

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

JAGANANNA AROGYA SURAKSHA SCHEME TO BE LAUNCHED ON SEPTEMBER 30

The Jagananna Arogya Suraksha scheme is launching on September 30, aimed at helping the underprivileged. Health Minister Vidadala Rajini revealed plans for an awareness campaign starting on September 15, followed by a comprehensive health survey beginning on September 16. The survey will identify various health issues, including chronic conditions, nutritional needs for pregnant women and new mothers, and diseases like leprosy and TB.

In tribal areas, the focus will be on malaria, dengue, and sickle cell anemia. Daily medical camps in every Mandal will start on September 30, staffed with specialist doctors and health officials. Adequate medicine procurement and distribution were emphasized to ensure smooth operations. The initiative is expected to greatly benefit rural communities.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEP 08, 2023)

[HTTPS://WWW.NEWINDIANEXPRESS.COM/STATES/ANDHRA-
PRADESH/2023/SEP/08/JAGANANNA-AROGYA-SURAKSHA-
SCHEME-TO-BE-LAUNCHEDON-SEPTEMBER-30-26I2889.HTML](https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/andhra-pradesh/2023/sep/08/jagananna-arogy-suraksha-scheme-to-be-launched-on-september-30-2612889.html)



ASSAM

ASSAM EMBRACES DRONE-POWERED MODERN AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

The Assam government recently conducted an inspiring drone technology demonstration, planned together by Krishi Vigyan Kendra Golaghat, Assam Agricultural University Jorhat, Department of Agriculture Assam, and Brihngam Farmers Production Company Bokakhat. This was done in an effort to integrate modern technology into the state's agricultural practices.

Himanta Biswa Sarma, the chief minister of Assam, expressed hope about using drones to spray pesticides, calling the early findings promising. He highlighted the crucial roles that drones may play in transforming agriculture and closing the disparity between technological advancement and tangible advantages for farmers.

Employing drones for agricultural purposes has the potential to improve a number of farming techniques, including crop surveillance and pest control, ultimately incrementing yields and farmer income.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEP 05, 2023)

[HTTPS://WWW.GUWAHATIPLUS.COM/ASSAM/ASSAM-EMBRACES-
DRONE-POWERED-MODERN-AGRICULTURAL-TECHNOLOGY](https://www.guwahatiplus.com/assam/assam-embraces-drone-powered-modern-agricultural-technology)



BIHAR

DRUNK SON KILLS FATHER WITH AXE FOR NOT GIVING MONEY TO DRINK ALCOHOL.

A drunk son killed his 65 year old father, Prabhu Narayan Singh, as he refused to give him the money for buying more alcohol. Enraged by this, under the influence of alcohol, he killed his father by slitting him with an axe. This happened in the Narha village under Suppi police jurisdiction. Soon after the incident took place, the station was informed, and the police immediately arrested the son, Rajababu Singh who was seen hiding the cattle house. The weapon was retrieved.

His mother, Rama Devi, said that her son often asked them both for money. Many times, they would give in due to their son's constant insistence. However, she never expected her son to take such a grave step. The incident has been filed under FIR for murder and further actions are being taken.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT II, 2023)

[HTTPS://WWW.LIVEHINDUSTAN.COM/BIHAR/STORY-DRUG-ADDICT-SON-MURDERED-HIS-FATHER-IN-SITAMARHI-CHOPPED-HIM-WITH-AN-AX-FOR-NOT-PAYING-FOR-LIQUOR-8697612.HTML](https://www.livehindustan.com/bihar/story-drug-addict-son-murdered-his-father-in-sitamarhi-chopped-him-with-an-ax-for-not-paying-for-liquor-8697612.html)

(TRANSLATED FROM HINDI TO ENGLISH)

GUJARAT

ENTIRE VILLAGE IN ONE COLOR ALONG WITH CLEANLINESS: SAYAJINAGAR IN VIJAPUR

Sayajinagar village of Vijapur taluka in Mehsana district, along with being clean, is painted in saffron color. Various characters of the Ramayana have been depicted on the entrance of the village and on every wall. Sarpanch Devendrabhai Patel said that the village has a population of 1,002. In last one and a half years, development works including paver blocks, roads, sewer lines have been done in the village at a cost of approximately 2 crores.

It took artisans from Madhya Pradesh two months to carve the Ramayana paintings at a cost of Rs 8.61 lakh.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEP 04, 2023)

[HTTPS://WWW.DIVYABHASKAR.CO.IN/LOCAL/GUJARAT/MEHSANA/VIJAPUR/NEWS/SAYAJINAGAR-IN-VIJAPUR-THE-ENTIRE-VILLAGE-IS-PAINTED-IN-SAFFRON-WITH-DEPICTIONS-OF-CHARACTERS-FROM-THE-RAMAYANA-ON-THE-WALLS-OF-HOUSES-FROM-THE-ENTRANCE-TO-EVERY-STREET-131791680.HTML](https://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/local/gujarat/mehsana/vijapur/news/sayajinagar-in-vijapur-the-entire-village-is-painted-in-saffron-with-depictions-of-characters-from-the-ramayana-on-the-walls-of-houses-from-the-entrance-to-every-street-131791680.html)

(TRANSLATED FROM GUJARATI TO ENGLISH)

HARYANA

MILLETS TAKE CENTRESTAGE ON PLATTER AS HARYANA HOSTS DINNER FOR G20 SHERPAS

At the dinner the state government hosted for the attendees of the fourth and final Sherpa meeting before the G20 summit on Monday, locally grown millets in Nuh, Gurgaon took centre stage. The delegates were served an elaborate traditional spread of millet dishes, including khichda, chapatis, rabdi, tikkis, phirni, and laapsi. Amitabh Kant, a Sherpa from India, was also present to highlight the country's widely grown, climate-resistant, and incredibly nutritious coarse grains.

The declaration by the UN that 2023 will be the "International Year of the Millets" will be realised, according to Governor Bandaru Dattatreya of Haryana.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEP 06, 2023)
[HTTPS://TIMESOFINDIA.INDIATIMES.COM/CITY/GURGAON/MILLETS-TAKE-CENTRESTAGE-ON-PLATTER-AS-HARYANA-HOSTS-DINNER-FOR-G20-SHERPAS/ARTICLESHOW/I034III86.CMS?UTM_SOURCE=CONTENTOFINTEREST&UTM_MEDIUM=TEXT&UTM_CAMPAIGN=CPPST](https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/CITY/GURGAON/MILLETS-TAKE-CENTRESTAGE-ON-PLATTER-AS-HARYANA-HOSTS-DINNER-FOR-G20-SHERPAS/ARTICLESHOW/I034III86.CMS?UTM_SOURCE=CONTENTOFINTEREST&UTM_MEDIUM=TEXT&UTM_CAMPAIGN=CPPST)

HARYANA

HARYANA TO IMPROVE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IN VILLAGES MERGED INTO URBAN AREAS: CM MANOHAR LAL KHATTAR

According to Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's announcement on Thursday, the Haryana government will develop a plan to improve road infrastructure in villages incorporated into urban areas. By the plan, roads leading to agricultural fields in villages incorporated into urban areas would be improved to make it easier for farmers to transport crops. The announcement was made by Khattar during a 'Jan Samvad' public outreach program in Satrod Khas village in Hisar.

Highlighting the existing government scheme Khet Khalihan that focuses on paving roads to rural fields, Khattar announced that the new plan will be focusing on paving roads for villages that are included in the urban areas.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEP 07, 2023)
[HTTPS://INDIANEXPRESS.COM/ARTICLE/CITIES/CHANDIGARH/HARYANA-IMPROVE-ROAD-INFRASTRUCTURE-VILLAGES-MERGED-URBAN-AREAS-CM-KHATTAR-8929172/](https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/chandigarh/haryana-improve-road-infrastructure-villages-merged-urban-areas-cm-khattar-8929172/)

JAMMU & KASHMIR

INDOOR SAFFRON CULTIVATION TECHNOLOGY INTRODUCED IN KISHTWAR REGION.

On Sunday, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav displayed cutting-edge indoor saffron cultivation equipment, a key step towards revolutionising saffron agricultural practices in the Kishtwar region. The unveiling of indoor saffron cultivation technology demonstrates the Kishtwar administration's dedication to advancing innovations in agriculture and improving the livelihoods of the saffron farming community through different modes of cultivation.

It is worth noting that the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has a monopoly on saffron growing in India, producing approximately 7.3 percent of the world's saffron.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEP 03, 2023)
[HTTPS://TIMESOFINDIA.INDIATIMES.COM/CITY/JAMMU/JAMMU-KASHMIR-KISHTWAR-DC-INTRODUCES-INDOOR-SAFFRON-CULTIVATION-TECHNOLOGY-TO-REVOLUTIONIZE-TRADITIONAL-PRACTICES/ARTICLESHOW/I0333I244.CMS?FROM=MDR](https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/CITY/JAMMU/JAMMU-KASHMIR-KISHTWAR-DC-INTRODUCES-INDOOR-SAFFRON-CULTIVATION-TECHNOLOGY-TO-REVOLUTIONIZE-TRADITIONAL-PRACTICES/ARTICLESHOW/I0333I244.CMS?FROM=MDR)

KARNATAKA

11 PEOPLE DIED IN PAST 15 DAYS AT KARNATAKA DUE TO HUMAN-ANIMAL CONFLICT

In the past week, 15 individuals have died in Karnataka due to human-animal conflicts. With the highest number of elephants in the country and the second highest number of tigers, the need to converse and protect these big mammals is in dire need. With less rainfall and forest land, these animals are forced to seek food in human settlements and farms, which leads to these unfortunate attacks. Highways also result in a large number of roadkills of these mammals.

Karnataka Minister for Forest, Ecology, and Environment Eshwar Khandre, urged the center to release funds of over 500 crores for the setup of railway barricades and conflict prevention methods along the forest borders. Research by the Indian Institute of Science proves the effective long-term solution to the current problem.



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[HTTPS://WWW.HINDUSTANTIMES.COM/CITIES/BENGALURU-NEWS/11-PEOPLE-DIED-IN-PAST-15-DAYS-AT-KARNATAKA-DUE-TO-HUMAN-ANIMAL-CONFLICT-10I693920036728.HTML](https://www.hindustantimes.com/CITIES/BENGALURU-NEWS/11-PEOPLE-DIED-IN-PAST-15-DAYS-AT-KARNATAKA-DUE-TO-HUMAN-ANIMAL-CONFLICT-10I693920036728.HTML)

KERALA

IDUKKI - A TRIBAL VILLAGE RECLAIMS TOP SPOT AS KERALA'S LARGEST DISTRICT

On September 5, the government of Kerala issued a notification to expand the land area of Idukki (or Edamalakuddy), a tribal village from 4,48,504.64 hectare to 4,61,223.14 hectare making it the largest district in Kerala. Earlier this spot was held by Palakkad, which changed with implementation of the Forest Rights Act of 2006, according to which 10-acres of land is granted to tribals living within forests for their livelihood.

This was supposed to be done when the act was passed but faced delays until the high court ordered for attention on the matter a year and a half ago.

It is possible that it expands even more to include a portion of the Anakulam region.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT II, 2023)

[HTTPS://ENGLISH.MATHRUBHUMI.COM/NEWS/KERALA/IDUKKI-RECLAIMS-TOP-SPOT-AS-KERALA-S-LARGEST-DISTRICT-I.8894290](https://english.mathrubhumi.com/news/kerala/Idukki-reclaims-top-spot-as-Kerala-s-largest-district-I.8894290)

MADHYA PRADESH

UMARIA DISTRICT- FARMERS UPSET DUE TO CLOSURE OF CANAL

Farmers regularly run from office to office to find solutions because they are worried about the district's protracted dry period, which is causing the crops to dry up. The farmers from Lalpur, Umara, and Ghanghri brought up the matter on Monday when they visited the executive engineer's office at the Water Resources Department Headquarters. It was brought to their attention that numerous areas of the Umdar canal are damaged, preventing water from getting to the farmers' fields and causing the water to go elsewhere.

In order to plant crops, women of the village use their jewelry as mortgage. The monitoring engineer then advised the farmers that the problem would be resolved quickly and that construction on the canal would begin as soon as feasible.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEP 04, 2023):

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MADHYA PRADESH

2 DIE, 10 FALL ILL DUE TO DIARRHOEA OUTBREAK IN MP'S CHHINDWARA

A dozen villagers of Kosmi Village in the Chhindwara district were admitted to the Amarwada hospital after complaints of vomiting and diarrhoea and two of them passed away as well. Kosmi village is a tribal development block in the Amarwada tehsil.

The villagers fell ill after consuming contaminated water from a hand pump according to the village priest. However, after initial probing by Sub-divisional Magistrate Hemkaran Dhurve, the two diseased passed away due to other ailments.

In a village where 600 people depend on this single hand-pump, the livelihood is under threat, and a full investigation will require the post-mortem report to reach a conclusion.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEP 03, 2023)
[HTTPS://WWW.HINDUSTANTIMES.COM/CITIES/BHOPAL-NEWS/DIARRHEA-OUTBREAK-KILLS-TWO-SICKENS-10-IN-MADHYA-PRADESH-VILLAGE-CONTAMINATED-WATER-SUSPECTED-101693727180719.HTML](https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/bhopal-news/diarrhea-outbreak-kills-two-sickens-10-in-madhya-pradesh-village-contaminated-water-suspected-101693727180719.html)

MAHARASHTRA

CASTE ABUSE OVER LAND DISPUTE IN KOTOLI

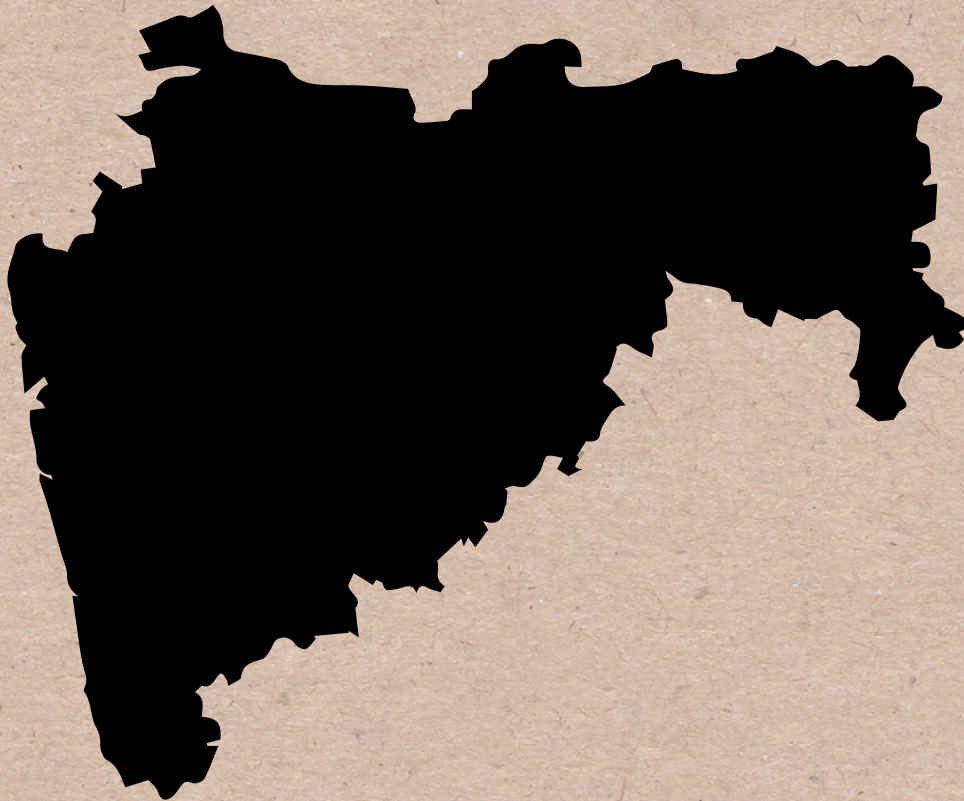
In Kotoli, a disturbing incident of caste abuse and death threats has occurred, leading to a case being filed at the Panhala police station following a complaint by Sushila Dinkar Kamble. Kamble, a resident of Kotoli, had cultivated vegetables in her farm (Group No. 19) and erected a protective fence around her crops. On Thursday, the 31st, she caught Laxman Natha Chowgule, Aditya Laxman Chowgule, and Sangita Laxman Chowgule, all from Kotoli, removing vegetables and dismantling the fence.

When Kamble confronted them, the Chowgule family subjected her to caste-based abuse, and Aditya Chowgule even threatened to kill her while brandishing a machete. Kamble reported the incident to the Panhala police on Sunday evening.



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[HTTPS://WWW.ESAKAL.COM/PASCHIM-MAHARASHTRA/KOLHAPUR/TODAYS-LATEST-MARATHI-NEWS-PNL23E02460-TXT-KOLHAPUR-20230903071552](https://www.esakal.com/paschim-maharashtra/kolhapur/todays-latest-marathi-news-pnl23e02460-txt-kolhapur-20230903071552)

(TRANSLATED FROM MARATHI TO ENGLISH)



MANIPUR

MANIPUR COPS FILE FIR AGAINST FOUR OVER EDITORS GUILD REPORT

The Manipur government initiated a police case against the president and three members of a fact-finding team of the Editors Guild of India (EGI). The CM, N Biren Singh, accused the team which was sent to Manipur of provoking clashes, and said that they didn't understand the crisis, its background and the state's history. The All Manipur Working Journalists' Union and the Editors Guild Manipur also threatened to take legal action against them if the team didn't clarify the alleged misrepresentations in the report.

However, the Press Club of India demanded that the case be withdrawn with immediate effect, and the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum also condemned the FIR, citing that no journalist or representative from the Meitei or tribal community followed them nor influenced their judgment.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT 05, 2023)
[HTTPS://TIMESOFINDIA.INDIATIMES.COM/CITY/IMPHAL/MANIPUR-COPS-FILE-FIR-AGAINST-FOUR-OVER-EDITORS-GUILD-REPORT/ARTICLESHOW/I03368545.CMS?](https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/CITY/IMPHAL/MANIPUR-COPS-FILE-FIR-AGAINST-FOUR-OVER-EDITORS-GUILD-REPORT/ARTICLESHOW/I03368545.cms?FROM=MDR&UTM_SOURCE=CONTENTOFINTEREST&UTM_MEDIUM=TEXT&UTM_CAMPAIGN=CPPST)
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PUNJAB

LAND GRAB: DESPITE PUNJAB CM'S ORDER, DCS FAIL TO RECOVER MONEY FROM REALTORS

CM Bhagwat Mann ordered the recovery of money from real estate developers who had procured about 80 acres of panchayat land worth INR 500 crores, and has been under their control for over a decade. Even after the meeting with CM Mann and his direction to DCs who head the Land Price Fixation Committee, not even a single district has addressed the issue. Some developers want to give the land back but are unable to because of the inefficiency of the DCs. Many developers have already constructed on panchayat land or have sold it off to other private players.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT 07, 2023)
[HTTPS://WWW.TRIBUNEINDIA.COM/NEWS/PUNJAB/LAND-GRAB-DESPITE-PUNJAB-CMS-ORDER-DCS-FAIL-TO-RECOVER-MONEY-FROM-REALTORS-542243](https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/land-grab-despite-punjab-cms-order-dcs-fail-to-recover-money-from-realtors-542243)

RAJASTHAN

RAJASTHAN TO OPEN IK KITCHENS IN VILLAGES, PROVIDE MEALS AT ₹8, SAYS GEHLOT

The Rajasthan government initiated the rural version of Indira Rasoī scheme on Sunday by opening 1000 kitchens in villages across the state to provide food for just ₹8 a plate. The announcement was made by Chief Minister Gehlot, on Saturday. This initiative was launched at Jilay, near Niwai, in Tonk district of Rajasthan. These kitchens will be run by women members of the Rajasthan Grameen Aajeevika Vikas Parishad- an independent organization under the state's rural department.

This will lead to employment generation of more than 10,000 women. The government has provided a fund of ₹5 lakh for the establishment of new kitchens.



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RAJASTHAN

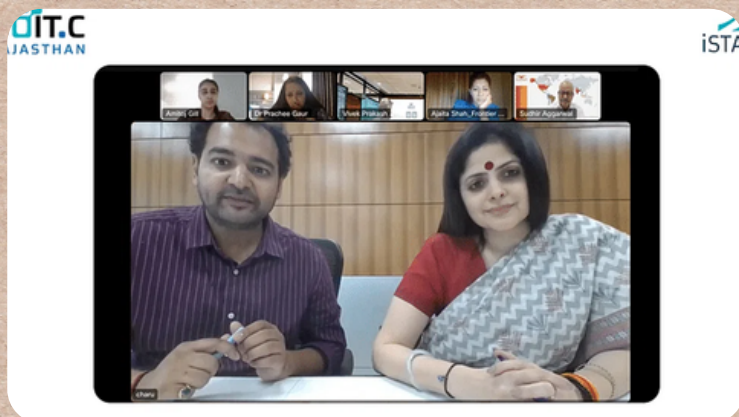
LEAD PARTNERS WITH RAJASTHAN GOVERNMENT FOR QUALITY EDUCATION

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.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (AUG 29, 2023)

[HTTPS://STARTUP.OUTLOOKINDIA.COM/SECTOR/ED-TECH/LEAD-PARTNERS-WITH-RAJASTHAN-GOVERNMENT-FOR-QUALITY-EDUCATION-NEWS-9323](https://startup.outlookindia.com/sector/ed-tech/lead-partners-with-rajasthan-government-for-quality-education-news-9323)



TAMIL NADU

MADURAI HIGH COURT HALTS TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION AMID CONTROVERSY

A petition has been submitted to the Madurai High Court by a resident of Veppankulam village in Madurai district, raising concerns about the presence of a Kaliyamman temple near the village hall due to an alleged attempt by a panchayat president to dismantle the existing temple and replace it with a new one. The construction work under the pretext of temple renovation has disrupted access to the residences located in front of the temple. Despite previous assurances from the government that temple construction would cease, work has resumed, prompting questions about the authorization for this activity.

Therefore, a bench of judges has issued an immediate order to halt construction activities and requested explanations from the Madurai Collector and Revenue Officer regarding the permissions granted for the project.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT 10, 2023)
[HTTPS://WWW.DAILYTHANTHI.COM/NEWS/STATE/HIGH-COURT-BANS-CONSTRUCTION-OF-TEMPLE-NEAR-MADURAI-1049378](https://www.dailythanthi.com/news/state/high-court-bans-construction-of-temple-near-madurai-1049378)
(TRANSLATED FROM TAMIL TO ENGLISH)

TAMIL NADU

VILLAGERS PROTEST DRINKING WATER BOREWELLS ON KOLLIDAM

A protest was held by villagers in Kollidam, India, against the installation of drinking water borewells in their area. The villagers were concerned that these borewells could deplete their groundwater resources, leading to water scarcity. They demanded that the government address their water needs through alternative means and prioritize the preservation of local water sources. The protest highlighted the ongoing challenges of water resource management and the need for sustainable solutions to ensure access to clean drinking water for communities.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT 03, 2023)
[HTTPS://M.TIMESOFINDIA.COM/CITY/TRICHY/VILLAGERS-PROTEST-DRINKING-WATER-BOREWELLS-ON-KOLLIDAM/ARTICLESHOW/103319599.CMS](https://m.timesofindia.com/city/trichy/villagers-protest-drinking-water-borewells-on-kollidam/articleshow/103319599.cms)

TELANGANA

PREGNANT WOMAN CARRIED OVER 20KMS TO HOSPITAL IN DOLI

In a distressing incident in a remote village in Telangana's Bhadradri-Kothagudem district, a pregnant tribal woman, Marakkam Kosi, was carried for over 20 kilometers to the nearest medical facility due to the lack of roads in the region. Villagers used a makeshift stretcher ('doli') mounted on their shoulders to transport her through muddy terrain and rainwater-filled areas amid rainfall. This is not an isolated case, as approximately 25 tribal villages in the region lack road connectivity. Kosi, 36 weeks pregnant, experienced critical hypertension during the journey but underwent an emergency C-section and delivered a healthy baby boy, thanks to timely medical intervention.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT 06, 2023)
[HTTPS://WWW.INDIA.COM/TELANGANA/PREGNANT-TRIBAL-WOMAN-CARRIED-IN-DOLI-MAKESHIFT-STRETCHER-PALANQUIN-HOSPITAL-TELANGANA-VILLAGE-WATCH-VIDEO-VIRAL-6296428/](https://www.india.com/TELANGANA/PREGNANT-TRIBAL-WOMAN-CARRIED-IN-DOLI-MAKESHIFT-STRETCHER-PALANQUIN-HOSPITAL-TELANGANA-VILLAGE-WATCH-VIDEO-VIRAL-6296428/)

UTTAR PRADESH

SCHOOL TEACHER INCORPORATES DANCE INTO LEARNING

In the Bhavani Dinpur village, 80 kilometres from the state capital of Lucknow, schoolteacher Kaushlesh Misra encourages his students to attend school and enjoy their lessons by incorporating dancing into them. He believes that this helps their all-round learning. He has always enjoyed dancing and said he was glad that his family supported him in this even though many people believe that boys should not dance. Now, he uses dance to attract children to the school, by introducing activities around dance, music, art, and painting on Fridays and Saturdays and reports seeing an uptick in attendance on those days.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (AUG 31, 2023)
[HTTPS://WWW.GAONCONNECTION.COM/TEACHERCONNECTION/RAEBARELI-PRIMARY-SCHOOL-BHAVANI-DINPUR-MUSIC-LESSONS-DANCE-CLASSES-EDUCATION-52590](https://www.gaonconnection.com/TEACHERCONNECTION/RAEBARELI-PRIMARY-SCHOOL-BHAVANI-DINPUR-MUSIC-LESSONS-DANCE-CLASSES-EDUCATION-52590)

A video of him dancing with his students went viral after the principal of the school uploaded it.



UTTAR PRADESH

DM WHO BROUGHT WATER TO UTTAR PRADESH VILLAGE SHUNTED OUT, PUT ON WAITING LIST

District Magistrate Divya Mittal successfully brought piped water to Lahuria Dah, a village in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh, on August 30. This marked a significant improvement for the village, which had relied on tankers and a nearby reservoir for its water needs. However, Mittal was transferred to Basti district on September 1, sparking controversy. The local BJP leader complained about her involvement in the inauguration event, arguing that it was not her responsibility. Subsequently, the water pipeline was damaged by "anti-social elements" on September 4, leaving the village once again without a water supply.

The village, mainly inhabited by Dalits, continues to face water scarcity and financial burdens associated with tanker water delivery.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT 09, 2023)
[HTTPS://INDIANEXPRESS.COM/ARTICLE/CITIES/LUCKNOW/DM-WHO-BROUGHT-WATER-TO-UTTAR-PRADESH-VILLAGE-SHUNTED-OUT-PUT-ON-WAITING-LIST](https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/lucknow/dm-who-brought-water-to-uttar-pradesh-village-shunted-out-put-on-waiting-list)

WEST BENGAL

MEGA DRINKING WATER PROJECT TO START AFTER PUJA IN SILIGURI

Finally, the much-awaited mega drinking water project for 47 wards in Siliguri is going to start after Durga Puja under the supervision of Siliguri Municipal Corporation. The drinking water scheme will have a capacity of 135 million litres per day (MLD). This will increase the present drinking water supply. Additionally, the scheme will be set up in Gajdola and will cost Rs 511.08 crore.

At present, drinking water is supplied from the water treatment plant at Fulbari and the present demand is 70 MLD for a population of around 10 lakhs, while the supply is only 55 MLD. The project will be completed in 18 months with 3 months trial run.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT 04, 2023)
[HTTPS://WWW.MILLENNIUMPOST.IN/BENGAL/MEGA-DRINKING-WATER-PROJECT-TO-START-AFTER-PUJA-IN-SILIGURI-531670](https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/mega-drinking-water-project-to-start-after-puja-in-siliguri-531670)

WEST BENGAL

VIP ROAD OR A DEATH TRAP? LOCALS PROTEST DEMANDING IMMEDIATE ROAD REPAIRS

Contrary to its name, VIP road in Siliguri has become a safety hazard and caused several accidents. It is deteriorating quickly and locals, due to their concern are demanding repairs.

The locals state that it has been in this bad condition for a long time and the massive potholes and deteriorating surface have made it extremely dangerous to drive on. Prior appeals for a reparation have been ignored, and no action taken.

In response, villagers of siliguri protested by blocking the road and setting tires on fire on 8th september and threatened to continue if not for an intervention.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT 08, 2023)

[HTTPS://SILIGURITIMES.COM/VIP-ROAD-OR-A-DEATH-TRAP-LOCALS-PROTEST-DEMANDING-IMMEDIATE-ROAD-REPAIRS/](https://siliguritimes.com/vip-road-or-a-death-trap-locals-protest-demanding-immediate-road-repairs/)



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