School children, youth, and citizens join the 'Freedom Run' with patriotic fervor

As is the annual tradition, the District Administration and the Department of Sports and Youth Welfare organized a 'Freedom Run' in Gariaband district today to mark Independence Day. To spread the message of national unity, brotherhood, and patriotism among the masses, the entire city of Gariaband—led by Collector BS Uike and Superintendent of Police (SP) Vedvrat Sirmaur—participated in the run, which began at the Police Parade Ground, Gariaband.Collector Uike flagged off the Freedom Run. School children, youth, and prominent citizens of the district ran with great enthusiasm and zeal, carrying the message of freedom. Held a day before Independence Day, the event saw participation from sports association officials, athletes, NCC cadets, NSS students, media representatives, Scouts and Guides members, police personnel, and other government officials and employees. The run commenced at 07:30 AM from the Police Parade Ground, proceeded along Devbhog Road—passing the Zila Panchayat and Circuit House—covered a distance

of approximately one kilometer, and concluded back at the Police Parade Ground.At the conclusion of the run, Collector Uike extended advance Independence Day greetings to the residents of the district. He emphasized the importance of always remembering the sacrifices and contributions of the brave martyrs who secured the nation's independence. He stated that it is the duty of all citizens to uphold national unity, integrity, and harmony. He also congratulated the school children, citizens, and youth who participated in the run with such patriotic spirit and enthusiasm.Speaking on the occasion, SP Sirmaur remarked that Independence Day serves as a reminder of the sacrifices and struggles of the brave martyrs and freedom fighters who laid down their lives for the country's liberty. Drawing inspiration from his ideals, we must fulfill our responsibility to uphold the country's unity, integrity, and peace. While congratulating the schoolchildren, youth, and residents who participated in the 'Freedom Run' with enthusiasm and a spirit of patriotism, he remarked that such events strengthen the sense of love for the nation, discipline, and unity among the youth.District-level officials and employees—including Additional Collector Pankaj Dahire, Additional Superintendent of Police Karan Uike, Gariaband SDM Hiteshwari Baghe, DSP Gopal Vaishya, PWD Executive Engineer Rameshwar Singh, Deputy Director of Social Welfare DP Thakur, Deputy Director of District Statistics OP Deshmukh, General Manager of the Industries Department Deenbandhu Dhruv, Public Relations Officer Hemnath Sidar, and District Sports Officer Gautam Chand Thakur—along with schoolchildren and prominent citizens, participated in the Freedom Run.

Sewing Machines Distributed to 19 Bhunjia Young Women at Livelihood College

On August 10, 2026, sewing machines were distributed to 19 young women from the Bhunjia Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) at Livelihood College, Gariaband. These women had completed training in the 'Sewing Machine Operator' course. The distribution initiative aimed to boost their livelihood opportunities by facilitating their entry into self-employment.Revati Shatrughan Netam, Chairperson of the Bhunjia Development Agency, Gariaband, attended the event as the chief guest. Other dignitaries present included Gwal Singh Sori (State President, Chhattisgarh Bhunjia Samaj), Devlal Markam (District President), Santosh Kumar Markam, Ramadhin Markam and Dukhram Manjhi (Members, Bhunjia Development Agency), Dashrath Ram Netam (Community Head), and Lokeshwar Patel (Assistant Commissioner, Tribal Development Department).The guests presented sewing machines to the 19 young women and encouraged them to leverage their training to engage in self-employment and secure a livelihood. They also provided guidance on becoming self-reliant by earning an income through tailoring work. The program's objective is to economically empower the trained women by providing them with employment opportunities.

Rural Journalism to Get a New Edge: MoU to be Signed Between Kushabhau Thakre and Gondwana Universities

A significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is set to be signed between Kushabhau Thakre University of Journalism and Mass Communication (KTU), Raipur, and Gondwana University, Gadchiroli. The initiative aims to provide a national platform for the voices of remote and tribal regions across Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. The framework for this MoU was finalized during a courtesy meeting between KTU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Manoj Dayal and the Vice-Chancellor of Gondwana University, with a primary focus on strengthening 'rural and grassroots mass communication.' This strategic partnership seeks to bring local issues from rural areas to the national stage, promote research, and create new opportunities in the media and mass communication sectors for youth in remote areas.Through this collaborative effort, both universities will jointly organize seminars, symposia, and technical workshops in offline, online, and hybrid modes, ensuring direct benefits for students, teachers, and journalists from the remote rural areas of Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. The MoU will provide a new direction to rural communication through faculty exchanges, student internships, academic research, and the effective use of community radio. The initiative aims to showcase the ground realities and development stories of tribal-dominated and inaccessible regions to the world through the medium of media.

The Tricolour is a Symbol of Our Honour, Dignity, and Pride: Minister Gajendra Yadav

Cabinet Minister and Durg City MLA Gajendra Yadav participated in the grand 'Tiranga Yatra' (Tricolour Procession) organized today across various areas of the Durg Assembly constituency. By joining the procession, he became a part of this celebration of patriotism.During the procession, the Tricolour was seen waving in hands, respect for 'Bharat Mata' (Mother India) filled hearts, and a resolve to serve the nation was evident in every step. A large number of youths and citizens participated enthusiastically. The entire route was imbued with an atmosphere of patriotism, resonating with chants hailing 'Bharat Mata'.Participants expressed their respect for the Tricolour and their dedication to the country through patriotic slogans such as "Vijayi Vishwa Tiranga Pyara" (Victorious World-conquering Tricolour) and "Jhanda Uncha Rahe Hamara" (May Our Flag Fly High). The procession conveyed a vibrant message of the nation's unity, integrity, and glory.Cabinet Minister Gajendra Yadav stated that the Tricolour is not merely our national flag but a symbol of India's glorious heritage, sacrifice, unity, and national pride. Countless heroes have sacrificed their all for the country's freedom and integrity. Today, it is our responsibility to honour their sacrifices and play our part in nation-building.Minister Yadav remarked that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country is steadily advancing towards development and self-reliance. We must pledge to further strengthen the nation's unity, integrity, and sovereignty while upholding the honour and dignity of the Tricolour.Minister Gajendra Yadav emphasized that the objective of the Tiranga Yatra is not just to show respect for the national flag, but to reinforce the spirit of patriotism, a sense of duty, and a commitment to national service in the hearts of every citizen.

The patriotic enthusiasm witnessed among the youth today lays a strong foundation for building a developed and empowered India.He called upon all citizens to prioritize the national interest, contribute to the country's progress, and participate in realizing the vision of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' (One India, Great India).

825 Bags of Fertilizer Confiscated and License Cancelled for an Agricultural Center Due to Irregularities

With the aim of ensuring the timely availability of quality fertilizers to farmers during the 2026 Kharif season, the district-level flying squad of the Agriculture Department is conducting continuous monitoring under the instructions of Collector Abhijit Singh.The inspection team and the fertilizer inspector conducted surprise inspections of M/s Vidya Krishi Kendra, Bori, on June 13, 2026, and June 16, 2026. During the inspections, several irregularities were observed, such as the failure to correctly record fertilizer rates and stock levels as per the PoS (Point of Sale) system, failure to issue cash/credit memos, storage of fertilizers not entered in the license, non-cooperation during the inspection, discrepancies between physical stock and PoS stock records, and obstruction of the inspection team's proceedings. Consequently, a show-cause notice was issued to the sales center, and seizure proceedings were initiated.Following the explanation submitted by the establishment, it was determined that the storage and sale of fertilizers on the inspection dates were in violation of regulations. Specifically, this constituted a clear violation of Clauses 4, 5, 8(3), and 28(4) of the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985; Clause 3(a) of the Fertilizer (Movement Control) Order, 1973; DBT for Fertilizers norms; and Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Under Section 6(A)(1) of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, 514 bags of chemical fertilizer, 311 bags of organic fertilizer, and 1.8 kg of bio-stimulants were seized and confiscated, and the establishment's fertilizer authorization (license) was cancelled with immediate effect. Sandeep Bhoi, Deputy Director of the Agriculture Department, stated that strict action will be taken under the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985, and the Insecticides Act, 1968, against agricultural centers that create shortages of fertilizers or pesticides, engage in black marketing, or sell substandard products without valid documentation. Furthermore, all fertilizer and pesticide dealers and societies have been instructed to supply agricultural inputs to farmers strictly at prescribed rates; action in accordance with the rules will be taken against anyone found charging higher prices. The department is continuously monitoring the availability and distribution of fertilizers for the Kharif season. Farmers may lodge a complaint at the nearest Agriculture Department office if they encounter any irregularities in the distribution of agricultural inputs.

Revenue Minister Deepak Birua Demands Special Session of Jharkhand Assembly Against Mineral Amendment Bill

Jharkhand's Minister for Transport, Revenue, and Land Reforms, Deepak Birua, has demanded an immediate special session of the state assembly to oppose the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill passed by Parliament. He stated that this bill is not merely a matter concerning taxes but involves the state's rights and financial autonomy. In a social media post on Friday, Birua asserted that instead of adopting a defensive stance, Jharkhand should mount a united front against the central government on constitutional, legal, and political grounds regarding this issue.He urged the Chief Minister to initiate a special session of the assembly to pass a resolution opposing the Centre's amendment bill and upholding the states' constitutional taxation rights. The Minister suggested challenging the opposition to support this resolution, thereby clarifying the stance of all political parties on the issue of state rights.Citing the 2024 verdict by a nine-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court, he noted that the Court had recognized the states' authority to levy taxes and cesses on minerals and mineral-bearing lands.

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Sale of secured immovable asset under SARFAESI Act

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