22 6650 5050; DAM Capital Advisors Limited, Telephone: +91 22 4202 2500; Goldman Sachs (India) Securities Private Limited, Telephone: +91 22 6616 9000; HDFC Bank Limited, Telephone: +91 22 3395 8233; HSBC Securities and Capital Markets (India) Private Limited, Telephone: +91 22 6864 1289; ICICI Securities Limited, Telephone: +91 22 6807 7100; IIFL Capital Services Limited, Telephone: +91 22 4646 4728; Jefferies India Private Limited, Telephone: +91 22 4356 6000; JM Financial Limited, Telephone: +91 22 6630 3030; J.P. Morgan India Private Limited, Telephone: +91 22 6157 3000; SBI Capital Markets Limited, Telephone: +91 22 4006 9807; UBS Securities India Private Limited, Telephone: +91 22 6155 6000; and 360 ONE WAM Limited, Telephone: +91 22 4031 7000; Syndicate Members: HDFC Securities Limited Tel: +91 2230753400, Investec Capital Services (India) Private Limited Tel: +91 2268497400, JM Financial Services Limited Tel: +91 22 6136 3400, Kotak Securities Limited Tel: +91 2242858484, SBICAP Securities Limited Tel: +91 22 6943 2521, Sharekhan Limited Tel: +91 22 6750 2000, 360 ONE Capital Market Private Limited (Formerly known as Bativala & Karani Securities India Private Limited) Tel: +91 022 40317000 / +91 022 40076000 and 360 ONE Distribution Services Limited Tel: 9321332882 and at the select locations of the Sub-syndicate

Place : Mumbai, Maharashtra
Date : October 21, 2026

All capitalised terms used herein and not specifically defined shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the RHP.

Jio Platforms Limited is proposing, subject to receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an initial public offering of its Equity Shares and has filed the RHP with RoC on October 14, 2026. The RHP is made available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, on the websites of the Stock Exchanges, i.e. BSE at www.bseindia.com and NSE at www.nseindia.com, on the website of the Company at www.jio.com and on the respective websites of the BRLMs. Any potential investors should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk, and for details relating to such risk, please see the section titled **"Risk Factors"** on page 30 of the RHP. Potential investors should not rely on the DRHP filed with SEBI and the Stock Exchanges for making any investment decision and should instead rely on the RHP, as filed with the RoC, for making investment decisions.

This announcement is not an offer of securities for sale in the United States or elsewhere. This announcement has been prepared for publication in India only and is not for publication or distribution, directly or indirectly, in or into the United States. The Equity Shares offered in the Issue have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (**"U.S. Securities Act"**) or any state securities laws in the United States, and unless so registered, may not be offered or sold within the United States, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable state securities laws in the United States. Accordingly, the Equity Shares are being offered and sold (i) in the United States solely to "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined in Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act) in transactions exempt from, or not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act, or (ii) outside the United States in "offshore transactions," as defined in, and in reliance on Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act and the applicable laws of the jurisdictions where such offers and sales occur. There will be no public offering of Equity Shares in the United States.

Members (as given below), SCSBs, Registered Brokers, RTAs and CDPs participating in the Issue. Bid cum Application Forms will also be available on the websites of BSE and NSE and the Designated Branches of SCSBs, the list of which is available at websites of the Stock Exchanges and SEBI.

Sub-Syndicate Members:

Almondz Global Securities Ltd, Ambit Capital Limited, Ambit Private Limited, Amrapali Capital & Finance Services Limited, Anand Rathi Share & Stock Brokers Limited, Anand Share Consultancy, ANS Pvt Limited, Asit C Mehta Financial Services Limited, Asit C Mehta Investment Intermediates Limited, Axis Securities Limited, Bajaj Financial Securities Limited, Bob Capital Markets Limited, Centrum Broking Limited, Centrum Capital Advisors Limited, Centrum Finverse limited, Centrum Wealth Management Ltd, Choice Equity Broking Private Limited, Dalal & Broacha Stock Broking Pvt Limited, DB(International) Stock Brokers Ltd, Eureka Stock & Share Broking Services Ltd, G Raj & Co. (Consultants) Limited, Globe Capital Market Limited, IDBI Capital Market Services Limited, Inga Ventures Pvt Ltd, Innovate Securities Pvt Limited, Intensive Fiscal Services Private Limited, Jhaveri Securities, Jobanputra Fiscal Services Private Limited, Kalpataru Multiplier Limited, Kantilal Chhaganlal Securities Pvt.Ltd, Keynote Capitals Limited, KJMC Capital Market Services Limited, Lakshmishree Investment & Securities Pvt Limited, LKP Securities Limited, Marwadi Shares & Finance Ltd, Mehta Equities Limited, Monarch Network Capital Limited, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited, Motilal Oswal Securities Limited, Nextbillion Technology Private Limited, Nirmal Bang Securities Pvt Limited, Nuvama Wealth and Investment Limited (Edelweiss Broking Limited), Nuvama Wealth Management Limited, Pantomath Financial Services Limited, Patel Wealth Advisors Pvt Limited, Paytm, Prabhudas Lilladher Pvt Limited, Pravin Ratilal Share & Stock Brokers Limited, Religare Broking Limited, Religare Securities Limited, Rikhav Securities Ltd, RR Equity Brokers Private Limited, SMC Global Securities Limited, Standard Chartered Securities, Sundae Capital, Sunidhi Securities & Finance Ltd, Sushil Financial Services Pvt. Ltd., Systematix Shares & Stocks (India) Limited, Tanna Financial Services, Tradebulls Securities Private Limited, Trust Securities Limited, Viren M Shah, YES Securities (India) Limited, Zerodha

Escrow Collection Banks: Axis Bank Limited and ICICI Bank Limited

Refund Banks: Axis Bank Limited and ICICI Bank Limited

Public Issue Account Banks: Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited and State Bank of India

Sponsor Banks: Axis Bank Limited, ICICI Bank Limited, Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited and State Bank of India

UPI: UPI Bidders can also bid through UPI mechanism

Jio Platforms Limited has provided a toll free number to address any queries related to the Issue.

Toll free number: 1800 309 4001

You may also address your queries related to the Issue by typing 'Hi' or 'Hello' on

WhatsApp to 7977222222

For JIO PLATFORMS LIMITED
On behalf of the Board of Directors

Sd/-
Ms. Savithri Parekh
Company Secretary

Police perform traditional weapon worship on Vijayadashami

Raipur police observe Dussehra with traditional weapon worship.

Central Chronicle News

RAIPUR: The Raipur Police Commissionerate observed the traditional weapon worship ceremony at the police lines on Vijayadashami on Tuesday. Police Commissioner Dr. Sanjeev Shukla, along with senior officers and personnel, participated in the ritual, during which police weapons and departmental vehicles were worshipped. The ceremony concluded with traditional aerial firing. The annual observance is an integral part of the police department's



Vijayadashami tradition. Officers and personnel perform the ritual to mark the festival and reaffirm their commitment to maintaining law and order, protecting citizens and discharging their

duties with dedication. During the ceremony, weapons used by police personnel were worshipped alongside departmental vehicles. The ritual symbolises strength, courage and the triumph

FACTFILE

• Commissioner Shukla urges peaceful, harmonious celebrations.

of good over evil. For the police force, the occasion also serves as a reminder of its responsibility to safeguard the public and ensure peace and security. Senior police officers and personnel attended the programme at the police lines, participating in the traditional observance. The ceremony reflected the department's long-

standing practice of marking Vijayadashami through the worship of weapons and other equipment used in the discharge of official duties. On the occasion, Police Commissioner Dr. Sanjeev Shukla extended Vijayadashami greetings to the people of Raipur and appealed to citizens to celebrate the festival with mutual brotherhood, peace and harmony. He emphasised the importance of maintaining a peaceful atmosphere during the festivities and urged people to celebrate together while respecting one another.

Two Chhattisgarh cricketers in WPL 2027 auction list

Central Chronicle News

RAIPUR: Two emerging women cricketers from Chhattisgarh, Palak Singh and Shreya Shrivastava, have earned places in the list of 146 players shortlisted for the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2027 auction. The auction is scheduled to be held on October 28 in Kochi, Kerala, offering both young players an opportunity to advance their profes-



sional cricket careers. Both players represented the state in the Under-19 category and impressed with their performances in the previous season. They have been placed in the Rs 10-lakh

base price category for the upcoming auction. Young fast bowler Palak Singh made an impression with her bowling in the previous WPL season, taking five wickets in eight matches.

Murmu's visit: 11 roads to face traffic restrictions

Central Chronicle News

RAIPUR: President Droupadi Murmu will arrive in Raipur on October 22 and travel to Jagdalpur to participate in various programmes, including Bastar Dussehra. During her two-day visit to Chhattisgarh, traffic restrictions will be imposed on 11 roads in Raipur for security reasons. More than 2,000 security personnel, including senior police officers, will be deployed, with additional forces called in

from other cities. On October 22, at 12:45 pm, the President will attend a programme at Lok Bhavan and release a Rs 200 commemorative coin honouring revered Mata Hasi Devi. At 4 pm, she will attend the Nuakhai festival programme at Raipur Indoor Stadium as the chief guest at the 'Seva Samman Parv' and 'Yuva Prabodhan' events.



| DUSSEHRA DARSHAN |

Kankali Math opens once a year for Dussehra darshan

Central Chronicle News

RAIPUR: The doors of the historic Kankali Math in Purani Basti were opened for devotees on Tuesday morning on the occasion of Vijayadashami. Following a unique annual tradition, the monastery opens its doors only once a year, offering devotees an opportunity to seek blessings and witness its centu-



ries-old religious heritage. The doors opened at 6 am, followed by special prayers and worship of the ancient weapons

preserved at the Math. Believed to be around 1,000 years old, these weapons are associated with the Naga Sadhus and

FACTFILE

• Ancient monastery opens doors, attracting devotees on Vijayadashami.

hold immense religious and historical significance.

A large number of devotees began arriving early in the morning to witness

the rare ritual and offer prayers. The monastery remained open for darshan from 6 am to noon on Vijayadashami. After the stipulated hours, its doors were scheduled to remain closed until the same occasion next year.

The once-a-year opening makes the event a significant religious occasion for devotees in Raipur and surrounding areas.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

ARRESTED

Father arrested for slamming six-month-old daughter to floor

RAIPUR: A man was arrested within an hour of a case being registered for allegedly slamming his six-month-old daughter onto the floor twice during a domestic dispute. The infant sustained internal head injuries and lost consciousness. She is currently undergoing treatment at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Raipur. According to the complaint lodged by the child's mother, the incident occurred around 1 am on October 14, 2026, during a domestic dispute involving her husband, Ashish Kanwariya. Following the complaint, Saraswati Nagar Police Station registered Crime No. 237/2026 under Sections 296, 351(2), 115(2) and 109 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Acting on the directions of DCP Raipur West Robinson Guria and Additional DCP Rahul Dev Sharma, and under the guidance of ACP Dr. Mansi Nanabhau Sakore, a



police team led by Station House Officer Chetan Chandrakar was formed to apprehend the accused. The police team arrested Ashish Kanwariya, son of Sudarshan Kanwariya and a resident of BSUP Colony, within an hour. He was subsequently sent to judicial custody. The infant remains under medical care at AIIMS. Police said action was taken promptly following the registration of the case.

BURGLARY CASE SOLVED

Amanaka Police solve Burglary within hours, recover jewellery worth Rs 8 Lakh



RAIPUR: Amanaka police have solved a house burglary within hours, recovering gold and silver jewellery worth approximately Rs 8 lakh and apprehending a juvenile in conflict with the law in connection with the theft. According to police, the complainant, a resident of Saron's Azad Nagar area, left for Bhanupratappur with her mother on October 18 after locking her house. When she returned around 7.30 pm on October 19, she found household belongings scattered and the cupboard and its inner locker broken. Gold chains, lockets, bangles, nose rings, earrings, silver anklets and a necklace made of silver coins were missing.

The complainant alleged that an unidentified person had entered the house by climbing over the rear boundary wall and breaking the

back-door lock. Following her complaint, Amanaka police registered Crime No. 355/26 under Sections 331(4) and 305(a) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Acting on the directions of DCP West Zone Robinson Guria and Additional DCP Rahul Dev Sharma, under the guidance of ACP Purani Basti Devansh Singh Rathore, a police team inspected the crime scene and questioned the complainant and local residents.

The team apprehended the juvenile within hours. During questioning, the juvenile reportedly confessed to the theft, leading to the recovery of the stolen jewellery. The recovered items were seized, and the juvenile was sent to a juvenile observation home under judicial remand. Further legal proceedings are underway.

All institutions should unite for national interest: PM Modi

There is no discrimination against anyone and everyone receives justice and equal opportunities.

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said all institutions and political parties of the country should unite for national interest and fight together against the enemies of the country. Participating in Dussehra celebrations here, Modi also said that no matter how big or difficult a crisis may be, no one should sit back relying on others and recognise their own strength.

“May our thoughts be aligned, and may... all the institutions of the nation, all political parties, stand together for



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during 'Vijaya Dashami' celebrations, in New Delhi. | Photo PTI

national interest. We must proceed with this very spirit and we must fight together against the enemies of the country,” the PM said.

Underlining that his government's goal is to make India self-reliant, the prime minister said,

“We must have faith in our resources. We must turn our resolve into power and find solutions through our own hard work. Because Lord Shri Ram taught us that the difficulties cannot stop our journey.” He said in ‘Ram Rajya’, there is no

Revellers flock to Ramlila grounds to soak in Dussehra celebrations

New Delhi: Dussehra, symbolising the triumph of dharma over adharma, was celebrated across the country on Tuesday, with revellers flocking to Ramlila grounds to witness the burning of effigies of the demon king Ravan. President Droupadi Murmu attended Dussehra celebrations at Dwarka, where the President set Ravan's effigy ablaze. Murmu performed the traditional aarti of Lord Ram, Lakshman and Sita before releasing an arrow to set Ravan's effigy ablaze. The event featured 90-foot effigies of Ravan, Kumbhkaran and Meghnath, said Bharat Bhushan Malviya, a core committee member and media head of Dwarka Shri Ram Leela. Wishing people on Dussehra, the President called upon the people to imbibe the qualities of Lord Ram, saying his story inspired them to respect nature, protect the environment and care for everyone.

discrimination against anyone and everyone receives justice and equal opportunities.

| LUCKNOW CAFE OWNER'S DEATH |

Accused model among three arrested in Nagpur

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The case has attracted attention amid allegations by Sharma's family that he was assaulted and tortured before being thrown from an apartment building on October 9.



Absconding accused in the Shiva Sharma case, in police custody.

LUCKNOW: Three persons, including the main accused, model Shraddha Dubey, allegedly involved in the death of Lucknow cafe owner Shiva Sharma, were arrested on Tuesday in Nagpur, officials said here.

Dubey, her driver Danish and sister Rashmi Dubey, carrying a reward of Rs 50 thousand each, were arrested by the police and special task force team in Nagpur, they said, adding that the three will be brought to Lucknow on Transit

remand. Police initially treated the incident as an accidental death but subsequently registered a murder case following the family's allegations.

Dubey, 31, a fashion model, has been on the run since Sharma, 28, allegedly fell from the balcony of an apartment in the Balu Adda area under Hazratganj police station on October 9. Her sister Rashmi Dubey, their driver Tanvir Ali alias Danish and two other people have also been booked

in the case. Police had announced a reward of Rs 50,000 each for information leading to the arrest of Shraddha, Rashmi and Danish. In videos circulated on social media, Shraddha has denied involvement in Sharma's death and claimed that he jumped from the balcony after going into a bathroom at her residence. She has also alleged that he was under a debt of Rs 15 lakh to Rs 20 lakh and had threatened to end his life if he failed to repay it.

5 students slip out of ashram school for Navratri

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2 of them die, 3 injured as motorcycle skids.

PALGHAR: Two students died and three others were seriously injured after the motorcycle they were riding skidded and fell into a roadside pit as they were returning to their ashram school after attending a village fair in Maharashtra's Palghar district, police said on Tuesday.

The incident took place in the wee hours of Monday in Jawhar taluka, following which the headmaster, war-

den, and watchman of the Hiradpada Gagangiri Ashram School were placed under suspension for “dereliction of duty” as these five students had secretly stepped out of the school to attend Navratri festival in nearby Sarsun village.

“The students managed to leave the hostel and rode together on a single motorcycle. While returning to the school between 2.30 am and 3 am on October 19, their two-wheeler skidded in Kongdi ghat, which resulted in the death of two students, identified as Sumit Motiram Bhingal (18) from Class 12 and Pri-

tam Ganesh Potinda (15) from Class 9. The other three students sustained critical injuries,” a Jawhar police station official said.

A motorist passing by alerted the Jawhar police. The Palghar district administration said in a statement that while one student died on the spot, others were rushed to Patangshah Cottage Hospital in Jawhar, where doctors declared another student dead during treatment. The remaining three injured students, whose condition was critical, were shifted to the District Hospital in Nashik for advanced medical care, it said.

Saurav Das, Ashutosh Ranka move Delhi HC against judicial custody

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NEW DELHI: Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) leaders Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka Tuesday approached the Delhi High Court seeking an urgent hearing against the extension of their judicial custody.

Das and Ranka sought a night hearing in the high court, which is shut this week due to Dussehra vacation.

A newly-appointed Special Executive Magistrate at Mandir Marg police station on Monday ordered their judicial remand for two more



days after they were produced before him.

They were taken into custody on October 13 after they allegedly climbed over a locked gate to enter Jantar Mantar, which had earlier been denotified as a des-

ignated protest site, and were sent to five-day judicial custody.

“We have moved the Delhi High Court and requested an urgent night hearing. Saurav and Ashutosh should not spend a single minute

behind bars. Their liberty must not be curtailed because of political games. Justice must not wait,” CJP legal affairs head Ratna Singh said in a post on X. The CJP has alleged that the bail proceedings in the case have been deliberately delayed to prevent the release of its two co-convenors.

Along with other CJP workers, Das and Ranka displayed the national flag at the site and shouted slogans against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar before being detained and placed under preventive arrest.

Indian students worry AI prioritising speed over deep learning: Report

By Aditi Khanna

The survey also revealed that Indian students believe artificial intelligence alongside durable skills, such as creativity and critical thinking, are key for the future job market.

LONDON: A majority of Indian students worry that while AI helps them work faster, they are

not learning material as deeply, according to a new global survey released in the UK this week. More than eight in 10 (82 per cent) of the 758 Indian students surveyed as part of over 6,000 worldwide for the ‘HP Futures 2026’ found that when they want to retain material, young learners still reach for analogue methods such as printing or handwriting notes.

“Educators, policy-makers and employers share a responsibility to prepare young people for the opportunities and challenges they will encounter throughout their lives and careers,” said David McQuarrie, Chief Commercial Officer at HP and Chair of HP Futures.

“As artificial intelligence rapidly transforms how we learn and work, that responsibility has never been more important,” he said.

Grenade destroyed in controlled explosion

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RAJOURI/JAMMU: A grenade was found abandoned near a temple in a remote village in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Tuesday, prompting police to rush a bomb disposal squad to the spot, officials said.

The explosive device was noticed by some children playing with construction material near a temple in Chattyar village, the officials said. They said the village head subsequently informed the local police station,

following which a police team, accompanied by a bomb disposal squad, was rushed to the area. The grenade was later destroyed in a controlled explosion at an isolated location nearby, with no damage reported, the officials said. They said police have launched an investigation to ascertain how the grenade reached the village. A preliminary report suggested that the grenade is believed to have been carried into the village along with construction material, the officials said.

Durga Puja festival in Bastar



Women perform 'Dhunuchi' dance during the ninth day of the Durga Puja festival, at a pandal, in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh, Tuesday.

| JAISHANKAR TO UAE COUNTERPART |

West Asia situation ‘matter of deep concern’

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His trip to India comes amid a fresh wave of attacks on Saudi Arabia reportedly by the Houthi militants.

MUMBAI/NEW DELHI: The situation in West Asia remains a matter of “deep concern” and India will support all efforts to promote peace through dialogue and diplomacy, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Tuesday during talks with his UAE counterpart Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Al Nahyan, who



Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meets UAE Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan to review bilateral ties, in Mumbai.

is also the deputy prime minister of the UAE, landed in Mumbai on Monday night on a two-day visit. In his televised

opening remarks at the meeting, Jaishankar also backed efforts for free, safe and unimpeded flow of trade, energy and

fertilisers. The external affairs minister made a mention of how the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between India and the UAE has significantly enhanced bilateral trade and economic ties.

“The situation in the Gulf remains a matter of deep concern. We will continue to work together and support all efforts to promote dialogue and diplomacy,” he said. “We continue to support free, safe and unimpeded flow of trade, energy and fertiliser. I would also like to

thank you and, through you, the UAE leadership for ensuring the well-being of the Indian community in the UAE,” he said.

Jaishankar also noted that despite global headwinds and regional challenges, the economic partnership between the two countries continues to set “new benchmarks”. “The bilateral trade has crossed the USD 100 billion mark since the signing of the CEPA and two-way investments continue to grow, reflecting the confidence of our businesses in each other's economies,” he said.

‘Vijayadashami is triumph of truth and righteousness’

The Chief Minister set ablaze the effigies of Ravana, Kumbhakarna, and Meghnada at the historic WRS Ground in Raipur.

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RAIPUR: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai stated that the festival of Vijayadashami is not merely a celebration of the victory of good over evil; it is a significant cultural occasion that imparts an eternal message—to remain steadfast on the path of truth, righteousness (Dharma), justice, and humanity. The life of Lord Ram teaches us that no matter how difficult or challenging the path of truth may be, ultimately, it is truth and righteousness that prevail. Whenever we are faced with a choice between right and wrong, we must always stand on the side of truth, justice, and humanity; for the side we choose to stand with serves as the true reflection of our character and values.

CM Sai was addressing the Vijayadashami festival held today at the historic WRS Ground in the capital, Raipur. Amidst the presence of thousands of people and chants in honour of Lord Ram, the Chief Minister used a bow and arrow to set fire to the massive effigies of Ravana, Kumbhakarna, and Meghnada. On this occasion, he extended his heartfelt greetings and



FASTFACTS

● Chhattisgarh shares a deep, personal bond with Lord Ram; it is the maternal home of Mata Kaushalya and the ancestral home of Lord Ram's maternal family.

● Upholding truth, justice, and humanity is the true embodiment of Lord Ram's ideals: Chief Minister Shri Sai

best wishes to the people of the state, praying for happiness, peace, prosperity, and well-being in everyone's life. Chief Minister Shri Sai stated that Vijayadashami is a symbol of our rich cultural heritage, social har-

mony, and national unity. This festival not only connects us to our culture and traditions but also inspires us to strengthen harmony, morality, and human values within society. CM Sai noted that the WRS Ground in Raipur has been a witness to the glorious tradition of the Vijayadashami celebration for over five decades. Each year, through the burning of the effigy of Ravana, the message of the victory of righteousness over unrighteousness and truth over falsehood is conveyed to the public. This long-standing tradition is more than just a celebration; it serves as a vital medium for keeping our cultural consciousness alive and connecting the new gen-

eration with Indian values of life.

He remarked that Vijayadashami reminds us that the true strength of a society and a nation lies in truth, virtue, unity, and justice. These values, embedded in our cultural traditions, have inspired us, generation after generation, to follow the right path. CM Sai highlighted that the festival of Vijayadashami holds special significance for the people of Chhattisgarh, as Lord Shri Ram shares a profound and intimate connection with this sacred land. Chhattisgarh is considered the maternal home of Mata Kaushalya and the ancestral home of Lord Shri Ram's maternal family.

CM Sai to inaugurate workshop today

RAIPUR: The state government is launching a significant initiative focused on the planned and sustainable development of cities in Chhattisgarh, the expansion of modern urban infrastructure, and the enhancement of the financial capacity of urban local bodies. On October 21 at 10:00 AM, Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai will inaugurate a one-day regional capacity-building workshop on the 'Urban Challenge Fund' (UCF) and 'Urban Infrastructure Financing' in Naya Raipur.

The workshop will bring together policymakers and experts from across the country specializing in urban development, financial management, and infrastructure. Key topics to be discussed include mobilizing new financial resources for urban development, attracting private investment, issuing municipal bonds, developing infrastructure through Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), and ensuring the financial viability of affordable housing projects.

In the presence of Chief Minister Sai, the Urban Administration and Development Department will also sign two significant Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with HUDCO and CEPT University.

Immersion of Goddess Durga idols begins, a tearful farewell amidst chants at Mahadevghat



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RAIPUR: On the final day of Sharadiya Navratri, the immersion of Goddess Durga idols has commenced in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh. Devotees brought the idols of Goddess Durga—the primordial power (Adishakti) and slayer of the demon Mahishasura—to the immersion site with deep reverence and devotion. The formal immersion of the idols began in a dedicated immersion pond (kund) constructed near the Patan bridge, by the Kharun River at Mahadevghat. During the proceedings, devotees offered special prayers and bid a heartfelt farewell to Goddess Durga, accompanied by enthusiastic chants in her honor. Those who had worshipped the Goddess throughout the nine days of Navratri bid her farewell with teary eyes, expressing a wish for her to return again next year.

Immersion of Durga idols begins at Mahadevghat: A dedicated immersion pond has been set up by the Raipur Municipal Corporation

(Zone 8) near the Kharun River at Mahadevghat in the capital city. It is at this designated location that devotees are carrying out the immersion of the Durga idols. Upon arriving at the site near the Patan bridge, devotees performed traditional rituals and prayers before beginning the immersion process. As the idols were immersed, the air was filled with chants dedicated to the Goddess. Devotees performed 'Aarti' and prayed for the well-being, prosperity, and happiness of their families, society, and the entire state.

For the devotees, the immersion of the idols—following nine days of worshipping the various manifestations of Goddess Durga—is a deeply emotional moment. It was with this profound religious sentiment that the devotees bid farewell to the Goddess.

Goddess Durga was bid farewell with teary eyes: The tradition of immersing idols of Goddess Durga at the conclusion of Sharadiya Navratri holds special religious significance.

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E-CHALLAN

Raipur Police tops the list in E-Challan collections

RAIPUR: In Raipur, Rs 8.94 crore has been collected through e-challans over the past eight months. However, the city's roads and traffic signals remain in a dilapidated state, causing significant inconvenience to citizens. In the capital city of Raipur, approximately Rs 9 crore has been collected through e-challans for traffic rule violations over the last eight months. According to data obtained under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, a total of Rs 8,94,32,350 was collected as fines within the Raipur Police Commissionerate jurisdiction between January and August 2026. Meanwhile, concerns are being raised regarding the city's poor road conditions, potholes, and disorganized traffic signals—leaving citizens to wonder: when will they finally receive better traffic infrastructure?

According to information obtained via RTI, the highest amount was collected in March 2026.

WEATHER UPDATE

Clear skies in Raipur; night temperatures to drop in two days

RAIPUR: The sky in Raipur will remain clear today, and the weather across Chhattisgarh is expected to stay dry for the next five days. Night temperatures may see a drop of one to two degrees in two days' time.

The weather in the capital, Raipur, will be pleasant and clear today. The maximum temperature in the city is expected to be around 33 degrees, while the minimum temperature may hover around 24 degrees. Raipur's maximum temperature has reached 34 degrees—two degrees above the normal range.

Accused caught red handed by Dhamtari police while attempting to sell 146 diamonds on Dussehra; the stones were stolen from a mine eight years ago.

Light rain may occur in one or two places across the state; however, no specific warning has been issued. Following this, the weather will become completely dry. Over the last 24 hours, the lowest temperature was recorded in Ambikapur. The minimum temperature in Ambikapur was 16.5 degrees.

OBITUARY

M. Vishwakarma



RAIPUR: Maya Vishwakarma, R/o H.No. 68, Wood Island Colony, near Mahadev Ghat, Amleshwar, breathed her last here on Oct 19. The final rites were performed on Oct 20. She was mother of Satyam Vishwakarma and Shikha and Shiva.

MP Agrawal worships Goddess Durga on Mahanavami



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RAIPUR: On the auspicious occasion of Mahanavami during the Sharadiya Navaratri festival, Raipur Lok Sabha MP Brijmohan Agrawal visited various Durga Puja pandals and religious sites across the capital to offer prayers to Goddess Jagadamba. He participated in the Durga Puja celebrations organized by the Bengali community at the 'Poojya Shri Jagadguru Shankaracharya Ashram' in Boriyakala and at Mana Camp, where he performed rituals with due reverence. During these visits, he prayed to Goddess Durga for the happiness, prosperity, peace, and good health of the people of the state.

Special prayers were offered at the Shankaracharya Ashram; on the occasion of Mahanavami, MP Brijmohan Agrawal visited the Shankaracharya Ashram in Boriyakala. There, he offered prayers to Goddess Jagadamba and sought the blessings of the saints present.

Appreciating the spiritual atmosphere of the ashram, the MP remarked that its divinity and positive energy bring immense peace to the mind.

He expressed that it is a privilege for him to visit religious sites and worship the Goddess. He further noted that the festival of Navaratri, within Indian culture, serves as a symbol of devotion.

CG State Official 6 Reds Snooker C'ship to cue off on Oct 30

RAIPUR: Mr. SNOOKER at Omay Gardens is set to host the official Chhattisgarh State 6 Reds Snooker Championship starting from October 30. The state-level tournament will serve as the official selection trials to identify cueists who will represent Chhattisgarh at the upcoming National Championship in Bangalore. The competition will feature four categories: Men, Women, Juniors, and Sub-Juniors. To ensure competitive play, entries have been strictly capped at 32 participants per category on a first-come, first-served basis.

Matches up to the quarter-finals will follow a best-of-7 frames format, while the semi-finals and finals will be contested over a best-of-9 frames format. Cueists interested in competing must complete their registration and submit the entry fee before October 25 (9:00 PM).

| TADOKI-RAOGHAT AND ABHANPUR-KURUD RAIL SECTIONS |

Union Rly Minister, CM Sai flag off two passenger trains

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Rail Projects Worth Rs 54,000 cr underway in the state; Chhattisgarh receives Railway Budget allocation of Rs 7,470 cr this year

RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh added a historic chapter to the expansion of its railway connectivity on Tuesday as Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai flagged off the new Raoghat-Raipur and Raipur-Kurud passenger train services from Raipur Railway Station. On the occasion, the Tadoki-Raoghat and Abhanpur-Kurud rail sections were inaugurated, and the foundation stone was laid for a modern electric locomotive maintenance facility in Raipur. With



the completion of the railway line from Tadoki to Raoghat, the remote region of Raoghat has been connected to the rail network for the first time since Independence.

This milestone is particularly significant for the remote and tribal areas of Bastar and southern Chhattisgarh. The new passenger services will improve connectivity with the state capital, Raipur, and other major centres, facilitating travel while providing fresh impetus to trade, industry, educa-

tion, healthcare, employment and the local economy. Congratulating the people of Chhattisgarh on the historic occasion, CM Sai said railway infrastructure development in the state has gained unprecedented momentum under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that the Centre and state governments, working together under the double-engine governance model, are committed to ensuring that modern railway facilities reach not only major cities but also remote and tribal

FASTFACTS

● Tadoki-Raoghat and Abhanpur-Kurud Rail sections inaugurated; foundation laid for modern electric locomotive maintenance facility in Raipur

regions, including Bastar and Surguja. CM Sai said that arrival of trains in Raoghat was not merely the completion of a railway project but the opening of new avenues for Bastar's development.

Wherever railway connectivity expands, development gathers momentum. It makes travel easier, improves access to markets, encourages industries and investment, and creates new employment and livelihood opportunities for young people.

| SANGEET NATAK AKADEMI USTAD BISMILLAH KHAN YUVA PURASKAR |

Ch'garh artists bring laurels to state at national level

Central Chronicle News

RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh's rich artistic traditions, cultural heritage and theatre have received national recognition, with two distinguished artists from the state being honoured with the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar. At a ceremony held on October 19, 2026, at the Meghdoot Theatre Complex, Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi, Union Minister

for Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat honoured Dr Anand Pandey of Jashpur for his contribution to theatre and acting, and Ghanshyam Sahu of Sarangarh for his distinctive playwriting and impactful screenplay writing for Chhattisgarhi films.

Dr Pandey has worked to nurture theatre in the remote tribal region of Jashpur, while Shri Sahu has made notable contributions to dramatic writing and Chhattisgarhi cin-



ema. Their achievements have brought recognition to the state's creative talent, cultural richness and theatrical traditions at the national level.

The success of these artists, who have established their identities on

the national stage despite emerging from remote forest regions and small towns, demonstrates that talent and creativity transcend geographical boundaries. Their dedication to art, sustained practice and cre-

ative commitment have strengthened Chhattisgarh's presence in India's cultural landscape.

Dr Anand Pandey of Jashpur gives new recognition to theatre

Dr Anand Pandey, who has worked to carry forward theatre traditions in the remote tribal region of Jashpur and establish a distinct identity through his acting, received the prestigious Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for excellence in acting.

His achievement is a

HIGHLIGHT

● Two artists from Ch'garh receive prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar at ceremony in New Delhi

source of inspiration for artists associated with theatre in Jashpur, the entire Surguja region and Chhattisgarh. His artistic journey demonstrates that talent, hard work and dedication can earn

national recognition even in remote areas with limited resources.

Ghanshyam Sahu of Sarangarh brings recognition to playwriting and Ch'garhi cinema

Ghanshyam Sahu of Sarangarh has been honoured nationally for his distinctive playwriting and outstanding screenplay writing for Chhattisgarhi films.

His achievement is significant for the state's literary, theatrical and cinematic creativity.

Business



India's semiconductor journey gains momentum under semicon 2.0.
Randhir Thakur
Tata Electronics' CEO and MD

'Data Centre Set-up Evaluation Framework' report



Anurag Jain, CEO, NITI Aayog, along with Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Member, NITI Aayog, and other senior officials, releasing the 'Data Centre Set-up Evaluation Framework' report, in New Delhi.

Jio bets on Artificial Intelligence, Cloud ahead of mega IPO

Jio Platforms plans a Rs 30,213-crore IPO, targeting growth in artificial intelligence, cloud computing, broadband, enterprise solutions and next-generation connectivity beyond telecom.

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NEW DELHI: Jio Platforms is positioning itself as a technology company rather than merely a telecom operator, with artificial intelligence (AI), cloud computing and digital services expected to drive its next phase of growth, Managing Director Akash Ambani said on Tuesday ahead of its initial public offering (IPO). The Reliance Industries subsidiary plans to raise approximately Rs 30,213 crore through a fresh issue

of shares, potentially making it India's largest-ever IPO. The issue opens on October 21 and closes on October 23, with a price band of Rs 1,065- Rs 1,119 per share. At the upper end, the company is valued at approximately \$108 billion. Ambani said Jio's technology platform supports 533.3 million customers through its 5G network, cloud-native infrastructure and software capabilities. The company plans to expand across home broadband, enter-

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● Akash Ambani positions Jio as technology-driven growth company.

prise digital solutions, AI and cloud services, while exploring satellite connectivity and next-generation 6G technology. He highlighted substantial growth opportunities, noting that around 26 crore Indians still use 2G services



and fixed broadband reaches only about 21 per cent of Indian households. Digital-services adoption among more than 7.9 crore micro, small and medium enterprises remains below three per cent. Of the IPO's net proceeds, up to Rs 27,500 crore will be used to repay or prepay borrowings of Reliance Jio Infocomm, strengthening the company's balance sheet and providing finan-

cial flexibility for future investments. Jio is also expanding its AI offerings through partnerships with Google and Meta. Ambani said eligible users are being offered Google's AI Pro plan at no additional cost for 18 months, while a Reliance-Meta joint venture aims to distribute enterprise AI products. The offering includes reservations of up to Rs 2,500 crore for eligible Reliance Industries shareholders and Rs 500 crore for eligible employees.

India-New Zealand trade pact kicks in

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India-New Zealand FTA takes effect, granting duty-free access to Indian exports.



NEW DELHI: The India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA), signed on April 27, came into effect on Tuesday, providing duty-free access to a range of Indian goods, including products from labour-intensive sectors such as textiles and leather. It is the seventh trade pact to come into force in the last five years. The others are agreements with the UAE, Mauritius, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) bloc, the UK, Oman and Australia. Signed on April 27, 2026, the agreement follows negotiations launched in 2010, stalled in 2015 and revived in March 2025. The pact becomes India's 17th operational FTA. New Zealand

Prime Minister Christopher Luxon said "As of today, our historic Free Trade Agreement with India is in effect. Working closely with Prime Minister @narendramodi, we've delivered a deal that will help grow both of our economies". He said that from Tuesday, Kiwi businesses can reach over a billion more customers with significantly reduced tariffs. "That means it's easier for Kiwi businesses to sell more, hire more staff, invest in machinery and expand, creating more jobs and higher wages for Kiwis. That's more money flowing into Kiwi communities. That's why National has been hustling on the world stage, getting trade deals done," Luxon said in a social media post.

Subbarao warns against misreading Rupee weakness

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Rupee pressure reflects capital outflows, not oil alone.



NEW DELHI: Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor D Subbarao has cautioned against attributing the rupee's weakness entirely to the Iran conflict and rising crude oil prices, saying persistent capital outflows and structural economic challenges have also contributed to the currency's depreciation. Speaking to PTI on Monday, Subbarao said assuming the rupee would recover automatically once geopolitical tensions ease would amount to a "misdiagnosis". The rupee settled 3 paise lower at Rs 94.92 against the US dollar on Monday, pressured by falling domestic equities and recovering crude

oil prices. Subbarao said foreign investors increasingly view Indian assets as expensive amid elevated equity valuations. Meanwhile, global investments are flowing towards technology-driven sectors, including artificial intelligence, semiconductors, biotechnology, advanced manufacturing and renewable energy. He stressed that strong economic growth alone would not guarantee capital inflows or currency stability. India needs to improve productivity, strengthen export competitiveness, reduce

transaction costs and policy uncertainty, and develop capabilities in emerging technologies. On the RBI's recent 25-basis-point interest rate hike, Subbarao supported the decision as a measured response to the risk of inflation becoming entrenched. He noted that higher oil prices and an adverse monsoon were creating supply-side inflationary pressures that monetary policy could not directly resolve. However, he warned that delaying action could allow inflation expectations to harden, while excessive tightening could hurt investment and economic growth. He also observed that the historically low interest-rate differential between India and the US could have influenced the monetary policy decision.

| NATIONAL MINERAL POLICY |

Government to review 2019 mineral policy

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NEW DELHI: The Centre is set to review the National Mineral Policy, 2019, to align it with evolving sector demands, focusing on key priorities such as critical minerals, recycling, and deep-sea resources, according to sources. The Mines Ministry has decided to constitute a panel to undertake a comprehensive review of the policy in the light of recent developments and

emerging requirements, the sources said. The nine-member committee will be chaired by the Additional Secretary in the Mines Ministry, they said. The panel has been tasked with reviewing the National Mineral Policy, 2019, in view of developments in the mineral sector since its formulation, identifying provisions that need modification, and recommending a comprehensive revision of the policy. It has been



asked to submit its recommendations within two months of its constitution, sources said. The National Mineral Policy, 2019, was

approved by the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It was aimed at ensuring more effective regulation and sustainable development of the mining sector, and addressing the concerns of project-affected persons, particularly those living in tribal areas. The policy sought to create a more effective, meaningful and implementable framework by bringing in greater transparency, better regula-

tion and enforcement, balanced social and economic growth, and sustainable mining practices. It also included provisions to boost the mining sector, such as measures to encourage exploration, attract private investment, promote ease of doing business and ensure scientific and sustainable mining. B K Bhatia, mining industry expert and former Director General of the Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI).

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CANBANK FACTORS TRANSACTION

Transaction of Canbank Factors to be over before March: Canara Bank MD

NEW DELHI: Canara Bank Managing Director and CEO Brajesh Kumar Singh has said the sale of the lender's subsidiary, Canbank Factors, is expected to be completed during the current financial year, generating around Rs 80.5 crore for the bank's balance sheet. The bank's board on August 29 decided to sell unlisted subsidiary Canbank Factors Ltd to Vidvedaa Private Ltd for Rs 80.5 crore. The board of directors has accorded consent for sale of 70 per cent bank's stake through transfer of 100 per cent equity shares of the company. "We expect the transaction to be completed either by the end of the third quarter or during the fourth quarter, subject to regulatory approval," Singh told PTI.

In a bid to bring down cost of fund, he said, the bank has replaced a part of high cost bulk deposits with the Foreign Currency Non-Resident (FCNR) deposits. The bank has mobilised USD 5.8 billion from FCNR(B) deposits till August 31, the last date for concessional forex swap window. The bank has almost utilised the funds garnered from FCNR deposits, he said.

On the outlook for net interest margin (NIM), Singh said, it will be in the range between 2.5 per cent and 2.6 per cent considering a rate hike 25 basis points. "With the festive season expected to boost consump-



tion, we anticipate strong growth in retail lending, supported by higher consumer spending. This should also help improve our margins," he said. About 53 per cent of the bank's loan book is repo rate-linked, which has seen increase following the RBI's rate hike earlier this month. For the second quarter ended September 2026, Canara Bank reported an 8 per cent rise in net profit at Rs 5,175 crore as against Rs 4,774 crore in the year-ago period. Total income increased to Rs 40,931 crore in the second quarter from Rs 38,598 crore a year ago, Canara Bank said in a regulatory filing. Interest income improved to Rs 35,159 crore from Rs 31,544 crore during the second quarter of the previous fiscal year. Net interest income witnessed a 20 per cent year-on-year jump during the quarter to Rs 11,005 crore.

Q2 RESULTS

L&T Tech Q2 profit rises 66.8 pc, revenue up at Rs 3,040 cr

NEW DELHI: L&T Technology Services (LTTS) on Monday reported a 66.78 per cent increase in consolidated net profit to Rs 548.2 crore for the July-September quarter of FY27, aided by a one-time gain from the sale of its Smart World and Communication business.

The company had posted a net profit (attributable to equity shareholders) of Rs 328.7 crore in the year-ago period, according to a regulatory filing. Revenue from operations rose 12.1 per cent to Rs 3,040.4 crore during the quarter under review, up from Rs 2,713.3 crore in Q2 FY26. Sequentially, profit and revenue were up by 53.7 per cent and 3.4 per cent, respectively. The company said the sequential growth came as large deal wins of the last few quarters moved to execution. The profit includes a one-time gain of Rs 165 crore (net of tax) from the sale of the Smart World and Communication (SWC) business, which was part of the Tech segment. The business was sold to AMI Paradigm Solutions Private Limited. The sale was completed on September 1, the filing said.

APPOINTMENT

IndusInd General Insurance appoints Sharad Mathur as MD & CEO

NEW DELHI:



IndusInd General Insurance Company Ltd (formerly Reliance General Insurance), part of IndusInd International Holdings Ltd (IIHL) Group, on Tuesday announced the appointment of Sharad Mathur as its Managing Director & CEO, following statutory approvals. Mathur brings three decades of experience in the insurance and financial services industry, with a strong track record in organisational transformation, distribution expansion, technology-led innovation, growth and governance, the company said in a statement. Prior to joining IndusInd General Insurance, he served as MD & CEO of Universal Sompo General Insurance for over six years, leading its transformation and strengthening its distribution, risk management, and tech-led customer servicing capabilities. Earlier, he held leadership positions at SBI General Insurance and ICICI Lombard.

AI-ENABLED CYBERATTACKS

PNB cautions customers of AI-led cyberattacks amid surging frauds

NEW DELHI: State-run Punjab National Bank (PNB) has cautioned its customers about AI-enabled cyberattacks, especially AI voice cloning, deepfakes, and phishing, amid surging incidents of fraud, and has advised them to remain vigilant. Highlighting that October is observed as National Cyber Security Awareness Month every year, the bank informed customers that fraudsters are using increasingly sophisticated methods to make their attempts more convincing. "Many cyber frauds today exploit human behaviour, particularly trust, fear, urgency and everyday digital habits. Fraudsters may imitate the voice or appearance of your family members, friends, or trusted persons and create a false emergency to seek an urgent transfer of money," PNB MD and CEO Ashok Chandra said in his message to customers.

Similarly, fraudulent emails, SMS or messages may appear highly personalised and like genuine bank communications, making them more difficult to identify, he said, adding that they create panic and make customers act without verification. In view of rising incidents of cybercrimes across the country, the domestic public and private sector banks are actively ramp-



ing up IT and cybersecurity investments to combat evolving threats from advanced artificial intelligence, quantum computing risks, and strict regulatory mandates from the Reserve Bank of India.

Pointing out that all these scams run on the fuel called urgency, 63SATS Cybertech Joint MD & Joint CEO Srinivas L said, "A cloned voice of a son saying he has been arrested. A video of a police officer threatening a digital arrest. A message saying the bank account will be blocked in an hour. The technology has changed, but the playbook has not. It makes people panic, which pressurises them to pay." So, the counter is simple, Srinivas said, adding there is an urgent need to pause.

Death sentences draw attention to women inmates

The families in both cases have informed the jail administration in writing that they intend to appoint lawyers and file appeals in the high court.

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MEERUT (UP): The death sentences awarded in the sensational Saurabh Rajput and Amit Kashyap murder cases have brought renewed attention to other women lodged in Meerut's Chaudhary Charan Singh District Jail, including several facing trial for allegedly murdering their husbands.

The cases involving Anjali and Komal, among other women inmates, have come under the spotlight. However, their guilt and the punishment, if any, will be determined by courts on the basis of evidence and the proceedings in their respective cases.

Muskan and Sahil Shukla were sentenced to death in the Saurabh Rajput 'blue drum' murder case, while Ravita and Amardeep received the death penalty in the Amit Kashyap murder case. Families of the convicts are preparing to challenge the verdicts in the high court.

Anjali, Komal face trial in husbands' murders:

Anjali, a resident of Agwanpur village in the Parikshitgarh area, has



Lawyers and onlookers gesture victory signs inside the court premises after a Meerut court sentenced Muskan Rastogi to death in the Saurabh Rajput murder case.

been in jail since November 2025 in connection with the murder of her husband, Rahul. She is accused of conspiring with their neighbour, Ajay, to kill him. According to the allegations, Rahul had objected to their purported relationship, following which he was called to a temple outside the village and shot dead. The trial in the case is underway. Anjali, a mother of three, works in cleaning and stitching activities in jail. She also participates in religious activities and spends her free time listening to the Ramayana and learning to read. Her family visits her occasionally. Komal

is accused of conspiring to murder her husband, Nain Singh, a Border Security Force (BSF) constable. According to police, Komal allegedly planned the murder with Gulshan, her sister's fiance. She is accused of pawning her jewellery to arrange Rs 6 lakh to hire contract killers to eliminate her husband. The incident is believed to have taken place on April 4. Komal engages in cooking, stitching and knitting activities in jail. During counselling sessions, she has reportedly expressed remorse. She often sits quietly after finishing her work, while her family members visit her occasionally.

HIGHLIGHT

● The police arrested five people, including Komal and Gulshan, in connection with the case and sent them to jail.

Ilma arrested in husband's death case:

Ilma, the wife of Talib, has been arrested in connection with his death in Zakir Colony under the Lohianagar police station area.

The police allege that she conspired with her purported lover, Aman, and another associate to murder Talib. He was allegedly strangled with a dupatta on the night of September 28. A post-mortem report received on Friday cited asphyxiation as the cause of death, following which police arrested Ilma and sent her to jail. According to the police, Ilma had informed Talib's family over the phone after the incident that he had died of a heart attack. The family took the body to his native village, Rasoolpur Bhaderhi, in the Budhana area of Muzaffarnagar district, where it was buried without a post-mortem examination.

Twin brothers found dead with throats slit

JAIPUR: Two 13-year-old twin brothers were found murdered with their throats slit in Rajasthan's Deeg district on Tuesday morning, police said.

Vinay Chaudhary and Vishnu Chaudhary were found dead in a vacant plot near their house in Badesara village, with multiple cut marks and head injuries, they said, adding that blood was also found at the spot.

Deeg Superintendent of Police Kamble S Gopinath said a suspect has been detained for questioning, while the motive behind the killings is being investigated.

According to the police, the brothers had left home this morning. When they did not return for a long time, family members began searching for them and discovered their bodies in a nearby plot.

The twins' father, Niranjan Singh, had died earlier, after which they were living with their mother, Preeti, at their maternal grandfather Ghanshyam Chaudhary's house.

The twins were the youngest of four siblings. Their elder sister is 18 years old and their brother is 15.

Police said further investigation is underway to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the killings.

'Lucknow cafe owner death case can bring down UP govt'

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Yadav also alleged that television channels were divided over the cafe owner's death, with some appearing to support Shraddha Dubey and others opposing her.

LUCKNOW: Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday alleged that the death of Lucknow cafe owner Shiva Sharma was "not an ordinary case" and "can bring down the Uttar Pradesh government", drawing a parallel with the 2020 police encounter of Kanpur-based gangster Vikas Dubey.

Responding to questions about Shraddha Dubey, Sharma's alleged live-in partner and the prime accused in the case who has been absconding for 11 days, Yadav took a swipe at the police and the state government without naming anyone. "Justice should be delivered. Remember, the vehicle had not overturned; the government was saved from being toppled," Yadav said, referring to the circumstances surrounding the death of Vikas Dubey, who was killed in a police encounter after the vehicle transporting him from Madhya Pradesh to Uttar Pradesh overturned in July



2020. "This case, too, is not an ordinary one. It is a case that will bring down the government," the former UP chief minister claimed, making a veiled reference to the alleged connection of some influential people in the case. "There is

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● The case has attracted attention amid allegations by Vikas Sharma's family that he was assaulted and tortured before being thrown from an apartment building on October 9.

Shraddha everywhere. The police are unable to arrest her. The channels here are also divided; some are with Shraddha and some are against her. If this is not true, tell me, whose side are you on?" he said.

Referring to a media interview given by Shraddha Dubey, while still on the run, Yadav also alleged that some journalists had access to inside information and claimed that media organisations were divided into different camps.

Mother-son duo dies as train hits them

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BODELI (GUJARAT): A 65-year-old woman and her 32-year-old son were killed on Tuesday after being hit by a train while crossing a narrow railway bridge over the Narmada canal in Chhotaudepur district, police said.

The incident occurred around noon when Ganjiben Bariya and her son, Pareshbhai Bariya, were walking towards agricultural fields to deliver meals to relatives, police said.

"The mother-son duo was walking on a narrow railway bridge over the Narmada canal passing through Bodeli town. They were going towards the other side of the canal when they were run over by the Pratapnagar-Alirajpur train," said sub-inspector AJ Pandya of Dabhoi Railway Police Station.

The bridge doesn't have space for pedestrians to move aside when

a train approaches, police said, adding that the deceased were residents of Jain Faliya in Bodeli.

Kiran Bariya, another son of Ganjiben, said his mother and brother were on their way to the fields to deliver a meal when the train arrived suddenly.

"People frequently cross back and forth here, but this train arrived suddenly. They happened to be heading towards the fields when the accident occurred," he said.

He also claimed that locomotive pilots sometimes fail to blow the horn while passing through the area.

Navalsinh Bariya, an eyewitness, said he saw the woman and her son near the canal.

"As the train approached, they tried to run across, but they could not make it to the other side. The train struck them instantly," he said.

'Parents to face legal action'



ALAPPUZHA (KERALAM): Kerala Women and Child Welfare Minister Bindu Krishna on Tuesday said a case would be registered against the parents of a two-year-old child who died allegedly due to malnutrition in Haripad in this coastal district. Visiting the child's house, the minister told reporters that the government was committed to protecting children and would take steps to prevent such incidents.

She said authorities had earlier identified the vulnerable living conditions of the children in the family and tried to shift them to Gandhibhavan, a care home, but the parents threatened suicide, forcing officials to send them back home.

IAF chief takes final sortie near Hyderabad, flies iconic Kiran aircraft

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HYDERABAD/NEW DELHI: Days ahead of his superannuation, IAF chief, Air Chief Marshal A P Singh on Tuesday flew his final sortie aboard HJT-16 Kiran Mk-1 trainer aircraft at his alma mater near Hyderabad, bringing his distinguished flying career in the Indian Air Force a full circle.

At the end of the 55-minute sortie at the Air Force Academy (AFA), Dundigal in Telangana, Singh acknowledged it was his "last sortie in uniform."

The flight was particularly special as the Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) flew with his first flying instructor, Wing Commander V S Kochar (retd), in the aircraft bearing tail number U707, a senior IAF official said.

Recalling his first flight in January 1984 with Kochar in a Kiran aircraft



at the AFA, Singh said he did his "last sortie in uniform" on Tuesday with his teacher by his side. He expressed his gratitude to his guru.

Air Chief Marshal Singh was given a water cannon salute as a mark of respect as he landed, concluding the sortie.

The IAF chief passed out from the AFA in 1984

with a Sword of Honour.

When reminded that he started his flying career with the Kiran aircraft and "ended" with the same, Singh said it was a "dream come true".

"I started my journey with the same aircraft. I think I must be the only Chief who is retiring on the basic aircraft he flew

AAP MINISTER CLAIMS

'Centre failed to stop supply chain of drugs misused'

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CHANDIGARH: As Home Minister Amit Shah attacked the AAP government in Punjab over the drug menace, state finance minister Harpal Singh Cheema on Tuesday accused the central government of failing to act against synthetic drug manufacturers operating in states ruled by the BJP and the Congress despite repeated appeals from Punjab.

Cheema claimed that while the AAP government was taking stringent action against drug traf-

fickers, the Centre continued to ignore the sources supplying synthetic and pharmaceutical drugs that were being misused as intoxicants in Punjab.

The senior AAP leader asserted that the government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann would pursue the fight against drugs with full force and would not allow "political considerations or administrative obstacles" to weaken its resolve.

"The main sources of synthetic and pharmaceutical drugs flooding Punjab are in states



governed by the BJP and Congress, yet the central government has failed to take decisive action against those manufacturing and supplying these substances. Punjab is fighting this menace

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Harpal Singh Cheema

Punjab minister

on the ground, but the Centre is turning a blind eye to a serious threat to the lives of our youth," he said.

"The most shocking

fact is that no manufacturing of prescription medicines being misused as intoxicants is located in Punjab. These factories are operating in Haryana, Baddi in Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Ahmedabad in Gujarat.

The Centre must explain why it has failed to act against the sources of this supply chain," he said.

The AAP leader's reaction came as Union Home Minister Shah met the victims of drug menace in Punjab and said that the "rising audacity" of drug traffickers has

raised serious questions about the functioning of the Bhagwant Mann government. In a statement, Cheema said, "Medicines such as Pregabalin, Gaba, Clomine, Tramadol, Zopiclone, Flu Practsol and Carisoprodol are being misused as intoxicants in Punjab, even though these medicines can only be obtained with a doctor's prescription. The Punjab Government has repeatedly sought stronger legal provisions to stop this misuse, but the Centre has failed to provide any concrete response."

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DEHRADUN: Gearing up for the 2027 assembly election, the state Congress unit on Tuesday shared a roadmap for 'Uttarakhand Nyay Yatra', where the party will reach out to the public to highlight the BJP government's 'anti-people policies' and the 'pressing issues facing the state'.

Congress leaders said that the 'Uttarakhand Nyay Yatra' will be conducted across various assembly constituencies in Dehradun district.

On Tuesday, the Uttarakhand Congress held a meeting chaired by ex-state president Pritam Singh, the chairman of the party's election campaign committee. The

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31 sewer, septic tank deaths reported

As many as 31 people have died while cleaning sewers and septic tanks so far in 2026, with compensation fully paid in nine cases, according to the National Commission for Safai Karmacharis (NCSK). The commission's data showed that Haryana reported the highest number of deaths so far in 2026 at eight, followed by Maharashtra and Delhi with six each.

Uttar Pradesh reported three deaths, while Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan recorded two each. In 2025, 51 deaths were reported, with compensation fully paid in 28 cases. Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest number of deaths at 10, followed by Haryana and Delhi with seven each. In 2024, 54 deaths were reported, of which compensation was fully paid in 43 cases.

Across the 11 years listed in the statement, 773 deaths were recorded, and compensation was fully paid in 677 cases, according to the figures.

BEED

'Leadership rooted in caste considerations'

Maharashtra minister and BJP leader Pankaja Munde on Tuesday said that leadership rooted in caste considerations has a short shelf life, appealing to people to join hands and work together across caste and religious divides.

Addressing the annual Dussehra rally at Bhagwanganad in Patoda tehsil of Beed, Munde announced her decision to adopt Antarwali Sarati village, the epicentre of the Maratha quota stir led by Manoj Jarange, for comprehensive development. "Antarwali Sarati will be developed," said Munde, who also serves as the guardian minister for Jalna district. Cautioning against confrontation, Munde criticised aggressive agitation tactics, specifically referencing youth and Gen-Z protests.

She said public grievances cannot be settled through street fights, but only through constructive dialogue.

Congress unit announces roadmap for 'Uttarakhand Nyay Yatra'

discussion focused on preparations for the proposed 'Uttarakhand Nyay Yatra,' which aims to address issues such as rising unemployment, inflation, corruption, violence against women, deteriorating law and order, and other critical challenges facing the state. Speaking on the occasion, Singh said, "Under the BJP government's rule, the people of Uttarakhand are suffering due to inflation, unemployment, corruption, and a crumbling law-and-order situation. The state's youth are struggling to find employment, women feel unsafe, and farmers, labourers, traders, and ordinary citizens are distressed by the government's anti-people policies."



QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

“Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

[Abraham Lincoln]

| OUR VIEW |

Pakistan’s Propaganda Cannot Change Kashmir’s Reality

Pakistan’s persistent attempts to internationalise the Kashmir issue through misleading narratives and diplomatic pressure have once again exposed its strategy of using international organisations to advance its anti-India agenda. The latest controversy surrounding the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) demonstrates how political propaganda can undermine the credibility of multilateral institutions. India’s strong rejection of resolutions adopted at the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers’ meeting in Baghdad on October 17 and 18 is a clear response to Islamabad’s diplomatic campaign. New Delhi has rightly questioned the organisation’s willingness to endorse allegations without adequately examining the realities on the ground. Pakistan has repeatedly sought to portray Jammu and Kashmir as a centre of instability while overlooking developments in the region following the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019. Infrastructure expansion, improved connectivity, tourism and economic initiatives have created opportunities that deserve recognition. Challenges undoubtedly remain, but selective narratives cannot provide an accurate picture. More importantly, Pakistan’s accusations invite scrutiny of its own conduct. India has highlighted allegations of repression, violence against protesters and restrictions on civil liberties in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Islamabad cannot credibly demand international accountability while avoiding questions about conditions in territories under its administration. Equally questionable is Pakistan’s attempt to exploit concerns about Islamophobia to advance its diplomatic objectives. Religious discrimination is a serious global issue requiring sincere international cooperation. Using such concerns as instruments of political confrontation weakens efforts to protect vulnerable communities. The OIC, representing 57 member states, must recognise that repeatedly adopting one country’s perspective risks undermining its institutional credibility. International organisations should encourage constructive engagement rather than become platforms for competing national propaganda. India must continue countering misleading allegations through factual communication, transparent governance and sustained diplomatic engagement. Demonstrable progress in Jammu and Kashmir remains a stronger answer than rhetorical confrontation alone. Ultimately, Pakistan’s propaganda campaign cannot substitute for responsible governance, regional stability or meaningful dialogue. The international community should examine competing claims critically rather than accept politically convenient narratives. Lasting peace requires an end to cross-border terrorism, respect for sovereignty and a commitment to genuine cooperation. Diplomatic credibility must rest on evidence, not propaganda.

| GUEST VIEW |

Children Deserve Safe And Equal Internet Access

The Supreme Court’s recognition of children’s fundamental right to internet access underscores the need to balance constitutional freedoms with protection against online dangers. In Just Rights for Children Alliance v. S. Harish, the Court emphasised that safeguarding children cannot justify blanket restrictions on digital access. Article 21 protects dignity, education and personal development, while Article 19(1)(a) guarantees freedom of expression. Children must enjoy these rights alongside appropriate safeguards. Internet connectivity provides educational opportunities, career guidance and essential information, particularly for disadvantaged and rural children. Denying access could deepen inequalities and widen the digital divide. However, cyber-bullying, online exploitation, harmful content and excessive screen exposure pose serious challenges. Responsible regulation, digital literacy and age-appropriate safeguards are therefore essential. Social media platforms must strengthen child protection mechanisms, ensure privacy and promptly remove exploitative material. Parents and schools should promote responsible internet use through guidance rather than excessive surveillance. The government must also expand affordable connectivity and strengthen mechanisms for reporting online abuse. Protecting children should never mean isolating them from technological progress. Constitutional recognition must translate into meaningful opportunities, digital inclusion and effective safeguards. Children deserve both freedom and security in an increasingly connected world.



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Why Should We Craft Own Energy Doctrine?

100% tariff threat is gone now. But the lesson remains. A single signature in Washington has given Indian exporters a moment to breathe. Just 24 hours before it was to come into effect, U.S. President Donald Trump waived the application of the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act, 2026 – a law that would have slapped a 100 percent tariff on goods from countries buying Russian oil. This is not just a legal waiver. It is a case study in how diplomacy, oil politics and American domestic elections intersect. The real question now is not how the threat was averted, but how India converts this temporary reprieve into a permanent strategy. The sword has been sheathed, not broken.

Why this U-turn? A diesel deal behind the decision. October 18 was the day. Under the Graham Act, the top five buyers of Russian crude and gas – China, India, Slovakia, Hungary and Azerbaijan – were to face a 100 percent additional duty on their exports to the US. Russian goods themselves were to face 500 percent. On October 16, the White House issued an executive order stating that the President was waiving these sanctions and duties in the national interest of the United States.

The order came days after Trump announced a deal with President Vladimir Putin: Russia would immediately release over 300,000 tons of diesel to the US and global markets, followed by 500,000 tons in November, one million tons immediately thereafter, and another three million tons within a short period. The context is crucial. Crude had crossed \$110 a barrel in the US. Last week, Washington had already exempted Russian die-

sel imports till April 2027 to cool prices. Imposing 100 percent tariffs on India and China at that moment would have shattered supply chains and spiked pump prices at home.

Lesson 1 for India: American energy decisions are driven not by morality, but by necessity. When prices rise, principles bend. India must also anchor its energy policy in hard economics, not defensive narratives, and articulate that argument aggressively to the world – that its Russian purchases have actually kept global prices stable.

The second driver is American midterm elections, less than a month away. As per the data available from reporters, agencies and AI, the above is the situation in wider spectrum and wider perspective. The Indian Express noted, “With crude prices surging past \$110 a barrel and midterm elections in the US less than a month away, President Donald Trump has effectively paused the Act.”

A tariff shock would have meant higher inflation for the American voter. A risk no incumbent wants...

Lesson 2: Let us use electoral cycles as leverage. The best time to negotiate with Washington is when inflation is an electoral issue. In trade deal talks, New Delhi should explicitly link its discounted oil purchases to global price stability. If India exits the Russian market, prices could jump to \$120-130, hurting the American consumer directly. Where India Stands? From 2% to 45%...! The numbers tell the story of a dramatic pivot. Before the Ukraine war, Russia accounted for less than 2 percent of India’s crude imports – some estimates put it at just 0.2 percent. Today, it is India’s largest supplier.



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When Students Challenge Teachers: The Classroom Must Become a Two-Way Street

A classroom in which teachers speak and students listen in uninterrupted silence may appear orderly, but it is not necessarily a place where meaningful learning takes place. Education is not a monologue delivered from an elevated platform; it is a dynamic intellectual encounter in which questions, disagreements and curiosity must find room to flourish. The real measure of a teacher’s effectiveness lies not merely in the ability to explain a subject but also in the willingness to confront questions that challenge established knowledge.

An important question therefore deserves serious consideration: Whose job is easier—the teacher’s or the student’s?

At first glance, teaching may appear more demanding. Teachers must prepare lessons, assess assignments, manage classrooms and remain accountable for students’ academic progress. Students, meanwhile, must listen, learn, complete assignments and demonstrate their understanding through examinations. Yet the apparent simplicity of either role disappears when education is understood as a shared intellectual responsibility. Teaching without engagement becomes mechanical, while learning without inquiry becomes an exercise in memorisation.

The silence that undermines learning

In many classrooms, students

hesitate to raise questions for several reasons. Some fear ridicule from classmates; others worry that their teachers may interpret questioning as disrespect or ignorance. A few remain silent because they have become accustomed to receiving information without being encouraged to examine it critically. Such silence can create the misleading impression that every concept has been understood.

A teacher who concludes a lesson without inviting questions may complete the syllabus, but completion does not necessarily signify comprehension. Students may reproduce definitions and theories in examinations without developing the intellectual confidence to apply them beyond textbooks.

The problem is not that every student must question every lesson. Rather, every student should feel entitled to seek clarification, challenge an argument and explore an alternative interpretation without fear of humiliation.

Why do teachers need challenging students?

A thoughtful question can be more valuable than a hundred expressions of passive agreement. When a student asks why a literary character behaves in a particular way, challenges a historical interpretation or questions a scientific explanation, the teacher must move beyond routine exposition and engage more deeply with the subject.

Such encounters can expose



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gaps in explanation, reveal alternative perspectives and encourage teachers to revisit their assumptions. Even experienced educators cannot claim exhaustive knowledge of every subject they teach. Intellectual honesty requires acknowledging uncertainty, consulting reliable sources and returning to the classroom with a better-informed response.

Consequently, a challenging student need not be viewed as a threat to the teacher’s authority. The student may become an unexpected catalyst for professional growth. A teacher who welcomes rigorous questioning develops not only subject expertise but also patience, adaptability and the capacity to distinguish between established facts, contested interpretations and unresolved problems.

Indeed, the most rewarding classroom moment may occur when a teacher responds to a difficult question by saying, “That is an

In 2026, India has averaged 1.82 million barrels per day (18.2 lakh) of Russian seaborne crude, making it the world’s largest buyer of Russian oil, ahead of China. In June, purchases peaked at 2.6 million barrels per day (26 lakh), in July 2.57 million, and in August 2.08 million (20.8 lakh). Even in August, Russia comprised 45 percent of India’s total import basket. India saved an estimated \$12 billion between April 2022 and June 2025 by buying discounted Russian crude – \$4.9 billion in FY23 and \$5.4 billion in FY24 alone. But the discount math is changing.

Lesson 3: We should calculate the shrinking discount. The discount that was \$40 per barrel in 2023 fell to just \$1-2 per barrel in July 2026, before recovering to \$23 in September. As one analysis noted, yesterday’s discount cannot justify tomorrow’s purchase. If sanctions-related costs reach \$5 billion a year, India would need a discount of at least \$13.7 per barrel to offset it at current import levels. Refiners need a clear threshold formula.

Lesson 4: Let us diversify the basket. A 45 percent dependence on any single source – whether the Middle East or Russia – is strategically risky. This is the time to lock in long-term contracts with Venezuela, Brazil, Guyana and Africa. As the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) warned, the waiver “buys time but offers no lasting certainty.” Lesson 5: We should build strategic reserves. When India was importing 26 lakh barrels a day in June, it was a golden chance to fill reserves. India’s Strategic Petroleum Reserve covers barely 9-10 days, compared to 90 days in the US and Japan. India must target 90 days. Buy and store when discounts are high, draw

down when they shrink.

Now the way forward. Remember, the relief is only from the additional 100 percent tariff. India already faces an 18 percent base tariff in the US, which had spiked to 50 percent in August 2025 – the highest among US trading partners.

For government and industry, four actionable suggestions:

Suggestion 1: There should be documentation and transparency. The US alleges India refines Russian crude and re-exports it to Europe. India must make refinery data more transparent to prove imports are for domestic consumption.

Suggestion 2: Let us strengthen rupee-rouble mechanism. Dollar payments invite US jurisdiction. Institutionalizing trade in Rupee-Rouble will reduce exposure to the US financial system.

Suggestion 3: We should fast-track a trade deal. Washington has blinked, which means it wants to talk. This window should be used to clinch a limited but solid trade deal that carves out energy from sanctions.

Suggestion 4: Self-reliance is the ultimate roadmap. Suggestive journalism must end with a solution. The long-term answer is not Russian oil. It is green hydrogen, ethanol blending, electric mobility and domestic exploration. As long as India imports 85 percent of its oil, every American election and every Russia-Ukraine missile will shake our budget.

In conclusion, Trump’s order is a lifeline for India, but a nation cannot live on a lifeline forever. India must use this breathing space to craft an energy doctrine that is written neither in Washington nor in Moscow, but in New Delhi – in India’s national interest.

important point. Let us examine it together.”

Such a response does not diminish authority. It demonstrates intellectual maturity.

Authority must make room for inquiry

Nevertheless, questioning must be distinguished from deliberate disruption. Students have a responsibility to frame their questions respectfully, listen to counterarguments and support their claims with evidence. Teachers, in turn, must distinguish genuine curiosity from provocation and respond without defensiveness.

A healthy classroom does not eliminate authority; it transforms authority into intellectual leadership. The teacher remains responsible for maintaining academic standards, correcting misinformation and guiding discussion towards meaningful outcomes. Students contribute by approaching knowledge with curiosity rather than unquestioning acceptance.

Institutions must reinforce this culture through interactive teaching, open discussions, problem-based learning and assessments that reward reasoning rather than rote reproduction. Teacher training should also emphasise the ability to facilitate discussion, respond constructively to disagreement and acknowledge the limits of one’s knowledge.

From passive listening to active learning

The future of education

depends on classrooms where students are encouraged to think independently and teachers remain willing to learn continuously. In an age when information is readily available through digital platforms and artificial intelligence, the teacher’s role cannot be confined to transmitting facts. It must include helping students evaluate evidence, recognise assumptions and develop sound intellectual judgement.

Ultimately, neither the teacher nor the student has an easier job when education is practised properly. Both must think, question, respond and grow. The difference is that the teacher has the additional responsibility of creating an environment in which such growth becomes possible.

A silent classroom may be convenient, but a questioning classroom is intellectually alive. The finest teachers are not those who ensure that nobody challenges them; they are those who inspire students to question intelligently and possess the confidence to learn from the questions they receive.

Education advances not when students merely accept what teachers say, but when both enter the classroom prepared to discover what neither may have fully understood before. A teacher is no teacher until he or she faces questions from the students. Only then the real teacher in him comes out with an expertise in the domain knowledge.

YOURLETTERS

India must firmly defend territorial sovereignty

China’s objections to India’s internal administrative decisions expose its contradictory approach towards territorial sovereignty. Beijing has repeatedly renamed locations in Arunachal Pradesh to reinforce its disputed territorial claims. Its continuing infrastructure expansion and military activities along the Line of Actual Control further raise concerns about regional stability. India’s cartographic measures, supported by the Survey of India, reaffirm its territorial position. Lasting peace requires China to respect established agreements, avoid unilateral provocations and pursue constructive bilateral dialogue rather than selective interpretations of sovereignty.

MK Nair, Raipur

Artificial intelligence needs strict human oversight

Artificial intelligence can improve examination security and efficiency, but human supervision remains indispensable. AI-generated question papers require encrypted systems, secure databases, independent audits and rigorous academic scrutiny. Authorities must ensure questions are accurate, unbiased, syllabus-oriented and appropriate for evaluating students’ abilities. Clear accountability mechanisms are essential to prevent manipulation, data breaches and technical failures. Educational institutions must also ensure that technological advancements do not widen the digital divide. Ultimately, AI should support educational integrity rather than replace responsible human judgement.

Shivkumar Kishra, Raipur

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OP Choudhary
FM Ch'garh



Bilaspur Region

‘No delays will be tolerated in Raigarh’s devp projects’

Raigarh MLA and Finance Minister conducted an intensive inspection of various ongoing development and construction projects in the city.

Central Chronicle News

RAIGARH: With the goal of transforming Raigarh into a modern, well-organized city equipped with superior civic amenities, Finance Minister and Raigarh MLA OP Choudhary conducted an intensive inspection of various ongoing development and construction projects in the city on Monday.

He issued clear directives to officials, emphasizing that all projects must be completed within the set deadlines while ensuring high-quality standards. He stressed that there



should be no unnecessary delays in construction and that the convenience of citizens and future requirements must be prioritized in every project. Finance Minister Shri Choudhary inspected the Canal Link Road under construction in Jogidipa, the swimming pool and athletic track at

HIGHLIGHT

● Finance Minister inspects the canal link road, Boirdadar Stadium, Marine Drive, the beautification of ponds, and the ‘Oxizone’.

Raigarh will play a significant role in building a developed Ch'garh: FM

During the inspection, Finance Minister OP Choudhary stated that the regular review and on-site inspection of development projects in Raigarh are among his top priorities. Whenever he is in Raigarh, he makes it a point to inspect development works alongside public representatives and administrative officials to assess their current status. This process helps in tracking the progress of construction projects while also providing insight into the expectations of the citizens and identifying necessary improvements.

Boirdadar Stadium, the Marine Drive in Pragati Nagar, the beautification projects at Fathamuda and Mitthumuda ponds, and the ‘Oxizone’ being developed on the premises of

the former Kisan Rice Mill. He inquired with the concerned officials about the progress of the projects, the quality of construction, and the timelines for completion.

‘Vasu Sen Rider’ accorded warm welcome

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TAKHATPUR: Vasu Sen, a cyclist from Agra–known as ‘Vasu Sen Rider’–who has embarked on a pan-India cycling expedition to inspire the youth of the Sen community and promote social unity and awareness, received a warm welcome and felicitation from the office-bearers and members of the ‘Sarva Sen Samaj’ in Takhatpur.

Present on the occasion were several community members, including Divisional In-charge Munna Shrivass, Salon Association President Dilip Shrivass, as well as Sanjay Shrivass, Ramathan Shrivass, Dinesh Shrivass, Bablu Shrivass,



Manish Shrivass, Suresh Shrivass, Satyendra Shrivass, Ajay Shrivass, Vinod Shrivass, Anand Shrivass, and District Organization Secretary Ghanshyam Shrivass. They welcomed Vasu Sen by garlanding him and honored his courage, determination, and dedication to the community by presenting him with a traditional ‘gamchha’ (scarf) and a memento. Vasu Sen, a resident of Agra, began his cycling journey across India in 2025.

TABLEAU

Devotees flock to see ‘living tableau’

MUNGELI: On the third day of the ‘living tableau’ of goddesses–presented by the Brahma Kumaris–the event was graced by chief guests Shailesh Pathak (former President of Mungeli Municipal Council) and Dr. Saroj Pathak.

Distinguished guests included Jagdish Parekh, Rajkumar Parekh, Chandra Sekhar Sharma, Seema Sharma, Arvind Vaishnav (Councillor, Mahamai Ward), Jethmal Kotadiya, and Champa Sudhar.

BK Seema, the coordinator, welcomed everyone; the guests then inaugurated the tableau by lighting a ceremonial lamp in a spirit of universal brotherhood.

APPLICATIONS

Appls for operation of govt FPS invited

MUNGELI: With the position for the operation and ownership of the government fair-price shop in Kirna having become vacant, applications are invited from the local Gram Panchayat, women’s self-help groups, primary agricultural credit cooperative societies, and other cooperative societies. According to a notice issued by the Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue), Mungeli, interested organizations may submit their applications–adhering to the prescribed terms and conditions–at the office of the Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue), Mungeli, during official working hours until November 2, 2026. For further details, one may contact the office of the Sub-Divisional Officer, Mungeli.

Enthusiasts dance in devotion to Goddess Durga

Central Chronicle News

MCB: The three-day ‘MCB Grand Garba’ competition, held at the High School Ground in Manendragarh during the auspicious occasion of Sharadiya Navratri, concluded on a grand note, filled with enthusiasm, joy, and a spirit of devotion.

Health Minister of the Government of Chhattisgarh, Shyam Bihari Jaiswal, attended the closing ceremony as the chief



guest. The event commenced with the worship of Goddess Durga, while participants, dancing to the tunes of traditional Garba, captivated the audience with their spectacular performances. Hundreds of participants

took part in the three-day event with great zeal. Women and young girls, adorned in vibrant traditional attire, presented enchanting Garba dances, offering a beautiful glimpse into Indian culture and traditions.

Ravan Dahan at Chhota Bazar today

CHIRMIRI: Preparations for the Dussehra festival are in full swing in Chirmiri. Ravan Dahan (the burning of the effigy of Ravan) will be organized at two separate locations in the city: Domanhill and the Chhota Bazar Gandhi Maidan. The local MLA and Health Minister of the Government of Chhattisgarh, Shyam Bihari Jaiswal, will grace both events as the chief guest. Alongside the Ravan Dahan, the city will witness a festive atmosphere, featuring various cultural programs and religious events.

‘Prayas’ holds ‘Kanya Bhojan’

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MUNGELI: On the auspicious occasion of Maha Ashtami during Navratri, members of the ‘Prayas: A Small Step Foundation Society’ organized a ‘Kanya Bhojan’ (a ritual meal for young girls) at the school they operate in the forest-region village of Bisauni.

The members explained that the residents of these remote forest areas—including children—often remain disconnected from the mainstream of society. The primary objective of

| ‘KANYA BHOJAN’ |



‘Team Prayas’ is to provide them with nutritious, hygienic food, quality education, and an environment rooted in traditional Indian values. We celebrate Navratri as a grand festival, dedicated to the worship and devotion of ‘Nari Shakti’ (feminine power) in the form of Goddess Durga and her nine manifestations. On Maha

Ashtami, young girls are honored as embodiments of ‘Maha Gauri’; they are adorned, worshipped, and served a meal, followed by the presentation of gifts. Today, on this sacred day of Maha Ashtami, the girls attending the school run by our foundation in Bisauni village were adorned, worshipped, and treated to a meal.

Police spread awareness about cybercrime

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MUNGELI: Under the guidance of Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Bhojram Patel (IPS), the Mungeli Police have been conducting a series of awareness programs as part of their ‘Pahal’ (Initiative) campaign during the festival of Navratri.

As part of this effort, the Mungeli Police team organized a ‘Kanya Pujan’ and ‘Kanya Bhoj’ at the Maa Mahamaya Temple in the village of Semarchuwa (under the jurisdiction

| MUNGELI POLICE’S ‘PAHAL’ |

HIGHLIGHT

● Approximately 400 people were informed about measures to prevent cybercrime.

of the Jarhagaon Police Station). During the event, the young girls were worshipped and served a meal. Additionally, through the use of handkerchiefs–symbolizing ‘Pahal’ (a beginning toward change and safety)–attendees were educated about cybercrime and how to protect themselves

from online fraud. Similarly, in the village of Singhanpuri (under the Fasterpur Police Station), a cyber-awareness program was held during a ‘Jagrata’ event featuring the troupe of Chhattisgarhi singer Santosh Yadav.

Approximately 400 people were informed about measures to prevent cybercrime. Furthermore, with a focus on the safety of women and girls, the Chhattisgarh Police’s ‘Abhiviyakti’ app was introduced, and attendees were educated on how to use it.

Collector inspects ‘PV App’ for digital crop survey work

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SAKTI: Collector Jayshree Jain conducted a surprise inspection of the digital crop survey being carried out via the ‘PV App’ in Barhaguda village, located in the Chandrapur region.

Upon her arrival in Chandrapur, the Collector first offered prayers to Maa Chandrahasini and assessed the arrangements in place for



devotees visiting the temple during the Navratri festival, providing necessary instructions accordingly. During the inspection, Collector Jayshree Jain

reviewed the progress and quality of the survey work underway in the fields of Barhaguda village.

She directed the surveyors, along with officials from the Revenue, Agriculture, and Cooperative departments–as well as other relevant personnel–to ensure that the digital crop survey is conducted with the utmost care, accuracy, and precision, leaving no room for errors.

Family raises questions about police investigation

MUNGELI: A new turn has emerged in the case of a young man who allegedly died by hanging himself at a bridge under construction in the Amartapu-Motinpur area, falling under the jurisdiction of the City Kotwali police station.

With the cause of death still unclear nearly two months after the incident, the family of the deceased has raised seri-



ous questions regarding the police investigation. The family claims that this may not be a case of suicide, but rather murder. They have also expressed suspicion

toward three individuals who were present with the young man during his final moments. According to available information, 23-year-old Piyush Singh–a resident

of Tedhadhaura–was employed as a watchman at the construction site for a bridge being built under a contractor from ‘Kanti Construction.’

On August 20, his body was found hanging at the construction site. While the police initiated an investigation following the incident, no definitive conclusion regarding the cause of death has been reached yet.

Books, pens distributed to Students under SSA

TAKHATPUR: On the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s birthday, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is organizing various service-oriented and public welfare programs across the country under the ‘Seva Sankalp Abhiyan’.

As part of this initiative, the BJP’s Takhatpur Mandal (division) organized



a program at the Government Primary School in Tikripara, centered on the themes of service, education, and patriotism. Dur-

ing the event, books and pens were distributed to the students, encouraging them in their educational pursuits.

| INITIATIVE FOR THE HEALTH, AWARENESS |

42 individuals in Padampur benefited from health services

Central Chronicle News

MUNGELI: The true essence of healthcare extends beyond merely treating illnesses; it encompasses providing every member of society with dignity, equal opportunities, and a path toward a better life.

Driven by this humanitarian vision and a sense



of social responsibility, a ‘Samta-Sanjeevani Health Camp’ (Equity-Revitalization Health Camp) was organized in

the ‘Nat Mohalla’ (Nat community settlement) of Padampur village, as part of the ‘Seva Sankalp Abhiyan’ (Service Com-

mitment Campaign). In this special, free-of-charge health camp, 42 members of the Nat community availed themselves of medical services.

The initiative aimed to connect the Nat community with healthcare, raise awareness about diseases, encourage timely screening and treatment, and foster a bond of trust and

rapprochement with the community. Furthermore, individuals were encouraged to move away from begging and explore options for a dignified livelihood.

The camp provided health services and awareness regarding conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, seasonal illnesses, tuberculosis (TB), leprosy, and sickle cell disease.

Approval granted for new Circuit House by CM

KORBA: During his visit to Korba, Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai announced the construction of a new Circuit House at the district headquarters.

In line with this announcement, the state government has granted administrative approval of Rs 31.29 lakh (Rs 3 crore 11 lakh

29 thousand) for the construction. A site near the Rampur ITI in Dingapur has been identified and reserved for this purpose.

The approval of these funds was facilitated through the efforts of Shri Arun Sao, Minister for Public Works and the Minister-in-charge of the district.

EVENT

‘Kurmi Parivar Darshan Samaroh’ on 21

TAKHATPUR: With the objective of strengthening social unity, familial bonds, cultural heritage, and mutual harmony within the Kurmi community, a grand ‘Kurmi Parivar Darshan Samaroh 2026’ is being organized in the village of Semartal on Wednesday, October 21, 2026.

The event will take place on the grounds of the Government Higher Secondary School, Semartal. It will be attended by families from the Kurmi community, social representatives, elected officials, distinguished guests, and prominent citizens who have contributed to various fields.

The purpose of the gathering is to bring community members together on a common platform to deepen family ties, connect the younger generation with social and cultural values, introduce them to the community’s history, and carry forward its glorious traditions.

The organizers have appealed to all community members to attend the event with their families and help make it a success.

"I have been lucky to get Shakti Shalini. It's by definition, the exact thing I'm going to want to do after Saiyaara. It's so different. It's action, romance and supernatural. I've gotten the chance to explore a completely different version of me."

Aneet Padda



&Glitters

CLOSE UP

Sharvari credits Barjatya for new dance experience

Sharvari explores a fresh dance experience under Sooraj Barjatya's creative guidance.



Sharvari shines in Jhumka Patola



Vedaa showcased her screen presence, confident moves and ability to carry lively, contemporary Bollywood numbers. Taras marked an important moment in her journey, highlighting her ability to lead a dance sequence. The actress believes songs have a unique storytelling ability and can sometimes express emotions that a scene cannot convey through dialogue alone. She noted that memorable songs often remain

connected to the characters and moments audiences cherish long after watching a film.

Sharvari also expressed excitement about the response to the title track of Yeh Prem Mol Liya. She said she hopes audiences will enjoy experiencing Jhumka Patola and the film's music. Directed by Sooraj R. Barjatya, Yeh Prem Mol Liya is scheduled to release in cinemas on November 27, 2026.

SMALL SCREEN

Anup Soni recalls struggle post ‘Crime Patrol’

Central Chronicle News

Actor Anup Soni has opened up about the challenges of breaking away from his strong television image after his long association with Crime Patrol. In a conversation with mid-day, he discussed the appreciation he has received for Shaque and The Vvaan, projects that went unnoticed and why actors should respect every entertainment medium. Soni said appreciation is important for actors, especially when their work deserves recognition but

HIGHLIGHT

- Anup Soni discusses breaking free from Crime Patrol's image and seeking recognition.

fails to attract attention. He cited the ZEE5 series *Saas Bahu Aachaar Private Limited* as a project in which he felt he had delivered a good performance, alongside the rest of the cast, but did not receive the recognition it deserved. The actor acknowledged that his association with popular shows such as *Crime Patrol* and *Balika*



Vadhu had created a strong image among audiences. While he continues to cherish

the love he receives for Crime Patrol, he wanted to explore different roles and challenge audience perceptions. Soni explained that patience and consistent work were essential to changing his image. Recalling his role in Class of 83, he revealed that he was considered for the lead character, eventually played by Bobby Deol. However, the director offered him a minister's role with grey shades, which he accepted as an opportunity to explore a different side of his acting.

Anup Soni was recently seen in 'The Vvaan'

appeared in Tandav, and his work in Saare Jahan Se Achha further helped audiences see him differently. Soni also addressed actors who consider television inferior to other mediums. He said every actor has the freedom to choose their projects but should not demean a platform that provides opportunities to performers. For him, television remains a valuable medium, and actors should respect it rather than dismiss its contribution to the industry.

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BEST OF THE REST

Web Series

Shanaya Kapoor enters a dark new chapter

Karan Johar has announced *Student of the Year: After Dark*, a thriller web series starring Shanaya Kapoor. Directed by Reema Maya, the show reimagines the popular franchise with a darker storyline involving mystery, violence and intense competition. Shanaya reportedly takes on a challenging double role, marking a new direction for the franchise. The filmmaker described the project as a gritty and unconventional chapter, moving away from the glamour and romance of the earlier films. The series also features Divik Sharma and Manya Grover. Backed by Dharmatic Entertainment, *Student of the Year: After Dark* will premiere on JioHotstar on November 13.

Hot Pair

Kareena calls marriage her best decision



Kareena Kapoor Khan has revealed why she took her time before marrying Saif Ali Khan. The couple met while shooting *Tashan*, and Saif proposed marriage during their filming schedules in Greece and Ladakh. Kareena said she wanted to know him better before making the commitment. The actress married Saif in 2012 and later described it as the best decision of her life. Their relationship reflects how taking time to understand each other can help build a strong foundation for marriage, allowing partners to develop trust, emotional understanding and a lasting bond.



Music

Dipika calls her music video extra special

Actress Dipika Kakar has revealed how husband Shoaib Ibrahim encouraged her when she felt nervous before shooting their music video, Mehndi Se Likhde Mera Naam. Returning in front of the camera amid ongoing health struggles, Dipika admitted she was worried about her performance and ability to meet the song's requirements. Shoaib reassured her with the words, "Once a Star, Always A Star." She shared that he ensured everything was perfect so she could enjoy performing. Dipika also thanked fans for their overwhelming love and appreciation, calling the music video one of the most special experiences of her life.

Trending on Insta

@diamirzaofficial

Dia Mirza celebrates 25 years of RHTDM

Dia Mirza celebrated 25 years of 'Rehnaa Hai Terre Dil Mein', expressing gratitude to audiences for keeping the romantic film alive across generations. The actress shared nostalgic pictures, posters and behind-the-scenes memories on social media.



“Sunscreen is non-negotiable. It’s just my most favourite. I drink sunscreen. For me, that’s such an important product in my whole routine. I like to mix a serum and moisturiser. Then I go in with cleansing, toning, moisturising, serum and sunscreen,”
Kiara Advani



Bella



Women shaping their professional identities is a must.



WOMAN PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

Building a strong personal network on LinkedIn

Your skills deserve recognition, and LinkedIn offers a platform to shine.

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rather than simply listing responsibilities. Recommendations from colleagues can strengthen your credibility.

Share Ideas That Add Value

You do not need to post daily to gain visibility. Share industry updates, useful insights, workplace lessons or solutions to common challenges. Keep your content relevant and authentic. Consistent posts help others under-

HIGHLIGHT

● **Discover simple ways to build credibility, share ideas and grow your professional network.**

Build Meaningful Connections

Networking is about relationships, not collecting contacts. Connect with mentors, colleagues, industry leaders



and potential clients. Comment thoughtfully on posts, participate in discussions and attend online events. Genuine interactions can lead to collaborations and career opportunities.

Stay Consistent and Be Yourself

Building a personal brand takes time. Review your profile regularly and notice which posts receive meaningful responses. Avoid copying others or making every

post promotional. Let your knowledge, values and personality shine through naturally.

For women balancing professional and personal responsibilities, small steps matter. Update your headline, share one useful idea or reconnect with a former colleague. Your skills build your career, while an authentic personal brand helps others recognise your value and discover new possibilities.

Perimenopause in your 30S: Signs you should not ignore



Brain fog, unexplained anxiety and disturbed sleep in your 30s may not always be caused by stress. They could be early signs of perimenopause, the hormonal transition leading to menopause. According to fertility specialist Dr Shivika Gupta, symptoms may include difficulty concentrating, memory lapses, mood changes, joint stiffness and changes in skin and hair texture. Fluctuating oestrogen and progesterone levels can affect sleep, brain function and emotional well-being. These changes may begin even when periods remain regular. Women should watch for recurring symptoms and track their timing, particularly if several appear together.

Myth or Truth: Sleep longer, feel tired: Fact or Myth?

Sleeping for extra hours does not always guarantee that you will wake up refreshed. Poor sleep quality, irregular bedtimes, stress and frequent nighttime waking can leave you feeling tired despite spending enough time in bed. Oversleeping occasionally is usually nothing to worry about, especially after a demanding week. However, persistent tired-

ness despite adequate sleep may point to an underlying issue, such as sleep apnoea, anaemia or thyroid problems. Maintaining a consistent sleep schedule, limiting late-night screen use and creating a relaxing bedtime routine can improve rest. If fatigue continues or affects daily activities, seek medical advice rather than assuming you simply need more sleep.

| FASHION |

The changing rules of office fashion work wear

Central Chronicle News

Office fashion is moving beyond stiff suits, fitted shirts and uncomfortable formal shoes. Today, work wear focuses on relaxed tailoring, versatile basics and comfortable pieces that look polished. Hybrid schedules and changing workplace cultures have encouraged professionals to rethink their wardrobes. Soft tailoring is leading this shift. Oversized blazers, wide-leg trousers and relaxed waistcoats offer alternatives to traditional suits. Paired with T-shirts, fine-knit tops or crisp shirts, these pieces create outfits suitable for meetings and office hours. Shirts are becoming more versatile. Oversized cotton styles, subtle stripes and rolled sleeves add personality



while maintaining a professional appearance. Dark, straight-leg denim and well-fitted knitwear are gaining acceptance in workplaces with relaxed dress codes, allowing employees to experiment without looking underdressed. Accessories complete the office look. Polished loafers, structured bags, understated watches and simple belts can make outfits appear sophisticated. Investing in durable, versatile pieces makes it easier to

create multiple combinations without constantly buying new clothes. Colour choices are evolving too. Neutral shades such as beige, navy, black, white and chocolate brown make mixing and matching easier. Tonal outfits, combining different shades of the same colour, offer



Work wear gets a stylish makeover

FACTFILE

● **Traditional office dressing is changing as comfort reshapes professional style.**

● **From oversized blazers to elegant loafers, discover modern office essentials.**

a refined appearance without complicated styling. However, dressing casually does not mean ignoring workplace expectations. Corporate offices may still require conventional formals, while creative environments often allow greater flexibility. The key is understanding the dress code and choosing clothing that balances comfort, personal style and professionalism.

DivaDazzle

BEST OF THE REST

Celebs

Priyanka Chopra turns a pink outfit into art

Priyanka Chopra brought a fresh twist to red-carpet fashion at the InStyle Imagemaker Awards in Los Angeles with a baby-pink, saree-inspired outfit. The ensemble featured intricate floral detailing, structured shoulders, dramatic sleeves and a sweeping train that added a theatrical touch. The plunging neckline and fitted silhouette balanced feminine elegance with contemporary tailoring. She completed the look with pink heels, statement jewellery, softly styled waves and rosy makeup. Blending traditional Indian influences with modern design, Priyanka demonstrated how pastel pink can make a bold fashion statement without losing its elegance.

Achiever

Soumya and Radha bring glory to India

Indian para-athlete Soumya delivered an impressive performance at the Asian Para Games, winning gold in the women’s 1,500m T12/T13 event. Radha Venkatesh added to India’s success by securing the silver medal. Their achievements highlight the determination, resilience and talent of Indian para-athletes competing at the international level. Through their hard work and dedication, they continue to inspire aspiring athletes and demonstrate that challenges need not limit ambition. Their performances also reflect India’s growing presence in para-sports, celebrating sporting excellence, perseverance and the spirit of overcoming obstacles to achieve remarkable success.

The Inspirors

Staying true to herself, Sai Pallavi inspires women



Sai Pallavi’s journey proves that success does not require changing who you are. An actress, trained doctor and gifted dancer, she carved her place in Indian cinema through natural performances and meaningful roles. Her breakthrough with Premam brought widespread recognition, while films like Fidaa showcased her acting tal-

ent. In an industry often driven by glamour and beauty standards, Sai has embraced her natural appearance and declined fairness cream endorsements. Her journey celebrates authenticity, courage and self-belief, inspiring young women to follow their dreams, challenge expectations and achieve success without compromising their values.

Wellness

Give your skin a break from overdoing skincare

Skincare is shifting from chasing flawless, glass-like skin to keeping it healthy, calm and hydrated. The skin barrier protects against irritants and helps retain moisture, but harsh cleansers, frequent exfoliation and too many active ingredients can leave skin dry, red and sensitive. The solution starts with simplifying your routine. Use a gentle cleanser, a suitable moisturiser and sunscreen daily. Ingredients such as ceramides, glycerin and hyaluronic acid can support and skin comfort. Avoid introducing too many products at once. Healthy skin needs consistent care, a gentle approach and products suited to your skin type, rather than an overloaded beauty shelf.



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Divas on Insta

Viral Beauty hack

DIY cooling cucumber eye compress

Chill clean cucumber slices in the refrigerator, then place them over closed eyes for five minutes. The cool temperature may temporarily soothe puffiness. Avoid direct contact with eyes and discard slices after use.



Viral Beauty hack

Smart makeup brush drying hack

After washing makeup brushes, lay them horizontally on a clean towel, with bristles extending beyond the edge. This allows airflow and helps prevent water from damaging the glue inside brush handles.



“We’ve certainly had a good scouting session on him and got our plans as to what we want to do.”
Jacob Duffy
New Zealand Fast Bowler

Shreyas Iyer faces stern New Zealand test amid inconsistency

Indian captain Shreyas Iyer faces a crucial challenge against New Zealand as he seeks batting consistency despite impressive past performances against the Black Caps across international cricket formats.

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Iyer has scored 590 runs in 21 T20I innings as Indian captain.

CHRISTCHURCH: Indian captain Shreyas Iyer will be under considerable pressure to rediscover consistency when India begin their five-match T20I series against New Zealand in Christchurch on Thursday. Despite enjoying an impressive record against the Black Caps across formats, his fluctuating performances in the shortest format remain a concern.

Iyer emerged as India's leading run-scorer during the recent home series against the West Indies, accumulating 181 runs in four innings at an explosive strike rate of 205.68. However, his unbeaten 102 in the opening encounter accounted for a significant portion of those runs.

The Indian skipper followed his maiden T20I century with an aggressive 40 off 18 deliveries in Ranchi but subsequently registered scores of 1, 16 and 22, highlighting his struggle to maintain momentum.

Since assuming captaincy, Iyer has accumulated 590 runs in 21 T20I innings at an average of 34.70 and a strike rate exceeding 152, includ-



ing one century and two half-centuries.

His unbeaten 80 against England and century against the West Indies have significantly boosted those figures.

provides encouragement. He has amassed 1,098 runs in 28 matches at an average of 43.92, registering three centuries and six half-centuries.

His highest score of 105 came during India's memorable 2023 World Cup semifinal victory over New Zealand at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium.

Iyer has also enjoyed considerable success on New Zealand soil, scoring 512 international runs in 13 matches at an impressive average of 51.20, including one century and four fifties.

In seven T20Is played in New Zealand, he has accumulated 166 runs at an average of 33.20 and a strike rate of 131.74.

Across formats this year, Iyer has managed 809 international runs in 30 innings, averaging 32.36, with one century and three half-centuries.

India will rely on Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson, Tilak Varma and Ishan Kishan to strengthen their batting lineup, while experienced bowlers Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Arshdeep Singh and Kuldeep Yadav provide crucial support.

For Iyer, the series presents an important opportunity to silence questions surrounding his consistency and lead India's batting challenge.

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ASIAN PARA GAMES

Archers Sheetal Devi, Swati Chaudhary to battle for gold



NAGOYA: Defending champion Sheetal Devi and debutant Swati Chaudhary advanced to their respective finals at the Asian Para Games on Tuesday, assuring India of two medals in para archery. Sheetal, 19, who equalled the world record and established a new Asian record during qualification, defeated Japan's Shinohara Aya 145-137 in the women's compound semifinal. She will face Singa-

pore's Alim Nur Syahidah for gold. Swati defeated South Korea's Eunhee Lee 6-2 in the women's W1 semifinal and will meet China's Mengkan in the final. Meanwhile, India's recurve and compound mixed teams progressed to the semifinals. Paralympic champion Harvinder Singh and Bhawna defeated Thailand 6-0, while Sheetal and Toman Kumar overcame Japan 154-147. **PTI**

MADDISON INSPIRES VICTORY

Maddison's dream return helps Spurs secure long-awaited Premier League victory



LONDON: James Maddison marked his long-awaited return with a spectacular goal as Tottenham defeated Coventry City 3-1 on Friday to register their first Premier League victory of the season. Making his first start in 536 days following a serious knee injury, Maddison opened the scoring against his former club with a stunning strike in the 14th minute. Coventry equalised through Jack Rudoni shortly after halftime, but Omar Marmoush restored Tottenham's advantage with a curling effort. Ben Davies sealed victory with a stoppage-time goal. The win lifted Spurs four places to 16th in the standings, providing relief after three defeats and three draws. Maddison described his comeback goal as a dream moment following months of injury struggles, while Coventry manager Frank Lampard expressed disappointment despite his team's spirited performance. **PTI**

RONALDO FACES SUSPENSION

Ronaldo handed 30-day suspension and fine for leaving Portugal camp

LISBON: Cristiano Ronaldo has been handed a 30-day suspension and fined 255 euros (\$285) by the Portuguese Football Federation for walking out of the national team camp during the Nations League campaign. The federation described the punishment as "adequate and sufficient" after Ronaldo admitted the charges through a formal statement. His clean disciplinary record and confession helped reduce the penalty. Ronaldo reportedly left the camp after accusing coach Jorge Jesus of breaking an agreement regarding his playing time. He had featured against Wales but remained an unused substitute against Norway. The suspension, effective October 1, means Ronaldo has already served 19 days. He is expected to return for Portugal's Nations League clash against Denmark on November 14. **PTI**



INFANTINO SEEKS SUPPORT

Infantino to take FIFA re-election campaign to Japan for support



TOKYO: FIFA president Gianni Infantino is set to visit Japan this week to strengthen support among Asian football federations ahead of his re-election campaign. Infantino is scheduled to meet Asian Football Confederation (AFC) officials on Wednesday at a five-star hotel in Tokyo, with media access reportedly restricted. The visit follows his apology to FIFA's 37-member ruling council in Zurich last week over mis-

takes in preparing a controversial \$4.2 billion proposal to sell commercial rights linked to the World Cup. The plan has since been abandoned. AFC president Sheikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa initially opposed Infantino's proposal to establish a subsidiary to manage the World Cup. However, reports suggest relations between the two officials may have improved recently. **PTI**

| SHAFALI FACES REPRIMAND |

Shafali Verma reprimanded for breaching ICC Code of Conduct

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India's vice-captain Shafali Verma faces disciplinary action following her frustrated on-field reaction.

DUBAI: India vice-captain Shafali Verma has received an official reprimand and one demerit point for breaching the ICC Code of Conduct during the second women's T20 International against Zimbabwe in Raipur on Sunday.

The 22-year-old was penalised for throwing the ball to the ground in frustration after dropping a catch during India's convincing nine-wicket victory.

According to an ICC statement issued Tuesday, Shafali violated Article 2.2 of the Code



of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which covers abuse of cricket equipment, clothing, ground equipment and fixtures during international matches.

The incident occurred in the 12th over

of Zimbabwe's innings when Shafali dropped Chipo Mugeru-Tiripano at mid-off off Shree Charani's bowling. Visibly disappointed with her fielding error, she threw the ball forcefully towards the ground.

The ICC confirmed

HIGHLIGHT

- Shafali received an official reprimand and one demerit point for misconduct Sunday.
- The Indian vice-captain admitted her offence, avoiding a formal disciplinary hearing altogether.

that one demerit point had been added to Shafali's disciplinary record. This was her first offence within a 24-month period.

Shafali admitted the violation and accepted the sanction proposed by G.S. Lakshmi of the ICC International Panel of Match Referees. Consequently, no formal disciplinary hearing was required.

Australian umpire Ben Treloar to officiate two Ranji Trophy matches

MELBOURNE: Australian umpire Ben Treloar will officiate in two Ranji Trophy matches, while India's Parashar Joshi will travel Down Under to stand in two Sheffield Shield matches and one One Day Cup fixture as part of an exchange programme between the governing bodies of the two countries. Treloar will officiate Delhi's Ranji Trophy match against Gujarat from October 18 to 21 in Delhi before standing in Mumbai's clash with Haryana from October 26 to 29 in Mumbai, a Cricket Australia release stated. Meanwhile, Joshi's Australian exchange will begin with Queensland's Sheffield Shield match against Tasmania at the Gabba from November 11 to 14.

| GOLDEN EMOTIONAL TRIBUTE |

Rinku Hooda dedicates Asian Para Games gold to mother

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NEW DELHI: Overcoming personal grief and injury, Indian para-athlete Rinku Hooda claimed the men's javelin throw F46 gold at the Asian Para Games in Nagoya on Monday, dedicating his triumph to his mother, who died two months ago.

The 27-year-old from Haryana produced an impressive throw of

65.11m, narrowly defeating compatriot Ajeet Singh, who secured silver with 65.02m. Indonesia's R Saktyono took bronze with 55.30m.

"I was a little disturbed in the last two months. My mother passed away August 8. I am still disturbed. It's okay from outside but it's not the same inside," Rinku told PTI.

"I wanted to win this gold medal for my



mother. So, I would like to dedicate this gold to my mother."

Despite his emotional struggle, Rinku resumed

training immediately after completing the mourning period. However, a shoulder injury

subsequently forced him to rest for nearly three weeks.

He previously won medals at the Asian Para Games and World Para Athletics Championships but remains determined to secure an elusive Paralympic medal.

Sports News

Athletics gold rush powers India's Asian Para Games show

India's Asian Para Games campaign gathered remarkable momentum as athletics stars delivered five gold medals, with Nishad Kumar and Deepthi Jeevanji producing record-breaking performances, lifting the country's overall medal tally to an impressive 35.

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Nishad Kumar claims second gold as India's athletics medal tally reaches 20.

NAGOYA: Seasoned names like Nishad Kumar and Deepthi Jeevanji surpassed expectations and the new entrants held out promise as India's Asian Para Games campaign soared on a solid athletics performance that brought in five gold medals here on Tuesday.

In fact, athletics was the lone gold contributor to India's tally on the day with Nishad Kumar emerging as the brightest star.

After his T47 long jump gold on Monday, he clinched the top spot in high jump as well to become only the third

Indian ever to claim gold in two events of a single Para Asiad. He also smashed the Games record with his 2.04m jump.

At the end of day two, India were placed sixth on the table with 35 medals, including nine gold, 11 silver and 15 bronze. The athletics contribution to this tally currently stands at 20.

Deepthi set the pace quite early in the day as she reasserted her continental supremacy by snaring a second consecutive gold in the women's 400m T20 event after clocking a Games record time of 56.36sec.

The T20 classification covers athletes with intellectual impairments with challenges in processing information, concentration, and executing race plans or tactical strategies.



Gold medalist Simran Sharma, centre, and bronze medalist Tejalben Damor, right, pose with the tricolour after competing in the Women's 200m T12 event at the 5th Asian Para Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

The 23-year-old from Telangana is a former world champion and had won a bronze in the 2024 Paralympics.

The gold rush continued with the visually impaired Simran (women's 200m T12), wheelchair-bound Pranav Soorma (F51/52/53 discus throw) and Devender Kumar (F44/64 discus throw) also fetching gold medals.

Simran, a Paralympic bronze-winner, overcame fatigue caused by lack of vegetarian food options here, to smash the Games record with a timing of

24.80sec. Games debutant Tejalben Damor took the bronze in the same event with a personal best of 25.23sec in the event for moderately visually impaired athletes.

Medals also poured in from the shooting range, the table tennis competition, swimming and powerlifting but it was athletics that added golden sheen to the overall Indian performance.

Silver in shooting, powerlifting

Manish Narwal clinched silver and

secured a 2028 Los Angeles Paralympics quota place for India, while debutant Shrishti Arora won a bronze as Indian shooters collected two medals in the men's and women's 10m air pistol SH1 events. The Indian shooting contingent took its tally to four medals after two days of competition, with one gold, two silver and a bronze. Narwal, a 2024 Paris Paralympics silver-medallist and an Arjuna awardee from Ballabgarh in Haryana's Faridabad district, shot 233.7 in the final to finish second behind South

Korea's Jo Jeongdu. A silver medal was also secured in powerlifting with Ashok Kumar Malik finishing second in men's 65kg competition, upgrading his bronze from the previous edition. The 37-year-old from Gohana in Sonapat district, who contracted polio as a child, lifted a best of 192kg.

The bronze-winners in TT, swimming

Indian swimmers Himanshu Nandal and Niranjana Mukundan added two bronze medals to the country's tally.

Himanshu, the 22-year-old who was born blind due to an optic nerve failure, clocked 5:10.91 to finish third in the four-swimmer field in the men's 400m freestyle S11 event. Niranjana then completed the men's 200m individual medley SM7 event with 2:57.01 to secure a bronze. In the table tennis competition, Ravi Baby Sahana and Prachi Pandey scripted history by becoming India's first to make the podium in the standing category as the country secured four bronze medals. Paralympics medallist Bhavina Patel, Sonalben Patel, Prachi and Sahana all went down to accomplished Paralympic medallists opponents in their respective women's singles semifinals. The haul also took India past its medal tally from the previous edition, where it

had won two bronze medals in para table tennis.

Strong show in archery, badminton

Defending champion Sheetal Devi and Games debutant Swati Chaudhary stormed into the finals of their respective individual events as India's para archers assured the country of five medals. The 19-year-old Sheetal, who equalled the world record and created a new Asian record in the qualification round, defeated Japan's Shinohara Aya 145-137 in the women's compound semifinal to set up a gold-medal clash with Singapore's Alim Nur Syahidah. Swati, who is making her Games debut, also assured India of at least a silver after beating South Korea's Eunhee Lee 6-2 in women's W1 semifinal.



Baroda, Vidarbha, and Uttar Pradesh record wins

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VADODARA: Baroda, Vidarbha, and Uttar Pradesh recorded successive wins in round two of the Ranji Trophy Elite Group C here on Tuesday. Resuming the day at 102 for four, Uttar Pradesh were bowled out for 197 in 58.4 overs with Aryan Juyal making 74 off 143 balls, setting Goa a target of 236.

Kartik Yadav took a five-wicket haul as Uttar Pradesh shot out Goa for 167 to secure a 68-run win in Kanpur.

In Srinagar, Vidarbha scripted a thrilling three-wicket win over the defending champions Jammu and Kashmir.



Chasing a paltry 79, Vidarbha lost seven wickets before getting over the line.

Jammu and Kashmir reduced the visitors to 55 for seven before India all-rounder Harsh Dubey (22 not out off 40) got the job done alongside Nachiket Bhute (13 not out off 7). In Vadodara, hosts Bar-

oda completed a dominant 10-wicket win over Bihar.

The home team bowled Bihar out for 251 in their second innings, leaving them with only two runs to chase. Bhargav Bhatt was the star for Baroda in the second innings, snaring six wickets for 53 runs in 29 overs.

Bengal beat Services by 60 runs

NEW DELHI: Bengal recorded a commanding 60-run victory over Services in a Group C match of the Ranji Trophy here on Tuesday. After setting a target of 209 in a low-scoring game here at the Palam A Ground, Pradipta Pramanik's 4/48 helped Bengal bowl Services out for 148 in the second innings for a 60-run win. In a contest in which neither side could cross the 200-run mark, Bengal's first-innings total of 184 remained the highest. Opener Nitin Tanwar was the only Services batter to provide some resistance with a gritty 49, but his was one of the three wickets snaffled by Shahbaz Ahmed. Aamir Ghani took 2/40.

Sarfraz Khan's 154 gives Mumbai huge lead over Himachal Pradesh

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Sarfraz Khan's magnificent century helped Mumbai dominate Himachal Pradesh in Ranji Trophy.

BILASPUR: Sarfraz Khan's brilliant 154 powered Mumbai to a commanding position against Himachal Pradesh on the third day of their Ranji Trophy Elite Group D encounter here on Tuesday.

Sarfraz struck 19 boundaries in his 228-ball innings, while wicket-keeper Akash Anand contributed 117 as Mumbai declared at 528 for eight.



The pair added 210 runs for the fifth wicket after Sarfraz shared a 68-run partnership with Siddhesh Lad, who scored 87.

Himachal Pradesh reached 144 for three at stumps, still trailing by 244 runs. Pukhraj Mann remained unbeaten on 38

FASTFACTS

- Sarfraz smashes 154 while Akash Anand contributes 117 in Mumbai's massive total.
- Sai Kishore's six-wicket haul including hat-trick powers Tamil Nadu to emphatic victory.

khand by an innings and 66 runs.

Uttarakhand collapsed for 113 in their second innings after managing 134 in the first.

Elsewhere, Railways reached 305 for six against Rajasthan's 497, trailing by 192 runs.

Harmanpreet, Shafali fire India to 216/7 against Zimbabwe

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Anushka and Shafali shared a 54-run stand off 32 balls to set the tone for the innings.

RAIPUR: Shafali Verma made an entertaining 69 off 37 balls while former Harmanpreet Kaur returned to her destructive best with an unbeaten 91 off 41 balls as India hammered 216 for seven in the third T20I against Zimbabwe here on Tuesday.

Smriti Mandhana opted to bat with an aim to give more batters time in the middle.

For that very purpose, she made way for Anushka Sharma (28 off 20) to open the batting alongside Shafali, who scored a second consec-



utive half-century to lead India's charge.

Anushka and Shafali shared a 54-run stand off 32 balls to set the tone for the innings.

Anushka pulled Tendai Makusha for a thun-

dering six in the fifth over. Shafali, at the other end, hit sixes for fun in her sizzling effort and the majority of her five strikes went over deep mid-wicket.

The Indian opener

also effectively employed the sweep against the spinners.

Following Shafali's departure, Harmanpreet extended India's six-hitting spree with five maximums. It was a good surface to bat on, ideal for Harmanpreet to return to her explosive ways.

The 37-year-old had not found her groove on the slow pitches of the Asia Cup and did not get a lot of batting time in the team's triumphant Asian Games campaign in Japan.

"Feels great that I got some time in the middle. Just wanted to enjoy myself and bat as long as possible," said Harmanpreet.

India smashed 62 runs in the last five overs with the loss of four wickets.

Siddikur Rahman leads PGTI Qualifying School

AHMEDABAD: Bangladesh's Siddikur Rahman fired a three-under 69 to emerge as the first-round leader in the final stage of the PGTI Qualifying School here on Tuesday. Four golfers were tied for second place with scores of 70. This group included Indians Arindam Sudan, Chetan Baisoya, Sumit Kotwal, and amateur Arin Ahuja. The 41-year-old Rahman, a winner of multiple international titles and a seven-time winner on the PGTI tour, put together five birdies and two bogeys in his opening round effort. The top 80 players (+ ties) out of a total field of 123 golfers will make the cut after round two of the Final Qualifying Stage.

Mohammed Shami remains confident of India comeback

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Veteran pacer Mohammed Shami insists fitness remains strong despite national team exclusion.

NEW DELHI: Veteran Indian pacer Mohammed Shami remains determined to make a national comeback, insisting he is still at his fitness peak despite being overlooked for the upcoming New Zealand tour.

The 36-year-old, who last represented India in March 2025, expressed confidence after Bengal's Ranji Trophy victory over Services.



"I am still at my peak," Shami declared, dismissing suggestions that his best days were behind him.

Shami said playing domestic cricket regularly would help maintain his rhythm and readiness for future international assignments.

"Hope should always

be there. In any profession, in any sport, you should have a goal," he said.

The experienced pacer maintained that selection decisions were beyond his control and stressed concentrating on fitness, skills and match preparation.

He also welcomed Bhuvneshwar Kumar's international return, saying the experienced bowler deserved an earlier recall.

Expressing loyalty towards Bengal, Shami said he intended to finish his career with the state team that helped establish his reputation in Indian cricket.



"After assessing the situation for next course of action, Israel and USA could launch new attacks on Iran."

Benjamin Netanyahu
Israeli PM

Rajnath Singh in Tajikistan



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during the 25th Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. AP/PTI

Israeli pre-dawn strikes on Gaza apartment kills six

An Israeli attack on an apartment in Gaza left two people dead and wounded others as the military said it targeted a Hamas militant.

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DUBAI: A series of Israeli attack on an apartment in Gaza left six people dead and wounded others as the military said it targeted a Hamas militant. In the previous attack four persons had been killed, which followed the killing of two persons this morning. In all six persons were killed The death toll from a missile strike by Yemen's Iranian-backed Houthi rebels on a government training camp in southern Yemen rose to 60. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu,

meanwhile, suggested in a video call with U.S. President Donald Trump that their two countries could launch new attacks on Iran. The Israeli military struck an apartment in Gaza before dawn, killing two people and injuring others. The two people killed were a man and his wife, according to Shifa Hospital, which received the bodies. The Israeli military said it struck a Hamas militant. The attack followed a series of strikes that killed at least four people. They came more than a year after Israel

FASTFACTS

● Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel and USA could launch new attacks on Iran.

● More than 1,500 Palestinians in Gaza have been killed by Israel since last year's ceasefire.

and Hamas agreed to a ceasefire. But the death toll in Gaza continues to rise as Israel carries out near-daily strikes on what it says are members of Hamas. More than 1,500 Palestinians in Gaza have

been killed by Israel since last year's ceasefire, according to the territory's health ministry, which maintains detailed records and is seen as generally reliable by U.N. agencies and independent experts. The ministry, part of the Hamas-run government, does not distinguish between civilians and militants in its toll but says women and children make up nearly half the dead. Yemeni military and government officials said the death toll from Monday's strikes by the Houthis on a government training camp in south-

ern Yemen has reached 60. At least a dozen remain unaccounted for. The Iranian-backed rebels hit the al-Alam training camp in the southern province of Shabwa with ballistic missiles, three officials said. Monday's strike was part of a recent surge of fighting in Yemen, which started when forces from the internationally-recognised government and Saudi-led coalition launched airstrikes on Houthi-held Sanaa International Airport in July, shattering a 2022 ceasefire deal that largely stopped fighting

Pak court seeks reply over detention of ex CM

PESHAWAR: A Pakistani high court on Tuesday issued notices to the parties concerned over the alleged illegal detention of former Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chief minister Sohail Afridi and provincial assembly Speaker Babar Saleem Swati, seeking replies within 10 days. The development comes a week later, when a petition was filed in the Peshawar High Court seeking the immediate recovery of former Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chief minister Sohail Afridi and clarification regarding his whereabouts. Several leaders of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), including Afridi, were taken into custody immediately after the emergency was imposed.

China defends DeepSeek after US ban of its AI from govt systems

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China hit back Tuesday at a US ban on Chinese artificial intelligence startup DeepSeek's products for federal civilian agencies.

HONG KONG: China hit back Tuesday at a US ban on Chinese artificial intelligence startup DeepSeek's products for federal civilian agencies, highlighting friction in the two AI powers' heated technology race. The agencies should remove DeepSeek and its affiliated products, as



well as third party products and services developed using DeepSeek, from their IT systems, the Department of Homeland Security said in a notice made public on Monday. The department's order, dating back to late July, also blocks civilian agencies from procuring DeepSeek products and services. DeepSeek is one of China's leading and

best-known AI companies and its open-source models are widely available in countries including the United States. They are mostly free to use. The notice in the Federal Register alleges that DeepSeek's models "present multiple threat vectors." It said concerns include that its servers are located in China and that Chinese authorities'

FASTFACTS

● The notice in the Federal Register alleges that DeepSeek's models "present multiple threat vectors."

could potentially access private company infrastructure and sensitive US data. In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said China will "will resolutely safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese companies" when asked at a regular press conference about the US ban.

| KOREA EMBASSY |

South Korea to withdraw some Kyiv embassy staff

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SEOUL: South Korea said Tuesday it will withdraw some staff from its embassy in Kyiv, deepening a diplomatic row over Ukraine's announcement last month of a transfer of two North Korean prisoners of war that Seoul says was meant to be secret. The diplomatic dispute between the countries began after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy disclosed the prisoners' transfer during a Sept. 23 speech at the United Nations. South Korea has accused Ukraine of violating a



nondisclosure agreement, but Ukraine denies the countries reached such a deal, further angering Seoul. South Korea recalled its ambassador to Ukraine earlier this month in protest. Ukrainian Foreign Ministry spokesperson

Heorhii Tykhyi told local media at the time that Kyiv remains open to "constructive dialogue" and that "diplomacy must prevail over emotions." South Korean Foreign Ministry spokesperson Park Doosoon said Tues-

day that the withdrawal of additional embassy staff was due to Ukraine's "lack of constructive steps" to address Seoul's grievances as well as concerns about safety amid intensifying Russian attacks. Park did not specify how many staff

members would withdraw or when. He said South Korea would keep its charge d'affaires and essential personnel in Kyiv to maintain contact with Ukrainian authorities and assist South Korean citizens. "We are still maintaining communication, and, as I mentioned earlier, our goal is to seek an amicable resolution through close consultation with the Ukrainian side," Park said. "We conveyed our clear position and requests over the pending issues between the two countries through various channels.

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HOUTH STRIKE

Death toll rises to 60 in Houthi strike on Yemen training camp in deadliest attack in months



CAIRO: The death toll from a Houthi missile strike on a government military camp in southern Yemen rose to 60 people, primarily new recruits, making it the deadliest strike since fighting in the country began escalating three months ago, Yemeni officials said Tuesday. At least a dozen people were still missing a day after the Iranian-backed rebels hit the al-Alam training camp in the southern province of Shabwa with ballistic missiles, three officials said. Monday's strike was part of a recent surge of fighting in Yemen, which started when forces from the internationally-recognised government and Saudi-led coalition launched airstrikes on Houthi-held Sanaa International Airport in July, shattering a 2022 ceasefire deal that largely stopped fighting

in the country's civil war. The Houthis have also fired missiles and drones on Saudi Arabia, which has struggled to counter the Houthi attacks, even with far superior US-supplied arms. The strike on the al-Alam camp hit while recruits were lining up in formation for a training session. Videos from the area circulated online and were analysed by The Associated Press and showed many motionless bodies lying on the sandy ground of the camp. More than 200 other recruits were also wounded, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to brief the media. One of the officials, from the local government, said several suffered serious injuries and were transferred to hospitals in other provinces in life-threatening condition.

STOCKS

Global shares decline after AI stocks lead rebound on Wall Street

TOKYO: Global shares were mostly lower in cautious trading Tuesday after artificial-intelligence-related stocks bounced back on Wall Street while other sectors continued to be shaky and oil prices stayed high. France's CAC 40 dipped 0.4 per cent in early trading to 7,836.70, while the German DAX shed 0.7 per cent to 25,134.29. Britain's FTSE 100 lost 0.6 per cent to 10,703.98. US shares were set to drift higher with Dow futures up 0.3 per cent at 52,332.00. S&P 500 futures gained less than 0.1 per cent to 7,735.25. In Asia, Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 declined 1.3 per cent to finish 64,075.42. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 lost 0.3 per cent to 8,816.90. South Korea's Kospi dropped 3.7 per cent to 5,552.74, as the frenzy over AI-related issues resulted in a decline. Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 1.3 per cent to 23,867.74, while the Shanghai Composite edged up 0.1 per cent to 3,735.37. Analysts say investors are also waiting for the upcoming slew of earnings reports from various major companies. In energy trading, benchmark US crude jumped 2.13 per cent to USD 105.87 a barrel.

COURT

Ex South Africa police chief faces sexual offence charges

JOHANNESBURG: A South African court denied bail on Tuesday to a former deputy police chief facing sexual offence charges, ruling that he remain behind bars pending trial. The officer, Shadrack Sibiya, resigned from the police service earlier this month following his arrest in September. He is accused of raping an 18-year-old woman, human trafficking and the sexual grooming of a minor. There are also allegations made at the commission of inquiry probing criminality in the police that he has links to alleged members of criminal networks in the country. Sibiya denies the allegations. On Tuesday, the Randburg Magistrates Court denied him bail, saying he had failed to present exceptional circumstances as to why he should be released and agreeing with prosecutors that his release would pose a threat to witnesses. Police say that Sibiya's departure from the police service is regarded as a dishonourable discharge. Sibiya has been the subject of a judicial commission of inquiry investigating wide-ranging allegations of corruption within the South African police and alleged ties to the country's criminal networks.

RUSSIA-UKRAINE-WAR

Russian missile and drone blitz kills 4 in Ukraine as Zelenskyy seeks help in Norway



KYIV: Russia unleashed another missile and drone blitz of civilian areas in Ukraine, killing at least four people, officials said Tuesday, as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy scrambled to ensure more American and European help during a visit to Norway. U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff, who along with Jared Kushner has tried without success to steer Russia and Ukraine toward a settlement and end the war, was also expected in Oslo, the Norwegian government said. Kushner, who is U.S. President Donald Trump's son-in-law, will attend the meeting by video-conference. Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre and Finnish President Alexander Stubb were due to meet with

Zelenskyy in Norway's capital. With further U.S. support for Ukraine in doubt as relations between Zelenskyy and Trump sour again, the Ukrainian leader said that he spoke with U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who is on a trip to Asia. That conversation came after Zelenskyy told a bipartisan group of U.S. lawmakers on Monday that he believes "some political decision has been made to slow down ... support for us." Ukraine nearly has run out of American-made Patriot air defense interceptors that it needs to stop Russia's ballistic missiles, according to Zelenskyy, who has pleaded for Washington to send more.