

BRIEF



74th Republic Day parade on the Kartavya Path, in New Delhi, Thursday.

Pak prisoners

■ **New Delhi:** India on Friday repatriated 17 Pakistani nationals imprisoned in the country, the Pakistan High Commission here said. "Seventeen Pakistani nationals imprisoned in India were repatriated today via Attari-Wagah border after hectic efforts of the Pakistan High Commission, the Pakistan Foreign Ministry and cooperation of the Indian side," the Pakistani mission said on Twitter. "Our efforts will continue to repatriate all Pakistan prisoners from India on completion of their sentences," it said.

Charge-sheet

■ **Morbi:** Police on Friday filed a charge-sheet in the suspension bridge collapse incident that had occurred in Morbi town of Gujarat in October last year, in which 135 people were killed. The charge-sheet, which runs into more than 1,200 pages, was filed in the Morbi sessions court by Deputy Superintendent of Police P S Zala, who is the investigating officer of the case.

Held

■ **Chandigarh:** A member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang was arrested by the anti-gangster task force of the Punjab police here, a top official said on Friday. Rajveer was facing charges of murder, attempt to murder and extortion, the official said. "In a major breakthrough, #AGTF team arrested Rajveer @ Ravi Rajgarh, operative of Lawrence Bishnoi Gang. Gangster Rajgarh had a criminal history with 10 FIRs registered related to Extortion, Murder & 307 IPC, Arms Act in Punjab," said Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav in a tweet.

Approves

■ **New Delhi:** The Delhi government has approved repair and redevelopment projects worth Rs 12 crore in the national capital. The projects include repair and redevelopment of the Andrews Ganj and Nehru Place flyovers at a cost of Rs 2.10 crore and culverts at six locations of the Najafgarh drain from Bharat Nagar to Timarpur for Rs 9.90 crore. "The Public Works department is regularly assessing the infra at various locations and ensuring their maintenance from time to time so that no inconvenience is caused to the commuters," Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said.

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GOLD	56,745
SILVER	68,422

PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA

‘India now shining in world’

■ **My govt was considered full of ‘average’ people**

New Delhi, Jan 27 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday took a swipe at critics of the government's handling of economy, saying his dispensation was mocked as full of "average" talents but the same India considered "average" is now shining in the world and seen as a ray of hope in the post-pandemic era.

Interacting with students during the sixth edition of "Pariksha Pe Charcha", he also told them it is his "firm conviction" and "article of faith" that criticism is a purification exercise for a robust democracy. Criticism is precondition to a robust democracy, he said but noted that a "vast gulf" exists between criticism and allegations. Replying to a



PM Narendra Modi addresses during the 6th edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2023', at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi, Friday.

question, he said, "You would have seen two-three years back that it was written about our government that it has no economist. It is full of average people. The prime minister also has no understanding of economics. This is what was written. But the same country termed average is shining in the world." The world is looking at India as a ray of

hope at a time when global economic condition is being discussed, more so after the COVID-19 outbreak, he said.

"It is not that the world lacks economists. There are many big nobel prize winners who can guide as to what will effect what kind of chances in economic conditions. People spouting wisdom are available in every corner these

‘Exam results not end of life’

Never take the shortcut, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in his message to students on Friday, cautioning that cheating may help them in an exam or two but not in the long run and asserting that exam results are not the end of life. The prime minister also advised parents that they should not pressure children due to social status, and asked students to focus on their work to come out of any such burden of expectations. Responding to questions from students during the sixth edition of "Pariksha Pe Charcha", his annual interaction with students on issues such as exam stress, at the Talkatora Stadium here, he said they should maintain focus on their work. "Life cannot be successful with cheating. You may clear an exam or two but it will remain questionable in life. Hard-working students should not despair at the temporary success of the cheaters and said that hard work will always benefit them in their lives. Exams come and go but life is to be lived fully," he said.

days. There are also scholars who have done a lot of work," he said.

With growth slackening in many developed countries, India is among the fastest growing large economies, with many global economic bodies favouring the country to do well in the near future.

Modi made the comments in reply to questions from students as to how those seen as average

among them can handle studies. He told them that most of the successful people in the world are those who were once average. He said one does not need to be a "tees maar khaan", a Hindi expression, used often mockingly, to refer to someone who thinks very highly of himself. Many people are below-average but consider themselves "tees mar khaan", he added.

‘New QR code to have colours, will hold more data’

Gandhinagar, Jan 27 (PTD):

Japanese engineer Masahiro Hara, known for inventing the ubiquitous 'QR code' nearly 30 years ago, announced on Friday that he is now working on a new version of the popular tracking system.

Unlike the present black and white QR code design, the new version will have more colours and may be rectangular in shape rather than current square pattern, said Hara while talking to reporters on the Karnavati University campus in Uvarsad village of Gandhinagar district. "I am in the process of inventing a new QR code.



Masahiro Hara

It will take some time though. Unlike the current version, the new code system will have colours and it may be rectangular rather than the present square shape," said Hara, who was on his maiden trip to India. The new QR (quick re-

sponse) code will be designed in such a way that it will be able to store more information compared to the present design, he said.

Hara was invited by the university to address students as part of a three-day event, "Ahmedabad Design Week 4.0", which began on Friday.

Hara invented the QR code in 1994 to track car parts while he was working for a Japanese company. It was developed as an alternative to the barcode system.

According to experts, the QR code can hold hundred times more information than a barcode because of its design.

Lakhimpur Kheri Case

Ashish Mishra released from jail

Lakhimpur Kheri (UP), Jan 27 (PTD):

Ashish Mishra, the son of Union minister Ajay Kumar Mishra, was released from jail on Friday after the Supreme Court had granted him interim bail in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence case.

Senior superintendent of the Kheri district jail Vipin Kumar Mishra told PTI, "He (Ashish Mishra) has been released from the jail. We have got the release order from the sessions court." The Supreme Court on Wednesday had granted eight-week interim bail to him in the 2021 Lakhimpur Kheri violence which claimed eight lives.

‘Why Sanskrit can’t be India’s official language’

Nagpur, Jan 27 (PTD):

Former Chief Justice of India Sharad Bobde on Friday batted for Sanskrit as the country's official language, including for use in courts, and said even the architect of the Constitution and eminent jurist BR Ambedkar had proposed it as per media reports from 1949.

He said Hindi and English are used as official languages in governance and courts as per law, while every chief justice receives representations seeking nod to introduce respective regional languages, which is now a reality in the district level judi-

CENTRE TO SC

‘Online dashboard to provide info on mental health facilities’

New Delhi, Jan 27 (PTI):

The Centre told the Supreme Court on Friday it has set up an online portal for providing information on mental health facilities available in the country and 31 states and union territories (UTs) have so far provided requisite details for this purpose.

A bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and also comprising Justice Dipankar Datta, however, took note of the submission that states like Jharkhand, Bihar and the union territory of Lakshadweep have not provided the details to be uploaded on the portal, and directed them to do so in two weeks.

"We direct the states and UTs to furnish the relevant information," the bench said and posted the PIL filed by

lawyer Gaurav Kumar Bansal for further hearing after three weeks.

At the start of the hearing, Additional Solicitor General Madhavi Divan, appearing for the Centre, said she would like to do a live presentation in the court showing where the centres are located across India.

The CJI asked the law officer to show the operation of the portal on screen in the court next time.

Earlier, the Central government had told the bench on November 22 last year that it was in the process of setting up the portal.

Bansal has sought in his PIL the rehabilitation and COVID-19 vaccination of mentally ill people currently lodged in various hospitals and mental healthcare institutions across the country.

B'LORE AIRPORT INCIDENT

DGCA slaps Rs 10 lakh fine on Go First

New Delhi, Jan 27 (PTD):

Aviation regulator DGCA on Friday imposed a fine of Rs 10 lakh on Go First for the incident at Bangalore airport where 55 passengers were left behind in a passenger coach on January 9, citing various lapses, including "improper communication" between the staff concerned.

This is the third time in a span of eight days that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has imposed penalties on an airline. On January 20 and 24, the watchdog penalised Air India for reporting lapses related to incidents of

unruly passenger behaviour onboard two international flights last year.

Following the Go First incident at the Bangalore airport on January 9, the regulator issued a show-cause notice to the airline and the latest enforcement action has been taken after perusing its response.

Go First had apologised for the incident, that happened on January 9, where-in the passengers who were to board to a Delhi flight were left behind in the passenger coach at the Bangalore airport. The airline had also derostered the staff involved in the incident pending an inquiry.



Former CJI Sharad Bobde

ary and some high courts.

Bobde was speaking at the Akhil Bhartiya Chhatra Sammellan organised by Sanskrit Bharti. At the level of the high court, the official language is English, though many HCs have had to allow applications, petitions and even documents in regional languages, he said. "I don't

think this issue (of official language) should remain unresolved. It has remained unresolved since 1949. There are grave dangers of miscommunication in governance and administration of justice, though this is not the place to discuss," he said.

"Newspapers of September 11 of 1949 have reported that Dr Ambedkar initiated the move to have Sanskrit as the official language of the Union of India. Sanskrit vocabulary is common to a lot of our languages. I ask myself this question as to why Sanskrit cannot be the official language as Dr Ambedkar had proposed," he said.

India issues notice to Pak

■ **Seek review of IWT**

New Delhi, Jan 27 (PTD):

For the first time, India has issued a notice to Pakistan seeking a review and modification of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) in view of Islamabad's "intransigence" to comply with the dispute redressal mechanism of the pact that was inked over six decades back for matters relating to cross-border rivers, government sources said on Friday.

The notice, sent by India's Indus water commissioner to his Pakistani counterpart on January 25 under the provisions of the pact, seeks Islamabad's response within 90 days for intergovernmental negotiations to "rectify the

material breach" of IWT.

Government sources said India's call for the review and modification of the pact is not specific to the dispute resolution mechanism only, and that the negotiations could cover various other provisions of the pact based on experiences gained over the last 62 years.

India's significant step comes around 10 months after the World Bank announced appointing a neutral expert and a chair of the Court of Arbitration under two separate processes to resolve the differences over the Kishenganga and Ratle Hydro Electric Projects following Islamabad's refusal to address the matter through talks between the two commissioners.

Students witness Prime Minister's 'Pariksha Pe Charcha'

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jan 27: On Friday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with students and answered their questions related to exam stress and other issues at Talkatora Stadium in Delhi. The students of the district watched the live telecast of this event. The primary and high schools of the district attended this event virtually.



Govt Higher Secondary School, Sec 9



DAV Public School, Hudco



KH Memorial School, Jawahar Nagar

just a way to learn new things and there is a need to learn more. For ill effects of spending more time on electronic gadgets he said there must be a technology free hour everyday and students should spend that time with friends, family, books and pets or at the garden. He dealt with the questions based on success and failure, aspirations, technol-

ogy, stress, challenges, time management, choosing a stream of studies. This was the 6th edition of the Prime Minister's interaction programme with school students. It was a learning and lifetime experience for all the students and teachers. They learnt from the Prime Minister how to prove themselves, how to meet

the greater expectations of life and how technology can lead to expansion of their mind and soul. Former Vidhan Sabha Speaker Prem Prakash Pandey attended the Pariksha Pe Charcha program at the Government Higher Secondary School, Sector-9. Along with the students, teachers and parents, he virtually attended the programme

and listened to the tips given by the Prime Minister to the students in relation to the preparation of the examination. Pandey said that the Prime Minister has given commendable and inspirational tips to the children preparing for the examination. All the children are excited after discussing the exam with the Pradhan Sevaks of the country.

Pandey encouraged all the children for the upcoming examination and wished them a bright future. He urged the children and parents to stay stress-free and keep the spirits high during exams. KH Memorial School, Jawahar Nagar had also arranged for live screening of Pariksha Pe Charcha for students and teachers. There was a festival-like atmosphere in

the school premises as the students and teachers were highly excited for this programme. Principal Vibha Jha and Director Nishchay Jha also sat with the teachers and listened to the words of the Prime Minister. It needs to be mentioned here that KH Memorial School was one of the 11 schools selected from Chhattisgarh state for this programme.

The students and teachers patiently watched the program which lasted for about 2 hours. After the program, the students and teachers stated that the program was very motivating for them. KH School Principal and the CBSE District Coordinator Vibha Jha expressed great happiness and said that the Prime Minister spoke like a guardian to the students and teachers. The students of DAV Public School, Hudco witnessed the interactive and informative session Pariksha Pe Charcha 6.0 under guidance of Prashant Kumar (Principal cum DRO CG Zone A) through live webcasting. All the faculties, students of DAV Public School assembled in the MP hall for this interactive session.

Ravindra Chaubey hoists national flag in Durg

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Bhilai, Jan 27: Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Durg district. Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey took the salute of the parade after hoisting the national flag at the main function of Republic Day organized at Ravi Shankar Stadium, Durg. He read the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's message to the people of Durg district. He released colorful balloons symbolizing gaiety and enthusiasm. Choubey felicitated the officers and employees of various departments who have done remarkable work. The Minister honored the family members of the martyrs during this event. Divisional



Commissioner Mahadev Kavre, IG Anand Chhabra, Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena, local public representatives, dignitaries, officers of district and police administration, officers and employees of all departments were present in the function. Choubey also honored Pandwani singer Usha Barle, who made Durg district proud, with Padma Shri Award. Usha has showcased her talent in cities like London and

New York. The tableau of the Agriculture Department won the first prize; while the Municipal Corporation's tableau stood second and the Forest Department's tableau stood third. The tableau of the Department of Agriculture showcased promotion of millet production and Godhan Nyaya Yojana. Schemes like Mukhyamantri Slum Health Scheme, Mitran Yojana etc. were shown in

the tableau of the Municipal Corporation. The tableau of the Forest Department showcased the migratory birds and Chief Minister's Van Sampada Yojana. In the cultural presentation, first prize was given to the school of Tribal Development Department, second place to DPS and third place to Mahavir Jain School. The consolation prize went to Tilak School and Vaishali Nagar School.

BSF celebrates 74th Republic Day with enthusiasm

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Bhilai, Jan 27: 74th Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at BSF Frontier Headquarters in Risali. IG (BSF) Indraj Singh hoisted the national flag. All the officers, subordinate officers and personnel saluted the tricolor with the national anthem. On behalf of Director General of Border Security Force SL Thousen, IG Indraj Singh congratulated all the jawans, officers and their family members posted in Bhilai and Kanker districts and wished them a bright future. In his address, Singh said that the Border Security Force has been



deployed in anti-Naxal operations since 2009 in Kanker district of Chhattisgarh. Terror and fear of Naxalites was prevalent in the area be-

fore the deployment of Border Security Force, but BSF has succeeded in creating a sense of security and positive attitude towards the force in the minds of the public by taking continuous action against the Naxalites. B o r d e r Security Force personnel are performing their duties with great skill in difficult terrains and conditions. The Border Security Force has emerged as a popular force among the people due to the hard work of

its jawans. The Border Security Force has succeeded in cracking down on Naxalites in Kanker district, which is being widely appreciated. Border Security Force are not only making the country Naxal-free but are also fulfilling their responsibilities towards the society. BSF is providing essential items to the poor and school children in the remote villages of Kanker. BSF is providing free medical facilities, employment training to unemployed youth under skill development program and is also organising tours of other cities for tribal children under Tribal Youth Exchange Program.

Republic Day & Basant Panchami celebrated at KPS Durg

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Bhilai, Jan 27: Krishna Public School, Durg celebrated the 74th Republic Day with immense patriotic fervour and zeal. A plethora of activities were organised to infuse the spirit of unity, brotherhood and patriotism among the students. The program began with the flag hoisting ceremony. The students of the Primary wing presented soulful songs and dance to celebrate the monumental day. The cultural celebrations, in included dance, music and skit on Jalliahwalla Bagh Massacre by the students of Classes IV and V. The students of Middle and higher wing showcased the history and signifi-



cance of Republic Day followed by a skit highlighting the duties & rights of citizens. A beautiful dance was also performed by the students of

classes IX & XI to commemorate the Republic Day. The School Principal, Mayank Sharma and Vice Principal, Iti Sharma inspired the students with their motivational words and told all the students to abide by the constitution of their motherland and fulfill all their duties as responsible citizens. The students also performed Saraswati Vandana and a beautiful dance to mark the occasion of Basant Panchami. The program was anchored by Rashmi Devangan and Tushar Devangan of class XI. The vote of thanks was proposed by Shagun Srivastava. Overall the program ended on a positive note with distribution of sweets.

SSV Sec 10 celebrates Republic Day & Basant Panchami

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Bhilai, Jan 27: Sri Sankara Vidyalaya, Sec-10 celebrated 74th Republic Day with great patriotic fervour and zeal. V R a m a c h a n d r a n (President- SSES), hoisted the tricolour, followed by the National Anthem and Vande Mataram. In his address S Swaminathan (Secretary) expressed his views about the true values of freedom, and also expressed his hope that the next generation will build a new country. The Principal, Bipin Deshmukh appreciated the gathering briefly about the relevance

of the Indian Constitution and said that always think first about the nation. Other highlights of the day were patriotic song and Saraswati Vandana by junior and senior school choir guided by Vandana Mishra and Devyani, Victory song was sung by students of Class - IV, Patriotic poem was recited by Kajal Sahu KG-II/B, speech by Anushka Manna XI/B and Muskan Agrawal VII/A. S Soujanya and Neelam Rajput expressed their views on Republic Day and Basant Panchami. A mesmerizing dance performance was given by students of Classes I - III.



After the celebration of Republic Day, Sankara family worshiped Goddess Saraswati, by performing pooja in the school temple. The atmosphere was filled with an aura of patriotism and religious fervour; worshipping Goddess

Saraswati. It is believed that without her blessings, the world would be shrouded in ignorance, as she represents enlightenment and is also considered the deity of knowledge, wisdom, music, and perform-

ing arts. The function was attended by V R a m a c h a n d r a n (President- SSES), T R V e n k a t r a m a n (Treasurer- SSES), R H Kartikeyan (member SSES), Harish Chandra Chattwani (Vice Principal), Shobha Nair and S Usha (Head Mistress) other members of the management and staff members. The vote of thanks was proposed by Runa Goswami. The program was ably compered by Anita Verma, Joshi Mary and Anushka Pathak XI/C. The day concluded with sweet distribution.

Bhilai Steel Plant celebrates Republic Day

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Bhilai, Jan 27: Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (BSP) unfurled the Tricolour at Jayanti Stadium on the occasion of the 74th Republic day, followed by the singing of the National anthem at the main function at SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant. Dasgupta then inspected the assembled platoons and then observed their march past. The March Past was presented by CISE, Fire Services department, NCC, scout & guide alongwith a display of Fire Brigade vehicles. The Plant's Executive Director (Works) Anjani Kumar, Executive Director (Personnel & Administration), MM Gadre, Executive Director (Materials Management), AK Chakraborty, Chief Medical Officer-in-Charge, Dr M Ravindranath, Commandant-in-charge of CISE, Bhilai Unit Satish Kumar Bajpai, President



of Bhilai Mahila Samaj Triparna Dasgupta, Vice President Bhilai Mahila Samaj Neerja Kumari Singh, Additional Vice President Bhilai Mahila Samaj Mauli Chakraborty, SEPI Chairman and OA President NK Banchhor, General Secretary Parvinder Singh and Senior officials of the plant were present in Jayanti Stadium. Dasgupta paid tributes to the great martyrs, freedom fighters, Constitution makers and Security forces on Republic day. He also conveyed his best wishes to

members of BSF and SSB and their families on the occasion of Republic Day. Dasgupta in his address on the occasion of Republic day stated that India has established itself as a strong Republic. SAIL has contributed in the nation's journey towards becoming a Developed Nation. SAIL has played an important role in India towards creating an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. SAIL for the last 6 decades has been catering to the various requirements of the Region. Bhilai Township has cre-



ated a sustainable ecosystem in the vicinity. The schools and hospitals at Bhilai and Mines have benefitted numerous citizens and their families. BSP has offered a qualitative livelihood for the betterment of people here. Employees of all segments, be it Works, Non-Works or Mines work cohesively towards the development of the society, he said. SAIL-BSP has witnessed a remarkable growth in the third quarter of current fiscal year and has recorded best ever Finished Steel pro-

duction of 32,10,023 Tonnes and best ever Saleable Steel Production of 34,29,227 Tonnes for the April to Dec period of Fiscal Year 22-23, he added. Record breaking performances have also been recorded by RMP 3, Sinter Plants, SMS 3, BRM and URM. Modex unit, Steel Melting Shop 3 recorded highest ever Cast Steel production for April to Dec period. We must not just increase production, but develop techniques to develop products at a competitive cost too. We must ensure better availability



of equipment and adopt smart working techniques, he said. Safety is of utmost priority and must be ingrained in our work. We must develop Safety Leaders and follow SoPs properly. SAIL is committed not just to produce steel but is contributing its bit towards Corporate Social Responsibility too, he said. Men and Women comandos also presented a demonstration of their skills at Jayanti stadium. The CISF also presented before the gathering a sample of the various

trainings imparted to the dogs of the Dog Squad. Tableaus by Bhilai Mahila Samaj, Safety department, Town Services department, IOC Dalli Rajhara, IPTA, Bhilai and CSR were also showcased at Jayanti stadium. In the departmental tableau category, CSR won the first position and Safety Engineering Department secured the second position. In the institutional category, Bhilai Mahila Samaj got the first place and IPTA got the second place. Town Services Department and Rajhara Mines were given special

honour in the departmental tableau category. Dasgupta gave away prizes to winners of various competitions. The National flag was unfurled at Sayantra bhavan by Anjani Kumar, ED (Works) at Ispat bhavan by MM Gadre, ED (P & A), at Refractory Stores by AK Chakraborty ED(MM). The flag was unfurled at Main hospital of the plant and Distribution of fruits to the patients was done by Triparna Dasgupta, president of Bhilai Mahila Samaj. On this occasion, Vice President of Bhilai Mahila Samaj Neerja Kumari Singh, Additional Vice President Mauli Chakraborty and senior office bearers and members of Bhilai Mahila Samaj were also present. CGM's, HoD's and Senior officials unfurled the National Flag at different locations of BSP on Republic day. The Flag was also unfurled at Ispat Clubs, Schools and Mines.

Baghel holds review meeting on budget preparation



Raipur, Jan 27: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Friday reviewed budget preparations of various departments headed by five cabinet ministers, in a meeting organized at his residence office here.

He reviewed budget preparations for women and child development, social welfare, revenue and disaster management, rehabilitation, registration and stamps, higher education and technical education, skill development and manpower planning, science and technology, sports and youth welfare, food, civil supplies, and consumer protection, planning, economics and statistics, culture, public health engineering, and

village industries departments.

Women and Child Development Minister Anila Bhediya, Higher Education Minister Umesh Patel, Revenue and Commercial Tax (Registration and Stamps) Minister Jai Singh Agrawal, Food and Civil Supplies Minister Amarjeet Bhagat, and Public Health Engineering Minister Guru Rudra Kumar along with Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain, Additional Chief Secretary Subrat Sahoo, Additional Chief Secretary Renu G Pillay, Secretary S Bharathidasan, Secretary Ankit Anand, and other senior officers were present in the meeting.

CM approves two new projects of cultural department

Raipur, Jan 27: Two new projects of cultural department—Mukhya Mantri Virasat Jharokha Yojana and Mukhya Mantri Dharohar Darshan Yojana—will be started in the financial year 2023-24 with a view to make common people along with college and school students aware of Chhattisgarh's rich archaeological and historical heritages. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel approved the said new projects after detailed discussion at a meeting of cultural department held at his residential office here today.

Two colleges/government offices will be selected from each district of the state every year in Mukhya Mantri Virasat Jharokha Yojana. Replicas of historical and archaeological heritage will be displayed in the selected college/government office. Apart from general public, college students will develop a sense of attachment and towards the rich archaeological and historical heritage of Chhattisgarh. Similarly, the

objective of Mukhya Mantri Dharohar Darshan Yojana is to encourage schools and colleges to make students studying in state government-semi-government (aided) schools and colleges aware of the historical heritage of the region and to make them aware of the responsibility towards heritage. Every year 3 schools/colleges from each district of the state will be selected for 'Mukhya Mantri Dharohar Darshan Yojana'.

Schools-colleges and government offices in a district will be selected under both the schemes by the committee to be formed under chairmanship of the collector. The Superintendent of Police/Chief Executive Officer (District Panchayat), the official representative nominated by the Director Archaeology, Archives and Museum, the District Education Officer, the person nominated by the District Panchayat and the principal of the college nominated by the Collector will be members of the committee.

BJP SC Morcha president announces Executive Body

Markandeye also announced District Unit chiefs

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Raipur, Jan 27: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Scheduled Caste (SC) Morcha President Navin Markandeye on Friday declared the Executive Body of the frontal organization after approval from the State BJP President Arun Sao and General Secretary (Organisation) Pawan Sai. Former MLA Vinod Khandekar from Dongargarh,

Maheswar from Palari, Rajesh Suryavanshi from Bilaspur, Dilip Sarathi and Atmaram Banjare from Raipur and Manik Sonwani from Mungeli are the Vice Presidents whereas Dayavantdhar Bandhe from Nawagarh and Devram Jangade from Sarangarh-Bilaigarh are the General Secretaries. Sunita Patle from Korba, Santosh Markandeye from Durg, Awdhesh sonkar from Ambikapur, Khemraj Bhakhre from Raipur, Ashish Dongre from Rajnandgaon, Harinath Khunte from Saragarh-Bilaigarh and Anuj Tandon from Bilaspur are the

Secretaries. Ashwin Tandon from Durg is the Treasurer whereas Dayaluram Gada from Raipur Rural would be his Deputy. Omesh Jimbhekar from Raipur would be the Office-Secretary whereas Saurabh Jagrit from Durg would be the Media in-charge.

Apart from it, 68 members have been appointed as Executive Body members, informs a press release issued here.

Similarly, the District Unit Presidents of SC Morcha too have been announced. Basant Bagh has been entrusted with the responsibility of Raipur City

SC Morcha whereas Chandrakumar Patil has been given the charge of Raipur Rural. Dr Mohan Baghe-Baloda Bazar, Chandrasekhar Sonwani-Gariyabandh, Priyaranjan Das Koshariya-Mahasamund, Harishanker Sonwani-Dhamtari, Dwarika Chandravanshi-Bhilai, Santosh Koshare-Durg, Devdas Chaturvedi-Benemtar, Dishok Jangade-Balod, Madan Meshram-Mohala, Panchram Koshale for Kawardha and Chandraprakash Surya has been appointed President of the Morcha for Bilaspur District.

Three-day youth festival to begin in Chhattisgarh on Jan 28

Raipur, Jan 27: The three-day Chhattisgarh Youth Festival and folk literature conference will begin here on Saturday, an official said on Friday. At least 3,000 people from across the state will participate in the event, which will be jointly hosted by the sports and youth welfare and culture departments near the sports directorate in Raipur city, he said.

Traditional games such as fugdi, bhaura, gaidi race, kabaddi and kho-kho and folk dance forms of karma, raut nacha, panthi, sarhul, suva and bastariya will be performed during the festival, the official said. The three-day event will also include a painting competition showcasing Chhattisgarhi culture and a food festival, he said. Chhattisgarh Lok

Sahitya Sammelan, a folk literature conference, will also be organised by the culture department, the official added.

On day one on January 28, the conference will be held on the subject Role of youth in the upgradation of Chhattisgarh folk literature and the role of youth in regional literature of Chhattisgarh at the auditorium of

Government Nagarjuna Post Graduate College of Science, Raipur from 1.00 pm to 6.00 pm. The subject of day two will be Chhattisgarh Literature Electronic Media and the topic for the last day will be story writing and poetry recitation. The timing for days two and three will be from 11.00 am to 6.00 pm and from 9.00 am to 2.30 pm respectively.

Chh'garh defeats Goa by 8 wickets in Ranji match



Stadium here on Friday.

Ajay Mandal claimed three wickets for 61 runs whereas Ravi Kiran also claimed three wickets for just 13 runs. Apart from them, Shubham Agrawal and Vasudeo Bareth also claimed two wickets to restrict Goa to 223 runs in second innings. Chhattisgarh successfully chased the target of 52 runs within six overs to register victory. Shashank Singh scored 23 runs from just 15 balls whereas Amandeep Khare scored 14 runs from just 8 balls to ensure victory.

Health checkup by Minister Dr. Dahria



Raipur, Jan 27: Chhattisgarh Government's Urban Administration and Development Minister Dr. Shivkumar Dahria was on a visit to Gariaband district on Thursday. He was the chief guest of the district level Republic Day function. After the completion of the function, he met the general public at the Circuit House. After that, reaching the Bhuteshwar Mahadev complex Cabinet Minister Dr. Dahria along with the family, offered prayers and wished for the prosperity of the state. During this, Minister Mr. Dahria also tasted paan at the famous Paan Center in Gariaband. It is notable that Mr. Jeevan Lal Dewangan specializes in the art of making paan of specific shape and type.

Raipur, Jan 26: The Congress on Thursday launched a mass campaign in Chhattisgarh as part of its new nationwide outreach drive aimed at conveying the party's programmes and policies to people at the grassroots level and take on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The 'Haath Se Haath Jodo' campaign was launched by the party just days ahead of the conclusion of Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra in Kashmir. All India Congress Committee (AICC) observer Arun Yadav and the president of party's Chhattisgarh unit, Mohan Markam, jointly launched the state-level campaign from Raipur's Gandhi Maidan.

The campaign was simultaneously launched in 307 block units across the Congress-ruled state and on the first day, the foot march covered a distance of 3,000 km.

The Haath Se Haath Jodo campaign will cover 1.80 lakh km across Chhattisgarh in 60 days and a target has been set for party members to march at least 10km a day in each block, he added.

On the first day of its

Glimpses of Chhattisgarh's art, culture, and tourist attractions showcased in 'Bharat Parv'



Raipur, Jan 27: The Union Ministry of Tourism is holding a six-day program "Bharat Parv" on the Red Fort grounds from January 26 to promote the country's culture and tourism. People can learn about Chhattisgarh's culture, art, and food, as well as that of other states, through this program.



launch, the yatra in state capital Raipur covered 12km and Congress workers put up party flags at the houses of workers, he said.

He said the campaign will see participation from senior leaders as well as booth-level workers and they will highlight welfare schemes being run by the Bhupesh Baghel-led Congress government in the state, where Assembly polls are due by the year-end.

Moreover, party workers will seek to "expose" the state BJP's stand on reservation for deprived sections and also highlight the central government's "failures" on multiple fronts like its inability to curb rising prices of fuels,

cooking gas, essential commodities and lack of jobs in the country, said the Congress leader.

At the launch of the campaign, AICC observer Yadav said the outreach drive aims to cover every

house across the state and spread the message of pro-people works being done by the Chhattisgarh government.

Welfare schemes launched by the Congress government in Chhattisgarh are being discussed all over the country, he added.

The message of unity, integrity and brotherhood given by Rahul Gandhi through Bharat Jodo Yatra will be conveyed to people at booth-level in Chhattisgarh under the new campaign, said state Congress president Markam.

HNLU hosted the 2nd Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture 2023

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Raipur, Jan 27: Justice Deepak Gupta, Former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, was the Chief Guest of the programme and delivered the memorial lecture titled "Will of the People - Rule of Law" Justice Deepak Gupta was formerly the Chief Justice of the High Court of Chhattisgarh & Chancellor of HNLU. Justice CB Bajpai, former Judge of the High Court of Chhattisgarh was the guest of honour.

Prof. Dr. V. C. Vivekanandan, Vice-Chancellor of HNLU in his opening remarks observed that though the 'Will of the People' is supreme it can be compared to that of the origin of a river and the course of such river to nourish life has to be determined by the 'Rule of the Law'. He further said that the Government represents the 'Will of the People' and Judiciary guards the 'Rule of the Law' but both postulates have to keep the 'Constitution' as its central idea.

Justice CB Bajpai, remarked, that the rule of law is a principle that holds that all people and its governing institutions. But all are ultimately subservient to law, and no one is above the law and hence everyone should be treated equally in the eyes of law.

Justice Deepak Gupta in his inspiring and en-



gaging session on the said topic observed that the Constitution of India is certainly an empowering and finely crafted instrument,

the heart and soul of which is encapsulated in its Preamble and as a Judge all these years, he looked at the Preamble as the defining document to deal with any case.

Speaking on the concept of Will of the People or Rule of Law theme, he observed that though Will of the People is the cornerstone, one needs to analyse whether any Government which gets its mandate of first past the post really represent the 'Will of the People' in a true sense. In this context Rule of the Law assumes importance to balance the actions with the mandate of the Constitution which is really the 'Will of the People'.

Sharing his views on the ongoing debate regarding the Centre v.

Judiciary in reference to the Collegium system, he observed that at present, there is no better alternative than existing system, but it is the constitutional principles and morality that needs to reign supreme.

On the appointment of Judges, he felt the merit and integrity of the person is the only component whereas holding objections based on sexual orientations or free speech acts are not a welcome thing.

On a freewheeling interaction with students, the Hon'ble Justice said that it is essential for the collegium to have meaningful consultation in appointment judges though it is not necessary to have a government representative which could lead to unintended complications. He felt that thought the entry level judicial officers get more pay the attraction to civil service is more in terms of the power and mobility wield-

Young minds give patient hearing to 'Pariksha Pe Charcha'



● **At GEMS**

Raipur, Jan 27: Along with the entire country about 500 students of Shri Gujrati English Medium School and Shri Gujrati Hindi Medium School gave a patient hearing to 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' programme organised at the school auditorium here. Kedar Gupta, BJP spokesperson and former minister, Kantilal Jain, state coordinator of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha', Ashok Patel secretary of

Shri Gujrati Shikshan Sangh, Principal Dr Shailesh Sharma, Vice Principal S V Chandrasekhar and teaching fraternity were present to grace the occasion. Principal Dr Shailesh Sharma welcomed the guests while Kantilal Jain asked the students questions on what they have listened and gave away prizes to the students who gave correct reply to his questions. Vice Principal S V Chandrasekhar gave vote of thanks at the end.

IK Gohil, Chairman, CRGB hoisted flag on R-Day

Raipur, Jan 27: Chairman of Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank (CRGB), Mr. IK Gohil hoisted the flag at the head office. On this occasion, Chairman, IK Gohil congratulated the entire Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank family and all the countrymen on Republic Day. Chairman of Chhattisgarh State Gramin Bank, IK Gohil paid tribute to the immortal martyrs who laid down their lives for the freedom of the country. While ad-



ressing the staff of the bank, said that the staff can take Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank to unlimited heights by achiev-

ing their goal by working hard with dedication and pre-planned action plan. On this occasion, General Manager Mr. AK Behera, General Manager Mr. AK Nirala, Assistant General Manager Mr. Satish Kashyap and Regional Manager of Raipur Regional Office Mr. Amarjeet Singh Khanuja also congratulated everyone on the Republic Day. On this occasion, a large number of Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank staff was present.

CM Baghel announces allowance for unemployed youth from next financial year

Jagdalpur, Jan 27: In a major announcement ahead of the Chhattisgarh Assembly polls due this year-end, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Thursday said unemployed youth will be given a monthly allowance in the state from the next financial year.

It was one of the key promises made by the Congress ahead of the 2018 Assembly polls, following which the party returned to power in the state after a gap of 15 years. Addressing people on the occasion of the Republic Day on Thursday after unfurling the national flag at the Lalbagh



Parade grounds in Jagdalpur, the headquarters of Bastar district, Baghel made a number of other announcements, including setting up of an aerocity near Raipur air-

port, housing assistance scheme for labourers and a scheme to promote women entrepreneurship, apparently eyeing the Assembly elections.

"Unemployed youth will

be given an unemployment allowance every month from the next financial year (2023-24)," Baghel said without specifying the amount.

An aerocity will be developed near the Swami Vivekananda Airport, Raipur, to enhance passenger facilities, commercial development of the airport area and employment generation, he said.

Construction workers registered with the Chhattisgarh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board for a period of three years will be given a grant of Rs 50,000 for building houses, he said.

Amarnanthak, Jan 27:

The 74th Republic Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU) Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Sriprakash Mani Tripathi unfurled the tricolor. After this the security guards and NCC of the university and N.S.S. The parade was grandly organized by the cadets. Vice-Chancellor, starting his address with Narmada Har's announcement, wished everyone a happy 74th Republic Day and Basant Panchami. After the speech, Medals were distributed to N.C.C. cadets and security guards and employees who did excellent work in the university were honored with certificates, which were announced by Prof. Alok Shrotriya. On this occasion, the president of Shree Sheel Mandal, Mrs. Sheela Tripathi and all the teachers, staff members and students of the univer-



sity were present.

The stage was operated by Dr. Vikram Pratap

Singh.

Completed under the direction of Prof.

Saubhagya Ranjan Padhi,

Pro.G.B.S. Johri and Dr. Manohar B. Yerkalwar.

Allons host financial literacy workshop



Bemetara, Jan 27: Allons Public School, Bemetara, January 27, 2023. A training on the Financial Literacy and usage of the digital methods was given by a resource person of C B.S.E. named Rahul Tuteja, from the school of commerce, diamond certified corporate trainer from NIPM, Travendrum, and a scholar of chartered wealth management from USA on January

25, 2023. The training was started by lighting a lamp in front of the portrait of Ma Saraswati Devi by Dr Satyajit Hota, Principal and the resource person. A welcome song was sung by Anvita and other girls.

Dr. Satyajit Hota, Principal told about the importance of the financial literacy and the usage of the digital tools. Being a " District Training

Coordinator, for the C.B.S.E. invited the teachers of all the schools of Bemetara district as per instruction of the C.B.S.E.

According to the resource person saving of money is necessary for the safe future life. He told about the different ways of saving money with banks, post offices and insurance agencies.

He also told about the usage of the wallets such as Paytm, Google pay, and Phone PE etc. He removed the doubts of the trainees. The training gave golden flying colour to the trainees at blueprinted Allons' APJ Abdul Kalam Auditorium. It increased the cognition, Psycho motor effect and meta cognitive domains of the trainees through the interactive procedure of the training.

Bilaspur's Jan Swasthya Sahyog bags Mahaveer Award

Raipur, Jan 27: Jan Swasthya Sahyog, an NGO based out of Bilaspur, has won the 26th edition of Mahaveer Award 2023 under the category of Medicine for reaching affordable modern healthcare to rural and tribal communities in Chhattisgarh and adjoining districts of Madhya Pradesh. Instituted by Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation to identify, encourage and honour people doing selfless services, the award carries a cash prize of Rs. 10 lakh, a commendatory citation, and a memento. It will be presented in a grand ceremony to be held soon. The Foundation had received 324 nominations for Mahaveer Awards 2023 from all over the country, enlisting the help of district administrators, legislators, bureaucrats, educationists, media, social workers, parliamentarians and

other eminent people. The awardees were selected by an eminent jury headed by Justice M. N. Venkatachaliah, former Chief Justice of India. The prominent members of the jury included: Pooja Acharya Chandanaji Maharaj, a social reformer, S Gurumurthy, editor, Thuglak and a part-time director of RBI, Prof. B. M. Hegde, Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mangalore Kendra, T S Krishnamurthy, former Chief Election Commissioner of India, D. R. Mehta, I.A.S. (retd.), former Chairman, SEBI, Prabhat Kumar, I.A.S. (retd.), former Cabinet Secretary, Government of India, Justice G. S. Singhvi, former Judge of Supreme Court of India, and Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, Chairman Emeritus, M S Swaminathan Research Foundation.

Chief Justice hoists flag at SLSA

Bilaspur, Jan 27: On the auspicious occasion of Republic Day, the flag was hoisted in the premises of Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority, Old High Court Building, Bilaspur by Justice Arup Kumar Goswami, Chief Justice, Chhattisgarh High Court and Patron in Chief, Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority.

On this occasion, Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal, Justice P. Sam Koshy, Justice Sanjay Agrawal, Justice Arvind Singh Chandel, Justice Rajni Dubey, Justice Narendra Kumar Vyas, Justice Naresh Kumar Chandravanshi, Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari, Justice Sachin Singh Rajput, Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey, Justice Radhakishan Aggarwal, Justice Dharendra Mishra,



Former Judge were specially present. Apart from this, Registrar General of Chhattisgarh High Court, Arvind Kumar Verma and other judicial officers of Registry, Director of Chhattisgarh State Judicial Training Academy, Mrs. Sushma Sawant and other officers, Ashok Kumar Sahu, District Judge, Ramashankar Prasad, Principal Judge, Family

Court, Judicial officers of High Court and District Court Bilaspur, advocates of High Court and District Court, Member Secretary of State Legal Services Authority.

Anand Prakash Wariyal, Under Secretary Mrs. Kamini Jaiswal, officers and employees of State Legal Services Authority and students of bilaspur university were present in large numbers.

BALCO celebrates 74th Republic Day



Balconagar, Jan 27: Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO), India's iconic aluminium producer, celebrated 74th Republic Day with great fervour. Pankaj Sharma, Dy. CEO - BALCO, hoisted the National Flag, which was followed by singing of the National Anthem, further imbuing the spirit of patriotism among the employees.

Sharma addressed the members of BALCO family regarding the vision of growth and excellence of the organization and its contribution towards building a 'self-reliant' India. He also reiterated all the important benchmarks achieved by BALCO and urged every-

one to be an active participant in the growth journey.

The Republic Day celebrations also included a felicitation ceremony for meritorious students from class X and XII belonging to different schools within Balconagar. Toppers from Class X were felicitated with gold medals and a cash prize of INR 10,000, while meritorious students from Class XII were recognized with gold medals and laptops.

The event was attended by senior management, employees, and business partners of BALCO, who participated with great enthusiasm. Monesh Pandey, Head - HR, BALCO wrapped up the event with a note of gratitude.

R-Day celebrated with enthusiasm at Pt JNMCC

● **Pt JNMCC**

Raipur, Jan 27: The 74th Republic Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College (Pt JNMCC) and Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital. Dr Tripti Nagaria, Dean, Medical College and Dr SBS Netam Superintendent in Ambedkar Hospital hoisted the flag.

A large number of doc-



tors, nursing staff, paramedical staff, medical students and staff from medical colleges and hospitals became part of the Republic Day celebrations. The Dean wished everyone

a Happy Republic Day. She saluted the freedom fighters and martyrs of the country and explained the importance of the ideals and values enshrined in the Constitution.

R-Day celebrated at Assembly Secretariat

Raipur, Jan 27: Republic Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at Chhattisgarh Assembly Secretariat here. Assembly Secretary Dinesh Sharma unfurled

the tricolour at 8:30 am and took salute of the parade. He subsequently read out the message of Speaker Dr Charandas Mahant for the Secretariat officers and staffs.



NIT Raipur celebrates Republic Day and inaugurated SAMAR'22

Raipur, Jan 17: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur celebrated India's 74th republic day with flag hoisting by Dr. AB Soni, Director(I/C) followed by the national anthem and a parade by NCC cadets.

Dr. A. B. Soni addressed the gathering and expressed her wishes to all the students, faculties and staff of NIT Raipur. Elaborating the participation of NIT Raipur in sports she shared that NIT Raipur participated in All-India Inter-NIT Faculty and staff sports meet. Mentioning all the accomplishments of NIT Raipur she concluded her speech and requested everyone to extend support and efforts to achieve great goals.

This was followed by the



inaugural ceremony of the institute's annual sports fest, SAMAR which is conducted by Shaurya - The Sports Committee. Dr. PY Dhekne extended his best wishes for the republic day and congratulated Team Shaurya for the successful organization of SAMAR. He emphasized upon

moral values such as teamwork and unselfishness that can be learnt through sports. Dr. Shrish Verma discoursed upon the significance of body and mind coordination in sports and expressed that sports is not about winning, it's about giving your best. Dr. AB Soni welcomed all the par-

ticipants and described how sports can work as a stress buster. She stressed on qualities like hard work and commitment that can be learnt through sports. She concluded by enlightening how this event would serve as a stepping stone for new sportspersons to carry on the legacy of the college.

SAMAR kicked-off on day one with numerous competitions including football, cricket, basketball, volleyball, handball, kabaddi, kho-kho, badminton, table tennis. Track and field events are also to be organized in the upcoming days. The four-day fest shall conclude on 29th January. All the winners will be felicitated with prizes by team Shaurya.



ing down the importance of the constitution he continued by saying that we can walk on the lanes of the constitution right from our own homes. He further shared his views on what responsibilities we as citizens should have while laying emphasis on respecting the views of each other. Then in remembrance of the father of the Indian constitution, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar along with all those exceptional minds who contributed to the drafting of our constitution, he concluded his ad-

dress.

The Director's inspiring address was followed by splendid dance and singing performances by the IIM Raipur students. The dance energized the audience with powerful moves and their soulful voices embracing emotions fled the wave of patriotism at the event.

The event marked the presence of all faculty, Officers, Post-Doc fellows, Staff, and Research & Academic Associates. Right from the commencement of the celebration to its close, the entire event was conducted exceptionally well reviving the spirit of nationalism. IIM Raipur hopes that with each passing Republic Day, India gains constitutional strength and reaches the pinnacle of growth in every development sector.

Ryan and Xaviers celebrate R-Day



Raipur, Jan 27: The 74th Republic day of India was celebrated at Ryan International School & St. Xavier's High School Raipur on 26th January 2023 with the spirit of enthusiasm and patriotic

feeling.

The programme started with invoking the blessings of the almighty followed by hoisting of the tricolor by the chief guest followed by a patriotic rendition of the National Anthem. The colourful march past in sharp dexterous movements of legs and hands by the four houses of the Ryan and St. Xavier's school along with the squad of scout and guide students filled the environment with patriotic spirit.

Dignitaries like Pramod Mishra - Zone President, Raipur Nagar Nigam, graced the occasion. They were welcomed with welcome speech in different languages and welcome song. The programme ended with vote of thanks, National Song and School Anthem.

Collector hoists flag at Collectorate

Raipur, Jan 27: Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure unfurled tricolour at Collectorate on Republic Day. Officers and staffs working in Collectorate were present on the occasion. The Collector garlanded statue of Mahatma Gandhi. District Panchayat CEO Akash Chhikara, Additional Collectors NR Sahu, BC Sahu and BB Panchbhai were present.



SECR celebrates 74th Republic Day

Bilaspur, Jan 27:

The 74th Republic Day was celebrated with full dignity and traditionally on 26 January 2023 at all divisions including the headquarters of South East Central Railway. The main program of the Republic Day celebrations organized by South East Central Railway was organized at the local NE Institute ground in which Alok Kumar, General Manager, South East Central Railway was present as the chief guest.

At the beginning of the program, the national flag was first hoisted by the Chief Guest Alok Kumar, General Manager under the leadership of the Chief Security Commissioner. After that, he addressed the Railway Protection Force personnel, Civil Defense workers, St. John's Ambulance, N.C.C. And took salute from the impressive march-past by the troupes of Scouts and Guides.

On this occasion, Chief Guest Alok Kumar, in his



address, wishing everyone on the occasion of 74th Republic Day, said that for more than 169 years, Indian Railways has continuously contributed significantly in strengthening the country's unity, integrity and public services. South East Central Railway has been an important partner in the speed, progress, progress and prosperity of the country, he added.

South East Central Railway is one of the highest freight loading zones. So far in the current financial year, loading of more than 170 million tonnes has been done. All this has been possible only because of the combined efforts of all you railwaymen. This includes the co-operation of your family members. You all deserve congratulations for this, GM mentioned.

Central India's first and the country's 6th Vande Bharat Express train was inaugurated between Bilaspur - Nagpur on 11 December 2022 at the hands of Prime Minister.

Thanking the office bearers, members and print and electronic media of trade unions and associations, he said that it is because of their valuable suggestions and cooperation that they are getting

success in their work.

A fancy dress competition was also organized for the children in this function. On this occasion, bike show by RPF jawans along with astonishing stunts, fancy dress competition and other patriotic cultural programs were presented by school children. During this, 08 force members of Railway Protection Force and 03 school children were also honored for their achievements in national/ international sports by the General Manager.

On the auspicious occasion of Republic Day, Dormitory was started in Railway Central Hospital, Bilaspur for rest and stay of patients' relatives, which was inaugurated by General Manager Alok Kumar in the presence of SECRO President Dr. Mrs. Vanita Jain. Blood donation camp was also organized at Central Hospital Bilaspur. On this occasion, officers of the headquarter and division and a large number of employees were present.

SECRWVO inaugurates renovated crèche 'Kilkari'



Bilaspur, Jan 27:

Child-bearing women working in South East Central Railway often face difficulties for the care and food of their young children.

If the child is lactating, then the working woman remains more worried. With the availability of crèches, working women will be able to do their work smoothly and will also be assured about the care of their children. To solve and facilitate this

problem of working and child-bearing women, on January 26, 2023, in front of the old General Manager's Office in Bilaspur Railway Zone, the renovated crèche was inaugurated by Mrs. Vanita Jain, Chairperson, South East Central Railway Women Welfare Organization (SECRWVO) in the august presence of Alok Kumar, General Manager, South East Central Railway. In this crèche proper arrangements have been

made for the care taker to look after the children and for the entertainment of the children toys and food and beds and swings etc. for sleeping.

On the occasion of inauguration, apart from Mrs. Sunita Singh, Secretary, South East Central Railway Women's Welfare Organisation, all the members of SECRO, other officers and a large number of railway employees, especially women railway workers, were present.

Netaji Jayanti celebrated as Bravery Day

At Govt High School, Manjhiguda

Jagdalpur, Jan 27:

Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Government High School Manjhiguda. Sankul Nangur Development Block Jagdalpur. On the occasion of Subhash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary, painting program, Rangoli competition, speech competition, question answer by children. Competition was organized. In this event, programs based on the biography of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose were organized. On the occasion of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Jayanti, Principal PG. Rao gave detailed information about



the life of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and questions and answers were also given on interesting facts on Netaji's biography. On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose ji, with the financial support of the teachers of the institution, a music system worth Rs 15,000 was pre-

sented to the headmaster PG Rao for various cultural and literary programs for the children. It should be known that even before this the school has started a smart class with the financial cooperation of the teachers. The Principal congratulated the teachers for their self-

less service and dedication towards the children. This type of dedication and service spirit encouraged to continue in the interest of the students and the school in the future, Principal added. Children looked excited after receiving new music system Saroj Kumar Sethia Cluster Coordinator Mahesh Kumar Sethia Senior Teaching Mrs. Archana Toppo Teacher Vikas Kumar Kashyap Mrs. Shashi Kispotta Student Representative Ms. Vinita Hemlata, Pratima, Rupesh Kumar, and Chavan Nishad, Jairam Sethia The sweepers, and all the primary and secondary school children of the school were present.

Lara, Jan 27:

With patriotic fervour and zeal, 74th Republic day celebrated at NTPC Lara. Diwakar Kaushik, Executive Director (NTPC Lara) unfurled the national flag and exchanged salute with CISF personnel and addressed the gathering. In his address Kaushik, paid tribute to the writer of the Indian constitution and advised all employees and villagers as a law abiding individual, we should discharge our duty as per fundamental duties which has been clearly mentioned in our constitution. Reiterating NTPC's commitment for providing affordable power for nation building, Shri Kaushik described NTPC Lara's financial 2022-2023 perform-



ance, which is in increasing trend. This year Lara station generated 9381.12 million unit electricity with 81.71 percent PLF and stands at sixth position among all NTPC stations. This achievement is very good for a new power station like NTPC Lara. Very soon Lara station is going to expand its capacity which will be beneficial

for Chhattisgarh to meet its increasing power demand. On this occasion employees who had rendered exemplary work in their respected workplace awarded with Power Excel, Manviyata, Employees of the year, BUH meritorious awards and Special appreciation letter by Executive Director in the presence of

all General Manager. Besides participants of Medha Pratiyogita were awarded on this occasion.

Students of Bal Bhavan, Stepping Stone school and Gurukul school presented various cultural programme on patriotism. NTPC Lara participated in the district level republic day celebrations with its tableau designed on the theme of CSR-CD activities carried out by NTPC Lara for peripheral development, which was awarded by district administration. In other programme, Shri Akhilesh Singh, GM (Operation) & Maintenance unfurled national flag in side plant and children of Bal Bhavan NTPC Lara and Stepping Stone school also celebrated republic day with flag hoisting.

Preparations for 30th Road Safety Week underway



Mungeli, Jan 27:

Preparations are being made to celebrate the 30th Road Safety Week by the administration this year too, amidst the years-old decaying traffic system in the city. Programs of the departments have been announced for each day of the road safety week, which runs from January 11 to 17.

Under this disorganized system, the week-long event celebrated from January 11 to 17, traffic police, transport department, education department, municipal and public works department including health and road safety with the help of Red Cross and NGO's will take part. However traffic rules are being mocked in the district, as in many vehicles,

the name of the post is written in the number plate instead of the number and the traffic department is also not taking any action regarding illegal or arbitrary parking in the city. Significantly in the name of traffic arrangement in the city, only a few traffic police people are seen standing at Padav Chowk and Daupara Chowk, who are often seen busy in mutual conversation instead of regulating the traffic. Free movement of stray animals is also a problem with the animals disrupting the traffic, and campaign to catch stray animals, have also gone in vain as these stray animals remain on the roads in wee hours leading to accidents.

Sports inspires to fight with unity: Yogesh Tiwari



Berla, Jan 27: A two-day kabaddi competition was organised in village Sandi, where farmer leader Yogesh Tiwari attended the inauguration function. Dozens of Kabaddi teams from nearby villages have participated in the competition and in his address the farmer leader said that Kabaddi game is a game of adventure and in this, the youth have to demonstrate their

strength as well as intelligence and the youth should ensure their participation in such competitions. Gandram Sahu President, Shyam Sunder Sahu Vice President, Subhash Sahu Secretary, Kamleshwar Sahu Treasurer. Sewaram Sahu (Sarpanch), Avdharam Sahu, Kundan Sahu, Panchd, Ishwari Sahu, Shukdev Sahu, Sukhchand Yadav, etc were present.

Commissioner inspects Chhath Ghat construction site

Korba, Jan 27: In compliance to the instructions given by the Chief Minister of the State, Bhupesh Baghel Commissioner Prabhakar Pandey inspected the site along with the team of officials, members and officers of the Purvanchal Development Committee for the construction of Chhath Ghat.

Instructions were given to the officials to prepare a plan for the construction of a ghat on the banks of the Hasdeo River, between the Bhavani temple and the Children's Traffic Park on the Korba Pass main road. It is worth mentioning here that during the visit of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel to Katghora, the office bearers and members of Purvanchal Vikas Samiti met the Chief Minister and requested for the construc-



tion of Chhath Ghat, on which Chief Minister Mr. Baghel agreed to construct Chhath Ghat. On this occasion, Corporation's Superintending Engineer MK Verma, Executive Engineer Akhilesh Shukla, Purvanchal Development

Committee officials and senior journalists Kamlesh Yadav, Dr. Rajeev Singh, BN Singh, Ashok Singh, Umashankar Singh, Lalan Singh, Vinay Rai, RD Yadav, Deepak Sharma and other officials and members were present.

Leper father deserted by sons in graveyard



Mainpur, Jan 27: A leper patient, an old man has been deserted by his sons in the graveyard, and his family nor are relatives taking responsibility of his welfare. This story is from Madangmuda village of Mainpur block of Gariaband district, where 65-year-old Gunchu Yadav is waiting for death by living in a hut just 50 meters away from the crematorium for the last 12 days. All the claims of leprosy erad-

ication and awareness campaign in Mainpur have been busted, by the plight the ailing man is suffering. His son Ghenuram told that he got his father treated in a private hospital, surgery was also done twice, but the disease did not end and as some people of the village had objections, they had to isolate his father. His mother brings food and he alleged that the villagers are not cooperating with his father's problem and disease, therefore he had to desert his father in the hut on the outskirts of the village. Meanwhile Sarpanch Khageshwar Nagesh said that he had left all the decisions to his sons and they are keeping the father out of their own judgment and understanding.

Mainpur Madai begins with devotion



Mainpur, Jan 27:

The five-day Madai Mela was inaugurated today from Monday at Tehsil Headquarters Mainpur Nagar. After reaching the flag, dangdoli and ride of deities from all over the region, was taken out and

special prayers were offered at Madai Batha and prayer for happiness, peace and prosperity in the entire region. And at 4 o'clock in the evening all the gods and goddesses duly circumambulated the Mainpur Nagar Madai area three times, during

this time thousands of devotees from all over the area reached Madai Batha to see the bravery and divine dance of the gods and goddesses and to seek their blessings. Madai Mela has been started in Mainpur Nagar after almost seven years from

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BRIEF



Police personnel detain members of Bhim Army Student Federation for planning to screen the BBC documentary film 'India: The Modi Question', at Delhi University Arts Faculty, in New Delhi, Friday.

Mishap

■ **Shahdol:** Four men who entered an abandoned underground mine in Shahdol in Madhya Pradesh allegedly with the intention to collect coal or scrap have died after inhaling toxic gas, a police official said on Friday. The incident took place between 10pm and 11pm on Thursday in Dhanpuri, some 28 kilometres from the district headquarters, and the bodies were retrieved from the coal mine in the early hours of Friday, Superintendent of Police Kumar Prateek told PTI.

Remarried

■ **Bhubaneswar:** Around two years after his son died, former Odisha MLA Nabin Nanda has solemnised the marriage of his daughter-in-law Madhusmita. The low-key wedding was held at a temple in Nayapalli area of Bhubaneswar. Panda's son had succumbed to lung infections, post Covid, at the age of 38 while undergoing treatment at a hospital in Cuttack in May 2021. After her father suggested whether she can marry again, the politician said he gave his consent. After Madhusmita agreed to the proposal, her parents selected a groom.

Voters

■ **Guwahati:** Assam has registered an increase in the number of voters by over four lakh in the past one year, with the total number of electorate climbing to 2,41,11,743, an official statement said on Friday. Of these, 1,21,28,543 are male, 1,19,82,804 female and 396 of third gender, a release issued by the state's chief electoral officer (CEO) said. "The final electoral roll with respect to 126 Assembly Constituencies of Assam has been published. The total number of electors in the roll is 241,11,743 as on 1st January 2023," CEO Nitin Khade said in the release.

Dismiss

■ **New Delhi:** Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena has dismissed a city government official from service for fraudulently registering 57 sales and purchase deeds of government and Gram Sabha lands in favour of private persons, a Raj Niwas official said Friday. An official said Harish Bajaj, Delhi Administrative Subordinate Services (DASS), Grade I, allegedly registered 106 "instruments" illegally with mala fide intentions and financial quid pro quo, in violation of rules, regulations and instructions issued by the revenue department.

Attempt made to 'make judiciary part of PMO': Cong

Khanabal (J-K), Jan 27 (PTI): Attacking the government, the Congress on Friday alleged that an "undeclared emergency" prevailed in the country and an attempt was being made to "make the judiciary part of the PMO".

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the Bharat Jodo Yatra is aimed at highlighting such "dangers" facing the country.

Addressing a press conference here, Ramesh said the yatra is aimed at flagging increasing economic disparity, the RSS and the BJP allegedly spreading social polarisation for electoral advantage and the "political dictatorship" prevailing in the country.

"There is an undeclared emergency in the country. There is rule by one person, Parliament is being ignored, debates don't take place in Parliament. One example is of the danger on our borders, two-and-a-half years have passed but



Congress leader Jairam Ramesh addresses a press conference at Khanaba, in Anantnag district, Friday.

it has not been discussed," Ramesh said, referring to the border standoff between India and China.

"Constitution is being ignored, constitutional bodies are being weakened and an attempt is being made to destroy the judiciary. Everyday comments are being made, there is an attempt to make the judiciary part of the PMO (Prime Minister's Office)," he alleged. His remarks come in the backdrop of a raging debate on the issue of appointments to the higher judiciary with the

government questioning the current collegium system and the Supreme Court defending it.

At the press conference, Ramesh said, "So this question why is the Congress out to unite India when nobody is breaking the country, we are saying it is getting divided, there are dangers and if we don't act, the dangers will increase. So we are raising our voice against economic disparities, social polarisation and political dictatorship. We are taking on the BJP and the RSS ideologically. Election strategy has nothing to do with the yatra."

"There are two ways — one way is of the RSS-BJP and according to their path they are using the cannon of 'one person, one system' and the other way is the way of harmony, the way of the Congress, the way of Mahatma Gandhi, the way of Rahul Gandhi, where the 'shehnaai' of democracy is being played.

No security lapse at Bharat Jodo Yatra: J-K police

Anantnag (J-K), Jan 27 (PTI): There was no security lapse at the Bharat Jodo Yatra, a senior Jammu and Kashmir police official said on Friday while stressing that the organisers had not informed the police about a large crowd joining the march from Banihal. "The Jammu and Kashmir police was not consulted before the Bharat Jodo Yatra was discontinued. We will provide foolproof security (to the yatra),"

Additional Director General of Police Vijay Kumar, who is in charge of security in Kashmir Valley, said in a statement. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said he had to call off his walk on Friday because police arrangements "unfortunately completely col-

lapsed" when the yatra crossed Banihal into Qazigund in the Valley through the Jawahar tunnel. "Only authorised persons as identified by organisers and frisked crowd were allowed inside towards the route of the yatra. Organisers and managers of the BJJ did not intimate about large gathering from Banihal joining the yatra," Kumar said. Crowds, he said, were thronging Qazigund.

"Full security arrangements were in place... JK Police was not consulted before taking any decision on discontinuation of the yatra," he added. "The rest of the yatra continued peacefully. There was no security lapse at all," Kumar said in the statement.

L-G inaugurates material recovery facility

For waste segregation

New Delhi, Jan 27 (PTI):

Delhi Lt Governor VK Saxena Friday inaugurated a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Centre in the West Kidwai Nagar here for segregation of recyclable items from household waste.

The semi-automated MRF centre has been set up by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), in collaboration with M/s Metro Waste Handling Pvt. Ltd.

It has been established at Transfer Station Old Arjun Dass Camp for micro-segregation of dry waste collected during door-to-door collection before finally sending non-recyclable dry garbage to the waste-to-energy plant in Okhla for

further processing. Micro segregation of dry waste helps in removing recyclables, improving the livelihood of rag pickers, proper processing of recyclables through authorized recyclers and finally improving the efficiency of waste-to-energy plants. "MRF is the most important tool for reduction of waste under the 3R (reduce, recycle and reuse) initiative and plays a vital role in incorporating the circular economy chain.

"Material recovery centre in NDMC area starts at the primary level by the household who segregates recyclables like newspapers, cardboard, plastics and bottles from waste to sell such material to local recyclers and

scrap dealers," NDMC said in a statement.

The dry waste collected during door-to-door collection is further subjected to micro-segregation into paper, plastic, metal, glass and textile at MRF Centres.

"Recycling of waste prevents a significant fraction of municipal, institutional and bulk waste from being dumped or disposed of in waste-to-energy plant, thereby reducing environmental impacts and the burden of waste management on public authorities.

"MRF helps the NDMC by reducing waste volumes and results in cost savings in the collection, transportation and disposal infrastructure," the civic body said.

AERO INDIA SHOW

Sale of non-veg items banned 10 km around venue

Bengaluru, Jan 27 (PTI): The Bengaluru civic body on Friday ordered closure of meat stalls, non-vegetarian hotels and restaurants from January 30 till February 20, in view of the Aero India Show.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in its public notice said that there will be prohibition on serving and sale of non-vegetarian dishes within 10 km of the Yelahanka Air Force Station.

The Aero India Show will be conducted from February 13 to 17.

The BBMP said, "It is to the notice of general public and proprietors of meat stalls, non-vegetarian hotels and restaurants for closure of all meat/chick-

en/fish shops and prohibition of serving/sale of non-vegetarian dishes within 10 km radius of Air Force Station, Yelahanka from January 30 to February 20".

Any violation of this will attract punishment under the BBMP Act-2020 and the rule 91 of the Indian Aircraft Rules 1937, it said.

According to the BBMP officials, the decision was taken as the non-veg food littered in public places attract lots of scavenger birds, especially kites, which can cause mid air mishaps.

Aero India in its website stated that a total of 731 exhibitors have registered — 633 Indian and 98 foreign — for the airshow.

UNIQUE PROTEST



Jammu and Kashmir Rehbar-e-Khel teachers perform yoga during their protest outside Bharatiya Janata Party office, in Jammu, Friday.

IIT Jodhpur researchers develop two-step process

For treating textile wastewater

New Delhi, Jan 27 (PTI): Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Jodhpur, have developed a two-step process to treat textile wastewater before discharging it into natural water bodies.

The treatment includes an electrochemical processing of the sample in the first step, followed by a real-time photocatalytic degradation using novel ZnO caterpillars outgrown over carbon nanofibers in the second.

"This technology possesses several advantages, reducing the constraints of each process when applied separately, along with the complete degradation of pollutants, and

no secondary pollution. The coloured wastewater from textile industries can be processed with the explored technique and the treated water re-used for various other purposes," said Ankur Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Jodhpur.

Gupta explained that a wide range of synthetic dyes released by the textile industry endanger human and environmental health. Even trace amounts of synthetic dyes in water are easily visible and toxic to human health. Therefore, there is a need for innovative treatment techniques that can result in the de-

struction of dye molecules in waste water. The findings were published in Materials Science and Engineering Journal.

"We need to think about recycling the wastewater and reusing the water wherever possible. There is an escalating need to address the problems associated with contaminated water which is the consequence of a huge number of steel and textile industries that release a large amount of polluted wastewater. Degradable organics, heavy metals, dyes, surfactants, and pH-controlled chemicals are among the contaminants found in textile effluents (TEs)," he said.

Kushwaha seeks to know the truth about 'deal' with RJD

Patna, Jan 27 (PTI):

JD(U)'s rebellious parliamentary board president Upendra Kushwaha on Friday demanded that the truth be known about a "deal" allegedly struck by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar with ally RJD and demanded an urgent party meeting to clear the air.

Addressing a press conference at his official residence here, Kushwaha, who is also a member of the legislative council, also made it clear that he will not quit the JD(U) "just because" Kumar, the supreme leader, asks him to do so.

"The chief minister has been saying that I have quit the party thrice and come back out of my own wish. I must correct him. I have parted ways and re-



Janta Dal United (JDU) National Parliamentary Board President Upendra Kushwaha addresses a press conference, in Patna, Friday.

turned only twice. My first comeback was in 2009 when Kumar requested me to return at a public function. My return in 2021, again, followed help- less pleadings of Kumar who had become very vulnerable by the time", said the former Union minister

who merged his RLSP with the JD(U) two years ago.

Kushwaha also made little secret of the anguish he felt over the limelight on Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav whom he did not mention by name but referred to as "half the Chief

Minister's age, whom Kumar now wants to promote". The JD(U) leader also sought to remind Kumar of personal insults by Yadav on the floor of the assembly when the latter was the leader of the opposition.

Kushwaha, whose statements before the media and on social media have been frowned upon by the chief minister, defended himself saying "I am ready to raise my concerns on a party platform as desired by Kumar, provided I am provided with one".

"For long I have been demanding that a meeting be convened of the national executive. We have issues to discuss. The party is growing weak. Grapevine has it that some sort of a deal has been struck with the RJD.

Indians celebrate Republic Day in Texas with colourful events

Houston, Jan 27 (PTI):

Indians in the US state of Texas celebrated the 74th Republic Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour at various colourful events organised across Houston.

Consul General of India, Aseem Mahajan, at a Facebook live event on Thursday, hoisted the national flag and addressed the gathering to convey the speech of Indian President Droupadi Murmu, which reaffirmed constitutional values that have guided India's progress.

In another well-attended event at the India House and Gujarat Samaj of Houston, Mahajan unfurled the Indian flag amongst many Indian Americans and interacted with them.

The consulate organised a memorable reception to commemorate Republic Day, which saw the attendance of various dignitaries from Texas and other states, including elected officials, business leaders and professionals from a range of areas, and members of the Indian diaspora.

City of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and Fort Bend County Judge K P George also attended the gathering.

Representatives of Senator John Cornyn, Congressman Al Green, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, and



Houston: Combo image of artists' performance during an event organised to celebrate the 74th Republic Day of India, in Houston, USA, Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023. (PTI Photo)

Consulate Generals of Japan, Mexico and other countries were also present at the power-packed evening, besides over 300 guests from neighbouring states.

The evening started with the rich sound of the Indian National Anthem, sung collectively by all present, followed by the US Anthem.

The guests spoke highly of India and its strategic alliance with the USA, especially Houston and its "model Indian American Community".

Addressing the guests,

Mahajan said, "As two vibrant democracies having open and multicultural societies, commonalities in culture and shared values, India and the United States are natural partners."

"Bilateral trade and investments between both countries have continued to grow. There are over 2,000 US companies present in India and over 150 Indian companies in the United States, and the number is growing rapidly, which underlines the immense potential in our partnership," he added.

"Start-up ecosystems in both countries offer immense opportunities for Indian and US companies to build partnerships in areas like health care and medical research, energy, new and renewable energy, biosciences, financial technologies, artificial intelligence, internet software and other cutting-edge technologies," Mahajan said.

Houston Mayor Turner, while congratulating the Indian community, thanked them for making Houston a great city and always being supportive.

"Let me just say to you, that India is now one of our leading trading partners, and we are blessed with that relationship," Turner said.

"This city is a great city because when you look into our hospitals, who do you see as our doctors, our nurses, our technicians, they're people of Indian descent. The same is the case with the education and technology sectors. The Indian community has also been there to help and aid at the time of natural disasters", he added.

Indian-American Fort Bend County Judge K P George said, "The USA and India are the world's largest democracies, share much in common, and I look forward to working with members of both communities towards a prosperous future for all."

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION



Pleasure craft follows ferries that are having an annual race on Sydney Harbour during Australia Day celebration in Sydney, Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023. Australia marks the anniversary of British colonists settling modern day Sydney in 1788 while Indigenous protesters deride Australia Day as Invasion Day.

French, Dutch ministers visit NATO battlegroup in Romania

Bucharest, Jan 27 (AP):

The foreign ministers of France and the Netherlands paid an official visit on Friday to a military base in Romania where both nations station troops as a part of a NATO battlegroup that was bolstered in the wake of Russia's invasion of neighbouring Ukraine.

Catherine Colonna of France and Wopke Hoekstra of the Netherlands visited the

military base in Cincu, central Romania, along with their Romanian counterpart, Bogdan Aurescu.

Hoekstra told troops from the multinational battlegroup stationed there that they demonstrate "precisely what our alliance stands for," and said they play a key role in "keeping this continent and our territory safe."

"Russia is waging war in a way we haven't seen

in decades, and therefore we cannot let our guard down we need to step up our efforts," Hoekstra said, adding: "There is only one way forward: Ukraine must win this war, for its own sake but also for ours."

In response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine last February, NATO bolstered its presence on Europe's eastern flank, including by sending additional multinational battlegroups to alliance

members Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Slovakia.

Earlier this week, around 600 French soldiers held a combat exercise in the eastern Romanian town of Smardan to test the 30-nation military alliance's readiness on its eastern flank. The drill involved some 200 military vehicles, including four French Leclerc battle tanks that practiced firing live ammunition.

Hong Kong to ban CBD, label it a 'dangerous drug'

Hong Kong, Jan 27 (AP):

Hong Kong will ban CBD starting Wednesday, categorising it as a "dangerous drug" and mandating harsh penalties for its smuggling, production and possession, customs authorities announced Friday.

Supporters say CBD can treat a range of ailments including anxiety and that, unlike its more famous cousin THC which is already illegal in Hong Kong CBD doesn't get users high.

Cannabidiol, derived from the cannabis plant, was previously legal in Hong Kong, where bars and shops sold products containing it.

But Hong Kong authorities decided last year to prohibit the marijuana-de-

rived substance a change that will soon go into effect. Residents were given three months from October 27 to dispose of their CBD products in special boxes set up around the city.

"Starting from February 1, cannabidiol, aka CBD, will be regarded as a dangerous drug and will be supervised and managed by the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance," customs intelligence officer Au-Yeung Ka-lun said at a news briefing.

"As of then, transporting CBD for sale, including import and export, as well as producing, possessing and consuming CBD, will be illegal," Au-Yeung said.

Penalties include up to life in prison and HKD 5 million (USD 638,000) in

finest for importing, exporting or producing CBD. Possession of the substance can result in a sentence of up to seven years and HKD 1 million (USD 128,000) in fines.

In announcing the ban last year, the Hong Kong government cited the difficulty of isolating pure CBD from cannabis, the possibility of contamination with THC during the production process and the relative ease by which CBD can be converted to THC.

"We will tackle all kinds of dangerous drugs from all angles and all ends, and the intelligence-led enforcement action is our major goal," Chan Kai-ho, a divisional commander with the department's Airport Command, told reporters Friday.

Israel, Gaza fighters trade fire after deadly West Bank raid

Jerusalem, Jan 27 (AP):

Gaza militants fired rockets and Israel carried out airstrikes early Friday as tensions soared following an Israeli raid in the occupied West Bank that killed nine Palestinians, including at least seven militants and a 61-year-old woman. It was the deadliest single raid in the territory in over two decades. The flare-up in violence poses an early test for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's far-right government and casts a shadow on US Secretary of State Antony Blinken's expected trip to the region next week.

Of the five rockets fired at Israel, three were intercepted, one fell in an open area and another fell short inside Gaza, the military said. It said the airstrikes

targeted an underground rocket manufacturing site for Hamas as well as militant training areas. The rockets set off air raid sirens in southern Israel but there were no reports of casualties on either side. Both the Palestinian rockets and Israeli airstrikes seemed limited so as to prevent escalation into a full-blown war. Israel and Hamas have fought four wars and several smaller skirmishes since the militant group seized power in Gaza from rival Palestinian forces in 2007. Thursday's deadly raid in the Jenin refugee camp was likely to reverberate on Friday as Palestinians gather for weekly Muslim prayers that are often followed by protests. Hamas had earlier threatened revenge for the raid.

Indian mother-daughter duo's 26,000 ice cream-stick rangoli enters Singapore Book of Records



Singapore, Jan 27 (PTI):

An Indian mother and daughter team here has made it to the Singapore Book of Records by creating a 6-by-6 metre rangoli artwork using 26,000 ice cream sticks which depicts notable Tamil

festivities in the Little India precinct.

The rangoli, which took a month to create, depicts notable Tamil scholar-poets Tiruvalluvar, Avvaiyaar, Bharathiyaar and Bharathidasan and coincides with the celebration of their works by Kalamanjari, a Tamil cultural organisation here, which organised the event, and the Little India Shopkeepers and Heritage Association (LISHA).

Violin and mridangam artists regaled the audiences with Carnatic music and songs lauding the works of the poets in the event on January 21, the Friday weekly Tabla! reported.

South Korea extends restrictions on travellers from China

Seoul, Jan 27 (AP):

South Korea says it will continue to restrict the entry of short-term travelers from China through the end of February over concerns that the spread of COVID-19 in that country may worsen following the Lunar New Year's holidays.

South Korea in early January stopped issuing most short-term visas at its consulates in China, citing concerns about a virus surge in the country that abruptly eased coronavirus restrictions in December and the potential for new mutations.

South Korea has also required all passengers from China, Hong Kong and Macau to submit proofs of negative tests taken with 48 hours before their arrival and put them through tests again once they arrive.

The steps, which originally were imposed for the month of January, prompted China to retaliate by suspending South Korean short-term visa

applications, raising concerns about disrupted business activities in a country that heavily depends on exports to China.

Following a meeting on South Korea's COVID-19 response on Friday, health authorities decided to extend the coronavirus measures on short-term travelers from China for another month. While there had been some indications COVID-19 outbreaks in major Chinese cities were slowing, South Korean officials remain concerned about a viral resurgence following the massive gatherings and cross-country travel during the Lunar New Year's holidays that ended this week.

South Korean officials during the meeting left open the possibility of easing the restrictions earlier if it becomes clearer that China's COVID-19 situation is improving, the Ministry of Health and Welfare said in a statement.

UN chief: Exhibit of Nazi victims is call to fight cruelty

United Nations, Jan 27 (AP):

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said Thursday the Nazis tried to rob millions of Jews of their names before killing them during World War II but at the inauguration of a UN installation with the names of 4.8 million Holocaust victims he said they failed and all those slaughtered "shall never be forgotten." On the eve of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the UN chief said the exhibition is a call to action because a million victims remain unidentified.

It is also a call to the world to "stem the tide of human cruelty and fight anti-Semitism and all forms of racism wherever and whenever it manifests itself," Guterres said.

The big installation "The Book of Names of Holocaust Victims" was brought to UN headquarters in New York by Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem. It

stands 6.56 feet (2 metres) high, 3.3 feet (one metre) wide, and is 26.45 feet (8 metres) long, with the names of 4.8 million victims so far identified by Yad Vashem arranged alphabetically on pages. There are blank pages at the end symbolising the more than 1 million murdered Jews who are still unidentified. Guterres recalled that when prisoners arrived at the Auschwitz concentration camp, "their name was erased and replaced with a number burned on the forearm." After losing their names, he said, they lost their lives. But millions of their names have been collected, and their memory lives on.

Yad Vashem's chairman, Dani Dayan, spoke of two names in the book, his great uncles, saying the Nazis and their collaborators "driven by maniacal hatred of Jews, and anything they perceived as Jewish," sought to exterminate every Jew everywhere and erase their names, identities and culture.

VEER GUARDIAN 2023



Japan: Personnel of Indian Air Force (IAF) and Japan Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) pose for photos during the inaugural edition of the bilateral air exercise 'Veer Guardian 2023' that concluded on Thursday, Jan. 26 in Japan.



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India displays indigenous arms and women power

The drive for atmanirbharta or self-sufficiency in India's military might, as well as the key role of women in the armed forces were both in the spotlight at India's 74th Republic Day celebrations on January 26, 2023, held at the newly-renovated and renamed Kartavya Path in the capital. After two years of celebrations without any chief guest due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi was the chief guest at this year's parade, the first with President Droupadi Murmu at the helm. As the national flag was unfurled on a cold and windy morning, the 21-gun salute was presented for the first time by Indian made 105-mm field guns, replacing the seven vintage Quick Fire 25-pounder guns which have been used since Independence. The change was in line with the Central government's push for the indigenous manufacture of defence equipment. The Indian Army also showcased other Made-in-India equipment, including its main battle tank Arjun, the NAG missile system, the K-9 Vajra-T gun system, the AKASH air defence system, and the Brahmos missile. A combined band and marching contingent from Egypt, with 144 soldiers of the Egyptian Army was also part of the parade this year, led by Colonel Mahmoud Mohamed Abdel Fattah El Kharasawy. The parade was led by Parade Commander Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth, General Officer Commanding, Delhi Area, followed by the Param Vir Chakra and Ashok Chakra awardees. Leading the Indian contingents was the 61st Cavalry, the only active serving horsed cavalry in the world. In a display of women's empowerment, the marching contingents of the Indian Air Force and the Indian Navy were both led by women officers for the first time. While Lt. Commander Disha Amrith led the Navy's 144 sailors, Squadron Leader Sindhu Reddy headed 144 air warriors and four officers of the IAF. In another first, the Navy's contingent also included three women and six men Agniveers, participants in the new Agnipath scheme for short-term recruitment to the armed forces which has faced violent protests from army aspirants in some States.. Around 2,800 naval Agniveers are currently undergoing training at the INS Chilka in Odisha, with 271 women among them. The four-month training programme will be completed by March 23, 2023, after which they will go on a warship as part of a familiarisation course before their postings. The Central Reserve Police Force also presented an all-women marching contingent in the parade, led by Assistant Commandant Poonam Gupta, while the Delhi Police had an all-women pipe band comprising 35 women constables. The marching contingent was led by Assistant Commissioner of Police Shweta K. Sugathan. The theme of nari shakti or female power carried beyond the armed forces contingents into the parade's cultural tableaux as well. Tripura's tableau focussed on the active role of its women in creating sustainable livelihoods through tourism and organic farming, while Kerala presented folk traditions of women's empowerment. Other States which adopted a similar theme for their displays included West Bengal, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka. Uttar Pradesh showcased the three-day Deepotsava. The lights, Saryu, Aarti depicted the illuminated temples in Ayodhya. Another major attraction this year was a dance performance called 'Vande Bharatam' on the theme of Nari Shakti, consisting of 326 female and 153 male artists. Presented by the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Culture, the performance was a mix of classical, folk, and contemporary fusion dance with different artists performing different forms of dance to the same music. One of the most popular parts of the parade every year, the fly past, was not clearly visible due to the cloudy weather, leaving the audience a bit disappointed at the end. Some of the formations, as narrated by the commentators, were Netra by four Rafale fighter jets and Trishul by three Sukhoi-30 MKI. Creating a diamond shape in the blurry skies were the helicopters of Indian Army Aviation Corps. The Rudra formation consisted of two Dhruv helicopters and two Rudra helicopters.

More to learn from the life of Gandhiji

Er. Rajesh Pathak

Social disharmony particularly on the line of castes had been one of the main causes of India's downfall in the face of fury of foreign invasions. As a conclusive remark eminent author, Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, writes- "The nationality that an individual adopt to have the sense of glory, the deep urge for that glory subsides in the feeling of caste and sect itself. If caste is secured everything is secured. The Hindus got to have so entrapped themselves in this mentality that they not only lost their country but in the name of caste and so-called caste-dharma they had only their remnants left in the ashes." However there had been a great many personalities who usher into evolving the way to emancipate the people out of this self-suicidal course. Instances are many, but the measures that Mahatma Gandhi took had wider effect. With ahimsa and secularism there are many more things in the life of Gandhiji that we could emulate for better world. It did not go unnoticed from him how the practice of caste-discrimination dealt the harm to the country. And in many ways he worked upon its rectification. Antidote to the feeling of casteism he saw most was in inter-caste marriage. In 9th May, 1945 in a letter to a social worker he writes- "Don't seek blessing from me if you are getting married in your own caste. If bride hails from the other caste I will surely give you my blessing". Later, taking one more step in this direction, when a question asked by a volunteer of Harijan sewak sangh regarding the remedy of casteism he answered that - "It seems to me that ideas never cease to flourish. While moving forward it is not possible for one and all to do it with same pace. If your daughter is unmarried and with the inspiration of pure religious feeling you could bring Harijan bridegroom for her I would gladly welcome them." And he even did that what he claimed when the occasion came. In 1945 the inter-caste marriage of the children of two [Navle and Karpe] families took place in Maharashtra. The renowned personalities who conveyed their blessings to newly-weds were- Veer Sawarkar; Jagadguru Shankracharya, Dr.Kurtkotti; Guru Golwalker, the then Sarsanghchalak of RSS; and Gandhiji too. Not only this but as the time went on he tried to not leave the occasion of attending any such of marriages in which either bride or bride groom be the Harijan. Regarding sanitation he had been no less conscious. Once Gandhiji was travelling in the Mumbai mail in general compartment as his attention was caught by another traveller , who was coughing time and again and, not only that, spitting inside the compartment itself. At this Gandhiji, sitting silently, said nothing when he did so twice. But as he was about spit for the third time Gandhiji took his hand below his mouth, and cough fell in his both the palms. Gandhiji soon went near the window, threw it out, washed the hands and came back to his place, saying nothing to him. Seeing this traveller grew extremely shameful and apologized Gandhiji. At this Gandhiji told him instructively, " See brother! This train is ours. If this is misused it would only be our loss. Secondly, spitting inside the train will spread disease either. That's why I didn't let cough fall here inside the compartment". So much persuasive he had been for the self-sanitization that he made it mandatory for the volunteers living in the Sabarmati Ashram to take care of that themselves, not allowing separate paid worker for that. He said- "Everyone must be his own scavenger. In the society the health-worker engaged in sanitation now stands at lowest level, while he has most important role to play. Being indispensable he should enjoy honor in the society. The status of the Valmiki that cleans the dirt and filth of the people is like that of a mother. The work that a Valmiki do of sanitization, had that been taken by other people also this evil would have been eradicated long back."

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MURMU MEETS R-DAY PARADE ARTISTS



President Droupadi Murmu interacts with an artist who performed at the Republic Day Parade 2023, during a meeting at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi, Friday, Jan. 27.

PM SHRI scheme: A Visionary Initiative in the Education Sector

ER. PRABHAT KISHORE



The Government of India has launched a centrally sponsored scheme PM SHRI (PM Schools for Rising India) in the education sector. This initiative is intended to prepare selected existing school of the country as PM SHRI schools, which will help showcase the implementation of all aspects of NEP 2020 and emerge as exemplary schools over a period of time. These schools will be learning spaces in which every student fills welcomed and care for, where a safe and stimulating learning environment exists, a wide range of learning experiences are offered, good physical infrastructure and appropriate resources conducive to learning are available to all students. It will nurture the students in such a way that they become engaged, productive and contributing citizens towards building an equitable, inclusive and plural society. Under this scheme, a total of 14597 PM SHRI schools across the country will be qualitatively strengthened by providing them with dedicated, targeted and all-inclusive interventions to ensure holistic transformation and all-inclusive interventions to ensure holistic transformation at all levels, including access, quality, equity and inclusion. The aim of such schools would be to produce well-round individuals equipped with skills. More than 20 lakh students are expected to be the beneficiaries of the

scheme. Pedagogy in these schools will be more experimental, integrated, play-based in foundational years, inquiry-driven, discovery-oriented, learner-centred, discussion-based, flexible and enjoyable. Focus will be on the learning outcomes of every student in every grade i.e. assessment of quantitative, verbal and logical reasoning skills. Assessment at all levels will be based on conceptual understanding and application of knowledge to real-life situations and will be competency-based. Skill-based Aptitude test will be introduced for Vocational Education. Assessment of the resource effectiveness in terms of availability, adequacy, appropriateness, and utilisation for each of the domains will be done and the gaps will be filled in a planned manner. Linkage with local industry will be incorporated for enhancing employability. To develop these schools as GREEN School, eco-friendly aspects like solar panels & LED lightings, nutrition gardens with natural farming, waste management, water conservation etc. will be incorporated. Efforts will be made to involve the community as well as alumni in the volunteer efforts by organising help sessions, career guidance and mentoring. By carefully tracking the students and their learning levels, universal participation will be ensured.

Regular visits to these schools by other schools in the district will be organised to motivate them to adopt the interventions and become exemplary schools themselves. Adequate infrastructure, including toilets, clean drinking water, attractive spaces, electricity, computing devices with internet, library, sports material and recreational resources will be ensured so that teachers and students of all genders as well as disabilities receive a safe, inclusive and effective learning environment to teach and learn. The use of plastic will be restricted in PM SHRI schools. Children will be encouraged to wear uniforms made from locally sourced and sustainable materials. The PM SHRI schools will have convergence with various existing schemes such as Samagra Shiksha for teacher's salary, quality inputs & digital resources etc., PM POSHAN for Mid-Day meal, ICDS for ECCE linkages, Jal Jeevan Mission for drinking water, National Child Labour Project (NCLP) for mainstreaming of child labour withdrawn & rehabilitated, Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP) for provision of Aids & Appliances, School Health Programme (SHP), Department of Rural Development for provision of playground, boundary wall, toilets etc., Department of Panchayati Raj for recycling of waste, Department of Telecom for extension of Bharat Net services to the schools, MSDE for skill initiatives and vocational education, Department of Sports & Youth Affairs for greater participation in Khelo India, Geo-tagging of schools for selection and monitoring of PM SHRI schools will be done with the support of Bhaskaracharya National Institute of Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N). The selected schools should have certain minimum benchmarks like own pucca building in good condition, barrier free access with safety

norms, equipped with fire safety measures, separate toilets as well as hand washing facility for boys & girls, potable drinking water facility, power supply, library & sports equipment, Photo ID Cards to all teachers. Also, enrolment at Elementary and Secondary/Senior Secondary level should be at least more than the state average enrolment for the category. The Elementary as well as the Secondary/Senior Secondary schools managed by the Centre/State/UT/Urban Local Bodies/KVS/NVS will be considered for selection under the scheme. PM SHRI schools will be selected through Challenge Mode, in which Schools will have to self-apply on the online Challenge Portal, which will be opened four times a year, once every quarter, for the first two years of implementation of the scheme. A maximum of two schools (one Elementary and one Secondary/Senior Secondary) will be selected per block/urban local bodies. States can create clusters around PM SHRI schools to enable the benefit to reach to more schools in the cluster. By setting high standards, these schools will become model for all other schools to follow. PM SHRI schools is a visionary and ambitious scheme in the education sector and will be vibrant schools focusing on the all round development of the students. They will provide leadership in their respective regions in providing high quality education in an equitable, inclusive and joyful environment that takes care of the diverse background multilingual needs and different academic abilities of children and makes them active participants in their own learning process.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Valid point

It's the duty of every Indian to swap China and all trade with the country should be stopped seems to be a valid point from Arvind Kejriwal. It's true that moment, when we're celebrating 74th Republic Day, two effects are veritably important. China has been eyeing our borders for quite some time. Our military are fighting bravely on the border. While the government is duty-bound to support them, it's our duty to swap China and stop trade with it. But unfortunately, we're continuously adding our trade and making China richer. With that., the country is preparing dangerous munitions. We buy goods like shoes, Electronic goods like mobile,TV, Washing machine and even slippers, specs mattresses from China. We really need not buy these from China. All these are being manufactured in our country as well. However, employment will also increase, If we increase our product. Crores of youth will get employment and China will learn a assignment.

VijayKumar H K, Raichur

Politics of martyrdom

Snubbing former two times Chief Minister (CM) Digvijay Singh for questioning surgical strikes, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi termed his comments "ridiculous" and said the armed forces are doing their job "exceptionally well" and do not need to give any proof. By this way Rahul Gandhi, not only once and for all, has put a lid on the controversies related to the surgical strikes in the wake of the terror attacks by Pakistan sponsored terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir, but also, he has positioned himself as a leader for whom the national interest comes first. By this way, he supported the army, and never asked for proof, aligning himself with the valour of soldiers and their actions. Side by side Rahul is adopting a similar stand as is the Modi government of the day, but at the same time, he is making it clear that he is no less nationalist and supporter of the army action (of surgical strikes) than the men in power at this time. Unable to understand that even after Rahul Gandhi's snubbing Digvijay Singh questioning surgical strikes, once again BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad demanded the Congress to "clear its stand" over the issue of terrorism and national security. Why? Is not Rahul has given his statement clearly. Actually, Ravishankar you are the one now using the army for your political gains. It's BJP's tradition that it is dragging it (army, Kargil war or Pulwama) just for the sake of generating vote bank always. When on the backfoot, BJP has always tried to take political advantage of martyrdom of our soldiers.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

Respect our national flag, don't buy if you cannot handle it



Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

The National Flag is a symbol of the Nation's respect and pride. The flag is the symbol under which our ancestors have strived to promote the Federation and have worked to ensure that it is granted a deserved position among nations and people of the world. In India, during Independence Day & Republic day there is a new trend of selling flags made of paper and plastic, which is not fare. Ahead of Independence Day, the Centre has urged all citizens not to use national flag made up of plastic and asked states and Union Territories to ensure strict compliance of the flag code. Our PM Narendra Modi has already called for wide publicity and sensitisation

of Central and state departments as well as the public to strictly use "paper flags" instead of plastic flags and ensure that national flags are disposed in ways that are consistent with the "dignity of the flag". Millions of patriots have laid their lives to achieve freedom and our National Flag is a symbol of their great sacrifice. Every true Indian knows the importance of this flag and would make sure that it continues to sway freely always. Our national flag is courage and inspiration for us. It makes us remember about the sacrifices of our great Indian freedom fighters. It makes us remember that how tough that moment was for them. Getting freedom was not so easy. We should always respect our flag and never let it go down for our motherland. Many sacrificed their life to save the honour of the Flag by not allowing it to fall down on the ground. Unfortunately people have forgotten to maintain the honour of the Nation. Abuse of national flags takes place on Independence Day and Republic Day, due to use of plastic flags. National flag is used by people in every corner, every crossroad, every shop, and every vehicle. Some proudly places by pinning up on the

clothes. Someone even set on vehicles but it is painful to see our national flag in Garbage next day. Many unceremoniously dump the national flag to the dustbin while some throw it on the road or in gutter. The feelings of patriotism and loyalty to a country are entrenched in the minds of individual's right from the time they start going to school. While each child enjoys carrying a paper flag on the independence and republic day, parents must be very watchful in ensuring that the flag is treated with respect. The plastic or paper flags that are held in the hand on the 'Independence Day' and 'Republic Day' with great honour and love during the flag hoisting ceremony, are seen lying on the streets, drains, filthy places in the afternoon of the same day itself. Is this not an insult to the bold patriots who suffered bullets of the British and the Portuguese on their chest to save the honour of the Flag ? Flag Code of India 2002, Section II, Point 2.2 (xiii) says that when the Flag is in a damaged or soiled condition, it shall be destroyed as a whole in private, preferably by respectful burning or by any other method consistent with the dignity of the Flag. The Flag Code of India, 2002

containing the provisions of the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 governing the guidelines for display of the national flag of India clearly mentions that whoever in any public place shows disrespect to or brings into contempt the national flag shall be punished according to the law. According to Section 2 of 'The Prevention of insults to National Honour Act, 1971' - Whoever in any public place or in any other place within public view burns, mutilates, defaces, defiles, disfigures, destroys, tramples upon or otherwise shows disrespect to or brings into contempt (whether by words, either spoken or written, or by acts) the Indian National Flag or any part thereof, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both. There have been complaints that after Republic Day and Independence Day, flags made of plastic are often found lying on roads and gutters. It is observed that paper and plastic national flags are found strewn all over roads and even in gutters right from 26th January and it takes time to dispose of plastic flags. The government has already passed orders banning the

manufacture, sale, distribution and display of plastic national flags. According to our Flag Code, "The National Flag of India shall be made of hand spun and hand woven wool/cotton/silk khadi bunting." Necessary action as per Mumbai High Court's orders should be taken for prevention of insult of national flags. All heads of departments and other officials should take care to ensure that the national flag is used only in a manner consistent with the provisions of the flag code. Our national flag is used in feasts. After all the celebrations, people just leave them there. The flags fall to the ground and are stepped on. Plastic flags are preferred by many political parties for the election campaign. The Model Code of Conduct bans the display of any banners or flags in public places. The flags are not only environmentally unfriendly, but also physically hazardous as the loose ends of the twine they are attached to, fluttering from lampposts and buildings, pose a danger to two-wheeler riders and pedestrians. The burning of non-biodegradable waste, including plastic flags, releases dioxins into the atmosphere.

BRIEF

Fiscal approach



■ **Thiruvananthapuram:** Kerala Finance Minister K N Balagopal has expressed hope that the Union Budget will allocate more funds for social and infrastructure development as well as correct the Centre's fiscal policy in dealing with states. The Left leader, who is critical of the Union government's approach towards the states in terms of GST implementation and devolution of central funds, also said the "serious discrimination" showed towards Kerala should be stopped. In an interview to PTI, Balagopal said the Centre's approach has led to a financial crisis in the state that is affecting the overall development. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will be announcing the Budget for 2023-24 on February 1, at a time when global uncertainties and headwinds are impacting the Indian economy.

Housing project



■ **New Delhi:** Realty major DLF Ltd plans to launch a luxury housing project in Gurugram next month with an estimated sales revenue of around Rs 7,500 crore as it seeks to tap strong demand for high-end apartments. The company plans to develop around 1,100 apartments in this residential project, DLF Group Executive Director and Chief Business Officer Aakash Ohri told PTI. "We are planning to launch next month a premium residential project in Sector 63 Gurugram. The estimated sales realisation of this project will be around Rs 7,500 crore," he said. .

New flight



■ **New Delhi:** Full service carrier Vistara on Wednesday said it will start daily direct flights between Mumbai and Dammam from March 1 as it continues to expand international services. A320 neo aircraft will be deployed for the services on this route. In a statement, the airline also said that it will resume operations between Mumbai and Colombo with daily flights from March 1 after a hiatus of nearly three years. "We are excited to expand our presence in Saudi Arabia with the addition of Dammam as the second city in the Kingdom, after Jeddah.

Das: Worst of inflation, growth and currency crises behind us

Mumbai, Jan 27:

Reserve Bank of India governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday said the latest dataprints on growth, inflation and currency volatilities indicate that the worst for the financial markets and the world economy is behind us and that high interest rates for a longer period looks a distinct possibility going forward. Though the global economy is projected to contract significantly in 2023, the worst, both in terms of growth and inflation, seems to be behind us. Lately, with some ebbing of Covid-related restrictions and cooling of inflation in various countries, though still elevated, central banks have started what appears to be a pivot towards lower rate hikes or pauses, Das told the annual meeting of the Fixed



Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India (Fimmda) and the Primary Dealers Association of India (PDAI) held in Dubai on Friday. But Das put a caveat saying at the same time, central bankers continue to emphatically reiterate their resolve to bring inflation down closer to their respective targets. At the same time, high policy rates for a longer duration appear to be a distinct possibility, going forward. On the growth front,

projections are now veering around to a softer recession as against a severe and more widespread recession projected a few months back. On the domestic front, he said, in this hostile and uncertain international environment, "our economy remains resilient", drawing strength from its macro-economic fundamentals. "Our financial system remains robust and stable. Banks and corporates are healthier than before the crisis.

Bank credit is growing in double-digits. We are widely seen as a bright spot in an otherwise gloomy world. Our inflation remains elevated, but there has been a welcome softening on November and December. Core inflation, however, remains sticky and elevated," the governor said.

Bank of Baroda establishes the 'Bank of Baroda Rashtrabhasha Samman'

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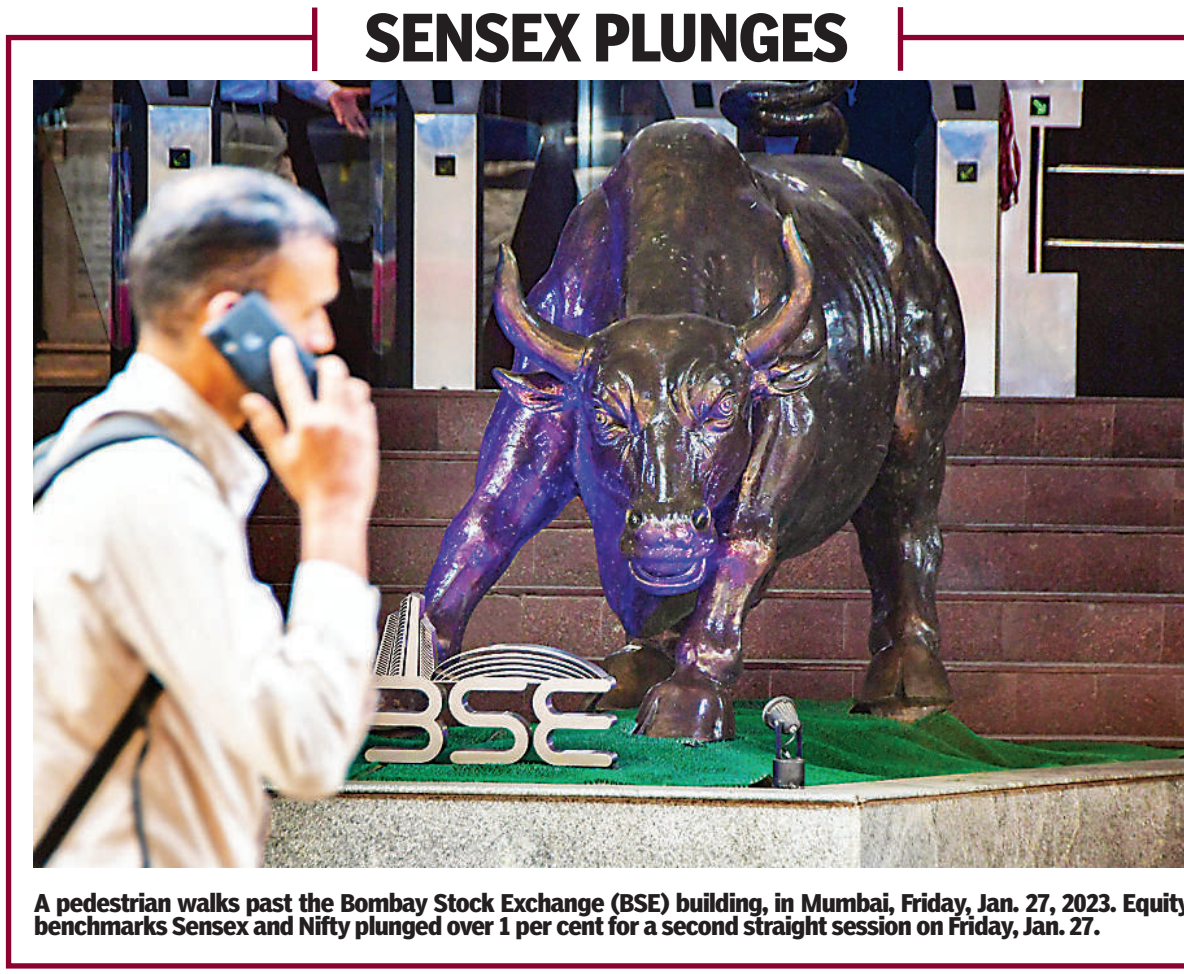
Jaipur, Jan 27:

Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks, announced that the Bank has instituted the 'Bank of Baroda Rashtrabhasha Samman'. This award has been established by the Bank to encourage and promote literary works in Indian languages. The Bank's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Sanjiv Chadha, announced the commence-



ment of this award in a special session at the Jaipur Literature Festival. The Bank's Executive Director, Mr. Ajay K. Khurana, was also present on the occasion. In a multi-lingual country like India, the use of all Indian languages is important as it adds to the diversity and rich heritage of the nation. All the languages of the country play a vital role in nation building and enriching the literary and cultural heritage of the nation. Keeping this in mind, this award 'Bank of

Baroda Rashtrabhasha Samman' seeks to promote the mutual interchange amongst Indian languages and to make the best Indian literature available to the general public in Hindi. The award encourages literary translation work in the country. This award will be presented to both the original author of selected literary works and the translator who has translated the book in to Hindi from the original regional language. Under this award, every year the original author and trans-



A pedestrian walks past the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) building, in Mumbai, Friday, Jan. 27, 2023. Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty plunged over 1 per cent for a second straight session on Friday, Jan. 27.

Toyota commences bookings of new diesel Innova Crysta



New Delhi, Jan 27: Toyota Kirloskar Motor on Friday said it has commenced bookings for the updated version of its multipurpose vehicle Innova Crysta. The model now comes with a 2.4-litre diesel powertrain mated with a five speed manual transmission across four trims. It can be booked for Rs 50,000 at company dealerships or online, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) said in a statement. The opening of

bookings for the new Innova Crysta comes on the heels of the launch of the Innova HyCross (available in Gasoline and Strong Hybrid Electric powertrains). "This vehicle (Innova Crysta) is a perfect choice for customers preferring a rugged and practical vehicle, well known for its unparalleled comfort and safety," TKM Vice President, Sales and Strategic Marketing Atul Sood stated.

these works in Hindi. He said, "This initiative by the Bank will not only encourage the translation of Indian language literature in Hindi, but will also encourage quality writings in other Indian languages. In both ways, it will give a boost to creative writing in Indian languages." While attending the programme, the Bank's Executive Director, Shri Ajay K. Khurana said "This is a landmark initiative by the Bank. With the establishment of this award, we are going to make a significant contribution to all three fields i.e., Indian languages, literature and translation." Well-known writer and Booker Prize winner Smt. Geetanjali Shree, noted laureates, philologists and other intellectuals from India and abroad also graced the occasion.

lator of the award winning book will get Rs. 21.00 lakh and Rs. 15.00 lakh respectively. Moreover, for the other five shortlisted translated novels, the original author and translator will be awarded with Rs. 3.00 lakh and Rs. 2.00 lakh each respectively. Speaking about the award, Shri Sanjiv Chadha, Managing Director & CEO, Bank of Baroda termed the initiative as a significant step by the Bank to promote original Indian language literature and the translations of

Lakmé Academy powered by Aptech presented 'The Showcase'

Mumbai, Jan 27:

Lakmé Academy Powered by Aptech concluded its very first edition of a fashion runway titled "The Showcase". The show event took place amidst a lot of glam, glitz and glitterati at AlilaDiwa, Goa. With curated professional hair & make-up looks by the students, the models sashaying down in the label by designer Samant Chauhan, choreographed beautifully by the fashion choreographer, Nisha Harale was nothing less than a spectacular extravaganza. Over 2000+ talented students from Lakmé Academy powered by Aptech centres, pan India participated in different categories of hair, skin, makeup & nails and over 500 of them were shortlisted to participate in the



grand finale of 'The Showcase' at Goa. The significantly large student runway in India saw students (as budding hair & make-up artists (HMUAs) working in teams under gripping deadlines to compete and win the titles as Gold, Silver or Bronze for they will get an exciting opportunity to work with the ace choreographer & director, Farah Khan on her next project. Not just

that, the winners will also get a direct entry to assist the backstage heroes at Lakme Fashion Week. The jury comprising of Director and Choreographer - Farah Khan; Designer Samant Chauhan, Chief Marketing Officer, Aptech Ltd- Pravir Arora, National Creative Director-Make-up, Lakmé Lever - Anupama Katiyal; National Creative

Director-Hair, Lakmé Lever- Pooja Singh and Chief Executive Officer, Lakmé Lever - Pushkraj Shenai evaluated student work and looks before arriving at a consensus to announce its South Campus, Delhi centre as the Gold winner. The runners-up Silver and Bronze were bagged by centres in Malad, Mumbai & Camac Street, Kolkata respectively. Mr Pravir Arora, Chief Marketing Officer, Aptech Ltd Said, "We at Lakmé Academy Powered by Aptech are trying to push the aspirants to dream bigger by offering them unique platforms one after the other."

Mr. Pushkaraj Shenai, CEO & Wholtime Director, Lakmé Lever, said, "The professional beauty and wellness industry in India is at an inflection point."

Air India has made 'quite remarkable progress': CEO

New Delhi, Jan 27:

As the Tata group completes the first year of taking over Air India, the airline on Friday said it is finalising a historic order of new aircraft while the airline's chief Campbell Wilson highlighted that the carrier's progress has been quite remarkable. Stepping into the second year of Air India 2.0, Wilson, in a message to employees, acknowledged that there will be challenges along the way and emphasised that more than successes, "it is how we respond to our lapses ... that will define us". The airline has put in place a roadmap under Vihaan.AI for transformation over the next five years and has taken various measures, including committing



USD 400 million to refurbish the interiors of its entire wide-body fleet. However, in recent weeks, the carrier has faced certain headwinds related to the unruly behaviour of passengers onboard two international flights and has also been penalised by the aviation regulator DGCA. Listing out major initiatives, Air India on Friday said it is "finalising a historic order of new aircraft to power future

growth" and has added more than 1,200 professionals across key functions to upgrade capabilities. "Hundreds of initiatives across 22 broad work streams are underway to transform the airline over three phases: Taxi, Take Off and Climb," the airline said.

In his message, Wilson said that while working on improvements, the airline has not shied away from other ambitious actions such as merging Air India Express with Air Asia, or Vistara with Air India, or kicking off the establishment of a new InfoTech Centre, or an Aviation Academy. "And that's not to mention our much talked-about short- and medium term fleet expansion," the CEO and MD of Air India said.

Unusual working hours increase higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes in employees

New Delhi, Jan 27:

Unusual working hours or erratic 'shift' culture, such as rotational shifts or prolonged night shifts, can put employees at an increased higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes than those having a regular daytime schedule. One of the main reasons for this increased risk is the disruption of circadian rhythms or the body's internal clock. The human body has a natural sleep-wake cycle regulated by the suprachiasmatic nucleus (SCN) in the hypothalamus, responsible for the production of melatonin, a hormone that promotes sleep. When the body's natural sleep-wake cycle gets disrupted, it can lead to several negative ef-

fects on health, including increased insulin resistance and decreased glucose tolerance, further leading to type 2 diabetes. Citing the negative impact of unusual working hours, Dr. NK Singh, Executive Committee, National RSSDI, explains, "Shift work has been also linked to various other risk factors for diabetes, such as poor diet and lack of physical activity. Individuals who work unusual hours often have less time to prepare healthy meals and may be more likely to turn to fast food or convenience foods, which are high in calories, sugar, and saturated fats. They also may have less time for regular physical activity, which is crucial for maintaining healthy blood sugar levels.

Celebrate Valentine Day with stunning Platinum Love Bands

Mumbai, Jan 27:

As we enter the month of love with Valentine's Day ruling the feelings, it is the perfect time of the year to celebrate, cherish and commemorate the love that you share. A love that has transcended the journey of finding that elusive perfect someone to discovering perfection within each other. Only a metal as resilient as Platinum, with its subtle sheen and unique ability to retain its form and shape through the years, is fitting to celebrate this love that is defined by the progressive values of mutual respect and companionship. This Valentine's Day, as you scout for the ideal marker of your rare love, choose from a range



of exquisitely crafted Platinum Love Bands by PGI's Platinum Days of Love.

The stunning white metal, platinum, is popularly known as the 'metal of love' and resonates with the new-age values that define the younger generation's interpretation of love and togetherness. Each uniquely crafted love band represents a special tale of love, where laughter triumphs over tears, mutual respect overcomes

archaic societal norms and friendship forms the very foundation of the relationship.

With a promise of 95% purity, platinum jewellery offers one of the highest standards of purity. Platinum is also found in only limited quantities across the world and is one of the rarest metals to exist on this planet. Platinum is 30 times rarer than gold.

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Porsche's car delivery in India rises 64 pc to 779 units in 2022



Mumbai, Jan 27:

German sports Luxury car maker Porsche on Friday said its delivery of cars in India increased 64 per cent in 2022 to 779 units against 474 units in 2021. The massive surge in sales was driven by a strong interest among the buyers for its SUVs and sports cars, with a 69 per cent growth in the sales of SUV models, Porsche India said in a statement. The premium carmaker said the sales include 78

units of its all-new electric Tycan (launched in December 2021) in the 12-month period. Manolito Vujicic, Brand Director, Porsche India, said the strong result shows the upward trajectory that started in 2021 was maintained through 2022. "It has been a strong year for Porsche India with a 69 per cent growth in the sales of our SUV models, highlighted by our top-selling model, the Cayenne, ending the year with 399 retail units," said Vujicic.

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सूरजपुर, जिला-सूरजपुर



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अनुविभागीय अधिकारी
सूरजपुर, जिला-सूरजपुर



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जिला खाद्य अधिकारी
सूरजपुर, जिला-सूरजपुर



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जिला कार्यक्रम अधिकारी
महिला बाल विकास सूरजपुर, जिला-सूरजपुर



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डॉ. आर.एस. सिंह
जिला मुख्य चिकित्साधिकारी
सूरजपुर, जिला-सूरजपुर



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समय पर पंजीयन कराये

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जिला रोजगार अधिकारी
सूरजपुर, जिला-सूरजपुर



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अच्छे लाल कारपेंटर
वन परिक्षेत्र अधिकारी
सूरजपुर, जिला-सूरजपुर



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वन परिक्षेत्राधिकारी
रामानुजनगर, जिला-सूरजपुर



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जिला परिवहन अधिकारी
सूरजपुर, जिला-सूरजपुर



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कृषि उपसंचालक
जिला सूरजपुर



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कार्यपालन अभियंता
लोकनिर्माण विभाग सूरजपुर



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प्रधानमंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजना
सूरजपुर, जिला-सूरजपुर



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भूमि संरक्षण अधिकारी
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जिला खनिज अधिकारी
सूरजपुर, जिला-सूरजपुर



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कोतवाली थाना प्रभारी
सूरजपुर जिला-सूरजपुर



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थाना प्रभारी
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चौकी प्रभारी
बसदेई, जिला-सूरजपुर



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भाजपा जिलाध्यक्ष
जिला-सूरजपुर



समस्त पाठकों, विज्ञापनदाताओं एवं जिले वासियों को
गणतंत्र दिवस की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं

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सेन्ट्रल क्रॉनिकल, ऑफिस-भैयाथानरोड
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सुबोध शुक्ला

अध्यक्ष, अन्नपूर्णा वितरण सेवा सहकारी
समिति मर्यादित पामगढ़
जिला जांजगीर चांपा छ. ग.

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पूर्व अध्यक्ष
नगर पालिका परिषद चामा
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ईजी. रवि पांडेय

प्रदेश सचिव कांग्रेस कमेटी छत्तीसगढ़

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पूर्व, विधायक
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जांजगीर चांपा छ. ग.

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सौरभ सिंह
विधायक

अकलतरा विधानसभा क्षेत्र (छ.ग.)

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नारायण चंदेल
नेता प्रतिपक्ष छ. ग. शसन

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जितेंद्र तिवारी

अधिवक्ता
शिावरीनारायण,
जिला जांजगीर चांपा (छ.ग.)

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संजय सिंह

राष्ट्रीय महासचिव एवं छत्तीसगढ़ अध्यक्ष (इंटक)
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कार्यपालन अभियंता (ईई)

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उपसंचालक (डीडीए)

कृषि विभाग
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हार्दिक बधाई एवं शुभकामनाएं..

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स्पंज एण्ड पावर डिविजन चाम्पा
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जैजैपुर विधानसभा क्षेत्र (छ.ग.)



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डॉ. प्रशांत नायक,
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PM WITH STUDENTS



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with students during the 6th edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2023', at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi, Friday.

'BJP wants to 'capture' MCD by 'unconstitutional' means'



Saurabh Bhardwaj

New Delhi, Jan 27 (PTI): People have chosen the AAP to helm the Municipal Corporation of Delhi but the BJP wants to "capture" it through "unconstitutional" means, party leader Saurabh Bhardwaj said on Friday. "We have moved the Supreme Court, seeking directions to elect a mayor in a time-bound manner. It makes clear that we are in favour of the polls but the BJP doesn't want it," the AAP leader said in a video message.

Bhardwaj said the BJP's tenure in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) ended in 2022. "Since then, the saffron party has tried to keep the municipal body under its control on one pretext or the other -- be it unification, delimitation or mayoral polls." The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to list for hearing on February 3 a plea of Shelly Oberoi -- the AAP's candidate for mayor -- seeking directions to ensure mayoral election in Delhi in a time-bound manner.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud and comprising Justice Dipankar Datta took note of the submissions of senior advocate AM Singhvi, appearing for Oberoi, on early holding of the mayoral poll. It will be listed on February 3, the CJI said.

'Boycott culture vitiates atmosphere'

Mumbai, Jan 27 (PTI):

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur on Friday deplored the "boycott culture" targeting certain films and said such instances vitiate the atmosphere at a time when India is keen to enhance its influence as a soft power. In case someone has a problem with a movie, they should talk to the concerned government department which can take up the issue with the filmmakers, he said.

"At a time when India is keen to enhance its influence as a soft power, at a time when Indian films are making waves in every corner of the world, such talk vitiates the atmosphere," Thakur told reporters here responding to questions on

boycott of films by various interest groups. The minister's remarks come at a time when Shah Rukh Khan-starrer "Pathaan", which released on Wednesday, is facing boycott calls over one of its songs.

In the past, actor Akshay Kumar's "Samrat Prithviraj", Aamir Khan's "Laal Singh Chaddha" and Deepika Padukone's "Padmaavat" had faced boycott calls. "If someone has a problem (with a film), then they should talk to the concerned department which will take it up with the producer and director," Thakur said. "But sometimes, just to vitiate the atmosphere, some people comment on something even before knowing about it fully. That causes problems. This should not hap-



Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports Anurag Singh Thakur addresses the media regarding SCO Film Festival, in Mumbai, Friday.

pen," he said.

Thakur is in Mumbai to inaugurate the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Film Festival that will showcase 58 movies from the regional grouping

of eight Eurasian nations. SCO observer countries and dialogue partners have sent entries in the non-competition section of the film festival.

The minister also made a strong pitch for creative autonomy and said there were adequate safeguards in place for monitoring content on over-the-top (OTT) platforms. "There should be no restrictions on creativity," Thakur said.

He said the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting does receive complaints about the content on OTT platforms, but almost 95 per cent of grievances are settled at the level of producers and the others get resolved at the second stage of the association of publishers of the content.

AT-HOME RECEPTION



President Droupadi Murmu and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi during the 'At-Home' reception, on the occasion of 74th Republic Day, at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi, Thursday.

Padma Shri awardee Mandavi is wood art trainer

Counsellor rolled into one for jail inmates

Kanker, Jan 27 (PTI):

Ajay Kumar Mandavi, one of the three persons chosen from Chhattisgarh for the Padma Shri awards this year, has for more than a decade been teaching Kanker jail inmates, several of them arrested in cases related to the outlawed Maoist movement, wooden calligraphy art.

Speaking about the honour, the 55-year-old on Friday said he becomes more of a counsellor than a wood art trainer when he enters the jail premises as many inmates recount their pain and problems to him even without being prodded about their past.

Mandavi, who hails from Kanker district, said making toys out of wood



Ajay Kumar Mandavi

and clay was a childhood interest, which turned him into an artist later in life, resulting in him training youth, several of them victims of Naxalite violence, from 2005.

He was asked by the

then collector of Kanker to teach wood art to jail inmates in 2010, when the Maoist menace was at its peak in the district.

He began his classes with a dozen inmates, all of them held for alleged Maoist links, a journey that has been instrumental in motivating many of them to understand the futility of violence and the need to live fulfilling, peaceful lives.

"I never asked them (jail inmates) about their past. However, they often share their pain and problems

with me and I listen to them patiently. Gradually my role became that of a counsellor than just an art trainer. I too started enjoying counselling them," Mandavi said.

"One of the inmates, who was subjected to rigorous interrogation post arrest in a Naxalite-related case, once said he wanted to observe the nine-day Navratri fast but wanted me to suggest some wish he could seek from the goddess," he said.

On being told he should forgive all the security personnel involved in his custodial interrogation, the inmate readily agreed, resulting in him admitting to being relaxed and stress free at the end of the nine-day fast, Mandavi claimed.

French actor held hostage in Goa home over property row

Panaji, Jan 27 (PTI):

A 75-year-old French actor has alleged she is being held "hostage" in her house at Calangute in North Goa since earlier this week over a property dispute and finds herself in a "dangerous situation". The Goa police have expressed reluctance to intervene in the matter, saying the dispute related to the house is civil in nature and is being heard by a court.

In a video released to the media on Thursday, actor Marianne Borgo has claimed she is in a "scary and dangerous situation" at her residence in Calangute, a beach town near Panaji which is popular with

tourists. People staking claim to her property have disconnected electricity and water connections to her home and she has been forced to live in dark, she said. The actor alleged she is being held "hostage" in the house for the last three days. Borgo said she had bought the house for "happiness, peace and for retirement", but the last few days had been horrendous.

One of Borgo's friends said the septuagenarian actor had filed a case for injunction in the trial court to support her legal claim to the house that she bought in 2008 from a lawyer, Francisco Sousa, who has since died. The main gate of the house has

been blocked and no one except the maid is being allowed to enter the premises, she said.

The actor's lawyer, Benny Nazareth, said the matter is sub judice and pending before the civil court in Mapusa town. Meanwhile, the Calangute police have said they have a limited role to play in the matter as it is being heard by the court.

"Whenever she (Borgo) has called for help, police teams have rushed to the spot. But the police do not have any role to play in a matter which is essentially civil in nature," Inspector Dattaguru Sawant of the Calangute police station said.

'Ailing female cheetah at Kuno park much better now'

Bhopal, Jan 27 (PTI):

The health condition of a female cheetah detected with an infection associated with kidneys and liver at the Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh was much better now, a senior forest department official said on Friday.

The cheetah, Sasha, is more than four-and-a-half years old and was diagnosed with hepatorenal, a kidney and liver-related infection, earlier this week. She is among eight cheetahs translocated from Namibia in September last year and housed in KNP in Sheopur district.

"She is much better," MP Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) JS Chauhan told PTI over the phone when asked about the feline's health. Sasha has

some liver and kidney problems and is being treated by three veterinarians who are in constant touch with cheetah experts from Namibia and South Africa, he said.

"Her problem came to light on Monday. Dr Atul Gupta, a veterinarian at Bhopal-based Van Vihar National Park, was rushed to the Kuno National Park after the problem was detected. She is suffering from hepatorenal infection and has been quarantined for treatment," Chauhan added.

A wildlife expert associated with the cheetah reintroduction programme, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Sasha was brought to India from a captive facility named 'Cheetah Conservation Fund', located 44 kilometres from the Namibian

city of Otjiwarongo.

He said captive cheetahs often face renal (kidneys) problems, which are rare in big cats living in the wild. As per her dossier, Sasha was born on April 1, 2018, and underwent a health screening in August last year and vaccinated before being flown to India a month later. The wild cat weighed 32 kilograms at that time.

The eight Namibian cheetahs - five female and three male - were released into their enclosures at KNP on September 17 last year at a high-profile event attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The last cheetah died in India in Koriya district of present-day Chhattisgarh in 1947 and the fastest land animal was declared extinct in the country in 1952.

I'm your son, strengthen my hands: Shivakumar

Mandya (K'taka), Jan 27 (PTI):

In what is seen in some quarters as another attempt by him to openly express his Chief Ministerial ambitions, Karnataka Congress president D K Shivakumar on Friday urged voters in Vokkaliga-dominated Mandya to support the party in the upcoming Assembly polls.

Shivakumar, who is a Vokkaliga, had earlier too called on the Vokkaliga community, which forms a major votebank in the old Mysuru or southern Karnataka region, to strengthen his hands. "I'm standing before you as your son, I'm asking you as a son



D K Shivakumar

of the soil, as the son of Doddalahalli Kempegowda. I'm asking you as Karnataka Congress president bowing to your feet and asking you to give me the strength, give me an opportunity to serve you," Shivakumar said.

'Tipra Motha to contest Tripura polls without any alliance'

Agartala, Jan 27 (PTI):

Tipra Motha supremo Pradyot Kishore Manikya Debbarma on Friday asserted that his party will not ally with any political outfit in the upcoming Tripura assembly polls.

The royal scion also said he will fight the February 16 elections to defeat those who are opposing its "Greater Tipraland" demand.

His comment comes amid speculations that the Tipra Motha is going to ally with the ruling BJP in the ensuing polls to the 60-member assembly.

"There were speculations that the Tipra Motha will fight the elections in alliance with a political party. Today, I am saying that

there will be no alliance in this election.

"Until the Government of India gives any written document for a constitutional solution to our demand, we will not go for any coalition...Jitega toh jitega harega toh harega but one last fight to karke rahega! (whether we win or lose, we will put up one last fight)," he said in a video clip uploaded on Facebook.

The royal scion also said that many people could not believe that the Tipra Motha would fight the elections without any alliance.

"I don't blame those who don't believe in our stand. Since 1977, every regional 'Tiprasa' party went to Delhi before elections and signed agreements but the people got nothing after



Pradyot Kishore Manikya Debbarma

polls," Debbarma said in an indirect attack on the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT), the ally of the ruling BJP in the northeastern state.

Notably, IPFT leaders - late N C Debbarma and Mevar Kumar Jamatia -

had gone to Delhi before the 2018 assembly elections and signed an agreement with the Centre. Debbarma had on January 25 said the regional party "received intimidation" from the Ministry of Home Affairs for a talk on their 'Greater Tipraland' demand.

"We attended a meeting and heard them patiently but the Government of India has not given any written assurance for a constitutional solution to our demand", he said. "No alliance - my heart does not agree and so I have made my decision that I cannot accept New Delhi's offer...I can't betray our cause and our people," Debbarma said on social media.

Tripura's royal scion urged Tipra Motha work-

ers to prepare for the polls and said he will also fight the elections to "defeat those who are opposing our demand". Debbarma had recently said his party would field candidates in 40-45 seats in the upcoming polls and give tickets to non-Tiprasa (non-tribal) people.

The ruling BJP and the opposition Congress-CPI (M) alliance have been vying with each other to woo the Tipra Motha into an electoral understanding as the tribal party's votes will be crucial in determining who will rule the northeastern state after the next month's election.

In a direct contest with the ruling BJP-IPFT alliance, the regional party

swept the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADDC) elections held in April last year, winning 18 of the 28 seats over the Greater Tipraland demand.

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