CCL presents cheque for 3 lakh to Chief Manager's widow

RANCHI: P.K. Tiwari, Director (Tech./Oprns), Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL) on handed over cheque of Officers Benevolent Society(OBS) amounting to Rs.3 lakh to Mousomi Das on Thursday. She is the widow of late Chandan Das, who was posted at Ukhra Regional Workshop, Eastern Coal fieldss Ltd as Chief Manager (Excavation). Chandan Das passed away on June 8th June. On this occasion, CCL OBS's General Secretary Rajiv Kumar Singh, Treasurer Sanjeev Prasad, Vinay Shanker, Surendra Pratap Singh and others were also present.

Innovation crucial to realise of state's potential, says Guv

Chandan Kumar

RANCHI: "Innovation is the catalyst to growth," said Governor Draupadi Murmu while addressing the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) summit on innovation 'Opportunities and Challenges' on Friday. Speaking emphatically on the role of innovations in the fast changing technological era, the Governor stated that the entrepreneurs in Jharkhand should put their focus on research and development (R&D) as there are numerous institutes here to facilitate them. She said that the spin offs of the economic and technological innovations will certainly benefit a wide spectrum of the society.

Murmu asserted that Jharkhand is known for its minerals and resources which can prove to be highly beneficial if managed efficiently. She said that sectors of Agri-horticulture, food processing, organic farming, education, health and family welfare in the Jharkhand which is predominantly a rural state can use the modern day innovations to procure larger benefits. The Governor stressed on the reorganization of the education sector while implementing more modern scientific, technological and entrepreneurial education. She said that companies like HEC, Mecon, Bokaro Steel, Tata Steel, CMPDI and CCL have been instrumental for Jharkhand's development.

The governor appealed that during the summit issues, which will benefit the state and opportunities prevailing in Jharkhand, will be deliberated. On the occasion, Secretary, Human Resource Development department, Aradhana Patnaik gave a special address on the topic while Regional Director ASSOCHAM Bharat Jaiswal presented the thanking note. During the technical session of the event Vice Chancellor ICFAI University O.R.S. Rao, Assistant General Manager GSPL (CSR) Ravi Remy, Central Tasar Research and Training Centre's scientist Dr. V.P. Gupta, Director National Institute of Foundry and Forge Technology (NIFFT) P.P. Chattopadhyay and Director IIM Ranchi A. Singh delivered lectures.

CM fiat on power theft, illegal land deals

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RANCHI: Chief Minister Raghubar Das ordered on Friday to raise the fund granted in three installments under the Indira Gandhi Motherhood Aid Scheme from Rs 4000 to Rs 6000 while reducing the installments to two. The scheme will benefit mothers above the age of 19 and the benefits will be granted for first two kids. Taking stringent action against electricity theft in the state, the CM ordered to expeditiously dispose the registered complaints under the Electricity Act 2003 after constituting special courts in Ranchi, Dhanbad, Jamshedpur and Hazaribagh districts.

Das sanctioned Rs 5.29 crore for the widening and repair work of the 3.40 km long Bahragora Bazaar road in East Singhbhum. Apart from that, the CM ordered Vigilance department to probe into the matter of irregularity in the land acquisition cases pertaining to Dhanbad district, adding the investigation report in this regard should be submitted within three months.

The CM ordered the Vigilance department further to investigate minutely the case of illegal land deals and use of forged documents to get map clearance in Hindpiri locality.

Jharkhand Literature fest on Aug 4-6

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RANCHI: Jharkhand Literature Festival will be held on from August 4 to August 6 at Delhi Public School. The logo for the event was launched in the presence of Aayush Kumar, Author from Penguin India at a press conference. The aim to hold Jharkhand Literature Festival is to foster the spirit of literature among the teens, youth and the elderly. This year the fest is involving 30 private and government schools in the city and sub-urbs. Literature Festivals have been organized in various cities of the country, however, Agra and the Jaipur Literature Festivals are the one which are organized on a very large scale. The JLF 2015 will also have an equivalent level to its counterparts. A number of theme and panel discussions will constitute the 3-day event. Various best-selling authors have consented to grace the occasion for encouraging the fine talent of pen that Jharkhand possess and boost them up for a global stage in the limelight.

Ranchi faces shortage of public urinals

Sachin Mishra

RANCHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Swachh Bharat Abhiyan that started with much zeal and enthusiasm in the city has taken a major setback as the civic body has turned its eye away from the stark reality of the public urinals in the city. The city has merely 13-14 public urinals and most of them are seldom accessed by the denizens in want of proper maintenance and care.

Moreover, there is no strict law in the state to punish those found urinating in public places which is already in force in cities such as Delhi and Agra. The central government is also mulling to provide legal backing to municipalities for punishing people on being caught spitting, urinating or throwing garbage at restricted places. In Agra 109 people were arrested and sent to jail for 24 hours along with a fine of Rs 100 to 500 for urinating in public places, depending on the gravity of the act and the public nuisance caused by it. However, sanitation related issues lies with the state and a strict rule pertaining to this has to be formed by the state government. Nonetheless, in Ranchi the real problem lies in the fact that there is not only lack of such urinals but they are located at very odd localities. These lavatories not only pose health hazards but also make the whole atmosphere stinky. The poor condition and shortage of urinals makes the problem more pathetic in case of women. Moreover, it is a well established fact that denizens here don't actually take the 'use and pay' concept of Sulabh sauchalays. Even if the civic body provides more number of urinals, the problem is going to persist until proper maintenance and cleanliness of the same is ensured. Talking in this regard, Deputy Mayor Sanjeev Vijayvargiya informed about the future plan of Ranchi Municipal Corporation (RMC) in this direction. "We have identified 55 spots in the city for the construction of public urinals in the city. RMC is trying to get NOC from the concerned departments under which these sites fall and this move is under process," said the Deputy Mayor. He further added that the responsibility of operating these urinals will be given to private players by giving some commercial rights to them so that the civic body does not need to spend a heavy amount on this project.

4 mentors for 500 students at RU tribal language deptt

Kumari Ankita

RANCHI: With their gradual retirement and the inordinate delay in fresh recruitments, the department of tribal and regional languages (TRL) of RU is facing a huge crunch of teachers to guide students.

"The department is facing acute shortage of teachers as no appointments have been made for the last many years. The department is running on the shoulders of retired professors, who are called by the department on regular basis and research scholars, who take classes in two shifts. Worse, no fresh teachers have been appointed after the old ones retired," said Dr. Hari Oraon of TRL department.

Notably, the department was established in 1980-81 when the only appointment was made. But since then no fresh recruitment have been made to fill up the vacancies. "This has been a longstanding demand. We have requested the administration and government to consider our problem and recruit teachers as soon as possible. But till now we have to satisfy ourselves with empty assurance. We had a meeting with the Vice Chancellor a day ago, in which department's problem was discussed. The HRD department is also aware of the crises but no concrete step has been taken as yet for the betterment of the department," added Dr. Oraon.

Nine regional languages are being taught in this department with 60 students for each language but there are teachers only for Nagpuri, Santhali and Kurukh. The other six languages namely Ho, Mundari, Khortha, Panch- Pargania, Kharia and Kurmali have no teachers.

Alka, a student of the TRL department, said, "Classes are held rarely so, we face a lot of difficulties in writing the examinations. If this continues, why will anybody take their mother tongue as a subject to study?

To promote the study of tribal languages, Ranchi University had started the TRL department. The teachers of the department fear that if the posts of teachers are not filled in coming days then the interest of students in the tribal languages will be vanished.

"This is not the way of running any course in the varsity. Many problems are being faced by the students here. If this problem is not resolved soon then the students will lose interest in the subject and it will be a major setback for the state as whole," said another faculty of TRL Department.

CCL awarded for environment conservation initiatives

RANCHI: Chatra district's Piparwar area of CCL has done significant work to conserve environment and it has set example for other areas of the company. On the occasion of World Environment Day 2015, the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board has awarded Pipwarwar Area with "Environment Award" for carrying out mining activities with minimum use of energy and management of water. Chief Guest and former Principal Secretary of Jharkhand M. Singh and Chairman of JSPCB A. K. Mishra gave prize to Piparwar Area at BNR Chanakya.

Notably CCL in its headquarters and command areas has planted more than 1 crore 54 lakh saplings till date exhibiting the company's commitment to conserve forest. Along with achieving the highest ever coal production, Over Burden Removal (OBR) and Dispatch CCL has made significant initiatives to conserve the environment. Congratulating the Piparwar area of CCL, Gopal Singh said that trees and plants are friends of human beings and it is our responsibility to conserve forests and play a proactive role in making environment more beautiful. He added that CCL plants three acre of forest against one acre of land use which is why after completion of mining activities, the place becomes more green and lush and ultimately it is leading to increase of "green cover" in command area of CCL.

Nemat named co-in charge for state BJP

RANCHI: In a chain of reshuffle of party officials, BJP has named Ram Vichar Nemat as the co-in charge for the Jharkhand BJP. Nemat, a former Minister from Chhattisgarh will work in tandem with Trivendra Singh Rawat, who has been maintained as the party in charge for the state. According to sources, the changes have been made to combat severe criticism from the opposition recently.

Efforts are on to fulfill MCI parameters, says RIMS boss

Anurag Thakur

RANCHI: Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences, Ranchi established in 2002 by upgrading the then RMCH, is a much needed multi-specialty referral hospital. Presently with a capacity of 991 beds, RIMS offers its patients services of highly qualified doctors and trained para medical staff. Morning India talked to RIMS acting director SK Choudhary on various issues. Excerpts:

How do you plan to make RIMS an outstanding health-care institute in India?

RIMS is not just a medical college, hospital or a research centre. It is like a ray of hope for the people who come here after knocking doors of several hospitals. They come here under pain and sorrow. I wish I could give relief to them and send them with a smile on their faces. I want my students to develop new technique of treatment after doing intensive research. I wish doctors at RIMS use their medical degrees for service and not only for profession.

RIMS nowadays, has earned a bad name for activities like ragging, thrashing incidents and many more. What steps are you taking to handle this situation?

Definitely, during last few months such incidents have occurred but many steps have been taken to stop such incidences. CCTVs at RIMS premises and hostels have been installed for tight vigil to avert any untoward incident. Students and junior doctors are regularly being advised. Security has also been beefed up and more security guards have been deployed.

What has been the most important change since you joined the medical profession?

Since my joining I have been monitoring patients and teaching students at the medical college. I don't hesitate to say that both doctors and patients lack proper knowledge and awareness about their disease. People suffering from a minor disease, which can cure itself, visit clinics and consult specialists, which in my opinion is not required. Now, people can have their bypass surgery in small towns. Earlier, only the national capital was considered to be a safe place for such surgeries. As the years have passed RIMS has become more advanced and patients are getting satisfaction here.

How do you think the country can bridge the huge gap between demand and supply of qualified medical practitioners?

We need a proper integrated health policy to meet the demand of doctors. The number of medical institutions producing doctors is less in comparison to institutions producing engineers. So, in my opinion, the government at state and central levels should think seriously. Apart from RIMS, MGM and PMCH are also there but students prefer RIMS firstly.

What are the major issues that medical fraternity is facing today?

A major issue before the medical fraternity is their professionalism. Doctors are losing respect these days. Reports of scuffle and manhandling have become common. This is because doctors have become professionals and every professional wishes to increase the number of his or her clients. Under these circumstances how could the trust of people on doctors be maintained?

Do you think that doctors feel a sense of insecurity while disposing of their duties these days?

Doctors will always remain insecure. Doctors are known as 'Hakims' while undergoing treatment patients make us god and if we fail in any of the cases we are made bad one. Doctors will get accolades if they perform their duty perfectly but a small mistake will bring bad name to them. People should realize that a doctor is also a human being, he can also make mistake.

Please tell us about initiatives and research works being done at RIMS?

Earlier, RIMS was known as RMCH. It was just a medical college and hospital but now it has turned into a research centre. We have opened genetic disease research lab here and efforts are on to open new laboratories for new research projects. We have adequate infrastructure for research work.

RIMS often faces the wrath of MCI for not following its guidelines. What are the issues?

MCI is a body that gives recognition to our courses and it has certain guidelines, which are to be followed by every medical institute. I have said that earlier RIMS was confined to college and hospital but now it has become a research institute, therefore guidelines have to be maintained. We lacked faculties earlier but now we have got recognition in several courses and efforts are on to fulfill the MCI parameters.