

24x7 border vigil for Ghatshila bypoll, inter-state coordination meeting held

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Jamshedpur, Oct 8: Round-the-clock surveillance has been mounted at all inter-state and inter-district checkpoints as the district administration and police step up preparations for the Ghatshila Assembly by-election. Special surveillance teams have been activated and all border entry points are under tight watch to prevent the smuggling of cash, liquor, drugs, and other inducements intended to influence voters.

A high-level inter-state and inter-district coordination meeting was held at UCIL Bhawan, Jadugora, under the chairmanship of Kolhan DIG Anuranjan Kispotta, to review security and administrative arrangements for the by-election meeting to be attended by District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner (East Singhbhum) Karn Satyarthi, Deputy Commissioner (Seraikele-Kharsawan) Nitish Kumar Singh, SSP (East Singhbhum) Piyush Pandey, SP (Seraikele-Kharsawan) Mukesh Lunayat, Rural SP (East Singhbhum) Rishabh Garg, and SP



(Railway) Tatanagar, along with senior officials from Jhargram, West Medinipur, Purulia (West Bengal) and Mayurbhanj (Odisha) districts. The meeting focused on strengthening coordination across state and district borders to ensure a clean, transparent, and violence-free election. The DIG directed that vehicle checks, joint patrols, and blockades be intensified in all sensitive areas. Officials were instructed to maintain constant vigilance against anti-social elements, and to take strict legal action under the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) for any attempt to disrupt law and

order. To ensure real-time coordination, all border police stations will remain connected through WhatsApp groups, wireless networks, and internet channels, enabling instant communication on any suspicious movement or incident. The social media monitoring cell has also been put on high alert to counter misinformation and rumor-mongering during the election period. The DIG further directed the identification of critical and vulnerable polling stations, and deployment of adequate security personnel in such areas. He also ordered flag

marches and preventive actions under Sections 107 and 116 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPc) to maintain public confidence and preempt disturbances. District Election Officer and DC Karn Satyarthi urged all officials to perform their duties with impartiality and vigilance, ensuring fear-free and fair polling. He said any violation of the MCC or illegal activity must be immediately reported to the control room and senior officers for prompt action. Satyarthi reiterated that while the Model Code of Conduct is in effect in the Ghatshila Assembly constituency, the administration will closely monitor activities across East Singhbhum district to prevent any undue influence on the electoral process.

"The aim is to ensure clean, peaceful, and credible elections. Every department must stay alert and act swiftly against violations," he said. With security tightened, borders sealed, and coordination among police units enhanced, the district administration has made it clear that law and order, transparency, and voter confidence will remain the top priorities throughout the Ghatshila by-election process. (W-pb)

Arms license holders to deposit weapons by October 15

Jamshedpur, Oct 8: In a bid to ensure a free, fair, and peaceful Ghatshila (ST) Assembly By-Election 2025, the district administration has ordered all arms license holders to deposit their weapons with the concerned police stations by October 15, 2025.

Issuing the directive, District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Karn Satyarthi said that the move is aimed at maintaining law and order and preventing any untoward incidents during the election period. The Election Commission's guidelines mandate that all privately held firearms be surrendered temporarily to eliminate any possibility of their misuse in the run-up to the polls.

Satyarthi emphasized that strict legal action will be taken against those who fail to comply with the order within the stipulated time frame. "All license holders must deposit the weapons mentioned in their licenses with their respective police stations and obtain a receipt," he said, adding that the deposit receipts must then be submitted to the District General Branch for record verification.

The District Election Officer further stated that the measure is a routine pre-election security protocol, taken strictly to ensure peace, neutrality, and voter confidence during the electoral process. After the completion of the by-election, the deposited weapons will be returned to the license holders following due verification and approval from the competent authority.

The administration has also instructed all police stations in East Singhbhum to maintain strict supervision and prepare a comprehensive list of deposited arms to ensure complete compliance before the deadline.

With the countdown to polling already underway, the district administration has reiterated its commitment to conducting the Ghatshila by-election in an atmosphere of peace, transparency, and absolute impartiality. (W-pb)

Handover process of Mango Water Supply Project begins



Jamshedpur, Oct 8: The process of transferring the Mango Water Supply Project to the Mango Municipal Corporation has started following directives from the Deputy Municipal Commissioner of East Singhbhum. Assistant Municipal Commissioners Aqib Javed and Chandan Kumar inspected the Intake Well and Water Treatment Plant, preparing an inventory of all civil and mechanical equipment. The inspection team included Assistant Engineer Amit Anand, Junior Engineer Raju Tudu, Jitendra Kumar and PHED engineers Arif Ansari, Ashutosh, Ruplal Shah, Abhishek Singh and Kashinath Mukhar. Officials said that once the joint verification and signing of the inventory is completed, the project will be officially handed over to the corporation. "The transition will ensure greater transparency and efficiency in the city's water supply system," they said. (w/nkm)

Ghatshila bypoll: Political hoardings, posters to be removed within 72 hours

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Jamshedpur, Oct 8: The Model Code of Conduct has come into immediate effect following the announcement of the election schedule by the Election Commission of India. Acting promptly, District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Karn Satyarthi has issued a comprehensive Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) outlining strict measures to be implemented in the first 72 hours to maintain transparency, discipline, and fairness in the electoral process.

As per the order, within 24 hours of the announcement, all wall writings, posters, banners, flags, cutouts, and hoardings

from government buildings and properties are to be removed. Misuse of government vehicles by any political party, candidate, or individual for election purposes has been strictly prohibited. The order further bars the use of flags and stickers on commercial vehicles unless they are used for legitimate election campaigning. Political symbols on private vehicles meant to appeal to voters will invite legal action under Sections 171H and 176 of the Indian Penal Code and relevant provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act.

Within 48 hours, the administration will ensure the removal of all unauthorized political advertisements, posters, and defacement from public prop-



erty and public spaces, including railway stations, bus stands, airports, bridges, roads, government buses, and municipal buildings. Officials have been directed to ensure that no trace of political publicity remains in public areas, reaffirming the Election Commission's commitment to a level playing field for

all parties. By 72 hours, the process will extend to the removal of defacement from private property. In addition, departments have been instructed to submit detailed lists of ongoing and new development or construction works-identifying which have already begun on the ground and which are yet to start-to prevent the launch of new projects during the MCC period. Physical verification of polling stations will also be carried out to confirm Assured Minimum Fund (AMF), and nodal officers will be appointed for their smooth management. Furthermore, vulnerable and critical polling stations will be identified for enhanced monitoring and security arrangements.

The District Election Officer has made it clear that all actions will be undertaken strictly as per the guidelines and manuals issued by the Election Commission of India. He emphasized that the district administration is committed to conducting elections that are "clean, fair, and transparent," warning that any violation of the Model Code of Conduct will attract immediate and appropriate action. The detailed SOP aims to ensure swift enforcement of the Election Commission's directives during the crucial first 72 hours after the poll announcement, setting the tone for a disciplined and impartial electoral process across the district. (W-pb)

Illegal coal trade thrives in Bermo, Saryu Roy writes to CM

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Jamshedpur, Oct 8: Jamshedpur West MLA and Chairman of the Assembly's Assurances Committee, Saryu Roy, has written a detailed letter to Chief Minister Hemant Soren highlighting the rampant illegal coal mining and trade in the Bermo subdivision of Bokaro district.



In his letter, Roy stated that several conscious citizens from the region had been sending him verified written complaints regarding large-scale illegal activities involving coal theft and unlicensed processing. "Despite informing the district administration, police and CCL authorities, no concrete action has been taken. This inaction has emboldened those involved in illegal trade while discouraging citizens who dare to speak up," Roy wrote.

He alleged that the illegal coal racket operates freely across Penk Narayanpur, Nawadhi, Dugdha, Petarwar, Bokaro Thermal, Kathara OP and Tenthat OP, using bikes, tractors, vans and trucks. According to Roy, the operation, once managed at the police station level, has now expanded, with organized groups from Ramgarh, Dhanbad, Giridih, Hazaribagh, Ranchi and Bokaro running the trade. "These coal mafias claim deep

political and administrative connections and even threaten to transfer police officers," he noted.

Roy further pointed out that several coal processing factories are flouting environmental protection norms, naming units such as Ruby Coal Factory (Nawadhi), Jagdamba Coal Factory (Pilkilo, Penk Narayanpur), Nishad Coal Factory (Pichhri, Petarwar) and Poradag (Khatki Coal Factories (Giridih). He said these factories operate at night and near residential areas, causing severe carbon monoxide pollution.

"The fact that no effective action has been taken even though the Deputy Commissioner chairs the district's Environment Protection Committee reflects the seriousness of the situation," Roy wrote. He alleged that most stolen coal originates from CCL's B&K, Kathara and Dhant areas, as well as from closed mines and railway sidings in nearby regions. Citing several media reports, he mentioned that local transporters charge Rs 3,000 per motorcycle, Rs 50,000-Rs 60,000 per van and Rs 1,000 per tractor per month to move stolen coal. Roy urged the Chief Minister to take immediate steps to end the illegal trade and penalize those responsible. (w/nkm)

CM Soren directs return of girls held in TN factory

Ranchi, Oct 8: Chief Minister Hemant Soren has taken swift action after two teenage tribal girls from Jharkhand were allegedly held against their will in a factory in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Krishna Jonko of Bayangbil village in Potka block reported that his daughter, Pam Jonko (18), and niece Sukwati Leyangi (18), were sent in July to work at a Unit of KPR Mill Limited (Quantum Kritis) along with a relative in Coimbatore.

The family alleged that after working for a few days, the girls expressed a wish to leave, but the company refused to let them go and prevented their return home. Repeated requests to leave were reportedly ignored, leaving the girls confined.

Following the complaint, Potka MLA Sanjeev Sardar appealed to CM Soren via social media, urging immediate intervention for the safe return of the two girls. Responding to the concern, the Chief Minister directed

Jharkhand labour department, Jharkhand police and East Singhbhum deputy commissioner to take urgent measures, ensuring the girls' safe return and rehabilitation. Soren tweeted: "@JharkhandPolice take immediate cognizance. With police assistance, ensure safe return and rehabilitation of the girls." Migrant cell of the Jharkhand labour department has established contact with the two girls and private company and has arranged for their safe return to Jamshedpur. (W-rg)

Maoist hideouts in Saranda to be targeted, new security camps set up

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Ranchi, Oct 7: Several Maoist-affected districts in Jharkhand are now witnessing relative peace, with only isolated insurgents remaining. Districts including Bokaro, Giridih, Ranchi, Dhanbad, Palamu, Lohardaga, Seraikele, Garwa, Lohardaga, Gumla, Simdega, Chatra and Hazaribagh report minimal Maoist activity.

State police has intelligence on 85 Maoists, including 45 with bounties. Of these, 65 insurgents are reportedly hiding in the Saranda forest, where security forces are conducting focused operations. Saranda also hosts the most significant high-value Maoist targets, with bounties ranging from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 1 crore. To strengthen the operation, Jharkhand Police, in coordination with Odisha Police, is establishing eight new

security camps-five along the Jharkhand border and three in Odisha. Police officials have warned the Maoists to surrender under the state government's surrender policy or face elimination. "Our objective is to neutralize all Maoist threats in the state by March 2026," said a senior police officer. This year alone, police have eliminated 32 Maoists. Those who have surrendered say many comrades are considering laying down arms, but a lack of trustworthy mediators is preventing them from returning to the mainstream. Police continue to tighten operations while offering a pathway for insurgents to surrender safely. A police spokesperson said, "We are committed to restoring peace in Saranda and will continue our efforts to ensure the region is free from Maoist influence, combining strict action with opportunities for surrender." (w/nkm)

Azam Khan is the heartbeat of Samajwadi Party: Akhilesh Yadav

Rampur (Uttar Pradesh), Oct 8 (IANS) Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Wednesday met senior party leader Azam Khan at his residence in Rampur and described him as "the heartbeat of the party."

He signalled a renewed effort to strengthen unity within the SP ahead of the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections. This was Akhilesh's first meeting with Azam Khan since the veteran leader's release from jail after nearly 23 months. The meeting, held at Khan's residence inside the Jauhar

ECI holds key meeting in Kolkata, SIR exercise in Bengal likely after Oct 15

Kolkata, Oct 8 (IANS) Indications of the Election Commission of India (ECI)'s special intensive revision (SIR) starting in West Bengal after October 15 became clearer at a crucial meeting on SIR preparedness in the state conducted by a central team of the commission at the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), West Bengal, here.

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Two-day national PR conclave hosted by CCL begins in Ranchi

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Ranchi, Oct 8: A two-day National PR Conclave 2025 began on Wednesday at the Darbhanga House auditorium in the state capital. The event, hosted by Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), marks the first large-scale conference in Jharkhand dedicated to public relations. Students, academicians, media professionals, and corporate representatives attended in significant numbers, along with several national-level guests who shared insights on the evolving nature and importance of public relations. The conclave was inaugurated



in the presence of CCL CMD Neelendu Kumar Singh, senior journalist Balbir Dutt, HRCL director (IR) Vinay Ranjan, and renowned advertising film maker Prahlad Kakkar.

Speakers discussed the growing relevance of PR, its practical applications, and its changing role in contemporary society. The event's theme focused on the fundamental questions of

what public relations is, why companies need it, and why it remains essential in a competitive environment. Speakers explained that PR is not merely about publicity or media management but a crucial bridge between institutions and the public.

In his address, CCL CMD Neelendu Kumar Singh traced the concept of communication back to ancient narratives, citing examples from the Mahabharata and Ramayana to illustrate the power of effective messaging. He stressed the importance of presentation and storytelling in building credibility and influence, both in histo-

ry and the corporate world. Vinay Ranjan noted that the significance of PR departments has grown in the modern era. The conclave, he said, offers a valuable opportunity for PR professionals to deepen their understanding of how to communicate the work of Coal India and its subsidiaries to the public more effectively.

Advertising expert Prahlad Kakkar highlighted that today's companies sell not just products but trust and reputation. "If there is no dialogue with the public, a brand cannot survive. Effective PR forms the foundation of a company's credibility and standing," he said. (W-rg)