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 ● 65 pc voter turnout registered in 43 assembly seats till 5pm

JANJATIYA GAURAV DIVAS

PM Modi to visit Bihar's Jamui tomorrow

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Bihar's Jamui on Friday to commemorate Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, marking the commencement of the 150th birth anniversary celebration of tribal icon Birsa Munda.

During his visit, Modi will also inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth over ₹ 6,640 crore, aimed at uplifting tribal communities and improving infrastructure in rural and remote areas of the region, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement.

Modi will visit Jamui to commemorate Janjatiya Gaurav Divas and this marks the commencement of the 150th birth anniversary celebration of 'Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda', the statement said.

At 11 am, Modi will unveil a commemorative coin and postal stamp in honour of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.



The Prime Minister will participate in the 'grih pravesh' of 11,000 'awas' built under the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN). He will also inaugurate 23 Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) launched under PM-JANMAN and an additional 30 MMUs under the Dharti

72.83 percent polling recorded in Assam bye-elections ● Sidli records lowest 71.50% voting

Samaguri records highest turnout despite pre-poll violence

HT Bureau GUWAHATI, Nov 13: The bye-election in five assembly seats in Assam was completed peacefully on Wednesday with overall voter turnout of 72.83 percent.

The highest voter turnout of 78.10 percent was recorded in Samaguri assembly seats while Sidli constituency witnessed the lowest turnout of 71.50 percent.

The Election Commission (EC) has not announced repoll in any constituency.

In Samaguri, some BJP supporters raised slogans against the Congress MP Rakibul Hussain and a vehicle of a journalist in Salpara area of the assembly constituency was attacked by some miscreants.



In two polling booths, Congress and BJP workers exchanged heated arguments; however, the situation was brought under control by the security forces.

The Samaguri assembly con-

stituency has witnessed sporadic pre-poll violence with supporters of BJP and Congress clashing with each other on several occasions during the campaign of the bye-elections this time.

In the previous week, suspected armed criminals opened fire on a BJP march that included Barhampur MLA Jitu Goswami, injuring at least three people.

Attackers targeted BJP politicians taking part in the march, including MLA Goswami, in the Moriputhi neighborhood of Samaguri.

According to witnesses, the attackers first pelted stones at the participants before striking them with (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

Karbi Anglong hosts Eri Spinning training for local women

HT Bureau DIPHU, Nov 13: A three-day skill development training programme on Eri spinning and Eri yarn knitting, organised by the Assistant Director of Sericulture, Karbi Anglong, is underway at Reshom Bhavan's conference hall.

The training began on November 12 and will conclude on November 14.

This programme aims to equip local women with skills in producing Eri yarns using spinning machines, including the cocoon-baking processes required for spinning yarns.

According to Longki Timung, the in-charge Assistant Director of Sericulture, 40 women trainees are participating in the programme.

Inaugurating the event, the executive member (EM) of the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC), Lunsing Teron, who oversees Sericulture and Irrigation,

stated that the programme's main purpose is to train participants in advanced Eri spinning techniques to boost productivity and quality in the sector.

The EM informed the trainees that they would receive certificates upon completing the training.

"The certificate serves as proof of participation in the training. It's also essential when applying for bank loans to support silkworm rearing or to establish Eri spinning centres," Teron explained.

Highlighting the traditional link between the Karbi community and silkworm rearing, the EM said, "Our women have long spun yarns from silkworm cocoons using traditional methods to make garments. However, times have changed, and we must adopt modern methods and embrace a competitive approach." He also mentioned Serdihun, a legendary figure (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

Situation in West Asia matter of deep concern: Jaishankar

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: India supports an early ceasefire in Gaza and it has consistently stood for resolution of the Palestinian issue through a two-state solution, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Wednesday.

In his opening remarks at a meeting with Saudi foreign minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, Jaishankar said the situation in West Asia is a matter of "deep concern", particularly the conflict in Gaza.

The external affairs minister described Saudi Arabia as an important force for stability in the region.

Jaishankar and Al Saud co-chaired the second meeting of the Committee on Political, Security, Social and Cultural Cooperation (PSSC) held under the framework of the Strategic Partnership Council (SPC).

The Ministry of External Affairs



(MEA) said both sides discussed avenues to strengthen the India-Saudi Arabia strategic partnership, especially in the areas of trade, investment, energy, defence, security, culture and consular matters.

In his remarks, Jaishankar said Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 and India's Viksit Bharat 2047 hold complementarities for the industries of the two sides to build new partnerships.

UK oppn leader Kemi Badenoch to press for FTA with India

LONDON, Nov 13: The UK's newly elected Leader of the Opposition, Kemi Badenoch, said she will continue to press for the conclusion of the free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations, which she had worked towards as former business and trade secretary.

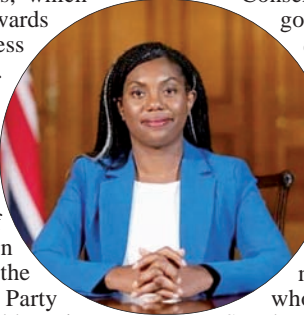
Addressing a special diaspora gathering to celebrate the festive season at the High Commission of India in London on Tuesday evening, the Conservative Party leader said she would continue to champion the "important" bilateral partnership from the opposition benches.

"I want everyone to know just how important the UK-India relationship is, not just to the government but also to the Conservative

Party," said Badenoch.

"In the Department for Business, I did everything we could to continue strengthening relations with India and just because the Conservatives are not in government anymore doesn't mean that work will not continue. We really do value this relationship. We will continue to press for the conclusion of the India-UK FTA," said the Tory member of Parliament who succeeded Rishi Sunak as party leader earlier this month.

"The elections in both our countries got in the way; elections are now out of the way, it's time for us to get back to business and make sure our two governments are working (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)



Drugs seized in Guwahati, 4 held

GUWAHATI, Nov 13: Drugs worth more than ₹ 3 crore have been recovered from Guwahati and four people, including a woman, have been arrested in this connection, police on Wednesday.

The Guwahati police, in a series of posts on X, said that narcotics substances like heroin and 'Yaba' tablets were recovered from a guest house in the Hatigaon area of the city.

"An EGPD team from Dispur PS seized 10,000 'Yaba' tablets, 11 grams of suspected heroin in 5 soap boxes after it carried out a raid," it added.

The team from the East Guwahati Police District (EGPD) also nabbed four peddlers, including a 40-year-old woman, and seized four mobile phones along with ₹ 5,000 in cash from their possession, it said. A senior official said that the (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

Rule of law umbrella concept to protect citizens against State's power: SC

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: The rule of law is an umbrella concept to protect citizens against the power of the State and it is necessary for democracy and good governance, the Supreme Court said on Wednesday.

Laying down pan-India guidelines on demolition of properties, the apex court said the rule of law ensures that actions of the government and its authorities are governed by established legal principles, rather than arbitrary discretion.

"Ensuring the preservation of the principle of rule of law and the protection of the civil rights and liberties of citizens is essential for protecting constitutional democracy," a bench of Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan said in its 95-page verdict.



It said the law must be just and fair and should protect the human rights and dignity of all members of society.

"At the same time, the essential purpose of the rule of law is to prevent the abuse of power. The rule of law is an umbrella concept to protect citizens against the power of the State. It is integral to and

necessary for democracy and good governance," the bench said.

The court said it is well settled that the rule of law has been described as a safeguard against the arbitrary use of State power.

"Whenever the citizens, in the form of mobs, have broken the law to vandalise or to declare threats, the court has cast an obligation on the State to prevent such threats or assaults," it said.

The bench said this obligation underscores the State's responsibility to maintain law and order and protect citizens from unlawful actions that undermine the rule of law itself.

"It is not necessary to state that the failure to uphold these obligations can erode public confidence in the justice system, leading to an environment (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

Total shutdown affects normal life in Imphal Valley

IMPHAL, Nov 13: Normal life was affected in Manipur's Imphal Valley on Wednesday due to a total shutdown called by 13 civil rights organisations to protest the alleged abduction of three women and children each by militants in Jiribam district, officials said.

Business establishments and educational institutions in the five Imphal Valley districts of Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Kakching and Bishnupur were closed due to the shutdown that commenced at 6 pm on Tuesday.

Both private and inter-district public transportation also remained off the roads and government offices recorded negligible attendance, they said.

The shutdown was called by In-



ternational Peace and Social Advancement (IPSA) along with All Clubs Organisations Association and Meira Paibi Lup (ACOAM Lup), Indigenous People's Association of Kangleipak (IPAK) and Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA) among others.

No untoward incident was reported in Imphal Valley during the shutdown. (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

Governor interacts with IPS probationers

HT Bureau GUWAHATI, Nov 13: Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya interacted with 10 IPS probationers of the 76th RR (2024 Batch) Assam-Meghalaya cadre at Raj Bhavan on Wednesday, asking the probationers to become role models for others.

During the interaction, Governor Acharya demanded the probationers to work responsibly, recognising the high expectations placed on them. He asked them to be committed to their work and sport polite behaviour towards all individuals who interact with them.

He said, "It is a dream for many to be an IPS officer and when they have become one, they should carry out their responsibilities diligently." "Since law and order of the society (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

New Collective Quantified Goal Trillions of dollars needed to fight climate change: High ambition coalition

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: Some developed countries on Wednesday acknowledged that trillions of dollars were urgently needed to address climate change and wealthy nations should continue to lead in providing climate finance.

These countries -- including Germany, Canada, France, and the Netherlands -- are part of an alliance known as the High Ambition Coalition, which advocates for bold climate actions.

"As we negotiate this new goal for climate finance, we must again overcome our differences, strengthen our commitment to global solidarity, and find the money to meet the planet's growing needs," the coalition said stressing that trillions of dollars were urgently needed.



The statement comes as countries spar over a draft for a new finance package to help developing countries cope with climate change -- or New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) -- that is expected to be finalised at the ongoing UN climate talks in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Harjeet Singh, a climate activist and global engagement director for the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative, said that while the

statement aligned with developing nations and civil society's demands, it fell short of what was truly needed.

The coalition demanded solutions to debt burdens and high capital costs that make fighting climate change difficult in many countries and called for a reformed international financial system to support their efforts.

It said climate finance should be primarily grant-based and concessional, particularly for adaptation and to address loss and damage. The right conditions must be in place for green investments to thrive.

"Developed countries must continue to take the lead and live up to existing finance commitments and innovative (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)



IN MEMORIAM
LATE ANAI RAM NUNISA
 Died on: 14-11-2010

We all remember you on 14th Death Anniversary
May your soul be in everlasting peace!

Sons: Dr. Motilal Nunisa, Pradip Nunisa, Dr. Ruplal Nunisa & Dr. Bishnu Ram Nunisa
Daughter-in-law: Jayanti Nunisa, Prabhati Nunisa, Dr. Ritu Nunisa (wife of Late ER. Nirmal Nunisa) & Anima Nunisa.
Daughters: Usha Hojai, (wife of Late Dr. Dhruva Hojai), Alo Thaosen
Son-in-law: Ramesh Thaosen & all grand children

'EQUALITY ENSHRINED IN ARTICLE 14 IS A CONCEPT CLOTHED IN POSITIVITY'

Compassionate appointment not vested right: SC

Compassionate appointment provided to bail out a family from financial difficulty

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: Compassionate appointment is not a vested right for getting a government job as it is not a condition of service of an employee who dies in harness, the Supreme Court held on Wednesday while declining the plea of a man whose police constable father died on duty in 1997, when the petitioner was seven years of age.

A bench comprising Justices Abhay S Oka, Ahsanuddin Amanullah and Augustine George Masih said no direction can be issued asking the State to perpetuate any illegality in favour of a person or a group of individuals contrary to the policy concerned.

Writing the judgment for the bench, Justice Masih said compassionate appointments are intended to address urgent financial distress at the time of a family member's death and do not constitute a vested right that can be claimed after the lapse of a long period of time.

"As regards the compassionate appointment being sought to be claimed as a vested right for appointment, suffice it to say that the said right is not a condition of service of an employee who dies in harness, which must be given to the dependent without any kind of scrutiny or undertaking a process of selection.

"It is an appointment which is given on proper and strict scrutiny



of the various parameters as laid down with an intention to help a family out of a sudden pecuniary financial destitution to help it get out of the emerging urgent situation where the sole bread earner has expired, leaving it helpless and maybe, penniless," the judgment said.

It said compassionate appointment is, therefore, provided to bail out a family of a deceased employee facing extreme financial

difficulty.

"This shall in any case be subject to the claimant fulfilling the requirements as laid down in the policy, instructions or rules for such a compassionate appointment," it said.

The very idea of equality enshrined in Article 14 of the Constitution is a concept clothed in positivity based on law and it can be invoked to enforce a claim having the sanctity of law, it said.

Petitioner Tinku's father, constable Jai Prakash, died alongside an officer while on duty in 1997.

At the time, Tinku was only seven years old, and his mother, who was illiterate, could not apply for an appointment on compassionate grounds for herself.

Instead, she requested that her son's name be entered in the "Minors' Register", with the understanding that he might be considered for a post upon reach-

ing adulthood.

In 1998, the Haryana Director General of Police issued instructions for Tinku's name to be recorded, suggesting a future possibility for employment. However, by the time Tinku applied for a post in 2008, after reaching the age of majority, 11 years had passed since his father's death.

Authorities rejected his application on the grounds that Haryana's 1999 instructions had introduced a three-year limit for such claims following an employee's death.

A single-judge bench as well as a division bench of the Punjab and Haryana High Court rejected his plea.

The top court upheld the decision, concurring with previous rulings of the high court that the compassionate appointment policy is meant to address immediate financial needs and cannot be invoked as a guaranteed right after a significant delay.

While denying the petitioner's claim for appointment, the court provided a potential relief to his family, allowing his mother to submit a representation to the competent authority for a lump-sum ex-gratia payment.

The court instructed that the request be considered within six weeks, adding that if compensation is delayed further, interest will apply from the date of the request. (PTI)

Delhi court to decide whether Engineer Rashid's case be transferred to MP/MLA court



NEW DELHI, Nov 13: A Delhi court is likely to consider on November 20 whether the alleged terror funding case against jailed Baramulla MP Engineer Rashid to be transferred to the designated MP/MLA court.

Additional Sessions Judge Chander Jit Singh had noted that the case could go to a special court meant to try lawmakers, now that Rashid is an MP. On Wednesday, he adjourned the matter after the National Investigation Agency (NIA) sought time to argue the matter. The judge, who had earlier reserved the bail order in the case, had underscored he would first consider the issue of jurisdiction and whether or not to transfer the case to a special court.

The judge had posted the order on bail for on November 19. "Since we are considering the jurisdiction issue whether the matter will be heard by this court or the designated MP/MLA court of National Investigation Agency (NIA), keep it (bail order) post that," the court had said.

Rashid had surrendered before the Bihar jail authorities on October 28, after the completion of his interim bail period.

On September 10, the court had granted interim bail to Sheikh Abdul Rashid, popularly known as Engineer Rashid, to enable him to campaign for the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections and deferred the order on his regular bail plea.

Rashid's interim bail was later extended till October 28 on the ground of his father's poor health and after the NIA did not oppose the plea on verifying documents.

The newly elected MP has been lodged in Tihar jail since 2019 after the NIA arrested him under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in the 2017 terror funding case.

Elections to the 90-member JK Assembly were held in three phases between September 18 and October 1. The National Conference-Congress alliance was declared winners with 48 seats on the day of results on October 8. (PTI)

Railways reminds safety staff to attend signal failures by issuing proper memo

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: The South Eastern Railway (SER) has issued a circular asking the Signal and Telecom (S&T) Department to attend signal failures by taking failure memo and disconnection memo after it came to light in the Nalpur train derailment case that the signal failure was being attended without following due procedure.

"It is reiterated that signal failures should be attended by taking proper failure memo and disconnection memo only," a circular, dated November 11 and issued by principal chief signal and telecommunication engineer of the SER, said.

"After rectification and thorough testing, it should be reconnected by the proper reconnection memos as per the standard formats," it added.

The circular, addressed to senior divisional signal and telecom engineers of Kharagpur, Adra, Chakradharpur and Ranchi rail divisions, has directed them to counsel all maintenance staff to ensure compliance.

Railway sources said the need to issue such a reminder arose due to the recent Secunderabad-Shalimar Express train derailment on November 9 at Nalpur station near Howrah in West Bengal.

Nalpur comes under the Kharagpur rail division of the SER zone.

"Two serious issues came to light during the investigation of the case. First, the Station Master of Nalpur asked the technician to attend sig-

nal failure without bringing it in the record book, which is a violation of railway safety norms," a railway source said.

A signal staff said according to the norm, the station master should have issued a failure memo to the S&T Department and entered this failure in its entry register. The preliminary investigation revealed that he did not follow this procedure.

Even the S&T Department should have served a disconnection memo to the station master, which means that no train will be operated from the particular signal till a reconnection memo is issued after rectifying the fault. However, the probe showed that the S&T Department also did not do that.

"The second serious issue came to light when, while rectifying the failure in the relay room, the technician's lower body part hit a switch, also called a 'latch gear', by mistake and changed the direction of the interlocking point on some other line when Secunderabad-Shalimar express was crossing it, thus causing derailment," the source added.

Safety officials say that the Railways has taken both the issues seriously and tried to address them by taking adequate measures.

"It has reminded safety staff to follow due procedure in case of signal failure. At the same time, the Railway Board has asked all the zones and divisions to start a safety drive to fix loose mechanical parts of the signalling system," a railway official said. (PTI)

Delhi Police orders checking of hotels to find criminals

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: In the wake of rising incidents of firing by criminals to demand extortion money and due to gang rivalries, the Delhi Police has issued directions to local police to start checking hotels and guest houses for suspicious persons and verifying local outlaws. Delhi has witnessed several cases of contract killing and shooting outside showrooms and businessmen houses by outlaws at the behest of jailed or foreign-based criminals, according to police sources.

The police headquarters has issued directions to the local police to start checking guests houses and hotels to verify the credentials of the guests staying in their properties. The police have also started verifying local criminals, bad characters (BCs) and juveniles staying in their areas.

"We have started checking hotels and guest houses and also keeping an eye on the activities of criminals out on bail and those having previous criminal records. The juveniles are also being verified," a deputy commissioner of police (DCP), who did not wish to be named, told PTI. (PTI)

No criminal conspiracy by ICICI Bank officials in NDTV loan repayment at reduced rates: CBI

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: There was no collusion, criminal conspiracy or abuse of position by officials of ICICI Bank in accepting repayment of a loan at a reduced rate of interest from promoters of NDTV Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy, the CBI has concluded in its closure report in the 2017 case. The CBI FIR registered on the basis of a complaint from Sanjay Dutt of Quantum Securities Ltd had alleged that ICICI Bank had sanctioned a loan of ₹ 375 crore in 2008 against the entire 61 per cent shareholding of the promoters as collateral.

The bank had allegedly accepted the repayment of the loan by reducing the interest rate from 19 per cent per annum to 9.5 per cent causing a wrongful loss of ₹ 48 crore to the bank and corresponding gain to the promoters, it had said. The central investigation agency after nearly seven years of probe came to the conclusion that the reduction of the rate of interest from 19 per cent to 9.5 per cent was approved on August 5, 2009 based on various factors -- borrowers' inability to pay, weak financial performance of NDTV, timely payments in the past, volatile share price, etc, officials in the know of the development said. The CBI, which filed its closure report last month, also said that the reduction of the rate of



interest for NDTV was not a "one-off incident". The repayment of the loan at the reduced interest was "higher than average cost of funds", they said.

The central probe agency also found a forensic audit of the case conducted by Pramod Kumar and Associates which termed the repayment to be a "normal business transaction and closure of loan" with no violation of the Banking Regulation Act. In 2022, the Adani Group acquired a controlling stake in NDTV, purchasing shares from the Roys at a premium of nearly 17 per cent over the price paid to minority shareholders.

The CBI found no merit in the allegation that the loan proposal of RRPR, promoter of NDTV, was accorded a BB

rating yet it was sanctioned and disbursed, they said.

The agency has said that loan proposals worth ₹ 8400 crore having BB rating were sanctioned by ICICI Bank in 2008-09 and 2009-10 which shows that the sanction of loan to RRPR was "not an isolated case" and the bank had been sanctioning loans to such companies, officials said.

NDTV promoters had taken the loan from ICICI Bank to foreclose the liability to India Bulls on a personal guarantee of Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy and a "contractual comfort of shares" of NDTV under NDU-POA (Non-Disposal Undertakings-Power of Attorney) in favour of ICICI Bank for financial and projected operations of the channel.

The CBI found that the proposal noted dated October 10, 2008, mentioned that NDTV's share value accepted by ICICI Bank was ₹ 535 crore which was 1.42 times the loan amount of ₹ 375 crore.

The agency found that the volatile share price of NDTV and the six-month average price of share value pegged contractual comfort to be ₹ 1555 crore which was beyond the "threshold limit of 30 per cent of paid-up capital of the company" as per the Banking Regulations Act. (PTI)

Delhi govt launches winter action plan for homeless

Tents, rescue teams, and shelters to aid 2,000 more people

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: The Delhi government has rolled out a winter action plan for the homeless as part of which 200-250 pagoda tents with a capacity to accommodate around 2,000 people will be set up and 16 rescue teams will be formed. The

Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) currently operates 197 shelters for the homeless across the city with a total capacity of 7,092 people, according to officials. As part of the winter action plan, the government will set up an addi-

tional 200 to 250 waterproof and fire-retardant pagoda tents which will accommodate around 2,000 more homeless individuals. These tents will be set up in areas with high concentrations of homeless people.

An official said the government has allocated ₹ 3 crore for the implementation of the plan from November 15 this year to March 15, 2025 to provide shelter to the homeless and ensure their comfort. Sixteen rescue teams will be formed in collaboration with Social Mobilisation Agencies and NGOs. These teams will operate between 10 pm and 4 am every day, rescuing homeless individuals found sleeping in open spaces or on roadsides, the plan stated.

Each team will be equipped with a vehicle, a driver and two attendants. They will transport the rescued individuals to nearby shelters or hospitals if needed, it stated.

According to the plan, a monitoring system will oversee the implementation at multiple levels. The Joint Apex Advisory Committee (JAAC) led by the DUSIB CEO will coordinate efforts among various departments, including the health department, municipal corporations and police. A centralised control room will coordinate the rescue operations, handle information through a dedicated helpline, mobile app and other sources, the plan stated. (PTI)

No SLRC-G-IV/Assam/Advertisement for Analogous Posts-IV/2023-24/01/110

NOTICE

This is for information of all the candidates who had appeared in the Assam Direct Recruitment Examination held on 27th October, 2024, for Class IV posts [HSLC or equivalent examination passed, HSLC or equivalent examination passed along with ITI Pass (Paper-I) & Read up to Class VIII (Paper-II)] . that an Online Portal will be made live from 15th November, 2024 at 11:30 A.M to 28th November, 2024, the link of which will be available in the websites of Assam State School Education Board (erstwhile SEBA) i.e www.site.sebaonline.org and Govt. of Assam (www.assam.gov.in). This Portal will facilitate the interested candidates to raise their objection against the Answer Key of any question on payment of Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only) per question. Objection must be supplemented with proper justification and any objection without justification will be treated as null and void. If the justification for challenging a particular Answer key is found valid by the expert Committee constituted to examine the challenges, then the amount of Rs. 500/- will be refunded to the source from where the amount was paid. All the Objections shall be placed before a Committee of Academic Experts and the decision of this Committee shall be final and no further communication shall be entertained. The login credentials will be—

User name – Candidate's Application ID
Password - Candidate's own Password

Further this is to inform that the softcopies of all 6 sets of Question paper are already available on the website of Assam State School Education Board (erstwhile SEBA) i.e www.site.sebaonline.org. The answer keys of these 6 sets will also be made available in the same website on 15th November, 2024 at 06:00 A.M.

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State Level Recruitment
Commission for Class-IV Posts

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ENGAGEMENT UNDER SAMAGRA SHIKSHA, ASSAM

SSA-1501573/2024/Esst/II/786820/2024

The Samagra Shiksha, Axom invites online applications from Indian Citizens (as defined in Articles 5 to 8 of the Constitution of India) for the under mentioned positions under Samagra Shiksha Axom on contractual basis. The online applications will be received from 14.11.2024 to 29.11.2024. The posts are temporary in nature and the selected candidates will be initially engaged for a period of 11 (eleven) months only. The contractual engagement will neither be regularized under Samagra Shiksha Axom nor will be absorbed under any job/programme of Government of Assam in future and no person(s) so engaged shall have any right(s) to claim for permanent abortion in any post(s) in the government or in the Samagra Shiksha, Assam. The nos. of posts may be increased or decreased.

Age for categories of post: The candidate should not be less than 18 years of age and not more than 62 years of age as on 01-01-2024.

The age limit of the candidates will be calculated on the basis of the Matriculation/HSLC Admit Card or Pass Certificate issued by a recognized Board/ Council and no other document shall be accepted in lieu of the mentioned documents.

Name of the Post	Essential Qualification and Experience	Pay in Pay Band in Rs.	Grade Pay in Rs.	No. of Post	Place
Electronic Data Processor	Graduate with minimum 1 year Diploma in Computer Application / DTP from reputed institutions or Diploma in Computer Application from ITI or 3 years diploma from Polytechnic Applicant should have 1 year work experience.	14000/-	8000/-	06	District Mission Offices

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- The link of the recruitment portal will be available in the Samagra Shiksha website https://ssa.assam.gov.in
- Read the User Guidelines carefully which is available on the recruitment portal on how to submit the online application form.
- Claims for any correction will not be entertained after submitting the online registration and online application.
- Before filling the on-line application, applicant has to go through the User Guidelines for online registration and online application.
- Candidate must upload the supporting document of educational qualification, experience and others through portal.
- Only eligible candidates will have to appear in test/interview, the exact date of which will be communicated separately.
- A candidate must be in good mental and bodily health and free from any physical defect likely to interfere with the efficient discharge of his/her duties.
- The exact date & time of the Test/ Interview will be communicated to the shortlisted candidates separately.
- Marking pattern will be on General Awareness, Personality & Aptitude, Subject matter in relevant field, Relevant Experience, etc. for the post. The applicant has to obtain minimum 50% of the total marks on the above in the interview and only then the candidates will be short-listed.
- The office will not be responsible for any non submission of online application due to any error or other problem.
- The decision of the Selection Committee in all aspects and all respects pertaining to the application and its acceptance or rejection as the case may be, conduct of test and at all consequent stages concluding in the selection or otherwise of any candidate shall be final in all respects and binding on all concerned. The Mission also reserves its right to alter and modify time and conditions laid down in the notification for conducting the various stages up to selection or withdraw the Notification at any time, duly intimating details thereof to all concerned, as warranted by any unforeseen circumstances arising during the course of this process, or as deemed necessary by the Mission at any stage.

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Secretary,
Samagra Shiksha

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Kahilpara, Guwahati-19

Vicky Kaushal to star in Maddock Films' movie 'Mahavatar'



NEW DELHI, Nov 13: Actor Vicky Kaushal will headline "Mahavatar", an upcoming mythological film from "Stree 2" director Amar Kaushik, the makers announced on Wednesday.

The film, which hails from producer Dinesh Vijan's Maddock Films, will feature Kaushal as Chiranjeevi Parashurama, the "eternal warrior of dharma".

It will be released in theatres on Christmas 2026. Maddock unveiled the project on its social media handles along with a first look poster of Kaushal.

"Dinesh Vijan brings to life the story of the eternal warrior of dharma!

Vicky Kaushal stars as Chiranjeevi Parashurama in #Mahavatar, directed by Amar Kaushik. Coming to cinemas - Christmas 2026!" the studio posted on Instagram.

Kaushal is also starring in the lead role in Maddock's upcoming period movie "Chhaava".

Set to be released on December 6, the film will see Kaushal playing the role of Maratha emperor Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj.

The upcoming film, also starring Rashmika Mandanna and Akshaye Khanna, is directed by Laxman Utekar and produced by Vijan. (PTI)

'Bandish Bandits' season two to premiere on Prime Video in December



NEW DELHI, Nov 13: Musical series "Bandish Bandits" will return with its second season on Prime Video on December 13, the streaming service announced on Wednesday.

Created by Amritpal Singh Bindra and Anand Tiwari, the romantic drama show features actors Ritwik Bhowmik and Shreya Chaudhry as Radhe and Tamanna, two musicians who come from different worlds of music.

"The new season of this beloved musical drama continues its journey, artfully blending the intricate ragas, talas, and bandishes of Indian classical music with the bold, electrifying beats of modern rock and pop, as our leads - Radhe and Tamanna, now face off against each other in the quest for acceptance and glory," the streamer said in a press release.

"The narrative delves deeper into family legacy bringing in themes of individuality, empowerment, and the balance between old and new to the forefront, as each character discovers and embraces their true self," it added.

The first season of "Bandish Bandits" was released in August 2020 and also starred veteran actor Naseeruddin Shah.

The sophomore chapter has been directed by Tiwari and who has co-written the series alongside Atmika Didwania and Karan Singh Tyagi.

Returning members for season two include Sheeba Chaddha, Atul Kulkarni, Rajesh Tailang and Kunaal Roy Kapur. They are joined by newcomers -- Divya Dutta, Rohan Gurbaxani, Yashaswini Dayama, Aaliyah Qureshi and Saurabh Nayyar.

Bindra, who also serves as a producer of the series, said the new season will bring in bigger conflicts as the stakes get higher and the tension between Radhe and Tamanna reaches a dramatic crescendo.

"The universal love and appreciation garnered by season one has validated the faith and work the cast and crew and the incredibly supportive team at Prime Video put behind the show, and we cannot wait for December 13 as we bring the newest season to audiences in India and across the world," he added.

Nikhil Madhok, Head of Originals, Prime Video India, expressed confidence that season two of "Bandish Bandits" will receive the same kind of love and acclaim as the first season did.

"At Prime Video, we take pride in bringing stories and narratives that are not only culturally relevant, but also showcase the rich tapestry of traditions we celebrate in India. 'Bandish Bandits' has been one such gem in our diverse list of originals," he said.

"With the sophomore season of Bandish Bandits, we've pushed the boundaries with the music and the story, diving into themes of legacy, identity and ambition," he added. "Bandish Bandits" is a Leo Media Collective Private Limited production. (PTI)

Disha Patani says she's 'fascinated' by Japanese anime

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: Actor Disha Patani, who is set to make her Tamil cinema debut with "Kanguva", has opened up about her love for Japanese anime and Korean culture.

Anyone who follows the actor on social media has often seen her post reels of a weekend binge-watch session of anime (Japanese style of film and television animation) and work out to songs by Kai of Korean pop band EXO. While the "emotional connection" in anime fascinates her, Patani believes content coming out of South Korea draws a lot from Bollywood.

"I have grown up watching anime as a kid and 'DragonBallZ' and all these. I'm fascinated by anime. The storyline they have, I don't know if you can capture that in a film the way they emote, the kind of stories they have, whichever genre you enjoy. The emotional connection is unreal in most of the anime," the 32-year-old actor told PTI. "Korea is great when it comes to filmmaking, series, and romance. I feel a lot of it is taken from Bollywood when you watch it. I love their music, fashion, culture and everything about it," she added.

Patani, who recently starred in a pivotal role in the superhit Telugu film "Kalki 2898 AD", said she often ends up doing "less work" than she thinks she should.

"I really need to love something to do it or until I'm super happy. It's intuitive and if I don't get that feeling I can't do it. I wait for that feeling. (PTI)



'Laapataa Ladies' makers share poster with English title ahead of film's Oscar campaign



NEW DELHI, Nov 13: The makers of "Laapataa Ladies", India's official entry to Oscars 2025, have unveiled a new poster of the film with its English title "Lost Ladies" as the movie begins its campaign for the upcoming awards ceremony in Los Angeles.

Directed by Kiran Rao, the Hindi movie was picked to represent India at Oscars in September. Rao also produced the film via Kindling Pictures with former husband Aamir Khan and his banner AKPL and Jyoti Deshpande of Jio Studios. A light-hearted satire on patriarchy, "Laapataa Ladies" follows the story of two brides called Phool and Jaya in rural India in 2001 who accidentally get swapped during a train journey. It stars Nitanshi Goel and Pratibha Ranta in the lead. Aamir Khan Productions shared the poster on its official X page on Tuesday.

"Official poster alert! Presenting the official poster for #LostLadies—a glimpse into the wild, heartfelt journey of Phool and Jaya! #LaapataaLadies," the banner wrote in the caption. Earlier, Gujarati film "Chhello Show", which was chosen as India's official entry for Oscars 2023, was titled "Last Film Show" in English. (PTI)

Coldplay adds fourth Indian show in Ahmedabad citing 'incredible fan demand'

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: Rock band Coldplay and online ticket platform BookMyShow on Wednesday announced a fourth show in Ahmedabad as part of the band's "Music Of The Spheres World Tour 2025" citing "incredible fan demand".

The new announcement comes following a controversy over reports of black marketing of tickets after they were sold out within minutes.

The fourth show will be held at Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium on January 25, 2025, and the tickets will be available on BookMyShow. In September, Coldplay announced two shows on January 18 and 19, 2025, at the DY Patil Sports Stadium. The music group added a third concert on January 21 at the same venue on popular demand.

The British band, led by vocalist Chris Martin, posted on their official X page about the new concert in India. The tickets for the new show

will go on sale on November 16 at 12pm. "2025 AHMEDABAD DATE ANNOUNCED...The band will play their biggest ever show, at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on 25 January, 2025. #MusicOfTheSpheresWorldTour," the band posted on X. According to a press release by the ticketing platform, the multiple Grammy-award winning band will perform for a potential audience of 100,000 fans, making it "the biggest stadium show of their career".

"The only way to better serve the record-breaking demand for Coldplay's Music Of The Spheres World Tour in India has been to secure the country's largest venue, making it possible to host Coldplay for their biggest-ever stadium audience globally. Bringing another show to life took immense effort from our teams and partners alike and we are thrilled for the chance to make this happen for Coldplay's fans," Anil Makhija,

COO - Live Entertainment and Venues, BookMyShow, said in a statement. The Enforcement Directorate began a probe in the alleged illegal sale of tickets of concerts of 'Coldplay' and Diljit Dosanjh after these events were sold out in just minutes on online ticketing platforms, including Zomato Live.

Many of them then landed on unauthorised platforms where they were being sold at exorbitant prices.

In a press release issued on Wednesday, BookMyShow said to ensure a level playing field for all fans, the ticket booking process will feature a virtual queue with a waiting room, where fans will be allocated queue positions through an Automated Queue Randomisation System, when the sale goes live.

"Music Of The Spheres World Tour in India" is produced and promoted by BookMyShow Live, the live entertainment experiential division of

BookMyShow and Live Nation, the global promoter of the tour.

Jared Braverman, SVP of Global Touring, Live Nation Entertainment, shared, "Over 20 years into their touring career, Coldplay continues to push boundaries in both scale and reach. Performing in Ahmedabad, their largest single stadium show to date, showcases their unwavering commitment to connecting with fans worldwide." Dhanraj Nathwani, President, Gujarat Cricket Association (GCA), said, "This historic Coldplay concert in Ahmedabad not only positions our city on the global entertainment map but also reflects the vibrancy and modern infrastructure of Gujarat... We are also excited to partner with BookMyShow Live, a company that has consistently brought the best of global entertainment to India, and Live Nation, making this a truly momentous occasion for Gujarat." (PTI)



Sinner beats Fritz again in rematch of US Open final



TURIN (ITALY), Nov 13: The soccer-like "Ole" chants. The vast array of fans dressed in his theme color of orange. The banners and signs — one of which declared, "Sinner for president." Late in the second set of his victory over Taylor Fritz at the ATP Finals on Tuesday, Jannik Sinner used all the adulation in his home country to his advantage. When the top-ranked player produced a backhand passing shot up the line while on the run, he held his finger up to his ear to

encourage the crowd to cheer louder. "I read a little bit where he was playing and I just tried to pass him somehow because if not, it would have been a very easy volley for him," Sinner said. "The crowd is helping me a lot. This is a very special occasion for me. I've always liked playing at home. If you like the fans and the people supporting you, it's a big help," Sinner added.

Sinner made it two wins in two matches before his home fans at the finals, beating Fritz 6-4, 6-4

in a rematch of the U.S. Open final that the Italian also won in straight sets.

Sinner turned up his intensity when it mattered most. He survived a marathon service game midway through the first set then broke his American opponent with a huge forehand up the line on his first set point.

During and after the match, the crowd inside Inalpi arena chanted, "Ole, Ole, Ole: Sinner, Sinner." Sinner saved the only break point that he faced and

nearly matched Fritz with six aces to the American's seven.

But Fritz tested Sinner over two close sets and thought his performance was a step up from the U.S. Open final.

"There's a lot of positives I can take out of it," Fritz said. "For all of the match, I didn't feel overwhelmed. I felt like I was right there." Sinner, who beat Alex de Minaur in his opening match at the season-ending event for the top eight players, improved to 23-1 in his last five tournaments.

Earlier, Daniil Medvedev moved back into contention with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over De Minaur following a temper tantrum in his previous match.

Medvedev didn't face a single break point and was generally much sharper than in his straight-set loss to Fritz on Sunday — during which he smashed his racket and lost his cool twice.

Sinner leads the group while Fritz and Medvedev are next with one win each. De Minaur, who is making his debut at finals, lost both of his opening matches.

The top two finishers from each round-robin group advance to the semifinals.

On Thursday, Medvedev faces Sinner and De Minaur plays Fritz in the final matches of the group. In the other group on Monday, Alexander Zverev and Casper Ruud beat Andrey Rublev and Carlos Alcaraz, respectively.

Sinner is playing at home for the first time since it was announced before his U.S. Open title that he tested positive in two separate drug tests this year.

A decision to clear Sinner of wrongdoing was appealed by the World Anti-Doping Agency in September. A final ruling in the case is expected early next year.

When his match was over, Medvedev closed his eyes and held his fingers to his ears. Then he wrote on a camera lens, "Block the noise."

"I went into this match also blocking the noise even from myself," Medvedev said. "No like tantrums and stuff. Just block the noise. And I really didn't care what was happening on the court. I just tried to play and it was a good feeling." (AP)

FIFA workshop essential for strengthening our governance framework: AIFF secretary general

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: All India Football Federation (AIFF) secretary general, Anilkumar, who attended the FIFA Financial Governance Workshop in Sri Lanka recently, said such events would go a long way in improving and strengthening the financial management of the member associations.

The workshop was held in Colombo on November 6 and 7, with the participation of general secretaries and finance directors from the member associations of India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Kyrgyz Republic, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

"Attending the FIFA Financial Governance Workshop has been an invaluable experience. The insights shared on transparency, accountability and best practices in financial management are essential for strengthening our governance framework," said Anilkumar.

FIFA's commitment to develop football around the world depends on sound financial management to ensure that member associations get the best value for money for the funding distributed through the FIFA Forward programme.

As part of its effort to ensure this happens, FIFA has been holding regular workshops around the world to enhance financial governance and capacity development within the MAs.

The event was held under the

banner of the newly established FIFA Campus, which serves as the central football learning hub for all FIFA capacity development and education initiatives for member associations.

Starting with a presentation of the Financial Governance Guide, the workshop included discussion, group work and case sessions on topics such as conflict of interest, planning and budgeting and procurement process, as well as the importance of having adequate supporting documentation.

The sessions emphasised the importance of accountability, transparency, and responsible financial management within the context of the FIFA Forward programme.

The FIFA Forward programme was introduced in 2016 to provide funding for tailor-made projects in each of the 211 FIFA member associations.

In the first two cycles, between 2016 and 2022, more than USD 2.8 billion was committed to a diverse array of projects to provide football infrastructure and competitions, and to promote and advance women's football.

The four-year cycle of FIFA Forward 3.0, from 2023 to 2026, represents an increase in football development investment of almost 30% and is a direct consequence of the reinforced governance and financial situation of the new FIFA since 2016. (PTI)

Lomror, Sharma tons power Rajasthan to 362/4 against Uttarakhand

DEHRADUN, Nov 13: Middle-order batters Mahipal Lomror and Kartik Sharma struck unbeaten hundreds, punctuating their knocks with 11 sixes to power Rajasthan to 362 for four against hosts Uttarakhand on the first day of their Group B Ranji Trophy match here on Wednesday. Invited to bat, Rajasthan were off to a steady start but soon found themselves in trouble after sipping to 188 for four in the second session.

Having seen three batters walk back to the dressing room after getting their eye in, Lomror stitched an excellent partnership of 174 runs for the fifth wicket to steer the visiting side to a comfortable position.

Among the batters to have failed on the day was Rajasthan skipper Deepak Hooda (10 off 29 balls), who was caught behind off the bowling of Deepak Dhopola, signaling the arrival of Sharma into the crease.

Uttarakhand did not taste any success thereafter as Rajasthan completely dominated the final session of play with the duo of Lomror and Sharma in total control of the proceedings in the elite

group game.

At the close of play, Lomror was batting on 141 off 189 balls while Sharma was going strong on 113 off 114 deliveries, having scored at almost run-a-ball.

During his stay in the middle, Lomror found the fence 14 times and cleared it on five occasions, while Sharma entertained those present at the ground by smashing 11 fours and six sixes.

Earlier in the day, Uttarakhand's decision to field first did not bring them great returns as Rajasthan reached 100 for the loss of just one wicket in Abhijeet Tomar (20).

Ram Chouhan (29) fell with the score reading 106 but still the visitors did not have enough reasons to worry.

However, losing two more wickets, including that of their skipper, with the team score yet to cross 200, put Rajasthan in a spot of bother. In between, Zubair Ali made 26 in 40 balls, getting dismissed after settling down. That's when Sharma joined Lomror in the middle, and the two first steadied the ship and then placed their team ahead with their dominant batting display. (PTI)

After hosting World Cup, Qatar praised by UN rights body for labor law reforms

GENEVA, Nov 13: Qatar was praised at the United Nations' top human rights body on Tuesday for improving labor laws before the 2022 World Cup, though it was urged to fully abolish its employment system for migrant workers.

Qatar returned to the Human Rights Council in Geneva for its five-yearly review for the first time since the soccer tournament that needed hundreds of thousands of foreign workers to build stadiums and other essential projects. Soccer governing body FIFA is set to confirm Saudi Arabia in December as host of the 2034 World Cup — setting up another decade of scrutiny on how human rights are respected while preparing for more teams playing more games in more stadiums. In Qatar, better labor law protections have been passed in recent years relating to a minimum wage, freedom to change employers and combating forced labor and trafficking, according to the emirate's senior diplomat in Geneva.

Qatar "highly appreciated" the contribution of migrant workers who are "true partners," said



Hend Abdulrahman Al Muftah, its permanent representative to the UN in Geneva, in translated comments.

Qatar was urged — or "recommended," in the formal diplomatic language of the UN rights body — by French delegate Claire Thuaudet to "pursue the implementation of the labor laws" linked to the 2022 World Cup. Sierra Leone said Qatar should "consider abolishing all vestiges" of the labor law system known as kafala.

"We commend Qatar for its notable reforms in labor migrant legislation," the Netherlands delegation said. "These are significant but more effective enforcement and implementations are needed." Qatar also was asked to abolish the death penalty by states including Brazil, Ireland, Italy and New Zealand, and decriminalize consenting same-sex relations by Brazil, Mexico and Spain.

Anticipating criticism of Qatar's record on women's rights,

Al Muftah said Qatar now had 120 women in diplomatic roles after the number was just three several years ago.

Sweden later recommended Qatar review its laws relating to women's rights in divorce, custody of children and inheritance while Iceland called for abolition of the male guardianship system. Iceland also urged decriminalizing abortion and ensure access to reproductive health services without needing the permission of a male guardian or showing a marriage certificate.

Qatar's delegation pointed to the country rising from outside the top 100 to now rank No. 84 in the global index of press freedom. Top-ranked Norway said Qatar should ensure "civil society, human rights defenders and journalists can operate freely without fear of reprisals."

Qatar is widely expected to be a strong contender in bidding to host the 2036 Olympics, and concluded its presentation Tuesday with sports ministry official Nasser Ali Al-Khater hailing sports as "an important platform to enhance cooperation between peoples." (AP)

Watching Dravid, Williamson I realised I have certain gifts I can use to succeed in T20s: KL Rahul

MUMBAI, Nov 13: India batter KL Rahul revealed he "tried really hard" to prove big-hitting prowess early in his career but watching the legendary Rahul Dravid and Kane Williamson stay true to their natural game and succeed in white-ball formats changed his perspective and helped him evolve as a player.

One of the most stylish batters, Rahul admitted that in his younger days he often tried to be something he was not.

"I think I grew as an individual and as a player. As a youngster, I tried really hard to be someone I wasn't, trying to hit big sixes to prove I could," Rahul said in an exclusive interview on Star Sports.

"It just wasn't coming naturally. What changed for me was watching Rahul Dravid in one of the IPL seasons around 2011 or 2012. He stayed true to his technique, and he was one of the best batsmen. Seeing him do well in one-day and T20 cricket

without changing his game changed something in me," he added.

The 32-year-old, who played 53 Tests, 77 ODIs, and 72 T20s for India, had spent time in the same dressing room with Williamson, one of the best batters in contemporary cricket, during his time at Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Observing both Williamson and Dravid, Rahul realised that he could succeed in T20 cricket by staying true to his natural game. "I also spent time with Kane Williamson at SRH. He didn't get many chances, but he'd still go back and play amazing white-ball innings for New Zealand. "Watching Dravid and Williamson, I realized I didn't need to try so hard. I had certain gifts I could use in T20 cricket to find success."

Rahul began his IPL career at RCB in 2013, he spent two seasons at SRH before returning to the Bengaluru franchise in



2016, where he played with the likes of Virat Kohli and AB De Villiers, which boosted his confidence.

"Once I embraced that mindset, things clicked for me. In the 2016 IPL, I had Virat and AB's guidance—the best T20 players around. Just talking to them at training about my game made a difference. Once the performances started coming, the confidence followed."

In the 2018 season, Rahul scored a 14-ball fifty for Punjab Kings (then Kings XI Punjab), who had shelled out Rs 11 crore for him.

"I had just debuted in T20s for India and scored that 100 in Miami against the West Indies, so I had some recent T20 runs and confidence behind me. It was a new franchise, and I was excited, especially after the high price tag they paid, which I had

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n't expected."

Rahul said he played freely in the 2018 season, which turned out to be his best T20 year.

"That season came with pressure, being a new team and all, but my mind was clear at that time. I was confident in my game, knew what I had to do, and kept it simple. 2018 was probably the best T20 year for me. "Expectations were mostly from Kings XI Punjab due to the high price tag, but beyond

that, I was free to play my game, without feeling like I had to take responsibility. That allowed me to play with freedom, and while it was a great year personally, as a team, we struggled."

Rahul, who led Lucknow Super Giants since its inception, was released by the franchise. He is expected to invoke a bidding war at the mega auction in Riyadh on November 24 and 25. (PTI)

Jharkhand crawl to 136 for 3 vs Delhi on a curtailed Day 1

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: Opener Sharandeep Singh scored a dogged unbeaten 64 as Jharkhand batters were painstakingly slow in their approach reaching 136 for 3 on a weather-curtailed opening day of the Ranji Trophy group D fixture against Delhi here on Wednesday. Having lost to Chattisgarh in the last game, Delhi in their final home game of the season made wholesale changes under new skipper Ayush Badoni.

The three pacers — Money Grewal (1/43 in 14 overs), Simarjeet Singh (1/16 in 14 overs) and left-armers Siddhant Sharma (1/32 in 14 overs) — were primarily used by Badoni keeping the conditions in mind. Sharandeep, who hit nine boundaries was ready to dead bat most deliveries and leave a lot during his undefeated 183-ball innings. He added 93 for the third wicket with southerly Utkarsh Singh (46 off 86 balls) before Siddhant dismissed the latter towards late afternoon.

The match also saw Simarjeet making a comeback to the playing eleven after missing out on last three matches and he kept things tight at one end. Jharkhand started on a cautious note adding 24 in almost an hour's play before young Money had Nazim Siddique edge one to former skipper Himmat Singh in the slip cordon. Simarjeet was rewarded when he breached Aryaman Sen's defence but Sharandeep and Utkarsh showed good defensive technique during the day. Few of the boundaries were streaky and came behind the square along with a few crisp on-drives. The spinners got to bowl only 13 overs between them and they didn't look very penetrative on the day.

Brief Scores In Delhi: Jharkhand 1st Innings 136/3 in 55 overs (Sharandeep Singh 64 batting, Simarjeet Singh 1/16) vs Delhi. In Ahmedabad: Railways 1st Innings 229 in 80.2 overs (Mohd Saif 60, Ajith Ram 4/44) vs Tamil Nadu. In Chandigarh: Saurashtra 1st Innings 299/2 in 79 overs (Harvik Desai 99, Chirag Jani 153) vs Chandigarh. In Raipur: Assam 1st Innings 264 for 6 in 87 overs (Denish Das 104, Parvez Musaraf 42) vs Chattisgarh. (PTI)



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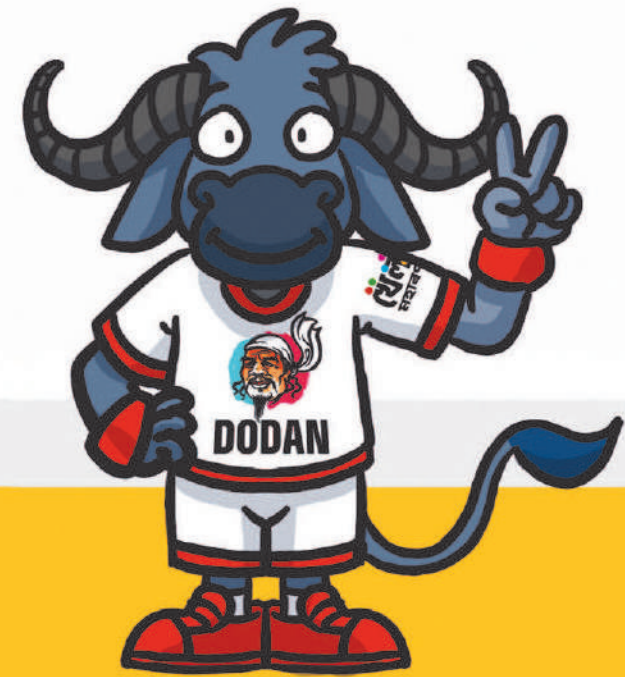
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