

Cong holds march in Ranchi against new law replacing MGNREGA

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Ranchi, Jan 5 : The Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee (JPCC) on Monday organised a protest march in Ranchi against the new law enacted to replace the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), alleging that the move would weaken rural employment security.

The march, led by State Congress President Keshav Mahto Kamlesh, began at Babu Vatika in Morabadi and culminated at LokBhavan in Ranchi. Before the start of the march, Congress leaders and workers paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi's statue and resolved to continue their agitation against the changes to the MGNREGA framework.

Addressing the gathering, State Congress in-charge K. Raju said the UPA government had conferred a legal right to 100 days of employment on the rural poor through MGNREGA, with the authority to select works vested in Gram Panchayats.

He said this decentralised approach strengthened



grassroots development and provided economic security to millions of poor households.

Raju noted that during the Covid-19 pandemic, when large numbers of migrant labourers returned to their villages, MGNREGA served as a lifeline.

He alleged that under the new law, the Centre would take over the selection of schemes, which would curtail the rights of labourers, and a contract-based system would be promoted, which he said was contrary to the spirit of MGNREGA.

State Cong President Keshav Mahto Kamlesh alleged that while the

MGNREGA budget was consistently increased during the UPA regime, it has been reduced under the BJP-led government.

He further claimed that the Centre-state funding ratio has been changed which will increase the financial burden on states. He also criticised the proposed restriction on work for two months in a year, warning that it would adversely impact the rural economy and will amount to discrimination against non-BJP-ruled states.

Legislature party leader Pradeep Yadav accused the Centre of systematically

Congress leaders from Jamshedpur join Ranchi MGNREGA protest

Jamshedpur, Jan 5: Several Congress leaders from Jamshedpur left for Ranchi on Monday to participate in a protest organized by the Congress party against changes and renaming of laws related to MGNREGA. The protest demanded the withdrawal of the G RAM G Act, making MGNREGA an entitlement-based law, and restoring the rights of workers and panchayats. The leaders emphasized that MGNREGA is not a charity but a legal guarantee for laborers. Those who traveled to Ranchi included former State Congress Secretary Vijay Yadav, District President (Cooperative Department) Chhina Rao, State General Secretary of Youth Congress Rakesh Sahu, former senior Congress leader Vishwajit Jena, Pintoo Kumar, and several other party members.

weakening pro-people legislations, while deputy leader Rajesh Kachhap said the Cong had enacted MGNREGA to strengthen the rural economy and prevent distress migration.

MP Sukhdev Bhagat described the change in the name and structure of MGNREGA as an attack on Gandhian ideology.

Finance Minister Radha Krishna Kishore said that with over 12 crore registered MGNREGA workers nationwide, a substantially higher budget would be required to ensure 125 days of employment, adding that the current allocation was

inadequate. Health Minister Irfan Ansari, Rural Development Minister Deepika Pandey Singh, and Agriculture Minister Shilpi Neha Tiwari also opposed the changes, calling MGNREGA a vital scheme for rural development and for curbing migration.

The programme was conducted by JPCC working president Shahzada Anwar, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Mahila Congress president Rama Khalkho. A large number of Congress workers and

labourers participated in the march.

Alleged safety violations at IOCL Khunti depot raise concerns

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Khunti, Jan 5 : The safety of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) in Khunti is facing allegations of serious safety lapses, highlighted by an incident on January 2, 2026. Sanjay Horo, representative of the Jharkhand Movement, General Secretary of the Khunti Tanker Association, and Central Organizing Secretary of the

Adivasi Mahasabha, stated that 27 new tankers were brought to the Khunti depot for inspection in violation of safety norms.

According to Horo, the tanker drivers were reportedly not wearing uniforms, helmets, or safety shoes, posing a major risk in this Naxal-affected district. He warned that any untoward incident could have serious consequences for the region.

The Khunti Tanker Association plans to submit a memorandum to the Union Petroleum Minister via the District Commissioner on Tuesday, seeking priority for local transporters and strict adherence to safety regulations. Previous memorandums have also been submitted to the local MP, District Commissioner, Superintendent of Police, and Sub-Divisional Officer, requesting maintenance of law and order during their agitation. Horo emphasized that the ongoing struggle aims to safeguard safety and ensure fair treatment for local transporters.

Tata Steel UIISL acts on muddy water complaint

Jamshedpur, Jan 5: Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Limited (UIISL) has issued a press communiqué clarifying the issue of contaminated water reported from Burmamines area and outlining the steps taken to address the problem. According to the press release, a site inspection was carried out by the concerned department after reports of muddy water supply. During the inspection, it was found that the affected water hydrant is connected through a 50 mm HDPE pipeline originating from within the New R&D Project premises. Local residents had complained that muddy water was initially flowing from the hydrant.

Further inspection inside the R&D premises revealed leakages at three locations in the existing 100 mm and 150 mm cast iron pipelines. Tata Steel UIISL has scheduled repair work for these leakages on January 9, 2026. As a precautionary measure, the water supply to the affected hydrant has been temporarily stopped until the repair work is completed. To ensure that residents do not face water shortages, Tata Steel UIISL is supplying water through tankers as an interim arrangement. (W-mb)

Residents protest against pollution issues in Burmamines

Basti Bachao Sangharsh Samiti holds demonstration at Durga Puja ground

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Jamshedpur, Jan 5: Residents of the Burmamines area in Jamshedpur are facing growing concerns over pollution. On Monday, members of the Basti Bachao Sangharsh Samiti organized a protest at the Durga Puja Ground in Burmamines, raising objections to the functioning of Tata Steel in the area and seeking remedial measures.

The committee demanded that steps be taken to reduce pollution levels, widen nearby roads, introduce regulated and

organized parking, and lay paver blocks at the Durga Puja Ground to help control dust in the locality.

Former BJP district president Ram Babu Tiwari stated that a Tata Steel management team had recently visited the Durga Puja Ground in the Burmamines locality, following which members of the Basti Bachao Sangharsh Samiti expressed their concerns. He said residents are experiencing difficulties due to deteriorating air quality in the area.

According to local residents,



other health-related problems have been increasing. They

attribute this to dust generated from unregulated parking at the Durga Puja Ground. In addition, frequent movement of heavy vehicles has reportedly led to traffic congestion, causing inconvenience to daily commuters.

The Basti Bachao Sangharsh Samiti said it has communicated its concerns multiple times to Tata Steel management and the district administration, but no concrete action has been taken so far. The committee added that if the issues remain unresolved, they may consider further steps in the future.

Saryu flags off Rs 2.86 crore projects in Jsr West

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Jamshedpur, Jan 5: Jamshedpur West MLA Saryu Roy on Monday laid foundation stones and inaugurated development projects worth over Rs 2.86 crore under the Mango Municipal Corporation and Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee.

The projects are being executed through the MLA Local Area Development Fund and the District Plan (Untied Fund). The initiatives include the foundation laying of 38 projects worth Rs 2.05 crore funded through the MLA quota, the inauguration of four completed projects costing Rs 26.32 lakh, and the foundation stone for the construction of six



additional classrooms at Dimna Middle School at an estimated cost of Rs 55.50 lakh under the District Plan Untied Fund. Addressing the gathering, Roy said his priority is to ensure optimum utilization of

development funds received from the government for the direct benefit of the public.

He stressed that scattered construction of small roads and drains through MLA or MP funds does not yield long-term benefits.

Roy advocated for a comprehensive, settlement-wise development survey by the Mango Municipal Corporation and Jamshedpur NAC to assess actual requirements for improving living standards.

Based on this assessment, structured development plans should be prepared and adequate funds sought from the government, to be implemented in phases if necessary. Reiterating the need for a drain-based development model, Roy directed officials to divide Mango into four zones and prepare an integrated development blueprint.

He emphasized mapping all small and large drains to ensure smooth water flow into major channels, which would help prevent waterlogging in homes and on roads during the monsoon. Several public representatives and local residents were present on the occasion. (w-pm)

Purnima Sahu takes up civic issues with Tata Steel UIISL GM



Jamshedpur, Jan 5: Jamshedpur East MLA Purnima Sahu on Monday held a detailed meeting with Tata Steel UIISL General Manager R. K. Singh at his office to discuss pressing civic issues affecting her assembly constituency.

The meeting was attended by BJP mandal presidents from all seven mandals under the constituency. During the interaction, the MLA strongly emphasized the need to further strengthen and streamline essential civic amenities in Tata command areas, including electricity, drinking water supply, road infrastructure and sanitation.

She underlined that ensuring better public services for residents remains a top priority and called for stronger coordination and close monitoring among the concerned agencies. The BJP mandal presidents also submitted memorandums highlighting area-specific issues within their respective mandals related to Tata-managed zones, seeking prompt intervention and solutions. Responding to the concerns, Tata Steel UIISL General Manager R. K. Singh, along with senior officials, patiently heard all the points raised and assured that the issues would be addressed on a priority basis. He reaffirmed Tata Steel UIISL's commitment to continuously improving and strengthening basic civic services for citizens. MLA representative Gunjan Yadav and mandal presidents Vijay Singh, Ranjit Singh, Vikas Sharma, Ritesh Jha, Kumar Abhishek, Bapan Banerjee and Ashok Samant were prominently present during the meeting. (w-pm)

Saraikela Chamber of Commerce welcomes SDO Abhinav Prakash



Saraikela, Jan 5 : The Saraikela Chamber of Commerce warmly welcomed newly appointed Sub-Divisional Officer Abhinav Prakash (IAS) on Monday. President Pranchand Agarwal, founding president Pradeep Chaudhary, general secretary Manoj Kumar Chaudhary, and other members presented a bouquet to

Road accident claims life of driver

Saraikela, Jan 5 : A tragic accident occurred near Ramchandrapur village in Jajodih Panchayat under Kharsawan police station when a tractor overturned, killing the driver. The deceased, identified as 54-year-old Loto Tiggi from Borda village, was transporting soil to Padampur village when the tractor lost control at a turn and fell into a ditch. Local residents rushed him to Saraikela Sadar Hospital, where doctors declared him dead. The body was later handed over to his family following a post-mortem examination.

Environmental legal literacy program organised

Saraikela, Jan 5 : On the directives of JHALSA, Ranchi, and guidance of Principal District and Sessions Judge Ramashankar Singh, a district-wide environmental awareness program titled "Protect Today, Secure Tomorrow" was organized on Monday.

The program is part of the pan-India Environmental Legal Literacy and Community Protection Initiative.

The main event was held at Arka Jain University, Gambaria, and attended by Chief LADC, Saraikela, law faculty members, students, and paralegal



volunteers. Speakers emphasized that understanding environmental laws is crucial for community protection and securing the future. The programs promoted legal literacy, citizen responsibility, and active participation to address environmental challenges effectively.

Saraikela to host block-level health fairs from Jan 6-10

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Saraikela, Jan 5: The district health department will organize block-wise health fairs across all nine blocks of Saraikela-Kharsawan from January 6 to January 10, aiming to ensure that government health services reach every citizen, especially the most vulnerable.

Civil Surgeon Dr. Saryu Prasad Singh held a press conference to share details of the initiative, with Additional Chief Medical Officer Dr. Juhar Majhi, DPM Vinay Kumar, and DPC Archana Tigga in



attendance. Block-level fairs will be held on January 7 at the Community Health Center in Kharsawan block and the Ayushman Arogya Kendra in Kukru block. On January 9, similar health fairs will take

place at the Community Health Centers in Gambaria, Chandil, Rajnagar, Ichagarh Patkum, Kuchai, Nimdih, and the Primary Health Center in Sini for Saraikela block. The fairs, organized under the District

Health Committee, will offer a wide range of services, including general medical check-ups, child and maternal health, family planning counselling, cataract and eye screenings, dental care, nutrition counselling, leprosy control, immunization, ENT and skin examinations, malaria and TB awareness, mental health services, adolescent health check-ups, cancer awareness, digital health cards, consultations with experienced doctors, senior citizen health services, NCD screening, and guidance on Ayurveda, Unani, and Homoeopathy treatments.

Special focus will also be given to awareness about the harmful effects of smoking and tobacco use, personal hygiene, and environmental health.

The district has set specific targets for the fairs: 3,600 visitors, 450 health IDs created, 900 PMJAY cards issued, 180 teleconsultations, and 30 cataract screenings. In addition, preparations are underway for blood donation drives and organ donation registration during the events. The initiative aims to make healthcare accessible to all, particularly those at the lowest rungs of society.

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