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### **Empowering Women through Skills & Self-Reliance** ✨

Hazaribagh, 31 May 2026: A 9-day intensive residential training under the Usha Silai School Programme concluded successfully at the Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra (NBJK) Coordination Office, Amrit Nagar. Ten women from Lohardaga, Gumla, Hazaribagh, and Giridih districts completed the training and received sewing machines to start their own Usha Silai Schools.

Supported by Usha International Ltd. and funded by J. Charitable Trust, Tamil Nadu, the programme equipped participants with practical skills in sewing machine installation, maintenance, troubleshooting, garment designing, cutting, and stitching.

The training was facilitated by Master Trainer Ms. Nusrat Parveen, Service Engineer Mr. Gopal Kumar Mishra (UIL), Mr. Shailesh Kumar (NBJK), and State Programme Officer of UIL Mr. Felix Tirkey.

At the valedictory session, each trainee received a certificate, a new sewing machine, a guidebook, a syllabus, a toolbox, and a Usha Silai School signboard.



### **A new milestone in quality eye care!**

Chouparan (Hazaribagh), 25 May 2026: The Cornea Department has now been started at Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Eye Hospital, Bahera (Ashram), Chauparan, Hazaribagh, operated by Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra. From 25 May onwards, Dr. (Ms.) Saba Iqbal, Cornea Specialist from Ranchi, has begun providing her services at the hospital. On her very first day, she examined 15 patients, out of which 3 patients were identified for surgery.

This initiative will greatly benefit patients from the region who earlier had to travel to metropolitan cities for cornea treatment. At present, no charges are being taken for cornea-related examinations.

The hospital is also preparing to introduce Cornea Transplant facilities in the near future. Program Director Mr. Gandharv Gaurav informed that the required resources are being arranged and a proposal for approval of a Cornea Transplant Centre has already been submitted to the Government. Once approved, patients from Hazaribagh, Chatra, Ramgarh, Koderma, Gaya, Nawada, and Aurangabad

districts will receive advanced treatment closer to home.

## Orientation of Child Reporters' Support Group on NCDs

Ranchi, 20 May 2026: Under UNICEF Jharkhand supported-Child Reporters Program, NBJK successfully organized an orientation program for the *Child Reporters' Support Group* on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). The session aimed to enhance adolescents' understanding of lifestyle-related diseases and empower them to become informed advocates for healthier communities.

The participants learned about major NCDs such as cardiovascular diseases, respiratory illnesses, diabetes, cancer, mental health issues, and blood disorders, along with their causes and preventive measures. Special discussions were held on anaemia, sickle cell anaemia, and the importance of blood donation awareness. The session highlighted how unhealthy diets, physical inactivity, excessive screen time, stress, tobacco use, and environmental factors contribute to the growing burden of NCDs. Participants were encouraged to adopt healthy lifestyles, balanced nutrition, and regular physical activity to safeguard their physical and mental well-being.

The orientation also introduced various adolescent-focused government initiatives and emphasized the crucial role of child reporters in spreading accurate health information, promoting healthy habits, and creating awareness within their communities.



## 🎉 Proud Moment for Surekha Prakash Bhai Public School, Bahera! 🎉

Hazaribagh, 21 May 2026: The esteemed team from Hindi daily Hindustan — Hazaribagh Bureau Chief Dr. Prasann Mishra, senior journalist Shri Mithilesh Kumar Mishra, and Chouparan correspondent Shri Kishore Rana — visited SPBPS, Bahera (Chouparan, Hazaribagh).

During the special program, all students who participated in the Hindustan Olympiad were honored with medals and certificates for their enthusiastic participation and achievements. The Hindustan Olympiad examination was conducted at SPBPS on 16 December 2025 along with several other schools of Hazaribagh district.

The school Principal, Ms. Rina Pandey, was also felicitated with a memento in recognition of the school's active contribution towards educational excellence.

Heartiest congratulations to all the students, teachers, and the entire SPBPS family on this proud achievement! 🌟🏆📚

## A Great Loss to the Social Sector

Lohardaga, 17 May 2026: Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra (NBJK) deeply mourns the sad demise of Shri Chandrapati Yadav Ji, Secretary of its partner organization Lohardaga Gram Swarajya Sansthan (LGSS), Lohardaga, and a leading pillar of Jharkhand Pradesh Lok Samiti. He passed away on 17 May after a prolonged illness.

Shri Chandrapati Yadav Ji devoted his entire life to social service and the upliftment of rural communities. Through LGSS, he made

remarkable contributions towards the welfare of farmers, tribal communities, and marginalized sections of society. Under his leadership, LGSS carried out significant work in the fields of education, healthcare, women empowerment, agricultural development, and village self-reliance.

Through the non-political people's organization Lok Samiti, he tirelessly worked for de-addiction, eradication of superstition, mental health awareness, social harmony, and ensuring access to government welfare schemes for common people.

Known for his simplicity, dedication, and compassionate leadership, Late Shri Chandrapati Yadav Ji was one of the close associates of Shri Girija Satish Ji, National President of Lok Samiti.

The entire NBJK and Lok Samiti family is deeply saddened by his demise and pays heartfelt tributes to this noble soul. May his soul rest in peace.



## Empowering rural women through digital literacy and entrepreneurship!

Giridih, 14-15 May 2026: Under Project Asha of Usha International Limited, a two-day Digital Literacy Training Program was organized in Giridih after Ranchi and

Hazaribagh, for women entrepreneurs associated with the Usha Silai School Program by NBJK.

The training, organized by the Asian Development Bank Institute with support from Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra, focused on practical use of mobile phones, internet services, Artificial Intelligence tools, financial literacy, government welfare schemes, and business management skills.

The initiative aimed at promoting digital inclusion and strengthening entrepreneurial capacities of rural women for their personal and professional growth.

The sessions were facilitated by Ankita Tiwari and Mohsin Khan from Haqdarshak, with support from Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Program Coordinator-NBJK.

Such initiatives are helping create digitally empowered, financially aware, and self-reliant women entrepreneurs in Jharkhand. ✨

## Dumka Lok Samiti Gears Up for Foundation Day Celebrations

Dumka, 07 May 2026: A core team meeting of the Dumka District Lok Samiti was held at Birajpur, Jarmundi block, under the chairmanship of Shri Bhagwat Ravidas. Jharkhand Pradesh Lok Samiti Convener Shri Shankar Rana also attended the meeting.

Discussions focused on organizational expansion, membership drive, preparations for Lok Samiti Foundation Day on 30 June, and raising awareness about cataract surgery with the support of Loknayak Jayaprakash Eye Hospital, Dumka, run by Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra.

Several important resolutions were passed, including launching a rural membership campaign, organizing a district-level meeting on 11 June 2026, creating an emergency support fund for members, and ensuring active participation in the Jharkhand State Conference in Ranchi on 30 June 2026.

On the occasion, Shri Bhagwat Ravidas will also be honored for his selfless social service.



## From Lac to Life: Soto Manki's Journey to Prosperity

Shri Soto Manki, a tribal farmer from Jiuri village of Khunti district, Jharkhand, once depended on traditional paddy cultivation and small-scale lac rearing, earning a modest income. After joining the NABARD-supported TRIBES Project implemented by Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra (NBJK) in 2022, he adopted scientific Semialata-based lac cultivation integrated with high-value crops.

With training, technical support, quality planting materials, and modern irrigation facilities, Soto

significantly improved his productivity and income. Today, he earns over Rs. 1.8 lakh per lac production cycle, along with additional income from tomato, watermelon, and other crops.

The increased earnings have enabled his family to build a pucca house, invest in farm machinery, support children's education, and strengthen their savings. Soto's success demonstrates how scientific agriculture and timely support can transform the livelihoods of small tribal farmers and create a pathway to sustainable prosperity.

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