

ESS scheme soon at TSDPL

News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 24: The management of Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited (TSDPL) is preparing to introduce an Early Separation Scheme (ESS) for its employees in the near future, as part of efforts to rationalise manpower and reduce operational costs, sources said.

According to union sources, the proposed ESS is likely to be offered to employees aged 45 years and above. The voluntary separation scheme is aimed at streamlining the workforce and easing the company's cost burden. TSDPL had earlier implemented a similar scheme, under which around 30 employees opted for early separation.

Sources indicated that the upcoming ESS may be structured largely on the lines of the previous scheme, with similar terms and benefits. Management believes that the voluntary retirement initiative will help optimise resources and improve overall operational efficiency.

Meanwhile, even as preparations for the ESS gather pace, the issue of grade revision (wage settlement) for employees remains a key concern. The grade revision of nearly



643 employees of TSDPL has been pending since October 2023.

Union sources said discussions on the wage settlement have reached the final stage, and there is a strong possibility that the agreement will be signed by the end of February. Once finalised, employees are expected to receive the benefits of revised wages along with arrears.

The parallel developments of a potential ESS and the long-awaited grade revision are being closely monitored by the employees, with expectations that clarity on both fronts will emerge soon.

Major cyber fraud syndicate busted; four arrested from Jharkhand, Bengal

Ranchi, Jan 24: In a significant breakthrough, the Cyber Police Station of the South-West District, Delhi, has busted an organised multi-state cyber fraud syndicate involved in duping bank customers on the pretext of KYC updation. Four key accused have been arrested from Jharkhand and West Bengal, officials said on Friday.

According to an official press note, the arrested accused have been identified as Shiv Kumar Ravidas (22), Sanjay Ravidas (33), Dinosh Ravidas (29), and Shubham Kumar Barnwal (25). The syndicate was operating mainly from the Jantar area of Jharkhand and adjoining areas, which are notorious for cyber fraud activities, while targeting victims across different states.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (South-West District), Amit Goel, said the accused impersonated bank officials and contacted unsuspecting customers through phone calls and WhatsApp messages. They created a false sense of urgency by claiming that the victims' bank KYC needed



immediate updation.

The victims were then persuaded to install malicious APK files on their mobile phones. Once installed, these applications enabled the fraudsters to gain unauthorised remote access to banking apps and confidential credentials. Using this access, the accused fraudulently availed loans, transferred money to mule bank accounts, and withdrew funds through ATMs, POS machines, and other banking channels.

The case came to light after a complaint was filed by Ms A. Ahmad,

a resident of Sagarpur in New Delhi. As per the press release, on December 13, 2025, she received calls and WhatsApp App messages from unknown persons posing as bank officials. On December 15, she received SMS alerts indicating that a loan of Rs 8.33 lakh had been processed on her Axis Bank credit card, followed by unauthorised debit transactions amounting to Rs 8.30 lakh. Denying any involvement or consent for the transactions, the complainant approached the police, leading to the registration of e-FIR

No. 132/2025 at Police Station Cyber South-West.

A dedicated police team led by Sub-Inspector Amit Kumar, under the supervision of Inspector Praveh Kaushik, SHO PS Cyber South-West, and ACP Operations Vijay Pal Tomar, conducted detailed technical surveillance and coordinated raids across states. Three of the accused were apprehended from open fields in the PS Nirsara area of Dhanbad district, Jharkhand, while they were actively attempting to target new victims. The fourth accused was later arrested from the Hooghly district in West Bengal.

During the operation, police recovered 10 mobile phones, 13 SIM cards, clothes worn during ATM withdrawals, malicious APK files, WhatsApp chat data, Excel sheets containing bank and customer details, and transaction-related messages. Officials said further investigation is underway to trace additional victims, money trails, and possible links to a larger cybercrime network.

7 Kolhan University employees under scanner in promotion scam probe

News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 24: Kolhan University is in the centre of an investigation in Jharkhand's much-discussed university promotion scam, following directives from the Raj Bhavan and the Supreme Court. The probe, which gained momentum after large-scale irregularities surfaced in May 2025, has exposed serious violations of service rules that have shaken the foundations of the state's higher education system.

According to the findings of the investigation, several employees at the Kolhan University were granted promotions by bypassing established norms and statutory provisions. In a glaring violation, laboratory assistants were first promoted to the post of demonstrator and subsequently elevated directly to senior academic positions such as associate professor. Investigators have also found instances where Class-IV employees were illegally inducted into the teaching cadre and even appointed as heads of departments.

A high-level inquiry committee has identi-



fied a total of seven Kolhan University employees who allegedly benefited from these unlawful promotions. Of them, three have since passed away, while the remaining four have been summoned to appear before the Higher and Technical Education Department in Ranchi on January 29 to present their side of the case.

The inquiry has further revealed that some of the employees involved were originally appointed on compassionate grounds to non-

teaching posts. As per existing rules, such employees are not eligible for appointment or promotion to teaching positions under any circumstances. Despite this, investigators say an improper process was followed to first designate them as demonstrators and later absorb them as university teachers.

The Supreme Court-mandated committee has termed these promotions a clear violation of the University Act and service regulations. The report notes that the illegal advancements not only compromised academic standards but also imposed an additional financial burden of several crores of rupees on the state exchequer due to higher salaries and service benefits.

Sources said the Higher and Technical Education Department is treating the matter with utmost seriousness and is considering steps such as cancellation of promotions, recovery of excess salaries paid, and disciplinary action against officials responsible for facilitating the irregularities. With scrutiny intensifying, officials expect more significant revelations in the coming days as the investigation progresses.

Woman 'shot dead' by husband for objecting to his extra-marital affair in Ranchi

Ranchi, Jan 24: A woman was allegedly shot dead by her husband for objecting to his alleged extra-marital affair in Jharkhand's Ranchi on Saturday, police said.

The incident occurred in the Manitola area under the Doranda police station limits. The deceased has been identified as Tanannum (40).

"As per preliminary investigation, it appears that the woman's husband had an extra-marital affair. An altercation occurred between the couple over the issue, after which he allegedly shot her dead," said Deepika Prasad, officer-in-charge of



the Doranda police station.

Police have seized the firearm, and the woman's body has been sent for the postmortem examination,

Prasad said.

The accused is absconding, and search is underway to nab him, the officer added.

Eight more trains to operate from Adityapur instead of Tatanagar from January 29

News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 24: In view of the ongoing redevelopment work at Tatanagar railway station, the South Eastern Railway has decided to shift the operation of eight more trains from Tatanagar to Adityapur station. An official order to this effect was issued on Friday, following a similar decision a day earlier to divert four pairs of trains.

According to railway officials, the revised arrangement will come into effect from January 29, and there are plans to shift additional trains to Adityapur in the coming weeks. However, it has been clarified that all the diverted trains will continue to have stoppages at Tatanagar station, even though their originating point will change.

As per the latest order, the trains proposed to originate from Adityapur include South Bihar Express (Durg-Danapur), Tata-Buxar Express, Tata-Thawe Express, Jallianwala Bagh Express, Tata-Yesvantpur Express, Tata-Emakulam Express, Tata-Jammu Tawi Express, and the Tata-Visakhapatnam Weekly Express. Railway sources said further orders regarding the shifting of more trains are



likely by February or March end.

Earlier, on Thursday, the Railways had issued orders to shift the Tatanagar-Dhanbad-Tatanagar Express, Tata-Asansol-Tatanagar Intercity Express, Tata-Hatia MEMU, and Tata-Visakhapatnam Superfast Express to Adityapur station.

Passenger inconvenience feared
The decision to operate trains from Adityapur instead of Tatanagar has raised concerns among passengers from areas such as Burma Mines, Karandih, Sarjanda, and Bagbera. Commuters from these localities fear increased travel time and additional expenses on autos and taxis to reach Adityapur station.

Adityapur station revamped
Railway officials pointed out that Adityapur railway station has recently undergone major redevelopment. The station, which earlier had two plat-

forms, now boasts five platforms, improved parking facilities, a landscaped park at the entrance, and better cleanliness and passenger amenities. Many residents in and around Adityapur have welcomed the move, as it reduces their dependence on Tatanagar for long-distance travel.

MPs react to the move
Jamshedpur MP Bidyut Baran Mahapatra expressed concern over the shifting of trains from Tatanagar, stating that it would cause inconvenience to city residents. He said he would raise the issue with senior railway officials and make efforts to ensure that trains continue to operate from Tatanagar as earlier.

On the other hand, Singhbhum MP Joba Manjhi, whose constituency includes Adityapur station, welcomed the Railways' decision. She suggested that, apart from Adityapur, trains should also be operated from Gambaria and other nearby stations to further improve passenger convenience.

Railway authorities maintain that the changes are temporary and aimed at ensuring smooth operations during the redevelopment of Tatanagar station, while also utilising the enhanced infrastructure at Adityapur.

Police close in on kidnapers in Kairav abduction case

Breakthrough likely in 2-3 days

News Service

Jamshedpur, Jan 24: Police have made significant progress in the high-profile abduction case of young entrepreneur Kairav Gandhi from the Bistupur CH Area, with investigators claiming they have traced vital leads pointing to the kidnapers. Based on intensive investigation and technical evidence, authorities said a major disclosure in the case is likely within the next two to three days.

Police teams are now focused on safely rescuing Kairav Gandhi from the clutches of the abductors. Given the sensitivity of the operation and concerns for the victim's safety, officials are proceeding with extreme caution and maintaining complete confidentiality. Senior officials confirmed that Jharkhand Director General of Police Anuradha Mishra is personally monitoring the investigation.

Honey-trap angle emerges in probe
Investigators have found indications that the abduction was executed through a honey-trap, a tactic increasingly used in organised crime. Technical surveillance and digital



tracking have helped police narrow down the suspects' movement patterns.

As part of the probe, CCTV footage from national highways and state roads leading towards Bihar and West Bengal has been scrutinised. Officials said several crucial clues have emerged from this exercise, helping police map the kidnapers' possible escape routes.

Multiple agencies involved
The investigation has been expanded with the deployment of multiple agencies. A joint Special Investigation Team (SIT) comprising Jamshedpur and Seraikela police is leading the operation, with support from the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) and Criminal Investigation

Department (CID). In total, around 10 special teams have been formed. These include two DSPs, eight inspectors, and 20 sub-inspectors from Jamshedpur, along with two DSPs, three inspectors, and 10 sub-inspectors from Seraikela. Teams are conducting raids and searches across Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal, and other possible locations linked to the suspects.

Family advised not to speak publicly
Kairav Gandhi's family is under immense stress following the incident. However, police have advised family members not to issue any public statements due to security concerns. Meanwhile, representatives from political parties, social organisations, and business bodies have been visiting the family to express solidarity and boost morale.

Police officials maintain that the investigation has reached its final stage, and there is strong hope of bringing Kairav Gandhi back safely in the coming days.

It may be recalled that Kairav Gandhi was abducted on January 13 at around 1 pm from the Bistupur CH Area. Preliminary investigation suggests that the kidnapers lured him using a honey-trap before carrying out the abduction.

19 new 'CM Schools of Excellence' to come up in Kolhan CBSE curriculum from next academic session

News Service

Ranchi/Jamshedpur, Jan 24: Chief Minister Hemant Soren has approved a proposal to upgrade 19 government schools in Kolhan as CM Schools of Excellence (CM Utkrishit Vidyalaya), marking a major push towards quality education. The move is part of the Jharkhand government's efforts to transform the state-run education system in the Kolhan division.

From the academic session 2027-28, these schools will offer education under the CBSE curriculum, ensuring high academic standards, modern pedagogy, and improved learning outcomes for students in the region.

State Project Director Shashi Ranjan, while reviewing progress with district education officers, said that the selected schools are expected to receive CBSE affiliation within the next six months. "The government will ensure the development of state-of-the-art infrastructure, including modern classrooms, laboratories, libraries, and advanced ICT facilities," he added.

Mandatory inspection and report by January 27

The director has directed officials to con-



duct field inspections of all proposed schools by January 27 and submit detailed reports. The assessment will focus on immediate requirements such as additional classrooms, drinking water facilities, toilets, and electricity connections. Based on these reports, the process of construction and supply of teaching-learning materials will begin. Once approvals are in place, academic activities will commence accordingly.

Admissions open in existing CM Schools
Meanwhile, the admission process for the existing CM Schools of Excellence has begun for the upcoming academic session. Applications will be accepted online through the e-VidyaVahini portal, with the last date set as February 16, 2026.

Officials said the initiative aims to bridge the gap between government and private schooling, particularly in tribal and rural areas, and is expected to significantly enhance access to quality education across Kolhan.

List of 19 schools upgraded as CM Schools of Excellence

West Singhbhum (7 schools):

High School Rajnandpur (Anandpur), Birsra Bhagwan Plus Two (Bandgaon), Marwarv Plus Two (Chakradharpur), High School Hatgambaria, Russell Plus Two (Jaganathpur), Ishwar Pathak Plus Two (Manoharpur), and High School Chitmiti (Tatanagar).

East Singhbhum (7 schools):

Adivasi High School (Bodam), Manohar Lal Plus Two (Chakulia), Ashtakoshi Bhalukpatda Plus Two (Dumaria), High School Bankati (Ghatsila), Rashtrapita Gandhi High School (Mango-Jamshedpur), Upgraded High School Gudabandha, and Shiksha Niketan Plus Two Halidipokhar (Potka).

Seraikela-Kharsawan (5 schools):

Upgraded High School Dugni (Gambaria), High School Kutam (Ichagarh), High School Padyampur (Kharsawan), Plus Two High School Raghunathpur (Nimdh), and SS Plus Two High School (Rajnagar).

Personnel honoured for bravery

Chaibasa, Jan 24 : During the ceremony held in Chaibasa, DGP Tadasha Mishra personally encouraged and honoured the personnel involved in Operation Meghaburu. Officers and jawans were praised for maintaining high morale, operational discipline, and restraint during the prolonged encounter in difficult forest terrain.

Godrej Finance Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice by Godrej Finance Limited in terms of Paragraph 11 of Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies - Branch Authorisation) Directions, 2025 and Paragraph 102 of Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies - Responsible Business Conduct) Directions, 2025

Godrej Finance Limited (the "Company" or "GFL") is a Public Limited Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 (Corporate Identification Number: U67120MH1992PLC0255157) and is registered with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI, No. 1300368) as a Non-Deposit taking Non-Banking Financial Company ("NBFC"). GFL has its registered office situated at Godrej One, Pirojshanagar, Eastern Express Highway, Vikroli (E), Mumbai - 400079, Maharashtra.

Notice is hereby given that the Company shall shift its Branch Office situated at Manak Coworking Space, 2nd Floor, Opposite New Power House, Above SBI Bank, Cazi Road, Jodhpur - 342001, Rajasthan, to Unit No. 201, Third Floor, Solitaire building, Plot No. 115/3, PWD Colony, Near Saint Patrick School, Jodhpur - 342001, Rajasthan due to operational reasons from 3 months to the date of this notice.

All customer queries can be addressed at customercare@godrejcapital.com.

Any clarifications or inquiries in this regard may be addressed to the Company at its registered office within 30 (thirty) days from the date of this notice addressed to the Compliance Officer or at gfl.compliance@godrejfinance.com

Sd/-
On behalf of Godrej Finance Limited

Place: Jodhpur
Date: 25/01/2026