



BRIEF



A tiny cricket fan enjoying the 2nd ODI cricket match between India and New Zealand at Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium, in Raipur, Saturday.

Ban

Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala government on Saturday banned food parcels without 'best-before-a-date' labels or expiry dates in the wake of instances of food-poisoning in the State. State Health Minister Veena George said the label should contain details like manufacturing date and time, packing date and time and the date by which the item should be consumed.

Fire

Ludhiana: A fire broke out in a two-storey showroom located in a narrow lane on Dr Gujjar Mal Road here on Saturday. No casualty was reported yet. The showroom stored woollen and cotton merchandise. According to a spokesperson of the fire department, the cause of the fire was yet to be ascertained, but the possibility of short circuit cannot be ruled out.

Demolition

Dehradun: Demolition of 'unsafe' buildings in subsidence-hit Joshimath in Uttarakhand resumed on Saturday as the weather improved. Snowfall and rain in various parts of Uttarakhand on Friday had intensified the cold, adding to the woes of people of Joshimath living in temporary relief camps.

Jailed

Gaya: A Russian national has ended up in jail for carrying a tiny bottle of liquor, supposedly for libation at a Buddhist temple in dry Bihar, a police officer said on Saturday. According to Bodh Gaya Deputy Superintendent of Police Ajay Kumar, the foreign national was caught with a 10 ml bottle of vodka at the Maha Bodhi temple complex on Thursday.

Weather
High 28 Low 15

Twin blasts rock Jammu

■ **Nine injured**

Jammu, Jan 21 (PTI):

Just two days before Congress leader Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra is scheduled to reach Jammu, two back-to-back explosions rocked a busy locality on the outskirts of the city on Saturday, leaving nine people injured, officials said.

Police suspect that IEDs were used to carry out the twin explosions in an SUV parked in a repair shop and in a vehicle at a nearby junkyard at Transport Nagar area of Narwal.

Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha strongly condemned the incident and called for urgent steps to take action against those responsible.

"A blast occurred in an old, parked Bolero (Sports Utility Vehicle) around 11 am resulting in injuries to five people who were



Security personnel at the site after two blasts occurred at Narwal area in Jammu, Saturday.

standing nearby. They were evacuated to hospital and their condition is stable," Additional Director General of Police, Mukesh Singh told reporters near the scene of the explosion.

He said the whole area was immediately cleared of the people but in the meantime another blast occurred 50 metres away,

causing minor injuries to one more person who was also shifted to hospital.

"Further investigation is on," the officer said.

However, a total of nine persons were brought with splinter injuries to Government Medical College (GMC) hospital following the blasts.

"We have received nine

Land mine found near Army post

A land mine was found near an Army post and subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion in Jammu and Kashmir's border district of Poonch Saturday, officials said. The powerful explosive device, believed to be very old, was noticed by the Army personnel near Makhi post in the Karmara area, they said. It was safely taken to an isolated place by bomb disposal squad experts and was blasted in a controlled explosion without causing any damage, the officials said.

patients with one having abdominal injuries and two others fractured legs. The condition of all of them is stable," a doctor at the hospital said.

The blasts were triggered by suspected terror-

ists at a time when security agencies in the region are on high alert in the wake of the ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra of the Congress and the upcoming Republic Day celebrations. The Yatra entered J-K's Kathua district on Thursday evening via Punjab and is camping in Chadwal, about 70 km from here.

After a day's break on Saturday, the yatra, which commenced from Kanyakumari on September 7, is scheduled to resume from Hiranagar on Sunday and reach Jammu on January 23 after starting from Vijaypur in Samba district.

An official identified the injured as Suhail Iqbal, Vishav Partap, Vinod Kumar, Arjun Kumar, Amit Kumar, Rajesh Kumar and Aneesh all residents of Jammu - and Sushil Kumar of Doda.

India crush NZ by 8 wkts



WARM HUG: A boy hugs India's captain Rohit Sharma, after invading the field during the 2nd ODI cricket match between India and New Zealand at Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium, in Raipur, Saturday.

Take unassailable 2-0 lead

Raipur, Jan 21 (PTI):

India outplayed New Zealand by eight wickets in the second ODI to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series here on Saturday.

Opting to field, Indian pacers were on the mark as the hosts bowled out New Zealand for a paltry 108 in 34.3 overs.

Mohammed Shami (3/18) was the pick of the bowlers for India as the veteran pacer snared three wickets while Hardik Pandya (2/26) and Washington Sundar (2/7) accounted for two

Brief scores

New Zealand: 108 all out in 34.3 overs (Glenn Phillips 36; Mohammed Shami 3/18, Wahshington Sundar 2/7).
India: 111 for 2 in 20.1 overs (Rohit Sharma 51; Mitchell Santner 1/28)

batters each. In reply, skipper Rohit Sharma scored a fifty to lead India to a comfortable win. India had won the series opener by 12 runs earlier this week.

21 unnamed islands of Andaman & Nicobar to be named after Param Vir Chakra awardees

■ **PM to attend**

New Delhi, Jan 21 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend a ceremony to name 21 largest unnamed islands of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands after Param Vir Chakra awardees via video conferencing on the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on January 23.

January 23 is observed as 'Parakram Diwas'. According to a statement, Modi will also unveil a model of the National Memorial dedicated to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to be built on the island named after him. Keeping in mind the historical significance of the Andaman and Nicobar

Islands and to honour Netaji's memory, Ross Island was renamed Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Dweep by PM Modi during his visit to the Island in 2018. Neil Island and Havelock Island were also renamed Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep respectively. It was decided that the unnamed islands will be named after Major Somnath Sharma, Subedar and Honorary Captain Karam Singh, Second Lt. Rama Raghoba Rane, Nayak Jadunath Singh, Company Havildar Major Piru Singh, Capt GS Salaria, Lieutenant Colonel Dhan Singh Thapa, Subedar Joginder Singh, Major Shaitan Singh, Company Quartermaster Havildar Abdul Hamid and Lt Col Ardeshir Burzorji Tarapore.

WFI rejects wrestlers' allegations in reply to Govt

■ **Claims protest is motivated**

New Delhi, Jan 21 (PTI):

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has rejected all the allegations, including that of sexual harassment against its president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, and claimed that the wrestlers' protest was motivated by a "hidden agenda to dislodge the current management".

The WFI denied all the charges in its response to the government's notice and asserted that "there is no scope for arbitrariness and mismanagement" in the federation.

The Sports Ministry had sought an explanation from WFI after the coun-

try's top wrestlers sat on a dharna and alleged that the federation chief sexually harassed women wrestlers and acts like a "dictator". The WFI sent its reply on Friday evening and, few hours later, the wrestlers called off their protest after the government announced that it will form an oversight committee to probe the charges. It also said the WFI chief will step aside till the investigation is over. "The WFI is managed by an elected body as per its constitution, and therefore, there is no scope for arbitrariness and mismanagement in WFI by any one individually, including the president," the WFI said in its response to the Sports Ministry.

"The WFI, in particular,

under the sitting president has always acted keeping the best interests of wrestlers in mind.

"The WFI has enhanced the image of wrestling sport nationally as well as internationally and for the record of this ministry, it is not possible without fair, supportive, clean and strict management of WFI," it added.

The allegations were made by renowned wrestlers Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Ravi Dahiya.

The federation brought to the notice of the government that it has a five-member sexual harassment committee in place, chaired by its secretary general VN Prasood and which also has Sakshi as a member.

Five killed in road accidents

Charcha, Jan 21:

Five people were killed in separate accidents involving two-wheelers in Chhattisgarh's Korea district, police said on Saturday. Three men died after their scooter collided with a truck at Sardi Chowk under Charcha police station area around 1 am on Saturday, an official said. The victims Dipak Pal (23), Chandrasen Yadav (23) and Sanjeev Nayak (24) were travelling towards Baikunthpur from Charcha railway station, he said. In another accident, two persons were killed when a pick-up vehicle hit their motorcycle in Phulpur village under Charcha police station area on Friday evening, the official said.

'Over 300 bureaucrats, ex-judges slam BBC'

New Delhi, Jan 21 (PTI):

Govt blocks videos, tweets sharing BBC

New Delhi: The directions were reportedly issued by Apurva Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on Friday using the emergency powers under the IT Rules, 2021. Sources said senior officials of several ministries, including external affairs, home affairs, and information and broadcasting, examined the documentary and found it to be an attempt to cast aspersions on the authority and credibility of the Supreme Court, sow divisions among various Indian communities, and make unsubstantiated allegations regarding actions of foreign governments in India.

A group of 302 former judges, ex-bureaucrats and veterans on Saturday slammed a BBC documentary on Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "motivated charge sheet against our leader, a fellow Indian and a patriot" and a reflection of its "dyed-in-the-wool negativity and unrelenting prejudice".

They claimed it is the archetype of past British imperialism in India setting itself up as both judge and jury to resurrect Hindu-Muslim tensions that were overwhelmingly the creation of the British Raj policy of divide and rule.

The two-part BBC docu-

mentary "India: The Modi Question" claims it investigated certain aspects relating to the 2002 Gujarat riots when Modi was the chief minister of the state. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has issued directions for blocking multiple YouTube videos and Twitter posts sharing

links to the BBC documentary, according to sources. This documentary is not a neutral critique and is not about exercising creative freedom or a divergent, anti-establishment point of view, a statement signed by 13 former judges, 133 ex-bureaucrats, including diplomats, and 156 veterans said.

RARE DISCOVERY

Paleontologists find rare dinosaur nests

■ **In Narmada valley**

Bhopal, Jan 21 (PTI):

Paleontologists have reported a rare discovery of closely located dinosaur nests and 256 eggs of the herbivorous titanosaurs in the Narmada valley in Madhya Pradesh. Researchers from the Delhi University and Indian Institute of Science Education and Research in Mohanpur-Kolkata and Bhopal have also reported discovery of ovum-in-ovo or multi-shell eggs in Bagh and Kukshi areas in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh. The findings were published in PLoS One research journal this week by Harsha Dhiman, Vishal Verma,

and Guntupalli Prasad, among others. A study of the nests and eggs has revealed intimate details about the lives of the long-necked sauropods that walked the region more than 66 million years ago. "The eggs were found from the estuary formed at a place where the Tethys Sea merged with the Narmada when Seychelles had broken away from the Indian plate. The separation of Seychelles had led to the incursion of the Tethys Sea 400 kms inside the Narmada Valley," Verma, who works in the Higher Secondary School, Bakaner, Dhar district, told PTI here. He said the nests found in the Narmada valley were close to each other.



Band contingent of Indian Army during rehearsals for the Beating Retreat ceremony, at Kartavya Path in New Delhi, Saturday.

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Govt working for rapid economic development along with basic facilities: Guru Rudra Kumar

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Bhilai, Jan 21: Public Health Engineering and Village Industries Minister and Ahiwara MLA Guru Rudra Kumar performed bhoomipujan for construction of Rajiv Community Building in Jeora and Murmunda on Saturday. In his address, Guru Rudra Kumar said that along with ensuring the availability of basic facilities, the state government is working for rapid economic development.

Pure drinking water is being arranged in all the villages through the Jal Jeevan Mission. Rural enterprises are being promoted through RIPA, which will provide better income opportunities to the entrepreneurs of rural areas.

The Minister said that through RIPA, the state government is providing necessary infrastructure for industries in rural areas, which includes availability of land as



well as basic facilities like water and electricity. Along with this, the state government is also working in the direction of bank linkage.

With the availability of better livelihood opportunities in rural areas and strengthening of agriculture-based economy, migration of people to urban areas will be prevented.

Guru Rudra Kumar further said that people have returned to farming after the government started giving fair prices for paddy. The increasing area under cultivation

and record paddy procurement figures this year show that people have returned to farming and are doing farming with interest. The economic development is being ensured through farming.

He further said that livelihood oriented activities are also being conducted in Gauthan. According to the local needs in every Gauthan, the products are being manufactured by the women of the self-help groups.

The Minister said that



he is constantly in touch with the people and according to the feedback about the development works, the projects are being introduced and basic infrastructure is being upgraded.

PHE Minister also attended the block level Manas Gaan competition. He said that Ramcharitmanas is enshrined in folk tradition. Through the Manas Gaan competition, the work of promoting cultural activities and saving our cultural values is being done. He appreciated the partici-

pating groups for their performances. On the demand of the Murmunda villagers, the Minister announced the construction of Pachri.

He also participated in the annual function of Government Middle School in Jeora. District Panchayat President Shalini Yadav, Dhama Dhanpadi Panchayat President SaraswatiRatri, Heera Verma, former Speaker and MLA representative Vijay Jain and other public representatives were present.

Hamar Lab of CHC Patan crosses mark of 1.5 lakh tests

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Bhilai, Jan 21: Hamar Lab of Community Health Center (CHC) Patan in District Durg crossed the mark of conducting 1.50 lakh tests. It needs to be mentioned here that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Health Minister TS Singhdeo had inaugurated this laboratory on April 01, 2022.

BMO (Patan) Dr Ashish Sharma said that 150311 tests have been done from April 1 to January 20. 54 types of test facilities are available in Hamar Lab, Patan. Hamar Lab is being successfully operated by the joint efforts of Chhattisgarh Government, District Mineral Trust and Jeevan Deep Samiti, Patan.

Samples of health centers of Patan block are being examined as well as samples collected from MukhyamantriHaat Bazar



Clinic Scheme are also being examined. Under the guidance of Collector Pushpendra Meena, SDM (Patan) Vipul Gupta and Chief Medical Officer Durg, work is being done to strengthen health services in Block Patan.

Medical Lab Technologist Satyam Shrivastava, Saraswati Verma, Shweta Bhardwaj, Ramesh Kumbhkar,

Neha Chandrakar, Sunita Verma, DivyaSahu, Neha Sahu and other team members of Hamar Lab Patan are working appreciably. BPM Poonam Sahu, Store Incharge Poshan Yadav, BAM Takeshwar Dewangan are continuously ensuring availability of essential materials, reagents etc at this laboratory.

Modern Programming in 'C' Text Book released



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Bhilai, Jan 21: Dr Santosh Kumar Miri, Assistant Professor in Computer Science, St Thomas College, has written a text book on modern programming in "C" of the subject Computer Science. Bluerose

Publications, Delhi has published first edition of this book.

Vice Chancellor Dr Aruna Palta, Registrar Dr Bhupendra Kuldeep, Dr Prashant Srivastava and Dr RP Agrawal released it on January 16, 2023 in the auditorium of Hemchand Yadav

University, Durg. Professors and students of various colleges were present on this occasion. The Bishop, College Administrator, Principal and Professors of the college congratulated the author on this occasion.

According to the author, this book issuable

for DCA, PGDCA, BCA, B Sc (CS/IT), BE, B Tech, M Sc and MCA. This book has been written on the latest syllabus of "C" language. On the request of the author, Vice-Chancellor got this book kept in the library of Hemchand Yadav University, Durg.

Grand Finale of SAIL Swarna Jayanti Quiz held at Bhilai

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Bhilai, Jan 21: The Grand Finale of SAIL Swarna Jayanti Mega Quiz Competition was hosted by Bhilai Steel Plant, on Saturday at MP Hall, Bhilai Niwas. Teams from different Plants/units across SAIL participated in the competition. Nisha Soni, CGM (Personnel) was the Chief Guest during the occasion.

In her address, she stated that competitions like this serve as a good team-building exercise among SAIL. She congratulated the winners and participants of the SAIL Swarna Jayanti Quiz. JY Sapkal, CGM (TSD) was the Special Guest on the occasion. Sanjay Dhar, CGM (HRD & BE) gave the welcome address.



Debabrata Choudhary and Rajiv Gautam, General Managers from BSL Bokaro won the 1st position, Dhiraj Kumar and Anand Kumar from DSP Durgapur won the 2nd position while SS Panda and Sampad Mishra, won the 3rd prize in the SAIL level Quiz.

Sandeep Sahoo and Amit Mathur from BSP Bhilai secured the 4th position, Vikas Piprani and

Ashish Agarwal secured the 5th position while Vimal U and Rahul Kaushik from IISCO Burnpur secured the 6th position.

Debabrata Choudhary and Rajiv Gautam, Nitish Kumar and Akash Kumar from Bokaro, Vikas Piprani and Ashish Agarwal, Sandeep Sahoo and Amit Mathur from BSP, Mrigank Shashi and Isthayak Mehfooz, Vimal U

and Rahul Kaushik from IISCO Burnpur, Dinesh Kumar and Shailesh Kumar from Corporate Office, SS Panda and Sampad Mishra, Mihir Mahapatra and PL Das from RSP Rourkela, Shir Rajiv Banerjee and Shibashish Mukherjee from CET Ranchi, Manish Kumar Nema and Dhiraj Kumar and Anand Kumar and Shamsheer Ali from DSP Durgapur participated in the Quiz.

Nivesh Vijayan and Shalini Chaurrasiya were the Quizmasters. 12 teams from different SAIL units took part in the competition. Ms. Nisha Soni, CGM (Pers.) gave away the prizes. Shri Subhash Patel, SM (HRD) compered the programme. The Vote of thanks was given by Sanjay Dhar, CGM (HRD & BE).

Farmers urged to use organic manure for restoring soil fertility

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Bhilai, Jan 21: A training session was organised for farmers by Chambal Fertilizers Private Limited Durg at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Anjora of Dau Shri Vasudev Chandrakar Kamdhenu University. On this occasion, the farmers received training on various subjects and toured the university campus.

Vice-Chancellor Dr (Col) NP Dakshinakar was present as the Chief Guest. Director of Extension Education, Dr Sanjay Shakya presided over the programme while SK Dubey, Regional Manager Chambal Fertilizer Pvt Ltd



was present as special guest. Addressing the farmers, the Chief Guest said that for the first time in the country, efforts were made to bring changes in food production through Green Revolution, in which chemical fertilizers played an important role. But in today's context, the unbalanced use of fertilizers has adversely affected the quality of the

land. Use of cow dung, vermi compost etc can help in improving the condition of the soil and restore the soil fertility. In this direction, the ambitious scheme of the government "Naruva, Garuva, Ghurva and Bari" has succeeded in bringing about a positive change. Dr Sanjay Shakya, presiding over the programme, said that excessive use of fertiliz-

ers kills the microorganisms in the soil and reduces the production capacity of the soil. To increase the number of microorganisms in the soil, it is necessary to use more and more organic fertilizers along with the balanced use of fertilizers. Special Guest SK Dubey (Regional Manager Chambal Fertilizer Private Limited) said that the use of

fertilizers in limited and balanced quantities will maintain the fertility of the land. Dr Umesh Patel, Soil Scientist, gave his lecture on Integrated Nutrient Management to the farmers. In the program, University Public Relations Officer Dr Dilip Chaudhary, Program Coordinator in-charge of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Dr SK Thapak, Horticulturist Dr Roshan Sahu, program assistant Sonia Khalkho along with 50 farmers from village Aapti, Albaras and Anjora were present. The program was conducted by scientist Dr Nisha Sharma and the District Manager of Chambal Fertilizer, Yogesh proposed the vote of thanks.

Vishwajeet of MVN win gold for Boxing

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Bhilai, Jan 21: MVN student brought laurels to the school by winning Gold medal in the CBSE National Boxing Championship. The CBSE Inter School Sports & Games competition 2022-23 recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affair & Sports, Govt. of India conducted CBSE National Boxing Event in Sonapat, Haryana from 12.01.2023 to 14.01.2023, in the under 19 age group in weight category 46 Kgs.

Vishwajeet Sahu class 12 student of Maitri Vidya Niketan English Medium Senior Secondary School Risali, was awarded with Gold medal and certificate. The MVN school family congratulated him for his achievement.



President of Maitri Educational and cultural association Rajam-Sudhakaran, Directors MECA S Sajeev & Sajjan, Director MECA and Principal MVN Dr Sajitha

Thambi, Vice-Principal Dr Beena Sajeev Head-Mistress Nishi Sajjan, teachers and fellow students congratulated him on his success and wished him best of luck for his future endeavours.

AM /NS India recruits 94 polytechnic students

● After 3 years, recruits will get an annual package of 4 Rs lakhs

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Bhilai, Jan 21: A day long mega campus placement camp was organized at Uday Prasad Uday Government Polytechnic, Durg on Thursday. Gujarat based prestigious company ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel (AM /NS) India Limited conducted interviews of the students currently studying in the fifth semester of various polytechnic institutions of Chhattisgarh state. Students from Durg, Dhamtari, Bilaspur, Khairagarh, JanjgirChampa, Raigarh, Ambikapur and Berla attended this Mega Campus Placement

Camp. 177 students of Mechanical, Electrical, Electronics and Metallurgy branch were registered out of which 94 students were selected for recruitment.

In this selection process, 53 students of Durg district were selected and the remaining 41 are from other districts. The students selected by ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited, Gujarat will be given a lump sum amount of Rs 15,000 per month along with accommodation and boarding arrangements for the first three years during the training period. After three years, an annual package of Rs Four lakh will be given to the students by the concerned firm.

The process of 03 rounds including interview was completed

in the mega campus placement camp organized under the guidance of the Principal Prakash Kumar Pandey. The Principal said that the campus placement camps are being organised regularly for the last 25 years at Government Polytechnic, Durg.

Top companies of the country have been selecting and recruiting the students at this camp. Principal Prakash Kumar Pandey, Training and Placement Officer Maya Singh and Assistant Training and Placement Officer Hussain Ullah Khan congratulated all the students selected from various polytechnic institutions of Chhattisgarh. They also expressed gratitude towards ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited, Gujarat.

● Rs 6.64 crore being spent for widening and beautification of Gaurav Path

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Bhilai, Jan 21: Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena conducted inspection of development projects in Durg city. Durg Municipal Corporation Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar and concerned officials of PWD were present during the inspection. The Collector discussed in detail with the concerned officials about the upgradation and road widening work of Gaurav Path. The Collector inspected Gaurav Path, Nagar Chaupati and Dada-Dadi Nana-



Nani Park located near Ravi Shankar Stadium and gave necessary directions. Over the road upgradation work, he instructed the concerned officials to ensure safe shifting of 90 trees. Along with the widening of the road, he also instructed to speed up the construction of dividers and street lighting so that the beauty of the road can be further im-



proved and visibility can be increased at night. During the inspection, the concerned officer of PWD informed the Collector that widening of 07 meter road will be done on both sides from the center of the road. Along with this, a pathway will be made for pedestrians on both sides of the road. The Collector also gave instructions to increase the

labour to speed up the work. Collector also visited the Nagar Chaupati and directed the concerned officials to develop a modern play zone in which children could enjoy sports with motor activity. He instructed to set up multi-variety stalls in the empty space of Nagar Chaupati so that common people can get a better experience at one place.

Along with entry and exit gates in Chaupati, toilets will also be constructed for the convenience of the citizens.

The Collector directed the Commissioner of Durg Municipal Corporation Lokesh Chandrakar to make a colour theme for Vending Zone of Municipal Corporation Durg, so that uniformity is visible in the municipal limits. In future, the vendors of all the vending zones of the Corporation will follow this colour theme. Presently 08 vending zones with 196 vendors have been identified by the Municipal Corporation. The eight vending zones include Dada-Dadi, Nana-Nani Park, WT Plant, Raipur Naka, Manas Bhawan, Chaupati, Samridhhi Market, Haat Bazar Borsi and Shanichari Bazar.

Raipurians get taste of International Cricket with Team India victory

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Raipur, Jan 21: Team India Captain Rohit Sharma in particular looked in the mood on Saturday evening at the Naya Raipur-based International Cricket Stadium here against the New Zealand in the maiden One Day International match here as he stroked an eye-catching fifty to entertain the crowd who had been waiting for the opportunity to have a first look at the International match. His two towering sixes gave lot of thrill to the Raipurians who had all travelled and managed to get tickets to watch their favourite Indian Stars. His run a ball half century also gave the spectators worth their money as initially they were disappointed by the Kiwi batters who could not stand solid in front of the Indian pacers who were in supreme form owing to the green outfield at the Naya Raipur stadium.



A boy runs after invading the field during the 2nd ODI cricket match between India and New Zealand at Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium, in Raipur, Saturday.

fans that had flocked the remotely located Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Stadium for Raipur's first international game was left wanting for more due to the early finish.

Former Team India Captain Virat Kohli received the loudest cheer from the crowd as usual when he came to bat after fall of Rohit Sharma but could only last nine balls as Santner got the better of

him for the second time in as many games.

Cheering fans were seen enthusiastic about future matches including the upcoming ODI World Cup matches at the venue which is among the fourth highest crowd capacity in the World. BCCI Vice President Rajiv Shukla who played pivotal role in ensuring the Naya Raipur Stadium gets opportunity to host maiden ODI



Indian players celebrate the wicket of New Zealand's Mitchell Santner during the second one-day international cricket match between India and New Zealand at Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium, in Raipur, Saturday.

International match was also present at the venue with the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. It is no

table that presently Rajiv Shukla is Rajya Sabha member form Chhattisgarh. A laser

show too was organized for the fans after the match which further draw huge attraction from them.



CM enjoys maiden ODI between India and New Zealand in Raipur

Raipur, Jan 21: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel visited Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium to witness the 2nd ODI between India and New Zealand. Rajya Sabha MP Rajeev Shukla and Chief Minister's Advisor Pradeep Sharma were also present in the stadium.

The Chief Minister made his way around

the stadium, greeting the audience. For the first time, an international ODI match is being held in state capital.

The Chief Minister watched the game along with the audience. Urban Administration and Development Minister Dr Shivkumar Dahria, Culture Minister Amarjeet Bhagat also watched the match.

Congress launches campaign against opposition leader, burns his effigy

After registration of FIR against his son in rape incident

Raipur, Jan 21: Congress has launched campaign against senior BJP leader and opposition leader in Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Narayan Chandel after registration of FIR against his in rape incident. Congress lodged protest against opposition leader by burning his effigies in all district headquarters. Every time BJP stands in favor of rapists, Congress leaders said, calling for running 'Beti Bachao Abhiyan' (drive to save girls) from BJP.

In Raipur, party workers gathered at Gandhi Maidan under the leadership of City District Congress Committee President Girish Dubey. Workers set the effigy on fire and beat it with slippers, raising slogans against the BJP and Narayan Chandel. Later,



the police doused the fire on the effigy by spraying water from bottles and removed the protesters. Reports of similar protest in all the districts of the state have also poured in.

According to Congress leaders the allegation of misbehavior with a Scheduled Tribe woman against the son of Leader of Opposition Narayan Chandel is a very serious matter. An FIR has also been registered against

Chandel's son in the police station, so the leader of the opposition should ask his son to surrender himself in the police station and support the law, they said. The statement of the leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party in this matter is highly objectionable; they said and added that none of the senior BJP leaders Raman Singh, Ramvihar Netam, Arun Saw condemned the incident.



CM pays homage to Hemu Kalani on his martyrdom day

Raipur, Jan 21: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel paid homage to freedom fighter Amar Shaheed Hemu Kalani at his residential office today on his martyrdom day by offering flowers on his photograph. President of Chhattisgarh Sindhi Academy Ram Gidrani, Suresh Didlani, Arjun Vaswani, Amar Bajaj, Amar Pachrani, Radha Rajpal, Ravi Gwalani and Anesh Bajaj were present. While remembering Kalani's martyrdom, the Chief Minister stated that dur-

ing the freedom struggle, countless brave sons sacrificed their lives to free the country from the slavery. Among these brave heroes, the country will never forget the sacrifice of the youngest child revolution- ary martyr, Hemu Kalani. In 1942, when Mahatma Gandhi launched the Quit India Movement, this 19-year-old teenager jumped into the movement with the slogan 'Angrezo Bharat Choro'. He and his companions boycotted foreign goods and urged people to buy local products.

NIT organises workshop on Robot Path Planning

Raipur, Jan 21: National Institute of Technology Raipur's Robotics Club organised a workshop on Robot Path Planning on 21st January 2023. The workshop's main objective was to focus on the essential aspects of robotics, their precision and programming. The event was conducted under the guidance of faculty In Charge, ROBOTiX Club, Dr. Rajesh Doriya and Head of Career Development Centre, Dr. Samir Bajpai.

The speaker for the event was Miss Pallapothala Tejaswini, M. Tech in IT. She explained the challenges for robots, pros and cons of robots, their path planning, need of automation, optimization and completeness. The workshop began with an introduction to the basics of robotics and its applications in various fields such as manufacturing, healthcare, and logistics. The participants were then given hands-on experience in



programming and operating robots. They were also taught about the various algorithms and techniques used in robot path planning, including graph search algorithms, potential field methods, and motion planning techniques.

The students were given the opportunity to work on real-life projects, which helped them to apply the concepts they learned during the workshop. The faculty and experts were available to guide and assist the students throughout the event, providing them with valuable feedback and answering their questions.

The workshop was attended by a large number of students

from the Institute, as well as by several experts from the field of robotics. Around 275 students registered to participate in the workshop out of which 164 students were selected. In this workshop, path planning was done by the students on robot path planning and their problems were also solved. The workshop was successful in creating curiosity in the minds of the students towards the field of robotics. The overall event was managed by Jayprakash, Head Coordinator, ROBOTiX Club.

Teachers get to know significance of regular Yoga practice

For a healthy lifestyle

Chairman of Yoga Commission, attends the divisional level Yoga training prog

Raipur, Jan 21: The State Council of Educational Research and Training Institute is organizing a divisional Yoga Training Program at Thakur Pyarelal Singh Rural Development Authority located in Nimora in Raipur. The training program has been started to explain the



significance of a healthy lifestyle and Yoga practice to teachers and to impart knowledge about Yogasanas.

Currently, 106 teachers from different districts of the Durg division are being given training for 5 days. On the fourth day of the training, the President of the Yoga Commission, Mr.

Gyanesh Sharma, also attended the program and spoke about the significance of Yoga to the teachers. On this occasion, teachers also participated in a cultural performance. The training of teachers in Government schools of Bastar, Bilaspur, Ambikapur, and Raipur divisions has been completed.

Top priority schemes should be implemented promptly: CS

Raipur, Jan 21: Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain has directed the officials of various departments of the state government that the top priority schemes of the government should be implemented promptly. He has also instructed the officers that the updates of the flagship schemes of Chief Minister Shri Bhupesh Baghel should be regularly uploaded on the CM Dashboard of the CM Secretariat every month.

He was chairing a virtual meeting of officials of various departments on Thursday. In the meeting, he took reviewed several important schemes including the construction of Ram-Van-Gaman-Path, disposal of revenue cases in time-limit, demarcation and allotment of Nazul



land, and recovery of water tax from the industrial unit. While reviewing the works of construction of Ram Van Gaman Path, the Chief Secretary said that officials of the Tourism Board should reach on the spot and monitor the works being done under this project. In addition, instructions were given to the officers of the tourism department to put up signboards on the Ram Van Gaman Path, a road map, and prepare a presentation for the construction of the Ram Van Gaman Path. In the meet-

ing, instructions were also given to the officers of the Water Resources Department to speed up the recovery of water tax from private industrial units and other industries.

Besides, the Chief Secretary has given instructions to the officers of the Revenue Department to settle the cases related to Nazul land by running a special campaign. Similarly, instructions were given to dispose of applications for regularization of illegal constructions expeditiously, to give information to the people by running a special campaign in the urban bodies, and to take necessary cooperation from the councilors and office bearers of the urban bodies in this work. In this regard, the

Chief Secretary has asked the officers of the Urban Administration and Development Department and Town and Country Planning to take quick action. In the meeting, a detailed review of the use of reserved plots for E.W.S. was also done. Agriculture Secretary Dr. Kamal Preet Singh, Revenue Secretary N.N. Ekka, Public Works Secretary Siddharth Komal Pardeshi, Director Urban Administration Ayaz Tamboli, Director Town and Country Planning Jaiprakash Maurya along with officials of Tourism, Water Resources, Forest, Home, Panchayat and Rural Development Department and other departments participated in the meeting.

Fees determined for MBBS, MD and MS courses

Raipur, Jan 21: The Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee constituted by the state government has determined fees for MBBS, MD and MS courses in private medical colleges for the academic session 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24. The committee has fixed an annual fee of Rs 9 lakh 98 thousand 954 per student for clinical course of MD and MS in Shri Shankaracharya Institute of Medical Sciences Junwani, Bhillai. For their pre-clinical/para-clinical courses, a fee of Rs 7 lakh 99 thousand 187 has been fixed.

MS and Rs 7 lakh 45 thousand 187 for pre-clinical/para-clinical courses at Raipur Institute of Medical Sciences Godhi Bhansoj, Raipur. Prabhakar Kumar Shastri, chairman of the Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee, said that earlier interim fees had been fixed for MBBS course run in three private medical colleges and MS and MD (PG) course run in two colleges of the state. The final fee for these courses has been decided after examining the inspection and accounts of all the three medical colleges, rate of fees prevalent in neighboring states, condition of Chhattisgarh, average per capita income etc.

The education fees for MD and MS in two medical colleges and MBBS in three medical colleges were finalised at a meeting held on January 13, in presence of Medical Education Department Director Dr Vishnu Dutt, finance member Yogesh Verlyani and law member Sayyad Afsar Ali, informed Shri. The institutes will not charge any extra amount for items like Uniform, ID card, Laboratory, Cultural programme, Sports, NSS, Building, Furniture, Equipment etc. Hostel and transportation facility will be optional for the students. For these, the institutions have been instructed to charge fees on 'no loss-no profit' basis. The Admission and Fee

Regulatory Committee has determined annual fees of Rs 7 lakh 99 thousand 187 and half year fees of Rs 3 lakh 99 thousand 593 for MBBS course being run in Shri Shankaracharya Institute of Medical Sciences in the academic sessions 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25. In Raipur Institute of Medical Sciences, a fee of Rs 7 lakh 45 thousand 187 per year and Rs 3 lakh 72 thousand 593 for half a year has been fixed. The fee of Rs 7 lakh 50 thousand 187 per year and Rs 3 lakh 75 thousand 093 for half year have been determined in Shri Balaji Institute of Medical Sciences Mowa Raipur for the academic session 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24.

Women be trained, connected with multi activities at 'Gouthans': Patel



Raipur, Jan 21: Ramkumar Patel, Chairman of the Chhattisgarh State Shakambhari Board, attended a state level review meeting of the Horticulture Department. The progress of various Horticulture Department schemes was reviewed. Patel told that multi-activity projects such as beekeeping, mushroom production, and small nurseries are being carried out in Gouthans (cow-shelters).

Women's self-help organisations should be trained and linked to these projects. They will gain employment, become self-sufficient, and their income will rise as a result of these.

Patel took the most recent information about the construction of Bari during the review of the progress of all the flagship schemes. In addition, a discussion was held on the sale

of products obtained from community elders as part of the linkage of various products prepared in Gouthans for consumption in various institutions.

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CM Baghel, Selja Kumari visit Kalpataru RIPA

Praised the taste of millet cookies and Navkaleva rice chips prepared in RIPA

On request of the women of the sewing machine unit, CM announced allotment of 20 big sewing machines and interlock machines

Baghel asked the members of WSHGs about the benefits they are receiving



praised the livelihood oriented activities of the women, and encouraged them to keep up the good work. Ishwari Dahria, who works in the sewing machine unit, told that her group is engaged in the manufacturing of cloth. She requested Chief Minister to provide necessary machine for stitching T-shirts. She told that her group had received some orders for preparing clothes with interlock stitching, but due to non-availability of machines, they could not take up the task. Ishwari told them that the women working in this unit earn Rs 7,000 a month. During the discussion, Ishwari requested for 20 big sewing machines and interlock machines from Chief Minister Baghel and said that this would help us a lot. On being asked about the price of the machine by the Chief Minister, she told that the big sewing machine costs Rs 28,000 and the interlock machine costs Rs 80,000. In response, Chief Minister immediately announced allotment of 20 big sewing machines and interlock machines for this center. Chief Minister directed Additional

Chief Secretary Subrat Sahoo to make the arrangements. Members of Women Self-Help Group thanked Chief Minister for the announcement. More than 16000 women are being provided training in income-oriented activities in RIPA training center. Yamuna Dhruv of Nursery Manufacturing Unit told that she has been working there for the last 5 years. In this unit, women prepare small plants and sell them to private nurseries, earning an income of 5 to 6 thousand per month. The chairperson of CMTC unit, a training center run by Lakshya Mahila Sangathan, said that so far 195 training sessions have been conducted here, through which 16 thousand 600 women were trained in various income generating activities. So far, an income of Rs 1 crore 20 lakh has been generated from the training work. There are 40 trainers to provide the training here. The women told that during the residential training programme, they were provided proper facilities and good arrangements were made for food and accommodation. Chief Minister Baghel also



inspected the solar cold storage unit set up to preserve button mushrooms. On reaching the Anganbadi center established as day care for the children of women working in RIPA, Baghel and Selja Kumari were accorded warm welcome by the children. Anganbadi workers welcomed the guests by applying tilak. They told that women work here from 09 am to 5 pm, and provide basic education and nutritious food to the children in Anganbadi. During the tour of the Mixture Unit, Chief Minister Baghel and Selja Kumari inquired about the process of Navkaleva Rice Chips manufacturing. On the request of the ladies, the guests also tasted rice chips. Lemon grass flower petals, mushroom, turmeric etc. are dried in the solar dryer installed in this centre. Tikeshwari Yadav, working in the chalk manufacturing unit, told the Chief Minister that she earns Rs.6000 per month by working there. She is a first year MA student at Durga College in the capital. After joining RIPA, she is able to complete her studies without any interruptions and she has also bought a scooter for herself. Women's group earned Rs 5

lakh by selling soap. Momin Dhiwar, associated with the soap manufacturing unit, gifted soap to the Chief Minister and the guests. She told that till now her group has earned Rs.5 lakh. Dhiwar said that the Rural Industrial Park has brought a new revolution in the lives of women. Women have become financially empowered and more self-confident. During the tour of Handloom Unit and Tattoo Art Unit, the women welcomed the guests by presenting them the state gamchha made in this unit. Appreciating the work of women self-group, Chief Minister Baghel congratulated them and also wished them a bright future. He also took selfie with the members of the group upon their request. The women of the group presented a basket of products made in RIPA to the Chief Minister and the guests. During this tour, Chairman of Chhattisgarh State Mineral Development Corporation Girish Dewangan, Chairman of State Civil Supplies Corporation Ram Gopal Agarwal, Chairman of Chhattisgarh State Construction Workers Welfare Board Sunny Agarwal were also present.

Awareness lays the foundation for a bright future: Dr. Tekam

22 students selected for the National level

Conclusion of Inspire Award Manak Rajya Stariya Pradarshini and Aadarsh Pratiyogita



Raipur, Jan 21: While addressing the closing ceremony of the Inspire Award Manak Rajya Stariya Pradarshini and Aadarsh Pratiyogita, School Education Minister Dr. Premsai Singh Tekam stated that awareness is the only way to lay a firm foundation for a bright future. The present era is a technological era, and the more conscious the youngsters are of technology, the more valuable it will be to them. In this competition, 22 state students were chosen to compete at the national level. While awarding the students, School Education Minister Dr. Tekam praised them all. He stated that Chhattisgarh is at the height of success in every discipline and is always moving forward. In addition to this, Minister Dr. Tekam viewed the models shown

by the students and interacted with the children during the program. He stated that the models shown in the competition demonstrate the children's creative talent. The models on exhibit are excellent, and the children are equally talented. It is fantastic that the government is constantly innovating in order to advance their talent. The children that have come here are well-versed in technology. The contemporary period is characterized by advanced technologies. The more youngsters that are exposed to the latest technology, the more beneficial it will be to them. He believes that such understanding builds the groundwork for a bright future.

Meanwhile, Minister Dr. Tekam while Praising the Durg students, said that the students here have displayed their skills in Japan, which is commendable. State-level exhibition and Aadarsh Pratiyogita were organized at Khalsa Public School, Durg. A large number of students from government schools have also participated in the competition. It is worth mentioning that Chhattisgarh is in third place in the maximum number of registered states in the country for this competition. The closing program was presided over by MLA Mr. Arun Vora and the special guest was the Mayor of the Municipal Corporation Mr. Dheeraj Bakliwal along with other dignitaries.

Accused nabbed with 12 kg 'ganja'

Raipur, Jan 21: It was tip from an informer to the anti-crime and Cyber Unit and TI Tikrapara thana that the team went to the new Bus Stand area and nabbed the accused as per the details and seized 12.100 kg 'Ganja' from his possession. A case under section 20 (B) of Narcotics

Act was filed against him. The accused when nabbed was having a bag and in its search the police found 'Ganja' inside it. The accused disclose his name as Madan Lal, S/O Late Jagdhist, R/O New Basti, Transport Nagar, Merrut, near Shiv Mandir, Uttar Pradesh (UP).



'Things like miracles, witchcraft, ghosts do not exist'

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Raipur, Jan 21: Dr. Dinesh Mishra, President of Andhra Shradha Nirmoolan Samiti, said that there is no existence of beliefs like miracles, magic, sorcery, ghosts and spirits. Common people should not get trapped in such superstitions.

Dr Dinesh Mishra said that the claims of so called miracles are fake. There is no such person who can get information about other by magic in any way. Some information obtained through different mediums is presented as a miracle. There is only one type of trick, like magicians show different types of games in their shows, such as doubling the money, breaking a person into two pieces, then joining them, making Taj Mahal disappear, but they do not call it Siddhi, just an entertainment. Of Normally, this too will not benefit anyone. Because such miracles can neither benefit anyone nor do any work of widespread public interest. Because if in the work of the country was



Dr Dinesh Mishra

possible only through miracles, then the government would not have to make five-year plans and nor for the problems of education, energy, employment, defence, medicine, development has to be worked out by planning. At the same time, when medical science was not invented, diseases were believed to be caused by witchcraft and mental diseases were believed to be due to ghosts, but since the invention of medical science, new medical college hospitals have been opened for diseases, different reasons and remedies have been found according to it and it is still going on as in the time of Corona nei-

ther any Baba was useful nor his miracle. Corona came under control due to doctors, hospitals, medicines and vaccine.

In the same way, due to superstition, people considered some mental diseases to be the cause of ghosts, and for that they used to go for exorcism, that too is treated nowadays by psychiatrists, which is decided on the basis of the person's illness and its symptoms. Dr. Dinesh Mishra said that every person has the right to propagate his religion, spread stories, read sermons, it has been seen for the last few days that along with discourse, tricks, miracles, even in the name of curing diseases a myth are generating.

It is not proper to spread superstition among the people in the name of miracles, witchcraft, ghosts and spirits. In such cases, the administration should take cognizance and take necessary action, informs Dr. Mishra President of Andhra Shradha Nirmoolan Samiti.

IIM Raipur organizes management development program

Under Executive Learning and Development for Yes Bank

Raipur, Jan 20: In its endeavour to make its contribution towards the promotion of excellence and capacity building of existing and future leaders, Indian Institute of Management Raipur has organized two days training program for Yes Bank Relationship Managers who came from different states on Jan 16th - 17.

Eighty-three participants have attended the Management Development Program across the states of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab, Karnataka, Telangana. Sessions on Ice Breaking, Customer Delight and Bringing New Customers, Advanced Wealth Management, Art of Communication and Influencing Skills, Advanced Relationship Management, Conflict and Negotiation Skills, Understanding People's Behaviour - Multi-Perspective Approach and Advanced Stakeholder Management were delivered. The program was very interactive, and it enabled Relationship managers to exchange notes building a community that could learn from each other even in the future.

RIS celebrates Graduation cum Annual Day



Raipur, Jan 21: Ryan International School, Raipur went ecstatic with the ever joyful celebration of their Montessori Graduation Ceremony.

It took place in the school auditorium on 20.01.2023. Graduation cum Annual Day Celebration was organized to upgrade the Tiny-tots of Montessori to the next level of education, which is the concept visualized by the founder Chairman of the Ryan Group of Institutions Dr. A. F. Pinto and the Managing Director Madam Grace Pinto.

This Gracious occasion celebrates the joy of Tiny-tots every year for their feeling of accomplishment while being graduated and thus performance of the young ones indeed gave a special hue to the string of wonderful reflection.

The ceremony commenced with Bible reading followed by a special prayer for the

Montessori students who are getting promoted to the next level. This year Ryan International School, Raipur celebrated the Graduation Day with the theme of "Sow Good Seeds for a Brighter Tomorrow". All the events and performance reflected the dreams and aspirations for achieving success in life. The prayer songs were highly imbuing filling every one with the feeling of oneness with God our Almighty Lord. To show that the Lord is praised by all. Praise and worship songs were sung to show gratefulness to Lord almighty for his blessings. The Ryanites of Montessori to Std. 5th welcomed the guest in English, Hindi, French and Chhattisgarhi languages. The Guests were welcomed with a welcome song.

Ms. Sonal Pinto (Director, Ryan Group of Institutions) graced the occasion of Graduation cum Annual Day

Ceremony along with the honourable Guest of the day Mrs. Tejuwar Netam (Chair Person of C.G. State Commission for Protection of Child Rights), Mrs. Pushpa Patley (State Vice President of CG), Dr. Dewa Dewangan (Advocate, Civil Court), Sameer Daniel (Chief Consultant Ministry of Education), Raju Jhamnani (Former President - Badte Kadam), Errol Jude (General Manager of HAI - Hotel Association of India), Rajesh Choudhari (Private Secretary of C.G. Governor), Rajesh Gurnani (President of C.G. Sindhi Panchayat), Bharat Pradhanani (Businessman), Mohan Das Manikpuri (Businessman) and Vikas Chandra Sharma (Directorate of Enforcement Zonal Office) were felicitated with a sapling memento & Handicraft made by the students.

The Chief Guest graduated Mont. III students. They underwent the convocation with lovely blue gown of wisdom completed with scarf and graduating cap. The musical skit on the theme Sow Good Seeds for a Brighter Tomorrow was presented with great zeal and enthusiasm by the Mont and primary students. The Montessori III students look forward to celebrate this day as it makes a very important stepping stone of progress at a very young age.

The young graduates with their heads held high equipped

in their graduation gowns and received their graduation scrolls. Tiny-tots stepping into a new world with roots of responsibility and wings of freedom that made the parents proud.

The special attraction of the event was dances like folk dance from Punjab and Rajasthan, Fusion Dance and a dance showcasing the victory of FIFA world cup.

This day proved to be very entertaining as each child is important and this is the day to make them feel with 100% participation show casing their hidden talents. Parents were over whelmed watching the performance of their wards on stage. The students were clad in vibrant attires.

To encourage the achievement of the students, special prizes were given in various categories like Academics, Sports, Leadership, Student of the Year, Super Reader, Aspiring Author, Confident Speaker, Super Scientist, Technology Wiz, Math Master, Amazing Artist Award (Art), Rising Star Award (Singing), Star Performer Award (Dance) & Music Master Award (Music) crowning of the Ryan Prince and Princess. Prizes were awarded to the students by the Director Dr. Sonal Pinto Ma'am. The ceremony ended with Principal's speech, closing chorus and vote of thanks followed by school song and National Anthem.

Annual sports in KPS to be held from Jan 19-25

Raipur, Jan 21: 'The will to win is important but the will to prepare is vital'. Keeping this motto in mind Krishna Public School, Raipur has organised a Five Days Mega FITNESS FESTIVAL from January 19 to January 25 under the programme of FIT INDIA MOVEMENT SCHEMES and with the association of SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA TRAINING CENTRE (SAITC) to promote sports and fitness in India and among school children. The mega event was started on 19th January in the school campus with a Yoga Session and Meditation programme under the guidance of professional Yoga Trainer and Meditation expert in the morning Assembly Segment. Students and teachers took pledge to inculcate the practice

of games and sports, yoga and meditation in their routine life. On the second day Annual Sports Meet and a Grand Inauguration of a Sports Complex for Cricket, Basketball, Volleyball, Football and Tennis was held under this Mega Event. The Sports festival arena was emblazoned with the benign presence of the Chief Guest Rustam Sarangi, Internationally acclaimed Weightlifter. K.C. Tripathi, Volleyball Coach and Incharge, SAI Training Centre, Raipur, Ravindra Chandra Bagi and Shweta Trivedi the renowned officials from SAI Training Centre, Raipur, Priyanka Tripathi, the Principal, Asutosh Tripathi, the Executive Director, Krishna Public Schools, Raipur Region graced the occasion with



their congenial presence. The event was officially inaugurated with the proclamation by the Chief Guest along with the lighting of Torch and releasing of colourful balloons by all the esteemed guests present on the stage. The Chief Guest and other renowned guest were heartily welcomed with Sapling and

memento. The entire festival arena was ornamented with the presence of lively and zestful school children. The school organized a number of Track and Field competitions like 50m Sprint, Balance Race, Spoon and Lemon Race for Primary kids. Relay race, 100m Race, Volleyball, Basketball, Football

and many other sports competitions were held too. A highly energetic participation from all classes was very laudable. An impressive and vitalizing speech was delivered by Asutosh, to spearhead the young kids. Highlighting his words he stated that games and sports are equally important and prominent in everyone's life. Every student must take part in sports activities according to their own choice and interest to keep their mind and body fit. He expressed his heart felt gratitude to the Sports Authority of India for its commendable initiative without which this mega event would not have been possible. Principal Priyanka Tripathi with her lofty words appreciated the participants

and the entire organising team for their hard work and well management. She expressed her warm gratitude to all the guests. A number of students performed very well and showed their physical endurance and skill. Every one bagged bountiful appreciation for their performance. These two days event was triumphantly ended with the able guidance and organising skill of the School Administrator, Annu Upadhyay.

This Two Days program was concluded victoriously under the remarkable guidelines and managing quality of Ganesh Sinha, HoD, Sports, KPS, along with the hard toil and sincerity of the Sports Teachers and other members of the event.

CU received the project the DST-FIST scheme

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Bilaspur, Jan 21: The Department of Mathematics, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya Bilaspur (C.G.) has received the approval of the project of Rs 60 lakh from DST, New Delhi under the DST-FIST scheme. This project is for five year tenure and amount will be spent for the enhancement of the Research infrastructure of Post Graduate and Research Scholars of the

department. Vice Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal congratulated to the Head, Dr. J. P. Jaiswal & faculty members of the department.

In this regard the Head & faculty members of the department extended his sincere thanks to the Vice Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal for his great support and unconstrained motivation during the preparation and submission of the same proposal.

Little Bunny School celebrates annual function

One dies after being hit by speedy trailer



grams and competitions were also presented.

On this occasion, Dr Vanita Jain in her address lauded the programs presented by the children. He thanked the hard work and team of all artists, principals, teachers and SECRWVO members involved in preparing the program.

Mrs Shradha Pandey, President of SECRWVO, Bilaspur Division in her address praised the performance by the children. On this occasion HQ SECRWVO Secretary Mrs Sunita Singh, HQ SECRWVO Co-Treasurer Mrs Vinita Jain, SECRWVO Bilaspur Division Vice President Mrs.

Anju Bala and Mrs Meenakshi Raj and SECRWVO Bilaspur Division Secretary Mrs. Meera Yadav along with all the members of SECRWVO were present. The program ended with the National Anthem.



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Balod, Jan 20: A youth was run-down by a speeding truck on Thursday night in Balod city and he died in the hospital. Actually Sanjay Gavde was waiting for his friend near the road and during this a speedily driven trailer from Dall-Rajhara stuck him and the impact was so strong that he was literally thrown and smashed.

Breathed his last in Hospital: This person Sanjay was standing near the road

with his motorcycle and waiting for his friend to come. The incident took place near new Bus Stand area and the people standing nearby came to his rescue.

It was with the help of the Patrolling staff Balod, he was taken to nearby hospital, where he was declared dead, as he suffered serious injuries. The driver of this trailer managed to escape from the site of accident, but the Balod police nabbed him from Gunderdehi and taken into arrest.

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Bilaspur, Jan 21: Annual cultural program 'Milestone' of Little Bunny School conducted by South East Central Railway Women Welfare Organization (SECRWVO), Bilaspur Division was organized on January 16 and 17. This two-day program was organized by school

children and colorful cultural programs were presented.

On the first day of the program, Mrs Shradha Pandey, president of SECRWVO, Bilaspur Division, inaugurated the program by lighting the traditional lamp. After that, a grand cultural program was organized by the nursery, pre-nursery and KG-1 children

of the school.

The guests and audience were impressed by enchanting dance performed by children. During this programme, the huge assembly hall of Little Bunny School was resounded with the sound of applause of about 600 people present there.

On the second and final day of the program, a cul-

tural program was again organized by the school children in which Dr Vanita Jain SERWVO President headquarter was specially present. Cultural programs, group dances and many songs were presented by young children.

The dance performed won the audience's applause. In this series of

cultural programs, the children of 'Gyandeep', a Literacy Institute run by SECRWVO, also made the audience dance along with them by performing enchanting dances.

During this, annual report on the activities of the school was presented by Mrs Sakshi Tomar, in charge of the school and tableaux of various pro-

Exhibition cum Fun Fiesta at St. XHS, Vyapar

GM SECR holds meeting with MPs under Bilaspur Division

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Bilaspur, Jan 21: Fun Frolic and high spirits marked the Exhibition cum fun fiesta organized at St. Xavier's high school, Vyapar Vihar. Young Xaverian's showcased their creativity and their academic niche through models and charts.

The students displayed facsimiles from all subjects like science, maths, social science, commerce and so on. The young scholars worked relentlessly to prepare their models. Their amazing confidence was also demonstrated through their explanation of their exhibit.

The wondrous event was graced by Dr. Pramod Mahajan, Joint Director, Health Department, Dr. Rashmi Sao, Associate Professor, CIMS, Professor Purnendu Bhatt, Prabhakar Patnaik, COO, St. Xavier's chain of Schools, Ms. Lekhasri



Patnaik, Director, St. Xavier's chain of schools, Mrs Supriya AP, Principal St. Xavier's High School, Ms. Shayesta Begum, Vice Principal St. Xavier's high school and Mrs Ranjana Bahadur, HM St. Xavier's high school.

Mrs. Supriya AP, school welcomed the guests and congratulated the students for putting up information imparting models and charts. She motivated the students to take all the opportunities for learning as a challenge. She also appreciated the tiny tots for being a part of this event as their older school mates.

The Chief Guest Dr. Pramod Mahajan and Guest of honour Dr. Rashmi Sao conveyed their best wishes to all the participants. They appreciated the models and were astounded by the young talents. The tiny tots displayed their dancing skills and entertained the whole crowd with their innocent moves.

The crowning glory of the event was the mouth-watering delicacies served at various stalls as a part of fun fiesta. The whole event ended with a mark of joy and was wholeheartedly supported by the delightful parents of Xaverians.

Bilaspur, Jan 21: A meeting of Members of Parliament of the parliamentary constituencies under South East Central Railway Bilaspur Mandal was held on January 17, 2023 with the General Manager of South East Central Railway Alok Kumar.

This meeting was held in DRM Bilaspur Division's meeting room. It was held under the chairmanship of Guharam Ajgalle, MP Janjgir - Champa in a cordial and cooperative atmosphere.

Guharam Ajgalle, Member of Parliament Janjgir - Champa, Mrs. Gonti Sai Member of Parliament Raigarh, Mrs. Himadri Singh Member of Parliament Shahdol, representatives of other MPs, Head of various departments, Divisional Railway Manager Bilaspur and other officials were present in this meeting.



At the beginning of the meeting General Manager, South East Central Railway Alok Kumar welcomed the MPs and said that they will benefit from their guidance and valuable suggestions in improving their services.

In the meeting, Praveen Pandey, Divisional Railway Manager, introduced the South East Central Railway, presented a presentation related to the achievements, passenger facilities and devel-

opmental works before the Members of Parliament. In the same order, the presentation by the Divisional Railway Manager should be related to passenger facilities in Bilaspur Division. Special mention was made of the work, development of basic infrastructure, capacity expansion of vehicles, special facilities available for disabled persons, special facilities for women like Akshita Safe Bubble, Meri Saheli

Abhiyan etc. Wi-Fi, Cleanliness Project, ISO certification of different stations of division, One Nation One Railway Helpline Number 139 Passengers, Safety and Environment Protection etc. The detailed information was given to the members.

Members of Parliament expressed their satisfaction with the development works being done in the division, the available pas-

senger facilities especially the Meri Saheli campaign and through the issues related to various public concerns related to their area in various stations in accordance with the local level problems and the aspirations and expectations of the public. Issues related to railway development and passenger facilities at various stations were discussed in the meeting.

The General Manager thanked all the MPs for making the railway administration aware of the aspirations and expectations of the people of their respective areas and for giving them developmental direction.

At the end of the meeting, Deputy General Manager (General) Tanmay Maheshwari thanked all the MPs and MP representatives for giving suggestions and making the meeting successful.

'Students from six schools of Balod took part'

MLA dedicates 'Rangmanch' in ward No. 16

In the 'pariksha-pe-charcha' prog held at SSM

Central Chronicle News

Balod, Jan 21: A programme on 'Pariksha-pe-Charcha' of the central government was held in the meeting hall of Saraswati Shishu Mandir (SSM) here on Friday. The chief guest was LS MP Mohan Mandavi. He said that it is golden era now and time is gone to take up exams as a burden, rather it is time to appear in the exams in wonderful manner.

In this programme, students from six schools of Balod city took part and the students gave musical performances and along with



this painting and other programmes were also organised.

Concentration of Arjun: LS MP Mohan Mandavi said that one should learn from the concentration of Arjun, as he moved ahead keeping only one target ahead and definitely got success in it. He further said that we generally co-relate 'focus' and concentration as one that of 'Rishi-Munis'. We all require this in our day-

to-day life and it teacher us to be present on time and focus purely in our work. The students sometimes face problems in taking important decision and for this they can discuss with their peer or teachers.

Should feel the self-confidence: District President BJP Krishna Kant Pawar addressing the students said that today PM Narendra Modi is

with them and there was a time when there used to be nobody to tell us anything about exams and how to prepare for it. But now it is PM Narendra Modi who is going to hold talks with you and he asked students to feel their self-confidence, as sometimes the parents fail to recognise the interest and hidden talent among their children.

We all should understand that every children has something uncommon in him or her, which many a times the parents or teachers fail to recognise and all students can give the introduction through their self-confidence. The students who learnt anything in their class should develop a practice to recite it again, as this will help them to acquire more knowledge and be confident.

'Pariksha-pe-Charcha' since 2018:

District President BJP Krishnakant Pawar informed that this programme on 'Pariksha-Pe-Charcha' started on 16 Feb 2018. Through this programme, PM Narendra Modi holds direct talks with the students, teachers, parents and since 2018, PM Modi has been taking part in this programme regularly. In this school students are informed about school exams and also about the actual exam of life and motivates them. This time this programme will be organised on Jan 27, 2023. In this programme held in Balod, LS MP Mohan Mandavi, District President KK Pawar, Kamlesh Soni, Toman Sahu, Ashwan Barle, BR Belsar, Chandan Singh Sinha, Narendra Sahu, LD Sahu and others were present.



Central Chronicle News

Balod, Jan 20: It was per demands of ward No. 16 of Balod city, the corporator Dipti Vinod Sharma urged the MLA Sangeeta Sinha to construction of 'Rangmanch' near the Gangaagar talab.

This was granted sanction from MLA's fund and it was formally dedicated by MLA Sangeeta Sinha,

in the presence of Nagar Palika President and ward corporator Dipti Vinod Sharma on Friday. A room by the side of the 'Rangmanch' was given to a destitute woman for shelter and on which the helpless woman expressed gratitude towards the MLA.

On this occasion youth of Utsav Yuwa Mandal and female residents of

the ward, presented a flower bouquet to the MLA to express gratitude for the work. In this programme, Chandresh Hirwani, Bunty Sharma, Anil Daga, Daud Khan, Kamal Nishad, Babla Nirmalakar, Lokesh Pathak, Deepak Chopda, Anchal Sahu, Narendra Deshlahara, Avdhesh Rajput, Akash Sahu and other ward residents were present.

Statue of Rajiv Gandhi to be installed in Kosa Center Bastar

Central Chronicle News

Bhond, Jan 21: Bastar MLA Lakheshwar Baghel in his visit here to the region, prayed for happiness and prosperity in the life consecration program of Nageshwar Mahadev Temple and also declared the installation of statue of former PM Rajiv Gandhi in Bhond Seed Multiplication and Training Center Central Silk Board.

The former PM had visited Bastar On October 27, 1984, and planted Arjun's sapling in the Kosa Center. MLA Lakheshwar Baghel, who was present as the chief guest in the



awareness program, wished for happiness and prosperity to all and said that such an amount of Rs 3 lakh was given for the temple on the demand of the public community and soon on the occasion of

Rajiv Gandhi's birth anniversary, his statue will be unveiled at this place. It may be noted that Bastar Kosa Center is at the second level in the whole country in the name of tasar production since 2019

and Bastar's Central Silk Board Bastar's Kosa Center has a distinct identity of its own. Dr. Shantanu present in the program said that Bastar Kosa Center is also appreciated in the whole country in the name of production.

This is the reason that for the last 4 years, the production of Kosa has been appreciated at the second level at the central level. Block Congress Committee President Ganesh Ram Baghel, Vice President Anil Parihar Dr. M.A. Shantanu Babu, Scientist D Gopal Rao, and a large number of devotees of the area were present.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all people that Shri G.S. Rajpal, S/o Shri Kartar Singh Rajpal, R/o Devendra Nagar Raipur who has sold the A. Open Land bearing the Kh. No. 82/4 Area 1250 Sqft. Situated at Mauza - Sadiu, P.H.No. 109, Tah - Raipur, Dist. Raipur to Smt. Neetu Dawar, W/o Shri Prince Dawar, R/o Shankar Nagar Raipur by registered Sale deed Dt. 16.03.2018.

That the all four original Pn. Sale deed, date 16.03.2018 are lost somewhere. Whose report is complained in related police station Thana Sarawati Nagar Raipur on 21.01.2023.

That Mrs Vishwa Geeta Ipat, Raipur desiring to mortgage the same property forgetting loan to my Client Axis Bank SME Branch, Pandri Raipur Who ever whether individual society, Association, Bank or housing board have any claim right authority are title over it, he should within 07 days of publication of this public notice approach and apprise this office under the following address to his claim and objections.

After expiry of 07 days no objection shall be entertained, such objection deemed invalid and void and shall be not tenable.

Please take notice
Date:-21.01.2023
Yours truly,
Vijay Rathore, Advocate
Off. Cum Res. - Behind of Barat Gas Godam
Laxmi Nagar, Pachpadi Naka, Raipur (C.G.)
Mob. 9425202167

NAME CHANGE
It is informed to the general public that I, KARUNA MADHUSUDAN BAWANKULE resident of H.No. 18/1430, Gali No. 06, New Shanti Nagar, Shankar Nagar, Raipur (C.G.) have changed my old name KARUNA MADHUSUDAN BAWANKULE. So in future I should be recognized by my New Name that is KAVITA LANJEWAR W/O ABHAY LANJEWAR in all Government and other documents.

KAVITA LANJEWAR
H.No. 18/1430, Gali No. 06, New Shanti Nagar, Shankar Nagar, Raipur (C.G.)

न्यायालय कलेक्टर, दुर्ग जिला-दुर्ग (जारीसमक)
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प्रतिश्रुत अतिथि: कै. अशोक बाबू, रायचूर-दुर्ग जिल्लाको विभाग दुर्ग (अ.प्र.)

1. मेसर्स एलिस डेविलेड (प्रा.पे. प्रस्ताव नम्बर-1) पद-1. श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-2 2. श्री प्रस्ताव नम्बर-1 पद-1-15, प्रस्ताव हेतु दुर्ग ज. वि. वि. दुर्ग (अ.प्र.)
2. श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-3, एलिस डेविलेड प्रस्ताव हेतु दुर्ग ज. वि. वि. दुर्ग (अ.प्र.)
3. श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-4, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-5, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-6, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-7, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-8, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-9, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-10, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-11, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-12, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-13, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-14, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-15, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-16, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-17, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-18, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-19, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-20, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-21, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-22, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-23, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-24, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-25, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-26, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-27, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-28, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-29, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-30, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-31, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-32, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-33, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-34, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-35, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-36, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-37, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-38, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-39, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-40, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-41, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-42, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-43, श्री विद्यालय नम्बर-44, श्री विद्यालय 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BRIEF



Gulzar speaks during the Jaipur Literature Festival, in Jaipur, Saturday.

Suicide

Hyderabad: A 22-year-old woman student in the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU) here allegedly died by suicide as she jumped from a hostel building, police said on Saturday. The woman, a native of Haryana, jumped from the fourth floor of the building at 12.40 am today, they said. She was pursuing MA (English).

Approve

Jaipur: The state government has approved more than Rs 90 crore to expand facilities at Rajasthan University of Health Sciences and the College of Dental Sciences. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved Rs 91.49 crore for various works and setting up of medical facilities, according to a statement.

Fire

New Delhi: A fire broke out in a restaurant at central Delhi's Connaught Place on Saturday morning, officials said. There was no report of any injury to anyone, they said, adding that the restaurant, SinCity, is in 'F' block of Connaught Place. The Delhi Fire Services received information regarding the fire at 8.51 am, following which 13 fire tenders were rushed to the spot to douse the blaze, the officials said.

Service

New Delhi: The Cardio Neurosciences Centre of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) here has started a free drop service for patients to their residence after being discharged from the hospital. Only the patients discharged from the Cardio Neurosciences Centre (CNC) wards can avail the service on the day of discharge and it is not applicable for private ward patients and day-care patients (same day admission and discharge), according to the standard operating procedure issued last week.

Close watch

New Delhi: The Russian embassy on Saturday said it is closely following the situation relating to a Goa-bound flight from Russia that was diverted to Uzbekistan apparently due to a bomb threat. Police in Goa said the chartered flight with 240 passengers on board was diverted to Uzbekistan in the early hours of Saturday after the authorities at the Dabolim airport in the coastal state received an email that claimed that there was a bomb on the plane.

EC assures CPI(M)-Cong delegation of all steps for peaceful polling

Agartala, Jan 21 (PTI):

The Election Commission on Saturday assured a CPI(M)-Congress delegation that all possible steps will be taken for conducting free, fair and peaceful polling in Tripura.

The assurance was given to a nine-member team of the CPI(M) and the Congress when the delegation met the state Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Gitanjali Kirankumar Dinakararao.

Elections to the 60-member Assembly will be held on February 16.

The delegation comprising Jitendra Choudhury, CPI(M) state secretary, and Sudip Roy Barman, Congress MLA, highlighted the alleged violence and the peoples' inability to cast their votes in elections in the past five years.

"Today we submitted a representation to the CEO urging him to ensure people's democratic rights in

the light of previous elections' experience. All of you know that electors could not cast their votes in the past five years - be it Panchayat or Lok Sabha or by-election", Choudhury told reporters after the meeting.

The CPI(M) state secretary said the CEO has assured the delegation that the poll panel has already initiated a probe into the Majlishpur incident and none will be spared.

The Congress has claimed that 15 party workers and functionaries, including AICC general secretary Ajay Kumar, were injured after a group of "BJP-backed goons" allegedly attacked them during a bike rally at four locations in Jirania sub-division in Majlishpur Assembly constituency on Wednesday.

The police, however, said the attacks were carried out by unknown miscreants in West Tripura district, and "10 party

workers were injured".

The Election Commission on Thursday ordered an inquiry into the attacks on the Congress bike rally.

"We told the CEO the people will be on the streets if the EC fails to conduct free, fair and peaceful polling. We do believe the Commission will take steps so that people can cast their votes according to their will", he said.

Claiming that democracy will be "under threat" if people were not allowed to vote freely in the election, Roy Barman said they submitted the representation to the CEO on behalf of 40 lakh people of the state.

"We apprised him of the possible ploy to rig the election process- threat, intimidation and escalating tension among the voters. He promised to take all possible measures so that electors can exercise their democratic right this

time", he said.

Earlier, hundreds of people holding national flags staged a rally in the city advocating for 'my right my vote' to restore democracy.

Former chief minister Manik Sarkar, AICC general secretary Ajay Kumar and TPCC president Birajit Sinha also joined the rally.

Reacting to the CPI(M)-Congress rally for restoration of democracy, BJP chief spokesperson Subrata Chakraborty alleged the opposition parties were trying to prepare a blueprint to destabilise the atmosphere ahead of the Assembly elections.

"Those who had blamed each other for killing, abduction, rapes and arson for the past several years are now coming together to gain political mileage. Where is the commitment to the people who had been the victims of Communist terror over the past 25 years", he said.

URINATION INCIDENT

AI pilots' body mulls legal course against suspension of pilot

Mumbai, Jan 21 (PTI):

Air India pilots' body IPG is considering legal recourse and other options, regarding aviation regulator DGCA suspending the licence of the pilot-in-command of the flight where a passenger allegedly urinated on a female co-passenger onboard last November. A senior member of the Indian Pilots Guild (IPG), which represents the airline's pilots who fly wide-body planes, said it will take up the issue of suspension of the pilot concerned strongly.

The urination incident happened onboard New York-Delhi flight on November 26, 2022 and it came to the notice of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) only on January 4.

For various violations, DGCA, on Friday, imposed a fine of Rs 30 lakh on Air India, Rs 3 lakh penalty on the airline's director of in-flight services and suspend-

ed the licence of the pilot-in-command for three months. "We are considering all options, including taking legal action for the pilot's licence suspension. We are talking to our lawyers on the issue and will soon take a call," the IPG member told PTI on the condition of anonymity. The member claimed that the pilot concerned had acted very maturely. "It has all been reported to the company at that time. If after all of this you still think that the pilot has not acted, then we need to understand what you are talking about and why you find him at fault." The member also alleged that there is a lot of "pressure to find a scapegoat in the entire case."

There was no immediate comment from Air India. According to reports, Air India's senior management was informed about the urination incident hours after the flight landed on November 26.

SAMADHAN YATRA



Bihar CM Nitish Kumar visits a school to inspect developmental works in at Banke Bazar during his 'Samadhan Yatra', in Gaya, Saturday.

Dera Sacha Sauda chief walks out of Rohtak jail

After being granted 40-day parole

Chandigarh, Jan 21 (PTI):

Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh walked out of the Sunaria jail in Haryana's Rohtak on Saturday after he was granted a 40-day parole.

Singh came out of the prison in the afternoon, a police official from Rohtak said.

He will be going to the Dera Sacha Sauda Ashram at Barnawa in Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh, another official said.

The latest parole to the dera chief, who is serving a 20-year jail term for raping two of his disciples, comes three months after he was granted another 40-day parole. "The parole

has been granted for 40 days. It has been granted in accordance with rules," Rohtak's Divisional Commissioner Sanjeev Verma had said on Friday.

The period of the previous parole granted to Singh had ended on November 25. While out on parole, the dera chief had gone to his Barnawa ashram after his release from the prison on October 14.

Haryana Jails Minister Ranjit Singh Chautala had earlier said Singh had filed an application seeking a 40-day parole, which was forwarded to the Rohtak divisional commissioner.

Singh is also likely to attend a birth anniversary event of former dera chief Shah Satnam Singh on January 25, sources said.

During his previous parole period in October-

November, the 55-year-old Sirsa dera chief held several online "satsang" sessions at the Barnawa ashram. Some of these sessions were attended by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders from Haryana.

Prior to his October parole, the sect chief had come out of the prison on a month-long parole in June. Besides, he was granted three weeks' furlough from February 7, 2022, barely two weeks before the Punjab Assembly polls.

In 2021, the dera chief, along with four others, was also convicted for hatching a conspiracy to kill Ranjit Singh, a dera manager. The dera chief and three others were convicted in 2019 for the murder of a journalist more than 16 years ago.

Int'l students participate in march

To celebrate India assuming G20 presidency

New Delhi, Jan 21 (PTI):

Scores of international students, including those from G20 countries, on Saturday participated in a march organised here to celebrate India's presidency of the multilateral forum.

Holding tricolours and balloons, a number of school students and teachers participated in the G-20 'World Peace March' from Gandhi Darshan near Rajghat to Chart Lal Goel Heritage Park at Red Fort.

Nearly 120 international students participated in the march. They were welcomed with garlands and flowers.

The students were seen holding colourful flags and placards carrying messages of world peace and unity.

The event was organised by former Union min-

ister and BJP leader Vijay Goel.

Prerna, who is from Mauritius and a student of SSR Medical college, was elated.

"It was good to participate and witness the amazing performance. I got the invite through SSR college. I think through the G20, a lot of issues need to be raised," she told PTI.

Many cultural performances were also organised and students participated in these.

Julia from Russia said she enjoyed walking through Old Delhi and exploring the Indian culture.

"It is fantastic and we enjoyed the event, walking through Old Delhi. I think this is the best place to host the G20. Our Indian friends and colleagues are so enthusiastic about it. Every day, they invite us to one more new event to participate. We expect meetings with cultural ministers in August and more interesting bilateral and multilateral events," she said.

HOLY DIP



Devotees gather to take holy dip in River Ganga on the occasion of 'Mauni Amavasya' during the ongoing 'Magh Mela' in Prayagraj, Saturday.

Bird watchers raise concern over 'fewer' migratory birds

In Bengal sanctuary

Santiniketan, Jan 21 (PTI):

Nature enthusiasts have voiced concern as the number of migratory birds flocking to the Ballavpur Wildlife Sanctuary in West Bengal's Birbhum district has declined sharply this year.

Till 2022, the sanctuary witnessed thousands of winged guests but this year the population of the migratory birds is low,

they claimed. This wildlife sanctuary, spread over an area measuring only 2 sq km, is home to three large 'jheel' (water bodies) Tank 1, Tank 2 and Tank 3 - which host migratory as well as resident birds.

While some avian species arrived at Tank 2, the population of birds visiting Tank 3 had declined considerably this year, they claimed.

Sandip Chatterjee, a Kolkata-based bird watcher and a neurosurgeon, who frequently visits Santiniketan said, "Even

last year birds used to visit Tank 1 but I have not sighted a single one there this year."

According to the bird count last year, 47 migratory birds visited Tank-1, 15,765 were spotted in Tank-2 and 5,311 birds were seen in Tank-3.

The exercise for this year is likely to be conducted on January 23.

Describing the declining avian population as "worrying", Chatterjee blames the overgrowth of weeds and a drop in the water level of the tanks.

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Foreign shipping lines may stop services for cash-strapped Pakistan

Islamabad, Jan 21 (PTI):

The ship agents have forewarned the cash-strapped Pakistani government that all export cargoes could come to a halt as foreign shipping lines are considering stopping their services for the country after banks stopped remitting freight charges to them due to a lack of dollar availability, according to a media report on Saturday.

Apart from bordering countries, almost all the international logistics from Pakistan are catered by sea and any disruption could create serious issues for the country's international trade, Pakistan Ship's Agents Association (PSAA) chairman Abdul Rauf warned Finance Minister Ishaq Dar through a letter.

"If the international trade is stopped the economic situation will worsen," the association warned, adding that the foreign shipping lines are already considering winding up their services in Pakistan due to reduced cargo volumes.

The PSAA chairman also wrote letters to State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Governor Jameel Ahmed, Commerce Minister Syed Naveed Namar, and Maritime Affairs Minister Faisal Sabzwari, the Dawn newspaper reported.

Rauf requested the ministries and departments concerned to intervene to ensure continuity in Pakistan's seaborne trade by allowing outward remittance of surplus freight amounts to respective foreign shipping lines forthwith.

"Due to discontinuation of outward remittance of surplus freight amounts to respective foreign shipping lines, was hampering Pakistan's seaborne trade which is heavily dependent on foreign shipping lines," the letter added.

However, the crisis relates to the export cargoes as all the outward trade from Pakistan is container-based, as there are no liquid or grain exports from the country.

The state-owned Pakistan National Shipping Company (PNSC) only handles imports of crude oil and other petroleum fuel through its 12 vessels.

The annual freight bill of Pakistan is around USD 5 billion, and foreign companies receive the charges in international

currencies mainly the "greenback".

The ship agents have pointed out that due to the current state of affairs, the shipping sector was already suffering due to economic ups and downs, and any further delays in remitting their legitimate dues will constrain Pakistan's external trade.

However, talking to the newspaper, former PSAA chairman Muhammad Rajpar said that Pakistan was not close to an economic meltdown as yet, therefore the government still has time to seek a way out of the current crisis. "We can always have innovative ideas to get out of difficult times, one of them is hedging of dollars and setting installments for the payments to the shipping companies," Rajpar said.

POLLUTED DRINA RIVER IN BOSNIA



Waste floating in the Drina river near Visegrad, Bosnia. Tons of waste dumped in poorly regulated riverside landfills or directly into the rivers across three Western Balkan countries end up accumulating during high water season in winter and spring, behind a trash barrier in the Drina River in eastern Bosnia.

UK police fines Rishi Sunak over seatbelt 'error'

London, Jan 21 (PTI):

The local police force where Rishi Sunak filmed a social media video in a moving car without a seatbelt on Friday fined the British Prime Minister for the legal breach.

Lancashire Police, which had been "looking into" the matter, confirmed it had issued a fixed penalty notice to Sunak, which involves a 100 pounds fine for not wearing a seatbelt in a moving car. "Following the circulation of a video on social media showing an individual failing to wear a seat belt while a passenger in a moving car in



Lancashire we have today (Friday, January 20) issued a 42-year-old man from London with a conditional offer of fixed penalty," Lancashire Police said in a statement. On Thursday, Sunak apologised for a "brief error of judgment" in removing his seatbelt to

film a video while driving in north-west England.

"That was a brief error of judgement. The PM removed his seatbelt to film a small clip. He fully accepts this was a mistake and apologises about it," Sunak's spokesperson said.

"The Prime Minister believes everyone should wear a seatbelt," the spokesperson added.

In the UK, passengers caught failing to wear a seatbelt while in a car, unless covered by a valid medical exemption, can be given an on-the-spot fine of 100 pounds, increasing to 500 pounds if the case goes to court.

Pak court sentences 2 TTP members to 34 years in prison

Lahore, Jan 21 (PTI):

A Pakistani court has handed down over 30 years of rigorous imprisonment to two members of the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban (TTP) group for carrying out terrorist activities in the country's Punjab province, an official said on Saturday.

The TTP, also known as the Pakistan Taliban, is believed to have close links to the al-Qaeda terror group. Set up as an umbrella group of several militant outfits in 2007, its main aim is to impose its strict brand of Islam across Pakistan.

"An anti-terrorism court (ATC) of Sahiwal on Friday awarded 34 years rigorous imprisonment to

two TTP terrorists - Imran Razik and Saddam Hussein Musa - for their alleged involvement in terror activities in the Punjab province," a court official told PTI.

He said ATC judge Zahid Gaznavi handed down the sentence after the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) presented evidence in the court.

The official further said the CTD arrested the convicts in May 2022 from Pakpattan city, about 200 kilometres from Lahore, and recovered weapons, explosives and suicide vests from their possession.

Meanwhile, the CTD has arrested eight suspected terrorists from dif-

ferent areas of the province.

According to a CTD statement issued on Saturday, eight suspects mostly belonging to the TTP have been arrested and cases registered against them in different police stations of the province.

The TTP has been blamed for several deadly attacks across Pakistan, including an attack on army headquarters in 2009, assaults on military bases and the 2008 bombing of the Marriott Hotel in Islamabad.

In 2012, Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai was at-

tacked by the TTP.

In 2014, the Pakistani Taliban stormed the Army Public School in the north-western city of Peshawar, killing at least 150 people, including 131 students. The attack sent shockwaves across the world and was widely condemned.

FTA negotiations with India 'well advanced': UK minister

London, Jan 21 (PTI):

Negotiations between Britain and India for an ambitious Free Trade Agreement (FTA) are "well advanced", with the next round of talks set to commence very soon, a UK Foreign Office minister told peers in a debate in Parliament here, asserting that a strong deal could boost the country's economy.

Lord Tariq Ahmad, the UK Foreign Office Minister for South Asia, also said Britain's relationship with India is central to its foreign policy and as one of the world's biggest and fastest-growing economies, India is a key partner.

Ahmad was responding to the debate entitled "The

Importance of the Relationship Between the United Kingdom and India" in the House of Lords on Thursday, tabled by British Indian peer Baroness Sandy Verma.

He confirmed that negotiations for a bilateral free trade agreement (FTA) are "well advanced", with the next round of negotiations set to commence very soon. "It is true that, as we set up and strengthen this relationship, the United Kingdom's relationship with India is central to UK foreign policy," said Ahmad.

"As one of the world's biggest and fastest-growing economies, India is a key partner to the UK. We are also looking at lowering non-tariff barriers on



Lord Tariq Ahmad, the UK Foreign Office Minister for South Asia

medical devices to benefit British exporters, and are well advanced in our negotiations for an ambitious and balanced free trade agreement," he said.

A strong trade deal with India could boost the UK economy by billions of pounds over the long term,

helping families across the country, he said.

"Cutting red tape and high tariffs could also make it easier and cheaper for UK companies to sell in India, driving growth and supporting jobs," he added. As part of a review of the progress across all sectors of bilateral cooperation, including defence, health and climate action, the minister also addressed the issue of timelines related to a UK-India FTA.

"As an update, we have now completed six rounds of negotiations for a trade deal and will begin the next round very soon. Several noble Lords talked about timelines. "I assure them that we are working those

through specifically, but it was very much by mutual agreement to ensure that the trade deal signed is not rushed but properly thought through, and that all chapters are discussed in an exhaustive manner so that we reach a deal that is of mutual benefit to both countries and their peoples," the minister said.

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Fukushima water release to follow safety standards: IAEA



Tokyo, Jan 21 (AP):

The head of a UN nuclear agency task force assessing the safety of Japan's plan to release treated radioactive water from the wrecked Fukushima nuclear plant into the sea said that Japanese regulators have shown their commitment to comply with international safety standards.

International concern over the plan has been widening. Last week, the head of the 18-nation Pacific Island Forum, which includes Australia,

New Zealand and other island nations, expressed concern about any impact of radiation from the water on the livelihoods of people in the region which suffered in the past from atomic bomb tests, and urged Japan to suspend the plan.

"The region is steadfast in its position that there should be no discharge until all parties verify through scientific means that such a discharge is safe," forum Secretary General Henry Puna said at a public seminar on the Fukushima issue.

Taliban divided on appeal to restore women's rights: UN

United Nations, Jan 21 (AP):

A delegation led by the highest-ranking woman at the United Nations urged the Taliban during a four-day visit to Afghanistan that ended Friday to reverse their crackdown on women and girls. Some Taliban officials were more open to restoring women's rights but others were clearly opposed, a UN spokesman said.

The UN team met with the Taliban in the capital of Kabul and the southern city of Kandahar. It did not release the names of any of the Taliban officials. The meetings focused on the restrictive measures the Taliban have imposed on women and girls since they took power in August 2021, during the final weeks of the US and NATO forces' pullout after 20 years of

war. The team, headed by UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed, found that some Taliban officials "have been cooperative and they've received some signs of progress," said UN deputy spokesman Farhan Haq.

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Hub of Global Terrorism

Terrorism is a curse, gruesome and inhumane. It is also a fact that the moment the heat of terrorism was felt by the USA it immediately swung into action and tried to fireproof terrorism on a war footing. The USA dislodged the Taliban in Afghanistan and hunted for years for OBL in the mountainous terrain of Afghanistan. Ultimately number one declared enemy of the USA was found nowhere else but in its acclaimed ally in the fight against terrorism, in Pakistan just adjacent to the military cantonment area of Abbottabad. Special UN Security Council 1267 ISIL (Da'esh) and Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee was formed and from time to time terrorists get added to its designated terrorists' list by unanimous decision of the 15-member committee, only permanent members of the UN Security Council have the veto power. 150 plus designated terrorists are somehow associated with Pakistan and the list includes Pakistan-based terror group Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) leader and Mumbai terror attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed, a top commander of the LeT and key conspirator of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack Zaki-ur Rehman Lakhvi, founder of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terror group Masood Azhar and fugitive underworld don Dawood Ibrahim. The latest addition is LeT leader Abdul Rehman Makki, brother-in-law of Hafiz Saeed. The list of all these designated terrorists points to only one thing, Pakistan is the hub of Global Terrorism and state-sponsored terrorism is its official policy. All propagators of major terrorist attacks in India, Parliament attack, Mumbai attack, Pathankote Airbase attack, Uri attack or Pulwama attack, are roaming free in Pakistan while the victims are still waiting for justice. Dossier after dossier from India had no effect as Pakistan shamelessly brazened out all pieces of evidence with one line, not enough evidences-provide more. After trying its best by repeatedly offering an olive branch of friendship to Pakistan while getting deceit and waves of terrorists attack in return, the present Gol took the decisive historic decision, 'Talks and terrorism cannot go together'. From that day onwards Indian strategy has taken a U-turn, whenever provoked Pakistan got the befitting reply instantly, the Uri attack was followed up by Surgical Strikes and the Pulwama attack retaliation in the shape of the Balakot operation. Simultaneously Indian foreign policy started yielding magical results, the USA came quite close to India in the fight against terrorism and numerous Pakistan-based terrorists and terrorist organisations are on the designated terrorists list now. In addition to these, for the last four years, Pakistan was in the Grey List of FATF (Financial Action Task Force), the global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog. India has repeatedly resented the role of powers to be in the global fight against terrorism and advised them not to be selective in their fight against terrorism. The latest entry of Makki in the designated terrorist list carries much significance as China despite stand-offs with India in the recent past has agreed to remove put on hold stance in UN Security Council after seven months. This stance of China to safeguard Pakistan's interests in the UN and give blanket immunity to Pakistan-based terrorists has been a major thaw in Indo-China relationships for quite some time. India's stiff stand and seventeen rounds of talks with China have produced a sweet result. Makki as a designated terrorist will face assets freezing, a travel ban and an arms embargo. India's other stand 'no money for terror' has also been a hit with excellent results. All financial lines are choked, and leaders of terrorist organisations are behind bars. The time has come to name, shame and isolate the nations that are actively harbouring and supporting terrorism. In a nutshell, lessons are clear, there is no scope for terrorism in the whole world, and sooner or later you have to face the music of law. Either you change your deceptive course to support terrorism or be ready to face the music on all international forums.

Abuse in Sports Culture

Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

Star wrestler Vinesh Phogat accused Brij Bhushan Sharma of sexually harassing female wrestlers. The group of wrestlers were protesting against Wrestling Federation of India's 'arbitrary' laws & called for a boycott of its president at Jantar Mantar. Wrestlers Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik, Bajrang Punia and other wrestlers continues demanding action against the Wrestling Federation of India chief and other officials against alleged sexual exploitation of several athletes. Neither Indian sports nor the governing body SAI is new to controversies. Flip through the pages of history and one can find several incidents of misbehaviour and allegations of sexual harassment made by leading sportswomen of the country. Sport, when purposefully planned, gives us the environment and opportunity to enforce values such as respect and equality, both on and off the field, and can reduce gender inequalities and violence against women. Sexual abuse toward women athletes has been a problem for as long as women's sports has existed. Most sexual harassment and abuse is perpetrated by people in positions of authority within the sport industry, often coaches. It happens in all sports and at all levels. Sexual harassment and abuse within the sports industry is suspected to be significantly underreported due to social conditions that discourage disclosure. Many hesitate to come forward fearing they won't be believed or will be disregarded in favor of the perpetrators' denial. According to data gathered from a right to information application, it was found that between 2010 to 2020, there were 45 complaints of sexual harassment to the SAI, of which 29 were against coaches. Notably, Vinesh Phogat had previously alleged that coaches who are favourites of the WFI misbehave with women and harass them. She also accused the wrestling federation chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh of sexually harassing girls and calling her a 'khota sikka' after her defeat at the Tokyo Olympics 2020. Many sexual harassment cases have involved coaches and mentors, and athletes are calling for an organized system allowing women to share complaints without fear of damaging their careers. Sexual harassment and abuse arise from the culture of sport and from the opportunities for exploitation of power and authority which this affords coaches. Commonly reported types of sexual harassment include "repeated unwanted sexually suggestive glances, jokes, comments, etc.", "unwanted physical contact", [and] "ridicule." There is a culture of subservience in sport and therefore "grooming" becomes common, making it very hard for athletes to come forward and complain. In multiple ways, a coach has significant power over an athlete. Traditionally, athletes place their trust in their coach, taking their advice and following their instructions uncritically because the coach has greater knowledge about and experience with the sport. Coaches can either boost or diminish the athletes' self-esteem, and they have significant control over the participation and success of athletes and whether they lose their jobs. It's evident that anywhere in the world, when vulnerable female athletes are placed in the charge of a male coach, there exists the danger that he could prey on them. It's a very complex situation, and a monitoring mechanism independent of the sports federations would be the first step towards protecting female athletes. No doubt, SAI has made it mandatory for all federations to ensure female athletes are accompanied by a female coach during domestic and international travel. SAI has also asked the federations to appoint a "compliance officer" at national camps and tours in order to ensure the 'Standard Operating Procedure on prevention of sexual harassment' is followed, and that any violation is reported 'at the earliest'. Our Sports organisations must have guidelines for preventing violence against women in their player and employee codes of conduct, and have mechanisms for responding to allegations of sexual misconduct and violence. Sports bodies have to take the lead and set conditions right so vulnerable athletes feel secure to come forward and complain.

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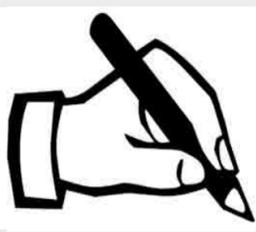


Auli: A car is covered in snow after a fresh snowfall, at Auli in Chamoli district, Saturday, Jan. 21.

The shameful Game behind the Games



PRIYANKA SAURABH



The players of the country have been increasing the value of the tricolor on foreign soil. They have to protest at Jantar Mantar for their rights. Will such a country move forward in sports where the controversies of sexual harassment are increasing continuously in the sports world? Those who gave medals to the country are pleading for justice. We are talking about the wrestlers who have come down to fight with the wrestling federation. So what will be the outcome of this fight?

Whose government is there or whose was, it is not an issue. The question is that in every federation from cricket to wrestling, there is sexual abuse against women players. The issue is respect and the mental, and physical safety of women players. Along with this, the Federation has to be made a safe place for the players. If the safety of the daughters is not ensured, then the trend towards sports among women players will end. Their morale will drop. Women's participation in sports will decrease. There is a question of the prestige of the country and the dignity of women players. Why talents die in politics, due to active politics in sports, talented players are suppressed, and players are always under the pressure of sports officials. The talents of those who work hard in sports remain suppressed, they are destroyed when they raise their voice.

Medal winners in the highest sports such allegations on the board and assurance of investigation after the protest clarifying the character of both the board and the government. The board is where the government

is, so will the government remove the board president, will there be a fair investigation? The president of WFI is a parliamentarian and the president of almost all sports boards in India is a political person, so the demand for the president to be a former player is also gaining momentum for special progress and development in sports. Anyway, sports talents should be seated in such associations and institutions, not politicians. The tenure of office bearers in these institutions should also be fixed and no one should be given office for more than one term. Wrestling is the only sport for India, which brings maximum medals, be it the Olympics or Commonwealth Games. The foundation of the players should not be made of the leaders, but of the players only. There should be senior players in it and not leaders. 'These are the players of our country who have brought laurels to our country. Have brought a gold medal.

This game has hoisted the flag of Indian sports in the world and has given vibrancy to the sports of India and a height to its identity. Its players have been

victorious on the strength of their passion. In this way, Indian wrestlers have raised the country's sports flag and pride all over the world, so if the president and coaches of the wrestling federation are being accused of sexual exploitation of women players, then it is defaming India all over the world. Is. It is an infamous stain, a great tragedy. It's a matter of shame. When these players sitting on dharna come after winning medals, then the politicians themselves call them and set everyone's mike and praise everyone for media propaganda, but when these players sit on dharna against the ill-treatment being meted out to them. At that time, politicians who show great readiness can smell snakes, why is it so?

India has a long history of neglecting sports and sportspersons. Allegations of the working style of sports federations, favoritism in the selection and not getting proper facilities to the players have been made in the past as well, but the latest case is such that not only the wrestling federation but also the credibility and transparency of all the sports federations have raised questions. The MP who misbehaved with the girls and young players of the country should be immediately removed from his post and resigned from him and after that fair investigation and legal action should be taken. So that the confidence and morale of the young players of the country remain above the country and India's name is illuminated on the world stage, whoever may be the parliamentarian, legislator, minister, or officer, should be immediately removed from his post and his resignation should be taken from him.

This will be the right thing for the youth of the country. It will be called the misfortune of the country that despite the restrictions of the government, most of the sports associations are occupied by politicians and government officials. There is a lot of

corruption in them, which does not allow real sporting talents to come forward. These office bearers are more concerned about their development than the development of sports. Most of their time is also spent pleasing the politicians sitting on the chair and in political manipulation of sports associations. More than the players, these officials enjoy facilities and travel abroad. If the aggrieved players also have solid proof, then those proofs should be placed in front of the country and the country's court.

Whatever the allegation is very serious, there should be a fair investigation and if the allegation is proven then severe punishment should be given, by dissolving the executive bodies of all the boards of the country, such a law should be made that only apolitical and sports background people are elected in the sports boards. The most worrying thing is that if the women wrestlers, who have increased the pride and glory of the country, have to struggle even to protect their honor, then the functioning of our sports associations also comes into question. Where the players of the country should have a sense of pride and respect for their federations and sports organizations, while they have a sense of contempt and rebellion, then it is a matter of shame. Along with this, it should also be seen why such allegations keep coming from the sports world from time to time. Why do women players remain silent even after being victims of sexual abuse so that their careers may not end? To ensure that this does not happen in the future and to make sure that the daughters of the country make a career in sports while feeling safe, there should be a serious consideration to create an effective mechanism within various federations.

(Writer is Research Scholar in Political Science, Poetess, freelance journalist, and columnist. Views are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PM must step in

It is a painful day for India when our Olympic medalist wrestlers have to sit in dharna against the chief of the Wrestling Federation of India on allegations of sexual harassment. Their representatives met senior officers of the Sports Ministry, but it didn't yield any result, nor did dinner diplomacy of minister Anurag Thakur. Dissatisfied with mere assurance, they are mulling to lodge an FIR. Before this episode takes an ugly turn, the PM, who himself is so proud of our wrestlers, should ask the accused Brij Bhushan to resign so that the international fame wrestlers can go back to the ring with more energy, confidence and a sense of security. Any delay in suitable action against the delinquents will demoralise the wrestlers, which may not auger well.

Maheshwer Sharma,
by mail

Expedite probe

Wrestling is one sport which our country can boast of and rely on as several sons and daughters of the soil have won various contests and medals in international and national sports events, including the Olympics and Commonwealth Games. As such, the sit-in protest at Jantar Mantar by India's top and upcoming wrestlers against the Wrestling Federation of India president, accusing him of running the body in a dictatorial manner and alleging sexual exploitation and mental harassment needs to be taken seriously. A thorough, threadbare and expeditious investigation into the allegations is the need of the hour so that the WFI's working can be made totally transparent.

Krishan Kant Sood,
Nangal

Give work, not ration

Refer to 'Richest 1% own over 40% of India's wealth: Oxfam'; the government's pro-corporate policy, lack of poverty alleviation schemes and taxation norms have led to the widening of the gap between the rich and poor. In 1947, the incidence of poverty in India was 80 per cent. The poverty alleviation schemes enabled us to reduce the poverty to 21.6 per cent by 2014 and 16.4 per cent by 2019-21. We are reportedly the fifth largest economy with gross domestic production of \$3.5 trillion, but have failed to arrest poverty. The government should tax the affluent and make income up to Rs 10 lakh tax-free. Priority should be given to poverty alleviation schemes. Instead of giving free ration, it should give work to maximum hands.

Roop Singh Negi, Solan

Why eating at work is important even the odd slice of cake

Martin Caraher

When England's Food Standards Agency boss Susan Jebb recently compared eating cake at work to passive smoking, office cubicle walls across the land quivered. "If nobody brought in cakes into the office, I would not eat cakes in the day, but because people do bring cakes in, I eat them. Now, OK, I have made a choice, but people were making a choice to go into a smoky pub." Professor Jebb is right to criticise unstructured eating in the workplace, which can contribute to unhealthy eating. Over-consumption of unhealthy produce such as cakes and processed foods can of course contribute to dietary issues including obesity and coronary heart disease. But this should be balanced against the social impact and positive effects of bringing food into the workplace.

When colleagues bake cakes or biscuits and share them, it no doubt boosts both the giver and the receiver. Employees in Sweden seem to be

lieve this is true: Fika is a daily social event based around sharing food at work mainly cakes and other sweet dishes. But Fika involves taking time away from the desk or workbench to engage with colleagues over food. Eating together like this has been shown to have benefits ranging from more positive feelings about the workplace and better mental health to improved team working.

Let them eat cake

Indeed, much of the discussion in the wake of Jebb's comments has focused on people's inability to resist eating cake or biscuits that have been left out. This is possibly more of a danger when people set up cake or snack desks or areas and simply leave food there for people to help themselves throughout the day. And employees also face other food-related pressures that should be more of a priority for governments and companies. Some research shows staff are often too stressed to take time to make healthy food choices at work. One way of stopping this is to ensure that there

are options for staff to eat while at work, either on-site or through off-site provision. The UK has a history of "workers' canteens" originating during the second world war when it was compulsory for businesses employing more than 250 people to have somewhere for everyone to eat.

In the 1950s, canteens in the workplace started to become less popular, often due to changing tastes, negative experiences of past "institutional catering", lack of choice, as well as the loss of government subsidies. Ticket restaurants no longer exist in the UK, where they originated, but such schemes still operate in 50 countries worldwide. This kind of initiative works well for places of employment without a canteen or designated eating area. Some governments even recognise it as a tax-deductible benefit so employers can claim a tax reduction for the provision of the voucher.

Eating at your desk

In many countries, including the UK, workplace eating habits have also changed over time. Fewer people now

take an hour-long lunch break. A 2021 survey of 133 UK companies found that 6% of workers in the UK regularly skip lunch. And as the British entrepreneur Alan Sugar reportedly said when discussing employee eating habits at his computer company, as far back as 1987:

"At Amstrad the staff start early and finish late. Nobody takes lunches they may get a sandwich slung on their desk." But workplace eating is actually important for productivity, if properly balanced. When the International Labour Organization (ILO) analysed eating habits worldwide in 2005, it found that a poor or excessive diet in the workplace could decrease productivity by 20%. It also identified the importance of vouchers as offering social benefits to employees and financial support to local economies. In the past few years, COVID has obviously changed working practices and developments such as internet ordering and workplace delivery have also affected what people can eat for lunch. Reviving systems such as ticket restaura-

rants in the UK could provide valuable income for local restaurants and catering establishments that are suffering from a loss of business in the wake of lockdowns and financial pressures from the rising cost of doing business.

And while many large companies do provide in-house or equivalent ticket type systems for their employees, this is more often a perk for highly paid tech workers these days, than for lower-income employees that probably need it more with food price inflation currently at 16%. Social eating offers many benefits ranging from nutrition through mental health to better productivity at work. Eating cake can be part of this. More importantly, governments should support workplace policies that help employees down tools to eat at work. This will enable people and the companies they work for to benefit from having food of all kinds available to share during the working day.

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BRIEF

ICICI Bank

New Delhi: Private sector lender ICICI Bank on Saturday reported a 34 per cent jump in its standalone profit at Rs 8,312 crore for the quarter ended in December 2022, helped by healthy growth in net interest income. The bank had posted a net profit of Rs 6,194 crore in the same quarter a year ago. The bank's total income increased to Rs 33,529 crore in the latest December quarter from Rs 27,069 crore in the year-ago period, the bank said in a regulatory filing.

UltraTech Cement

New Delhi: Aditya Birla group firm UltraTech Cement on Saturday reported a 37.9 per cent decline in its consolidated net profit to Rs 1,062.58 crore for the third quarter of FY2022-23. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 1,710.14 crore in the October-December period a year ago, UltraTech Cement said in a BSE filing. However, its revenue from operations was up 19.53 per cent to Rs 15,520.93 crore during the quarter under review as against Rs 12,984.93 crore in the corresponding period of the last fiscal.

Canara Bank

New Delhi: Canara Bank on Friday said it plans to sell its stake in Russian joint venture Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL) to the other venture partner State Bank of India (SBI) for about Rs 114 crore. CIBL, incorporated in 2003, is a joint venture in Russia between SBI (60 per cent) and Canara Bank (40 per cent). Canara Bank has entered into a share sale agreement in relation to sale of equity shares held by it in Moscow-based CIBL with SBI, the bank said in a regulatory filing.

LTIMindtree

Mumbai: LTIMindtree, a global technology consulting and digital solutions company, announced its consolidated results today for the third quarter ended December 31, 2022, as approved by its Board of directors. "We are pleased to report a strong Q3 FY23, our first as LTIMindtree," said Debashis Chatterjee, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of LTIMindtree. "The combined entity has started out with a USD 1 billion quarterly revenue run rate, a top-quartile constant currency year-over-year revenue growth of 16.3%, and a robust order inflow of USD 1.25 billion."

DMRC

New Delhi: The DMRC has been appointed as a general consultant for two upcoming corridors of the Jaipur Metro to ensure quality and a time-bound completion of the project, officials said on Saturday. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) was also involved in the construction of the presently operational corridors of the Jaipur Metro. "DMRC has been appointed the General Consultant for Jaipur Metro's upcoming corridors from Badi Chaupar to Transport Nagar (Phase 1C) and Mansarovar to 200 ft Bypass, Ajmer Road (Phase 1D)."

Eyeing World Expo 2030, Riyadh to pump in billions to become global metropolis

Davos, Jan 21 (PTI):

With an eye on hosting the World Expo 2030 with a USD 8 billion bid, Saudi Arabian capital Riyadh has put in motion a mega makeover plan with construction work worth USD 400 billion underway to become a global mega city.

Riyadh is in contention for hosting the mega fair in 2030, as are Busan in South Korea, Odessa in Ukraine and Rome in Italy. The winner will be selected on the basis of voting by eligible countries and should be known by November this year.

Fahd Al-Rasheed, CEO of the Royal Commission of Riyadh City who was here for the World Economic Forum Annual

Meeting 2023, said he is confident of winning the bid, but the makeover process is anyway underway as he wants Riyadh to become a global city in the true sense.

Speaking with a select group of journalists, Al-Rasheed said Riyadh can be a perfect host for the Expo 2030 with a USD 250 billion economy and being the 40th largest city in the world. The city with a population of 8 million people has been growing fast and is witnessing huge infrastructure building activities.

Projects worth USD 400 billion are already underway here, which includes the world's largest metro network and a new airport and several new hotels and

the USD 8 billion estimated cost for hosting the expo is nothing in comparison, he said.

The new airport will have a capacity to handle 120 million passengers a year.

Al-Rasheed also said more than 50 per cent of the countries with voting rights have pledged support for Riyadh's bid.

Asked whether Iranian and Israeli pavilions would be there if Riyadh hosts the expo, Al-Rasheed said the geopolitics of the Middle East is complex but Saudi Arabia will invite all countries that would have relations with his country at that time.

While the Expo is estimated to attract 40 million people from all over the

world, Riyadh is readying its infrastructure for about 100 million visitors per year by 2030, Al-Rasheed said.

Riyadh Expo, with a potential theme of 'Foresighted Tomorrow', is expected to create three million jobs across several business sectors including the addition of 120,000 hotel rooms by 2030.

"We are focusing on three major things in Riyadh -- preparing for a different tomorrow, climate action, and prosperity for all, and the reason that we are very passionate about these causes is that Saudi youth is ready, it wants action and Saudi students are working harder in schools and university to excel," he said.

Consignment of Kashmir vegetables sent to UAE

Srinagar, Jan 21 (PTI):

The agriculture department sent this year's first consignment of Kashmir-specific vegetables on Friday to the UAE as part of efforts to promote agricultural commodities of the valley on the global platform, an official spokesman said here.

The consignment was sent in collaboration with an international marketing group, Lulu, the spokesman said.

Pursuing the vision of promoting Kashmir based vegetables, spices and other agricultural commodities on global platform and increasing the participation of farmers, agripreneurs of Kashmir in the global agriculture trade, the agriculture department sent this year's first consignment of vegetables radish, turnip and carrot among others to UAE.

Last year, a number of vegetable consignments were sent to Dubai, Sharjah, Abu Dhabi and other Gulf markets.

Reliance Retail acquires footwear retailer V Retail

New Delhi, Jan 21 (PTI):

Reliance Retail has acquired Telangana and Andhra Pradesh-based footwear and apparel retailer V Retail Pvt Ltd, which operates a retail chain under the brand name 'Centro Style'.

V Retail operates 32 Centro stores in the markets of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka. "Reliance Retail strengthened its product offerings with the acquisition of V Retail (Centro Footwear)," said the earning statement from Reliance Industries on Friday.

However, the company did not disclose the financial details of the deal.

According to industry sources, the acquisition was completed during the last quarter. Started in April 2009, as a distribution house, V-Retail is now one of the largest retail, distribution and franchising companies in South India.

It is promoted by the distributors of several National and International brands op-

erating in footwear and garments in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, said the information available on V Retail's portal.

Out of its 31 stores, about 15 Centro stores are in Hyderabad and with a plan to set up 9 more stores in the next six months in the southern and central region of India with a focus on tier-2 and 3 cities, it added.

Reliance Retail is on an expansion spree and in the last 2-3 months it has acquired several brands, including Sosyo, Lotus Chocolate and Campa Cola, as part of its FMCG ambition.

Earlier in December, it launched its consumer-packaged goods brand Independence. Under this brand, the company will offer a range of products in several categories, including staples, processed foods and other daily essentials.

Last year, it also announced the acquisition of German firm Metro AG's wholesale operations in India for Rs 2,850 to strengthen its position in India's retail sector.

Japan offers huge business opportunities for Indian apparel exporters: AEPC

New Delhi, Jan 21 (PTI):

Japan offers huge business opportunities for Indian apparel exporters and the industry should explore that market, AEPC said on Saturday.

Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) said it is organising the first edition of Upnext India 2023, starting with a Reverse Buyer Seller Meet with Japan.

The fair will be held in Gurugram during February 10-11.

Over 50 Japanese buyers and traders have confirmed their partici-

pation, it added.

Naren Goenka, Chairman, AEPC, said in light of the fact that Japan is the fourth largest garment importer in the world, with its apparel imports being stable even during pandemic times and Indian apparel having duty-free access under the Indo-Japan trade agreement as against 9 per cent for Turkey and 9.5 per cent for China, it makes business sense for Indian readymade garment manufacturers and exporters to participate in this opportunity.

With total garment imports of Japan of USD 23 billion, against India's exports of USD 0.22 billion, a strong Indian garment industry with its unique offerings has a huge scope for Japanese trading companies to source from India, it added.

Goenka further said Japanese companies have two competitive advantages as apparel sourcing base -- sourcing cost and flexibility and agility.

Indian suppliers can cater to both small size customised orders of 300 pieces to large orders as huge as 3 lakh pieces of one style, it added.

Quality norms for leather, non-leather footwear to be implemented from July: Goyal



New Delhi, Jan 21 (PTI):

The government will implement quality norms for leather and non-leather footwear from July this year, a move aimed at containing the import of sub-standard goods and boosting the domestic industry.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said that BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards) needs to be followed for better quality and larger production, which eventually leads to good quality products for the consumers.

He asked the industry to focus on quality and reduce import dependence

to capture a larger share of the international market.

"Quality Control Orders (QCO) for leather and non-leather footwear would be implemented with effect from 1 July 2023," the minister said.

He was addressing a gathering here of over 100 industrialists engaged in manufacturing sports shoes in India.

"If industry stakeholders provided substantial facts/data regarding under-invoicing and undervaluing of imports, the government would take action," he added.

Goyal also said that high-quality production and large capacities in the sector are the need of the hour.

The minister expressed concern about the importing of low-quality and low-cost raw materials and said that the tendency needed to be addressed.

Bandhan Bank crosses Rs.2 lakh cr of total business

■ In Q3FY23

Mumbai, Jan 21:

Bandhan Bank, today announced its financial results for the third quarter of the financial year 2022-23. The Bank has crossed the milestone of Rs.2 lakh crore of total business in a span of just over seven years of operations. Driven by its growth in distribution and favourable operating environment, the Bank witnessed strong growth in the quarter.

The Bank's total business (deposits and advances) grew 16% year-on-year to reach Rs.2,00,070 crore as on December 31, 2022. The Bank serves 2.86 crore customers through 5,723 banking outlets across 34 of the 36 states and union territories in India. The total number of employees working at

Bandhan Bank stands at more than 66,000.

During the third quarter of the current financial year, the Bank's deposit book grew 21% over the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The total deposits now stand at Rs.1,02,283 crore. The current account and savings account (CASA) ratio now stands at 36.4% of the overall deposit book. With respect to advances, the bank saw 11% growth over the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The total advances are now at Rs.97,787 crores.

Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR), an indication of the stability of the Bank, is at 19.1%, much higher than the regulatory requirement.

The Bank is also growing its portfolio in areas like SME Loans, Gold Loans, Personal Loans and Auto Loans among other

product ranges. The Bank has also started new verticals like Commercial Vehicle lending and Loan Against Property for businesses, among others.

Speaking on the results, Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, MD & CEO, said, "The Bank registered good growth in the third quarter on a year-on-year basis. The Bank continues to expand its reach and strengthen the product suite to cater to the varied needs of different customer segments. The Bank's diversification agenda is well on track and with the operating environment being favourable, the Bank is well poised for its next phase of growth. We have been fortunate to earn the trust of crores of Indians and we will endeavour to continue to be a partner in their journey to achieve their dreams."

India willing to partner with UAE to make it global educational hub: Indian diplomat

Dubai, Jan 21 (PTI):

India will be happy to be a partner with the UAE in its efforts to make the Emirates a global educational hub besides being a financial hub, an Indian diplomat here has said.

Tadu Mamu, Consul (Press Information, Culture and Labour) of the Indian Embassy, who was the chief guest at a global education conclave here, said that the pandemic had unleashed the potential of online learning in a big way that was attracting students.

She said there was a need to bring a balance between the physical world of learning with edu-tech.

She said the UAE leadership is striving to make the Emirates a global educational hub besides being a financial hub. "We are seeing many big universities have made Abu Dhabi and the UAE their hub, and we see it

progressing. India will be happy to be a partner in these arrangements," Mamu said. She also said that India and the UAE share exceptionally close relations across the cultural and political sectors and the ties had strengthened under the leadership of the two nations. The Dubai conclave on Thursday saw educators, experts, edu-tech leaders and students from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region and beyond brainstorm over critical issues revolving around education, with a special focus on digital technology and its potential in aiding learning.

The two-day conclave, titled 'Schools for the Future', was organised by Kyra Global, a company founded in Dubai by veteran Indian publisher KPR Nair, in partnership with The American University in the Emirates (AUE), one of Dubai's premier universities.

TVS Motor Company's Chairman Sir Ralf Speth Conferred with University of Warwick's Honorary Doctorate

Coventry, Jan 21:

Sir Ralf Speth, Chairman of TVS Motor Company, has been conferred with an Honorary Doctorate in the field of Science (Doctor of Science, honoris causa) from the University of Warwick, United Kingdom. The honorary degree was conferred by the University of Warwick Chancellor Baroness Catherine Ashton of Upholland.

Sir Ralf is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, and a Fellow of the Royal Society. An honorary professor at



Warwick Manufacturing Group (WGM), he has been closely associated with WGM ever since obtaining his engineering

doctorate in 2008, under the pioneering leadership of former WGM Chairman, Lord Bhattacharyya. An outstanding engineer with a vast experience in the global automotive industry, Sir Ralf has held leadership roles with some of the renowned automotive and industrial giants such as Jaguar Land Rover, BMW, Ford, Tata Motors, and The Linde Group. He was appointed Honorary Knight Commander of the British Empire and an Additional Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Telangana secures Rs 21,000 crore worth of investments during World Economic Forum in Davos

Hyderabad, Jan 21 (PTI):

Telangana has attracted investments worth Rs 21,000 crore across various sectors during the recently concluded annual World Economic Forum (WEF) meeting at Davos in Switzerland, an official release said on Saturday.

A delegation led by Telangana IT and Industries Minister K T Rama Rao has successfully concluded its trip to Davos and the minister's efforts to bring investments to the state have yielded fruitful results, it said. "All the



meetings at the WEF were highly productive and we were able to attract Rs 21,000 crore at the meet," Rama Rao said. Presenting the growth

story of Telangana and pitching for investments, the minister participated in meetings with leaders of top global organisations, attended round tables and

spoke at panel discussions in which he shared his thoughts on a wide array of subjects in the four-day trip.

In addition to this, the minister also interacted with the Indian diaspora in Zurich and highlighted the progress of Telangana to the NRIs in Switzerland.

When the global economy is on the brink of recession, Telangana managed to bag some big-ticket investments. The Telangana delegation was successful in showcasing the state as a global investment destination and gateway to India, the release further said.

Allu Arjun arrives in Vizag for 'Pushpa: The Rule' action sequence shoot

Telugu star Allu Arjun, who swayed the nation with his 'Pushpa: The Rise', is working tirelessly to put together the sequel for his blockbuster 2021 hit, titled 'Pushpa: The Rule'. Currently, the team of 'Pushpa: The Rise' is in Vizag for a 10-day shoot.

In these 10 days, the makers will round up quite a few sequences including a fight sequence with Allu Arjun. The superstar is currently donning long hair for this sequence. A fanclub of Allu Arjun shared a still from the sets which shows Allu being showered with flower petals and he greets his fans through the sunroof of his car.

The 'Pushpa' franchise has cultivated a rock-solid fanbase given its thoroughly entertaining storytelling, superhit songs like 'Oo Antava', Allu Arjun's power-packed dialogues and a terrific performance from Fahadh Faasil.

Directed by Sukumar, 'Pushpa: The Rise', stars Allu Arjun and Rashmika Mandanna as the lead pair and also Fahadh Faasil. The film will soon enter the post-production stage.



Star Bharat launches 'Meri Saas Bhoot Hai'

Move over cluttered saas-bahu dramas as Star Bharat, a popular and trusted Indian Hindi GEC, is all set to premiere an quirky show 'Meri Saas Bhoot Hai.' Headlined by versatile actress Sushmita Mukherjee playing the character of a unique 'Saas' along with Kajal Chauhan and Vibhav Roy in pivotal roles, Meri Saas Bhoot Hai is a one-of-its-kind dramedy that reflects on a never seen before saas and a typical bahu relationship. Produced by Pintoo and Rupali Guhaa's Film Farm Production, the show will premiere on 23 January 2023, every Monday to Saturday at 7.30 PM only on Star Bharat.

Set against the backdrop of Banaras, Meri

Saas Bhoot Hai follows the unique relationship of an 'Anokhi' saas who is very different from any other saas from this world ever seen on Indian television (Mukherjee) and her typical bahu (Chauhan). The saas (mother-in-law) in the show is a ghost who goes to lengths to trouble her bahu (daughter-in-law) and fulfill her unfulfilled wishes. The quirky banter between this unique saas and her human bahu distinguishes the show from the age-old saas-bahu sagas. Filled with drama, emotions, comical twists, and a lot of comedy punches, Meri Saas Bhoot Hai will take viewers on a fun-loving roller-coaster ride.

Sushmita Mukherjee, who plays the role of a Bhootiya Saas, Rekha, is super excited to entertain viewers in her never-be-

fore-seen avatar shares her thoughts on the show. She says, "It's only a first-of-a-kind for Star Bharat but, also for me, as I have never played such a character in my entire career. When the story was narrated to me, I was left speechless with astonishment and knew that this is something I certainly want to be a part of. The concept, storyline, and characterizations are not only peculiar but crafted beautifully. Rekha, as a character, will leave you with mixed emotions at intervals. While sometimes she will make you laugh, other times she will make you feel blessed to not have a mom-in-law like her (laughs). I am super excited to see viewers' reactions to the show and hope they enjoy it as much as we enjoy shooting it."

Narayani to play a 17th century queen in 'Dhruv Tara - Samay Sadi Se Pare'

Dhruv Tara, Sony SAB's upcoming family romance drama, follows the journey of Dhruv and Tara, who are from two different eras. The show is set to break through the clutter with a love story never seen on television before. Tara, a princess from the 17th century, travels against the grain of time and arrives in the present day, where she meets Dhruv. Continuing its

focus on shows that appeal to every member of the family, Dhruv Tara is yet another exciting offering from Sony SAB which is all set to warm the hearts of the viewers with its wonderful storytelling and fantastic characters.

With Ishaan Dhawan and Riya Sharma in the lead roles as Dhruv and Tara, actress Narayani Shastri will be joining them. She will be seen

playing Rani Kanupriya, mother of the princess Tara. She lives with grace, bravery, and thoughtfulness. She loves her family and is a dutiful wife and a mother. The actress has been in the industry for more than two decades and now it will be interesting to see her in a new avatar on Sony SAB.

Dhruv Tara Samay Sadi Se Pare launches soon on Sony SAB, stay tuned for more updates.



How Parineeti Chopra turned a 'master scuba diver'!



Actress Parineeti Chopra started scuba diving as a hobby, but it now seems to have become her passion.

After 9 years of rigorous training, rescue sessions, and more than a hundred dives later, Parineeti has achieved the title of 'master scuba diver'. Parineeti Chopra took to her social media to share this special news. She wrote: "I'm now a MASTER SCUBA DIVER!!! It is an absolutely surreal feeling! My dream of 9 years has finally come true... All those years of focus, rescue training and hard work have paid off!"

"I'm truly honoured and cannot thank @paditv enough for their constant support, training and help in my journey! You are like family now. Also, thank you Anees and Shameen Adenwala for teaching me everything I know. You are my dive parents forever! @scubanees @shameenadenwala."

Adaa Khan talks about reprising her role in 'Naagin 6'

Adaa Khan, who has been playing the role of Shesha in 'Naagin' series and reprised her role in the 6th season also, said that every year, her look as Shesha changes and she loves being part of the show.

She shared: "Every season, they (the makers) change the look. It's not the same. It's always a different outfit, different makeup, different hair, everything is different and all the fans wait that if Shesha comes, what will be her look this time? And they observe everything, from the jewellery to the clothes, to makeup and everything else. So everyone is really happy that this time Shesha has come back as positive. People are very happy to see our chemistry and are also comparing it with Mouni Roy". Adaa is often remembered for her roles in 'Behenein', 'Amrit Manthan', 'Naagin', 'Vish Ya Amrit: Sitara'. In 2020, she also participated in 'Fear Factor: Khatron Ke Khiladi 10'. She added further: "I am always happy



when they call me for any season. It feels like you are back home because this is your own baby at the end of the day. I was part of season one and it started with me. So, when I come in another season, I enjoy it. I enjoy playing Shesha and I am sure the audience will also love watching Shesha."

Kamna Pathak's fashion funda: Don't dress to impress, be comfortable



TV actress Kamna Pathak got candid about her style statement, and fashion icon, and also gave tips on what one should keep in mind while choosing their wardrobe. She shared: "I like to wear everything which makes me feel comfortable and adds grace to my personality. I have a soft corner for Indian attires such as sarees and salwar kameez. I have a huge personal saree collection which I have put together during my trips to various places. However, I love to be in pyjamas and t-shirts when at home." When asked while wearing a saree or any traditional attire, what things should be avoided, she replied: "The most common mistake one makes while dressing in traditional attire, especially sarees, is overdoing it with jewellery pieces. For instance, if one is wearing a heavy earring then the neckpiece can be skipped and vice versa. Sarees have a rich appearance, so minimal makeup and jewellery add grace to this elegant dressing."

"My fashion funda is not to dress to impress but rather to feel comfortable and confident," added the 'Happu Ki Ultan Paltan' actress.

Revealing who her favourite fashion icon is, she said: "My fashion icon is and will always be Rekha ji. I love the way she elegantly carries her sarees and accessories which kind of speak for her personality. Although, I would also like to mention Sonakshi Sinha's look as Rajjo in the film 'Dabangg'. She elegantly carried the look of the character. I am glad to sport a similar look in 'Happu Ki Ultan Paltan' which has been well appreciated by the audience."

'MasterChef India' reaches the shores of Goa

They say "when you miss the beach, head towards Goa" but when you want to explore great food, the shores of the state are quite the "paradise on Earth! From 23rd January, getting their Goa glow on, Sony Entertainment Television and SonyLIV's 'MasterChef India' is ready to embark on quite the journey from 'Bombay to Goa' and take with it the fortunate Top 13 contestants along for them to "Seas the day"! The judges, Chefs Ranveer Brar, Vikas Khanna and Garima Arora will be ready with intriguing challenges to put the contestants to the test, judging them on the parameters of TIP- Taste, Innovation and Presentation. It is now left to be seen if the contestants brave pier pressure and



tropic like it's hot at the golden beaches of the beautiful city-state of Goa!

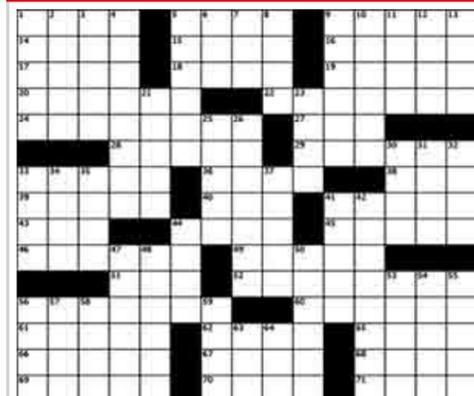
Starting the week on Monday, the challenge will take the home cooks on a journey through history as they would step into a 400-year-old Church! The contestants will be given a "Mystery Box Challenge" with Portuguese ingredients that they would have to use, keeping Goa's unique

culture in mind. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the home cooks take a trip to Greece in Goa as they visit the famous restaurant Thalassa where they meet its head chef, Andy who gives them their next challenge, which is a "Team Challenge" to make Mediterranean cuisine! Two teams would be making the dish with the best dish honourably being in-

cluded in Thalassa's menu. Thursday the home cooks once again step into history as they visit Reis Magos Fort to celebrate Republic Day! For the team that lost the previous day's challenge, those contestants will have to go through a unique "Relay Cooking Challenge" where they would be given three colours to choose from, white, saffron and green, keeping with the theme of the special day. Six contestants would be paired in twos by the judges and each could choose a colour whose ingredients they would have to cook with after a chit system where they pick out knives with numbers. Tune in to 'MasterChef India', every Monday-Friday at 9 pm only on Sony Entertainment Television and SonyLIV

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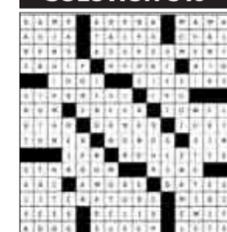
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- Steeple
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- Chinese staple
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Shami spearheads massive win as India wrap up series

Raipur makes roaring international debut

Raipur, Jan 21 (PTI):

India's relentless pace attack ran through a fragile New Zealand batting line-up as the hosts canted to an eight-wicket win in the second ODI to seal the three-match series here on Saturday.

The Mohammed Shami-led attack produced an incisive effort to bowl out New Zealand for a meagre 108 before India knocked off the runs in 20.1 overs. Rohit Sharma hit a sublime 50 off 51 balls while Shubman Gill remained unbeaten on 40 off 53 deliveries.

Shami (3/18) and Mohammed Siraj (1/10) made life tough for the batters with their high-quality seam bowling reducing New Zealand to a dismal 15 for five after Rohit opted to bowl. The odd ball stopping made the New Zealand batters' job tougher though the Indian openers made batting look easy in the evening.

The third and final ODI will be played in Indore on Tuesday.

New Zealand opener Finn Allen was the first to depart after missing a full ball that came back in late to clip the pads and shatter the stumps. Siraj then got one to seam away from good length inducing an



India's Mohammed Shami (C) celebrates after taking the wicket of New Zealand's Daryl Mitchell (not pictured) during the second one-day international (ODI) cricket match between India and New Zealand at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium in Raipur on January 21.

outside edge from number three Henry Nicholls with Gill doing the rest in the slips. Two brilliant return catches from Shami and Hardik Pandya (2/16) put New Zealand in further trouble. Shami got one to shape away and Daryl Mitchell, in his attempt to flick it on the on-side, ended up mistiming it back to the bowler.

Hardik's one-handed catch to get rid of Devon Conway in the 10th over was sensational. Shardul Thakur (1/26) got himself into the wicket column in the following over by drawing a thick edge from Tom Latham's bat. It was a loose shot from the New Zealand skipper, ending with an easy catch to Gill in the slips.

New Zealand were in dire straits but all hope was not lost with last match's centurion Michael Bracewell (22) and the equally dangerous Glenn Phillips (36) in the middle. Bracewell made his intent clear by stepping out to whack Shami over cover. After getting hit for consecutive fours in the 19th over, Shami bowled a sharp bouncer and Bracewell went for the pull only to edge it back to the keeper.

Mitchell Santner (27), who scored a fifty in Hyderabad, joined Phillips and the duo took

the team past 100 with a 47-run stand for the seventh wicket. However, both were dismissed in a space of six balls to end New Zealand's hopes of a recovery.

While Santner played a well-disguised slower ball from Hardik on to the stumps, Phillips gave a regulation catch to Suryakumar Yadav at deep midwicket off a long hop from Washington Sundar (2/7).

Kuldeep Yadav (1/29) trapped number 11 Blair Tuckner in front to end the New Zealand innings in 34.3 overs.

India were clinical in the run chase with Rohit enthraling the crowd with his trademark pull shots. One of them went for a six, the first maximum of the game, as he hooked Lockie Ferguson over fine-leg.

Fresh from a double hundred in Hyderabad, Gill too came up with some exquisite strokes, including a cracking cover drive off Ferguson.

The New Zealand pacers failed to get as much seam movement as their Indian counterparts, making the task easier for the batters.

Rohit completed his fifty with a single in the 13th over before Shipley had him leg before wicket with a ball that kept low.

I am happy with how I am going: Rohit Sharma



Raipur, Jan 21 (PTI):

Indian captain Rohit Sharma is not worried about the lack of big hundreds in recent times, saying he is quite content with his batting.

The scorer of three double centuries in ODIs, Rohit last made a hundred in the format way back in January 2020 as his conversation rate from fifty to a century dipped drastically.

However, in the second ODI against New Zealand here on Saturday the opener struck a sublime 51 off 50 balls, with seven fours and two sixes, to power India to a series-clinching eight-wicket victory. "I'm trying to change my game a bit now, have been trying to take the bowlers on and I think that's important, to try to put the pressure back. I

know the big scores haven't come, but I'm not too worried about it," Rohit said at the presentation ceremony. "I am happy with my batting. I have kept my approach quite similar. I am happy with how I am going. I know a big score is around the corner."

With the 50-over World Cup slated later this year at home, he said the team wants to do all sorts of things (experimentation) before entering the marquee event. The Mohammed Shami-led attack produced an incisive effort to bowl out New Zealand for a meagre 108 before India knocked off the runs in 20.1 overs.

Shami (3/18) was well supported by Mohammed Siraj (1/10) and Hardik Pandya (2/16). Shami and Siraj made life

tough for the batters with their high-quality seam bowling, reducing New Zealand to a dismal 15 for five after Rohit opted to bowl.

"I thought these last five games, the bowlers have really stepped up. Whatever we have asked of them, they have delivered. Especially doing this in India. You can expect these performances away from India, but they have real skills."

"When we trained here yesterday in the night, it moved around, there was good carry. Which is why we wanted that challenge: 250 would have been quite challenging."

"Shami and Siraj did want to go on for longer spells, but I told them a big Test series coming up (against Australia), so we need to take care of themselves as well."

Australia T20 veteran Dan Christian to retire after ongoing BBL



Sydney, Jan 21 (PTI):

Australia's most experienced T20 cricketer Dan Christian has announced that the ongoing Big Bash League will be his last tournament, calling it quits on a glittering career spanning 17 years.

"Yesterday (Friday) at training I told by Sydney Sixers teammates that I'll be retiring from playing at the end of the BBL season," the pace-bowling all-rounder, who will turn 40 in

May this year, posted on Twitter on Saturday. Christian has amassed 5809 runs and bagged 280 wickets from 405 T20s for 18 different teams, including at international level and in seven separate competitions. He also has played 23 T20Is and 20 ODIs for Australia. Sixers have four more matches and are guaranteed two shots at reaching the BBL final, having finished in the top two of the regular season. "Sydney Smash tonight, followed by our last round game against the Hurricanes, and then the finals," said the BBL veteran, who remains the only player to have scored more than 2000 runs and taken more than 90 wickets, with a record 133 games to his name. He was also instrumental in Melbourne Renegades' only title success in 2019.

Goals galore in pool stage of World Cup

Bhubaneswar, Jan 21 (PTI):

The ongoing FIH Men's World Cup is turning out to be a high-scoring tournament with 130 goals being scored so far from 24 pool matches at an average of 5.41 goals per match.

The 2010 World Cup in New Delhi, in which 12 teams had participated, had 199 goals from 38 matches, averaging 5.24 per game.

As many as 20 matches are left to be played in this edition, and if the current rate is maintained, it can turn out to be the highest scoring in the history of hockey world cup.

Of the 130 goals scored so far in this edition, 80 are field efforts while 43 are from penalty corners. Seven goals were from penalty strokes.

The Netherlands, who



topped Pool C to qualify directly for the quarterfinals, have scored most goals so far -- 22 from three matches. Australia have scored most penalty corner goals -- 7 -- while France lead in the most goals from penalty stroke at two.

Forty Four green cards and 15 yellow cards have been shown to the players by the umpires.

This is the third time 16 teams have taken part in the World Cup out of the 15 editions, the others being in 2002 and 2018.

The 2002 edition in Germany had produced 300 goals from 72 matches at an average of 4.17 per game. It was played in a different format, with the 16 teams being divided into only two pools with the two top teams from each pool making it to the semifinals.

Ashwin feels India can adapt to home conditions

Urges ICC for dew-free ODI World Cup

New Delhi, Jan 21 (PTI):

R Ashwin feels India have quality in their rank to adapt to the home conditions during the ODI World later this year, even as the premier off-spinner urged the ICC to take corrective steps for a "dew-free" tournament.

The cricket showpiece is slated in October-November this year, when dew becomes a big factor towards the evening and for the first time it will be staged completely in India across different venues.

"There's no point in heading in a direction and going loggerheads with conditions, because conditions cannot be challenged. You need to learn the conditions



and adapt. India team has enough in their arsenal to be able to do that," Ashwin said on his YouTube channel. "However, on a given day if these conditions of dew, boundary sizes, things going here and there cannot be controlled, and that's the only thing I believe India need to be wary of going into this World Cup... For India, in this regard, are going to be a bit short-changed because of the number of venues we play these games in."

Rublev, Sabalenka advance to Australian Open's 4th round

Melbourne, Jan 21 (AP):

Fifth-seeded Andrey Rublev advanced to the fourth round of the Australian Open for the third time in four years with a 6-4 6-2 6-3 win over Dan Evans here on Saturday.

Rublev hit 60 winners, including 10 aces.

"Every match I'm playing better and better," Rublev said. "At the beginning of the year I lost a couple of close matches against really good players and lost a bit of confidence." Rublev, who will play ninth-seeded Holger Rune in the last 16, also thanked Evans for helping him by giving him a banana late in the first set. "I asked for a banana and they didn't have any," Rublev said. "Dan had asked for bananas earlier and had two and he just gave me one. He helped me with the energy." Danish teenager Rune beat Ugo Humbert 6-4 6-2 7-6 (5) to move into the fourth round on just his second



Belarus' Aryna Sabalenka celebrates victory.

visit to Melbourne Park. Rune had a nasty-looking fall on the second point of the second set when his right ankle slipped. He had his right wrist checked but seemed unaffected as he claimed a convincing victory. Fifth-seeded Aryna Sabalenka extended her streak to seven matches as she beat Elise

Mertens 6-2, 6-3 to reach the fourth round. The Belarusian player hit 32 winners to beat Mertens, with whom she won the doubles title in Melbourne in 2021. "It's really tough to play against her, she's a great player and is always fighting," Sabalenka said.

Sabalenka will now play Belinda Bencic after the Swiss player reached the fourth round for the first time since 2016, beating Camila Giorgi 6-2 7-5 on Rod Laver Arena. The 12th-seeded Bencic was broken when serving for the match at 5-4 but she broke serve in the following game and then served out to love for victory. "I'm really happy I got a second chance to serve it out," she said. "But overall I think it was a great match. (At 6-5) I just tried to relax. My coach (Dmitri Tursunov) was showing me relax (signals)." Bencic won the warm-up event in Adelaide before the Australian Open and has won eight matches in a row.

Hardik-less India seek better show from strikers in must-win match against NZ

Bhubaneswar, Jan 21 (PTI):

A below-par show against debutants Wales denying them a direct quarterfinal berth, hosts India would look to address their attacking woes against a plucky New Zealand for a place in the last-eight stage of the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup here on Sunday.

India needed to beat Wales -- eight places below them in world rankings -- by a margin of eight goals to top Pool D and qualify directly for the quarterfinals but the home side could only notch up a 4-2 win on Thursday, as the forwards lacked in finishing.

India are now up against New Zealand in the must-win crossover match. The Black Sticks finished third in Pool C with a win and two losses. Currently ranked 12th in the world as against India's sixth position, New Zealand -- who have never reached the semifinals -- have also not done anything extraordinary in the tournament and the home side definitely would start as favourites in front of an expected jam-packed Kalinga Stadium.



India's key midfielder Hardik Singh has been ruled out of the remainder of the tournament after he failed to recover from his hamstring injury sustained in the match against England on January 15. Hardik's absence will be a big setback for India as they have been struggling in the attacking department, and considering the fact that they are expected to run into defending champions Belgium in the quarterfinals if they beat New Zealand. Hardik, who scored a brilliant

solo goal in India's 2-0 win over Spain in the opening match, will be replaced by alternate player Raj Kumar Pal. He did not play against Wales.

Against a Wales team whom England and Spain had beaten 5-0 and 5-1, the Indians struggled to find goals as the forwards put up a poor show. The Indians simply failed to get their strategy right against Wales, who defended in numbers inside their own circle. The Indian defence, which had a clean sheet till then, conceded

two goals against Wales, who are ranked 14th in the world.

Captain Harmanpreet Singh scored his and the team's first goal from penalty corners, while the experienced Akashdeep Singh saved India by scoring twice after Wales made it 2-2 at the end of the third quarter.

In the absence of Hardik, the performance of senior players like Mandeep Singh and Akashdeep will be key for the hosts. India, no doubt, would

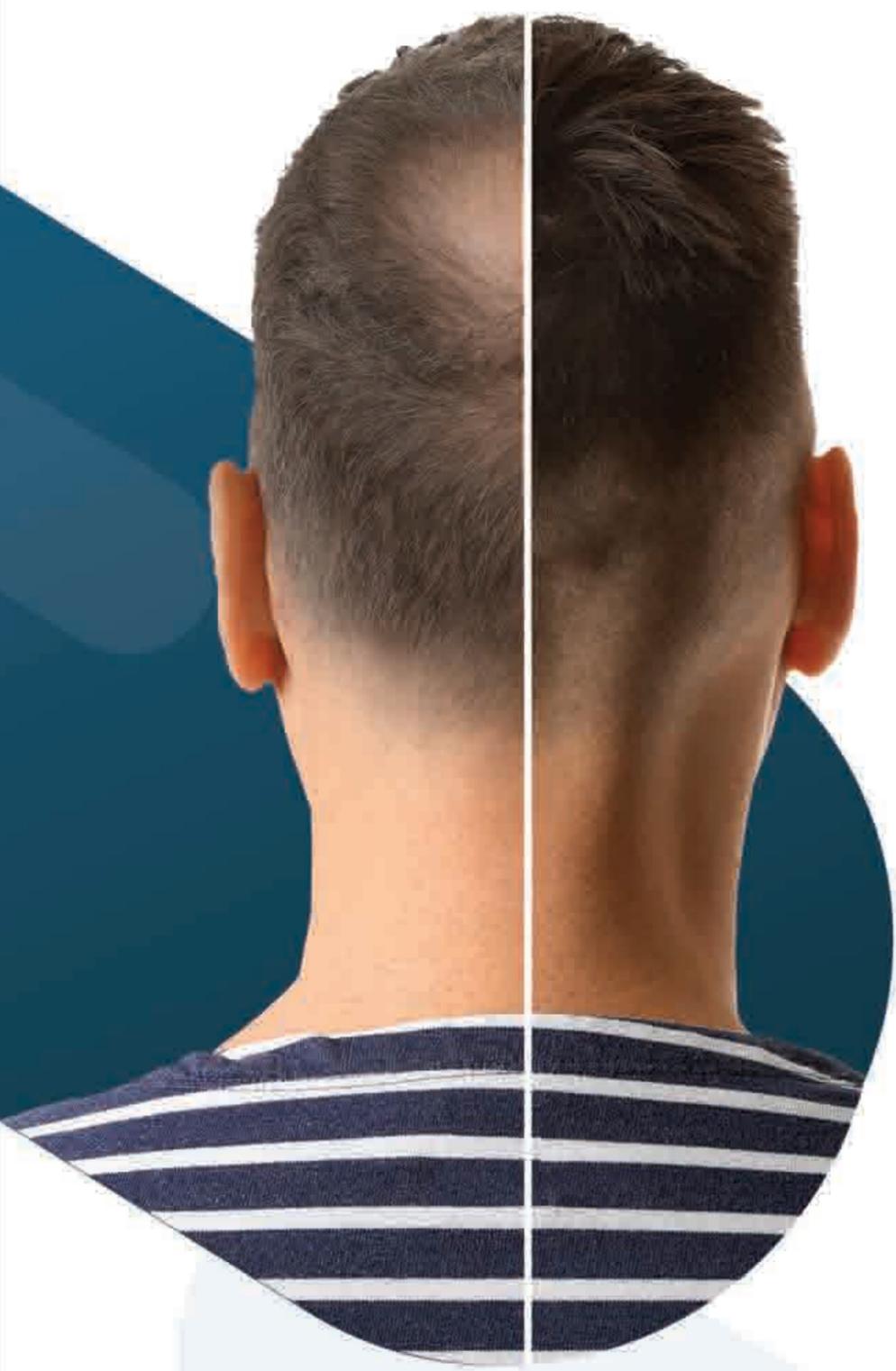
start as favourites against New Zealand, but the Black Sticks will not be an easy side to beat. India had beaten them twice (4-3 and 7-4) in October-November last year during the FIH Pro League at the same stadium here but New Zealand are no pushovers in world hockey. "It will not be an easy match against New Zealand. It was a very tough match in the first game (in FIH Pro League) though the second one was a bit easier. We have to play our best," Reid had said.

Historically, the two sides had played 44 matches against each other and India had won 24 of them while losing 15. Five games were drawn. The last time New Zealand beat India was a 2-1 win in 2019. New Zealand would be smarting after their 2-3 loss to Malaysia in their final Pool C match on Thursday. They had beaten tournament debutants Chile 3-1 in their opening game before expectedly losing to Netherlands 0-4.

New Zealand have some genuinely world class players in their ranks and the Indians will have to play their best.



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