

THE WEEKLY RURAL NEWSLETTER



ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Greetings Readers!

An overwhelming population in India continues to live in what is defined as 'non-urban' or rural. As per the last Census (2011), of the total 1210.2 million population 833.1 million or 69 per cent lived in rural areas in around 6.4 lakh villages. The rural life, while popularly portrayed as simple, slow, and serene, is much more complex, unsettling, diverse and going through rapid changes. In a world dominated by the hustle and bustle of urban life, the heartbeat of rural India often goes unnoticed. **Welcome to the Weekly Rural Newsletter**, where we aim to bridge this gap by shedding light on the stories, struggles, and triumphs of the large majority of India's population.



Presented by the diligent students of Rural Sociology, this Newsletter is a humble effort to amplify the rural voices that deserve to be heard. By closely following the national and regional media platforms students cover different states as 'state correspondents' and document the developments unfolding in the socio-economic, political and cultural spheres of the countryside. A team of two students compiles these news reports in the form of a newsletter on a weekly basis and brings the newsletter to you. We believe that incorporating exercises that focus on rural affairs into educational settings can have far-reaching effects in terms of students' awareness about the challenges and opportunities in rural areas, holistic education, empathy, community engagement, and policy advocacy. We hope this exercise also creates a ripple effect among the larger audience.

Stay tuned for more stories from the heartlands of our nation!

With rustic regards,
The Rural Sociology Students' Team

ANDHRA PRADESH

21-YEAR-OLD HELD FOR SODOMISING MINOR IN ANDHRA PRADESH VILLAGE

A 21-year-old man, M Srinivasa Rao, was arrested for sodomizing a minor boy and attempting to kill him in a case under the Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The incident occurred in Kadaparajupalli village, Dornala Mandal, Prakasam district. Srinivas, a daily wage worker and alcoholic, lured the boy (a class 6 student) into a secluded area and sodomized him. After a few hours, the boy escaped and informed his grandmother. The police shifted the boy to a hospital for medical examination and treatment.

The SI and CI Maruthi Krishna registered a case against Srinivas under the POCSO Act. The accused will be produced before the Markapur court on 1st September 2023 for further proceedings.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (AUG 31, 2023)
[HTTPS://WWW.NEWINDIANEXPRESS.COM/STATES/ANDHRA-
 PRADESH/2023/AUG/31/21-YEAR-OLD-HELD-FOR-
 SODOMISING-MINOR-IN-ANDHRA-PRADESH-VILLAGE-
 2610215.HTML](https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/andhra-pradesh/2023/aug/31/21-year-old-held-for-sodomising-minor-in-andhra-pradesh-village-2610215.html)



ASSAM

WITH NO ROADS OR LIGHT, THIS ASSAM VILLAGE HAS ONLY ONE FAMILY LEFT

Because of the lack of a decent road, No. 2 Bardhanara village, which had a single family with five members in 2011 but was a prosperous community a century ago, now has just 16 residents. This village in Ghograpara Circle, about 12 km from the Nalbari town, is home to just Bimal Deka, his wife Anima, and their 3 children, Naren, Dipali, and Seuti. "To get to the closest motorable road so we can get to our school and college, we have to walk 2 km via muddy routes.

We travel by country boat during the monsoon", added Dipali. Despite these challenging circumstances, the family has made sure that all three of its children receive a thorough education. Anima rows the boat to transport her kids back and forth. The kids use paraffin lights to study because there is no electricity.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (AUG 28, 2023)
[HTTPS://TIMESOFINDIA.INDIATIMES.COM/CITY/GUWAHATI/
 A-VILLAGE-IN-ASSAM-WHERE-ONLY-1-FAMILY-OF-5-
 LIVES/ARTICLESHOW/I03115479.CMS?FROM=MDR](https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/City/Guwahati/A-village-in-Assam-where-only-1-family-of-5-lives/ArticleShow/I03115479.cms?from=MDR)



BIHAR

I3 LAKH RURAL PEOPLE AWAITING HOMES; CENTRE IGNORING BIHAR'S PLEA ON PMAY-G: MINISTER

Even though 13 lakh families are waiting for homes in Bihar, the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) has not given the state new targets in the past three years, according to rural development minister Sharvan Kumar. He claimed that despite numerous letters being written to Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh pleading with him to provide Bihar a new target for the years 2018-19, 2022-23, and 2023-24, the state did not receive one.

However, the opposition BJP charged that the Bihar government was politicising the matter and asserted that the state government was not prepared to deliver job completion reports or fund utilisation certifications on schedule.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT 02, 2023)

[HTTPS://M-TIMESOFINDIA-COM.CDN.AMPPROJECT.ORG/V/S/M.TIMESOFINDIA.COM/INDIA/I3-LAKH-RURAL-PEOPLE-AWAITING-HOMES-CENTRE-IGNORING-BIHARS-PLEA-ON-PMAY-G-MINISTER/AMP_ARTICLESHOW/I033093I2.CMS](https://m-timesofindia-com.cdn.ampproject.org/v/s/m.timesofindia.com/india/i3-lakh-rural-people-awaiting-homes-centre-ignoring-bihars-plea-on-pmay-g-minister/amp_articlesHOW/I033093I2.cms)

GUJARAT

EXPLOSIVE CELL FOUND OFF ABDASA BEACH REVEALED TO BELONG TO 'PAKISTAN NAVY'

An explosive cell was found on August 17 near Pingleshwar in Abdasa taluk. State IB and Jakhou Marine Police recovered another explosive cell undetected on August 25 in Shialkrik and Syed Sulaimanpir coastal areas. Dog squad, bomb squad, district team and various agencies investigated. Later, a special Navy team was called from Porbandar which took the cell with them for investigation. This explosive cell is a 'flare' used in submarines fired by the Pakistan Navy.

The matter is being investigated seriously by the Navy. Both the cells have exploded. Similar event took place last year also; hence it is a risk of security.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (AUG 29, 2023)

[HTTPS://WWW.LIVEHINDUSTAN.COM/BIHAR/STORY-BIHAR-FLOOD-KOSI-RIVER-IN-SPATE-DUE-TO-HEAVY-RAINS-MORE-THAN-5-DOZEN-VILLAGES-SUBMERGED-VILLAGERS-FORCED-TO-FLEE-8626167.HTML](https://www.livehindustan.com/bihar/story-bihar-flood-kosi-river-in-spate-due-to-heavy-rains-more-than-5-dozen-villages-submerged-villagers-forced-to-flee-8626167.html)

(TRANSLATED FROM GUJARATI TO ENGLISH)

HARYANA

HARYANA FARMERS READY FOR NEW BATTLE, THIS TIME FOR FARMER WHO LOST A LEG

In order to secure employment for a young farmer who lost his leg during the Chandigarh March on August 22, Haryana farmers, especially those from the Ambala region, are preparing for a new agitation against the state government. The Haryana farmers have now scheduled a mahapanchayat for September 5 in Ambala to demand the government pay for Ravinder Singh's (29-year-old injured farmer's) medical expenses, including the cost of an artificial leg.

Singh has a ten-acre plot of land and is from the village of Sarsini in Mohali, Punjab. On Wednesday, Ravinder Singh was released from the hospital. He pleaded with the farmers to travel to Ambala on September 5 to attend the mahapanchayat

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[HTTPS://INDIANEXPRESS.COM/ARTICLE/CITIES/CHANDIGARH/HARYANA-FARMERS-READY-FOR-NEW-BATTLE-THIS-TIME-FOR-FARMER-WHO-LOST-A-LEG-8917059/](https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/chandigarh/haryana-farmers-ready-for-new-battle-this-time-for-farmer-who-lost-a-leg-8917059/)



HARYANA

HARYANA GOVT INCREASES HONORARIUM OF VILLAGE WATCHMEN TO RS 11,000

Watchmen will now get an honorarium of Rs 11,000 a month, a uniform allowance of Rs 4,000 annually, and a bicycle every five years. The watchmen will also receive Rs 1,000 per year for stick and torch batteries.

In addition to birth and death registration, the marriage registration process now requires the full assistance of village watchmen. Chief Minister stated that as compensation for their assistance in the village's death registration activity, watchmen will now receive Rs. 400 per month rather than Rs. 300.

He claimed that arrangements will be made online for the watchmen's honorarium. In order to receive their honorarium on time each month, chowkidars must verify their attendance electronically in the Panchayat Ghar and the Village Secretariat.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (AUG 30, 2023)

[HTTPS://TIMESOFINDIA.INDIATIMES.COM/CITY/CHANDIGARH/HARYANA-GOVT-INCREASES-HONORARIUM-OF-VILLAGE-WATCHMEN-TO-RS-11000/ARTICLESHOW/I0322I303.CMS?FROM=MDR](https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/CITY/CHANDIGARH/HARYANA-GOVT-INCREASES-HONORARIUM-OF-VILLAGE-WATCHMEN-TO-RS-11000/ARTICLESHOW/I0322I303.CMS?FROM=MDR)



JAMMU & KASHMIR

SHINA CULTURAL CENTRE OPENS IN GUREZ

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the 'Shinon Meeras', a Shina Cultural Centre planned and advanced by the Indian Army and the Bandipora district administration, on Monday. The center is a one-of-a-kind memorial to the Dard-Shina tribal community's beautiful artistic legacy, as well as a window into its rich culture for the rest of the world. Multiple domains of the museum will allow visitors and historians to examine both intangible and tangible art. The Army collaborated with prestigious organizations in the country to establish the museum.

It features a variety of digital displays, exhibitions, artifacts, textiles, interactive boards, and sections such as Dardistan, Kishanganga River, Gurezi way of life, language section, symbiotic relationship with Indian Army, souvenir section, and AV room.

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[HTTPS://TIMESOFINDIA.INDIATIMES.COM/CITY/SRINAGAR/
SHINA-CULTURAL-CENTRE-OPENS-IN-
GUREZ/ARTICLESHOW/I03I54204.CMS](https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/CITY/SRINAGAR/SHINA-CULTURAL-CENTRE-OPENS-IN-GUREZ/ARTICLESHOW/I03I54204.CMS)



KARNATAKA

CAUVERY WATER ROW | KARNATAKA TOLD TO RELEASE 5,000 CUSECS TO TAMIL NADU

The Karnataka-Tamil Nadu row over the precious water of the Cauvery River has been an ongoing political debate for years. Karnataka holds higher power between the two states due to the existing dams on the side of the border. The Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) recently told Karnataka to release 5,000 cusecs into the Cauvery Delta for a span of 15 days after a long meeting in Delhi between involved parties. The current agricultural situation in both states is dire and requires more water from existing water bodies due to the lack of rain.

Large tracts of land have received extremely low or no rainfall, which will affect the farmers in the coming months of harvest, making this Cauvery water tussle a very crucial one for both parties. A hearing will be held on 1st September in the Supreme Court for further updates.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (AUG 29, 2023)
[HTTPS://WWW.THEHINDU.COM/NEWS/NATIONAL/CAUVERY-
WATER-ROW-KARNATAKA-TOLD-TO-RELEASE-5000-CUSECS-
TO-TAMIL-NADU/ARTICLE67248829.ECE](https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/cauvery-water-row-karnataka-told-to-release-5000-cusecs-to-tamil-nadu/article67248829.ece)



KERALA

VILLAGERS WAYLAID FOREST OFFICIALS, HUMAN-ANIMAL CONFLICTS IN WAYANAD GOES OUT OF HAND

This article is one of many news stories about human-tiger conflicts in the rural district of Wayanad, Kerala. Wayanad hosts the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary, second largest sanctuary in Kerala with a large tiger population. In the border villages of the district, there have been continuous tiger attacks recently. The local villagers have been protestingly demanding the entrapment of these tigers by the forest department, as their hamlets and cattle have been facing frequent tiger attacks in areas around the wildlife sanctuary. A team of forest officials at Moolanhavu village was waylaid by a crowd of people enraged by the killing of a calf and a cow in two days.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT 03, 2023)
[HTTPS://WWW.ONMANORAMA.COM/NEWS/KERALA/2023/09/03/ELUSIVE-TIGERS-SCARE-RESIDENTS-FOREST-OFFICIALS-BORDER-HAMLETS-WAYANAD.HTML](https://www.onmanorama.com/news/kerala/2023/09/03/elusive-tigers-scare-residents-forest-officials-border-hamlets-wayanad.html)

As per the DFO Martin Lowell, this is a result of aged tigers unable to find prey inside the forest. Tiger traps have been set by forest officials in Panavally (North Wayanad Forest Division) but there haven't been any entrapments yet.



MADHYA PRADESH

DABARA DISTRICT - PADDY CROP IS DYING: THE POWER SUPPLY IS SHUT IN 35 VILLAGES

A race for irrigation has begun in order to prevent the paddy crop that is currently growing in the fields from drying up due to a lack of water in the canals, due to decreased rainfall. The farmers are pressing for regular power supply to their village, to irrigate their Paddy crop using submersible pumps. In the premises of the Power station at Nonriver, farmers of Jaravani and Nunhari attacked each other with sharp weapons and lathis for supply rights. Police lathi-charged the crowd. Eight were severely injured and one died.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (AUG 31, 2023):

[HTTPS://DAINIK-B.IN/NILLOT98HCE](https://dainik-b.in/nillot98hce)

(TRANSLATED FROM HINDI TO ENGLISH)

As soon as the information was received, the police were at the scene. People from both sides have been detained by police. A cross-case from both parties has been reported to the police.



MADHYA PRADESH

SICK LEOPARD WALKS INTO MP VILLAGE

A leopard who was seen roaming in the forest area near Iklara in the Dewas district of Madhya Pradesh became a point of interest for people in the village as they figured out that the beast was sick. Using its lethargy to their advantage, the people of the village took selfies with it, gave it pets, and one man tried to ride it as well. While the incident was reported to the forest department, these activities took place before the official from Ujjain could arrive.

The leopard has been taken to Van Vihar in Bhopal for treatment and is expected to make a full recovery soon.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (AUG 30, 2023)
[HTTPS://WWW.NDTV.COM/INDIA-NEWS/FEAR-THEN-SELFIES-AND-A-RIDE-LEOPARDS-DAY-OUT-IN-MADHYA-PRADESH-VILLAGE-4341446](https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/fear-then-selfies-and-a-ride-leopards-day-out-in-madhya-pradesh-village-4341446)

MAHARASHTRA

HARNAI-KELSHI GODOWN SIGNAL TO FARMERS

The Kelshi Area Mango Producers Association is making progress in securing a government warehouse in Kelshi, Dapoli taluka, for rice storage. Mahendra Niwate, the association's secretary, shared that their proposal to use the Government Godown Organization in Kelshi for storing rice and agricultural inputs produced by local farmers has received positive feedback. The District Supply Officer supports the initiative and has forwarded a report to the Public Works Department for potential godown renovation and renting to the association at a nominal fee. Following the Public Works Department's inspection, local farmers are expected to gain access to this resource

Furthermore, the supply officer has obtained no objection from the organization's president to store paddy for the upcoming kharif season, suggesting a likely resolution. This development promises significant benefits for Panchkroshi's farmers.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT 04, 2023)
[HTTPS://WWW.ESAKAL.COM/KOKAN/TODAYS-LATEST-MARATHI-NEWS-KOP23B03099-TXT-RATNAGIRI-TODAY-20230904I2I2I3?UTM_MEDIUM=RELATED-STORIES](https://www.esakal.com/kokan/todays-latest-marathi-news-kop23b03099-txt-ratnagiri-today-20230904i2i2i3?utm_medium=related-stories)

(TRANSLATED FROM MARATHI TO ENGLISH)

MAHARASHTRA

SCANTY RAIN FORCES SINNAR FARMERS TO UPROOT WILTED KHARIF HARVEST

In the district of Nashik, farmers in at least 52 villages in the eastern part of the Sinnar taluka are being forced to uproot their wilted kharif crop due to deficient rainfall this monsoon. The eastern part of Sinnar is a rain-shadow region. One farmer reports having spent rupees 3 lakh on sowing, seeds, and fertilisers. Another reports having spent rupees 5 lakh on sowing. Now, they are baffled as to how they will repay the loan and earn bread and butter for their families.

There is wilted maize, bajra, jowar, etc. present in hundreds of fields across these 52 villages, and the condition in the other 76 villages is no better. The farmers are also concerned about their cattle, as they now have insufficient fodder for the cattle. The farmers are asking the state government for financial relief.



[LINK TO THE ARTICLE: \(SEPT 02, 2023\)](https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/CITY/NASHIK/SCANTY-RAIN-FORCES-SINNAR-FARMERS-TO-UPROOT-WILTED-KHARIF-HARVEST/ARTICLESHOW/I03297437.CMS)

[HTTPS://TIMESOFINDIA.INDIATIMES.COM/CITY/NASHIK/SCANTY-RAIN-FORCES-SINNAR-FARMERS-TO-UPROOT-WILTED-KHARIF-HARVEST/ARTICLESHOW/I03297437.CMS](https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/CITY/NASHIK/SCANTY-RAIN-FORCES-SINNAR-FARMERS-TO-UPROOT-WILTED-KHARIF-HARVEST/ARTICLESHOW/I03297437.CMS)

MANIPUR

MANIPUR GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SUPPLY ESSENTIALS TO TRIBAL DISTRICT

The Manipur government, in coordination with the army and other central security forces, will begin transporting essential items from 28th August to the hill district of Churachandpur. It will ensure that medical supplies reach the district, with the Health department undertaking aerial supply through the Border Security Force, Assam Rifles and Manipur Police, a state government statement said. The supplies to the district, dominated by the tribal Kuki-Zo community, have been disrupted as highways have been blocked by Meitei groups.

Transporters in Imphal have refused to supply to the area as it may be a risk to their personal safety. The State government is now developing alternative supply routes for tribal areas as well.



[LINK TO THE ARTICLE: \(AUG 27, 2023\)](https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/manipur-tribal-district-to-get-essentials-via-alternative-routes/article67241952.ece)

[HTTPS://WWW.THEHINDU.COM/NEWS/NATIONAL/MANIPUR-TRIBAL-DISTRICT-TO-GET-ESSENTIALS-VIA-ALTERNATIVE-ROUTES/ARTICLE67241952.ECE](https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/manipur-tribal-district-to-get-essentials-via-alternative-routes/article67241952.ece)

PUNJAB

FAMILY IN PUNJAB'S MOGA LOSES THIRD SON TO DRUGS: 'TRACTOR, BIKE, WHEAT, UTENSILS.. HE SOLD EVERYTHING TO BUY CHITTA'

A couple, Jora Singh and Gurmail Kaur in Punjab's village of Moga mourn the loss of a third child, Manpreet Singh, who died of Heroin overdose. Not long ago, they also lost their eldest son and nephew to 'Chitta' or heroin. They are in dire need of help to repay their debts. Over the years, there have been about 15 deaths due to drugs in the village of Moga. Anyone who stops drug peddlers from selling drugs is beaten and thrashed.

While Moga police have arrested suspects who sold heroin to Manpreet, Jora Singh appeals to Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to waive off debts and help them financially



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[HTTPS://INDIANEXPRESS.COM/ARTICLE/CITIES/CHANDIGARH/MOGA-COUPLE-LOSES-BOTH-SONS-TO-HEROIN-IN-7-YEARS-89I3928/](https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/chandigarh/moga-couple-loses-both-sons-to-heroin-in-7-years-89i3928/)

RAJASTHAN

DALITS ASKED TO SIT SEPARATELY FOR A FEAST AT RAJASTHAN TEMPLE; FIR LODGED

Rajasthan police force has registered a case against five persons from the upper caste community. An FIR has been lodged as it has been alleged by the complainant that the five accused refused to give prasad(blessed food) directly to the hands of Dalits and were asked to sit separately for a community feast at the Mamaji temple in Dhamal village in Pali district. The complainant also alleges verbal harassment in the form of casteist slurs.

The five accused have been booked under 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace.) and relevant sections of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT 03, 2023)
[HTTPS://WWW.HINDUSTANTIMES.COM/CITIES/JAIPUR-NEWS/RAJASTHAN-POLICE-BOOK-UPPER-CASTE-INDIVIDUALS-FOR-CASTE-DISCRIMINATION-AND-SLURS-DURING-COMMUNITY-FEAST-10I693755922628.HTML](https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/jaipur-news/rajasthan-police-book-upper-caste-individuals-for-caste-discrimination-and-slurs-during-community-feast-10i693755922628.html)



RAJASTHAN

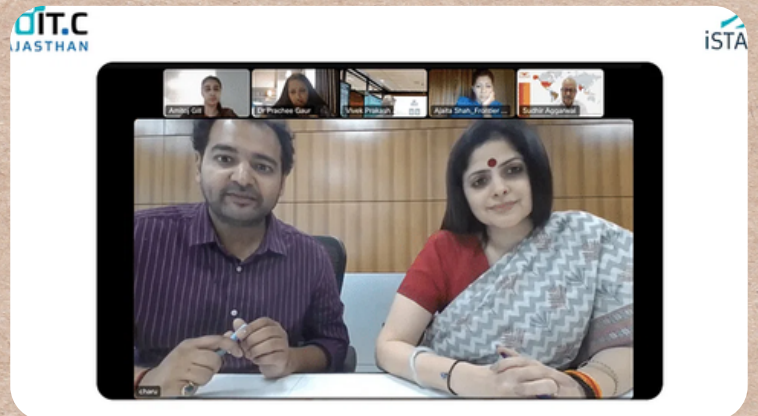
HOW RAJASTHAN IS CREATING LONG-TERM INCOME-GENERATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RURAL WOMEN

The Rajasthan government is initiating programs that work towards empowering rural women. They provide them with long-term income-generating opportunities. Women in rural areas are being equipped to start their own businesses through skill development and entrepreneurship training, so that they can also contribute to their households' financial stability.

These initiatives want to break the traditional gender roles and boost economic growth, while enhancing the well-being of rural women. They are thus also fostering self-sufficiency and financial independence.

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[HTTPS://YOURSTORY.COM/2023/08/RAJASTHAN-CREATING-LONG-TERM-INCOME-GENERATING-OPPORTUNITIES-RURAL-WOMEN](https://yourstory.com/2023/08/rajasthan-creating-long-term-income-generating-opportunities-rural-women)



TAMIL NADU

DRIVERS' ASSOCIATION STAGES PROTEST NEAR SAMAYAPURAM TOLL PLAZA, DEMANDS IMPROVED CONDITIONS

The Tamil Nadu UN Right Motorists Welfare Association protested outside the Samayapuram toll plaza. The demonstration, led by the association's state president, Jebustinraj, sought to address a number of issues. These included demands for improved protection for drivers travelling to foreign countries, set tariffs for both heavy and light cargo vehicles, and action in Karnataka against unauthorised toll collection and encroachment. The drivers also advocated for the creation of a welfare board to gain access to driver benefits and the simplification of the online application process.

They also emphasized the importance of the Tamil Nadu government assisting in the repatriation of the bodies of drivers who have accidents in foreign countries. Drivers from all throughout the country took part in the demonstration.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT 04, 2023)

[HTTPS://WWW.DAILYTHANTHI.COM/NEWS/STATE/DRIVERS-PROTEST-NEAR-TOLL-PLAZA-I044993?INFINITESCROLL=1](https://www.dailythanthi.com/news/state/drivers-protest-near-toll-plaza-i044993?infinite_scroll=1)

(TRANSLATED FROM TAMIL TO ENGLISH)

TAMIL NADU

DALIT-TARGETED VIOLENCE, A DIMMING OF TAMIL NADU'S HALO

Dalit-targeted violence in Tamil Nadu is a growing concern, with recent incidents involving attacks on Dalit students by members of the dominant community. These incidents are not isolated and are exacerbated by the rise of caste organizations promoting exaggerated caste identities. While political parties in the state may not openly support these organizations, they often fail to take strong action against them due to political considerations. The Dravidian movement, which aimed for social justice, has not effectively addressed this issue. The emergence of the BJP in Tamil Nadu further complicates matters by indulging in caste-based politics.

Public intellectuals must address these problems transparently, and efforts should focus on equality, discouraging caste-based organizations, and ensuring accountability in law enforcement. In rural Tamil Nadu, where these issues are prevalent, there is an urgent need for reform.



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[HTTPS://WWW.THEHINDU.COM/NEWS/NATIONAL/OTHER-STATES/RAJASTHAN-WILL-BE-MADE-TUBERCULOSIS-FREE-BY-2025-SAYS-CM-GEHLOT/ARTICLE67231708.ECE](https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/rajasthan-will-be-made-tuberculosis-free-by-2025-says-cm-gehlot/article67231708.ece)

TELANGANA

TELANGANA PLANS EXCAVATION AT KEY HERITAGE SITE IN CHADA VILLAGE

The Telangana government intends to seek permission from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to commence excavations at Chada village. This archaeological endeavor aims to uncover the historical significance of Chada as a potential Buddhist center. Located in the newly formed Yadadri-Bhvanagiri district, formerly part of Nalgonda, this region is rich in early historic sites, including Phanigiri, Vardhamanukota, and Gajulabanda, suggesting its historical importance. The Telangana Heritage Department's preliminary investigations have revealed various artifacts, including limestone stumps, a Buddha statue, inscriptions in Brahmi script, and decorated lime panels, all hinting at a prominent Buddhist presence.

This excavation will further connect Chada with nearby Buddhist sites like Phanigiri, facilitating a comprehensive understanding of the cultural and architectural aspects of the region's history in the 2023-24 field season.



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[HTTPS://INDIANEXPRESS.COM/ARTICLE/CITIES/CHANDIGARH/VILLAGE-NEAR-INDIA-PAK-BORDER-PUNJAB-FLOOD-HIT-VILLAGERS-SCHOOL-8899205/](https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/chandigarh/village-near-india-pak-border-punjab-flood-hit-villagers-school-8899205/)

UTTAR PRADESH

BILL BEING CHARGED AT URBAN RATE IN RURAL AREAS, REGULATORY COMMISSION SEEKS REPLY FROM MD

Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation has played a big game with the consumers of rural areas. An urban billing system has been implemented by supplying more electricity in rural areas. By supplying a little more electricity to the rural areas, their billing type was changed and the bills were sent to the villagers by converting it into the urban billing applicable for urban areas.

Now the Managing Director must file a reply as to why this has been done. After this was revealed, a petition was filed in the Electricity Regulatory Commission, after which the Regulatory Commission has now taken a strict stance on this matter and has called for a report from the Managing Director of the Power Corporation within 10 days.

बिजली कंपनियों कर रहीं मनमानी



- उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य विद्युत उपभोक्ता परिषद के अध्यक्ष अवधेश कुमार वर्मा ने कहा कि जब प्रदेश की बिजली कंपनियों के लिए विद्युत नियामक आयोग ने वर्ष 2016 में ही यह व्यवस्था लागू कर दी थी कि किसी भी क्षेत्र में विद्युत आपूर्ति चाहे जितनी अधिक दे दी जाए उसके आधार पर उसे क्षेत्र में ग्रामीण विद्युत उपभोक्ताओं की बिलिंग को शहरी बिलिंग के आधार पर नहीं किया जा सकता.
- इसके बावजूद प्रदेश की बिजली कंपनियों ने राजस्व बढ़ाने के लिए एक नया तरीका निकाला और अनेक जनपदों में ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में विद्युत आपूर्ति अधिक दिए जाने के नाम पर शहरी दरों पर वसूली कर ली. इसका खुलासा सबसे पहले मैनपुरी के कुछ उपभोक्ताओं ने किया.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT 02, 2023)

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(TRANSLATED FROM HINDI TO ENGLISH)

UTTAR PRADESH

UTTAR PRADESH FLOODS: AS GHAGHRA ERODES LAND AND WASHES AWAY LIVELIHOOD, FLOOD VICTIMS BEGIN TO MIGRATE

A 15 year old Dalit student studying in class X of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya was found dead in his classroom at Praggura in Kotputli-Behror district of Rajasthan. A case of murder has been registered after the victim's family alleged that two of his school teachers were harassing him with casteist slurs. On Wednesday, the boy was found hanging in the classroom. Although, the nature of crime seems to be a suicide, the family alleges homicide. The student made several complaints to the principal and vice-principal about the harassment he was subjected to by the teachers, but no action was taken against these teachers.

At this point, the two teachers have been suspended from the school management and the boy's relatives have demanded immediate arrest of the accused and have sought financial assistance and a government job for a family member.



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[HTTPS://EN.GAONCONNECTION.COM/UTTAR-PRADESH-FLOODS-GHAGHRA-RIVER-BARABANKI-SITAPUR-BAHRAICH-CROP-DAMAGE-VILLAGES-FLOODED-MIGRATION-RURAL-INDIA-CLIMATE-CHANGE/](https://en.gaonconnection.com/uttar-pradesh-floods-ghaghra-river-barabanki-sitapur-bahraich-crop-damage-villages-flooded-migration-rural-india-climate-change/)

WEST BENGAL

DUTTAPUKUR EXPLOSION: ILLEGAL FIREWORKS STORAGE OPENED AFTER RURAL JOB SCHEME HALT

An illegal fireworks factory in Duttapukur was nearly shut down due to an explosion that killed 8 people continued to run as it provided an income for 100 women who packaged the fireworks. The owners of the factory offered these homemakers Rs. 250-350 per day. It was a lack of job opportunities, including those under the '100 days scheme' that led to the factory's continued operation, despite protests from other villagers. Due to the centre suspending the 100-day scheme in January, a large population in rural areas was left without work.

Additionally, political leaders who were aware of the situation did not protest to them continuing to work in fear of losing votes. On visiting the factory, the chairman of the All Bengal Fireworks Association noticed that the unit produced high-risk items labelled as fireworks and that the workers were unaware of the risk.



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WEST BENGAL

RESIDENTS DEMAND REPAIR OF DILAPIDATED RURAL ROAD, BLOCK NH IN PHANSIDEWA

The residents and school students of ten villages protested on Monday by blocking the Siliguri-Kolkata National Highway 31 at Hanskhoya More of Phansidewa.

The protestors alleged that the condition of the rural road was in a dilapidated state, further expressing that due to the collapse of a culvert, 50 meters of the road had transformed into a pit.

The condition of the road has been deplorable for five years and the commuters risk their lives every day. The administration allegedly did not resolve their grievances despite constant complaints. The protest and roadblock have now been relaxed.

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